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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Red 8/20/00 upl
(4 photos)Species: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
(Common Name)Tyrannus forficatus
(Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: July 26, 2000Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: adultExact location: Colorado Hwy 131 and Routt County Rd - Yampa - COCounty: Routt Nearest town: Yampa Elevation: 8,000 feetLength of observation: total 10 minutes Times(s) of observation: 3:30 p.m.
all saw itOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Rudy Dionigi - Chris Turnier - Sandy Mayon
(he saw it twice) + dog skipper through car window

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): cloudy - had just rainedOptical equipment used: 8x32 binocs (did not need them)Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 10 feetWas bird photographed?: yes If so, have you submitted photographs? yesWho took the photographs? Virginia Dionigi

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

sighted County rd 17 \Rightarrow North side of County rd 17 - Hay field
on \Rightarrow South side of County rd 17 - town of Yampa

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

Sitting on fence-edge of hay field - Fly up
(catching flies - insects) and land on fence

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):

app 12-13 length long streaming tail - fork tail
grayish crown + back darker gray edge w/white
(light breast) pinish lower sides dark pink on shoulders patches
whitish dark and under rump darker pink armpits
when it flew

Describe bird's call or song:

None

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

nothing else like it

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

have seen many in Texas

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

Golden Guide

This report was made from notes made during _____ or after 2 hr later observation, or later from memory _____Date of written report: July 26, 2000Reporting observer: Virginia Dionigi Signature: Virginia DionigiObserver's address: 2949 University Ave - Longmont CO 80503

Send report to: Bill Lisowsky, 2919 Silverplume Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526

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Bill Brather
15 minutes
after sighting



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