

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*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one adult type bird

3. Parish: Cameron

Specific Locality: Just East of Peveto Sanctuary at 129 Breaker Drive. Essentially the red roofed camp.

4. Date(s) when observed: Tuesday Dec 8, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: at 10:20 am.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: David Booth
City: Lake Charles
State: Louisiana

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): Good light, clear sunny sky, no wind. Temp in the 40s.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x40 Zeiss binocs and Nikon P-900 camera.

11. Distance to bird(s): Varied, but 30 ft to 150 feet.

12. Duration of observation: The entire event lasted about 5 minutes.

13. Habitat: Coastal, camp environment. Brushy field to north side where the bird went for a short while. This is in the last photo of the series.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was actively feeding and resting on the gate, wires and brush. It was first seen sitting on a large yellow road gate at the end of the road. It flew up to the wire. Shots were taken in both positions. It then flew to the brushy area and sat on top of bushes about 50 yards away. See photo of this attached. When a TRKI recording was played, the bird exploded and came to the car and dive bombed the speaker, then landed on the nearby wire checking the situation out. See photos of the head cocking, attached.

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 with bright yellow belly area running up into a grayish throat. Greenish-yellow back with Gray head, and a darker 'mask' through the eye. Bill was a longish bill, suggestive of a TRKI to me.

16. Voice: No vocalizations detected.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Couch's Kingbird. I believe that the violent response to the playback was a very good indication of this being a TRKI along with the detailed photos.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by observer available in ebird at ...

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S77228218>

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen and photographed several of these in South Louisiana in the past, as identified by others.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: None

21. This description is written from:

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Other than not having an actual vocalization: Yes.

23. Date: December 15, 2020
Time: 2:19 pm

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 _____