

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: Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, presumed adult, sex undetermined
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle, LDWF kayak launch off Ludwig Lane
4. Date(s) when observed: May 11-12, 2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:00 - 2:00 pm May 11, ~1:00 pm and ~4:00 pm May 12
6. Reporting observer and address: Bill Vermillion, 128 Saint Charles Street, Lafayette, LA 70501
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Kimberley Hollier
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): see photos; bird was in open situation for most observations and not in shade, somewhat overcast conditions on May 11, fairly clear skies on May 12
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8 X42 Zeiss binoculars, good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 5 – 10 yards
12. Duration of observation: May 11 – 10 – 15 minutes, bird still present when observers left the scene, May 12, similar on May 12, observed bird still in same location en route to LDWF kayak launch, bird was still present a few hours later when I left the launch

13. Habitat: Bird utilizing power line adjacent to LDWF building, surrounding habitat maritime oak/scrub shrub, black mangrove marsh

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Largely perched on power line, periodically engaged in flycatching behavior

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): posture and behavior indicated kingbird, but bulkier, larger headed and billed than Eastern Kingbird, paler gray without dark cap, dark band through eye, whitish throat, belly, undertail, no white band on the end of tail.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Not familiar with Thick-billed Kingbird but unlikely in this area, separated from Eastern Kingbird on the basis of bulkier body, larger head and bill, lighter gray coloration, no white edge on tail

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. 2 from May 11 by Kimberley Hollier, 3 from May 12 by Bruce Cervini.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen twice in Gulf Shores, AL

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

a. at time of observation: Audubon app on iPhone

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____notes attached?); _____notes made after the observation (date:_____);
_x_____memory.

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

23. Date: _May 21, 2019_____Time: _____9:21 am__

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____Yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ____yes____

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