

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 (*Tyrannus savanna*)

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

2 birds with black heads, white chest with light grey on the back, with brown to blackish wings. One bird had the expected long tail feathers, the other had much shorter tail feathers

3. Parish: Calcasieu Parish

Specific Locality: On Ward Line, approximately 0.25 miles south of LA Highway 397, where a pipeline crosses the road

4. Date(s) when observed: 12/20/2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed: First observed at 1230 pm, birds still visible when I left at 105 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): various members of Gulf Coast Bird Club that arrived while observing the birds

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast with some moments of sun shine

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 8x42 (fair condition) Nikon D3300 w/ 70-300mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s): 5 m – 25 m

12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes

13. Habitat: forest cover on west side of road with prairie type grassland east of road

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): birds were observed sitting on wires/fence, and in shrubs. The birds were also foraging and catching insects (see photos.)

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 bird similar in size and shape to Scissor-tail Flycatcher with a long dark colored (most likely black) tail but more drab in color. The birds had black heads with black eyes, mostly neutral colors with a white breast, greyish to brown wings. The beak was a black color and the legs are a dark grey to black color.

16. Voice: none heard

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos, myself, attached

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: stakeout birds originally found by I. Loque with photos that had been posted to the Gulf Coast Bird Club's Facebook page

b. after observation: iBird Pro and Merlin phone apps

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: 12/26/2018
Time:410 pm

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 _____



