

# 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:  
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:  
GPS 29.79092N, 93.74620W. At end of Willow Lane off of Smith Ridge Road
5. Date(s) when observed: 10.24.2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:30am approximately
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
David Booth (spotted the bird), Charlotte Chehotsky (who ID'd as Cassin's) and Crystal Johnson
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
None
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 25 yards to 50 yards
13. Duration of observation: 10-15 minutes
14. Habitat: Small dead end road with trees and shrubbery on either side.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was sallying into the air and to the top of bare tree where a scissor tailed flycatcher was. It would fly to a power line nearby also.

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 definitely a Kingbird. It did NOT have white outer edges so ruled out Western Kingbird. Bird wasn't too bright of yellow so Couch's and Tropical were confusing. Then Charlotte said Cassin's and it all started to make sense. Then we all noticed the white cheek patch. David was telling us all to get photos.

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 by me. No recordings.

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this bird 3 other times in the last 13 months. Once on a Texas trio in 2023, once in Grand Isle (10.14.2023) and once at Diamond in Plaquemines parish early this year 2024.

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

Sent photos to Jack Rogers who quickly confirmed our finding.

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

10.24.2024

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





