

# **Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC)**

## **Review List Species Report Form**

Please answer each question with as much thought and detail possible. These details will help the MARC determine whether your review list species is sufficiently supported for acceptance. It is fine if you do not have all the details to complete the form; complete as much as possible.

**Once completed, email this form to Sebastian Jones: [maavianrecords@gmail.com](mailto:maavianrecords@gmail.com)**

**1. Species or subspecies:**

**2. Date, time, and location** (please be specific, i.e. 17:40 on 30 Oct 2015, GPS coordinates or street address):

**3. Number of individuals:**

**4. Situational details of the sighting**—e.g., “I was walking down Race Point Beach when suddenly...”, or “I got a call from Ludlow Griscom and went to investigate a...”

**5. Physical description.** This is perhaps the most important part of the form. Include all observed physical details of the bird, including plumage, bill, feet, eyes, bare skin, shape, and size relative to nearby birds:

6. **Vocal description.** If the bird vocalized, describe the sound to the best of your ability, e.g. trill, buzz, high-pitched, “kser”, quavering, length of call, etc.

7. **Behavioral description.** What behaviors did you observe?

8. **Habitat:**

9. **Total length of time and number of times bird was seen and/or heard:**

10. **How did you rule out other similar species?**

11. **Distance from the bird:**

12. **Optics used to view the bird:**

13. **Lighting**—e.g. sunny or cloudy, was the bird sunlit or backlit:

14. **Your contact information:**