

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

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, adult, unknown sex. Presumed subspecies magister.**

3. Parish: **Plaquemine**

Specific Locality: **Morel's Woods**

4. Date(s) when observed: **2 Feb 2020**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **about 2pm**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Daniel Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Michele McLinden, Markie Mutchler, David Muth, Van Remsen**

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

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Clear sky, direct sunlight on bird**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x42 binoculars, Swarovski telescope at 25-40x.**

11. Distance to bird(s): **about 120 ft at closest.**

12. Duration of observation: **approx. 5-8 min.**

13. Habitat: **bottomland woodland edge by ditch and road.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **First spotted by Michele, after which, it flew over us, across road and ditch into denser vegetation, and eventually popped into open after playback of several different *Myiarchus* spp.**

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): **Large *Myiarchus* with extensively rufous tail (clearly visible in flight). Huge bill, fairly saturated yellow below, pale gray throat. Olive brownish above. Rectrices with narrow dark outer vanes that did not spread across tip of feathers. Based on bill size, we are certain this is subspecies *magister*.**

16. Voice: **None heard, despite extensive playback.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Ash-throated smaller, smaller billed, and less saturated yellow or gray on underparts. Dark outer vane of rectrices crosses tip. Great Crested usually much more deeply saturated yellow and gray on underparts. Bill not so large, and has more obvious flesh-colored base.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, by several observers. See eBird checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64090105>**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Extensive, including one previous time in Plaquemine Par. Encountered on multiple occasions within usual range in AZ, TX, Mexico, Central, and South America.**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
none

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
X	memory		
X	study of images		

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

23. Date: 3 Feb 2020

Time: 7:15

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 _____