

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: Fork-tailed Flycatcher
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one (imm?)
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle State Park
4. Date(s) when observed: Nov. 5, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:30 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Robert D. Purrington, 4700 Bissonet Dr, Metairie, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Joan Garvey, Bill Bowie,
Mark Muniere (finder the previous day).
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Mark Muniere found the bird the previous day.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): variable; all directions.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): 50-100 ft
12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes

13. Habitat: on wire with two or more scissor-tails

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Flying, flycatching, mostly perched

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*): Flycatcher with long forked tail, dark gray-black above, white underparts, black cap and masked face.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): none

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): by this reporter, Joan Garvey and Bill Bowie

19. Previous experience with this species: two previous SE Louisiana sightings and many in the tropics.

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

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

23. Date: Nov. 12, 2017

Time:

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



