The Maryland/District of Columbia Records Committee (MD/DCRC) reviews reports of rare and unusual subspecies and forms found in Maryland. The MD/DCRC will review reports of the following subspecies and forms that meet the following criteria:

1. **Rare or unusual subspecies observed in Maryland that do not already appear in Part 2 of the MD/DCRC Official List of the Birds of Maryland** (https://mdbirds.org/md-bird-list/).
   For example, the following well-marked subspecies and forms have not been confirmed from Maryland, but could likely occur, and should be reported if observed:

   - Ross’s Goose [blue-morph] Chen rossii
   - Brant (Dark-bellied) Branta bernicla bernicla
   - Cackling Goose (any ssp. other than Richardson’s) Branta hutchinsii var.
   - Tundra Swan (Bewick’s) Cygnus columbianus bewickii
   - Common Eider (Northern) Somateria mollissima borealis
   - Sandhill Crane (Lesser) Antigone canadensis canadensis
   - Broad-winged Hawk [dark-morph] Buteo platypterus
   - Dunlin (Greenland) Calidris alpina arctica
   - Herring Gull (European) Larus argentatus argentatus/argenteus
   - Lesser Black-backed Gull (intermedius) Larus fuscus intermedius
   - Red-tailed Hawk (Western) [including all dark-morphs] Buteo jamaicensis calurus/alascensis
   - Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan’s) Buteo jamaicensis harlani
   - Common Redpoll (Greater) Acanthis flammea rostrata
   - Red Crossbill [any "type" other than 3 or 10] Loxia curvirostra (types 1-2, 4-9, >10)
   - Fox Sparrow (any ssp. other than Red) Passerella iliaca var.
   - Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided) Junco hyemalis mearnsi

2. **Rare or unusual subspecies or forms observed in Maryland that have already been accepted and appear in Part 2 of the Official List of the Birds of Maryland.**
   This criterion includes the previously accepted rare or unusual subspecies or forms, reviewable anywhere in the state of Maryland, including:

   - Brant (Black) Branta bernicla nigricans
   - Whimbrel (European) Numenius phaeopus phaeopus
   - Great Blue Heron (Great White) Ardea herodias occidentalis
   - Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon) Junco hyemalis (oreganus group)
   - Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon’s) Setophaga coronata auduboni

However, some previously accepted Maryland Official List, Part 2 subspecies or forms have enough accepted records and have been sufficiently documented in Maryland to warrant their removal from this statewide subspecies review list and are no longer reviewable. These taxa include:

- Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) Anas creca creca
- Cory’s Shearwater (Scopoli’s) Calonectris diomedea diomedea
- White-crowned Sparrow (Gambel’s) Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelli

[Note: Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) is still reviewable but only in Category 4C, below.]
3. Rare or unusual hybrids.
Hybrid review candidates would include only hybrids where both parents are Maryland reviewable species.

4. Rare or unusual subspecies or forms with limited ranges in Maryland.
The following well-marked subspecies or forms, if found in specific ranges in Maryland:

4A. Subspecies or forms seen away from coastal Worcester County:

Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich)  
*Passerculus sandwichens*is princeps

4B. Subspecies or forms seen along the Potomac River north of Charles County, or inland away from the major tidal Chesapeake Bay tributaries:

(none)

4C. Subspecies or forms seen west of the Coastal Plain, except along the Susquehanna River:

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)  
*Anas crecca crecca*

Willet (Eastern)  
*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus semipalmatus*

Nelson’s Sparrow (Acadian)  
*Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus*

4D. Subspecies or forms seen west of the Washington/Frederick County line:

(none)

**Note:** The MD/DCRC will archive all submitted rare or unusual species or forms reports but may only review *field-identifiable* forms at its discretion.

**Please submit reports of any sightings meeting these criteria to:**

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The species names and taxonomy of this list conform to the 2021 American Ornithological Society’s (AOS) 62nd Supplement to the Check-list of North American Birds.

A documentation guideline/checklist containing points to include in sighting reports and a web-based reporting form is available at the MD/DCRC web site:  
[https://mdbirds.org/records-committee/report-rare-bird-sightings/](https://mdbirds.org/records-committee/report-rare-bird-sightings/)