



HUNTER BIRD OBSERVERS CLUB

UNUSUAL RECORD REPORT FORM

URFF1/09

This form is for reports of birds that are rarely recorded in the Hunter Region of NSW. Your record is valuable and will be used in compiling the Annual Bird Report for the Region. Please fill out both sections of the form and send the completed form to Records Officer, Hunter Bird Observers Club Inc (e-mail it to birds@hbc.org.au or post it to P.O. Box 24, New Lambton NSW 2305).

SECTION 1

Your Name:	Office Use Only:
Address:	
Telephone:	E-mail:

Names of any other observers present:

Species Details	Name:
	Scientific name:
	No. of birds (Total): If noted, report numbers of Male: Female: Immature:

General Details	Date:	Time of day:
	Weather Conditions (describe briefly):	
	Location (be as specific as possible):	

Habitat	Provide a brief description of (i) specific habitat at the site where you saw the bird and (ii) the general habitat surrounding the site.
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Behaviour	Provide a brief description of the behaviour you saw — where & how feeding; movements; type of flight; whether on ground, in trees, etc; alone or with other birds; other relevant details.
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SECTION 2

Complete all of this Section. Insert extra pages or attachments where appropriate.

Information from the Field:

Did you take field notes at the time of observation?

Did you write the description from memory?

Were the field notes made before you consulted a field guide?

Were any photographs taken?

What field guide(s) did you consult?

Size & Type of bird (e.g. medium passerine, small wader)

Detailed description (plumage, colour/length of legs, eye & bill, other details that you consider to be relevant). Include a small sketch, or any photographs you have of the bird. Attach/insert extra pages if necessary.

Please indicate other species with which you think it might be confused and how these were eliminated. Attach/insert extra pages if necessary.

Optical aids used

None

Binoculars

Telescope

Distance from bird:

Duration of observation:

How confident are you of the sighting (e.g. 50%, 100%)?

How long have you been a bird watcher?

Have you any previous experience with this species? Describe briefly.

Did you know it was an unusual record for the Hunter Region when you first saw the bird?