



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 cooperators 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 Migration Program Manager. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature. PLEASE PRINT.

Species claimed: Fish Crow

No. of birds: 1

Age: unknown

Sex: unknown

Date(s): 2012 05 07

Place: Turkey Point - SW of 10 in Brested area - along ridge

Time(s) of Observation: ~9:30 am

Who first saw the bird(s): David Bell

Who first identified it: "

Other observers (names and addresses):

Any who disagree: /

Your previous experience with the species: many in NC in 2008, several in ON in 2012

Your previous experience with any closely similar species:

(a) Formerly: have seen all NA crows/rooks (plus Rook, Jackdaw, Carrion/Hawked)

(b) Same day: AMCR calling nearby at obs. time

Species present for comparison: see above

Which were beside it for comparison: nearby

Distance from observer(s): 40~50 metres

How measured: estimate

Optical aids used: Audubon Equinox WP 10x42 binos.

Weather conditions (at time of observation)

Visibility: *excellent*

Cloud Cover: *100%*

Lighting: *over due to clouds*

Wind direction and speed: */*

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):

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

Associated movements of other species:

Was the bird trapped:

Band # if banded:

Was it photographed:

If yes, by whom (name and address):

Specimen or parts preserved:

Present location:

Circumstances:

Louisiana Waterthrush survey, was walking along the ridge when I heard a commotion. I looked to my left and saw a small crow chasing an adult Bald Eagle, giving calls that lead to my ID.

Description:

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

Small, slender-looking crow, giving weird 'wahhh' calls as well as typical Fish Crow 'uh' and 'uh-uh' calls - very agitated bird since it was chasing the BHEA - much more nasal than AMCR. AMCR calling nearby for comparison.

(Continue on extra sheet if required)

Did you refer to any guides/other literature: no

(a) at the time: /

(b) afterwards: /

Finally, is this record 100% certain? yes

Signed:

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