

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Lesser Nighthawk, *Chordeiles acutipennis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Locality: Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods Sanctuary

4. Date(s) when observed: 15 April 2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Approx. 0900 CDT
6. Reporting observer and address: Robert C. Dobbs
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Danny Dobbs
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Mike Musumeche, numerous folks from LA Bird Observatory banding crew; initially discovered by ????
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright light of mid-AM, sunny sky
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 8x30 binos
11. Distance to bird(s): 5 m
12. Duration of observation: 15 min
13. Habitat: Hackberry-live oak cheniere forest
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Roosting on horizontal hackberry branch in good sunlight.

15. 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): Dark gray above, mottled with light gray, white, rufous, and buff; Barred dark and pale buff on breast and belly; Rich buff color in face; P9 same length as P10; Extensive buff spotting at base of primaries, visible in folded wing; White wingbar not clearly visible, but photos suggest its location lines up with tips of tertials.

16. Voice: Not vocal

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Common Nighthawk eliminated by extensive buff spotting on primaries, by similar length of P9 and P10, and by white wingbar location at tips of tertials.

I could not see length of folded wing relative to tail length.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photo by Robert C. Dobbs, attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive, in western U.S.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Nat Geo Complete Guide; Sibley

21. This description is written from: notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 95%... because nighthawks are tricky.

23. Date: 24 Dec 2014 Time: 1630 CST

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes No

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes No

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