

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus forficatus
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: 5 May 02, 11 July 02Number of birds seen: 2+3 Sex: pair plus 3 nestlings Plumage: breedingExact location: 10 mi. south of hamar on US287 @ driveway to towerCounty: _____ Nearest town: hamar Elevation: _____Length of observation: 10 min. each Times(s) of observation: 8:30am (May) and 12:30 (July)Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: May: Cindy Harris, Marylou Arthur, Mary HewittOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): July: severalLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): SunnyOptical equipment used: binocs (9.5x44)Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 20-50'Was bird photographed?: July - w/ instamatic If so, have you submitted photographs? to Tony LeukeringWho took the photographs? meDescribe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: row of trees lining driveway @ microwave tower residence - surrounded by grassland

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

flew in and out of trees; perched quite awhileDescribe 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): soft gray body, about size of mockingbird; except the scissor tail (longer than body). Tail centrally black w/ white outer tailfeathers; pinkish under belly.Describe bird's call or song: did not vocalizeDiscuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Swallow-tailed Kite much larger - longer wings; no black cap of Fork-tailed;What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? see frequently on annual outings to Texas

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

This report was made from notes made during _____ or after _____ observation, or later from memory ✓Date of written report: 17 July 02Reporting observer: Tamie Bulow Signature: Tamie BulowObserver's address: 99 S. Holland St Lakewood CO 80226

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To: Tony Henkerung

From: Tamie Bulow

As a follow-up (to seeing the
ST Flycatcher & Vermilion Flycatcher
on May 5, 2002 @ the tower about
10 miles south of Lamar on US287,
I stopped there again on 11 July.

ST FLYCATCHER:

I have included LAME photos (taken
with my instamatic) of the nest tree,
and the adult pair. There were 3
nestlings - 2 in the nest, 1 standing
alongside the nest, ready to fledge.

As you can see, they nested in the
first tree in the driveway (adjacent
to US287) on the south side.

If you have a super power magnifying
glass, you can see the fledgeling
to the left side of the nest.

Wish I'd had my "good" camera
along - famous last words

P.S.
no Vermilion
there on
11 July -





