

# KENTUCKY CBC RARE BIRD REPORT, 2023–2024



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](mailto:james.a.wheat@gmail.com)), or mail to James Wheat, 600 Bluffview Drive, Taylorsville KY 40071.