

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): 1

3. Parish: St. Mary

Specific Locality: Near Intracoastal Canal bridge south of Weeks Island, LA

4. Date(s) when observed: Oct. 6, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:15 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Michael Musumeche
City: New Iberia
State: LA

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

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Steve Cardiff reviewed and mentioned that by bill shape, etc. it looked good for TRKI

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swa. 10x44

11. Distance to bird(s): 30 feet

12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes

13. Habitat: brushy edge with power line above which is where bird was.

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

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*): "Yellow-breasted" kingbird with long, thick bill, blackish mask, greenish breast and back, white throat. Very probable it is a TRKI and not COKI by bill shape alone. Did not respond to playback to either species.

16. Voice: none noted. Tried TRKI and COKI with no response to either call/song.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): see #16

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by #6 above to Paul Conover

19. Previous experience with this species: small amount in south Texas and a couple of occasions in Louisiana

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley

b. after observation: Peterson, Sibley

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: 80% sure by bill shape/length. So similar to COKI.

23. Date: 15/Oct/2020

Time: 12:14 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_____







