

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 *Myiarchus melancholicus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 in general plumage

3. Parish: East Baton Rouge Parish

Specific Locality: Capital Lake

4. Date(s) when observed:

12/31/2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

9:24-10:45

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Joan Garvey
City: New Orleans
State: LA

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

Mark Meunier

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

Van Remsen

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

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

Zeiss 10 x 42 good condition Canon 7D Mark II 400mm F/4 DO-IS II USM good condition

11. Distance to bird(s): 25-30 feet

12. Duration of observation: Off and on for 1 hour 15 minutes

13. Habitat: Deciduous and evergreen trees and scrub along the edge of Capital Lake

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

The bird was vocalizing and feeding from the treetops at the edge of Capital Lake.

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*):

The bird is indistinguishable from Couch's kingbird except by voice. It had a bright yellow belly and pale throat. A greenish back and long dark bill, with a masked appearance.

16. Voice: The bird spontaneously vocalized "tr tr twididid twididid twididi"

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

Couch's would have a different call.

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

Yes, by Joan Garvey

19. Previous experience with this species:

We have observed Tropical/Couch's on multiple occasions, this one finally vocalized.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

Sibley, internet

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes

23. Date: 12/31/2019

Time 9:24-10:45 a.m.

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 _____





