

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Gray Kingbird, *Tyrannus dominicensis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Locality: Parish: Terrebonne
Specific Locality: Trinity Island
4. Date(s) when observed: 5 June 2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1125-1135 CDT
6. Reporting observer and address: Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
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): Bright sunlight; no shade
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 8x30 binos
11. Distance to bird(s): 100 m
12. Duration of observation: 10 min
13. Habitat: spoil bank veg on barrier island
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Perched on exposed branch in crown of small tree; sallying for aerial insects
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):
Kingbird shape/size; gray head with dark mask, gray back and upperwings; whitish breast/belly; large (long/thick) bill; notched tail.
16. Voice: Not vocal
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Eastern Kingbird (also present – direct comparison) has smaller bill, black crown and auriculars (no mask), blacker back and upper-wings, and black tail with white terminal band. Loggerhead Kingbird is superficially similar and has relatively large bill, but lacks contrasting dark auriculars (mask) and has white terminal tail band.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photos by Robert C. Dobbs
19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive, in Jamaica; also on Gulf coast, including recently (2 May 2014) in Cameron Par., Louisiana
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 - a. at time of observation: None
 - b. after observation: None
21. This description is written from: X notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes, positive
23. Date: 8 June 2014 Time: 1428 CDT