

# 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):  
*One male*
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) *East Baton Rouge* \_\_\_  
Specific Locality: \_\_\_ *"Teller Estate" along River Rd between Richfield Riversilt and Ben Hur Rd* \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date(s) when observed: *27, 28 January 2022*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *between about 5:22-5:45pm on 27 Jan, 5:35-5:45pm on 28 Jan.*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science. Baton Rouge*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Robb Brumfield (finder), Van Remsen, Esme Rosen (27 Jan), various observers (28 Jan)*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *Robb Brumfield first found this bird with a Common Nighthawk at this site on 26 Jan.*  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S101508546>  
Also seen by some observers on 29 Jan:  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S101880479>  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S101686507>
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Just at or a little after sunset, waning daylight.*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Zeiss 10x42 binocs.*

11. Distance to bird(s): *between about 5 yards and 150 yards*
12. Duration of observation: *about 10-25 min each evening.*
13. Habitat: *Over bottomland woodland patch at field edge.*
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): *Seen in flight over trees, hawking insects actively for the short period on each evening. No vocalizations.*
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 nighthawk, with slightly blunter wings, longer, less notched tail than Common. White primary hash farther out towards wingtips, P10 distinctly shorter than P9, creating more rounded wing tip. Buff banding easily seen onto primaries.*
16. Voice: *None given, but responded well to playback of whinny calls, approaching closely.*
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): *Common/Antillean nighthawk was present for direct comparison (see photos).*
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): *Yes, see: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S101558098>  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S101617393>  
photos at bottom of report.*
19. Previous experience with this species: *Fairly extensive, mostly TX, AZ, CA, Mexico, and Peru and Ecuador. Seen at rest on several occasions in Cameron Parish as well.*
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): *none*
- a. at time of observation:
- b. after observation:
21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_\_notes attached?); \_\_\_\_\_notes made after the observation (date:\_\_\_\_\_);

X memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Signature of reporter: \_\_\_Daniel Lane\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_3 March  
2022\_ Time: \_\_\_5:30pm\_

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or  
portions of this report on its website? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_

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27 Jan photos by DFL





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Shape comparison with Common Nighthawk present at same time (altered photo):

