

**RECORD #: 30-B-06**

**Idaho Bird Records Committee Rarities Report Form**

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Species: LEAST FLYCATCHER *Empidonax minimus*

Number: 1

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

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Other Observers: First reported by Doug Ward (?), a birder who lives in Hayden, and used to compile the Denver CBC.

Date Report Prepared: 5 July 2006

Date Sighting Occurred: 23 May 2006

Locality of Observation: woodlot on northwest side of new elementary school on Hanley Ave. in Coeur d'Alene, ID. West of the soccer field.

Habitat: Ponderosa pine woodlot

Conditions: clear, warm

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". I also observed the bird - it was a "big-headed" empid that perched with its tail tucked under, wrt the line of its back.**

**Behavior: Perched mid-level in conifer.**

**How and when did you positively identify the bird, and what clinched the identification for you? The song was diagnostic. I was only able to visually confirm that the LEFL "song" was emanating from an empid.**

**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: Shirley Sturts called me while I was in Coeur d'Alene, and described the reported location. I drove to the location, walked around for 15 minutes, then called Shirley to tell her I did not find the bird. While talking with Shirley, the bird started to sing. I then approached the bird, saw it fly, and got a brief look at it. This woodlot did not look like the habitat in which I would expect to find a LEFL.**