

Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
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, *Myiarcus tyrannulus*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

St. Bernard Parish. In woodlot immediately beyond the Chalmette cemetery headquarter buildings and on the right side of the entrance road.

4. Date(s) when observed:

January 6, 2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Seen at 10:20 AM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner  
428 Hickory Hill Drive  
Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Tom O'Flarity

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

David Muth, Mary Mehaffey, Janine Robin, Willie Matthews, and many others.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Bird in good light perched atop trees.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

10 x 42 Zeiss Binocular.

11. Distance to bird(s):

About 20 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

About 5 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Small woodlot with tallow and various native trees. Rather thick underbrush. Area between brick wall next to cemetery and open park vista for Chalmette battlefield.

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Bird responded to playback flying from within the wood lot to several tall trees. Did some flycatching while in view.

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):

See images accompanying this report. Large flycatcher with brown back, upper neck and crest, light gray throat and breast, light, but clearly yellow belly. Paired white wing bars.

16. Voice:

Bird not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Great Crested Flycatcher – much darker throat and breast and much yellower belly. Ash-throated Flycatcher – much light throat and breast and much lighter belly.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? ( Jay Huner, Attached”):

None

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen and heard Brown-crested Flycatcher on several occasions in Texas, Arizona, and California. The sightings in Arizona and California were on commercial birding trips with trained guides who assisted participants in identifying the birds. I reported a BCFC in January 2012 from the Recovery Road area in the New Orleans area and December 2012 from the Diamond area in Plaquemines Parish.

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

- a. at time of observation: BirdJam
- b. after observation: Sibley’s Field Guide and National Geographic Field Guide.

21. This description is written from: \_\_notes made during the observation (notes attached?); \_\_\_notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_\_x\_ memory and images.

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain.

Yes – Please see discussion – 17. Similar Species, above.

23. Signature of reporter \_\_\_signed Jay V. Huner\_\_\_ date 01/17/2016 8:25 PM