

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 individual, unknown sex and age
3. Parish: Plaquemines
Specific Locality: Town of Diamond
4. Date(s) when observed:
15 January 2024
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
Approximately 4:00PM
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):
n/a
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
n/a
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Well lit by "golden hour" light; bird was flying approximately 25 feet overhead
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica 10x42 binoculars in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s):
25 feet at closest
12. Duration of observation:
Brief, under 1 minute

13. Habitat: Public park with baseball diamond and live oaks, as well as open areas and power lines. Bird was flying towards levee batture

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

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*):

Detected as it was backlit, flying in, but was seen well lit briefly. A yellow-bellied kingbird with a solidly dark tail lacking white outer rectrices.

16. Voice: Gave 3 PAWR-like, excited “chimp!” calls in flight

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

CAKI, WEKI eliminated by tail pattern; TRKI eliminated by voice

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

No

19. Previous experience with this species:

Several in Louisiana; many in Texas

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

none

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"/>
Y	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Y	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes, though I am hesitant to submit this record since it lacks proper documentation. The bird was simply moving too fast to ready my camera, and truthfully I thought it was going to sit on the telephone wires (where the kingbirds often sit at this known roosting site before flying off to whichever tree they are sleeping in that night). However, I am 100% positive in my identification and feel that I heard the bird well enough to confidently identify this individual.

23. Date: 18 January 2024

Time: 12:05 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?

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