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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 )Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	(Scientific Name) Tyrannus forficatus	
Date(s) of occurrence: August 28, 2001	Sex: female	Plumage:
Number of birds seen: 1		
Exact location: 20 miles west of Kansas border on Road M		
County: Baca	Nearest town: Campo	Elevation: ?
Length of observation: 5 seconds	Time(s) of observation: between 5 and 6 PM	
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); position: lighting was good; bird north about 90 degrees from sun		
Optical equipment used: 8 x 42 celestron binoculars		
Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 15-20 foot		
Was bird(s) photographed? no	If so, have you submitted photos?	
Who took the photographs?		
Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: the bird was resting on telephone wire surrounded by farm land		
Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): it just sat there		
Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird 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(s). Describe other important 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 field notes): We were driving to Cottonwood Canyon when I looked up and saw a long tailed tyrannid flycatcher perched on the telephone wire. I took a glance at it through my binoculars viewing the light ash body color and pink underbelly typical of Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. Only after about 10 minutes did I really realize what a rare sight we had just viewed. Honestly I didn't make much attempt at thoroughly examining the bird as I had been seeing Scissor-tailed Flycatchers all day on the drive from Wichita Kansas. I based my id entirely on the initial long-tailed tyrannid (body roughly 9 inches with 6-7 inch tail) silhouette, light overall color and pink underbelly, horizontal perching position. I believed this bird to be a female due to the length of its tail (shorter than males I have seen) and by the darkness and amount of pink (young birds don't usually show the pink).		
Describe bird's call or song: none heard		
Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Fork-tailed Flycatcher - I wish!!! No dark cap, upperbody on this bird was pale.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Seen literally hundreds from Kansas to Costa Rica		
List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): none		
This report is from notes made during or after observation or later <u>from memory</u>		
Date of written report: September 7, 2001		
Reporting observer: Tyler Hicks		Signature: <i>Tyler Hicks</i>
Reporting Observer's Address: 910 Eastview		

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