MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2011

1) WHITE IBIS (Eudocimus albus): 226 birds, 26 May 2011, near Ben Cash CA, Dunklin Co. Found and photographed by Timothy Jones. By far the highest number ever recorded in Missouri, on the same day that 6000 were estimated at Bald Knob NWR, White Co., in north-central Arkansas.

2) DARK-EYED (“GRAY-HEADED”) JUNCO (Junco hyemalis caniceps): One, 13-18 February 2011, near Rolla, Phelps Co. Found and photographed by Linda Frederick. Second documented and accepted record of this Rocky Mountain form, which eventually might be restored to species status. The entirely pale bill color apparent in photographs showed that this individual belonged to caniceps (the northern form of “Gray-headed” Junco) rather than dorsalis (the more southern form).

3) MOTTLED DUCK (Anas fulvigula): (1) Female, 29 August 2011, Confluence Point State Park, St. Charles Co. Found and photographed by Josh Uffman. (2) Adult, 1 September 2011, Otter Slough CA, Stoddard Co. Found and photographed by Chris Barrigar. Accidental; these are the third and fourth state records.

4) GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW (Zonotrichia atricapilla): Adult, 9 January to 16 March 2011, Linn, Osage Co. Found and photographed by Steve Dilks at his residence. Accidental; fourth state record.

5) WHOOPING CRANE (Grus americana): Adult and juvenile, 21 November 2011, near Neosho, Newton Co. First reported by a hunter (Jeff Richards) and then located and documented by Jeff Cantrell along with Kevin Badgley, Randy Haas, Casey Carr, and Phyllis Chancellor; photographed by Becky Wylie. Sixth modern record of this globally endangered species.

6) COMMON GROUND-DOVE (Columbina passerina): (1) One, 5 November 2011, Otter Slough CA, Stoddard Co. Documented by Kevin Brunke. (2) One, 24 November 2011 through 8 January 2012, Weldon Spring CA, St. Charles Co. Found by Mike Brady and documented by David Easterla and Ryan Douglas (with photographs). The eighth and ninth state records of this casual species.


8) EURASIAN WIGEON (Anas penelope): Male, 30 April to 1 May 2011, Squaw Creek NWR, Holt Co. Documented by Al Smith (with photographs), Mike Thelen, Edge Wade. Casual transient; eighth state record, and the first in twenty-six years.

9) BURROWING OWL (Athene cunicularia): One, 20 April 2011, County Road 622, Dunklin Co. Documented with photographs by Timothy Jones. Accidental transient in eastern Missouri.

10) POMARINE JAEGGER (Stercorarius pomarinus): Juvenile, 10 November 2011, Smithville Lake, Clay Co. Found by Doug Willis and documented by Kristi Mayo; photographs by Linda Williams. Tenth state record of this casual species.