

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: (keyed out as) Couch's Kingbird, *Tyrannus couchii*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Locality: Vermilion Parish
Specific Locality: Campbell Road, 3 mi S of Wright
4. Date(s) when observed: 10/26/2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 09:27 to about 10:22 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast but fine
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x Zeiss, Nikon D3300 with 200 mm lens, Nikon Fieldscope III with 20-60x zoom, Samsung S8 camera (thru scope).
11. Distance to bird(s): As close as 15 yards. Very cooperative.
12. Duration of observation: almost 1 hour solid viewing
13. Habitat: Fair-sized patch of woods and scrub in the ag prairie scape.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: Landed on wire down the road, then a mocker chased. I played various kingbird calls, and on COKI, this bird appeared.
15. Description:
Yellow-bellied kingbird with bright yellow onto upper breast and underwing linings. Mantle greenish, wing coverts grayish with thin whitish-to-buff edging, flight feathers blackish, secondaries edged whitish (wings with muted scaled look when seen closely). Throat light gray/whitish, chin whitish. Head grayish, squared-off on head-on look, with wide cleft down center of crown. Tail greenish/brownish, slightly notched. Bill black, broadly triangular from below, evenly graduated in profile, not notably long. Eye dark. Legs dark.
16. Voice: ratchety sneeze-like call/song, and shorter, sharper notes.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
From Cassin's and Western by overallmpattern, from Tropical by vocals. Other contenders probably ruled out by vocals.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. Photos, audio, and video.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in Texas long ago, and a few time-and-place scattered birds in LA.

21. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Looks and sounds like one. I'd say yes.

22. Date: 10/26/2019







