

Extraordinary Species Sighting Documentation Form

Species _____ Number _____ Time _____ to _____

Location _____

Description of Bird: (Describe all diagnostic characteristics in great detail. Include information about size, shape, plumage, bill, feet, age, sex, etc. List only those features actually observed in the field. Sketches are extremely helpful no matter how primitive.)

Description of voice or calls, if heard:

Describe bird's behavior:

Describe habitat in which found:

Explain why the above description is not that of a similar species and how similar species were eliminated from consideration:

Distance from bird _____ Optical Equipment Used _____

Light conditions and relationship between sun, observer and bird:

Comment about your previous experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Other observers:

Did other observers agree with your identification?

Books, illustrations and advice consulted. How did these influence your identification?

How long after the observation did you write this description?

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Date _____

_____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____