

## 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:  
St. Mary
4. Specific Locality:  
Berwick Boat Launch, River Road, Berwick, LA 29.66443° N, 91.24165° W
5. Date(s) when observed: 1.4.2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:15am
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
None
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast but light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 30 to 150 feet. I moved around and out to get clear views.
13. Duration of observation: 10 minute
14. Habitat: Bayou with lots of trees on opposite bank, some trees on bank with grass area then road to launch.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): When I arrived, I walked to the edge of water. I could hear the bird calling but could not see it.

I waited a few minutes then played the call. The bird flew in tree near me then in the next tree on a higher, clearer snag.

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, back and wings. It did not have white outer edges on tail.

17. Voice: Heard clearly. Recording attached <[coki25rhodes.wav](#)>. Confirms ID.

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

Western Kingbird and Tropical Kingbird. Voice distinctly confirms ID.

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

Yes, by me, Kathy Rhodes (also video: [coki25rhodes.MOV](#) )

20. Previous experience with this species: Seen a number of times, several at this location and at other locations over the years.

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

Merlin sound ID confirmed call.

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

1.5.2025

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





