

NSW Ornithological Records Appraisal Committee Unusual Record Report Form

This form is intended to aid observers in the preparation of a submission for a major rarity in Australia. (It is not a mandatory requirement) Please complete all sections ensuring that you attach all relevant information including copies of your notes, photographs or other supportive material. (PLEASE USE BLACK INK).

Full Name:	Office Use
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Address:	Phone No:
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Species Name:	Scientific Name:
Date(s) and time(s) of observation:	
How long did you watch the bird(s)?	
First and last date of occurrence:	
Distance to bird:	

Site Location (e.g 3km SE of Lavers Hill, Victoria)
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Habitat (describe habitat in which the bird was seen, together with any neighbouring habitats):
Sighting conditions (weather, visibility, light conditions etc.):
Optical aids used:

To your knowledge, is the species seen frequently at this site?
Did you use a field guide? (or any other references for help with identification).
Were other observers present Do any of the other observers disagree with your identification, if so, who? (please give names, addresses and phone numbers)?
How confident are you of your identification? , e.g. 70%, 100%. If not 100%, why not?

Other details: e.g. Do you have historical and or anecdotal information/comments relating to the prior occurrence/status of the species within or near this location? *If more space is needed for any section, please attach with your notes.*

Physical Description of Bird - Please describe only what you saw: (1) No. of individuals present (living or dead); (2) age (adult, juvenile, immature) and sex; (3) size and shape; (4) plumage colour and pattern (including any details of moult); (5) colour of bill, eyes and legs/feet; (6) calls; (7) behaviour, movements, flight pattern, and anything else that might help to identify the bird e.g. feeding, interactions with other birds, describe where the bird was – on ground, in canopy, flying etc. Were comparisons made with other species? *Please also state whether you saw the complete bird or only part of it?* (e.g. upper/lower/front/rear of bird).

(Attach a description and where possible a copy your field notes)

Other species with which you think it might be confused and how these were eliminated?

(Please append your comments / views following your description)

Was the description written from notes and/or sketches made (tick box):

during the observation or; shortly after the observation or; from memory?

Please indicate supportive evidence available.

Was the bird: photographed, taped or video taped? If yes to any of these, by whom?

What experience have you had with the species in question? (Did you know it was a Rare bird when you first saw it?)

Signature: _____

Date: _____