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? ______________________________________________

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) ___________________________________________________________

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Christmas Bird Count dates: December 14, 2023 through January 5, 2024. Please return completed forms no later than 10 days after your CBC, but absolutely by January 15, 2024, via email (preferably) to james.a.wheat@gmail.com, or mail to James Wheat, 600 Bluffview Drive, Taylorsville KY 40071.