

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 adult
3. Parish: Calcasieu
Specific Locality: Rossignol Road between Lavoie Rd and the S-curve to the west
4. Date(s) when observed: 18 January 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:30-1:35 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Phillip Wallace
Abbeville, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Cardiff, Dittmann (discovered), Lane, Conover, Remsen, et al
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent; bird to the north and sun to the south of observer
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle 8x40 bins
11. Distance to bird(s): 5 meters
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
13. Habitat: Farmyard adjacent to houses with orange trees, near coulee
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perching, searching for insects, flying
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 with bright yellow underparts extending to the white throat, with the yellow merging with very pale, diffuse greenish band at upper end. Pale gray head with black mask through eye. Pale greenish-gray mantle and lower nape. Upper surface of notched tail not seen. Wings brownish. Black bill fairly thick and not particularly long.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Plumage features limit the bird to Couch's/Tropical. Bill size and shape point to Couch's but only voice, or measurements, is definitive. Others heard it give typical Couch's rather than Tropical calls.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photographs by Wallace accompany this report.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen many times in TX and several times in LA.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Positive it's a CK/TK, but depending on report of call from others in saying it's a Couch's.

23. Date: 20 January 2018

Time: 5:03 pm

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

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

Couch's Kingbird
Rossignol Road
1/18/2018 1:33:25 PM



Couch's Kingbird
Rossignol Road
1/18/2018 1:32:49 PM



Couch's Kingbird
Rossignol Road
1/18/2018 1:32:41 PM



Couch's Kingbird
Rossignol Road
1/18/2018 1:32:12 PM



Couch's Kingbird
Rossignol Road
1/18/2018 1:32:11 PM



Couch's Kingbird
Rossignol Road
1/18/2018 1:31:33 PM

