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**Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**  
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

***Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!***

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**RESULTS:**

Species: (Common Name) Thick Billed Kingbird

(Scientific Name) Tyrannus crassirostris

Date(s) of occurrence: 7/3/04

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: Unknown

Plumage: Dark gray head & back; white throat with pale yellow belly

Exact location: 1 mile east of Delbert Road & Arapahoe County Road 50 (Northwest Elbert County)

County: Elbert

Nearest town: Parker

Elevation: 6800 feet

Length of observation: 5 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 6:47 a.m.

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Clear, early morning light; viewed bird east into sun

Optical equipment used: Eagle Optics Binoculars 7X42 & Panasonic DMC-FZ10 12X Digital Camera

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): Estimated 80 feet

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes

If so, are you submitting photos? Yes

Who took the photograph(s)? PJ Mestas

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Open mowed pasture surrounded by Ponderosa Pines

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Behavior very similar to Eastern & Western Kingbirds; perched on fence wire looking for bugs in pasture.

**DESCRIPTION – This is the most important part of this report.** Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. Large head & bill easily distinguished from Eastern & Western Kingbirds previously viewed on property.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: None

**SIMILAR SPECIES – This is another critical part of your report.** Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: The size of the bill easily distinguished this bird from the Eastern & Western Kingbirds that I have observed in the same area for the last 5 years.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Full time bird watcher for the last 5 years; participated in Cornell Project Feeder Watch in 2003-2004 season.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): The Sibley Field Guide To Birds of Western North America

This report was made from (check one) \_\_\_ notes made during observation \_\_\_X\_\_\_ notes made after observation \_\_\_ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 7/22/04

Reporting observer: PJ Mestas

Signature: PJ Mestas

Reporting observer's address: 960 County Road 194

City: Parker

State: Colorado

Zip: 80138

**Send report to:**  
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