

# VOTING SUMMARY

## WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2024-6

Species: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – Kanawha Co.

**Reasons voting FOR the record:** (*attach more pages if necessary*)

**CM1** – Photograph including distinguishing characteristics

Multiple other observers

**CM2** – A fairly distinctive flycatcher that was well seen by many observers.

Photos are sufficient to capture the morphologic and plumage details necessary to safely confirm the identification.

**CM3** – Photographic evidence and an excellent description document this sighting as a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. The very long tail, whitish head and chest, and rusty flanks eliminate other flycatchers, including the other long-tailed flycatcher, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, which would have a dark cap extending over the eye. This bird was seen by numerous birders, including myself, who all identified it as a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.

**CM4** – Images and description is consistent.

**CM5** – Many reports from this location at this time. Description accurate, photographed here by multiple observers.

**CM6** – Buffy flanks and long tail in photo would indicate an adult (perhaps a female due to tail being shorter than I've seen on males). Legacy write up. Thanks to Richard for taking this on.

**CM7** – Attached photos confirm the species

- Report and photos submitted from a reputable birder
- Written descriptions in report were thorough and supportive