

ILLINOIS DOCUMENTATION FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS

Submitted to Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC)

**IORC RECORD
NUMBER:**

This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):

Unusual species; Unusual date; Unusual number;
 Unusual plumage; Unusual breeding record; Christmas Count record; Spring Count record;
 Breeding Census record; Other: _____

1. SPECIES: _____

2. Number of birds: _____ **Age/sex/plumage:** _____

3. Date(s): _____

4. Location (include county): _____

5. Observers: _____

Documenter: Your name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Others agreeing with identification: _____

Observers NOT agreeing with identification: _____

6. Description of bird, including size; shape; proportions; details of both color and patterns on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, undertail, wings, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts (bill, eye, legs and feet). Include only details actually seen in the field:

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Species: _____ Date seen: _____ Documenter: _____

7. Description of behavior:

8. Description of vocalizations:

9. Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):

10. Viewing conditions:

Optical equipment used for observation (type, power): _____

Distance/how measured? _____

Time(s) of observation: _____ Total time of observation: _____

Weather (including regional or national weather patterns if relevant)/ sky conditions/ relative position of the sun: _____

11. Previous experience with this species and similar species:

12. Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids (use additional paper, if necessary):

13. Where photos obtained? _____ If so, by whom? _____ Attached? _____

14. Books & illustrations consulted, and advice received. How did these influence this description?

15. How long after the observation were field notes recorded? _____

16. How long after observation was this form completed? _____

17. Additional remarks:

Signed: _____ Date: _____