

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:
Jefferson
4. Specific Locality:
Grand Isle State Park middle bathhouse entrance on wires
5. Date(s) when observed: 10/14/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:13pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Charlotte Chehotsky and Darlene Eschete
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
No others with us at the time
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 Camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binnoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 40 feet or so
13. Duration of observation: 30-40 minutes
14. Habitat: Asphalt Road through coastal sand with small brush, bushes and trees
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was on the utility wires mostly sitting but flying off and catching bugs
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):

There were other birds on the wire. A Western Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers and a Couches/Tropical Kingbird. This bird was obviously darker than the other birds. Charlotte recognized the difference and identified the bird as a possible Cassin's. We all made sure to get plenty of photographs. We played the call briefly and the bird flew from the wire a moment in reaction then returned to the wire. The bird had a yellow belly, dark gray head , white under the eye and beak area.

17. Voice: Did not hear

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

See #16

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

Yes, all of us there. Me (Kathy), Darlene and Charlotte

20. Previous experience with this species: We all saw this bird this past August in West Texas during the Fort Davis Humminbird Celebration

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

Merlin, Field guide, and emailed photos to other birders expert in identification

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:

10/15/2023

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







