

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, unknown sex and age
3. Parish: Plaquemines
Specific Locality: Morel's Woods
4. Date(s) when observed:
7 December 2023
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
9 am
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
N/a
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
N/a
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Well-lit from front in morning light, though was hanging out in fairly dense vegetation for most of viewing time
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Leica 10x42 binoculars in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s):
10-20 feet approximately
12. Duration of observation:
5-10 minutes

13. Habitat:

Batture/shrub-scrub on exterior of mature Live Oak forest

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

Came in to mob tape silently and unnoticed, but saw it moving its head inquisitively as mob tape continued. Could not see rect pattern so I started playing ATFL to see if I could get a vocal response. It moved closer to my speaker in response, where I could see that it was fairly large-billed, but still did not respond. I started playing BCFL and it vocalized immediately and aggressively flew in very close to the speaker.

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*):

A *Myiarchus* flycatcher with yellow breast paler than expected on GCFL, pale gray upper breast and chin, large-billed, brown crest, and distinct BCFL tail pattern of dark brown edging that wraps around tail tip with rufous interior rectrices.

16. Voice: Liquid “whip” calls and several bouts of excited “whip-purrer-wheer” calls. Recordings attached.

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

GCFL and ATFL both eliminated by voice and tail pattern

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

Photos and audio obtained by myself and are attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

Several times in Nicaragua, Belize, Arizona, and south Texas

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

Sibley Guide to birds mobile app

a. at time of observation:

Yes

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

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

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

Yes

23. Date: 18 December 2023

Time: 10 AM

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 _____

