

Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas

Species Verification Form



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BIRD ATLAS

Species: _____

Observation Date: _____

Observer: _____

Observation Time: _____

Atlas Block ID: _____

Geographic Coordinates: If you use a GPS unit submit decimal degrees using map Datum NAD 83. You can also copy the lat/long from the **Find a Block** map on www.mnbba.org or use the **Plot Location** tool on the Cornell website (<http://bird.atlasing.org/Atlas/MN/>) to find the lat/long.

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

If you took a photo, made a sketch, or took field notes, please attach copies to this form.

Physical Description of the Bird

Be as detailed as possible and describe the bird's size, body shape, plumage, bill shape, leg color, etc.

Vocalizations

Describe calls and/or song:

Behavior

Describe relevant behavior

Similar species

How were they eliminated?

Your experience with the reported and similar species

Viewing Conditions:

Distance from bird(s): _____

Optics used: _____

Light Conditions: _____

Length of observation: _____

Was the bird seen clearly or obscured?

Location:

Habitat: _____

Directions to the Site:

Public/Private Site: _____

Private Property Owner (if known):

Observer Resources:

Was a field guide used to identify the species?

If Yes: Which field guide was used?

Was the guide used while the bird was visible or afterwards (how long afterwards)?

If notes were taken in the field or a sketch made were they done before or after consulting the field guide?

Additional Contact Information (if there was more than one observer; include name and contact information for each)

Please return this form to your Regional Coordinator or the MNBBA Project Coordinator.