

Yellowstone National Park Rare Bird Observation Form

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Use this form for species with a + next to their name on the Yellowstone National Park bird checklist or any species not on the checklist. Photos for submitted sightings are strongly encouraged. Please fill out all fields **on both sides** so that the sighting can be sufficiently evaluated for authenticity.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Sighting Date _____ Time of Sighting _____ Today's Date _____

Specific location of bird _____

Notes taken (circle one): during sighting *or* from memory

DESCRIPTION OF BIRD(S):

1. Species: _____ Total Number of Birds: _____
Adult _____ Immature _____ Juvenile _____ Unkown/Not Sure _____
Sex: Male _____ Female _____ Unknown _____

2. Describe bird(s). Give physical and/or voice characteristics unique to the bird.

3. If possible, please include a description for each section. Please fill this out from memory, not from a field guide.

Bill _____

Head _____

Neck _____

Upperparts _____

Underparts _____

Wings _____

Tail _____

Legs/Feet _____

4. Describe habitat where bird was seen: _____
5. Have you seen this species before? Y / N ⇒ *If Yes*, # of years experience with this species? _____
6. How many times have you seen this species? _____
7. How many years have you birded? _____
8. Were photos or video taken? Y / N ⇒ **If Yes**, will you send copies? _____
9. Activities of bird(s): _____
10. Distance between observer and bird(s)? _____
11. How long did you observe the birds(s)? _____
12. Optical aid used: None _____ Binoculars _____ Spotting scope _____ Other _____
Optical power _____
13. Other Observers:
14. List similar species and how or why you eliminated them.
15. Describe the behavior of the birds and interaction with other birds.

Drop off observation form at any Yellowstone National Park visitor center or mail to:

Yellowstone Bird Program, Yellowstone Center for Resources

P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

The Yellowstone Bird Committee thanks all observers for their submissions of rare birds and noting specific details of birds observed. Detailed notes are required in order for submissions to be accepted by the committee. Thank you.