

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

3. Parish: Calcasieu

Specific Locality: Ellis Moss Road, 30.092466, -93.407711

4. Date(s) when observed: May 13, 2023, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S137455029>

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:16pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Katie B. Barnes
City: Lafayette
State: LA

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

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): heard only, recording obtained

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): audio only with iPhone 13 Merlin app to record and study song/call notes

11. Distance to bird(s): n/a

12. Duration of observation: 5-10 min

13. Habitat: open field with mature oaks

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

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*): n/a

16. Voice: wheezy, weak whistles and weeps

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

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

19. Previous experience with this species: previous encounters were mostly with silent individuals except for one observed a couple years ago in Louisiana.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley Guide app flycatcher recordings

b. after observation: other birders (Erik Johnson)

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I believe this to be a COKI based on recording alone. Recording file attached to this report.

23. Date: 6/6/2023
Time: 11:11am

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

