

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: Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 of unknown sex
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle State Park
4. Date(s) when observed:
10 May 2024
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
8:45am
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):
Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion
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): Front lit in perfect morning light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
10x42 Leica binoculars in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s):
30 feet
12. Duration of observation:
5+ minutes

13. Habitat: A powerline near *Spartina alterniflora* saltmarsh and coastal saline/dune scrub

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Mostly sitting perfectly still on the powerline, but would occasionally jump out to flycatch.

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*):

A large kingbird with a massive, thick bill. Mostly white breast with some gray smudging on sides; gray back; gray tail slightly notched and lacking white tip to rectrices; dark mask that ran from bill base to slightly behind eye

16. Voice: Silent

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

Eastern Kingbird: bill size, tail pattern, overall color

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

Photos by me attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

Once in Louisiana (4/30/24, apparently a different individual from tail wear pattern and covert patterns)

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

a. at time of observation:

n/a

b. after observation:

n/a

21. This description is written from:

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

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

Yes

23. Date: 10 May 2024

Time: 2:20PM

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? _____







