

12. Duration of observation:

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13. Habitat:

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: Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus / Couch's Kingbird
 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): Tyrannus couchii

3. Locality: (parish) Lafourche

Specific Locality: 27982-27998 LA-1, Golden Meadow U.S./LA

4. Date(s) when observed:

October 18, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

12:58 p.m.

6. Reporting observer and address:

April Gamble
112 Flamingo Rd.
Morgan City, LA 70380

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Samantha Nguyen

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

None

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Sunny, clear skies with slight breeze, 100% visibility.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Canon Powershot and Nikon d3400

11. Distance to bird(s):

20 ft.

12. Duration of observation:

8 minutes

13. Habitat:

Incidental, gas station parking lot, few palm trees.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Stationary on power line above gas pump, flew down, caught wasp then flew to adjacent power line to feed and preen.

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): Yellow-bellied flycatcher, slightly green back, gray head. Seemingly long bill, dark eye, pale brown tail.

16. Voice:

None

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

Appeared larger than Western Cassin's.

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

Photographs obtained by both observers.

Photos attached.

19. Previous experience with this species:

None

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

Sibley's, along with discussion with more experienced birders

a. at time of observation:

Sibley's

b. after observation:

More experienced birders (called and messaged)

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

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

Yes. Tropical seems more likely.

23. Signature of reporter:

April Samble

Date: 10-18-20 Time: 5:42

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?

April Gamble, yes.
Samantha Nguyen, yes.

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