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): Three, plumage looked good.

3. Parish: Plaquemines

4. Specific Locality: Old ballpark in Diamond, LA.

5. Date(s) when observed: Nov. 17, 2024

6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:50 am

7. Reporting observer: Michael Musumeche

8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): Cheryl Huner

9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Cheryl Huner

10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): cloudy but lighting was good.

11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x42.

12. Distance to bird(s): Two birds were perched on a power line about 10 feet apart about 70 feet away from observer. During that same time, another bird was perched on a power line about 60 yards away.

13. Duration of observation: Approx. 30 minutes on and off, after that time most of the birds quieted down their activity.

14. Habitat: Short grass with several power lines and many fences.

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Birds were flying about and appeared to be actively feeding.

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):

Kingbirds with dark gray head and breast, dull yellow on lower surface, bright white malar. Previously recorded by others.

17. Voice: None noted

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Western Kingbird would have white outer tail feathers, light gray head and breast, duller yellow lower surface, and not as conspicuous malar.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): By #7 above.

20. Previous experience with this species: A few times in the western U.S.

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

22. Identification aids used when? After observation

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

24. Date report completed: 19/Nov/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



