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Rare Bird Documentation Submission

1 message

Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at
4:13 PM

To: iorcommittee@gmail.com, [REDACTED]

- 1) Reason for documentation: Unusual species
- 2) Species: Say's Phoebe
- 3) Number of birds: 1
- 4) Age/Sex/Plumage: Unknown
- 5) Date: August 30, 2012
- 6) Location: N. Unit, Illinois Beach State Park Hawkwatch.
- 7) Observers: R. David Johnson, Janice Sweet, Paul Sweet
- 8) Your name: Paul Sweet
- 9) Mailing address: 2114 [REDACTED]
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- 10) E-mail address: [REDACTED]
- 11) Others agreeing with the identification: All observers
- 12) Others not agreeing with the identification: None
- 13) Description of bird: I saw a small bird, with a dark tail, medium brown upperparts, and cinnamon belly.
- 14) Description of behaviour: The bird was flycatching along the railing of the park road.
- 15) Description of vocalizations: None
- 16) Description of habitat: The bird was in a restored sand prairie.
- 17) Optical equipment used: Leica 10X42 binoculars, Leica spotting scope.
- 18) Distance/how measured: ~200 yards, Google Earth.
- 19) Time of observation: 9:00 am.
- 20) Total time of observation: 5 minutes
- 21) Weather conditions: Sunny and warm with light winds.
- 22) Previous experience: I've seen Say's Phoebes in several western states.
- 23) How were similar species eliminated? Eastern Phoebes lack cinnamon below, and Great Crested Flycatchers

are yellow below. American Robins are larger, grayer above, and redder below. Horned Larks (brown above, dark tail) don't show the cinnamon underparts. Female Northern Wheatears are paler above and have a white base to the tail. American Pipits have a paler tail, and aren't distinctly cinnamon below.

24) Were photos taken? No

25) Photographer's name:

26) Books consulted, advice received: Sibley's.

27) Length of time after field notes were recorded: None

28) Length of time after this form was completed: 3 months.

29) Additional remarks: The bird was first observed at a distance of 20 feet by R. David Johnson and Janice Sweet. I came up the hill just after it had flown down to the road.