## Report form for rare or unusual records of birds in Switzerland

**Please fill in this form completely.** The documentation should be as comprehensive as possible to allow an independent conclusion to be reached on the identity of the bird(s). Please submit field notes, photographs or tape recordings, if available. When completed send:

**via e-mail to** [**sak@vogelwarte.ch**](mailto:sak@vogelwarte.ch)**, or otherwise to Swiss Rarities Committee, c/o Swiss Ornithological Institute,   
CH–6204 Sempach.**

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| *Do not fill in* Decision: Meeting: No.: |

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| Species (English and scientific names, subspecies if determined): |
| **Species no.**:      **Number of individuals**, sex, age, plumage: |
| Type of record (please tick):  bird(s) seen  heard  trapped  recovered alive  found dead |

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| **Locality:** field name: |
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| **Commune:**       **Canton:**      **Coordinates:**     /     **Altitude:**      m a.s.l. |

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| **Name, address, phone no., e-mail:** |
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| **Date(s) of observation** (give all dates with time, number of individuals and name of observers): |
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| **Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):** |
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| **Bird found** by (only one name): |
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| **Date and time of the first observation:** |
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| **Other observers present when the bird was found:** |
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| **Weather** (also visibility, waves, etc.): | |
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| **Light conditions** (e.g. position of the bird(s) in relation to the sun): | |
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| **Optical equipment:** binoculars:  yes  no type and power:  scope:  yes  no type and power: | |
| **Distance to bird(s):** on the ground:      m, when flying:      m **Actual duration of sighting:** | |
| **Similar species present** (a: direct size comparison, b: indirect size comparison); **interspecific interactions:** | |
| **a:** |  |
| **b:** |  |
| **Habitat:** | |
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| How did you notice the bird(s)? |
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| Species / subspecies was identified (please tick)  immediately  after several minutes  later (when?):      . |
| **Behaviour of the bird(s)** (important details; which behavioral characteristics were used in the identification process?): |
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| **Detailed description** (size, proportions, structure, plumage characteristics, coloration, etc.; biometrics if captured; criteria for sex, age and subspecies determination; drawings very welcome, in particular copy of field sketches; use additional sheets if necessary): |
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| Which part(s) of the bird(s) could not be seen properly? |
| **Voice** (calls, song), flight sound: |
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| When did you write down the voice? |
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| **The description is based on** (please tick): |
| field notes  field sketches  memory  taken when?       done when? |

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| yes no  Are you 100% sure of the species  age  sex  subspecies  determination? |
| **Observers who disagree with the identification:** |
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| **Literature used for the identification** (books, papers): |
| **– in the field:** |
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| **– at home:** |
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| **How many years have you been birding actively?** |
| **Have you already seen this species?** Where, when, how many and in which plumage? |
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| **Which similar species that might lead to confusion could be eliminated (please indicate criteria)?** |
| **– at the time of observation:** |
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| **– later:** |
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| **Have you already seen those species?** Where, when, how many and in which plumage? |
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| The following **proofs** exist (please tick):  field sketches  photographs  tape-recording |
| and are enclosed (quantity): field sketches:      photographs:      tape-recording: |
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| **If the bird was recovered/trapped:** the bird is in care of: |
| date and locality of release: |
| specimen preserved (address, registration number): |

**Date:**       **Signature (optional):** **Feb. 1999; Dec. 2007/PK**