It is important that this form be filled out thoroughly and as quickly after the observation as possible. Reports of extreme rarities—including birds not verified to occur during winter—should be photographed and/or videotaped.

CBC circle ___________________________________ CBC compiler ____________________________________

Species _______________________________________ Number of individuals _________________________

Age and sex ______________ Date and time ______________ Duration of observation _______________

Weather conditions (include relationship of sun and bird to observer) ________________________________

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Exact location (including county and GPS coordinates if known) _____________________________________

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Habitat__________________________________________

Distance from bird ___________________________ Optical equipment ____________________________

Other observers ____________________________________________

Did anybody disagree with the identification? If so, who? _______________________________________

Others who identified the bird before or after the CBC _____________________________________________

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Vocalizations _____________________________________________________________

Behavior _____________________________________________

Describe the features that YOU noted IN THE FIELD. Include the SHAPE, SIZE, and COLOR of ALL PARTS OF THE BODY including the head, bill, eyes, lores, eye rings, other facial markings, back, wings, wing bars, tail, tail bars or spots, throat, breast, belly, tail coverts, legs, feet, etc. Stress features that separate it from similar species.

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What similar species were considered and why were they eliminated?

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Explain previous experience with this species

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Explain previous experience with similar species

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Overall rating of the look you had: ☐ very poor ☐ poor ☐ good ☐ very good ☐ excellent

Did you identify the bird before consulting a field guide? ___________

What guides influenced your decision?

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Was the bird photographed or videotaped? If so, please submit copies (emailed JPEGs are fine) ___________

After observation:
This description was written from: ______ notes made during observation; ______ notes made after observation (Date ________); ______ memory.

Are you positive of your identification? ___________. If not, explain: ________________________________

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Signature ______________________________ Date prepared __________________________

Your name, address (including email) __________________________________________________________

Please send the completed form to James Wheat at james.a.wheat@gmail.com (preferred), or US Mail to 3308 Protégé Place #303, Louisville KY 40245.