



ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Unusual/Rare bird report

Species: _____ Sub-species/race (if evident): _____

Observer's name: _____

Address: _____

Other observers: _____

Date(s) of observation: _____

Location: _____

Habitat: _____

Viewing distance: _____

Optical aids used (magnification): _____

Duration of observation(s): _____ hours _____ minutes

Books consulted: _____

How well do you know the species (list previous experience)? _____

How confident are you about the identification? _____

State any relevant weather or sea conditions that helped or hindered the observation: _____

State weather conditions in the days before first observation that may explain the bird's presence: _____

Description of the bird(s)

In the following pages please give a full description of the bird from your field notes and impressions gained at the time of the sighting. Please start with an account of how the bird was discovered and what other birds it was with. If you easily identified the bird to family level, eg. Albatross, penguin, duck, tern, etc., you can start your description by saying so. Then lead into a description and produce evidence for the elimination of similar species. Use sketches throughout, wherever possible (the notes at the sides of the following pages are prompts, if you need them). If the bird was caught, banded, photographed or tape recorded please provide measurements, photographs or tapes in support.

Whenever you make comments that have been prompted by books you consulted, state clearly that you have done so.

Regional recorder's comments:

RBC's comments:

First
impressions/
discovery

Size

Shape

Plumage
colour

Please attach additional sheets if necessary. More than one observer can contribute to a report. Please attach photos or anything else which may make confirmation easier.

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Bare parts

Behaviour

Elimination
from other
species

Reaction to
other birds

Reaction to
humans

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