

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):
1, unknown

3. Parish: Jefferson Davis

Specific Locality: exit road to landfill, adjacent to ponds

4. Date(s) when observed: November 17, 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:15 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

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| 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): previously found by James Randolph on November 12, 2021

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): naked eye, Nikon D7200 with 70-300 mm lens, good condition

11. Distance to bird(s): ~ 7m

12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes

13. Habitat: leaching pond near landfill with pasture and fallow agriculture fields/pastures

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was perched on top wire of a chain link fence

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*): Tyrant flycatcher with black cap, white breast and sides with dark grey to black wings. The bird also has long black retrices.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, similar shape with long retrices however the FTFL has black retrices and a black cap with white sides. Not the salmon and yellow colors associated with STFL.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes and yes

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in December 2018 of Ward line Road in Calcasieu Parish

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: eBird

21. This description is written from:

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> | memory | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | study of images | | |

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

23. Date: November 17, 2021
Time: 9:30 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_____

