

# 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, *Tyrannus melancholicus/couchii*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One adult(?) in basic (?) plumage

3. Parish: Plaquemines

Specific Locality: Diamond playground

4. Date(s) when observed: 29 November 2024

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1034

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: LA

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

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): Poor; heavily overcast and beginning to rain.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 and Nikon D5600 with 55-300mm telephoto lens

11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 20' - 10' at the closest

12. Duration of observation: four or five minutes

13. Habitat: Recreational playground with baseball fields surrounded by wooded edge, woof lots, open fields and river batture.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was perched on a telephone wire with CAKI. Initially, the two were just sallying occasionally, but the CAKI began bickering with this bird and in the duration, this bird never said anything.

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*): Yellow-bellied kingbird with bright yellow from undertail coverts all the way up the upper breast, where it becomes dingy, offset by a whitish throat, dark head with black mask through the eye, heavier billed- than WEKI, notched tail with no white edging to the outer rectrices.

16. Voice: nothing

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): WEKI by smaller bill, lighter gray head, extending lower into chest, black tail with white outer edging to the rectrices, cleaner transition on chest than CAKI, no white malar.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Texas numerous times, Mexico, previous Louisiana birds.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

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: 30 November 2024

Time: 1000

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\_\_\_\_\_





