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RARITY REPORT



In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be accepted 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 Landbird Programs Coordinator and 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: WESTERN KINGBIRD

No. of birds: 1 Age: Sex: N/K

Date(s): 05/21/15 - 05/26/15

Place: LONG POINT - TIP

Time(s) of Observation: 05/21 - 05/26/15

Who first saw the bird(s): CHRIS LAMSDALL

Who first identified it: CHRIS LAMSDALL

Other observers (names and addresses):

DENISE LAMSDALL, MATT ISLET, ELEANOR PAGE, RICHARD DOBBINS, MIKE TOWNSEND

Any who disagree: No

Your previous experience with the species:

KANSAS & CALIFORNIA

Your previous experience with any closely similar species:

(a) Formerly: CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

(b) Same day: EASTERN KINGBIRD

Species present for comparison: EASTERN KINGBIRD

Which were beside it for comparison: EASTERN KINGBIRD

Distance from observer(s): CLOSEST 5M

How measured: JUDGEMENT

Optical aids used: OPTIKON 10 X 42 BINOCULAR
SWAROVSKI 26-56 X 80 SCOPE

Weather conditions (at time of observation)

Visibility: GOOD

Cloud Cover: 2/10A

Lighting: NONE

Wind direction and speed: SW 3

Other relevant conditions:
(eg. rain, snow cover, etc.) NIL

For "Waterbird" records only

Lake conditions:

Wave height: N/A

Height of observer above lake:

Was observer's position sheltered:

Weather system preceding the date of observation (if known):

PREVIOUS DAY N VARYING SW BY DUSK

Attach weather map clipping from local or national newspaper if relevant.

Associated movements of other species:

Was the bird trapped: NO

Band # if banded: N/A

Was it photographed: YES

If yes, by whom (name and address): CHRIS LAMSDALE + OTHERS

Specimen or parts preserved: N/A

Present location: N/A

Circumstances:

WALKING UP THE TIP EARLY PM. BY THE CHANTY ON THE NORTH SHORE IS A FALLEN TREE ON THE BEACH. I NOTICED A BIRD, SAT ON AN EXPOSED BRANCH, IN FULL VIEW. IT MADE SEVERAL FEEDING SORTIES RETURNING TO THE SAME FALLEN TREE, INITIALLY VIEWED THROUGH BINOCULARS. IDENTIFIED AS WESTERN KINGBIRD - SEEN PREVIOUSLY - IN KANSAS & CALIFORNIA BY PALE GREY HEAD & YELLOWISH COULDRIDE. REMAINED IN THIS AREA FOR SEVERAL DAYS, USUALLY IN NORTH SHORE TREES, RANGING BETWEEN SHANTY & HELGOLAND TRAP. SINGING MOSTLY VERY WELL

Description:

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

SIZE ROUGHLY = EPSTEIN KINGBIRD, WITH THE SAME STRUCTURE - POSSIBLY LOOKING A LITTLE LESS HEAVILY STRUCTURED

HEAD: PALE GREY, DISTINCT DARK LINE THROUGH EYE FROM BILL, TO BEYOND THE EYE.

BILL: BLACKISH

THROAT: OFF WHITE, EXTENDING INTO NECK BREST

BELLY: WASHED OUT YELLOW, BECOMING RICHER TOWARDS VENT

BACK: GREENISH - YELLOW

WINGS: BROWN, WITH A MIX OF FEATHERS OF DIFFERENT AGES, SOME A RICH DEEPER BROWN

LEGS: BLACKISH

UPPER TAIL: DARK BROWN

AUXILIARIES: YELLOW

UNDERWING COVERTS: DUSKY DULL YELLOW BROWN

BEHAVIOUR SIMILAR TO EPSTEIN KINGBIRDS, CATCHING INSECTS BY SHORT SORTIES FROM BRANCH TO ANOTHER BRANCH, BUT REMAINED MORE FRIBORIAL THAN EPSTEIN KINGBIRDS.

(Continue on extra sheet if required)

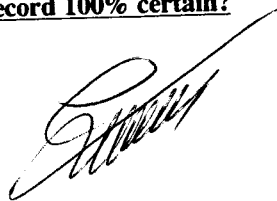
Did you refer to any guides/other literature:

(a) at the time: NO

(b) afterwards: YD AS DOUBLE CHECK

Finally, is this record 100% certain? 100%

Signed:



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