

LBRC Report Form

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
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Diamond
5. Date(s) when observed: 10/28/23
6. Time(s) of day when observed: late afternoon
7. Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
no
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Seen by a large number of people in the days after I found it
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Somewhat shaded but otherwise good, colors seen very well
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 3 ft
13. Duration of observation: 4 min
14. Habitat: In the scrubby edge surrounding a grassy park across from the Mississippi River. This site is known for attracting large numbers of tyrannids, especially kingbirds, but a Brown-crested also wintered here for I think 5 consecutive years a decade ago
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Responded aggressively to mob tape, coming in quite close
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):

immediately gave the impression of a large Myiarchus. Turned out to be a perfect brown crested - large, thick based bill, fairly bright yellow below, pale throat and chest, and classic tail pattern, with dark outer retrices but rufous extending all the way to the base of the tail. Many photos. Added 10/29 - I realized none of my photos show the bird from the side, but I did have a clear look at the tertials right when I first saw it, and the outer tertial was not thicker than the others, rather they were all fairly even

17. Voice: I did not hear the bird, but others whose chased it confirmed that it made the expected whip calls

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Separated from Ash-throated by tail pattern and structure, from Great-crested by coloration and tail pattern

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Yes, photos attached, additional photos and audio from a month later by Remsen et al available here <https://ebird.org/checklist/S155509685>

20. Previous experience with this species: This is the 3rd Brown-crested Flycatcher I have found in south Louisiana in the past 2 year, so I have become quite comfortable identifying them, especially with great looks like I had of this bird

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:
11/8/23

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







