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Lesser Nighthawk.txt

From: Ric Olson [drrdo@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 7:38 AM
To: Tony Luekering
Subject: Lesser Nighthawk

Tony

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

CBRC FILE #:

RESULTS:

Species: Lesser Nighthawk (Common Name) *Chordeiles acutipennis*(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: May 3,2003

Number of birds seen: one Sex: I believe it to be a male Plumage:

Exact location: Locust grove on the SE side of Neenooshe Res.

County: Kiowa Nearest town: Wiley Elevation: 3900 feet

Length of observation: 15 minutes Time(s) of observation: ~15:00

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Brandon Percival, Rachel Hopper, Lisa Edwards and Maggie Boswell

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): ?

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: sunny wind from the SE 10 -20 MPH

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10x40, Rachel's Scope

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 100 - 150 feet

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? Yes If so, are you submitting photos? Yes who took the photograph(s)? Rachel Hopper

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Riparian area on the SE side of Neenooshe Res.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Sitting sideways on a branch.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. This nightjar was flushed while walking through the locust grove. We re-located the bird sitting on a branch. The bird was thought to be a lesser when flying but was not seen well. Perched, the bird showed a buffy breast with fine to bold, wavy black horizontal streaks. The white throat patch was partially obscured. The white tips to the scapulars are obvious on the photo. The white bar in the primaries extends past the tip of the tertials. Buffy spots are also evident on the primaries.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: none

SIMILAR SPECIES - This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Common Nighthawk was eliminated by the breast pattern and the position of the white bar on the primaries.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Limited

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley's Guide to Birds, 2000 and Nat Geo ed. 4

This report was made from (check one) ☒ Photo made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

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Date and time of written report: June 3, 2003

Reporting observer: Ric Olson Signature:

Reporting observer's address: 9450 N. Heather Dr.

City: Castle Rock, Co 80108 State: Zip:

Send report to: Colorado Bird Records Committee Tony Leukering PO Box 660
Brighton, CO 80601

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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

CBRC FILE #:		
RESULTS:		
Species: (Common Name) Lesser Nighthawk		(Scientific Name) Chordeiles acutipennis
Date(s) of occurrence: 05-05-03		
Number of birds seen: One	Sex: I think male due to white throat, and whitish wingbar.	Plumage: Adult
Exact location: Neenoshe Reservoir		
County: Kiowa	Nearest town: Lamar	Elevation: 3,922 ft.
Length of observation: Probably about 15-20 minutes		Time(s) of observation: Approx. 4:15 p.m.
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Ric Olson, Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards....		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: We were under trees on a fairly sunny, clear day.		
Optical equipment used: Leica Televid 77 APO scope with 20-60X zoom. Swarovski EL binoculars 8 X 42		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): Not sure		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Digiscoped		If so, are you submitting photos? Yes. Pic\lesser_full.jpg
Who took the photograph(s)? Me		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Lowland riparian		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Scared up from the trees and flushed several times to various areas, flying somewhat erratically with fluttery type wingbeats. Finally settled to rest on a low branch where I was able to get photos.		
DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. Brandon Percival found and identified this bird. We saw this bird in flight as well as at rest. White bar across primaries was closer to tip of wing than a Common Nighthawk would present. White throat. Grayish upperparts mottled. Barred underparts. Please see photo.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:		
SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Please see photo.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen several Lesser Nighthawks.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): National Geographic, Sibley.		
This report was made from (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after observation and photo		
Date and time of written report: 04-10-2004		
Reporting observer: Rachel Hopper		Signature: Rachel Hopper
Reporting observer's address: 1721 Cottonwood Pt. Dr.		
City: Ft. Collins	State: CO	Zip: 80524

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Rachel Hopper
Kiowa County
05/03/2002