

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):

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

1. SPECIES: _____

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

3. Date(s): _____

4. Location (include county): _____

5. Observers: _____

5b. Documentor: Your name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Others agreeing with identification: _____

Observers NOT agreeing with identification: _____

6. Description of bird (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:

(over)

Species: _____ Date seen: _____ Documentor: _____

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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: _____