



## New Mexico Ornithological Society Bird Records Committee Submittal Form

### New Mexico Rare/Unusual Bird Report

This form is intended as a guide in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print in black ink or send electronically. Attach available drawings, photographs (electronic, or slides, prints, video), copies of field notes, etc.; include all photos of obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: Dr. Sartor O. Williams III, New Mexico Bird Records Committee, 1819 Meadowview Dr NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104-2511. <mailto:sunbittern@earthlink.net> Thank you.

1. Common or scientific name: **Barrow's Goldeneye**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 ad. males in breeding plumage): **1 male**
3. Locality (Include County and distance from nearest named town): **Taos, County, Pillar along old 590 between Pilar Campground and Rio Bravo Campground**
4. Date(s) when seen : **December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**
5. Time(s) of day when seen: **Approximately 10:15am**
6. Reporting observers (include middle initial, address, and e-mail address): **Steve T Wickliffe, 2346 B 35<sup>th</sup> St. Los Alamos, 87544, [stevewickliffe@comcast.net](mailto:stevewickliffe@comcast.net)**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: **Steve Know**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: **Steve Knox**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Overcast and snowing**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Pentax 8x43 DCF**
11. Distance to bird: **50 yards**
12. Duration of observation: **3 to 4 minutes several different times**
13. Habitat (general and specific): **Rio Grande river, feeding with other Goldeneyes**

14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): **Birds were feeding / resting in the rivers**

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks): **Characteristic diving and feeding of Goldeneyes the white crescent on each side of face head shape versus the more abundant Common were observed.**

16. Voice: **N/A**

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations): **See above**

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?): **Steve Knox**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Seen this species and the Common often enough to differentiate the species.**

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc., used in identification a) at time of observation; b) after observation: **Nat Geo Field Guide to the Birds of North America**

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation; memory: **Memory**

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: **Yes**

23. Signature of reporter, along with date and time of writing of this account: **Steve**

**Wickliffe** 12-21-14, 8:30pm

It is emphasized that a request for documentation is not an affront, but is an effort to substantiate a record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for all to evaluate.