

RECORD #: 29-B-06

Idaho Bird Records Committee Rarities Report Form

(this form is available on www.idahobirds.net)

Species: LEAST FLYCATCHER *Empidonax minimus*

Number: 1

Reporter: (include address, phone, e-mail)

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Other Observers: none

Date Report Prepared: 5 July 2006

Date Detection Occurred: 29 June and 5 July 2006

Locality of Observation: On the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River, across from mile mark 3.9 on the Old River Road. This is roughly 0.2 mile downstream of the confluence with the Little North Fork River.

Habitat: Strip of mature cottonwoods in river floodplain

Conditions: scattered clouds, cool (29 June), overcast, warm (5July)

Did you take notes...

during the observation? no _____

after the observation? _____

the same day? _____

another day? _____

not at all? yes _____

Did you consult a field guide or other reference work?

during the observation?no _____

later the same day? no _____

another day? no _____

not at all? yes _____

What guide(s) or reference(s) did you consult?

Description: Repetitive two-part "song".

Behavior:

How and when did you positively identify the bird, and what clinched the identification for you? The song was diagnostic.

How did you eliminate similar species, and what were they? I am not familiar with any other species that sounds similar.

Experience with this species (and similar species): Have heard on many previous occasions; had one in my yard last year that I recorded.

General birding experience: intermediate

Were photo(s), video, and/or audio obtained by you? (If yes, please include or attach) no

Other notes: I encountered this bird while doing my usual weekly eBird site survey, on both dates. The bird was across the river, and I never did get a visual on it, but I don't know any other bird that has the repetitive 2-note song. It was not unexpected as there was at least one LEFL along this 2-mile stretch of the river in 2005.