

# 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 - Tyrannus melancholicus

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

1 Adult

3. Parish: Plaquemines Parish

Specific Locality: Immediately S of Port Sulphur Community Ctr. & W of Hwy 23 =  
(29.477809, -89.692037)

4. Date(s) when observed: 02/14/2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~07:10AM & again ~10:50AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: William H. Matthews

1217 Bluewater Dr.

City: Mandeville

State: LA 70471

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

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

On 02/23/2023; David Muth, Joan Garvey & Cathy Disalvo

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x50 binoculars in good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): For most part all meaningful observations between 10 to 20 meters.

12. Duration of observation: I observed bird first for ~ 20 minutes @ 07:10AM & again for ~10 minutes @ ~10:50AM.

13. Habitat: Parking lot along oak woodlot 90+% of time. Bird did occasionally perch on fence along field to the S and also flew across levee to Miss. R. batture only to return almost immediately.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird spent 90+% of time foraging in oaks, vocalizing, and occasionally sallying out to feed. I easily heard the bird as I got out of car almost before I had a chance to look for it.

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*): This was a largish Tyrannid flycatcher with bright yellow belly and breast c/w either TRKI or COKI which I was able to separate by voice. It was larger than WEKI of which I saw 3 just N of this bird in Diamond, LA. This bird had a longer bill, brownish-green back, brown (not black) notched tail with no white on outer tail retraces. This bird also had light edging of the wing coverts giving them a scalloping that was not present on the WEKI seen that day.

16. Voice: Bird was very vocal with a melodic rolling twitter but no sharp descending breeeer or pleeer notes typical of COKI.

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

COKI: was separated by vocalizations.

WEKI: separated by Items in #15 above.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?)

Photographs attached.

Recordings attached.

They are also included in eBird checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S128348521>

19. Previous experience with this species:

12/02/2012: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S12218231>

01/01/2020 <https://ebird.org/checklist/S63252386>

01/27/2021 <https://ebird.org/checklist/S80018056>

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

a. at time of observation:

b. Sibley App

b. after observation:

Birds of the World

Sibley Guide 2nd Edition

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. No

notes made after the observation. Yes

I got

memory

study of images Y

Are notes attached?

At what date? That afternoon when  
home.

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

23. Date: 02/16/2023

Time: 04:50 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 \_\_\_\_\_





