

Local Cryptids

The Fresno Nightcrawler



Cryptids are all around the world: they're even in our own backyards! Here in California, we have our fair share of cryptids -- from Bigfoot to Tahoe Tessie (our very own Nessie-like creature)! Today, I'm going to tell you about the up-and-comer in the California cryptid world known as the Fresno Nightcrawler.

Fresno Nightcrawlers look simple yet incredibly strange. They are bipedal creatures whose legs seem to make up a majority of their height, reaching a little under 5 feet tall. Nightcrawlers seem to lack arms, or at least have very small ones, as they appear to be simply a smallish round upper body on legs.

It has short, thin, and almost stilt-like feet below its lengthy legs. Some cryptozool-

ogists argue that there appears to be some sort of webbing spanning from the knees to the torso, though others say it looks more like fabric of some kind. They walk with a wobbly and unnatural gate, swinging the torso slightly as a leg stretches forward.

All of the evidence we have of these creatures comes from two grainy security cameras. Due to the low quality of the film, this has led to numerous skeptics calling the Fresno Nightcrawler a simple hoax. They argue

that these cryptids look as if they are, frankly, puppeteered pants.

This lack of evidence hasn't stopped cryptid fans and cryptozoologists from falling in love with this anomaly. Cartoonish depictions of the Nightcrawler populate the web, where some affectionately call it "leggy boy".

Is the Fresno Nightcrawler a simple hoax that became a lovable icon? Or is there really a strange bipedal creature lurking around Fresno, California?



While it's far more likely to be the former, this spooky guy has made an imprint in the minds of cryptozoologists everywhere.