

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical/Couch's Kingbird - *Tyrannus melancholicus/couchii*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Diamond Park
5. Date(s) when observed: 11/15/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:00
7. Reporting observer: Jody Shugart
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
NA
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
NA
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): very poor; overcast and sun setting
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): DSLR camera with 600mm lens and 8x32 binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 30'
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
14. Habitat: live oak trees on roadside
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): perched on oak trees in large flock of flycatchers including Scissor-tailed, Western, and Cassin's.

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):

Chunky kingbird with lemon yellow underside that went all the way up the breast, black line through eye, chunky bill, gray head and back

17. Voice: no vocalization

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

Tropical/Couch's not differentiated due to no calling

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

photograph attached

20. Previous experience with this species: Scattered experience in Gulf Coast locating both Tropical and Couch's Kingbirds and differentiating by voice

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

Sibley's

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

11/26/2023

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

