

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: Couch's Kingbird Tyrannus couchii
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one adult
3. Parish: Calcasieu Parish
Specific Locality: 2017 Couch's Kingbird spot near Bell City
4. Date(s) when observed: 1/6/2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:42 p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Joan Garvey 1320 New York St. New Orleans, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): David Muth, Mark Meunier, Erik Johnson, Maybeth Lima, Kimberly Lanka
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): Sunny and clear
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon 7D Mark II with Canon EF 400mm DO IS II USM in excellent condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 50-75 ft.
12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes
13. Habitat: in a residential area in a satsuma orchard

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was actively searching for insects flying from power lines to branches in trees.

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*): We saw a flycatcher with a gray head and yellow belly. There was a lighter colored throat noted. The back of the bird was olive-green. The bird had a very large bill and long tail.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Tropical Kingbird would be nearly identical. This bird was a stakeout that had previously vocalized which was used to ID it as Couch's.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this bird in Louisiana

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
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a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley, Natgeo, Stokes field guides

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 1/19/2018

Time: 12:33 p.m.

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_____



