

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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# Report Form

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**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: LOUISIANA: (parish)**

Cameron

**Specific Locality:**

Village of Holly Beach, a.k.a. Cajun Riviera

**4. Date(s) when observed:**

~~10/26/03~~  
10/28/03

**5. Time(s) of day when observed:**

0930

**6. Reporting observer and address:**

David Muth

**E-mail address:**

dmuth@bellsouth.net

**7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):**

Mac Myers, Dan Purrington, Phillip Wallace

**8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):**

**9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):**

**10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):**

Zeiss 10x40 dialyt

**11. Distance to bird(s):**

50-60 feet

**12. Duration of observation:**

about 1 minute

**13. Habitat:**

beach ridge community between gulf and coastal brackinh marsh

**14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):**

on telephone wire; flew east along highway, disappeared, possible landing in patch of baccharis

**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):**

A small nighthawk, or so it appeared when perched on wire. Overall tone was buffier, warmer than a typical Common Nighthawk. I did not see throat patch well (it was facing away), but in flight wing patch was buffy, not white. The wing patch was located well out on the wing, near the tip. The wing top was rounded--that is, p10 was shorter than p9.

**16. Voice:**

silent

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

Common Nighthawk eliminated by buffy wing patch and by the position of the wing patch; on Common, the "pivoted" wing patch would only reach about halfway to to the tip of p10. this is true on Antillean as well.

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

Purrington.

**19. Previous experience with this species:**

a few in Louisiana; also variously in the southwest.

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

**a. at time of observation:**

**b. after observation:**

**21. This description is written from:**

- notes made during the observation
- if yes, are these notes attached?
- notes made after the observation

Date of notes?

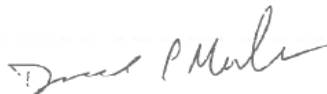
- memory

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

yes

**23. Reporter:**

David P. Muth



**b. Date and time**

Dec. 10, 2003

Species: Lesser Nighthawk

State: CA Parish or County: Conner

Locality: edge of Holly Beach

Date: 10-25-03 No. seen: 1

Observer: David Murray et al

Documentation: sight record ( x ); photo ( x ); specimen (    ); heard only (    )

Significance: very rare fall migrant

see LORC log form

wing →

David Murray

For unusual records, give details on reverse side

10/25/03  
Holly Beach

notes

Lesser Nighthawk # 09330



reminded me of  
10/15/03 she was  
9 hrs with pop  
wing was visible

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**E-mail address:** dmuth@bellsouth.net

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This is what I thought I could see as it flew away, but, admittedly, nothing much diagnostic could be seen on the perched bird, and flight views were pretty brief. I felt confident that it was a lesser, but not at all sure that we could produce a completely convincing description.

Luckily, Purrington obtained a poor but adequate flight photo, in which the color and position of the wing patch can be clearly seen. Importantly, the wing patch is close enough to the tip that if it were pivoted outward along p10, it would come close to touching the tip of p10. Also, in the flight photo, the long-tailedness of the bird was quite noticeable.

**Voice:** silent

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**notes made during the observation?** yes

**date of notes?**

**memory?** yes

**Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:** yes

**Reporter:** David P. Muth

**Date and time:** Dec. 10, 2003

**Permission to display report and accompanying documentation?** yes