

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

CBC Name _____

Documentation form for unusual bird sightings: submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

Unusual species Unusual date Unusual breeding record Unusual Habitat

1. Species _____ Age _____ Sex _____ # _____

2. Date (s) of Observation: _____ Time _____ to _____

3. Place _____

 Nearest town: _____ County _____

4. Observer _____

 Address: _____

 Tel/fax/e-mail _____

5. Observation details:

 Other observers _____

 Optics _____

 Distance from bird _____ Viewing Conditions _____

 Weather, sky cover _____

 Photo taken? _____ Video? _____ Sound Recording? _____ Specimen? _____

 Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? _____ Where are they? _____

6. Past Experience: With this or similar species?

7. References or advice consulted:

8. Was this report done from notes made during or after the observation, or from memory?

9. On the back of this form, give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Included information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

Signature _____ Date _____

Submit to your compiler or Regional Editor: