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BIRD IDENTIFICATION	Eastern Phoebe. I believe it is a juvenile bird. Only one bird.
DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION	December 1, 2021
TIME OF DAY	10:26 AM
LOCATION	Hat Rock State Park, Oregon
LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS	Mostly cloudy. Temperature in the 50's
DETAILS	The bird flew to the top of a tall tree above a large pond, and rested for not more than 15-20 seconds. It then flew into trees out of my sight. I could not relocate.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES?	No
SIMILAR SPECIES	Black Phoebe has black chest. Say's Phoebe has a pale rufous belly. Eastern Kingbird has a white tipped tail. Western Kingbird has lemon yellow belly, gray head, and white sides on tail.
DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?	Yes
Thank you for submitting your sighting to the Oregon Bird Records Committee! Is there anything else you would like to add?	Will send photos.

Photos of Rare Bird-Eastern Phoebe › Inbox x



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Wed, Dec 8, 9:22 PM (8 hours ago)



Hi Teresa,

I sent a rare bird report on 12/08/2021, for the Eastern Phoebe at Hat Rock State Park near Hermiston, Oregon.

The attached photos are of that bird.

The bird reported was seen on 12/01/2021.

Thanks,

Mark Ludwick

2 Attachments



EAPH-2021-37 (Eastern Phoebe)
1st round voting – March 2, 2022

Accepted: 9
Not Accepted: 0

ACCEPTED, VERIFIED

While the angle and light in the photographs are weird, they show the diagnostic field marks of an Eastern Phoebe. Lack of an eyering eliminates empidonax flycatchers; general structure eliminates larger pewees; plumage coloration is off for Western Wood-Pewee, nor would I expect any pewee at that date; the lack of rusty or reddish tones eliminate female and young male Vermillion Flycatchers and Say's Phoebes. Black Phoebe is really the only other candidate, but this bird does not show the diagnostic black upperparts distinctly contrasting with the white belly. Seems like a straight forward Eastern Phoebe to me.

Lack of eye ring eliminates empids. Short primary projection, long tail, yellowish belly and pale flanks consistent with Eastern Phoebe and not Wood-pewee.

dark head, no eye ring, yellowish belly, thin buffy wing-bars all consistent with Eastern Phoebe and inconsistent with similar species, including Willow Flycatcher.

I agree with an ID of an Eastern Phoebe. It's unique set of features are distinctly different from a Say's Phoebe and a Black Phoebe. Also, it does not appear to be any form of sayornis hybrid. I wouldn't age it as a juvenile, but other than that, I'm on board with everything else.

Photos diagnostic.

Diagnostic photos show rounded head, yellow belly and phoebe chest pattern.

The overall gray-brown coloration of this bird, the faint white wing bars, the white throat, the light brown wash across the breast, the light yellow belly of this bird, and its notched tail eliminate other all species of phoebe and all flycatchers.

Photos look consistent to me with Eastern Phoebe and not fully with WW Pewee or any other species.

No comments

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