

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)

Jefferson Davis Parish, west side of Potter Road about ¼ mile south of intersection with Marceaux Road near Thornwell, LA.

4. Date(s) when observed:

October 31, 2014

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Approximately 11:30 AM CDST and again 6:00 PM CDST.

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):

Many, Yellow Rails and Rice Festival Field Trip. Dan O'Malley leader who found the bird.

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

Other reports were made on 11-01-2014. Not sure who re-located the bird.

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

Good light, mostly clear with no significant shadows in the morning. Significantly back lit in afternoon.

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

Zeiss 10 x 42 binoculars. In morning viewed through two separate scopes. Didn't note brands.

11. Distance to bird(s):

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Approximately 50 yards.

13. Duration of Observation:

Approximately three minutes.

14. Habitat:

Open agricultural area adjacent to rice field water supply canal in front of a farm building adjacent to a farm house and barn/pasture area.

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

Bird was perched on top strand of a barbed wire fence when seen in the morning. It was located on the second strand from the bottom of a 4 strand barbed wire fence in the afternoon.

16. 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 in two scopes and with my binoculars in the morning. I saw the bird clearly with my binoculars in the afternoon. In the afternoon, I was unable to take pictures as it was chased across the road by a male Vermilion Flycatcher. Noticed it slowly and strongly pumping its tail before being chased away.

17. Voice:

Bird was silent.

18. 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.

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

Apparently many photographed the bird in the morning and may submit those images to LBRC. I did not take images in the morning and could not get an image in the afternoon.

20. Previous experience with this species:

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

21. 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.

22. 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.

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

Yes.

24. Signature of reporter \_\_\_Jay V. Huner\_\_\_ date\_11-05-2014\_ time \_4:30 PM\_