

# MINNESOTA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

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Species \_\_\_\_\_

Observer \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Reason Observation is Unusual \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

**Peder Svingen**  
**2602 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Duluth, MN 55812**

Because your observation is significant, please provide us with as much information as possible for the permanent file of Minnesota bird records. If you have **photos, tape recordings** of vocalizations, **sketches**, written or taped **field notes**, please include them with this form. It would also be appreciated if you could incorporate this information into a Note of Interest for possible inclusion in *The Loon*. Thank you for your cooperation!

**I. DESCRIPTION OF THE BIRD** as it appeared in the field. Please type if possible, and attach extra sheets if necessary. In addition to the bird's appearance, also describe its size, any vocalizations heard, and include any relevant information on its behavior.

(SEE OTHER SIDE)

**II. SPECIES SIMILAR TO THIS BIRD** and how eliminated from consideration.

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**III. YOUR EXPERIENCE** with this and similar species.

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**IV. OTHER OBSERVERS;** if they have additional information regarding this record, please include with this report, or list their addresses so they can be contacted.

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**V. CHECK APPLICABLE STATEMENTS:**

- You were aware at the time of the observation that this record was unusual
- Photos or tape recordings were taken of bird (**PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS REPORT**)
- Field guides were not used nor needed to make identification
- Field notes or sketch made during observation, before/after (*circle one*) field guide was consulted (**PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS REPORT**)
- Field notes or sketch made \_\_\_\_\_ minutes/hours/days (*circle one*) after observation, before/after (*circle one*) consulting field guide (**PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS REPORT**)
- Identification made by consulting field guides while bird was in view
- Identification made from memory after consulting field guides \_\_\_\_\_ minutes/hours/days later (*circle one*)

Field guides and other references consulted: \_\_\_\_\_

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**VI. LIGHT CONDITIONS;** bird-observer-sun orientation; time of day \_\_\_\_\_

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Length of observation \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from bird \_\_\_\_\_

Optics used \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. NAME AND ADDRESS** of person completing this form \_\_\_\_\_

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