

ILLINOIS DOCUMENTATION FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS

Submitted to Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC)

**IORC RECORD
NUMBER:**

This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):

2016-020

Unusual species; Unusual date; Unusual number;
 Unusual plumage; Unusual breeding record; Christmas Count record; Spring Count record;
 Breeding Census record; Other: _____

1. SPECIES: Purple Gallinule _____

2. Number of birds: 1 **Age/sex/plumage:** _____

3. Date(s): 2 April 2016 _____

4. Location (include county): 93rd and Loomis, Chicago, Cook County _____

5. Observers: Found injured by unknown person who called the Chicago Bird Collision Monitors.
Information in the documentation was provided by Annette Prince. _____

Documenter: Your name: Josh Engel _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Others agreeing with identification: n/a _____

Observers NOT agreeing with identification: n/a _____

6. Description of bird, including size; shape; proportions; details of both color and patterns on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, undertail, wings, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts (bill, eye, legs and feet). Include only details actually seen in the field:

See photos.

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7. Description of behavior:

n/a

8. Description of vocalizations:

n/a

9. Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):

Vacant lot in urban neighborhood

10. Viewing conditions: n/a

Optical equipment used for observation (type, power): _____

Distance/how measured? _____

Time(s) of observation: _____ **Total time of observation:** _____

Weather (including regional or national weather patterns if relevant)/ sky conditions/ relative position of the sun: _____

11. Previous experience with this species and similar species:

n/a

12. Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids (use additional paper, if necessary):

n/a

13. Where photos obtained? Yes ___ If so, by whom? Annette Prince _____ Attached? Yes ___

14. Books & illustrations consulted, and advice received. How did these influence this description?

n/a

15. How long after the observation were field notes recorded? n/a _____

16. How long after observation was this form completed? n/a _____

17. Additional remarks:

From Annette Prince: "The bird was reported at 3:30 pm on Saturday April 2 at 93rd and Loomis which I think is Beverly, Illinois Cook County. It was reported injured and hiding under a bush at a vacant house. I've attached the photo the caller sent to us. She said it was an exotic bird with a turquoise head and a red beak. I don't know the name but have a phone number for that person. Our volunteer Denise Verret picked up the bird. The photo of the bird in the box was taken by me and I've sent you a picture I took of the bird in hand."

Signed: Josh Engel _____ **Date:** 4 April 2016 _____