



RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species Name: _____

Observation Date: _____

Observation Time: _____ AM / PM

Block ID: _____

Geographic Coordinates* - You can obtain coordinates for your observation by pinpointing the location with Cornell's plotting tool on our Atlas website or by using Google Earth and positioning your cursor over the location. In addition, more recent editions of the DeLorme Gazetteer have GPS gridlines which will enable you to estimate approximate geographic coordinates of your observation. If you are using a GPS unit, please submit latitude and longitude coordinates using map datum **NAD 83**. Also, be sure to **set your GPS unit to record coordinates in decimal degree format (e.g., 39.1667° N, 82.5833° W)**. If your GPS unit was not set to record coordinates in decimal degrees, convert your current reading to the correct degree format by visiting www.cosports.com/tools/gps_coords.htm.

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

DESCRIPTION – if available, please attach photos or sketches, or submit recordings

Bird: (please be as detailed as possible. Be sure to include descriptive details concerning structure, size, plumage coloration/markings, bill shape, leg color, etc.)

Vocalizations: (if applicable)

Other Species Considered: (list reasons why similar species were ruled out)

Prior Experience with Species:

*Multiple observations of this species in this block may be included on the same form. Simply attach information for additional individuals (lat/long coordinates, observers, etc.)

OBSERVATION LOCATION

Habitat Description:

Landscape Features: (is area mostly forested, agricultural, or urban/suburban?)

Circumstances: (describe weather/lighting conditions, distance from bird, optics used, how well seen etc.)

Directions to Site: (from nearest town)

BEHAVIOR

Breeding Evidence Codes (please list highest breeding evidence code for each observation with a brief description of what you observed)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Observer(s) compiling report: _____ **Date completed:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Other Observers:

Contact Information:

Please mail completed form to:
Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II
School of Environment and Natural Resources
210 Kottman Hall, 2021 Coffey Rd.
Columbus, OH 43210

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