

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in Amite County,

Mississippi in July

William R. Lockwood, M.D.

University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

Just before and for about 30 minutes after sunrise on 2 July 1982 about 6 miles north of Liberty in Amite County Mississippi, I observed at close range two Scissor-tailed Flycatchers (Tyrannus forficatus) perched on an electric power line over open pasture. They were about 50 yards from a pond and about the same distance from a small barn. They occasionally left the wire briefly to fly to a sweet gum tree near the barn or, to judge by their flight, to feed on flying insects. The weather was clear and hot; the wind was calm. Identification presented no difficulty as the birds are unmistakable and were viewed through 7 X 35 binoculars.

I looked for them again that afternoon and on the following two mornings, but I did not see them again.