Common Nighthawk (Chordeiles minor)

WINTER: NO RECORDS.

SUMMER: Uncommon to Fairly Common Resident. Populations appear to have declined since the 1980's (Hall 1983, Kiff et al. 1986, Peterjohn 2001).

MIGRATION:

Spring: Fairly Common Migrant arriving in late April to mid-May. Early dates, 14 April 1945 (Edeburn et al. 1960); 24 April 2004 (BD); 27 April 1984 (HS) and 2009 (BD); 28 April 1975 and 1983 (HS).

Fall: Common to Abundant Migrant (Very Abundant in some years) from mid-August to early September. Occasional early August flights occur. Many mid-September to mid-October records. Late dates, 02 November 1947 (Edeburn et al. 1960); two on 28 October 2006 (PT); one on 27 October 2001 (DP); two on 26 October 1975 (HS); five on 21 October 1975 and seven on 21 October 1979 (HS).

REMARKS:

Subspecies: Edeburn et al. (1960) stated late fall migrants may be the western subspecies *Chordeiles minor sennetti.* Hall (1983) stated late fall migrants might contain representatives of other subspecies, however, all specimens are referable to the eastern subspecies. A specimen of the Lesser Nighthawk, a WV state record, was collected on 28 April 2004 at Glenville, Gilmer Co., WV (Benedetti 2004, Hall 2004).