

B.O.S. Verification Form

Name of bird:

Date seen:

1. Number of individuals:
2. Locality:
3. Time of observation:
4. Observers (verifying reporter's name first). Underline the names of any who independently identified it as this species:
5. Light conditions:
 - (a) General - sunny; light, medium, or dark clouds, etc.
 - (b) Where was the bird? - in the open; in light, medium, or dark clouds, etc.
 - (c) Where was the sun as you faced the bird? - Assume you are standing on the center of the face of a clock and the bird is at 12 o'clock; over what number is the sun?
6. Optical equipment used:
7. Distance at which seen, and how judged (estimated, paced, etc.):
8. What was the bird doing? (flying, resting, feeding, etc.):
9. Position of the bird in relation to observer including height relative to eye level:
10. Habitat- General:
 Specific:
11. Length of time studied under above combination of conditions:

12. Thorough and detailed description of *exactly* what you saw in the field, giving size, shape, and color pattern of the bird and all its parts, including plumage, beak and legs: (If you have an original sketch made at the time of observation, please attach it.)

13. Similar or confusing species that you are satisfied have been eliminated by your description:

14. Describe your observation of any diagnostic habits:

15. Description of song and calls:

16. Previous experience with this species (about how many times have you observed it?)

17. Signature and address of verifying reporter:

18. Date and time of writing this account: