

# 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 kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one
3. Parish: Orleans  
Specific Locality: Eastover, in the abandoned golf course.
4. Date(s) when observed: 1/2/2016
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:15pm for about 10 minutes
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mary Mehaffey
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): David Muth, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast. Bird out in the open at first, but a little too far for photo. It came in closer, but in trees, so photo was taken in shade.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Steiner 8x42 and Canon rebel T3i with Sigma 70-300mm lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): at first, about 50ft, then flew in closer in response to player, about 30ft.
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
13. Habitat: Overgrown golf course with shoulder high weeds around 2 small lakes. We

were on the golf cart path, the other side of path was a wooded area that was only about 40ft deep, then the service road.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird seen earlier in the day. We played the call and it appeared. It was quiet, but inquisitive. Did not forage or rest, didn't look stressed.

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*): A bit larger than an eastern kingbird which I am familiar with. Bright yellow underparts, Light gray head with dark line through eye, large black bill.

16. Voice: Silent, but was heard earlier in the same day.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eliminated from Couch's due to vocalization. Also the size of it's bill was larger than a Couch's.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: seen in Braithwaite Park, Plaquemines parish, Cameron County, TX and several while in Costa Rica in 2013.

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

a. at time of observation: Mary Mehaffey also seen just before us by David Muth.

b. after observation: downloaded my photos for a closer look

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 1-7-2016

Time: 4:30pm

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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