

SPECIES: LESSER NIGHTHAWK
(Vernacular Name)

29-95-53
Accepted (7-0)
CHORDEILES ACUTIPENNIS
(Scientific Name)

DATE(S): 5-19-95 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 7:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

EXACT LOCATION: OVER DAM AT TWO BUTTES RESERVOIR

NEAREST TOWN: _____ COUNTY: BACA

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

DAVE LEATHERMAN (FT. COLLINS)

DAVE ELY (FT. COLLINS)

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BUSHNELL 8-36 CUSTOM BINOCULARS

WEATHER CONDITIONS: SLIGHTLY OVERCAST, CLOUDS HIGH AND LIGHT

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD IN FRONT AND OVERHEAD; SUN OBSCURED BY CLOUDS

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: RANGES FROM 70 FEET TO 200 FEET

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: FEMALE PLUMAGE: ADULT

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: THIS BIRD FLEW WITH A FLUTTERY FLIGHT MANNER
MORE IRREGULAR THAN COMMON NIGHTHAWKS

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):
FACE AND AS MUCH OF THE HEAD THAT WE COULD SEE LOOKED
SLIGHTLY DARKER THAN UNDERPARTS

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): EYES APPEARED
DARK

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): _____

LEGS & FEET: _____

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): WE DID NOT HAVE
A GOOD LOOK AT UPPERPARTS, BUT THEY GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT
THEY WERE DARKER THAN UNDERPARTS, BUT NOT DARK GRAY AS
THE COMMON NIGHTHAWKS

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.):
BROWNISH GRAY FROM BILL TO TAIL; APPEARED LIGHTER THAN
COMMON NIGHTHAWKS ALSO IN AREA; UNDERTAIL COVERTS APPEARED
SAME COLOR AS BREAST

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):
TAIL WAS JUST SLIGHTLY DARKER THAN UNDERPARTS; THERE WAS
NO TAIL BAND. THE TAIL COLOR WAS COMPRISED OF ALTERNATING
BANDS OF DARKER GRAYISH-BROWN AND BUFFY WHITE OF EQUAL WIDTHS.
WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): SOMEWHAT ROUNDER
LOOKING; AT CLOSE INSPECTION, WINGS OUTERMOST PRIMARY WAS
DISTINCTLY SHORTER THAN SECOND PRIMARY; WING BAR WAS BUFFY-WHITE
AND LOCATED APPROX. $\frac{1}{3}$ OF THE DISTANCE FROM WINGTIP TO WING BEND
VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):
NONE

HABITAT: SOMEWHAT ARID RIPARIAN AREA ON SOUTHEAST COLORADO
PLAINS

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

COMMON NIGHTHAWKS WERE NOTICEABLY DARKER WITH MORE POINTED
WINGS; THE WING BAR ON THE COMMONS WERE WHITER AND
LOCATED CLOSER TO THE WING BEND THAN THIS BIRD. ALSO
THE WINGBAR OF SUSPECT BIRD APPEARED TO GO THROUGH
PRIMARIES AT A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ANGLE THAN WINGBAR OF
COMMON NIGHTHAWKS; UNDERTAIL COVERTS OF COMMON NIGHTHAWKS
APPEARED TO BE LIGHTER IN COLOR THAN BREAST AREA.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS LESSER NIGHTHAWKS IN TEXAS,
ARIZONA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA
AUBOONS MASTER GUIDE SERIES

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING ☒ AFTER ☐ OBSERVATION; ☐ FROM MEMORY

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