

NOTES

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*MUSCIVORA FORFICATA*) IN BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO.—The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Muscivora forficata*) has not previously been reported from Baja California, Mexico. There are numerous records for eastern and southern Mexico (Miller, Friedmann, Griscom and Moore, Pacific Coast Avifauna, 33: 1-435, 1957), and it is generally considered to be restricted to those portions of the county (e.g., Blake, Birds of Mexico, Chicago, Univ.

Chicago Press, 644 pp., 1953; Edwards, A field guide to the birds of Mexico, Sweet Briar, Virginia, Ernest P. Edwards, 300 pp., 1972; Davis, A field guide to the birds of Mexico and Central America, Austin, Univ. Texas Press, 282 pp., 1972). However, Alden (Find the birds in western Mexico, Tucson, Univ. Arizona Press, 138 pp., 1969) reported the species in December 1962 between the Sinaloa-Nayarit border and Crucero San Blas in western Mexico, but indicated this was a unique sighting that needed further explanation.

At about 1430 on the afternoon of 19 June 1972 we observed a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher perched on a low shrub near a marshy area about 200 m from the Pacific Ocean at Santa Catarina Landing, lat. $29^{\circ}31'N$, long. $115^{\circ}20'W$, Baja California, Mexico. The bird was in excellent plumage, exhibiting the prominent red-orange markings that are typical of the species. The tail feathers were longer than the body, suggesting that the bird was a male. We were able to approach within 5–6 m before the bird flew a short distance away. It appeared in good health and remained in the area throughout the rest of the day. We were in the area two additional days but failed to see the bird again.

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