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1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Cassin's Kingbird, Tyrannus vociferans
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	Adult, typical plumage
5) Date:	2019-09-22
6) Location (include county):	Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook, IL, USA
7) Observers:	Self, a few others who have submitted separate checklists to ebird.
8) Your name:	Vinod Babu
Street Address	██████████
Street Address Line 2	█
City	██████
State / Province / Region	█
Postal / Zip Code	██████
Country	██████████
10) Your e-mail address:	████████████████████
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	Spotted by Krzysztof Kurylowicz; others were present when I saw the bird, including Steven Mlodinow.
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, wings, undertail, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	Ashy-headed kingbird with dark mask, white moustache, yellow belly and black tail with no white band.
14) Description of behavior:	Associating with an Eastern Kingbird in the treetops around the central meadow. Flew with Eastern Kingbird towards the trees facing the dunes. Both seemed to favour trees with sparse tops. Photos obtained.
15) Description of vocalizations:	Did not hear any but others did later.
16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	I saw both the Cassin's and Eastern Kingbirds at the very top of a sparsely leafed tree on the edge of the large central wildflower meadow at Montrose point. This tree was the highest in the immediate area.

17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	Zeiss 8x42
18) Distance/how measured?	Probably at a hundred feet, flew over me much closer than that.
19) Time of observation:	09:30 am
20) Total time of observation:	Less than a minute
21) Weather conditions:	Bright and sunny, 70s or maybe high 60s.
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	Seen Cassin's Kingbird in AZ on a guide-led birding trip there. Very familiar with Eastern Kingbird and Great Crested Flycatcher.
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	This bird was present with an Eastern Kingbird, and this one was very different, with a yellow belly, lighter grey head than E. Kingbird, and the tail did not have a white band. Very similar-looking to a Western Kingbird, but eliminated that species based on the darker gray head, white moustache stripe. Arrived at this conclusion in consultation with experienced birders present in the field and by sending my photos to experienced birders who eliminated Western Kingbird.
24) Were photos obtained?	Yes
25) If so, by whom?	Self
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	Ibird pro and Cornell's Allaboutbirds.org helped eliminate Western Kingbird.
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	I recorded notes into the ebird app a few minutes after the bird flew.
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	2 days
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	My checklist, with pictures is at: https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S60010014

2 attachments



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