

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

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. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish)

Cameron Parish

Specific Locality:

Willow Island, 5,250 feet from April 26th bird using google maps.

4. Date(s) when observed:

May 1, 2015

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

4:00PM

6. Reporting observer and address:

Dave Patton

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

Mac Myers

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Good light with afternoon sun behind us.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

50 feet

12. Duration of observation:

10 minutes off and on

13. Habitat:

Coastal Chenier with large oaks and pasture land.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

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stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Perched and feeding. Changing positions as we slowly followed. It moved from one end to the other of a 100 yard range.

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):

Medium sized flycatcher. Bright yellow belly from undertail coverts to upper chest. Pale gray throat. Gray head with darker mask area. Large bill. Gray/green back, dark brown wings and tail. Tail forked with no white on outer edges. Looked like fresher plumage than the April 26th bird. Tail and coverts seemed less worn.

16. Voice:None

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

Western Kingbird. Tail was brown, forked, not black and had no white on outer edges. Bill larger on this bird

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

Yes by me. Attached.

19. Previous experience with this species:

few

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

a. at time of observation:

Sibley's

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____);
__X__ memory.

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

Yes to Tropical/Couch's

23. Signature of reporter:

Date: __May 6, 2015__

Time: __7:00AM__

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes

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