

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Tyrannus savanna: a new bird
record for the Galápagos
Islands, Ecuador**

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* is widely distributed from central Argentina to southern Mexico^{1,4}. In mainland Ecuador, it is a non-breeding visitor mainly to the Amazon lowlands, often found with Eastern Kingbirds *T. tyrannus*, with a few scattered records in the Andes and coastal zone^{1,5}.

On 16 November 2012, at 17h12, RI photographed an unusual bird apparently healthy judging by its behaviour and fresh plumage, perched atop grasses (Poaceae) at Cerro Brujo beach (00°46'3.20"S 89°27'28.71"W), on San Cristóbal, Galápagos. It was identified as *T. savana* due to its very long, deeply forked tail, black head and nape, yellow coronal patch, contrasting pearly grey back, dusky wings and white underparts. The photograph (Fig. 1) subsequently permitted GJU to confirm the identification.

This is the first record of *T. savana* from the Galápagos bringing the number of bird species recorded in the islands (including vagrants and introductions)^{2,3,6} to 157.

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Figure 1. Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*, Cerro Brujo beach, San Cristóbal, Galápagos, Ecuador, 16 November 2012 (Roger Iverson)

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