

Long Point Bird Observatory Rare Bird Report Form

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In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be confirmed for the historical record, it must be properly documented. LPBO cooperators are therefore asked to complete a form in every case where a rarity is being claimed. Guidance as to which species are considered rare in the Long Point area may be obtained from the LPBO Program Coordinator and in the Long Point Area Checklist found in *A Birding Guide to Long Point Area*. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature.

PLEASE PRINT.

Species claimed: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

No. of birds: 1

Age: Unknown

Sex: Unknown

Date(s): April 20, 2012

Place: Maple Ave. N and the 403, Brant County

Time(s) of Observation: 1545

Who first saw the bird(s): Stu Mackenzie

Who first identified it: Stu Mackenzie

Other observers (names and addresses):

Any who disagree: No

Your previous experience with the species: Observed three times previously in Ontario, and numerous times in the mid-west, Florida and Central America.

Your previous experience with any closely similar species:

(a) Formerly: Fork-tailed Flycatcher on various occasions.

(b) Same day:

Species present for comparison: American Crow

Which were beside it for comparison:

Distance from observer(s): 200-400m

How measured: Estimate

Optical aids used: Eyes

Weather conditions (at time of observation)**Visibility:** Clear**Cloud Cover:** 5/10**Lighting:** Bright**Wind direction and speed:****Other relevant conditions:**
(eg. rain, snow cover, etc.)**For "Waterbird " records only****Lake conditions:****Wave height:****Height of observer above lake:****Was observer's position sheltered:****Weather system preceding the date of observation (if known):**

Strong SW warm fronts in earlier in April.

*Attach weather map clipping from local or national newspaper if relevant.***Associated movements of other species:**

Fork-tailed Flycatcher – Tip April 17, 2012

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – Fish Lake, Prince Edward County – April 13 -15, 2012

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – Lower Huron Metro Park, Michigan May 1-2, 2012

There were other Ontario reports from spring 2012, but can't recall or have access to them.

Was the bird trapped:**Band # if banded:****Was it photographed:****If yes, by whom (name and address):****Specimen or parts preserved:****Present location:****Circumstances:**

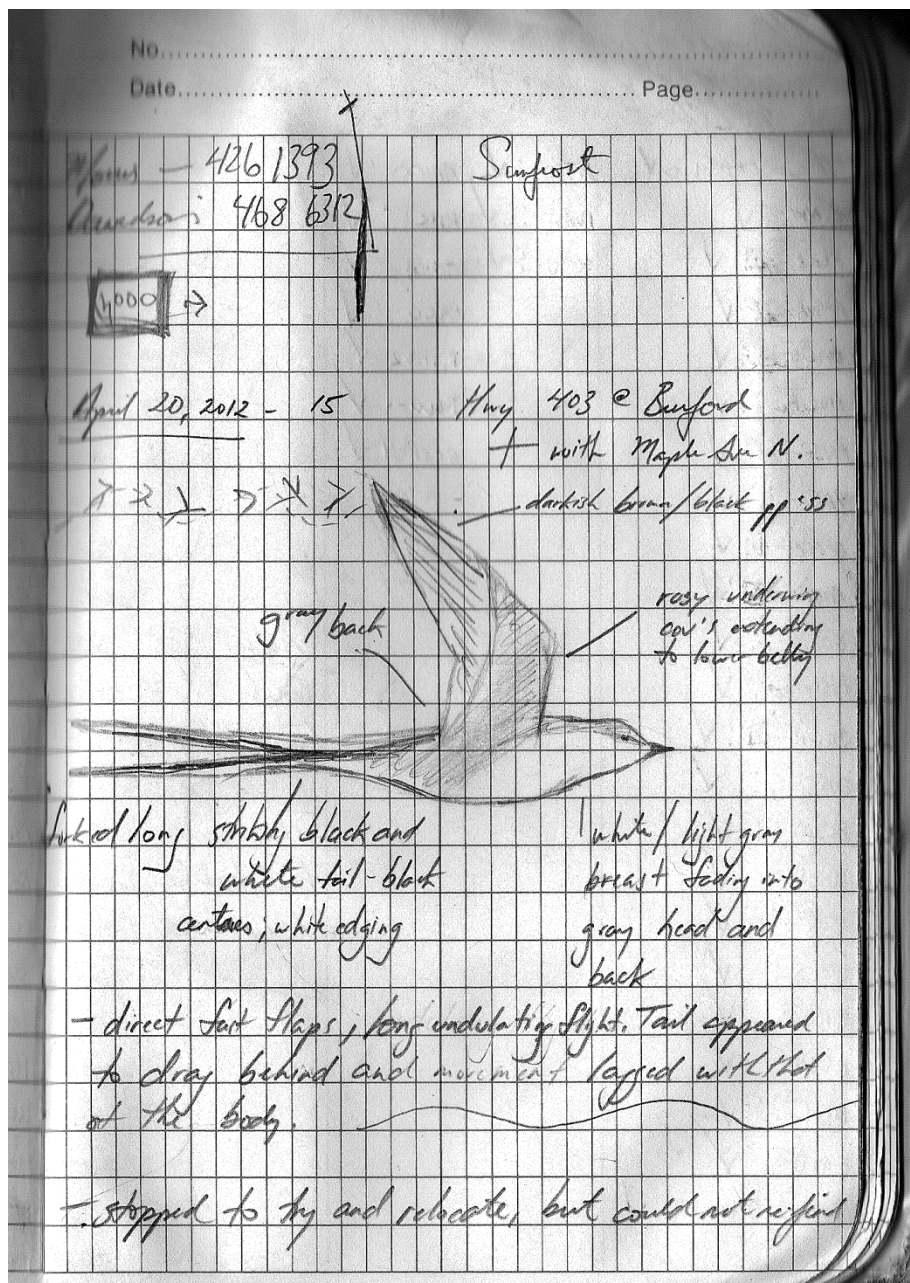
I was driving west on the 403 when I noticed a large passerine flying toward and across the highway ahead of me flying north about 2-3m above the roadway. Habitat was mixtures pasture/hay fields, agriculture and small woodlots/hedgerows. On the north side of the highway it crossed a small field and disappeared in the hedgerow about

Description:

Give separate description for (a) in the field (b) in the hand. Include full measurements and wing formula with hand descriptions.

It was a medium-sized (robin) passerine with an extremely long tail that was about 1/1/3 the length of the body (longer than my sketch

below). Flight was direct and subtly undulating with fast wing beats. The tail gracefully flowed behind the bird as it darted across the highway. My first impression of overall colour was pinkish as the pinkish-buff wash and deep rose colour wing pits drew my attention. Head and back were gray, white throat and chest blending into the pinkish-buff belly and undertail coverts. Even at some distance the long magnificent rail was striking and the white edging was prominent as it caught the sunlight.





Did you refer to any guides/other literature:

(a) at the time: no

(b) afterwards: no

Finally, is this record 100% certain? Yes

Signed:

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