

Hawaii Bird Records Committee – Rare Bird Report Form

Please complete this form, or use it as a guide, if you believe you have seen a rare bird in Hawaii that is listed as a review species on the official Hawaiian Islands Bird Checklist, or a species not on the checklist.

All reports should include the name of the species being reported, the location, date of the observation, name of the observer, a description of what you saw (not what it should look like), and what criteria were used to identify the bird and distinguish it from similar species. Also include pertinent information about the viewing conditions, such as distance to the bird, length of observation, optics used, photographs and/or video clips if you took them, lighting, etc.

Please submit your report by email to the chair of the Hawaii Bird Records Committee: Eric VanderWerf, ewerf@hawaii.rr.com

Bird species: _____

Age class: _____ **Sex:** _____ **Number of individuals:** _____

Date and time 1st seen (by you or that you know of): _____

Date and time last seen (by you or that you know of): _____

Location (island, name of site, or if not a regular birding site provide the distance and direction from a known landmark, or use lat./long.): _____

Observer name: _____

Names of any other observers: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Are photos/videos/audio/sketches attached to this report/email? _____

If photos, videos, or recordings are available on public websites, please provide the website address: _____

Are you 100% certain of the identification? _____ If not, then what percent? _____

Describe your previous experience with this or similar species: _____

List any references or advice used to help with the identification:

Was this report made from notes taken during or after observation or from memory?

SIGHTING. Please briefly describe details about the circumstances of finding the bird (if applicable), as well as weather, viewing conditions, and any other observation details you think important.

DESCRIPTION. Describe the bird including size, structure, plumage, bill size and shape, color of the bare parts, etc., and vocalizations if you heard any. If pertinent, please also include details on the age and sex of the bird if known.

ELIMINATION OF SIMILAR SPECIES. Please indicate how you identified the bird, especially the elimination of any similar species. Give brief details on your previous experience with the identification of this and similar species.