

**CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM**

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Unusual Species    \_\_\_\_\_ Unusual Date    \_\_\_\_\_ Unusual Habitat

1. ***MOST IMPORTANT:*** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

2. Count Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Count Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Species \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date (s) of Observation \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest Town \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

6. Observer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

7. Observation Details:  
Other Observers \_\_\_\_\_  
Optics Used \_\_\_\_\_  
Distance From Bird \_\_\_\_\_ Viewing Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Weather, sky cover \_\_\_\_\_  
Photo Taken? \_\_\_\_\_ Video? \_\_\_\_\_ Sound Recording? \_\_\_\_\_ Specimen? \_\_\_\_\_

Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? \_\_\_\_\_ Where are they? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? \_\_\_\_\_

9. References or Advice Consulted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Observers please give this form to your compiler. Compilers please send all rare bird forms directly to your regional editor. Contact information for regional editors: <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/christmas-bird-count-regional-compilers>

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