

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>](mailto: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): **one, presumed adult**
3. Parish: **Jefferson**

Specific Locality: **Grand Isle, Orleans Avenue Adjacent to Exxon Fields**
4. Date(s) when observed: **May 3, 2015**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **0930 h.**
6. Reporting observer and address: **David P. Muth, 2765 Orchid St., New Orleans, LA 70119**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Dan Purrington**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **found by Erik Johnson same day, reported via eBird.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **excellent**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Eagle Optic Platinum series, 10x; Pentax 20-60 Zoom scope, Canon Powershot SX 50**
11. Distance to bird(s): **50 feet**
12. Duration of observation: **10 minutes**
13. Habitat: **mowed open fields, powerlines, scattered palms, nearby isolated houses.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **actively flycatching, including sallies to ground, changing perches.**

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*):

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S23234323>

Gray back, white below, black mask, thick bill.

16. Voice: **not heard**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **lack of yellow plus gray back and head rules out other kingbirds**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **yes, below, by me.**



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19. Previous experience with this species: **pretty extensive**

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

- a. at time of observation: no
- b. after observation: no Date: xx

21. This description is written from:

- a. Field notes: entered into eBird app.
- b. Notes made after observation: xx
- c. Examination of photos/videos: yes
- d. Memory: xx

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

23. Date: **March 22, 2016**

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