

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Port Eads
5. Date(s) when observed: 17 August 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: around 8:30AM
7. Reporting observer: David Vander Pluym
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Multiple people on the boat saw it though I'm not exactly sure who all had it I believe Esme Rosen was one of them.
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Found and called out by David Muth,
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sun, sun was at our backs so good light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x20 swarovski
12. Distance to bird(s): ~100-150 meters
13. Duration of observation: maybe a second
14. Habitat: on wire near buildings with some scrubby trees otherwise marsh
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): sitting on a wire when I saw it, I believe David Muth saw it fly to the wire.

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):

Very quick look so many details missed. Quick looked as we steamed by. Appeared larger and much heavier billed than the Easterns, long tailed. Compared to the Easterns had a much paler back and crown with a slightly darker mask from bill through eye.

17. Voice: none

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

Large size including the bill and paler gray back ruled out the nearby Eastern Kingbirds

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

none

20. Previous experience with this species: saw many in Puerto Rico two years and 2 a month before this sighting

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

none

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

21 August 2024

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

