

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

3. Parish: Lafayette

Specific Locality: 700 Cajundome BLVD, Lafayette, LA 70506

4. Date(s) when observed: 10/14/2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:49 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
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): None

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Morning sunlight (full sun)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optic binoculars, 8x42, fair

11. Distance to bird(s): ~50'

12. Duration of observation: 2 minutes

13. Habitat: mowed grass inside 6' chain-link fence, recently mowed field

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Looked out office window to see a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher sitting on fence and rushed down the hall to take pictures of STFL. Upon watching STFL, finally realized that there was a yellow kingbird sitting on fence near the STFL's initial perch.

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 flycatcher (not as big as STFL but bigger than nearby Eastern Phoebes) with yellow breast up to the neck line, grey head, stout black bill with black stripe through eye, olive-green on back between the wings. The bird flew off shortly after the STFL and was seen antagonizing STFL as both birds flew around the mowed field before flying off, more or less together to the north. Eliminated Western Kingbird by thickness of bill and the yellow on the breast was higher than typical WEKI.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Western Kingbird – though not common around complex, one stayed around for approximately two weeks in February/March 2020. The bird observed had a stouter/thicker bill than WEKI with more yellow on the chest.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none

19. Previous experience with this species: observed with Rob Dobbs several years ago in the same general location

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Cornell website and Nat Geo Field guide to the birds of North America, 7th edition

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	10/14/2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		

study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I am confident enough to eliminate WEKI but can not say if the bird is a Tropical or Couch's Kingbird.

23. Date: 10/15/20

Time: 7:21 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 _____