FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MISSOURI
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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This report summarizes records evaluated by the Committee between 29 September 1991 and 25 September 1992. The report is divided into two sections: Accepted Records and Unaccepted Records.

Birds are listed in phylogenetic order under each of the above categories. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds (1983) and subsequent supplements (35th through 38th). For all Unaccepted Records observers names are omitted and a brief explanation is provided as to why the record was unaccepted. When more than a single observer was involved in an observation, an asterisk (*) is used to denote which observers documented the record. All photographs are deposited in the Committee's files.

A total of 84 new records were received during the above period, with 49 Accepted, 12 Unaccepted and 22 are in or await review.

Documenters and observers who would like a status report on their records can write the Secretary.

Acknowledgments: Kenneth Parkes kindly provided outside review of one of the records, and Lloyd Kiff confirmed identification of the Least Flycatcher nest.

ACCEPTED RECORDS


PACIFIC LOON (Gavia pacifica); 1992-5; 1, 2-4 January 1992, Lake Springfield, Greene Co. J. Confer (*), J. Rising (*). 9th record.

YELLOW-BILLED LOON (Gavia adamsii); 1991-6; 1, 27 December - 1 April 1990-91, Table Rock L., Taney Co. C. Lundberg et al. Prints. 2nd state record.


EARED GREBE (Podiceps nigricollis); 1992-9; 1 in nuptial plumage, 31 January 1992, Mingo NWR, Stoddard Co. R. Lewis. 2nd documented winter record.


GREAT EGRET (Casmerodius albus); 1991-45; 1, 15 December 1990, Kansas City CBC, Jackson Co. R. Noty (*), T. Tritico. 2nd winter record.


WHITE IBIS (Eudocimus albus); 1992-30; immature, 16 May 1992 near Caruthersville, Pemiscot Co. A. & N. Schanda. 2nd May record.


AM. SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (Elanoides forficatus); 1992-17; 1, 11 April 1992, between Reed Spring & Galena, Stone Co. J. Bair. 3rd modern record.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK (Accipiter gentilis); 1991-28; 1 immature, 12 May 1991, Farmington, St. Francois Co. W. Reeves (*), B. Lewis. About the 5th May record.


SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis); 1991-37; 2, 15 December 1990, Montrose WA, Henry Co. V. Elsberry et al. About the 8th winter record.


SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis); 1991-49; 2, 6 September - 28 October 1991, Grand Pass WA, Saline Co. M. McClure et al. One of the earliest fall records.

SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis); 1991-63; immature, 11 December 1991, Mingo NWR, Bollinger/Stoddard Co. V. Moss et al.


THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri); 1991-38; adult, 23 December 1990, Trimble CBC, Clay Co. T. Barksdale. One of the few records for western Missouri.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (Larus fuscus); 1971-1; adult, 6 January 1991, St. Louis, St. Louis Co. P. Hoell. About the 6th state record.


WESTERN KINGBIRD (Tyrannus verticalis); 1991-26; pair with nest, 6 June 1991, Kennett, Dunklin Co. H. & N. Schanda. 1st nest record for the southeastern corner of the state.


VARIED THRUSH (Ixoreus naevia); 1991-11; adult male, late December - 1 January 1990-91, Memphis, Scotland Co. Mr. & Mrs. J. Daviss, P. McKenzie (*), T. Barksdale (*). Diagnostic print. 3rd record.


GRAY CATBIRD (Dumetella carolinensis); 1991-44; 1, 15 December 1990, Lake
Springfield, Greene Co.  D. Thurman (*), C. Bonner. There are less than a dozen winter records.

AMERICAN PIPIT (Anthus rubescens); 1992-2; 18, 1 January 1992, Riverlands Envir. Rec. Area, St. Charles Co.  D. Easterla (*), J. Hilsabeck, C. Hobbs. About the 7th reliable winter record and a high count for that season.


BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER (Dendroica virens); 1992-26; male, 13 June 1992, northwest of Centralia, Audrain Co.  P. McKenzie (*), K. Werner. One of the few summer records.


CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR (Calcarius ornatus); 1991-55; adult male, 16 November 1991, St. Charles Co. J. Van Benthuysen. 11th record.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (Quiscalus mexicanus); 1991-57; 2 adult males, 15-22 November 1991, near West Alton, St. Charles Co.  D. Anderson (*), J. Van Benthuysen. 3rd record for the eastern half of the state.


UNACCEPTED RECORDS

WHITE IBIS (Eudocimus albus); 1992-19; adult, 25 April 1992, Aldrich arm of Stockton L., Polk Co. Not accepted as the bird was seen only in flight at a great distance. Bill was not observed, and the white wings with black wing tips did not eliminate other possibilities.
TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator); 1992-13; 2 immatures, 25 January until at least 21 February 1992, Grand Pass WA, Saline Co. The Committee accepted the identification, but rejected the record because the origin could not be established.

ROSS' GOOSE (Chen rossi); 1991-43; 1, 23 December 1990, Trimble CBC, Clay Co. Not accepted because the bird was only seen in flight and the description did not eliminate the possibility of a hybrid.

FERRUGINOUS HAWK (Buteo regalis); 1992-14; immature, 26 January 1992, Riverlands Envir. Rec. Area, St. Charles Co. A number of characteristics mentioned better fit "Krider's" Red-tailed Hawk. Bird was observed by others who reported that it was indeed a Red-tailed.

WHOOPI NG CRANE (Grus americanus); 1992-16; adult, 21 March 1992, near Columbia, Callaway Co. Minimal description.

RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER (Picoides borealis); 1992-12; 1, December 1990, Jefferson City, Cole Co. Virtually no description included with documentation.

BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER (Picoides arcticus); 1991-60; female, 8-16 November 1991, near Filley, Cedar Co. Description did not eliminate other woodpecker species, especially melanistic forms of Hairy and Downy woodpeckers.

BACHMAN'S WARBLER (Vermivora bachmanii); 1992-29; male, 29 April 1992, near Piedmont, Wayne Co. Very minimal description.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Vermivora celata); 1991-18; 1, 10-15 December 1990, west of Diamond, Newton Co. Description did not conclusively eliminate other warblers.

BLUE-WINGED X AMERICAN RESTART HYBRID (Vermivora pinus x Setophaga ruticilla); 1991-22; 1, 5 May 1991, Bee Creek, southern Taney Co. Accepted as a hybrid. Although one of the adults was undoubtedly a Blue-wing, the identity of the other adult was in doubt.

INDIGO BUNTING (Passerina cyanea); 1991-13; 1, 19 February 1991, Popular Bluff, Butler Co. Accepted as either an Indigo or Lazuli bunting, but the record was not accepted to species as the details did not unequivocally eliminate the Lazuli as a possibility. Some birds cannot be identified even in the hand.

DARK-EYED ("GRAY-HEADED") JUNCO; 1990-47; adult, 22 May 1990, near Jameson, Daviess Co. Bird was not seen by others nor photographed. Committee felt more documentation was needed for a 1st State Record of this form.

The following people constituted the Committee for the period covered by this report:

Mark Robbins, Secretary; David Easterla, Chairperson; Robert Fisher; Ron Goetz; Jim D. Wilson; Paul McKenzie; Brad Jacobs.