

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

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 Woods, BRAS Sanctuary
4. Date(s) when observed: 4/13/2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:32-2:33 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul E. Conover, Lafayette, LA 70506
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): no other reports
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Shade of understory, good light.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon Samsung S8, Nikon D3300 w/200 mm lens.  
All in reasonable condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): 15-20 feet
12. Duration of observation: 2 minutes
13. Habitat: Coastal chenier of Peveto Sanctuary
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was resting on a somewhat horizontal limb. Bird flushed and was not relocated.
15. Description: Compact nighthawk with white wingbar, perched. Overall pattern a camouflage of browns and grays similar to tree bark in pattern, with dark brown/blackish primaries. Identified as Lesser by pattern of covert spotting and by greater width of wingbar on fore edge of p10 than on rest of visible wingbar. No buff spotting visible on folded primaries, but that is sometimes the case for males.

Wing pattern consisted of triple line of spotting, a row of whitish spots on the tips of lesser coverts, a corresponding row of buff spots on median coverts, and buff tips on greater secondary coverts bisected by the dark streak of the shaft. Long, buffy line of scapulars.

16. Voice: Not heard.

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

Common Nighthawk has a different covert pattern (central patch rather than “wingbars”), white wing stripe narrows anteriorly.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Pretty well studied on this species.

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

21. This description is written from: Mental notes and photo review.

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

23. Date: 5/14/2019

Time:

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











