THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI RARE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

This report summarizes records evaluated by the Committee between 7 October 1989 and 28 September 1990. The report is divided into two sections, Records Accepted and Records Unaccepted. Birds are listed in phylogenetic order under each of these categories. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds (1983), and subsequent supplements (35th, 36th and 37th). For all Unaccepted Records observers names are omitted and a brief explanation is provided as to why the record was unaccepted.

A final decision was made on 45 records, and an additional 9 are currently under review. Twenty-eight records were Accepted and 17 Unaccepted. The Yellow-billed Loon (1990-23) and Gray Partridge (1990-42) records, as well as all other first state records that have been received since the Committee’s formation, will be reviewed again with new criteria established by the Committee at its annual meeting in September 1990. The Committee’s record number follows the scientific name. When more than a single observer was involved in an observation, an asterisk (*) is used to denote which observer(s) documented the record. All photographs are deposited in the Committee’s files.

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RECORDS ACCEPTED

Pacific Loon (Gavia pacifica): 1990-24; 2, 23 Feb-9 May 1990, Table Rock L., Stone/Taney cos; C. Lundberg (*), H. Hedges (*), R. Fisher (*) et al. This is the first winter record for the state. See Lundberg (1990) for details.

Yellow-billed Loon (Gavia adamsii): 1990-23; 1, 14 Feb-9 May 1990, Table Rock L., Stone/Taney cos; C. Lundberg (*), D. Easterla (*), P. Snetsinger (*) et al. This is the first state record. See Lundberg (1990) for details.

Western Grebe (Aechmophorus occidentalis); 1990-20; 4, 14-16 April 1990, Thomas Hill Reservoir, Randolph Co; B. Goode (*), I. Adams. This is a new single day, high count for spring.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax); 1989-24; adult, 31 December 1988, Orchard Farm CBC; T. Walker (*) et al. The third winter record for the state.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax); 1990-21; adult, 20 Feb 1990, Branson, Taney Co; M. Strange. The fourth winter record for the state.

Blue-winged Teal (Anas discors); 1990-34; 1, 30 December 1989, Taney Co CBC; J. Fitzgerald.

Greater Scaup (Aythya marila); 1990-35; 5, 30 December 1989, Taney Co CBC; A. Contreras (*), M. Goodman, and R. Hotham (*).

Oldsquaw (Clangula hyemalis); 1990-27; male, photographed, 27-29 Apr 1990, Swan L. NWR, Chariton Co; J. Eldridge et al. The second latest spring record for the state.

Scooter sp. (Melanitta sp.); 1990-15; 2, 25 February 1990, Stockton L., Cedar Co; R. Fisher (*), G. Griffith. These birds were either Surf or Black scoters.

Gray Partridge (Perdix); 1990-42; male, 18 June 1990, near Watson, Atchison Co; D. Easterla. This represents the first documentation for the state. Birds are apparently immigrating to the state from introduced Iowa populations.

Black Rail (Laterallus jamaicensis); 1990-32; 1, 23 May 1990, Bigelow Marsh, Holt Co; D. Easterla. This species is only casually observed in the state.

Purple Gallinule (Porphyrio martinica); 1990-4; adult, photographed, 25 April-16 May 1989, Bittern Bottoms, Cass Co; J. Garrett (*), E. Johnson. See Garrett (1989) for details. This gallinule is only casually observed away from the Mississippi Lowlands region of the state.

Sandhill Crane (Grus canadensis); 1990-30; 3, 24 April 1990, St. Francois Co; S. Dilks. This is one of the few modern records for the eastern half of the state.

American Woodcock (Scolopax minor); 1990-36; 1, 23 December 1989, Patterson CBC, Wayne Co, V. Moss (*), S. Dilks. This species is rarely seen after mid-December.

Little Gull (Larus minutus); 1988-30; adult, 5 November 1988, Smithville L., Clay Co; D. Bryan. The fourth state record.

Glaucous Gull (Larus hyperboreus); 1990-2; 1, 2nd-winter, 28 December 1989, Montrose WA, Henry Co; M. Robbins. One of the few winter records away from the Mississippi River.

Black-legged Kittiwake (Rissa tridactyla); 1990-3; 1, 1st-winter, 28 December 1989, Stockton L., Cedar Co; M. Robbins. First winter record away from the Mississippi River at St. Louis.

Snowy Owl (Nyctea scandiaca); 1990-17; 1, photographed, 5-30 December 1989, near Big Oak Tree SP, Mississippi County; S. Baker, J. Haw (*) et al. The southernmost record for the state.

Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus); 1989-36; male, photographed, 9 August-7 November 1989, St. Joseph, Buchanan Co; P. Pritchett et al. There are now at least eight records for the state.

Selasphorus sp.; 1989-33; immature male, 19 September 1989, New Bloomfield, Callaway Co; J. Vickery, J.D. Wilson (*). There are at least four records of Selasphorus

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sp. for the state.

**Mountain Bluebird** (*Sialia currucoides*); 1990-22; female, 2 April 1990, Prairie SP, Barton Co; J. Loomis (*), D. Bozzay, W. Baressi, N. Sylvester. The sixth state record.


"Lawrence's" Warbler (*Vermivora pinus* x *V. chrysoptera*); 1990-29; male, 23 April 1990, Tower Grove Park, St. Louis Co; E. Barresi et al. This hybrid phenotype has been rarely reported in the state.

**Wilson's Warbler** (*Wilsonia pusilla*); 1990-26; male, 17 April 1990, Tower Grove Park, St. Louis Co; J. Ziebol (*), P. Ziebol, B. Wetteroth. The earliest spring record for the state. This bird may have been from one of the western North American races.

**Lazuli Bunting** (*Passerina amoena*); 1990-28; female, 11 May 1990, Kansas City, Jackson Co; M. McHugh. The seventh spring sighting.

**Smith's Longspur** (*Calcarius pictus*); 1990-4; 5, 29 December 1989 until at least 25 January 1990; M. Robbins (*), B. Reeves (*), and S. Dilka. There are only about five winter records for the state.

**Great-tailed Grackle** (*Quiscalus mexicanus*); 1990-5; female, 10 December 1990, St. Charles Co; J. Ziebol. Only the third record for eastern Missouri.

**White-winged Crossbill** (*Loxia leucoptera*); 1990-18; male, 16 January-5 February 1990, Springfield, Greene Co; B. Reid et al. One of the southernmost records for the state.

**UNACCEPTED**


**Tricolored Heron** (*Egretta tricolor*); 1989-35; adult, 15 June 1989, near Mississippi River, Mississippi Co. The bird was seen for a short period without optical equipment.

**Bean Goose** (*Anser fabalis*); 1990-16; 1, 29 October 1989, Big Lake SP, Holt Co. Identification questionable.

**Ferruginous Hawk** (*Buteo regalis*); 1990-10; adult, 28 September 1989, Greene Co. Identification questionable. Details were lacking or minimal on shape and color of head and tail. Dorsal surface was not seen.

**Sandhill Crane** (*Grus canadensis*); 1989-37; 10-11, 9 September 1989, Kirkwood, St. Louis Co. Identification questionable.


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Little Gull (Larus minutus); 1990-12; adult, 18 November 1989, Table Rock L., Taney Co. The gray to blackish rear crown, the blackish auricular spot, and the dark wing linings were not reported.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (Picoides scalaris); 1990-33; 1, 13 February 1990, Springfield, Greene Co. Identification questionable. Description written six weeks after observation.

Black-billed Magpie (Pica); 1989-27; 1, 6 May 1989, central Taney Co. A probable escape. See Bluebird (56:91-92, 1989) for comments on this record.

Fish Crow (Corvus ossifragus); 1990-11; 1, 26 October 1989, along Current River, Shannon Co. The details failed to eliminate Common Crow.

House Wren (Troglodytes aedon); 1990-37; 1, 17 December 1989, Pleasant Hill, Cass Co. Insufficient details.

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius); 1990-7; 1, 14 December 1989, Lee's Summit, Jackson Co. Insufficient details. Description was limited to three very brief statements.

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius); 1990-8; 3, 14 November 1989, Excelsior Springs, Clay Co. Insufficient details. It was unclear from the description if one or all three birds was described. Details were too brief for a 15 minute observation of three birds so early in the fall.

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius); 1990-9; 1, 16 September 1989, Binder L., Cole Co. Insufficient details. Details only mentioned that the bird was the size of a robin, had orange wingbars and a black breast band. A more precise description is warranted for an observation so early in the season.

Brewer's Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus); 1990-40; 3, 1 Jan 1990, Greene Co. Identification questionable. Not enough detail was provided to separate this species from Common Grackle and Rusty Blackbird. Observers should be aware that Common Grackles do not possess the "keeled" tail in fall and winter.

Brewer's Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus); 1990-41; 1, 17 December 1989, Knob Noster CBC, Johnson Co. Identification questionable. See comments under record 1990-40.

White-winged Crossbill (Loxia leucoptera); 1990-1; 4-5, 18 October 1989; 1, 23 Oct 1989, Brickyard Hill WA, Atchison Co. The birds were only heard.

LITERATURE CITED


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