

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Calcasieu
4. Specific Locality:
E. Friesen Road. See habitat shot in my eBird list for precise location
5. Date(s) when observed: 1 February 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 07:50
7. Reporting observer: Van Remsen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Esme Rosen, Nick Ramsey, Strummer Edwards
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
This was a stakeout found (by the Boslers?) during the failed follow-up searches for a Red-naped Sapsucker found at the same spot
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): perfect - see photos
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x50 Swarovskis, Nikon p950
12. Distance to bird(s): within 100 ft?
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
14. Habitat: edge of woods in rural residential area
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Highly vocal. Calling from exposed branches high in trees

16. 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):

Obvious yellow-bellied Tyrannus with dark brownish tail without white edges or corners, greenish back, white throat contrasting strongly with very bright yellow underparts, nearly uniform from breast to belly; big black bill -- see photos

17. Voice: Plenty of sharp "KIP" calls interspersed with various burry, buzzy notes and "schpeeer!" calls

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Tail pattern and bill size eliminates CAKI/WEKI, and voice eliminates TRKI. This bird also did not have the long bill that I associate with the TRKI I've seen in Louisiana, and its underparts were more uniformly bright yellow than those TRKI and very much like the other COKI I've seen here in winter

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Photos and videos uploaded

[VIDEO](#)

20. Previous experience with this species: 9 previous sightings in Louisiana (acc. to "My eBird") plus a number in Texas

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

none

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

21 May 2025

25. 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

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

