

KENTUCKY CBC RARE BIRD REPORT, 2025–2026



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, audio recorded, and/or video recorded.

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) _____

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

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 _____

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? _____

Explain previous experience with this species _____

Explain previous experience with similar species _____

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? _____

Attached photos, audio clips, and/or video to eBird checklist or email to Regional Editor? (Y/N) _____

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: _____

Signature _____ Date prepared _____

Your name, address (including email) _____

Christmas Bird Count dates: December 14, 2025 through January 5, 2026. Please return completed forms **no later than 10 days after your CBC, but absolutely by January 15, 2026**, via email (preferably to james.a.wheat@gmail.com), or mail to James Wheat, 600 Bluffview Drive, Taylorsville KY 40071.