

Rare Bird Report Form

Submit to: SOUTH DAKOTA RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, a sighting that should be shared with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be accurate. Future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are helping to further knowledge of South Dakota bird populations. This procedure is required of all extraordinary observations, regardless of the observer. Thank you for your time.

All supplementary materials submitted along with the report (e.g., specimens, photos, recordings) become part of the permanent records of the rare bird records committee to allow for future examination or reconsideration of all records, so be sure that you keep a copy of these materials for your own records.

Common Name:

Scientific Name:

Observation Date:

Time(s):

Distance from bird:

Light Conditions:

Optical Equipment:

Notes made at time of sighting?

Date report prepared:

Location of observation (be as specific as possible):

Weather at time of observation:

Prior weather (how many days since last change?):

Enter number of birds/plumage(s):

PHOTO/DRAWING:

Description of bird: include all field marks YOU ACTUALLY OBSERVED - including details on size, shapes, colors, bill, feet, eyes, plumage, etc.

List similar species and describe how or why you eliminated them.

Describe the behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one(s)?

Any interaction between birds?

What is the habitat at this location? Adjacent or nearby habitat?

Describe the bird's song, calls, or other vocalizations. How were call delivered? (from a perch, in flight, etc.)

What is your experience with this or other similar species?

References used for identification:

Print reporter's name, address, and phone number.

Signature:

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Signature: