

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 indiv. FY bird

3. Parish: Calcasieu Parish
Specific Locality: 420 10th St, Lake Charles, LA

4. Date(s) when observed: October 1, 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:20AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James Smithers
City: Lake Charles
State: Louisiana

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

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): N/A

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Optimal lighting with sun in the 10 o'clock position

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica Trinovid 8x42 Binoculars and Fuji X-H1 Camera with 100-400mm Lens

11. Distance to bird(s): approx. 45 ft.

12. Duration of observation: 21 minutes

13. Habitat: Backyard habitat with hackberry trees throughout most of the yard; bird was also in the bamboo in the neighboring backyard

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird flew in from the West and landed atop the hackberry tree in the middle of the yard; bird then moved to the tops of the bamboo stalks; bird flew out a couple times hawking insects, but was resting for most of the observation.

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*): Large flycatcher that appeared to be a FY bird with a partial black cap with grayish/brown on the forehead. Similar in size to EAKI and STFL; long forked tail did not seem to be fully developed for it was shorter than the adult FTFL I have seen in the past; wings were a grayish color with black markings; back was a light shade of gray.

16. Voice: Bird did not vocalize

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): STFL: separated by overall coloration of bird; dark cap and long dark tail; clean white unders

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

19. Previous experience with this species: I observed the FTFL that was near HWY 108 and Fabacher Rd. in Carlyss, LA in late 2020 and early 2021

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): I did not use any identification aids for this observation. This is a bird I've studied both in person and on the Macaulay Library

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Compared photos to photos on the Macaulay Library

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	

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

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

23. Date: 8/13/2022

Time: 10:20PM

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_____





