

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2017-04-30 19:17:11
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Sean Jeffreys
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	12 Kipps Run Road Danville PA 17821 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Todd Jeffreys
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Tyrannus forficatus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	unknown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	04-23-2017 7:40 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S36216418">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S36216418</a>
<b>County</b>	Northumberland
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Danville, Riverside
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Kipps Run Road, Danville PA
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N 40.945776 W 76.647739
<b>Habitat</b>	Open farm field with house nearby and deciduous forest within 150 meters.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	10 meters
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Very good. Evening light casting directly on the bird. Could see all features of the bird.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Vortex Diamondback 10x42
<b>Description</b>	First noticed because of very long tail. Pale head and back with dark wings and pinkish hue on flanks. Could see the tail was very long and it was easy to see the fork when the bird flew and landed. Based on the length of the tail I believe it was a female but cannot be 100% certain.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Bird was perched quietly watching the field for 5 minutes. Flew to nearby White Pine in yard next to driveway and stayed perched for about 1 minute, then flew out of sight.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

The main feature used to separate this bird from other species was the length of the forked tail, which was easily seen when perched and in flight.

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

I have seen many of this same species in Mexico. We were able to watch the bird for about 5 minutes in good light conditions and identify all of its features. Also, it is already a very unmistakable bird because of its very long forked tail.

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

Yes, It is a unmistakable species and I have seen many in Mexico.

**During**

Merlin bird ID application

**After**

Sibley Guide and other internet sources

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