

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):
One (1) bird was observed; sex and age unknown
3. Parish:
Acadia
4. Specific Locality:
A for Effort - 7199 S LA 13, Crowley, LA This "yard" is surrounded on 3 sides by dry, recently plowed fields and to the East is a native grass pasture with a tree-lined gully.
5. Date(s) when observed: October 1 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:35 a.m.
7. Reporting observer: Claire and Tom Hanson
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
N/A
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Steven W. Cardiff (ebird reviewer)
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Some of our photos were taken looking straight up at the bird - so those pictures are backlit - the other photos were taken as we faced the West with the sunlight overhead and behind us
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Claire's binoculars: Zeiss Terra ED 8 x 42 - excellent condition
Tom's binoculars: Nikon Monarch 10 x 42 - excellent condition
Camera used: Nikon D3500 with Nikon DX AF-P Nikkor 70-300mm 1:4.5-6.3G ED
12. Distance to bird(s): 15 to 25 feet
13. Duration of observation: 15 minutes -

14. Habitat: Live Oak Trees and a mix of other deciduous trees and brush along a narrow tree line

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): We noticed the bird along our tree line on the West side of our property - lost sight of it and then re-found it in a large, live oak tree, nearby. We could see the bird up in the canopy and watched it for several minutes, photographing it from below (almost directly below) - it was perched in one location but constantly looked around; then flew to a nearby limb and snagged a large dragonfly. It worked on the "catch" for a minute and then flew off, back to the tree line - we followed and was able to take more photos while it ate the dragonfly. At that point, we decided to leave it along so as not to bother it too much.

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):

This bird was smaller than a Northern Mockingbird - it was between 8 and 9" in length - about the same size as a Cardinal; We immediately thought that it was a Great Crested Flycatcher since we had just had two in the yard a few days ago. Although, we thought that it's face, throat and breast looked lighter gray and made a point of taking photos of the tail so as to figure out whether it was an Ash-throated since we have had one of those here a couple of years ago. The bill was large and dark and its belly appeared a creamier yellow than the Great Crested Flycatchers we've seen lately.

17. Voice: no vocalization

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

Ash-throated Flycatcher - we ruled out this species as the bird did not appear to have the dark brown "band" across the tip of the tail feathers - and the yellow seemed to be a bit bright for an Ash-throated- We reported the bird on ebird as a Great Crested Flycatcher and was notified the next day that the bird looked good to be a Brown-crested Flycatcher (Steve Cardiff) -

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

The photographs were taken by Tom and Claire Hanson and are attached. The bird did not vocalize - although we did try a Great Crested Flycatcher audio and got no response from this individual

20. Previous experience with this species: No previous experience

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

Sibley Birds East; ebird.org; Merlin Bird ID; Steven W. Cardiff

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

We are not positive and would like the LBRC to review this report and photos submitted to make a determination as to its identification.

24. Date report completed:

October 2 2024

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









