

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: Cassin's Kingbird, *Tyrannus vociferans*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 presumed adult, basic plumage
3. Parish: Plaquemines
Specific Locality: Diamond playground
4. Date(s) when observed: 29 November 2024
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 0841
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Nancy L. Newfield
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): many; Billy Finney, Nick Ramsey, Mark Meunier, Joan Garvey, David Muth, John Nelson, et al.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast, but bird was always observed in the open.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 and Nikon D5600 with 55-300mm telephoto lens
11. Distance to bird(s): from ca. 6' – 25'

12. Duration of observation: 77 minutes in total, probably 20+ minutes spent just on this bird .

13. Habitat: recreational playground with open fields, wooded edges, wood lots, river batture

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird came in with a flock containing WEKI and STFL. Initially perched on chain-link fence near restrooms. Bird called once and flew back behind the baseball field. We pulled around towards the front and the bird was now on a telephone wire above the kiddie thing and calling regularly. After about five minutes, it flew to another wire next to a live oak. It joined an unseen Tropical/Couch's on the wire. The two birds interacted, with the Cassin's taking the high ground and being more the agitator and the only one that was vocalizing. The altercation died down and the two birds remained on the wire together as we left.

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*): Yellow-bellied kingbird, with a thunderstorm colored head and snow white malar, chin and sides of throat are a lighter gray than the head, the gray diffusing with yellow on the chest and lower breast, appearing "dirty". Belly and undertail coverts bright yellow. Back was grayish with coverts edged in white, tip of tail white.

16. Voice: a harsh "Chihew!"

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): WEKI has a lighter head and chest, brighter chest, no white malar, more pronounced white edging to outer rectrices. COKI/TRKI have greener upper chests and backs, notched tailed, larger-billed and all else by voice.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by me

19. Previous experience with this species: Arizona 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: National Geographic, Sibley

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 30 November 2024

Time: 0906

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_____









