

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one, excellent plumage
3. Parish: St. Mary
Specific Locality: At Cypremort Point area, Near end of Hwy. 319 adjacent to a large communication tower.
4. Date(s) when observed: June 12, 2023
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:12 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): excellent light, no backlight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Swarovski .
11. Distance to bird(s): 35 feet
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
13. Habitat: power lines near open field adjacent to marshy area.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying around and feeding occasionally dropping to ground for prey.
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*):

Kingbird with bright yellow undersurface, greenish/yellow breast, white throat, black mask, grayish "bulky" head, thick, long beak with a sharp small hook on upper beak, greenish back, dark,

notched tail. I heard it singing; its song matched that of iBird PRO for that species. Later I used playback of its song/call, and it began singing and "bouncing" about on its perch on as power line. I played the song of Couch's Kingbird and it showed no response. Pics taken and attached.

16. Voice: see paragraph directly above.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Couch's Kingbird has a small straight beak and its song is completely different.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes, see # 6 above.

19. Previous experience with this species:

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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, anatomy, voice

23. Date: June 18, 2023

Time: 8:30 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_____





