LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION

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Species: Say's Phoebe, Sayornis saya

Location: Potter Road, Thornwell, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana

Date: 18 January 2015

Number of individuals: One

Other observers: Andre Moncrieff, Cameron Rutt, Dan O'Malley, Daniel Lane, Glenn Seeholzer, Matt Brady, Robb Brumfield, Ryan Terrill, Subir Shakya, Timothy White

Circumstances: A group of us chased this continuing bird on Potter Road. After searching unsuccessfully where we had seen the bird the November 2014, we started driving away when someone spotted the bird on a fence on the side of the road. We got some photos, watched it for a little while, and drove away.

Description: Small flycatcher, overall medium brown, with darker brown wings. Belly becoming a brighter salmony-brown color. Tail dark brown. In flight, the wings were somewhat transluscent.

Discussion: No other small flycatcher in Louisiana is brown, with dark wings, and salmony below except for a female Vermilion Flycatcher, but that species is lightly streaked below.

