

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:

Earl Rd about 3 miles east of the town of Cameron

4. Date(s) when observed:

April 26, 2015

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

9:00 AM for @ 15 minutes

6. Reporting observer and address:

Dave Patton, davepatton122@gmail.com

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): Overcast with light rain becoming heavy. Fairly dark because of clouds.

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

8.5X binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

30 feet and further

12. Duration of observation:

15 minutes off and on

13. Habitat:

chenier with large oaks and open grassy brush with some small trees

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

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

Perched on top of a bush at first followed by various perches as it fed. Fed continuously while we were in the area.

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 size yellow bellied flycatcher. Bright yellow belly that extended from undertail coverts to the upper chest or lower throat. Dull greenish gray back, dark gray head with a darker mask through the eye, and pale gray throat. No obvious white in dark brown tail. Tail seemed forked. Bill looked large. See Photos.

16. Voice: None

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

Western Kingbird, bill was larger, tail was brown and forked not black and square. No white outer tail feathers.

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

Photo attached by me.

19. Previous experience with this species:

A few

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: National Geo and Sibley's

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

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

Yes to Tropical/Couch's.

23. Signature of reporter:

Date: __5/5/2015_____

Time: __9:30 PM_____

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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