

Rare Wildlife Sighting Report Form

Report form must be accompanied by an aerial photograph or satellite image with the location precisely marked.
Please complete online or print legibly.

*The inclusion of a map is mandatory, please see other side for further information on maps.

General Information

Today's Date _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Common Name _____ Scientific Name (If known) _____

Where did the sighting take place?

Municipality/Township _____ County _____

Coordinates (in state plane feet, if known) _____

Directions to location of sighting with landmarks, which will enable the future relocation of the site. _____

Land Owner (name, address and phone number, if known) _____

Describe habitat at the point of sighting and habitat in the general area of the sighting location. _____

Would you accompany a biologist to the site if needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can you describe any immediate or future plans to develop or disturb the site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please describe. _____

Locational Accuracy

1. Is your depiction of the sighting location on the map or aerial photo within 6m (20ft) of the animal's actual location on the ground? ☐ Yes ☐ No (if No, answer question 2 below)

2. Your mapping is accurate to within ____meters ____feet ____miles of the actual location.

What was observed?

How was the species identification made (ex. Sighting, Call, Road Kill, etc.)? _____

Date and time of this sighting (ex. August 20, 2018, 10:30am). _____

How frequently has this species been sighted at this location and over how long a period of time? _____

Number of individuals sighted: Adult____ Immature____ Larva____ Unknown/Other____

Describe sighting and activity observed (ex. Nesting, Perched, Flying, Sunning, etc.). _____

Describe physical features that identify the sighted animal as the species you are reporting. _____

Were photos taken? ☐ Yes ☐ No Was video recorded? ☐ Yes ☐ No Was audio recorded? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Photos/video/audio are strongly encouraged in order to verify the accuracy of a sighting. Items should be identified with the date taken, location, and observer signature. Items will not be returned.

List manuals used or experts consulted to verify identification. _____

Provide a brief background on wildlife knowledge and/or experience, or additional information that would add to the validity of the sighting. _____

Can this be verified by someone else or can anyone vouch for your identification skills? ☐ Yes ☐ No _____

Describe any additional information that may be useful regarding the condition of the animal or location. _____

Your contact information

Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Preferred method of contact _____

Signature _____

☐ I'm 18 or over and all information contained on this form and in the supporting documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Instructions

1. Complete this form for first-hand field observations only.
2. DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM if the source of your information is a report, letter, conversation, or other document. Send us the documentation instead.
3. Attach a copy of a map. (**see below*)
4. Only report one species at each location per form and map.

***Mapping**

A map is necessary to help our biologists determine if suitable habitat is present at the location. Once the suitability of the area is determined, the map provided aids in the delineation of land to be protected. Ideally the most accurate form of map is an aerial photo. Satellite-derived images are available at <https://www.google.com/maps>. These images can be printed and clearly marked with a pen or saved in a digital format and e-mailed along with this form. If you zoom in on the map or imagery and click directly on the exact location of your observation, Google Maps will show a location icon📍, and provide latitude and longitude coordinates. Please provide an aerial image or map. Thank you.

Refer to the DFW website for further information: www.njfishandwildlife.com/ensp/rprtform.htm



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