

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Cassin's Kingbird Tyrannus verticalis
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One bird in adult plumage
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
West Ravenna Rd.
5. Date(s) when observed: 11/3/1923
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:53 P.M.
7. Reporting observer: Joan Garvey
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Cathy DiSalvo, Mark Meunier
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): The bird was seen on a power line in full sun
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon EOS R5 RF100-500 f4.5-7.1 L IS USM. Zeiss Victory SF 10 x 42. Good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): approximately 20-30 feet
13. Duration of observation: Less than a minute
14. Habitat: The bird was perched on a power line along the river levee across the street from an open unmowed field
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird had briefly perched before flying off to perch on a telephone pole in the open field.
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):
The bird had a dark gray head and back with a white chin. The dark brown tail did not have white edges on the outer tail feathers.

17. Voice: none

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

Western Kingbirds were in the area and seen on the same power line in the same light. The Westerns had a lighter back and had white edges on the outer tail feathers.

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

Yes, photos taken by Joan Garvey which are attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: I saw Cassin's Kingbird in Arizona 8/11/2010 but this was a much better look.

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

We referred to National Geographic field guide to birds of North America

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

11/6/2023

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

