Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*

Most vagrant Scissor-tailed Flycatchers reaching California are immatures, lacking the adults’ long tail streamers. Nevertheless, with its delicate pink wing linings, the Scissor-tailed is one of the most distinctive and attractive of its family. Though as few as 20 individuals have been seen in San Diego County, the records encompass every month of the year except July.

**Migration:** The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher is most frequent
in fall, with 13 records extending from 17 August (1986, Tijuana River valley, adult, G. McCaskie, Bevier 1990) to 24 November (1933, one at La Jolla, P7, Grinnell and Miller 1944). The single specimen was collected at San Elijo Lagoon (L7) 22 November 1963 (SDNHM 30769, McCaskie et al. 1967a).


**Winter**: Records at this season number four. One was in the Tijuana River valley 22 February–3 April 1965 (McCaskie et al. 1967a). One at San Dieguito County Park (L8) 4 December 1992 was presumed to be the same as one at San Elijo Lagoon (L7) 27–28 March 1993 (P. A. Ginsburg, B. C. Moore, Heindel and Patten 1996, Erickson and Terrill 1996). One was at Lake Hodges (K10) 4–17 January 1994 (S. B. Grain, Howell and Pyle 1997). Another at Lake Hodges 23 December 1998 (R. T. Patton) was likely the same as one at the east end of the same valley (K12) 2 January 1999 (C. G. Edwards).