

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: 05/28/2008Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: AlternateExact location: 20432 Road U, Lewis, CO (Driveway)County: Montezuma Nearest town: Cortez (Lewis) Elevation: 6680'Length of observation: ~6 hours Times(s) of observation: Noon to 6:00 pmOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Mona HillOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): NoneLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): Western lightOptical equipment used: Binoculars, Swarovski 8.5x42Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 10 yards to several hundred yardsWas bird photographed?: yes If so, have you submitted photographs? yesWho took the photographs? Dean F. Hill

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

Agricultural, sitting mostly on barbed wire fence

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

Flying around and fly-catching. Landing on fence

Describe the bird 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):

Bird matches male Scissor-tailed Flycatcher as given in field guides. See photo

Describe bird's call or song:

Not heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Field guide comparison

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

Seen often in Texas

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

Nat. Geo Field Guide to the Birds of North America, 5th ed.Sibley Guide to the BirdsThis report was made from notes made during _____ or after ☒ observation, or later from memory ☒.Date of written report: 01/17/2009Reporting observer: Dean F. Hill Signature: Dean F. HillObserver's address: 20432 Road U, Cortez, CO 81321

Send report to: Larry Semo, CBRC Chair, 9054 Dover Street, Westminster, CO 80021



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20432 Road U yard

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