

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 individual

3. Parish: Jefferson Davis

Specific Locality: Illinois Plant Road in the vicinity of Oil and Gas facility just before entering Lacassine NWR

4. Date(s) when observed: October 12, 2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1230 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
City: Lafayette
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None

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

Robert Dobbs via e-mail said looked good for Tropical?Couch's

Steven Cardiff via e-mail wrote that it looked good for Couch's

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, no clouds, multiple photographs from different angles

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optis Shrike, 8 x 42, fair condition
Nikon D7200 w/ 70-300mm lens, good condition

11. Distance to bird(s): 3-4 meters

12. Duration of observation: approximately 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Tall phragmites on east side of gravel road/oil and gas production facility on west side of road

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was originally seen on west side of road on wire. The bird was then observed foraging/sallying out after flying insects and perched on wire.

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*):

Medium sized flycatcher with grey head, black mask from the beak to behind the eyes, back is greenish yellow with darker wing tips. It has a dark, notched tail without any white on the edges. It is yellow, bright yellow at that, from the tail to the undersides of the wings up to the neck. At that point the bird has white neck patch up to a black, barely noticeable hook on the bill.

16. Voice: The bird made a brr, brr (excuse the phonetics) type call.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None at initial observation, mis-identified as Western Kingbird. After reviewing bird guide, realized that the yellow on the chest went up too high to be W. Kingbird along with olive greenish-yellow back. Eliminated WEKI because this bird did not have white edges on tail.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

a. at time of observation: none, originally ID'd as Western Kingbird

b. after observation:

National Geographic Birds of North America 7th Edition

iBird Pro

Rob Dobbs

Steven Cardiff after reviewing eBird list (also recommended LBRC submission)

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: 95% confident. I would be 100 % if I would have recorded the calls. If the bird is not a Couch's Kingbird, then it's a Tropical Kingbird.

23. Date: October 16, 2019

Time: 825pm

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_____







