

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 adult bird
3. Parish:
Plaquemines Parish, LA
4. Specific Locality:
Diamond, in the tree line along the abandoned RV park not particularly deep in
5. Date(s) when observed: Dec 16, 2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:20AM-10:31AM
7. Reporting observer: John A. Keegan
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
None that day. Other observers (Blanchard, Muth, Rosen, Garvey) had seen a bird I believe is the same bird in the area between Oct-Jan.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Very overcast
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x
12. Distance to bird(s): 100ft
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes approx
14. Habitat: Woods, mostly with few leaves and what would have been good visibility if not for the poor lighting.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Some

interaction with another nearby kingbird, not necessarily aggressive. It's quite possible the other bird was Western Kingbird as I've seen them in this area previously.

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 with grey back and brown wings. Yellow went up most of the way but there was a greyish / brown area on the breast (which separates it from possible Couches/Tropical I've seen) and white mustache and white area under the bill. Lacked any obvious white outer rectrices.

17. Voice: Heard a few calls that sounded like "chee-beer", "chee-beer".

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

Western Kingbird. Very likely also present. Looked carefully for white outline on outer rectrices. Have seen a Couches/Tropical - this seems eliminated because for those birds the yellow went way up the breast.

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

Attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: None. I have observed Western Kingbirds and a possible Couches/Tropical. I definitely have a sense for ruling out the Western in this case, but no actual experience with this species.

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

Reviewed McAuley Library/CLO website.

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Not even remotely. I have see a number of Western Kingbirds - and this seemed noticeably different, but I am nowhere near expert enough to use the word positive.

24. Date report completed:

04/18/2024

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







