

**LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
REPORT FORM**

- 1. Common and scientific name:** Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)
  - 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage:** 1 probable female
  - 3. Locality: State (Louisiana)      Parish:** Cameron  
**Exact Location:** Town of Holly Beach
  - 4. Date(s) seen:** October 25, 2003
  - 5. Time(s) of day seen:** 8:50 a.m.
  - 6. Reporting observer and address:** Phillip Wallace  
4515 S. Prieur St.  
New Orleans, LA 70125-5044
  - 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:** Mac  
Myers, David Muth, Curt Sorrells, Dan Purrington
  - 8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:** None
  - 9. Light conditions:** Excellent
  - 10. Optical equipment:** Zeiss 10x40 binoculars
  - 11. Distance to the bird:** 40 yards
  - 12. Duration of observation:** 3-5 minutes
  - 13. Habitat (general and specific):** On telephone wire beside the borrow canal on Hwy.  
82/27
  - 14. Behavior:** Resting on the wire and flying
  - 15. Description:**  
Clearly a nighthawk of the Common/Lesser size. At rest the bird seemed to have a lot of  
rufous coloration in its plumage. In flight it showed very rounded wing tips and it showed  
a buffy wing patch.
  - 16. Voice:** None
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**17. Similar species and how they were eliminated:** The wing shape and color of the patch indicate Lesser rather than Common.

**18. Photographs?** Dan Purrington apparently got a couple of shots, but I haven't seen them.

**19. Previous experience with this species:** I've seen several times in Texas and Arizona, as recently as this past July in Arizona.

**20. Aids used in identification:**

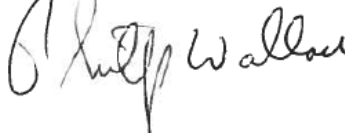
a) at time of observation: Sibley

b) after observation:

**21. This description written from:**   x   notes made during observation;  
           notes made after observation;            from memory.

**22. Are you positive of your identification?**   No   I suspect it was a Lesser, but I didn't get enough field marks to be positive.

**23. Signature of reporter:**



**24. Date and time of writing this account:** December 10, 2003  
6:00 p.m.

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