

***NEW YORK STATE AVIAN RECORDS COMMITTEE
REPORTING FORM***

REPORT NO. _____

STATUS _____

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[Please keep in mind that reports will be photocopied and to facilitate the review process, please type or print legibly.]

1) Species involved:

2) Locality (please include county if known):

3) Date of sighting:

4) Time and length of observation:

5) Description of bird: [Please be as detailed as possible and include additional sheets if necessary. It can often be very helpful to provide a simple sketch showing the features you are describing. This may ensure that future readers understand correctly what you saw.]

5.1) Number of individuals involved:

5.2) Size and shape:

5.3) Color and pattern of plumage:

5.4) Description of bill and soft parts (such as eye ring or gape):

5.5) Description of legs (length, color etc):

5.6) Behavior, including vocalizations:

5.7) Habitat, and other bird species in close association:

6) What particular features of the bird persuaded you of the identification? What other possibilities have you considered and why did you rule them out?

7) Light conditions, distance from bird, optics used:

8) Do you have prior experience with this or similar species?

9) Do you know of other substantiating evidence (e.g. photographs, field sketches, video, sound records, specimen) to support this report? If yes, what is it and where is it deposited? [We welcome photocopies of any field notes or field sketches (artistic merit is not important) that were prepared with the bird in view or immediately afterwards.]

10) Were other observer(s) present? If so, who? Do you know if others saw or reported the bird before you? [It is generally helpful to receive multiple independent reports]

11) Name and address of person submitting this report: [please print your name carefully so that we can spell it correctly in the annual report published by the committee]

12) Telephone number and/or e-mail address: [This is optional but strongly encouraged as it allows the committee to get in touch with you if we require more information or clarification on a specific point.]

13) Time and date of writing this report:

14) Please return completed report to:

*New York State Avian Records Committee
c/o Jeanne Skelly, Secretary
420 Chili Scottsville Road
Churchville, NY 14428*

Receipt of your report will be acknowledged by letter or e-mail.