The Fresno Nightcrawler

What it is and what it looks like



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What is a Fresno Nightcrawler?

lets break it down. What is a fresno nightcrawler?
Fresno nightcrawlers are cryptids.

Okay, what's a Crytid?
Cryptids are defined as

> *"an animal (such as Sasquatch or the Loch Ness Monster) that has been claimed to exist but never proven to exist"*

by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

Okay so why the name Fresno nightcrawler?
They were named Fresno nightcrawlers because their first sightings were in and near Fresno CA.



Where is Fresno?
Fresno CA is a County in the center of California as a state and its central valley. The county and city are known for their agricultural contributions, High Quality Education programs, and having some pretty awful air quality.

Why Nightcrawlers?
The true origin of nightcrawler as a name is unclear, but is likely due to their sightings being solely at night and having strange movement patterns.
The SyFy program Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files coined the name "nightcrawlers" in 2012.

Fresno Nightcrawler Origins

When, where and how the Fresno Nightcrawlers have been sighted. Only covering main 4 sightings.

1. 2007 Fresno California

CCTV coverage of a person's yard. Original footage lost to time, only recordings of footage playing on moniter available. Footage has been omewhat enhanced.



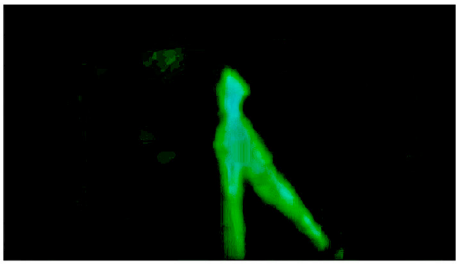


2. 2011 Yosemite Lake Park California

Security camera footage of an older couple's private driveway in light of recent break-ins reported by said couple.

3. 2017 Poland

Context unavailable.





4. 2020 Billings Montana

Footage caught on a home surveillance system at 9:45PM on 4/25/2020 in Billings Montana. Potentially related to deer carcass found next morning nearby.

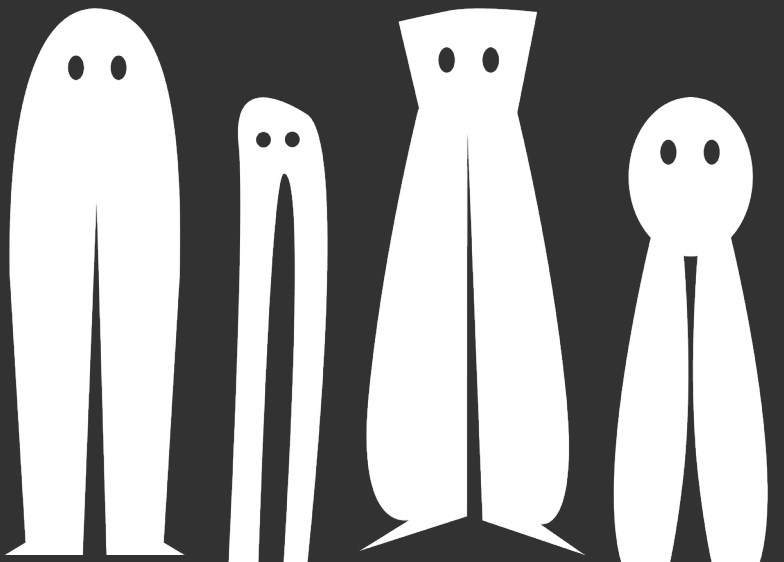
Defining Characteristics of a Fresno Nightcrawler

aka what makes it unique from other creatures

color: *gray/white*
height: *tall*
shape: *humanoid*
length/width: *thin*
other:

- *armless*
- *feet are short*
- *flowy, strange movements when walking*

main sillouettes for nightcrawlers:



rounded overall shape, solid thick legs

spindly legs, almost stringy

pants with feet, flowy legs, rectangular head

round head with distinct legs

Similar Creatures

Cryptids that are often compared to nightcrawlers or have similar key characteristics. List taken from the cryptid wiki

- *Carmel Area Creature*
- *Pittsburg Area Creature*
- *Suginami Stick Men*
- *Viale Red Humanoid*

Plausible alternate explanations

Explanations for the footage. Taken from the cryptid wiki

- *An alien or extraterrestrial being.*
- *A new species. Possibly a primate with short arms or no arms at all.*
- *A misidentified deer standing upright.*
- *Pants and/or a puppet on a wire.*
- *A bird walking like a crane.*
- *A person wearing big pants and walking on stilts.*
- *A balloon tied to some sort of cloth with 2 remote controlled toy cars as the "feet".*

Now you know what a Fresno Nightcrawler is!

yay you got to the end.

While there isn't any hard evidence for the existence of Fresno Nightcrawlers, many choose to believe or entertain the existence of such a creature. Those native to Fresno or the areas around it now have thier very own cryptid!

Fresno Nightcrawler Sona

Make your own version of a nightcrawler or draw yourself as one in the empty space below! Have fun with it!

please tag @crowsandfrogs if you end up using this and posting! I would love to see your drawings! -Pilli

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