

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 savana*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult and 1 immature, sex unknown.

3. Parish: Lafourche
Specific Locality: Thibodaux

4. Date(s) when observed: 10/13/21

5. Time(s) of day when observed: morning

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

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| Reporting observer: Delaina LeBlanc |
| City: Thibodaux |
| State: LA |

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

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): none

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): early sunlight facing bird out in open with no shade.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): eyes initially ☺ then camera used to document (Canon EOS 7D 100-400mm lens with 1.4 x extender)

11. Distance to bird(s): 24-50 meters

12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes

13. Habitat: Dead end residential street surrounded by agricultural fields with cattle then sugar cane just beyond that on both sides

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

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*): Adult was spotted perched atop a tallow tree 2 houses away from my yard with no optical equipment. Distinct dark head and bill, white throat and chest drew my attention to this bird. Went inside to get camera for documenting what appeared to be a flycatcher (determined by general shape of bird). Looking through viewfinder of camera was able to see the black forked tail. Noted another bird just to the left in the same tree. It flew closer to another tallow tree. Its forked tail was shorter and I reported it as an immature bird in my ebird report.

16. Voice: No vocalization

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photographs by Delaina LeBlanc attached

19. Previous experience with this species: Observed in western part of the state multiple times.

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

a. at time of observation: NA

b. after observation: NA

21. This description is written from:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | notes made during the observation. | Are notes attached? | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | notes made after the observation. | At what date? | 10/13/21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | memory | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | study of images | | |

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

23. Date: 10/13/21
Time: 0715

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 _____



