

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. **English and Scientific names:** "Tropical" Kingbird (Couch's/Tropical)
2. **Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):** 1 adult
3. **Locality: LOUISIANA:** Cameron
Specific Locality: terminus of Mae's Beach Road, Johnsons Bayou
4. **Date(s) when observed:** 04/22/2014
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** mid-day
6. **Reporting observer and address:** Paul Conover, Lafayette
7. **Other observers** accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Dan Lane, Mac Myers, Michael Plauche, Van Remsen.
8. **Other observers who independently identified** the bird(s): Jon Dunn found the bird in the morning and shared the info with us. Billy Jones went to see it as well, and photographed it.
9. **Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):** Good sunlight
10. **Optical equipment (type, power, condition):** Zeiss 10s, Nikon D50 w/300mm lens
11. **Distance to bird(s):** down to 30 yards minimum probably
12. **Duration of observation:** about 5 minutes, mostly in the distance
13. **Habitat:** marsh/beach scrub interface
14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):** I was walking and noticed a kingbird sitting low in ragweed stalks or rattlebox tops. Bird was perched on powerline by road when we arrived, but quickly flew into a small ridge nearby.
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):**

Long-billed, gray-headed and greenish-backed kingbird with slight mask, extensive yellow on belly and breast, a whitish throat, and a small amount of grayish/greenish smudging on upper breast. That's about all I saw.
16. **Voice:**
17. **Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):**

I can't break this down beyond C/T, but other observers heard calls, and wing formula of this adult may prove useful.
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):** yes, one showing spread wing. Blurry but visible details.
19. **Previous experience with this species:**
20. **Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):**
 - a. at time of observation:
 - b. after observation:
21. **This description is written from:** memory
22. **Are you positive of your identification if not, explain:** Only to Couch's/Tropical based on what I personally observed.
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