

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: Lesser or Common Nighthawk
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1

3. Parish: Vermilion

Specific Locality: 29°55'22.0"N 92°05'25.2"W
29.922771, -92.090337 7075 Chester Road, Abbeville, LA

4. Date(s) when observed: 01/06/2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1825

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jamie B. Webb

City: Abbeville

State: LA

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

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): Bird flying east after sunset.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): NIKON Z 50, 250mm

11. Distance to bird(s): unsure. Do not know how to estimate, but flying lower than Ibis or ducks.

12. Duration of observation: 5 seconds

13. Habitat: in flight

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying straight from SW to ENE. Not feeding.

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): Momentary sighting, flying at the same elevation as sparrows feeding above our home.

16. Voice: no vocalizations heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): I reported as Common Nighthawk because the Lesser Nighthawk is unreported in my area.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Multiple Nighthawk sightings in the same area in May and September of 2020.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: eBird and Merlin apps

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?
notes made after the observation. At what date? 01/06/2021
memory
study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Not at all. I am a novice birder. I am submitting this ID at the recommendation of my local eBird reviewer Paul Conover.

23. Date: 01/23/2021

Time: 1300

24. 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

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes. I am an active group member.







Stills from video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P12hfSAurpY&feature=youtu.be>

