

# 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): one, adult
3. Parish:  
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:  
Diamond Area; River Road levee near Foster Rd
5. Date(s) when observed: 11-3-2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:22 pm for 28 seconds; 12:52 pm for 2 minutes 24 seconds; 12:59 pm for 12 minutes
7. Reporting observer: Mary Mehaffey
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Cham Mehaffey
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Joan Garvey, Cathy DiSalvo, Mark Meunier reported observing a Cassin's Kingbird later that day 11-3-2023 in same general area. We had already left the area. Possibly same bird first observed by Chloe St. Germaine-Vermillion, MM Blanchard, and Ann Walters on 10-29-2023 at 15:38 pm in Diamond Area
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear Skies, full sun on bird on top of weed photo; some shade on bird in tree photo
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8 x 42 Vortex Viper Binoculars. New camera Nikon CoolPix 1000, 24mm - 3000mm
12. Distance to bird(s): Photo of bird on weed was about 100' from me, and photo of bird in tree was about 150 -200' from me
13. Duration of observation: 15 minutes
14. Habitat: Mississippi River levee with tall grasses, narrow woodlands stretching along the river bank
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): observed bird fly catching - flying out from perch catching insects at times and returning to perch

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):

Bird was about the same size as other kingbird species, dark gray head and face, olive/gray back, white under eye malar, gray breast, bright yellow belly, brownish wings, black tail with pale edge, black bill, dark eye. Gray head was much darker than Western Kingbird, throat was darker gray than the pale gray of the Western Kingbird

17. Voice: Bird did not call

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

Western Kingbird has very pale gray throat and pale gray breast; this bird had a dark gray throat and breast. Western Kingbird has a light gray head and this bird's head was dark gray

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

Photographs taken by Mary Mehaffey; attached

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species at least 4 times in Arizona, 2 times in New Mexico, and 2 times in west Texas

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

iBird plus phone Ap; The Sibley Guide to Birds

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, 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



