

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical Kingbird - *Tyrannus melancholicus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
2 age/sex unknown
3. Parish:  
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:  
Buras Family Cemetery
5. Date(s) when observed: 11/8/24
6. Time(s) of day when observed: mid afternoon
7. Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Nick Ramsey, Kraig Oramous, Libby Brennan
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): mid range, 10-15 meters?
13. Duration of observation: 15 minutes or so
14. Habitat: scrubby wood lot along Lower Mississippi river
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): first heard vocalizing by Nick - later appeared on wire and flew into cemetery, when other appeared. They flew around the cemetery some before disappearing
16. 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):

Yellow-bellied kingbirds with lemon yellow belly extending up to greenish chest, long bills, forked tails a blackish color with no white outer edges, greenish back, dark mask on face, head otherwise light grey. wings brownish with pale edging to feather including primaries

17. Voice: both birds gave diagnostic kikiki calls several times

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

Western would have a smaller bill, less yellow on the chest, white outer tail feathers, and a gray back. Couch's can be eliminated by the calls, as well as the long bills

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

photos attached, audio obtained by Nick and available on eBird

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S201813399>, as well as slightly better photos

20. Previous experience with this species: This is my third time species seeing the species in Louisiana. I have also seen it dozens of other times in southern Texas and the Neotropics

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

none

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

yes

24. Date report completed:

11/22/24

25. 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

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

Yes





