

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): *One*
3. Locality: Parish: *Plaquemines* _____
Specific Locality: *Stella Plantation (east bank of Mississippi River, ca. 1.5 mi downriver of Belle Chasse ferry landing)* _____
4. Date(s) when observed: *06 January 2018*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1525 CST*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Gary Byerly, Dan Lane, Van Remsen*
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): *We saw the bird under varying degrees of sunlight and shade--on well-lit, exposed or leafless branches in the canopy, under a clear, sunny sky, as well as in more shaded sub-canopy spots. The bird stayed high, so we were looking nearly straight up most of the time, but the sun was starting to get low by 1530, so we were not looking into the sun.*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *The bird stayed, probably, 20+ m above the ground most of the obs, so about that.*

12. Duration of observation: 5-10 min

13. Habitat: border of live oak natural levee forest

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird came into EASO/mobbing playback with many other birds, and stayed in the canopy for the entire observation; wary.

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): Typical Myiarchus in size, structure, and general plumage pattern: brownish bushy crown, gray cheeks, pale gray throat and breast, pale yellow belly, rufous in wings and tail. Bill seemed on the small side, such that I was leaning toward an Ash-throated ID before seeing other characters well. Undersides of outer rectrices showed fairly wide, dark margins along their shafts, bordered by rufous on the inner webs that extended to the feather tips.

16. Voice: The bird gave a rolling "whip" call, which we were not prepared to record. Attempts to elicit and record additional calls failed.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Ash-throated Flycatcher eliminated by rufous on inner webs of outer rectrices extending to feather tips. Ash-throated and Nutting's flycatchers eliminated by the "whip" call. Great Crested Flycatcher would show a darker gray breast and brighter lemon-yellow belly than this bird, and may also be eliminated by the call.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photos by Robert C. Dobbs, attached here. Additional photos by Van Remsen (see: <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S41696508>)

19. Previous experience with this species: Despite being very familiar with BCFL in the desert southwest, I have little experience with the cooperi ssp, which this presumably was (bill seemed smallish).

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation
(_____ notes attached?); X notes made after the observation (date: 9 January 2018);
X memory; X photos taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Date: 1 February 2018 Time: 2000 CST

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or
portions of this report on its website? Yes

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



