

REPORT FORM -- MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Audubon Society of Missouri

MBRC number \_\_\_\_\_ (for secretarial use)

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

\_\_\_ unusual species; \_\_\_ unusual date; \_\_\_ unusual breeding record;  
\_\_\_ Christmas Bird Count record; \_\_\_ North Am. Migration Count record;  
\_\_\_ other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. age/sex: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Location (including county): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date(s) observed: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Time bird(s) seen: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Reporting observer, address, phone number, and email :  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Other observers present or known:  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Was the bird photographed/videotaped/audiotaped? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ By whom:  
\_\_\_\_\_ attach any prints, slides, tapes, etc. obtained. Observers are encouraged to photograph birds that they wish to document. Even poor-quality photographs may show details that will confirm an unusual record.

10. Please attach a copy of any field notes taken or sketches made. Observers are encouraged to make field notes and sketches during the observation, or as soon afterward as possible. Notes provide a better basis than memory for writing a good description (#14), and even rough sketches may be very helpful.

11. Habitat (general and specific):

12. Distance to bird: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Optical equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Light (sky conditions, light on bird, angle of sun, background):  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. On the back of this form, please complete the following:

(A) Describe the bird in detail. Include its size (preferably in comparison to other nearby birds), its shape, and its color patterns. Include a description of the bill, legs, feet, tail, body, wings, and any other characteristics observed. Describe behavior and voice. Include only what was actually observed and heard.

(B) Explain how you distinguished this bird from similar species.

15. What resources (field guides, etc.) did you consult about this identification? Did they influence the way you wrote?

16. Describe your previous experience with this and similar species:

17. Signature of reporter: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Date completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

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