

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER MYIARCHUS TYRANNULUS
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 ADULT
3. Locality: (parish) ORLEANS PARISH
Specific Locality: BAYOU SAUVAGE NWR - RIDGE TRAIL
4. Date(s) when observed:
18 FEB 2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
3:05 PM
6. Reporting observer and address:
MITCH FORET
673 BAYOU BLUE ROAD
HOUMA, LA 70364
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): NONE
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): NONE
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
DARK TO GRAY SKIES - SLIGHT DRIZZLE RAIN; NO DIRECT SUNLIGHT / SHADOWS
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
LEOPOLD 10X42 BINOCULARS
CANON T5 CAMERA w/ 75X300 ZOOM
11. Distance to bird(s): 10 YARDS
12. Duration of observation: 5 MINUTES
13. Habitat:
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in

identification; relate events surrounding observation):

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): I KNEW THIS WAS A MYIARCHUS SP. BECAUSE OF MY SILENCES OF GREAT CRESTED AND ASH-THROATED FL.

16. Voice: EVEN THOUGH I PLAYED THE RECORDING OF BCFL SING/CALL, IT DID NOT REPLY

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): I PLAYED THE SONG/CALL OF ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER (BIRD DID NOT REACT)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I TOOK ALL PHOTOS ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

19. Previous experience with this species: THIS WAS A "LIFE" BIRD FOR ME

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: SIBLEY'S FIELD GUIDE

b. after observation: COMPLETE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); _____ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: YES I AM. AT FIRST, I THOUGHT THIS WAS A ASH-THROATED FL., BUT STEVEN CARDIFF CONFIRMED THE CORRECT I.D.

23. Signature of reporter: Mitchell Fout Date: 20 FEB 20 Time: 9:00 AM

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? YES

If yes, may we include your name with the report? YES

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BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER NOTES

ON THE BOARD WALK ON RIDGE TRAIL, I WAS WALKING SLOW UNDER DARK CLOUDS, LIGHT DRIZZLE. I WAS NOT AWARE OF THE SPECIFIC SPOT WHERE THE BCFL WAS SPOTTED A SHORT TIME AGO.

BEFORE I REACHED THE RAYOU SIDE EXTENSION, I PISHED FOR SOME WARRIERS AND I NOTICE A FLYCATCHER CAME UP FROM THE GROUND, PERCHED ON BARE LIMB OF A TREE. IT FLASHED ITS YELLOW BELLY AND GRAY NECK AND CHEST BUT LANDED ON THE LIMB WITH ITS BACK TO ME, LOOKING OVER ITS SHOULDER AT ME.

I SNAPPED A FEW PICTURES, THEN OPENED THE AUDUBON APP ON MY PHONE, PLAYED 2 DIFFERENT RECORDING OF BCFL. IT JUMPED TO ANOTHER LIMB IN ITS REACTION TO THE CALL, BUT MADE NO SOUND. THRU MY BINOCULARS, THE BILL SEEMED THICK AT TIMES AND ON OTHER TIMES SEEMED AVERAGE FOR GCFL AND ATFL. IT STILL KEPT ITS BACK TO ME, SO I HAD A GOOD VIEW OF ITS BACK, WING BARS AND TAIL. I TOOK MORE PICTURES AND PLAYED THE WHIT RECORDING. STILL, IT MADE NO SOUND.

AFTER 5 MINUTES OF VIEWING, THE DRIZZLE GOT A LITTLE HEAVIER AND I RETURNED TO THE PARKING LOT. WHEN THE RAIN STOPPED, I RETURNED TO THE SIGHTING

AREA AND PLAYED THE CALL, BUT THE BIRD DIDN'T APPEAR AGAIN.

WHEN I RETURNED BACK HOME, I DOWNLOADED THE PHOTOS AND STUDIED THEM. I COMPARED MY PICTURES TO OTHERS TAKEN IN PREVIOUS SIGHTING IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. BECAUSE OF ITS THINNER BILL (DAVID MUTA HAD CLOSEUP SHOTS) I DETERMINED THIS BIRD WAS A ASH-TATED FLYCATCHER AND REPORTED IT SO ON MY E-BIRD CHECKLIST, WITH PICTURES INCLUDED.

STEVEN CARDIFF SENT AN EMAIL, SUGGESTING I CHANGE MY SIGHTING TO BROWN-CRESTED DUE TO THE DETAILS OF ITS TAIL FEATHERS.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS



