

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

3. Parish: Tangipahoa

Specific Locality: in vicinity of Port Manchac vicinity on Hwy 51 south of Ponchatoula

4. Date(s) when observed: 01/03/2021 and 01/04/2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:50 pm on 01/03 and 11:30 am on 01/04

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jane Patterson
City: Ponchatoula
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Broad daylight. Bird was observed from the highway looking east toward the Port Manchac facility. Bird was on the wires or in short scrub

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski scope 25x-55x, Nikon P950 camera, Vortex bins 8x42

11. Distance to bird(s): between 150 and 350 yards

12. Duration of observation: 1 hr 23 mins on 01/03 and 45 min on 01/04

13. Habitat: Edge of marsh near port facility. All the kingbirds seem to like the wires by Port Manchac for foraging as well as the tallow trees in the back of the facility and along the road

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Sitting on wire, flycatching from wires, flycatching from scrubby 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*): Large yellow fronted flycatcher with gray back, greenish upper back. Yellow went all the way to neck area. Bill was large, especially when compared to Western Kingbirds in same area. Rectangular darker gray eye/ear patch visible. No white outer retrices as on WEKI.

16. Voice: I thought I heard a Tropical call at one point but did not get a recording so am not satisfied.

On 2/18/2021 7:34 PM, Jane Patterson wrote:  
Paul,

I subsequently heard this bird call to confirm that it's a TRKI. I don't have a recording, unfortunately. I did see on ebird that others have heard it calling as well but I don't know if they got recordings or will do a long form.

--Jane

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Western Kingbirds in the same area have relatively smaller bills, yellow doesn't go as far up the chest and they have white outer tail feathers

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes, by me

19. Previous experience with this species: Identified one last year fairly close to this across the Pass Manchc on the St. John side. The one was positively identified as Tropical Kingbird by its call.

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

a. at time of observation: iBird Plus

b. after observation: previous photos of TRKI from last year

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: Positive it's either Couch's or Tropical. I hope to get a recording to determine species, but it's an exceptional noisy area with no close access to the bird

23. Date: 01/08/2021

Time: 8:20pm

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\_\_\_\_\_



