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LONG-BILLED CURLEW DOCUMENTED EATING A GHOST SHRIMP ON ST. CATHERINES ISLAND — On 8 January 2010, at approximately 1600 hrs, a group of shorebird biologists (Brad Winn, GA DNR; Stephen Brown, Manomet, MA; Ellen Jedrey, MA Audubon; Shiloh Schulte, Manomet, MA) observed a Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*) eat 3 ghost shrimp on St. Catherines Island, Georgia. Each ghost shrimp was about 10 cm long and, based on size, were identified as *Callichirus major* (Bishop, G. A., and E. C. Bishop. 1992. Distribution of ghost shrimp, North Beach, St. Catherines Island, Georgia. American Museum of Natural History, Novitates 3042:1-17). To our combined knowledge, this is the first record of prey selection for the Long-billed Curlew in winter in Georgia. The foraging Long-billed Curlew was observed at North Beach (31.690008° N, 81.129884° W), the northern end of the island. We filmed and photographed images of the bird eating the shrimp (Fig. 1 and 2). The individual appeared to be an adult, foraging independently of other shorebirds.



Figure 1. Long-billed Curlew eating ghost shrimp, 8 January 2010, at North Beach, the northern end of St. Catherines Island, Georgia.



Figure 2. Long-billed Curlew shortly after eating ghost shrimp, which is visible in the bird's crop. Observed 8 January 2010, at North Beach, St. Catherines Island, Georgia.

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NIGHTHAWKING IN THE SOUTHEASTERN COASTAL PLAIN ALONG I-16, FALL 2009 — On the evening of 14 September 2009, as I was driving west on I-16 from exit 160, I noticed a small flock of Common Nighthawks (*Chordeiles minor*) flying over the highway as they migrated southward towards their wintering grounds. I immediately began counting the number of nighthawks as I continued westward toward Statesboro, while progressing through Chatham, Effingham, Bryan, and Bulloch Counties, from 1925 to 1955 hrs (EDT). The count covered 48.3 km (between mile markers 160 and 130). Clear evening skies allowed easy views of the nighthawks as I drove westward, and it was 26 C, with a few scattered, overhead clouds. I made a similar survey headed eastward along I-16 from mile markers 130 to 155 (40.2 km) on 15 September, between 1925 to 1950 hrs (EDT), with similar temperature and weather conditions.

I counted 107 Common Nighthawks feeding over the interstate on 14 September, and 164 nighthawks on 15 September. The mean size of the flocks was about 10 birds, with the 2 largest flocks being 22 and 27 nighthawks, each.