

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Cassin's Kingbird, *Tyrannus vociferans*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Diamond, LA, Baseball field. With your back to the road, to the right of the baseball field just past the Oak trees
5. Date(s) when observed: Sunday, October 29, 2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 6:00pm-6:15pm
7. Reporting observer: Marcie Blanchard and Ann Walters
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
n/a
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Not present- Daniel Lane and David Muth viewed photos of the bird to assist with ID
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): It was after 6:00 pm and the sun had started slipping below the horizon. We were facing south looking at the bird on the wire, the sun had set to our right.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon prostaff 7s 8x42, Canon EOS R6, Nikon Monarch M7
12. Distance to bird(s): ~30-60 feet
13. Duration of observation: total perhaps 2-4 minutes (it was perched on the wire, flew away, flew back and perched some more, flew away)
14. Habitat: On power lines that were between oaks and an open field
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was perched on a wire with several Scissor-tailed Flycatchers on each side of it. It flew from the wire to nearby oak trees. Then after a few moments, flew back to the wire with the Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, remained on the wire for a moment, then flew back to the oaks. It was fairly dark at this time and we were not able to get eyes on it in the oaks.

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):

Kingbird, grey above, yellow below, no white on outer rectrices from what we could see, perched on powerline amongst Scissor-tailed Flycatchers

17. Voice: The bird did not vocalize.

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

The bird was amongst Scissor-tailed flycatchers, slightly smaller body with a shorter tail- stood out as a Kingbird sp.

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

Photos taken by Ann Walters, yes attached. I also included an unedited photo.

20. Previous experience with this species: No previous experience with this species

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

National Geographic Eastern guide

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

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

Personally, I would not say I am positive on this ID, but more experienced eyes are confident enough to suggest we submit it.

24. Date report completed:

11/1/2023

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

