

1. English and Scientific names:

Gray Kingbird, *Tyrannus dominicensis*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Jefferson Parish, Grand Isle State Park. Found on utility wire between the exit for the bath house (west) and the entrance for the fishing pier (east).

4. Date(s) when observed:

May 16, 2015

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Mid-morning around 10:55 AM CDST and again at about 11:38 AM CDST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

None

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

The bird was located first by Erik Johnson on 5/14/15. After I reported the bird, Casey Wright and two others observed it in the early afternoon.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Light clouds. Mid Morning. Birds seen in good light.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss 10 x 42 Binoculars. Good Condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

10-15 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

Found and watched birds for about 5 minutes and noted as I passed somewhat later.

13. Habitat:

Open area on barrier island about 100-150 yards north of barrier sand dunes. On utility wire over sand and scrub growth.

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

For the most part, the bird simply perched on the referenced utility wire. It twice flew down to ground level, likely fly catching, and quickly returned to its perch.

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):

The bird somewhat resembled a Northern Mockingbird in color and size. It was gray-blue above and light below. It had a blackish face mask and large black bill. See images.

16. Voice:

None heard.

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

Perhaps Eastern Kingbird but bill smaller, no white trailing edge on tail and black above, not gray.

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

Submitted.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Two seen in Orleans Parish in 2004. Also have seen Gray Kingbirds on several occasions in southern Florida.

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

- a. at time of observation: Sibley's Field Guide
- b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide
- c.

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_notes made during the observation (notes attached?); \_x\_ note made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_x\_ memory.

5/16/15 Gray Kingbird 10:50-10:55 AM CDST. Wire on N side of rd between Bath house and pier entrances Grand Isle State Park. Light below/darkish gray above. Heavy bill. See pictures. Reported at site by E. Johnson 5/14/15. Relocated 11:38 AM.

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

23. Signature of reporter \_signed Jay V. Huner\_ date May 18, 2015 2:35 PM.

