

## LBRC Report Form

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:  
Jeff Davis
4. Specific Locality:  
West Niblett Road (30.1232693, -92.8659164)
5. Date(s) when observed: 12.14.2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:45am
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Tom and Claire Hanson
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Charlotte Chehotsky, Gordon and Deanna Griggs
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 100 yards to flyover
13. Duration of observation: 15 minutes
14. Habitat: gravel road with residence, but with fields and a large pond
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was calling frequently which is how we located it. It was sallying for bugs and returning to a perch high in the trees, generally on open branches or snags

16. 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):

Yellow bellied flycatcher with gray head and yellow belly, no white on outer tail feathers

17. Voice: Very Vocal, recording attached

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

Tropical (heard bird vocalize) or Western (did not have white outer tail feathers)

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

Yes by me

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this bird a number of times mostly at River Road in Berwick

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

Merlin sound id confirmed call, Charlotte Chehotsky texted me about this bird they found while birding the Thornwell CBC. It was a lifer for my friends Tom and Claire Hanson.

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

12.17.2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes

