

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical/Couch's Kingbird
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

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3. Parish: Terrebonne Parish  
Specific Locality: Lower Bayou Dularge in Theriot, LA

4. Date(s) when observed: 2/12/20

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Wendy Wilson Billiot
City: Theriot
State: LA

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

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Jane Patterson via photos

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird up in tree, sun to the east and then sun overhead.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon Camera with Zoom lens

11. Distance to bird(s): 50 feet or so

12. Duration of observation: two hours

13. Habitat: Sweet Gum tree branches

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

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*): I have never seen a bird like this in my area before so I was intrigued. Light grey head, white neck, yellow belly, green back, brown tail feathers. Long, black bill. (No visible crest on head). Slightly smaller than a Blue Jay, by comparison.

16. Voice: Did not hear the voice, as there was a flock of RWBBs in a nearby tree making tremendous noise. It did not appear to be making calls at all.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Jane Patterson of Audubon Louisiana eliminated Western Kingbird and encouraged me to record its call in order to distinguish TRKI from COKI

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

19. Previous experience with this species: None. I had no clue what it was and immediately sought Jane Patterson's expertise. I also knew either of those species would be very rare here. We've had strong sustained SW winds, which makes me wonder if it got blown off course???

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley Field Guide, Merlin Bird ID app, and Cornell's site.

a. at time of observation: Sibley

b. after observation: Merlin and Cornell's All About Birds. The bird had left and I played the Couch's call from Cornell and it came back and perched on a nearby branch for a long time.

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	Today
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I'm not nor is Jane because hearing the call would be determining factor between Tropical and Couch's.

23. Date: 2/12/2020  
Time: 6 p.m. CST

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 \_\_\_\_\_



















