

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: [Tropical Kingbird](#) *Tyrannus melancholicus*

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

[1 with subadult primaries](#)

3. Parish: [Vermilion](#)

Specific Locality: [Front Ridge Road, Pecan Island](#)

4. Date(s) when observed:

[28 Sept 2024](#)

5. Time(s) of day when observed: [2:57-3:02 pm](#)

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul Conover
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Mac Myers](#)

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [There was a Tropical Kingbird reported 45-60 minutes earlier and 8 miles SE of this location by Patricia Rosel and Brad Moon. Same bird?](#)

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

[Sunny, bird somewhat silhouetted but good enough](#)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

[Vortex 12s, Nikon D3500 w/200 mm lens](#)

11. Distance to bird(s): [30 yards viewing](#)

12. Duration of observation: [about 5 min](#)

13. Habitat: [coastal ridge about 6 miles inland from beach](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: [Feeding from high wires, 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*):

“Tropical” type yellow-bellied kingbird with large black bill. Upperparts greenish or greenish olive, head silvery grayish with gray extending onto mantle. Dusky mask. White throat and chin, yellow breast belly, and vent, olive wash across upper breast.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Relied on length and shape of bill to eliminate Couch’s. Specimen can be analyzed.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, included.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Pretty extensive in state and beyond.**

22. Are you positive of your identification? **Yes.**

23. Date: **5 October 2024**
Time:







