

# 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: Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*  
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 presumed adult in basic plumage

3. Parish: Plaquemines

Specific Locality: Diamond Rd., Diamond

4. Date(s) when observed: 29 November 2024

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1020

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Nancy L. Newfield

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): many; Billy Finney, Nick Ramsey, David Muth, John Nelson, Mark Meunier, Joan Garvey, et al

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Still mostly cloudy, but with somewhat better lighting conditions.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 and Nikon D5600 with 55-300mm telephoto lens

11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 15-20 ft.

12. Duration of observation: Not very long, as we were stopped in the middle of the road and there was local traffic. Always not cool to block local traffic, we observed it long enough to document, so about three minutes.

13. Habitat: Tallow stands with roseau, houses, yards, road

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):. Bird was mived in a flock of five WEKI and a STFL. The flock was moving from a small tallow stand with roseau, across the highway (road), into a yard with more tallow. It was pretty windy, so the birds were really just kind of on the move. The TRKI interacted with a WEKI in the tallows and both birds began heckling each other, vocalizing quite a bit.

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*): Yellow-bellied kingbird with bright yellow from undertail coverts, all the way up the chest, where the whitish throat contrasted nicely with the yellow, which now has a slight greenish tinge. Head dark gray with a pronounced black "mask" going through the eye. Bill noticeably longer than surrounding WEKIs. Mantle a greenish color, offset by dark tail.

16. Voice: a rising twittering, rising and falling end note with agitation against the WEKI

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): COKI by voice (as well as the others), yellow extends higher up on chest than WEKI, no white trailing edges to outer rectrices, larger-billed than WEKI and CAKI, no white malar, as in CAKI.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Arizona 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001, Costa Rica 2001, a few previous Louisiana records

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 30 November 2024

Time: 0944

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\_\_\_\_\_



