

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical Kingbird
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one
3. Parish: Orleans
Specific Locality: South Point Levee
4. Date(s) when observed: 23 December 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 10 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Dan Purrington, 4700 Bissonet, Metairie, 70003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Don Norman
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): about 90 deg; fair skies
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x40 Eagles
11. Distance to bird(s): 100 ft
12. Duration of observation: 15 seconds or so
13. Habitat: on post on levee leading to L. Pontchartrain
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perched, flew off to the west, at least a half mile or more.

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*): See photo. Yellow-bellied kingbird, forked tail, no light outer rectrices, heavy bill, dark mask.

16. Voice: no vocalization

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): almost identical: Couch's Kingbird. If COKI can be eliminated, it is by significant fork to tail, darker mask, bill size and shape. As to staggered primaries, described in the NatGeo guide, I don't know.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Both species and several tropical/couch's in Louisiana, tropical in the tropics.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): 7th ed, National Geographic guide.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	no
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: No. Fairly certain, but can Couch's be ruled out?

23. Date: 7 March 2018

Time:

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_____

