

## 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): two, appeared to be adults in good plumage
3. Parish:  
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:  
Diamond, LA, old ballpark
5. Date(s) when observed: Nov. 17, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:45 am
7. Reporting observer: Michael Musumeche
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Cheryl Huner
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Cheryl Huner
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): cloudy, but good light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x42
12. Distance to bird(s): 30-40 feet
13. Duration of observation: The two birds were seen repeatedly while we were at the location
14. Habitat: Short grass with many power lines and fences
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The birds were actively moving about and appeared to be feeding on prey at ground level or just above the ground.

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 kingbirds with greenish/yellowish breast, bright yellow lower surface, long, strong beak with a sharp "hook" on its upper beak, grayish crown, dark stripe through eyes, white throat.

17. Voice: none noted

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

Couch's Kingbird primarily by beak size and shape.

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

Photos by #7 above.

20. Previous experience with this species: Several times in Louisiana the last few winters and in south Texas.

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

Sibley

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

19/Nov/2024

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



