

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-Tyrannus melancholicus or Couch's Kingbird-Tyrannus couchii

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One individual with clear frontal view using high end Canon IS10x42 binos. Brilliant yellow breast which extended from neck down to vent. References show these two kingbirds as only species with this degree of brilliance and extent. Head gray, profile of that of kingbird which I have seen many times in western US and tropics. Size same as for other yellow breasted kingbirds. Gray tail with no marginal white ornament. No photo obtained as I was too busy looking at the bird. Host also saw the bird (he did not have binos).

3. Parish: Beauregard

Specific Locality: Hampton Street, DeRitter

4. Date(s) when observed: April 27, 2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2 PM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: D Bradford Macurda Jr
City: Spring
State: TX

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): None

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear sky, bright light, bird in open setting on a branch. Some shade.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): High end Canon Image Stabilized 10 x

42 binoculars. Condition Excellent

11. Distance to bird(s): 150 ft

12. Duration of observation: 30-40 sec.

13. Habitat: Tall deciduous tree, sitting on an open spot on the limb.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was perched. ID as kingbird of some sort based on 20 years of observing kingbirds in western US and tropics. Saw TK's on many of my trips while working in Mexico and have 20 full summers in the western US. Where I frequently see kingbirds, including western and Cassin's.

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*): Description given above.

16. Voice: Not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Other yellow breasted king birds by more limited extent of yellow breast and lack of any marginal color along tail feathers.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): None

19. Previous experience with this species: Detailed above.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley 2nd ed. I bird pro.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: For what is worth, I have a photographic memory as I am trained as a geologist-paleontologist and remember by first outcrop in 1954.

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"/>
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study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I am absolutely positive I saw a yellow breasted kingbird.

23. Date: April 30, 2019

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. _____