

Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach Xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

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 – one adult

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Calcasieu Parish, field on south side of LA 108 approximately 0.4 miles west of intersection of Fabacher Road.

4. 4. Date(s) when observed:

October 25, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Approximately 10:00 AM CDST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner  
428 Hickory Hill Drive  
Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Willie Matthews.

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Charlotte Stan, David Booth, Tom Finnie, and many others.

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

Overcast, bird not shaded.

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

Swarovski 10 x 42 EL binoculars.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Various 10/50/100 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

About 15 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Grown up pasture in early stages of old field succession. Bird perched on fence posts and fence.

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

Bird was on fence next to highway when I arrived. It flew north across the road into trees adjacent to road on fence row. It then flew diagonally to the southwest and perched and moved back and forth along the fence on the fence and fence posts, occasionally flycatching. It was associated with several Scissor-tailed Flycatchers.

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):

Medium-sized songbird. Had very long forked tail about 2.5 times longer than the body. Tail of bird was black, wings were black and head had black crown. Back was gray. Bird was white from below bill to the undertail.

16. Voice:

No vocalization heard.

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

I know of no other species of flycatcher that fits this description.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?):

Photographs of bird submitted electronically with this form.. No recordings.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Had seen a Fork-tailed Flycatcher in Plaquemines Parish and in Calcasieu Parish in December 2018 and January 2019.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley's field guide.

b. after observation: Peterson's field guide.

21. This description is written from: notes made during the observation (notes attached?); note made after the observation ; \_\_\_x\_ memory and images.

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

Yes, I am sure. Birds staked out for over a week and viewed by 10s of birders.

23. Signature of reporter \_\_\_\_\_Jay V. Huner\_\_\_\_\_ date\_\_10/27/2020\_\_ time 7:15 AM.

