

# WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species:  Number: (leave blank)   
Location:  Date:  Time:   
Bird Seen:  To:  Age/Sex:

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

American Goldfinch size and shape.

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

Very distinctive red, white and black facial pattern.  
Red face, white cheeks, black on head and neck.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

Description of behavior:

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Backyard bird feeder.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

Cloudy spring morning, noticed new bird on feeder. Bird was facing kitchen windows, and facial pattern was so distinctive that, although I'd never seen this bird before, I recognized it immediately, since it is listed at the back of almost every field guide to "Birds of Eastern North America".

Previous experience with this species:

I'm sure I've seen this species before at the Aviary in Pittsburgh, and other aviaries.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

I've seen lots of different finches and warblers and none come anywhere close to the facial pattern of the European Goldfinch. I know of no other North American finch or similar size bird with so much white on its face, especially in combination with the bright red.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

Birds of North America, Robbins, Bruun, Zim, Singer, ~~Smith~~  
The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

~~7~~ months 5 weeks

Name:

Address:

Date:

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Signature:

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Please use the space below to add any appropriate details you feel were missing from the above form or to expand on any answers whose allotted space was insufficient for a complete response:





