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: Gray Kingbird (Tyrannus dominicensis)
- 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 Adult
- 3. Parish: Jefferson

Specific Locality: Grand Isle SP, by western beach house.

- 4. Date(s) when observed: 25 April 2021
- 5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 8:15-8:45am or so
- 6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Dan Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana

- 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Van Remsen, Michele McLindon, Gustavo Bravo, Natalia Aristizabal
- 8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Various. The bird had been found several days before (not sure who initial finder was)
- 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): One shady side of small trees, but clear sky with strong light. Bird perched in strong sunlight at times.
- 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x42 binocular
- 11. Distance to bird(s): 20-150 feet

- 12. Duration of observation: about 30 min
- 13. Habitat: short stature woodland behind beach dunes.
- 14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): perching quietly with occasional bouts of hawking insects. Often perched within trees (no doubt due to heat), so not particularly obvious or typical of kingbirds.
- 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*): a large tyrant flycatcher, no yellow on plumage. Gray above, whitish below. Large bill and tail. Small orange crown patch occasionally visible (see photos in eBird list).
- 16. Voice: None given.
- 17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): shape and pale gray plumage eliminate Eastern Kingbird. Tail shape, lack of terminal white band, and paleness of gray eliminate Loggerhead Kingbird.
- 18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos below. Also see:

https://ebird.org/checklist/S86351067

- 19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive in Florida, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Trinidad, and once previously in Louisiana.
- 20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): none
- a. at time of observation:
- b. after observation:
- 21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
notes made after the observation.	At what date?	

x memory

x study of images

23. Date: 24 Oct 2021 Time: 9:55pm
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

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







