

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 Kingbird tyrannus melancholicus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 individual , unknown sex and age,

3. Parish: Plaquemines Parish

Specific Locality: 29.477612, -89.691534 Just S of parish government bldg parking area. 28028 LA23 on 6 ft page fence

4. Date(s) when observed: 2/13/2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:51 AM

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):
Joan Garvey, David Muth

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): 0

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny day. Bird was seen on west side of highway in open light, so little shade except times when viewed in trees.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): seen with Zeiss victory 10x42, Nikon P900 power shot camera

11. Distance to bird(s): first viewed on fence at about 30 ft when driving down hwy.

when approached by foot flew back into line of evergreen trees (mostly oaks) viewed for about 10 –15 minutes at different locations in dense trees about 50 yards away with brief views enough to id bird as a Tyrannus flycatcher. Eventually perched on top of a deciduous tree out in open about 150 yards away and began calling.

12. Duration of observation: about 30 minutes

13. Habitat: roadside, fenced area, with large tree line, beyond open grassy area .

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): first viewed on fence at about 30 ft when driving down hwy., was flycatching from fence and then would return to fence. When approached by foot flew back into line of evergreen trees (mostly oaks) viewed for about 10 –15 minutes at different locations in dense trees about 100 ft away with brief views enough to id bird as a Tyrannus flycatcher. Eventually perched on top of a deciduous tree out in open and began calling.

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*):

Mockingbird size with shorter tail. Large flycatcher with long, heavy, dark bill, bright yellow below with whitish chin and throat. Dark gray with darker gray ear patch. Back is greenish gray. Markedly notched tail.

16. Voice: sharp metallic ‘pit purr’ repeatedly

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

Almost identical to Couch’s kingbird, but did seem to have a longer and not as heavy bill as Couch’s. Head paler gray and bill larger and longer than Cassin’s kingbird. Tail paler without white edges and bill smaller than

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

photos by all 3 observers, recording from my cell phone Merlin app.

19. Previous experience with this species:

about 4 previous occasions

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

National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America 7th ed. Sibley Birds 2nd ed
Merlin recording app

- a. at time of observation: photos and recording of voice and field guide
- b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America
7th ed. Sibley Birds 2nd ed. Merlin recording app

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

yes

23. Date: 2/20/2023

Time: 4 pm

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_____



