

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):
1 (I may have heard another bird call but I could never be sure there was anything more than this one bird, which at one point flew 1/4 mile)

3. Parish: St. Tammany

4. Specific Locality: Fontainebleau State Park

5. Date(s) when observed: 2 Dec. 16

6. Time(s) of day when observed: 13: 00-14: 00

7. Reporting observer and address: Van Remsen, LSUMNS

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

9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): This bird was found yesterday by Glenn Ousset

10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): excellent - see photos

11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10X50 binos

12. Distance to bird(s): As close as 50 ft

13. Duration of observation: off and on over an hour

14. Habitat: Live oaks with adjacent scrubby woods, including lots of tallow, upon which the bird may have been feeding.

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Most time spent high in treetops sallying for aerial insects.

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): An obvious yellow-tyrannid with brownish tail lacking white anywhere; mostly yellow from breast to undertail coverts; bright greenish back; heavy bill. See photos and video.

17. Voice: Occasional calls ("kep" -- vaguely reminiscent of Song Sparrow) and some bursts of burry, chortling song-like vocalizations (captured on video)

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Tropical is only species sharing these plumage features. Diagnostic vocalizations captured on video that eliminate TRKI and any other Tyrannus

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos and video forwarded to LOS BRC

20. Previous experience with this species: Not much -- this might be the best study I've ever had (and was much of the incentive to go there and spend time)

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): none

22. Identification aids used when? None used

23. Date report completed: 3 Dec. 2016

24. 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

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





