

KINGSTON FIELD NATURALISTS
VERIFICATION FORM FOR UNUSUAL RECORDS

This form is meant to be an aid, not a hindrance. Please use it flexibly.

When completed, send to Chair, KFN Rare Birds Committee, Dr. Ron Weir, 294 Elmwood St, Kingston, ON K7M 2Y8, Tel: 613-549-5274; FAX: 613-542-9489, <weir@rmc.ca>. Use whatever mechanism is best for you.

Observers should review a field guide's description of the unusual bird while the bird is under observation in the field, so that each important field mark can be looked for and checked out. Field marks observed should be written down while the bird is in view.

1. NAME of **BIRD** and **NUMBER** of individuals: _____

2. **DATE** when seen _____ Time _____ Locality _____

3. **DESCRIPTION** of all field marks and other details that contributed to your certainty in this identification.

4. **DESCRIPTION** of any **DIAGNOSTIC HABITS, SONGS** or **CALLS**:

5. **SIMILAR** or **CONFUSING** species that you are satisfied have been eliminated by your description.

6. **LIGHT & WEATHER CONDITIONS:** underline or circle:

(a) general - sunny, light, medium or deep shade, etc.

(b) where was the bird? in the open, light, medium or deep shade

(c) where was the sun as you faced the bird? behind you, in front or _____ degrees from the bird.

(d) wind - strong, moderate, light, calm: direction _____.

7. Type and condition of **OPTICAL EQUIPMENT** used:

8. Distance at which seen & how judged: estimated, paced etc.

9. What was the bird doing? (flying, resting, feeding etc.)

10. **HABITAT - GENERAL AND SPECIFIC:**

11. Length of time bird was studied:

12. Circumstances under which the bird was found: (first seen by.)

13. Previous acquaintance with this species (how many times have you observed it?)

14. (a) Did you have a bird book of similar aid during observation?

(b) Have you referred to any aid such as a book, illustration ornithologist since this observation?

(c) If the answer to 'a' or 'b' is yes, what aid was used and explain briefly how it influenced this description.

15. Further remarks if any and attach sketch or photo if available.

16. Observers:

17. Date and time of writing this account:

18. Signature and address of reporter:
