

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

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. Sex unknown, adult

3. Parish:

Caddo Parish, C. Bickham Dickson Park, GPS coordinates of the bird: 32.4435, -93.6953

4. Date(s) when observed:

January 3, 2015

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

This bird was observed several times during the day from 12:33 p.m. until about 4 p.m.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jeff Trahan, 505 Americana Dr, Shreveport, LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

Jean Trahan

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

Terry Davis, Charlie Lyon

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

This was a rainy, overcast day.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Swarovski 10x40 binoculars.

11. Distance to bird(s):
About 30 feet at the closest approach.

12. Duration of observation:
This bird was actually observed for about 10 minutes.

13. Habitat:
River bottomland, oxbow lake, mowed grass in park. The bird hangs around the oxbow lake.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Bird was seen perching on the tops of trees and on powerlines and hawking insects from all perches.

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*):
For the description, see the photo. The bird was previously identified by call by Terry Davis and Charlie Lyon. My hearing is bad, so I cannot hear the calls.



16. Voice:

Not heard because of poor hearing.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Tropical Kingbird. This bird was distinguished from Tropical Kingbird by Terry Davis and Charlie Lyon.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Yes

19. Previous experience with this species:

Seen several times.

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

a. at time of observation:

None

b. after observation:

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21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes, but only because the calls were identified by two birders (Terry Davis and Charlie Lyon) who are very good.

23. Date: January 3, 2015

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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 _____