



Say's Phoebe, Delmar, Albany Co., New York, 7 Feb 1987. Photograph by Alan Mapes.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

Say's Phoebe in upstate New York: The Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) in the accompanying photograph appeared at my home near Delmar, Albany Co., on 7 Feb 1987. Our warm sunny weather brought out a number of cluster flies on the south side of the house. The phoebe perched in nearby apple trees, making repeated trips to the house to feed on the flies. My photographs were taken from an upstairs window. The bird was present that Saturday at the house and at two buildings on the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center nearby, and was seen by a number of local birders. It was seen briefly during the late afternoons of Sunday and Monday, 8 and 9 Feb, and then disappeared.

Say's Phoebe is native to the western half of North America, wintering in the southwestern United States and in Mexico. The species is described as a "casual vagrant" during fall and winter on the east coast from Nova Scotia south. Bull (*Birds of New York*, Cornell Univ. Press, 1985, p. 369) lists four records from Long Island and one from upstate New York (Greece, Monroe Co., 13-19 Dec 1959). Two more recent Upstate records are listed by Crumb (*The Kingbird* 32(3): 147; 1982) and two very recent sightings, one Upstate and one from Long Island, have not yet been reviewed by the New York State Avian Records Committee.

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