

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more 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, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 ADULT
3. Locality: (parish) JEFFERSON PARISH
Specific Locality: GRAND ISLE STATE PARK
4. Date(s) when observed: 5/23/2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
7:35 AM THRU 8:25 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: MITCHELL FORET
673 BAYOU BLUE ROAD
HOUMA, LA 70364
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
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8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
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9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
SUNNY SKIES - SUN TO MY BACK DURING OBSERVATION
AND TAKING PHOTOS
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
10 X 42 LEUPOLD BINOCULARS CANON DIGITAL SLR w/ 70 X 300 ZOOM
CANON DIGITAL SLR w/ 400MM LENSE
11. Distance to bird(s):
15-25 YARDS
12. Duration of observation:
50 MINUTES
13. Habitat: BATH HOUSE PARKING LOT, BEACH SIDE @ STATE PARK
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in

identification; relate events surrounding observation): BIRD WAS FLYING FROM POWER LINES AND TREE TOP TO CHASE BUGS THEN RETURNING TO PERCH.

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):

BRIGHT YELLOW BELLY AND CHEST, WHITE THROAT. BEAK TO HEAD RATIO APPEARED LESS

16. Voice:

A SHARP YIP WHEN FLYING FROM PERCH TO CHASE BUGS. NO CALL OR SONG NOTED

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

NO GRAY ON THROAT LIKE WESTERN. BEAK APPEARED SHORTER THAN TROPICAL KINGBIRD LISTED IN FIELD GUIDE.

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

54 PHOTOS TAKEN - SEE ATTACHED (5)

(NO TAPE RECORDING)

19. Previous experience with this species:

FIRST SEEN JAN 10, 2017 AT FONTAINEBLEAU STATE PARK

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

NO OTHER BIRDERS PRESENT

a. at time of observation: NAT GEO FIELD GUIDE

SIBLEY FIELD GUIDE

b. after observation:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC COMPLETE BIRDS OF AMERICA (2ND ED)

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____/_____ notes made after the observation (date: 5/23); YES memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: Walter Fout Date: 5/24/19 Time: 700 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

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