

# LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Burrowing Owl - *Athene cunicularia*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One (1) - sex and age unknown -
3. Parish:  
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:  
Rutherford Beach Road - Hotspot - first seen specifically on Acadia Dr. at 29.76152° N, 93.12686° W and again on Calcasieu Dr. at 29.76086° N, 93.12514° W
5. Date(s) when observed: January 3, 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Between 6:25 pm and 6:50 pm
7. Reporting observer: Tom and Claire Hanson
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
N/A
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Charlotte Chehotsky, Charlie Lyon, Melissa Weaver
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Dark skies but used headlights of car to see the owl
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Videos taken with Iphone 5 (cropped so they could be submitted) and photographs taken with Nikon Camera: Nikon D3500 with AF-P Nikkor 70-300 mm 1:4.5-6.3 G
12. Distance to bird(s): Distance varied as we crept closer with car - first seen from 100 yards to as little as 40 feet
13. Duration of observation: Seen four (4) times over a 25 minute period - for approximately 4 to 5 minutes at each sighting as we inched closer with car
14. Habitat: Marsh grasses near Rutherford Beach - paved road
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The Burrowing Owl was first seen standing in the middle of the paved road. We observed it

running from the middle of the road to the grassy edge on the side of the road to catch what appeared to be an insect and gulping it down. After moments, it flew into the tall grasses. This behavior was seen a couple of times.

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):

We were able to take photos and videos - see attached

17. Voice: No vocalization heard

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

See photos and videos - attached.

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

Tom and Claire Hanson - attached.

Plus video: [buow25hansonA.mov](#) [buow25hansonB.mov](#) [buow25hansonC.mov](#)

20. Previous experience with this species: We have seen this species in Colorado

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

Other birders had recently reported the owl at this location - and this species of owl had been reported last year at this location, as well.

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes.

24. Date report completed:

January 5 2025

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

