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RESULTS:

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

Species: SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER
(Common Name)TYRANNUS FORFICATUS
(Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: 6/18/99Number of birds seen: 1Sex: FPlumage: NON-BREEDING / IMMATURE / FEMALEExact location: PAWNEE GRASSLAND; 2 MILES WEST OF 77 ON CR 122 (AT DEAD END / GATE).County: WELDNearest town: BRIGSDALE / GROVERElevation: 85,000'Length of observation: 10 MINS.Times(s) of observation: @ 5:00 PMOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: SARAH ALLBACKOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): — ?Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): WELL LIGHTED; SLIGHTLY BACKLIT.Optical equipment used: 8X BINOS; 25X SCOPEDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 30-50 FT. (VERY CLOSE); FIRST THROUGHWas bird photographed?: NOIf so, have you submitted photographs? WINSHIELD, THEN ON FOOT.

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

GRASSLAND; ALONG FENCE LINE; NEAR SMALL RESERVOIR.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

SITTING ON STRAND OF BARBED WIRE; FLITTING DOWN TO GROUND ALONG FENCE; RETURNING TO PERCH WITH FOOD. (SEVERAL TIMES) THEN LEFT AREA. IMMEDIATE

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

TAIL ROUGHLY AS LONG AS BODY, DEEP NOTCH; SALMON PINK UNDERPARTS CLEARLY DISCERNABLE (NO BRIGHT RED, THOUGH); TOGETHER MADE THIS AN IMMEDIATE I.D. 'SCISSORING' & WHITE TAIL FEATHERS VERY EVIDENT AS IT FLUTTERED DOWN TO GROUND AND BACK, MAKING IT FEMALE (I THINK) NOT JUV. MALE.Describe bird's call or song: DID NOT SING OR CALL.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

WESTERN K. BIRD RULED OUT -- BLUSH OF PINK VERY DISCERNABLE ON FLANKS. ALSO, TAIL WAS LONG (ALTHOUGH NOT FULL "SCISSOR" OF MALES WHEN PERCHED.)

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

HAVE SEEN IT MANY TIMES IN TEXAS, INCLUDING THIS SPRING. THIS WAS A DEFINITE I.D.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

NAT. GEO. ~~CONFIRMED~~ CONFIRMED FEMALE, ~~OR JUV. MALE~~ SINCE "SCISSOR" EVIDENT IN FLIGHT.This report was made from notes made during X or after — observation, or later from memory —Date of written report: 7/5/99Reporting observer: ETHAN CARR Signature: Ethan CarrObserver's address: 1629 JACKSON ST. DENVER, CO 80206

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ALSO, GEO. SHOWS JUV. W/ ALMOST NO PINK, WHICH THIS BIRD HAD.