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. <u>Attach additional pages or files as necessary</u>. 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 <<u>zoiseaux@lusfiber.net</u>.

1. English and Scientific names: Fork-tailed Flycatcher (Tyrannus savanna)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 ad. male

- Parish: Plaquemines Specific Locality: Stella Plantation X Hwy. 39
- 4. Date(s) when observed: 22 Dec. 2017
- 5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 07:30
- 6. Reporting observer and address: Van Remsen

7. <u>Other observers</u> accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Matt Brady, Joan Garvey, Mark Meunier

8. <u>Other observers who</u> *independently identified* the bird(s): Found a few days previously by Jennifer Coulson, Christie Riehl

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Adequate

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10X50 binos

- 11. Distance to bird(s): to within 50 feet
- 12. Duration of observation: ca. 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Huge open field (see photos: http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S41268503)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perched on telephone lines and later, tops of weeds, making aerial sallies.

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*): A black, gray, and white flycatcher with a tail so long that the tips often crossed. I am reasonably sure that the back was pale enough for a good match to Middle American T. s. monachus.

16. Voice: Responded to tape playback, and the video captures some of 1-2 call notes (sharp, high-pitched "kip")

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos and video attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: One in LA (Grand Isle); many times in South America

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): none

- a. at time of observation: none
- b. after observation: none
- 21. This description is written from:

| Χ | notes made during the observation. | Are notes attached? | No |
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| | notes made after the observation. | At what date? | |
| | memory | | |
| | study of images | | |

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

23. Date: 28 Jan. 18 Time:

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? YES If yes, may we include your name with the report? YES





