

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 in adult plumage, unsexed
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: O Blanc Road x Pig Farm Road
4. Date(s) when observed: 18 December 2022
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:30 PM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Van Remsen, Dan Lane

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): Well lit in afternoon sunlight

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 binoculars, 400mm lens on crop-sensor body

11. Distance to bird(s): 15 feet when originally seen, then 30-45 feet

12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes

13. Habitat: Early-mid successional bottomland forest bordering maintained lawns, some pastures/rice impoundments nearby

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Originally flushed by Eastern Phoebe, then seen sallying for dragonflies in canopy, then at rest

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*): Large, yellow-bellied kingbird with gray head, solid colored tail, yellowish-green back, fairly hefty bill.

16. Voice: Gave contact call notes, "eek, eek!" Distinct voice

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Western/Cassin's Kingbird eliminated immediately due to color of back and bill size.
Tropical Kingbird eliminated by voice

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photographs, video, and audio recordings all obtained by myself, Dan Lane, and Van Remsen. My photographs attached (page 4), additional media can be found at <https://ebird.org/checklist/S124281709>

19. Previous experience with this species: Once in Louisiana, twice in Texas

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

a. at time of observation: N/A

b. after observation: N/A

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"/>
Y	memory		
Y	study of images		

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

23. Date: 19 December 2022
Time: 5 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

