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Lat/long _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name gray flycatcher
 Scientific Name Empidonax wrightii
 Obs. date 5/7/86 Time(s) 4:15 p.m. (briefly 6:45p.m)
 Duration of obs. 20 min.
 Distance from bird 10 to 20 yards
 Light conditions Diffused (cloudy)
 Optical equip. 10x40 binoculars
 Photo equip. on 5/8/86: Fuji 35mm Lens 200 mm + doubler
 Notes made at time of sighting _____ Date report prepared _____
 Notes made later from memory X 5/7/86

Weather at time of this observation.
 Cool (45° F) Cloudy-intermittent light rain
 Prior weather and number of days since change
 Cool, periods of rain-sometimes heavy 3-4 days since warm and sunny
 Locality
 South end little mountain between Newton and Trenton Utah, Cache County

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
Total number observed.	Males _____	Adults <u>X</u>	Breeding _____ Transition _____	Available <u>X</u>
<u>1 (one)</u>	Females _____	Juv/Imms _____	Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____	Enclosed _____
	♀ or Imms _____	2/3 yr birds _____	Winter _____ Light ph. _____	
	Unknowns <u>X</u>	Unknowns _____	Other <u>Spring (worn fall molt)</u>	

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

Underparts

White throat, central breast, and lower belly
 Flanks light grayish--"dirty white"- a vested appearance
 Lower mandible orangish at base to near tip
 Head small--no distinct change in color from moderately dark gray back, rounded head
 Tail distinctly brown-long-edged with white (white had "dirty" appearance-not pure white)
 Two white wing bars-distinct- (also not pure white but "dirty" white)
 Thin white eye ring (visible only at close range)
 Slender looking compared to other empidonax flycatchers

Note: this bird was seen again on the morning of 5/8/86 for approximately five minutes. Photographs were taken. Behaviors and habitat were the same. All the above field marks were again noted.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Pale yellowish wash on lower belly-- was likely worn off since this bird molts in the fall.

Variations from expected field marks.

This bird showed a faint white line above upper mandible which is not mentioned in any of my references but can be seen in photographs in Vol. II of Audubon's Master Guide to Birding.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Willow Flycatcher: lacks eye ring, shows yellow underparts, wrong habitat, upperparts brownish green, flicks tail up.

Hammond's flycatcher: upperparts dull olive, yellow underparts, darker face, flicks wings, wrong habitat, tail wagged up.

Dusky Flycatcher: (most similar of all others), yellowish belly, wrong habitat, slight crest to head, oval eye ring, tail wagged up.

Western flycatcher: upperparts olive-green, no pale edge to tail, yellow underparts, almond shaped eye ring, wide bill, peaked head, short tail.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Flycatching--most often perched on low sage branch--favored dead branches, sometimes on lower wires of fence. Hunted air born insects sometimes but was catching most on the ground. While on perch flicked tail downward and returned to normal position slowly with few or no jerks. Otherwise remained stationary while perched.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Tall sage--this bird was hunting on or near the edges of the brush-favored perches with a view to somewhat open areas on the edge rather than farther back in thicker part of sage brush stand.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

Did not concentrate on calls--spent my time with field marks

Print reporter's name, address, phone number

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Have observed Dusky, Willow, and Hammonds Flycatchers in this area.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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