

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 Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
one individual , age , sex unknown
3. Parish: St John the Baptist
Specific Locality: Alligator Lane on utility wire between boathouse and railroad track
4. Date(s) when observed: 02/29/2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:55 PM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Cathy DiSalvo
City: Harahan
State:LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Phil DiSalvo
 8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): on 02/25/2020 probable same bird was initially found and audio recording obtained in same location by Jane Patterson.
 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was in full sun, able to view without shadows, at about 25 ft in the open
 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x 40 binocs and swarovski spotting scope. Photos taken with Nikon P900
 11. Distance to bird(s): at closest point 25 Ft
 12. Duration of observation: bird was seen at least 4-5 times over a 15 minute period as it flew from wire to ground or across tracks and then back to wire.
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13. Habitat: utility wire was across a small gravel street adjacent to short grasses and shrubs that lined a small canal. Location was about 300 yd from Manchac Pass. There were a few large trees scattered in the area. Several small structures nearby (boat houses, small camps)

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

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*):

Cardinal size, flycatcher shaped with yellow belly, gray back. Longer thinner black bill than Couch's kingbird with notched tail. Differs from Western kingbird by larger cheek patch, larger bill and absence of white along edges of tail.

16. Voice: did not vocalize

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

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

Photos attached

19. Previous experience with this species: limited

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

a. at time of observation: National Geographic field guide 7th ed ebird location and information from J Patterson

b. after observation:

ebird records and photos. National Geographic and Sibley Field Guides

21. This description is written from:

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

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

90 % positive based on photos obtained and original ID and fact that bird was in same location location

23. Date: documentation hand written form done on 2/28/20

Time:

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____yes_____





