

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 age and sex unknown](#)
3. Parish: [Orleans](#)
Specific Locality: [Bayou Sauvage NWR – South Point at about 30.1343,-089.8746](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [November 26, 2020](#)

5. Time(s) of day when observed: [10:15 A.M.](#)

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Rosemary Seidler
City: Shreveport
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Joan Garvey](#), [Mark Meunier](#), [Becky Lloyd](#)

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [David Muth and Peter Yaukey saw the bird less than half an hour earlier and alerted us to it. The bird vocalized for them and was identified as a Tropical rather than Couch's. It seems reasonable to assume that we were looking at the same bird since the location was the same.](#)

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Overcast but bright enough to see colors well.](#)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [10 x 42 Swarovski bins](#)

11. Distance to bird(s): [about 90 feet \(used Google Earth ruler to get distance\)](#)

12. Duration of observation: 15 min

13. Habitat: Tree line at edge of marshy area close to I-10. Near where powerline crosses the levee.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): We were standing on the levee. Bird was first seen on the powerline then we saw it fly to the treeline. During the 15 or so minutes that we were there it perched at the top of two different trees.

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*): A little smaller and less chunky than a robin. Maybe about the size of a cardinal. Bright yellow belly, white throat, gray head, darker gray area from base of bill through eye and a bit beyond (ear patch). Wings and notched tail were darker with an olive green cast. Black thick pointed bill, black eyes no eyering, dark legs.

16. Voice: It did not vocalize where we observed it. We did not try playback since David Muth used it and got a response to confirm the ID as a Tropical Kingbird.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): No white outer tail feathers, therefore, not a Western Kingbird. Vocalization confirmed Tropical not Couch's.

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18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): My photos are attached. Muth's and Garvey's are in eBird reports.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in south Texas a number of times. Seen last year at Capitol Lake and several times in Louisiana.

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

a. at time of observation: other birders – Garvey, Meunier

b. after observation:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes

23. Date: November 28, 2020

Time: 5:30 P.M.

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





