

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-09-20 21:39:10
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1516 Upland Ave City: Jenkintown State / Province: Pennsylvania Postal / Zip Code: 19046 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Anna Mindel
Species (Common Name)	Western Kingbird
Species (Scientific Name)	Tyrannus verticalis
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	09-15-2016 7:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31590185
County	Montgomery
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Whitemarsh
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Dixon Meadow
Habitat	Meadow: mix of native plantings including grasses, aster, goldenrod, milkweed, young trees.
Distance to bird	30'
Viewing conditions	Clear morning sun.
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 8.5 x 45
Description	Good looks at bird hawking from cattle fence along paved path. Lemon yellow belly, pale gray breast and slightly darker head, whitish throat, dark wings, black tail and beak. Dark lores.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird perched on cattle fence dropping down intermitently to glean insects, returning to fence.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Besides being most likely (if rare) yellow-bellied Kingbird in our area, paler gray than Cassin's, black tailed and shorter, thinner bill shape distinct from Tropical and Couch's according to Sibley.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Other birders, including county ebird moderator, Brian Henderson, confirmed later in the day and following day.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, for all of the above reasons.

During

Sibleys. Also as leaving, pointed bird out to Bill Murphy, who also confirmed ID.

After

Sibleys. Uploaded pictures taken by Brian Henderson taken later that day.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

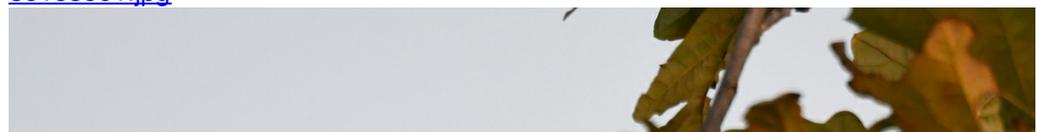
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