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: ____________________________________________

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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):_______________________________

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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 or as soon as possible.