

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical/Couch's Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus/Tyrannus couchii*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One individual
3. Parish: Lafourche Parish
Specific Locality: Near the beach access road at the end of LA 3090, Fourchon Beach, Port Fourchon, LA.
4. Date(s) when observed: 10/25/2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:08 PM
6. Reporting observer and address:
Natalie Waters, 106 Cedar St. Thibodaux, LA. 70301
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Curtis Walker, Delaina LeBlanc
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): Direct sunlight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D5500 camera with a Tamron 16-300mm lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): 20 meters
12. Duration of observation: 3 minutes
13. Habitat: Beach
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
The bird was perched near *Spartina patens* and *Phytolacca Americana* (pokeweed); the bright lemon yellow breast caught my eye, no vocalizations. It flew shortly after photographs were taken.

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*):

Kingbird with larger black bill, extensive bright yellow belly/breast with white throat and chin, gray crown with light black eye line. Did not have a dusky gray chest. Pale gray nape extending into grey/olive back. Flight feathers blackish with some whitish edging, and dark notched tail.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Larger bill, large head appearance, lacked the dusky gray chest of a WEKI, did not notice broad white edging on outermost tail feathers.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, Natalie Waters

19. Previous experience with this species: Yes

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

a. at time of observation: iBird Pro app

b. after observation: The Sibley Guide to Birds Second Edition, and Steven Cardiff observed photos

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	no
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	10/25/17
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 10/30/17

Time: 2:30 PM



