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## New Hampshire Bird Sighting Documentation

Please fill out this form as completely as possible to document unusual sightings. Observers are encouraged to submit a copy of any field notes taken during observation. Sketches and/or photographs are invaluable in documenting sightings. Please use black or blue pen (for improved copying).

**Species:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number observed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age and Sex** (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date seen:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time of day:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** (be as specific as possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**Observers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of bird:** include all **field marks** observed – relative size and shape; head pattern and color (crown, cheeks, eyes, throat, nape); bill and feet (shape, color, length); back and rump (color and pattern); wings (shape, length, markings); breast and flanks (color and markings); tail (shape, length, markings).

**Similar or confusing species eliminated and why:**

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**Behavior of bird** (feeding actions, manner of flight, displays):

**Songs and calls** (describe any heard):

**Habitat:**

**Previous acquaintance** with this and similar species:

**Observation conditions:**

Distance from bird: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Visibility: \_\_\_\_\_

Light conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Optical equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you use a bird book during observation? \_\_\_\_\_ Which one? \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other comments:**

**Reporter** (person filling out this form): \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date form filled out:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:**

Mail printed copy to:

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