

Bird Studies Canada/ Long Point Bird Observatory

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RARITY REPORT

In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be accepted for the historical record, it must be properly documented. LPBO co-operators are therefore asked to complete a form in every case where a rarity is being claimed. Guidance as to which species are considered rare in the Long Point area may be obtained from the Landbirds Program Manager. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature. PLEASE PRINT.

Species claimed: Black Vulture

No. of birds: 1 **Age:** unknown **Sex:** unknown.

Date(s): April, 29 - 30.

Place: Eastern Tip of Long Point, and Old Cut field station.

Time(s) of Observation: April 29 - 1000 (Tip), 1600 (Old Cut); April 30 – Dawn (Old Cut).

Who first saw the bird(s): Fergus Nicoll (Tip), Stu Mackenzie (Old Cut)

Who first identified it: Fergus Nicoll(Tip), Stu Mackenzie (Old Cut)

Other observers (names and addresses):

Tia Hanna, Ron Ridout, Denis Lepage.

Any who disagree: No

Your previous experience with the species: Have observed the species frequently in the southern U.S, Mexico and Central America.

Your previous experience with any closely similar species:

(a) Formerly: n/a

(b) Same day: n/a

Species present for comparison: n/a

Which were beside it for comparison: n/a

Distance from observer(s): 50 m

How measured:

Optical aids used:

Weather conditions (at time of observation)

Visibility: clear

Cloud Cover: 5/10

Lighting: good

Wind direction and speed: light SW

Other relevant conditions:
(eg. rain, snow cover, etc.)

For "Waterbird " records only

Lake conditions:

Wave height:

Height of observer above lake:

Was observer's position sheltered:

Weather system preceding the date of observation (if known): unknown

Attach weather map clipping from local or national newspaper if relevant.

Associated movements of other species:

Was the bird trapped: no

Band # if banded: no

Was it photographed: no

If yes, by whom (name and address): Tia Hanna c/o LPBO.

Specimen or parts preserved:

Present location:

Circumstances:

The bird was first observed at the Tip on the morning of April 29. It was seen about 6 hours later flying over Old Cut where it was followed until it roosted in the Long Point Provincial Park with about 12 Turkey Vultures. It arose at dawn with the TUVU's and departed west.

Description:

Give separate description for (a) in the field (b) in the hand. Include full measurements and wing formula with hand descriptions.

Band number:

Age:

Sex:

Wing:

Weight:

Fat:



Did you refer to any guides/other literature:

(a) at the time: no

(b) afterwards: no

Finally, is this record 100% certain? yes

Signed:

Date:

Feb 20, 2010

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