

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 individual, unsure how to age/sex *Myiarchus*
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Buras Family Cemetery north of Venice
5. Date(s) when observed: 27 January 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: About 5pm
7. Reporting observer: Nick Ramsey
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Lucas Rot, Ravynn Garcia, Kraig Oramous, Libby Brennan
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): At obscured by branches, most of observation directly in beautiful warm light from the falling sun
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 8x42 Binoculars, Canon EOS R5 w/ 100-500mm lens, both in good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): 20-50 feet
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
14. Habitat: Scrubby regrowth
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird flew in right over the car when we arrived at the woodlot, landing right next to us. We

jumped out and it flew around the woodlot for the next 10 minutes, perching mostly 15-25 feet up in trees. We used playback of Ash-throated and Brown-crested Flycatchers but the bird didn't move in to either. Kraig thought he heard a "whip" note in response to playback.

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):

Myiarchus flycatcher with brown cap, gray chest, and pale yellow belly. Bill blackish and fairly thick based. Undertail rufous with dark edging on the inner vanes but not spreading inwards towards the center.

17. Voice: I did not hear the bird but Kraig said he thought he heard a "whip" call in response to playback.

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

Bill heavier and longer than Ash-throated Flycatcher, undertail pattern different with dark marking not extending towards the center of the tail.

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

Several of my photographs attached. Nobody else had a camera

20. Previous experience with this species: Extensive experience with this species in Arizona and Texas, including just a couple weeks ago. Not much experience identifying birds out of range.

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

Referred to LBRC document on separation of Myiarchus flycatchers and sent photos to Esme Rosen, who concurred with BCFL.

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Mostly, but with the caveat that I have little experience separating silent, out of range Myiarchus.

24. Date report completed:

28 January 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





