

# 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):  
One bird, age/sex unknown
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson Parish  
Specific Locality: Grand Isle, front SW corner Grilletta Tract, Nature Conservancy property, Hwy 1
4. Date(s) when observed:  
4/28/2014, 11:24-11:48am. 4/29/2014, 10:43am.
5. Time(s) of day when observed:  
4/28/2014, 11:24-11:48am. 4/29/2014, 10:43am.
6. Reporting observer and address:  
Molly Richard, 122 Brookside Dr, Lafayette LA 70506 (also 155 Dewberry Ln, Grand Isle, LA 70358)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
One GRKI reported 4/18/14 Danny Dobbs in nearby area - unknown if same bird but it spurred awareness of species on island.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Bright day, partly cloudy, excellent visibility.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
Nikon 10X42 Premier binoculars, and Canon EOS Rebel T3 fitted with a Canon 75-300mm zoom lens at full zoom.
11. Distance to bird(s):  
Initially 30-40 feet, was able to move within 20 feet of bird on footpath.
12. Duration of observation:  
24 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Low grassy/shrub vegetation across road from beach, before property turns into proper woods. Bird perched near top bare snag branch approximately 9 feet off ground, apparently manually installed between a small tallow tree and privet bush among lower vegetation.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Bird initially observed perched 9' off ground. Bird seen lightly preening, flycatching twice, once eating large black bee on lower twig directly between the tallow and privet bush and then returning to original perch (slightly higher than nearby tree/bush). Bird seen flying off to unseen area, then returning 10 minutes later.

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):

Large white breast of perched bird noticed on bare snag from road. Upon parking 30-40 feet in front of bird, could easily see gray head and back, black eye with dark wash mask thru eye, large heavy black bill, brownish-gray wings with no wingbars, and long, broad notched darker gray tail. Belly & undertail coverts white, underwing just slightly yellowish. Plumage details evident in photos.

16. Voice:

No vocalization heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Larger and lighter than EAKI, bulkier overall, with no white terminal band on obviously notched - not straight - tail. A flycatcher by stance and behavior, not a NOMO - no wing bars and no white outer tail feathers on notched tail.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

42 photographs taken between 11:24 and 11:48am.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Dozens of GRKI observed during 10 day trip to St. Croix, November 2012 - very common species on St. Croix.

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

a. at time of observation:

None. Had been alerted to presence of species by 4/19/2014 sighting as reported by Danny Dobbs on LaBird and was on the lookout.

b. after observation:

Sibley Field Guide to Eastern Birds, Crossley ID Guide.

21. This description is written from:   X   notes made during the observation (   see eBird\_   notes attached?);        notes made after the observation (date:   5/8/2014  );        memory.

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

Positive of identification of GRKI

23. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

May 8, 2014

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 \_\_\_\_\_

