



**Christmas Bird Count Rare Bird Documentation Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Unusual species (birds not expected on the Christmas Count by time of year or region) cannot be reported on the final count unless a rare bird form is submitted.*

1. Observer submitting report: \_\_\_\_\_

a. Address \_\_\_\_\_

b. Telephone/email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Others who observed the bird with you: \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. Date(s) of Observation \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

a. Earlier/later dates by others, if known \_\_\_\_\_

5. Names of other observers (if earlier or later dates) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where (include habitat, street address, and town): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Observation Details:

a. Optics \_\_\_\_\_

b. Distance from bird \_\_\_\_\_ Viewing conditions \_\_\_\_\_

c. Weather/sky cover \_\_\_\_\_

d. Photo taken? \_\_\_\_\_ Video? \_\_\_\_\_ Sound recording \_\_\_\_\_ Sketch? \_\_\_\_\_

e. *(Submit with report. They will be included with report to CBC Regional Editor.)*

8. Describe the bird - please be as detailed as possible: size, shape, plumage, vocalizations, behavior, etc. How did you eliminate similar species? Use additional room on the back or attach additional sheets or sketches. **(Please turn over;** there are more questions to answer on the other side)

9. Past Experience: (with this or similar species)

10. References or advice consulted:

a. When did you consult them (at the time of the observation/later)?

11. Was this report done from (please check all that apply and explain):

a. \_\_\_\_ Notes made while viewing the bird

b. \_\_\_\_ Notes made immediately after the observation

c. \_\_\_\_ Memory

12. Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

(You can use this space to continue the species description or any other comments.)

Thank you. Please submit to the compilers at [mailto:cbc@hampshirebirdclub.org?subject=Rare Bird Form](mailto:cbc@hampshirebirdclub.org?subject=Rare%20Bird%20Form) or **as soon as possible**.