

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 Road near the Diamond Ball Park Roost
5. Date(s) when observed: 11.07.2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: about 2:15 pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Shannon Jantz and Lynn Ostheimer
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
No one else here
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Partial Sun and cloudy
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 50 to 100 feet
13. Duration of observation: 5-10 minutes
14. Habitat: 2 lane lightly traveled street near tree line by Mississippi River Levee and grassy ball park and fields
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was on a utility wire. Watched it catch a bug. To confirm TRKI I played the call. The bird responded by flying over my head onto a wire on opposite side of street. It called back and I obtained audio.

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):

Yellow Bellied Flycatcher with Long pointy bill. Tail was notched. Slim body. Primary feathers on wings not as black as Couch's creating less contrast to yellow body.

17. Voice: Heard calling. Have audio attached.

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

Couch's Kingbird is similar but has shorter more conical bill. The Couch's also has darker primary wing feathers creating higher contrast to yellow body.

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

By me

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen TRKI at Diamond in the past.

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

Merlin sound ID.

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

11.8.2024

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







