

SPECIES: LESSER NIGHTHAWKCHORDEILES ACUTIPENNIS

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

DATE(S): 6-1-95 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 11:50 A.M. TO 12:05 P.M.EXACT LOCATION: ALONG NOUDRE RIVER ON EAST SIDE OF FT. COLLINSNEAREST TOWN: FT. COLLINS COUNTY: LARIMER

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BAUSCH & LOMB 8x36 CUSTOM BINOCULARSWEATHER CONDITIONS: CLEAR, SUNNYBIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD OVERHEAD, SUN SLIGHTLY TO THE LEFTDISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 75-100 FEET APPROXIMATEDNUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: FEMALE PLUMAGE: ADULTBEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: THE BIRD WOULD FLUTTER DURING FLIGHT AND SWOOP OVER THE TREES ALONG THE RIVER AND BIKE PATH. IT SOARED LESS THAN THE COMMON NIGHTHAWKS ALSO IN THE AREA

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):

MOTTLED GRAY/BROWN, LIGHTER THAN COMMON NIGHTHAWKS

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

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape):

LEGS & FEET:

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): GRAYISH-BROWN; SLIGHTLY LIGHTER THAN HEAD; DARKER THAN UNDERPARTSUNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): GRAYISH-BROWN WITH LIGHTER UNDERTAIL COVERTS; NO THROAT PATCH APPARENT; LIGHTER UNDERNEATH THAN UPPERPARTS

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):
DARKER THAN UNDERPARTS WITH NO TAIL BAND.

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): SLIGHTLY DARKER GRAY
THAN BODY WITH A BUFFY-TAN WING BAR $\frac{1}{3}$ THE DISTANCE
FROM WING TIP TO BEND IN WING. THE BAR APPEARED NOT
TO GO THROUGH ALL THE PRIMARIES. MORE ROUNDED LOOKING
VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):

HABITAT: WEEDY AND PARTIALLY WOODED AREA ALONG RIVER

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

COMMON NIGHTHAWKS APPEARED DARKER WITH MORE POINTED WINGS
AND WHITER WING BAR CLOSER TO BEND IN WING. ALSO WING
BAR APPEARED TO GO THROUGH WING AT A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT
ANGLE. ON SUSPECT BIRD THAN ASSOCIATED COMMON NIGHTHAWKS

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH COMMON NIGHTHAWK; 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
AUDUBON'S MASTER GUIDE SERIES

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

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