

British Columbia Bird Records Committee
Rare Bird Report Form

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Note: If attaching images please send them as separate files and not within this Word document.

Species: Loggerhead Shrike	
Date & time first seen: 1415-1420. 9 June 2016	Date last seen: 9 June 2016
No. of Birds: 1	Age/Sex: NA
Specific Location: Near the intersection of Ferguson and Shannon Rd., Richmond. BC. 49.206752, -123.194084	
Submitter: Stuart Mackenzie	Email: stu.a.mackenzie@gmail.com
Finder (if different):	Email:
Identifier (if different):	Email:
Other observers: No	
Any who disagree with identification? No	
Optical aids: 8.5x42 Swarovski EL	
Distance from bird: 10-50m	Length of time viewed: 5 minutes
Was the bird photographed? yes	Have you attached photos or videos? yes
If your photo/video is attached to this submission, do you give the BCFO permission to use it (fully-credited) on BCFO communications including, but not limited to, newsletters and websites?	
yes	
If photos, videos, sound recordings or descriptions are available on websites, listserves, eBird, journals, etc. please provide links or citation details:	
https://anousbirding.com/rare-bird-reports/	
Weather (<i>general description</i>): mixed cloud	
Wind direction and Speed: unknown	
Light conditions (<i>good, dull, etc & sun behind, side etc</i>): good	
Visibility (<i>distance</i>): 10 km +	
Rain, mist, etc: no	
Cloud cover: mixed	

Was the description based on field notes taken during observation, notes made after observation but before referring to references, notes made after referring to resources, from photographs of the actual bird, or from memory?: all of the above.

Other species present for comparison:

Observer's experience with this and similar species: Extensive experience with the species in southern Ontario, Alberta, and southern US.

Circumstances of finding the bird (if applicable):

I was birding around the airport when I observed a Shrike pop-up from the grass and land on the fence. It did so 3 or 4 times until I was able to get close enough to get a poor picture. The bird then flew across the road and disappeared in the scrub.

Habitat: Airport grasslands, fence line and adjacent scrub/grassland.

Vocalization(s): none.

Behaviour: Hunting along fence line.

Description – *Please include the structure, plumage, bare parts, size, etc.*

The bird was a plump large passerine, with strong, large, and round head, round belly, long fan-shaped tail, and a large hooked bill. The bill was quite stout, <1/4 the length of the birds head contrasting Northern Shrikes which are much longer.

The back and top of head were entirely medium-dark gray. Darker than the typical light gray found in Northern Shrikes. Wings were entirely black except white tips to the tertials and for white bases to the primaries which showed when perched. Belly was washed gray with white under-tail coverts, and throat. Unlike the Northern which is usually lighter with sometimes faint barring on the breast or washes of yellow/buffy colour.

The bird had a very black and thick face mask extending from above the eye to close to the bottom of the bill. There was little to no white above the eye and face mask contrasting Northern's which usually have extensive white

Tail was all black except for white tips to outer rectrices which were thin proximally and expanded distally.

Flight was undulating with quick flaps followed by short glides with wings closed to body.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Northern Shrike: See comparisons above.

Additional Notes/Comments:

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Attach extra sheets if needed:

Poor pictures are below.



