

Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas

Species Verification Form



Species Name: _____

Observation Date: _____

Observer: _____

Observation Time: _____

Atlas Block ID: _____

Geographic Coordinates: If you use a GPS unit submit decimal degrees using map Datum NAD 83. You can also use the **Plot Location** tool on the Cornell website (<http://bird.atlasing.org/Atlas/MN/>) and then copying the latitude/longitude decimal degrees.

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

Physical Description of the Bird

Be as detailed as possible and describe the bird's size, body shape, plumage, bill shape, leg color, etc. If you took a photo, made a sketch or took field notes please attach copies to this form.

Vocalizations (if heard)

Describe calls and/or song:

Behavior:

Include the Breeding Evidence Code and any other relevant behavior that was observed

Viewing Conditions:

Distance from bird(s): _____

Optics used: _____

Light Conditions: _____

Length of observation: _____

Was the bird seen clearly or obscured?

Location:

Habitat (use habitat codes): _____

Public/Private Site: _____

Private Property Owner (if known):

Directions to the Site:

Observer Information:

Were other species considered? Which ones - and how were they eliminated?

What is your experience with this and similar species?

Was a field guide used to identify the species?

If Yes: Which field guide was used?

Was the guide used while the bird was visible or afterwards (how long afterwards)?

If notes were taken in the field or a sketch made were they done before or after consulting the field guide?

Additional Contact Information (if there was more than one observer; include name and contact information for each)

Please return this form to your Regional Coordinator or the MNBBA Project Coordinator.