

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	527 Walnut Street Lemoyne PA 17043 United States
Species (Common Name)	Tropical Kingbird
Species (Scientific Name)	Tyrannus melancholicus
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	11-19-2016 4:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Peach Bottom
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peach Bottom Boat Launch
Habitat	Riparian/Woodland
Distance to bird	40' (?)
Viewing conditions	Storm front coming in
Optical equipment used	Sony DSC-H300
Description	Typical Kingbird appearance, yellow belly, thicker looking bill than Western.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Typical flycatcher behavior, flitting around along high tree top perches, before flying down to a utility wire, and then into this tree. It appeared to be hawking insects and was briefly calling (as can be seen and heard in video) before dipping down into brush along shoreline where it could not be located afterwards, in part due to strong winds and storm front coming in.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Mostly due to other more experienced birders reports. Bird was identified by much more experienced birders while I was there as well. Calls do sound like that of Tropical Kingbird compared to Western, though I don't have much experience with either species, none with the Tropical Kingbird outside of this.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Bird (which had been reported and was identified by other birders) was flying in typical flycatcher fashion from tree to tree and started to call. I stopped taking stills and took this video. Sorry for noisy breathing, that's me, the phone ringing is from the person standing next to me. I didn't catch his name. This bird was witnessed by a number of other birders at this day and time, I just don't know any of their names.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Pretty sure, other more experienced birders had identified the bird, calls sound like recordings I have heard of this species. I have no experience with this species prior.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Video

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