

LBRC 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):
1
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Diamond (on powerlines by old baseball field)
5. Date(s) when observed: 11/9/24
6. Time(s) of day when observed: First observation around 2:30
7. Reporting observer: Becky Amedee
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Shannon Jantz
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Joan Garvey, Mark Munier
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Cloudy
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Razor 8x42 binoculars, Nikon P1000 camera, Kowa TSN-88 spotting scope
12. Distance to bird(s): closest range approximately 20 yards, farthest 100 yards
13. Duration of observation: We were in the area for about 2 1/2 hours and observed the bird many different times while there.
14. Habitat: On powerlines along highway. Baseball field on one side of the highway and trees along the other side
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Mostly perched on the powerlines along the main highway by the old baseball field. Sallying out to catch insects at times.
16. 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):

Large, thicker bill than Western Kingbird. Yellow chest, white throat, gray head, long brown tail notched at tip

17. Voice: Calling frequently. Fast twittering with hard metallic sound

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

Couch's- eliminated by vocalization of Tropical

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

Yes, by myself. Attached

20. Previous experience with this species: None- lifer!

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

Merlin app, Sibley app, and Field Guide to North American Flycatchers, Kingbirds and Myiarchus by Cin-Ty Lee

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

11/11/24

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes



