



CEYLON BIRD CLUB RARITIES and RECORDS COMMITTEE

Rarity Report

Please submit your report to the committee with the following information, using the same section headings and numbers as below.

1. **Species**, including age, sex, and plumage type (seasonal plumage, colour phase, etc.), or whichever of these is known.
2. Name/s and address/es of **observer/s**.
3. Exact location and description of site.
4. Date and time of observation.
5. Weather and light conditions at time of observation.
6. Optical aids used – makes and model/s of equipment, including magnification and objective-lens diameter of binocular or telescope, and details of camera and lens.
7. Distance of bird/s from observer.
8. **Description** of bird/s, e.g. size, shape, plumage details – giving the exact details gathered during the observation, from field notes and/or photos taken, without adding any details learnt after the event by referring to literature.
9. Actions, and character of flight, as observed.
10. Calls, as heard.
11. Other bird species present nearby for comparison.
12. Previous experience with the subject species and/or other species which are similar to it in the field.
13. Other relevant information or details pertaining to the observation, the species or the identification, e.g. with regard to identification how this species/subspecies differs from other similar species/subspecies.
14. Whether field sketches were made, and/or photographs, video or audio recordings were obtained, and copies of these are enclosed. Photographs should be the original images, attached in .jpg format, with no change by using photo-editing software; video or audio recordings also should be unchanged.
15. Literature and/or other material referred to in identifying the species.