

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical kingbird Turannus melancholicus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one
3. Parish: St John the Baptist  
Specific Locality: Turtle Cove Research Center (Manchac Swamp WMA)
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/25/2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:40 through 11:03 AM
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Janine Robin
City: Folsom
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Malise Prieto and Elise Read
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Jane Patterson
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast day with bright gray sky. Most photos were silhouettes of the bird. Just tried to get photos of bill, tail and breast area with some color.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x50 Vortex binoculars and Nikon p900 camera
11. Distance to bird(s): between 15 ft and 50 ft
12. Duration of observation: approximately 25 minutes

13. Habitat: small parking lot, boat launch for the wildlife agents, surrounded by swamp with swamp maple and tallow trees and briars

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): bird was very active, appeared to be catching food. Bird did fly over us several times and perched above us while foraging.

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*): Larger than the several WEKI seen earlier on same day. Larger than an Eastern kingbird. Bill was black and larger/longer than a WEKI. Eye dark, legs appeared to be dark or black. Head dark gray, upper back greenish/gray, belly and chest lemon yellow, yellow breast with splashes of gray and chin /neck area off white or light gray. Tail was notched and dark brown on upper, undertail coverts light yellow to off-white.

16. Voice: silent during our time observing it, but Jane Patterson arrived shortly after we left and got a confirming vocal video.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Couches eliminated by recording. Larger than the WEKI we saw earlier the same day and they all had squared tail tips. Their yellow was on belly and gray on neck and breast, upper tail was black

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes myself and Malise Prieto. Recording was done a short time later by Jane Patterson

19. Previous experience with this species: Including this sighting, 24.  
Seen in Braithwaite, LA, Costa Rica, Colombia, Orleans parish and Cameron parish

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
a. at time of observation: binoculars and camera

b. after observation: Sibley and Natl Geo guides and discussions with Jane Patterson and Malise Prieto.

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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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes, thought at first it was a Couch's since it responded to it's call and no other, but weren't sure till Jane got a recording of it's twittering call.

23. Date: 2/26/2020  
Time: 8:35pm

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 \_\_\_\_\_





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