

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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

- (Probable - see line 22)
- English and scientific name: Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)
 - Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 ad.
 - Locality: Louisiana state St. John parish
Reserve - scrubby fields behind my home specific locality
 - Date(s) when seen: 9/21/91
 - Times of day when seen: Mid morning (8:30 - 8:40)
 - Reporting observer and address: Ronald J. Stein
Box 943C 409 N.W. 4th St.
Reserve, LA 70084
 - Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: NONE
 - Other observers who independently identified the bird: None
 - Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good light at my back. Seen well perched and flycatching - also picking berries from trees. All angles
 - Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8.5 X 42 Binoculars
 - Distance to bird: < 40 feet
 - Duration of observation: At least 10 minutes
 - Habitat: Scrubby fields, hedgerow, scattered small trees.
 - Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification): Actively feeding, flycatching and gleaning berries from trees and vines

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

Size of Great-cr. Flycatcher. Back olive-brown including top of head. Tail brownish/black, but not as brown as in Gr-cr. & Ash-th. Flycatcher. Bill large and all black. Throat and breast light gray; belly and undertail coverts bright lemon yellow. Eyes dark. Wings dark with two white wing bars.

16. Voice: None heard

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Gr.-crested Fly. - Would have more reddish brown in tail. Bill would not be as large and should show some or.-yellow at base of lower mandible.

Ash-th Flycatcher - would not be as large. Bill not as large. Belly not as bright yellow. Would show more reddish brown in tail. Would have whitish throat.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

None

19. Previous experience with this species:

Many observations in Texas, a couple in Louisiana

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: Natl. Geographic Guide to N.A. Birds
Peterson Western Guide to N.A. Birds
Robbins Guide to N.A. Birds

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; notes made after observation (date: 9/21/91); _____ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? NO YES. If not, explain:

Due to previous problems with Ash-th. Flycatchers and the fact that the bird was silent, I now feel that this record should now be considered as a "probable" Brown-crested Flycatcher 11/30/91 R. Stein

23. Signature of reporter: Ronald J. Stein

24. Date and time of writing this account:

9/21/91