

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Lesser Nighthawk, *Chordeiles acutipennis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 male
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Peveto BRAS
4. Date(s) when observed: 1 May 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: From about 2:30-3:10

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul E. Conover
City: Lafayette

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

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Several other birders subsequently saw bird.

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon scope with 20-60 zoom, cellphone cam, Nikon D3300.

11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 30 feet

12. Duration of observation: About a half-hour of sustained viewing

13. Habitat: Remnant cheniere with large oaks

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation:

I noticed a nighthawk perched on a limb and confirmed it was a Lesser. I saw Rosemary and mentioned it to her; she had seen it but wasn't sure of ID. I watched as the bird struggled to maintain its perch on a live oak branch, pivoting several times and walking along the limb. Eventually it got blown off, relocated in the same tree, and I was able to get a few more minutes of viewing and different angles for pics.

15. Description:

Very standard ID: White wing bar, white tail band. Under tail coverts pale buff with narrow well-defined bracket-shaped barring. Wings with distinct covert spotting forming sets of beaded wingbars. Buff bar visible during sighting proximal to white wing band on primary. Visible part of white wing band broadest on outer primary.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Fieldmarks above eliminate Common.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by me and by other observers if they submit them.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen extensively out west, as well as on about a dozen occasions in Louisiana.

20. Identification aids: I feel comfortable with nighthawk ID.

21. This description is written from: Memory and photo review.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes.

23. Date: 18 May 2021



