

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1
3. Parish:  
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:  
Rutherford Beach (118 West Ave, Creole US-LA 29.76109, -93.12897)
5. Date(s) when observed: 2.19.2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 6:46pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Charlotte Chehotsky
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
None
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Dark, directed car headlights in it's direction
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): iPhone 13 pro (Camera could not focus in the dark)
12. Distance to bird(s): 40 feet
13. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
14. Habitat: Scrub along road not too far from beach
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird few, was calling and sat on branch

16. 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):

Small owl, could not see very clearly since it was dark

17. Voice: Heard, have recording

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

Don't know any similar

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

Photo and recording by me, Kathy Rhodes

20. Previous experience with this species: Saw several times last year on Corbina Road in Calcaieiu Parish

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

Merlin did ID the call

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

3.1.2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes

