



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): two
3. Parish: St Tammany
Specific Locality: Fontainebleau SP at and nearby the T intersection in front of the rental cabins.
4. Date(s) when observed: 1-5-17
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30 thru about 11:10
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin 13083 Blackwell Lane, Franklinton, LA 70438
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Claire Thomas
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Wanda and Michael Beelman and many others
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Mostly cloudy, but no severe glare. Able to get decent photos.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8x42 Steiner binoculars and Panasonic Lumix F28 25-600mm camera.
11. Distance to bird(s): ranging from 20 to 100 feet away. Flyovers were low, mostly perched at top of trees or snags.
12. Duration of observation: 45 minutes off and on.
13. Habitat: Near Lake Ponchartrain shoreline. Some live oaks, cypress and pines. Some trees loaded with moss.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Arrived at location and played Couch's call. Got response within 2 minutes. Low flyover of 1 Couch's, then followed in a few minutes by a Western kingbird. Both were fly catching and being harassed by many tree swallows. Then after about 10 or 15 minutes, the second Couch's appeared. Saw all 3 kingbirds at the same time. The Couch's were very vocal. I saw the Western chirp a couple of times but mostly silent.
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*): Both Couch's were seen together. Both had a small amount of white/gray on throat area, but mostly bright yellow on all underparts. No white outer tail feathers from below, tails were light in color from below. Large bills and both had greenish color on upper back. Both were vocal and were seen together.

16. Voice: heard the call mostly deet-deet-deet.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The Western was more brown on the upperparts and had white outer tail feathers that were obvious to both me and Claire.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Only back in 2001 when I was on a birding trip in south TX. Long ago.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley field guide, Nat Geo field guide, iBird pro, Van Remsen (we sent video/audio to him from location when we first saw it in 12-02-2016) for confirmation.

a. at time of observation: Just by sight since we saw it on 12-02-16.

b. after observation: photos

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 1-6-17

Time: 5:12 PM

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_____

