

## LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish)Caddo. C Bickham Dickson Park in Shreveport. Observed from the back road/loop of the park- on the north side of the loop along the northwest arm of the lake.

4. Date(s) when observed: 12/24/2014

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:34 pm

6. Reporting observer and address: Terry Davis

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): Bill Wood (who also obtained photos on a later date). Another out-of-state nature photographer was present that obtained pics when the bird was very close in good light. I do not remember their name- from Alabama?

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): This was likely this same bird which was first discovered/ reported by Emily Holcomb on Nov 4, 2014. It was also photographed by another observer and reported as Western Kingbird.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): swarovski 10 x 50 in good optical condition

11. Distance to bird(s): 30' to 100'

12. Duration of observation: ~20 minutes

13. Habitat: Riparian, open grassy surrounding. Narrow, weedy edge of oxbow with widely scattered saplings

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird flew in from the opposite side of the oxbow in response to brief playback. Then moving back and forth along edge, perching low. Sallying/flycatching occasionally. Briefly flew to high wire, then back to edge, disappearing/ moving on shortly after

15. 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: Largish yellow-bellied type Tyrannus. Bright yellow below from undertail coverts to upper breast, grading into very pale grayish upper breast and throat. Short stout bill. Whitish upper auriculars. Gray crown and hindneck. Dark lores, thinly around dark eye, then somewhat paler, dark diffuse postocular blotch. Pale greenish back and darker, somewhat patternless wings. From memory, the tail detail was not seen well

16. Voice: It was very windy/ tough for recording. Bird was silent mostly, even in response to playback- but was heard giving well-spaced pip calls occasionally, then 1-2 (very few, from memory) "pleer" calls, one of which I obtained a poor recording of.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Tropical Kingbird- somewhat mentioned above

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Link to recording of rolling "pleer" call given by bird- <http://www.xeno-canto.org/217740>

19. Previous experience with this species: Studied during a few occasions during two trips to the LRGV. Compared with Tropical during one of those trips. Also found 2 to possibly 3 or 4 other individuals over the span of a couple of years in Bossier at Cane's Landing. Observed prior to that at Paul Dickson's Pinola preserve in southern Caddo parish.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_\_ notes attached?); \_\_\_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_yes\_\_\_\_ memory. Mostly from memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes, vocally confirmed

23. Signature of reporter: Terry Davis \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
\_\_02/03/2016\_\_ Time: \_1:47\_\_

24.

May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes

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If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes \_\_\_\_\_