

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: Couch's/Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus couchii/Tyrannus melancholicus

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1

3. Parish: Rapides Parish

Specific Locality: Louisiana State University of Alexandria campus

4. Date(s) when observed: 10-19-2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:12 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Logan Firmin
City: Hessmer
State: Louisiana

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

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): in direct sun facing west.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Nikon Coolpix P900

11. Distance to bird(s): \approx 150 feet.

12. Duration of observation: \approx 30 seconds

13. Habitat: maintained lawn with large trees such as pecan, magnolia, and live oak.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perching on an exposed branch at the top of a very tall pecan tree. After 30 seconds or so, a Northern mockingbird swooped and attacked it, it flew off its perch and went northeast towards the golf course.

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*): Medium sized bird, a little bit bigger than a mockingbird. Bright yellow chest and belly with dark grayish brown head, wings, and tail. Black, moderately thick beak. Relatively long wings. Notched tail.

16. Voice: did not vocalize.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Western Kingbird has black tail that is darker than the wings, this individual has grayish brown tail that matches the color of the wings. Cassin's Kingbird has a gray upper chest, white mustache, and white tail tips. This individual has a yellow upper chest, no mustache and no white tail tips.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. Photographed by me, Logan Firmin. Photos attached at end of document.

19. Previous experience with this species: no.

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

a. at time of observation: no identification aids used at that time.

b. after observation: Merlin Identification app and the Audubon Bird Guide app.

21. This description is written from:

	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
yes	memory		
yes	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes, I am positive it is either a Couch's Kingbird or a Tropical Kingbird. I am not sure which because it did not vocalize and it flew away before I could use playback calls to see if I would get a response.

23. Date: 10-20-2020
Time: 12:17 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.



