

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Scissor-tailed flycatcher | Muscivora forficata  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 04/24/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: Locality: R 66 W T 2 S SEC 32 SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Elevation: 1600 metersNearest town: Rocky Mountain Arsenal County: AdamsTime(s) observed: 1330 hoursDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 5 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

N/A

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): NAKED EYEDistance, and how measured: 30 feet, approximatedIf photographed, type of equipment and film: N/AWho else photographed the bird? N/A

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Bird was perched on top of a mullein plant 2 3' to 4' off the ground. It was very windy & the bird remained perched.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

Flycatcher size and shape, dusky grey head & underparts, bluish wings and tail edges, very long scissor tail, and salmon sides. black feet & bill.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

N/A

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Open weedy/forb prairie near road and power lines

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Long scissor tail with salmon sides.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

First sighting.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

N/A

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

Confirmed by using National Geographic Guide to Birds of N. America and Peterson's Guide to Western Birds.

This report was written from reports made during ☒, after observation ☐ from memory ☐

Date and time report was written: 05/14/90

Reporting observer: Greg Hughes

Signature:

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