

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 presumed adult (?)

3. Parish: Orleans

Specific Locality: Bayou Sauvage – South Point

4. Date(s) when observed: 7 February 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 0800

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Linda Kingsland, Mark Muenier & Joan Garvey

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): David Muth, John Nelson, Peter Yaukey, Jennifer Coulson, others

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): bird was always perched in the open, but sky was dull and overcast, so not much sunlight

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex HD 8x42 Diamondbacks – new, Vortex HD 10x50 – new, Nikon D40 (ca. ten years), 70-300mm telephoto lens (four years?)

11. Distance to bird(s): varying, ca. 30ft. – 100ft.

12. Duration of observation: on and off for a total of ca. 15 minutes

13. Habitat: levee system with surrounding marsh and scrubby habitat

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was initially seen fighting to stay openly perched in the wind, then disappeared for some time before reappearing back towards the south end of the levee, attempting to forage, this time perched much lower, only a couple of feet off the ground.

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-bellied kingbird with yellow coming all the way up to the upper chest and becoming slightly greenish below throat. Gray head and back with dark wings and tail. Bill thicker and longer than in WEKI. No white outer tail feathers.

16. Voice: n/a (although Muth I **believe** has previously heard this individual vocalize)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Couch's Kingbird – voice, Western Kingbird – voice, has white outer tail feathers and smaller bill, Cassin's Kingbird – voice, smaller bill and whiter throat.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes, by Linda Kingsland (images also obtained by Joan Garvey & Mark Muenier)

19. Previous experience with this species: Arizona, Mexico, Costa Rica

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 20 February 2021

Time: 1645

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 _____