

1. English and Scientific names:

Say's Phoebe, *Sayornis saya*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One adult bird

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Area around Reed Airstrip. Nearest address 1698 Prudomme Road, Church Point, LA 70525. [LA 751]

4. Date(s) when observed:

October 21, 2014.

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Approximately 4:35 PM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

None

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

None

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Good light, partly cloudy with no significant shadows. Observed from approximately 4:25-4:35 PM CDST.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss 10 x 42 binoculars.

11. Distance to bird(s):

50-100 feet.

12. Duration of Observation:

Approximately ten minutes.

13. Habitat:

Open agricultural area adjacent to rice/crawfish impoundments in front of farm buildings and crop dusting service buildings and hangars in a pasture like area.

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was fly catching from a utility wire when first noticed. It then flew to the top of a hangar and then flew about to the west of the hangar landing and moving about on large pieces of farm equipment.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen: include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

This was a medium-sized bird with gray back and burnt orange belly. I saw the bird clearly from my truck. On several occasions the bird pumped its tail steadily for several pumps.

16. Voice:

Bird was silent.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

In this case, the bird resembled in size and behavior an Eastern Phoebe but color pattern was wrong for Eastern Phoebe and it seemed a bit too large.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?):

Photos to be submitted.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen this species several times on trips to Arizona and California and several times before in Louisiana.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

- a. at time of observation: Sibley's Field Guide.
- b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide.
- c.

21. This description is written from: __notes made during the observation (notes attached?); __note made after the observation (date: _____); __x__ memory.

See comments above under location, habitat, description and behavior.

Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain.

Yes.

22. Signature of reporter __Jay V. Huner__ date_11-05-2014_ time _4:20 PM_