TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Chris Hobbs, Secretary

This report summarizes records evaluated by the Committee between 29
September 1996 and 1 October 1997. The report is divided into two sections:
Accepted and Not Accepted records.

Birds are listed in phylogenetic order under each of the above categories.
Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the A. O. U. Checklist of North American
Birds (1983) and all subsequent supplements. For Not Accepted Records,
observers' names are omitted and a brief explanation is provided as to why the
record was not accepted. All photographs are now archived in Mylar?
envelopes and deposited in the Committee's files which are currently housed in
the Division of Ornithology, University of Kansas Natural History Museum,
Lawrence.

Of those records that were finalized (includes recirculated and unresolved
records from prior reports), a total of 42 were accepted with 13 not accepted.
Four are still in the review process. Outside reviews were provided by Ken
Brock, Steve Cardiff, Jon Dunn, Dick Erickson, Peter Harrison, Guy McCaskie,
Michael O'Brien, Michael Patten, and Richard Veit (Pomarine Jaeger, MBRC
#1994-44); Joe Grzybowski and Dennis Paulson (Long-billed Curlew MBRC
#1996-45); Jon Dunn and Rich Stallcup (Glaucous-winged Gull, MBRC #1997-
09).

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

ACCEPTED RECORDS

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax auritus), 1996-44; ca
100, 26 August 1996, Pike Co. Beatrix Treiterer. Photographs. Fifty nests in
two trees. First documented nesting record in the state since 1956.

WOOD STORK (Mycteria americana), 1996-42; 2 immatures, 10 August
through 17 August 1996, Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, St.
Charles Co. Paul Bauer (photos?), David Easterla, et al. The first occurrence
in Missouri since 1975 of this casual summer visitant.
winter resident/visitant.

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK (Anas rubripes), 1997-20; adult female, 24 May 1997, Eagle Bluffs CA, Boone Co. Paul McKenzie. A very late spring record, this bird was ‘apparently paired with a Mallard’.


SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis), 1996-34; 2 adults, February through 15 May 1996, Grand Pass CA, Saline Co. Mike McClure, Brad Jacobs (photos) et al. First recorded nesting attempt. Flood waters destroyed the nest and eggs around 18 May 1996.


SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis), 1997-08; 1 adult, October through 20 December 1996, Squaw Creek NWR, Holt Co. David Easterla et al. Rare transient and casual winter resident.


LONG-BILLED CURLEW (Numenius americanus), 1996-45; 1 immature, 7 September through 14 September 1996, St. Charles County Airport, St. Charles Co. Tom Bormann, Bill Rowe (photographs), Jim Malone (photographs) et al. Accidental fall transient.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK (Scolopax minor), 1997-01; 1, 4 January 1997, Trail of Tears SP, Cape Girardeau Co. William Eddleman et al. Casual winter resident.


POMARINE JAEGER (Stercorarius pomarinus), 1994-44; 1 immature, 29 September 1980, Lake Contrary, Buchanan Co. Floyd Lawhon and Tim Barksdale. Photographed by David Easterla and Ival Lawhon. First
identified as a Parasitic Jaeger (see Robbins and Easterla 1990:150-151), Ken Brock of Indiana examined the published photograph and suggested that it was a Pomerine Jaeger. Subsequently, experts on jaeger identification reviewed the record for the Committee and concurred with Brock's determination.


POMARINE JAEGER (Stercorarius pomarinus), 1996-60; 1 immature, 22 November through 17 December 1996, Smithville Lake, Clay Co. David Easterla (photos), Jack Hilsabeck, Paul McKenzie, Tim Barksdale (videotape) et al. Determined to be a different individual than 1996-57 (above) based on differences in length of central tail feathers. Casual fall transient.


WHITE-WINGED DOVE (Zenaida asiatica), 1997-26; 1, 26 April through mid-May 1997, Columbia, Boone Co. Knox and Nelda McCrory, David Easterla (photograph), et al. Second documented record for the state. The first documented record for the state (MBRC #1994-20) was 22-23 April 1994 at this residence.

SHORT-EARED OWL (Asio flammeus), 1997-28; 5, 10 June through 13 June 1995, 12 miles south of East Prairie, Mississippi Co. Sam and Silvey Barker. Photographs. A nest with three young represents the first breeding record for southeastern Missouri.


FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus), 1997-04; 2, 6 December 1996, Branson, Taney Co. Anthony Floyd. Considered an accidental winter resident away from the Mississippi River lowlands, this probably represents a range extension from the Arkansas population.

FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus), 1997-12; 2-3 individuals, 7 March through 21 May 1997, Skelton Training Sight, Cole Co. Significant westward extension along the Missouri River.

RAVEN sp. (Corvus sp.), 1997-03; 3, 5 December 1996, Bolivar, Polk Co. Anthony Floyd. First sight record of a raven in Missouri in over 90 years.

BLUE-GREY GNATCATCHER (Polioptila caerulea), 1996-70; 1, 30 December 1996, Big Oak Tree SP, Mississippi Co. Neal Young, Ida Domazlicky, Dennis Wheeler et al. First winter record.


YELLOW-RUMPED 'AUDUBON's' WARBLER (Dendroica coronata auduboni), 1997-18; 1, 11 May 1997, Warrenton, Warren Co. Wendell Roehrs. This western form is a casual migrant.


BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK (Pheucticus melanocephalus), 1997-02; 1 adult male, 27 April 1996, near Rogersville, Webster Co. Gary and Patricia Arnold. This rare transient fit the temporal pattern of spring occurrence in Missouri.


Kinder, Larry Lade, Terry McNeely, Jude Vickery et al. Latest fall date, and north of current, known breeding area


LARK BUNTING (Calamospiza melanocorys), 1997-06; 1 male, 19 January through mid-February 1997, rural southern Daviess Co. Roger McNeill, Phil Crisp, Paul McKenzie. First winter record for the state.


CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR (Calcarius ornatus), 1997-15; total of 13 males and females in alternate plumage, 16 April 1997, Rosecrans Memorial Airport, Buchanan Co. Mark Robbins. Modern high count.

RED CROSSBILL (Loxia curvirostra), 1996-41; 1 adult male, 5 August 1996, Bolckow, Andrew Co. David Easterla (photos) et al. Casual summer visitant. This was part of a major movement of Rocky Mountain crossbills (bendirei; other races?) to the Midwest that began in July.


NOT ACCEPTED

RED-THROATED LOON (Gavia stellata), 1997-25; 1, 18 July 1997, Table Rock Lake, Stone Co. Description did not rule out other loon species.

YELLOW-BILLED LOON (Gavia adamsii), 1996-56; 1 juvenile, 2-4 November 1996, Smithville Lake, Clay Co. Description did not rule out the unusually large-billed, pale juvenile Common Loon (Gavia immer) also present during this period.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus), 1996-43; 1, 01 September 1996, Columbia, Boone Co. Bird was at a raptor rehabilitation center and was tame. Furthermore, the description did not eliminate an immature Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura).

SNOWY OWL (Nyctea scandiaca), 1997-13; 1, 15 March 1997, Taum Sauk Trail, Iron Co. The observation occurred at night without the aid of binoculars, and in wooded habitat.

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD (Calypte anna), 1997-29; 17 May through 23 May 1997, Skidmore, Nodaway Co. Bird was observed without binoculars and the
documentation was written months after the observation.

GRAY FLYCATCHER (Empidonax wrightii), 1996-47; 1, 22 September 1996, Tower Grove Park, St. Louis Co. A record of an out of range Empidonax flycatcher in the fall would not be accepted without a sound recording, a series of close-up photographs, or a specimen.


MARSH WREN (Cistothorus palustris), 1996-66; 1, 28 December 1996, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, Stoddard Co. The bird was observed in atypical habitat and the behavior described is not characteristic of this species.

GRAY CATBIRD (Dumetella carolinensis), 1995-90; 1, 17 December 1995, Jefferson City, Cole Co. No description was provided.

SPRAGUE’S PIPIT (Anthus spragueii), 1996-35; 1, 11 June 1996, 1 ¼ mile south of Hwy. 82, St. Clair Co. Other grassland species with white outer tail feathers were not eliminated.

PYRRHULOXIA (Cardinalis sinuatus), 1997-232; 1, 14 June 1997, Audrain Co. Description did not eliminate a young, or adult female, Northern Cardinal (Cardinalis cardinalis).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW (Spizella arborea), 1997-17; 10 May 1997, Ozark Hills Farm, St. Francois Co. Description was written seven weeks after the observation, and did not rule out Lark Sparrow (Chondestes grammacus).

McCOWN’S LONGSPUR (Calcarius mccownii), 1997-14; 1-3, 24 March 1997, Montrose CA, Henry Co. Description did not eliminate other sparrows and habitat (i.e., hedgerow) was inappropriate for such a ground dwelling and open country species.

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