

## DOCUMENTATION

New, rare or irregular species in the area should be documented and the reports turned in to increase data on these birds.

First, your name, address, phone and date should be listed. Then the SPECIES the report is on, the number, age and sex of bird(s), your distance from the bird(s) when observing and relative size of bird.

Next, describe the:

HEAD AND NECK (forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)  
EYES & LORES (supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.)  
UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES (color, shape, etc.)  
LEGS & FEET (color, etc.)  
UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)  
UNDERPARTS (throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)  
RETRICES (inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)  
WING (color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading & trailing edges, etc.)  
VOCALIZATION  
BEHAVIOR

Finally, the date of observation, time, weather, sky conditions, the duration of observation and bird-sun orientation. Be sure to state the exact location and habitat and list any other observers and optical equipment used to observe the bird(s) plus any additional comments you might have. If you can, while observing the bird, make as accurate a sketch as you can or photograph it if possible and include these with your report.

Please type or print your report. Return to Carolyn Gritzmaker, PO Box 260, Maypearl, TX 76064-0260. Or email your information to [c.gritzmaker@gmail.com](mailto:c.gritzmaker@gmail.com). Your input will help us bring the checklist of birds in Ellis County up to date. Thank you!