

Louisiana Ornithological Society's

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Rare Bird 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 ensure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach fieldnotes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names:
Couch's Kingbird
Tyrannus couchii
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): ONE
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Cameron (parish)
0.3 miles east of the Sabine Pass Bridge
Flycatching from wire on N side of Hwy 82 (specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed:
10/22/12
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
8am - 8:30am
6. Reporting observer and address:
Rebecca Crofton
256 Rainbow Dr #15643 - mailing address. Live in
Livingston, TX 77399 Motorhome. Travel mostly in
the west
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Walter Harmon
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): Sunny, Sun was behind us in the east
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Swarovski 7X42 SLC & Swarovski Telescope
11. Distance to bird(s): both in Excellent condition
20-60 ft.
12. Duration of observation:
about 20-30 minutes

13. Habitat: Shrubby border along edge of road.
Vast wet grass lands Near Sabine Lake
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
Flycatching from overhead wire
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; if possible, give details on 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. Attach additional pages as necessary):
Very obviously Kingbird shape and behavior. Knew it was a Tropical/Conch's right away due to lack of white outer tail or tail edge & yellow on upper breast. Bill appeared large but not overly long.

16. Voice: heard just a snippet of a "Kip" type sound
~~from~~ Similar to Western. Played I Pod to compare about
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):
Tropical Kingbird
in hr later.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Yes - I & you would like photos - email me at
19. Previous experience with this species: rebeccaandwalter@gmail.com
Limited - More familiar with Western & Cassin's.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation:
Sibley's Eastern Birds, I Bird
b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation; ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___); memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)?
Yes - due to vocalization

23. Signature of reporter: Rebecca L Crofton (date)









