

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: Tyrannus couchii Couch's Kingbird
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one adult, unknown sex
3. Locality: Parish: _Vermilion Parish

Specific Locality: _Lomire Rd off Hwy 335 south of Kaplan

4. Date(s) when observed: 1/20/2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:10 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey, 84305 Cobblestone Ct, Folsom, LA 70437
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): previously reported
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): partly cloudy, bird would perch in tree out in sun

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Alpen 8 x 40 binoculars, excellent condition
11. Distance to bird(s): about 50 ft
12. Duration of observation: 3 minutes
13. Habitat: neighborhood with trees and ponds
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): perching in tree and flycatching
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): gray flycatcher with yellow breast and belly, grey head, thick black bill
16. Voice: heard distinctive voice before locating bird
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Tropical Kingbird song is different from Couch's
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photos by Mary Mehaffey
19. Previous experience with this species: West Texas 11/2003 & 11/2007, Louisiana 1/13/2010 Judice Park

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Stokes bird calls to identify by song, Sibley's Guide to Birds for sight ID

a. at time of observation: Stokes Bird Calls and iBird Plus Ap

b. after observation: Sibley's Guide to Birds

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

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

23. Date: 6/15/2015 Time: 10:00 am

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

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

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