

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 in adult plumage
3. Parish: St. Charles Parish
Specific Locality: CC road on the north side of Bonnet Carre Spillway.
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/20/2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:01 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Joan Garvey
City: New Orleans
State: LA

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

Mark Meunier, Willie Matthews, James Beck, Linda Kingsland

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

Mark Meunier, Willie Matthews, James Beck, Linda Kingsland

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Full sun with the bird in plain view.

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

Zeiss Victory SF 10 x 42 in good condition Canon EOS 7D with a Canon EF 400mm F/4 DO IS II USM lens in good condition

11. Distance to bird(s): 30-50 feet

12. Duration of observation: at least 15 minutes

13. Habitat: CC road runs between a mowed levee on one side and a row of mixed trees and shrubs on the other.

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

The bird had been seen in the area within the hour. It was pulled in by playing it's call. We did the same and the bird immediately flew in and vocalized. We watched the bird feeding and perching in the tree line for at least 15 minutes.

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 had a bright yellow breast and belly with pale greenish back. The tail did not have a white edge on the outer tail feathers distinguishing it from Western. The call was Couch's separating it from Tropical. Also noted was the darker ear patch.

16. Voice: a breer.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The call was Couch's which distinguished it from Tropical. The tail was brown with no outer white tail feather edges and the ear patch was darker distinguishing it from Western.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, photos were taken by all of us present. I will send mine. Willie Matthews recorded several calls from the bird.

19. Previous experience with this species: Yes, we all have seen this species

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

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

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

23. Date: 2/22/2020 Time: 6:36 a.m.

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_____



