

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: **Couch's Kingbird, *Tyrannus couchii***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One bird, alternate plumage
3. Parish: **Vermilion**
Specific Locality: **It was located on Lomire Rd. about 1/3 mile from its intersection with Hwy 335 in a small woodlot across from a residence.**
4. Date(s) when observed: **13/Jan/2015**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **11:00 am**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Michael Musumeche, 1621 Southwood Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **none**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **none**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **very overcast**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **10x42 Swa.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **15 meters**
12. Duration of observation: **7 minutes**
13. Habitat: **weedy, shrubs, short trees**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **actively flying about, singing**
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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): **"Yellow-bellied" Kingbird, bright yellow belly, back greenish, white throat, grayish head, nape, and upper breast, black facial mask, somewhat short, thick black bill, responded strongly to playback.**
16. Voice: **singing at times, identical to playback.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Tropical Kingbird would have a longer bill and not have the song of the Couch's Kingbird.**
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **See #6 above sent to Paul Conover**
19. Previous experience with this species: **Much in south Texas.**
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
- a. at time of observation: **none**
- b. after observation: **Sibley**
21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
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22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: **yes**

23. Date: **13/Jan/2015**

Time: **8:24 pm**





