

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 adult
3. Parish: Calcasieu parish
Specific Locality: Choupique road
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/24/2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:25 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Joan M. Garvey
City: New Orleans
State: Louisiana

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

Mark Meunier

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

David Booth

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast skies but bird in unobstructed view

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Canon EOS 7D with EF400mm f/4 DO IS II USM lens

11. Distance to bird(s): 30 feet

12. Duration of observation: >5 minutes

13. Habitat: A hedgerow with taller trees along a rural street with pastures and houses.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

The bird flew in to Couch's call and freely vocalized as it flew from tree to tree over us.

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*):

The bird was a bright yellow from the breast down with greenish back and gray head. It had a dark bill.

16. Voice: It gave a kip call but mostly a "breeeer" which we were able to record.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Tropical Kingbird is similar but has a much different vocalization.

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

I have photographs and Mark Meunier was able to record the vocalization

19. Previous experience with this species:

We have seen this species before

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

a. at time of observation: ibird pro app

b. after observation: Sibley, Nat Geo field guides

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

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

yes

23. Date: 2/24/2020

Time: 7:25

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_____



