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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 (Vernacular Name) Tyrannus forficatus (Scientific Name)Date(s): May 13, 1996Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: AdultLocality: CS Highway 165 - 2 miles west of I-25 Elevation: 6400'Nearest town: Colorado City - Latibong #26 County: PuebloTime(s) observed: 6:30 - 6:40 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 minutes

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

None

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

None

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

Good - sun was to my backOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10-40 Zeiss BinocularDistance, and how measured: 50 yards estimated

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

Perched on power line. I did not see bird fly.

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 observed in the field:

A light gray-whitish bird - grayish upper parts, whitish underparts becoming pink towards belly. Wings were black with light feather edgings. Tail was black & long exceeding my birds' tails. Tail had some white edgings. Eye was dark and

Description (continued):

bill was fairly short, slim, $\frac{1}{2}$ black.



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

None

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

Grassy field - few nearby low growing scrub oak

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

No other flycatcher except fork tailed
has long tail plumes exceeding length of body

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

I've seen many scissor-tails in Oklahoma,
Kansas, Texas. I've seen a few in Colorado & Missouri

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: ^{Righter & Andrews Colorado Birds}
National Geographic confirmed my observation

~~Colorado~~ Colorado Bird Distribution Lullong study (1988) Scissor-Tailed
Flycatcher not listed for lullong so caused me to write this report.

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

Date and time report was written: 9 PM 5-31-96

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