MINNESOTA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

Species ______________________________________________

Observer ______________________________________________

Date(s) ____________________ Location ________________________________________________________

Reason Observation is Unusual _______________________________________________________________
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Because your observation is significant, please provide us with as much information as possible for the per-
manent 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.

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(SEE OTHER SIDE)
II. SPECIES SIMILAR TO THIS BIRD and how eliminated from consideration.

III. YOUR EXPERIENCE with this and similar species.

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.

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: ________________________________________________________________

VI. LIGHT CONDITIONS; bird–observer–sun orientation; time of day ________________________________________________

   Length of observation ___________________________ Distance from bird _____________________________

   Optics used _______________________________________________________________________________________

   Habitat ____________________________________________________________________________________________

VII. NAME AND ADDRESS of person completing this form ______________________________________________________