

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 (*T. melancholicus*), and Couch's Kingbird (*T. couchii*)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
n=1, sex and age unknown.

3. Parish: Lafayette

Specific Locality: Southside Regional Park (East Regional Library park), 221 La Neuville Rd, Lafayette, LA

4. Date(s) when observed: 9/2/2017. Erik Johnson went to look for it on 9/3/17 and did not find it. Note that our sighting occurred just after Hurricane Harvey went through.

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

11:07-11:10am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Patricia Rosel & Scott France
City: Lafayette
State: LA

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

none

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

Erik Johnson from photos we sent

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): partly cloudy day. Bird at very top of deciduous tree that had no leaves, then flew to top of live oak

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

10x42, 8x32 binos, 100-400mm Canon lens

11. Distance to bird(s):

80 feet

12. Duration of observation:

5 minutes

13. Habitat:

Southside Regional Park is primarily soccer fields and has Fabacher baseball stadium. It also has a medium-sized, manmade pond. At the pond there are several larger trees.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was primarily sitting at the top of a tree next to the manmade pond. Possibly occasionally flycatching. No vocalizations.

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*):

Large kingbird. Yellow from under tail up through belly and chest, whitish gray throat, largish bill. No white on tail.

16. Voice:

no vocalizations heard

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

All yellow chest and breast and lack of white on tail eliminated western and Cassin's kingbird.

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

photos taken by P. Rosel and S. France. Attached to email

19. Previous experience with this species:

We have little experience with Couch's and Tropical kingbirds, but have seen many western and Cassin's kingbirds.

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

a. at time of observation:

none

b. after observation:

National Geographic Bird book, Dr. Erik Johnson

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	Mostly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

We are positive it was a kingbird and that it was neither a Cassin's nor western kingbird.
We are unable to distinguish Couch's from tropical.

23. Date: 5/6/2018

10:05pm

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_____













