

# 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

3. Parish: Vermilion

Specific Locality: Near end of Hwy. 3147, across from boat ramp.

4. Date(s) when observed: June 8, 2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:45 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Michael Musumeche
City: New Iberia
State: LA

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

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): none

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): clear

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 12x42 Swart.

11. Distance to bird(s): 25 feet

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes

13. Habitat: power lines adjacent to marsh in one side of road and boat ramp on other.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Actively flying about feeding and landing usually on same section of power lines.

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 kingbird with bright yellow ventral surface, dark mask, "blocky" grayish head, greenish dorsal surface, whitish throat area, greenish breast, large beak, culmen with a sharp hook at its end, all dark notched tail. My birding bud heard it calling/singing. Its song was identical to that of the Merlin playback. It did not seem overly interested in the playback to its song, but it did jerk its head a few times when the playback was being used. Photos taken and included.

16. Voice: Cheryl Huner heard it singing several times while it was perched near her, I had walked a distance to locate bird.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Couch's Kingbird has smaller beak more rounded head and its call/song completely different.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos sent to Paul Conover

19. Previous experience with this species: Many times in Rio Grand Valley and a few times in Louisiana.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley and app. I bird PRO

a. at time of observation: same as above

b. after observation: same as above

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: June 18, 2023

Time:

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\_\_\_\_\_







