

Museum of Southwestern Biology Division of Birds

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Bird salvage form notes

Please use one form per specimen.

Fill out the day, month, and year you found the specimen.

Identify the specimen if you know the species.

Enter the name of the person who found the specimen.

Enter the state and county the specimen was found in. For instance, NM: Bernalillo Co.

Enter a specific locality where the specimen was found. For instance, Tijeras, at intersection of south 14 and I-40.

If you have a GPS, enter the latitude, longitude, and elevation the specimen was collected at.

GPS datum is the algorithm that your GPS used to generate the lat/long coordinates. A common one is WGS 1984, another is NAD1927. If you don't know what datum was used, put 'unknown.' Error is the maximum distance from the GPS coordinates that includes the point where the specimen was collected, for example, $\pm 25\text{m}$.

Lat/long data are nice, but not critical if a good written description of the locality is given. We can always use mapping programs such as Google Earth to generate GPS coordinates for a specimen.

Cause of death: give your best guess as to why the bird died. For example, window strike, road kill, etc.

Use the additional space under 'Notes' to fill in any other information you think is interesting about the specimen.

Put the specimen in a freezer until you can arrange to drop the specimen off at the Museum of Southwestern Biology. Arrangements can be made by calling Collection Manager Andy Johnson at 277-1359 or emailing ajohnson@unm.edu. If you do not reach Andy, contact Curator of Birds Chris Witt 277-8169 (cwitt@unm.edu) or Cathy Osborn in the MSB front office at 277-1360