

**Your name**

Jamie Simmons

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**Bird identification**

Eastern Phoebe

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**Date(s)**

April 24, 2005

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**Time of Day**

Mid-afternoon

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**Location**

At a private home that includes a barn and other outbuildings and wooden fences. My eBird checklist is mapped to a false location that is actually about 500 feet north of the ranch/farm: <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S21335070>

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**Lighting and Weather Conditions**

Overcast

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**Details**

Large flycatcher that persistently wagged its tail. Dark face and contrasting white throat. Gray, weak breast band. Did not note any obvious wingbars. Perched on wooden fence and fly-caught from there.

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**Similar Species**

White throat and weak breast band eliminate Black and Say's Phoebes. Tail pumping and no obvious wing bars eliminates Peewees.

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**Anything else you want to add?**

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This bird was found by Suzanne Austin, an OSU grad student (or post doc?) who had permission from the residents. She granted permission to grad student Joe Fontaine, who invited me to go with him. We encountered Hendrik Herlyn after leaving and returned with him. Lisa Sheffield (Guy), another grad student, was also present. No photos.

**Your name**

Hendrik Herlyn

**Email**

[hhactitis@yahoo.com](mailto:hhactitis@yahoo.com)

**Bird identification**

Eastern Phoebe, one adult

**Date(s)**

April 24, 2005

**Time of Day**

Around 5 pm

**Location**

Private farm with a large pond on Oak Creek Drive, west of Corvallis, Benton County, OR

**Lighting and Weather Conditions**

Nothing in my notes. I remember decent weather, no rain.

**Details**

This is taken from my field notes that day:

Found by Suzanne Austin; I heard about the bird from Jamie Simmons and joined him and Joe Fontaine in looking for it on private property (with landowner's permission). The phoebe was flycatching at the farm pond. Large (bigger than empid or pewee), dark grayish brown flycatcher with a blackish cap, whitish throat, grayish "vest-like" smudges on white chest, slightly yellowish hue to belly. Long, dark tail, dipping down in characteristic phoebe fashion. Pale secondary edging, a hint of paler wing bars. Do not recall hearing vocalization (my notes do not mention any).

**Similar Species**

Dark cap, overall coloration and smudges breast eliminate Say's and Black Phoebe. Too large for an Empidonax flycatcher or a pewee.

**Anything else you want to add?**

First record for Benton County. No photos available.

## Checklist S21335070

[← Old](#)

**Location** Corvallis--Oak Creek Drive, Benton County, Oregon, US ([Map](#))

**Date and Effort** Sun Apr 24, 2005

Protocol: Historical

Party Size: 2

Observers: [Jamie Simmons](#)

Comments: With Joe Fontaine

**Species** 2 species total

**1 Eastern Phoebe**

Well-observed bird found on private property by Suzanne Austin and subsequently seen (with permission) by Joe Fontaine, myself, Hendrik Herlyn, and Lisa Sheffield.

**1 Brewer's Sparrow**

Well-observed bird found on private property by Joe Fontaine, myself, Hendrik Herlyn and Lisa Sheffield.

Are you submitting a **complete checklist** of the birds you were able to identify?

**No**