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):
3. Locality: **LOUISIANA** Parish: Jefferson Specific locality: Grand Isle State Park, Grand Isle (east end of park)
4. Date(s) when observed: 4/15/13
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 1:00PM
6. Reporting observer and address: **Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mary Mehaffey, Janine Robin, Susan Epps.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Numerous other birders, including Rosemary Seidler et al, Hans Holbrook et al, Shawn Kurtzman, Casey Wright, Jane Patterson, Matt Brady, and others.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sun was overhead, but cloudy, so lighting was fair to good.
10. Optics: Tom-10x42 Bushnell binocs, Janine-Nikon Monarch 8x42, Mary-Alpen 8x40, Susan-binocs not noted.
11. Distance to bird(s): 25 to 30 feet away at the most
12. Duration of observation: 10 to 15 minutes at least.
13. Habitat: low to moderately brushy area (with small trees) adjacent to tall observation tower.
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): flying and at rest (perched), likely feeding, but did not see bird with food; stayed in general vicinity entire time when flying around, typically perching about 5 to 6' above the ground when at rest.
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): Tyrannus-type flycatcher (kingbird), larger than Eastern Kingbird (about 9"), with large, heavy, blackish bill, medium gray above, wings & tail darker to blackish, whitish below, dark or blackish mask through eye area.
16. Voice: No vocalizations heard.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): All yellow-bellied kingbirds easily ruled out (Gray Kingbird has no yellow). Eastern Kingbird has very dark/blackish plumage above, with a white tail-band and much smaller bill than Gray Kingbird.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Submitter took several photos (provided).
19. Previous experience with this species: None.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: iBird app, National Geographic Field Guide, Sibley Field Guide
b. after observation: iBird app, National Geographic Field Guide, Sibley Field Guide
21. This description is written from: [X] notes made during the observation ([ ]notes attached?) [X] notes made after the observation (date: (not noted)); [ ]memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certainty
23. Signature of reporter: Thomas Trenchard Date/Time: 7/6/13 6:20PM
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its webite? [X]Yes [ ]No
If yes, may we include your name with the report? [X]Yes [ ]No