



Twenty-Eighth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

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Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC or “the Committee”) are reported for records whose review concluded in 2022. There was a total of 186 records, including 156 accepted records of 59 species and forms and 30 unaccepted records of 26 species and forms.

We continue to follow the conventions used in the first 27 reports of the Committee, for example Williamson (2021), Sweet (2013) and Stotz (2012). The records below are divided into two groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. The Accepted group is further divided into Species New to the State List, Review List Species, Other Species and Subspecies, and Breeding Records. The Unaccepted group is divided into Species New to the State List; Review List Species; and Other Species, Subspecies, and Hybrid Forms. Nomenclature, English names, and sequence of species conform to that of the 7th edition of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (American Ornithologists’ Union 1998) and its supplements through the 63rd (Chesser et al. 2022) – the AOS Checklist; for subspecies, hybrid forms, and species not in the AOS Checklist, we follow the eBird Taxonomy (Clements et al. 2023).

Accepted records are entered with the locality, including county; the date; the IORC record number (in parentheses, the year of initial observation followed by a serial number); and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed descriptions, photographs, sound recordings, and/or video recordings. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. The initials of a contributor without any further modification indicate that they contributed solely written documentation. When additional information was provided, a colon follows the observer’s initials with the following codes: p for photographic evidence, s for sound recordings, sp for a specimen, and v for video recordings. Many contributing photographers also submitted written documentation, a practice that the Committee strongly encourages. If the observer who first discovered the bird is known to the committee, that observer’s initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentation are not always listed, but where possible we have indicated who initially discovered the bird(s) involved.

The Committee does not always take a position on the age or sex of a bird, and any such information given may be the observer’s opinion, rather than the Committee’s. All other remarks are the author’s, although most of the information comes from the Committee files, which are now stored in the Bird Division of the Field Museum of Natural History.

In those cases where there are discrepancies between the details presented here and other published records, the data provided here represent the Committee’s best assessment of all available information. Date ranges for records reflect both the evidence in submitted documentation and information available to the Committee from other sources when judged by the Committee to be valid. Such sources include eBird (Sullivan et al. 2009), social media venues on the internet, listservs, and personal communications. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

DOCUMENTATION AND REVIEW LIST

The Committee requests documentation of all records of Review List forms within the state. The current Review List, available at <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-ornithological-records-committee/>, was most recently updated at the 19 March 2022 meeting of IORC. Among the changes were the removal from the Review List of Little Gull, Black Vulture, Swallow-tailed Kite, Barn Owl, Townsend’s Solitaire, Hoary Redpoll, White-winged Crossbill, and Western Tanager. Additionally, the Committee removed from the Review List Anhinga records from the southern tier of counties and Painted Bunting records from the area around East St. Louis, St. Clair County. As always, the Committee desires documentation of any species not listed in the Illinois State List of Birds (available at <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/the-birds-of-illinois/>). In some cases, documentation of regularly occurring species may be warranted. These instances may include out of season occurrences, first state nesting records or rarely occurring nesting records, and exceptionally high counts of species. Documentation in these cases should also be sent to the seasonal report editor for the appropriate season. Such records, as well

as documentation submitted for the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count, are formally evaluated by the Committee at its discretion, but in all cases the materials are archived so as to be available in the future to students of Illinois bird life.

The Committee strongly encourages all observers of rare birds to submit documentation directly to IORC, even when multiple observers are involved in a sighting. Cases do arise of records that are deemed unacceptable due to incomplete information, even when there were many observers, because adequate documentation was not submitted to the Committee. Photos are of course invaluable resources for the Committee, but even with high-quality photographs available there are times when a tricky identification can be resolved only from written details not depicted in photos. The best practice is for observers to submit documentation directly to the Committee, even if it involves strictly photos.

The practice of the Committee is now also to accept into review sightings that are documented in eBird (Sullivan et al. 2009). Materials in the eBird database are archived by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, which the Committee deems acceptable much in the same way that archiving of specimens by established museums and other entities is acceptable to the Committee for preserving such evidence. Nonetheless, the Committee prefers direct submission to IORC of documentary evidence. Often, details that are requested on IORC's documentation form are omitted from eBird checklists, so that the prompts within the process of direct submission to IORC frequently result in more comprehensive documentation.

OBSERVERS AND DOCUMENTERS

One hundred eighty-nine individuals contributed documentary material used to evaluate the records involved in this report, either contributing directly to the Committee or to eBird. Those among them who are cited in the accounts are listed below, followed in parentheses by their initials, which are used to reference them. IORC sincerely thanks all the documenters, in cases of accepted and unaccepted records alike, for their submissions. All documentation is maintained in the IORC archives so that there is a permanent record of all these observations. Documentation, regardless of the Committee's decision, is a valuable part of the record of bird life in Illinois.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Membership in IORC during 2022 consisted of the following individuals.

- Davida Kalina, Voting Member.
- Walter J. Marcisz, Voting Member.
- Adam W. Sell, Voting Member.
- Paul W. Sweet, Voting Member and Vice-Secretary.
- Terry Walsh, Voting Member.
- Kyle Wiktor, Voting Member.
- Geoffrey A. Williamson, Secretary.

Available to serve as an Alternate Member during 2022 were Robert E. Fisher, Robert D. Hughes, Douglas F. Stotz, Michael P. Ward, and David E. Willard. Among these, Robert D. Hughes voted on records during the year.

We thank all the individuals mentioned above for their careful and thoughtful evaluation of records and for their various other services to the Committee. Their efforts were essential to the work of IORC and contributed greatly to the accumulating record of birdlife in Illinois.

ACCEPTED RECORDS

ACCEPTED RECORDS OF SPECIES NEW TO THE STATE LIST

Three records of three species.

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*) One in Pekin, Tazewell County 14 April 2022 (2022-024; TMH:p). See Hengeveld et al. (2023) for a photo and *Meadowlark* 31(4):10. This species has a pattern of vagrancy into the interior of the eastern United States, though records of birds straying as far inland as Illinois are quite few. Records in states bordering Illinois have occurred only recently. Iowa's first and only record was in September 2015 (Dinsmore 2016), and Indiana's first and only record occurred in May 2019 (Roth 2020). Missouri's first state record Brown Booby from August 2020 (Rowe 2021) was followed by several records during 2022, with one during August to November 2022 the state's sixth (Davis 2023b). Kentucky's first record was provided by an individual in May 2022 (Davis 2023a), and a Brown Booby in August 2022 provided a first state record for both Wisconsin and Minnesota (Marengo 2023).

Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*) One at the Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, east of Lemont, Cook County 5-16 March 2022 (2022-014; LDy:p; MCC, DBJ:p, HMM:p, CAT:p, DTW:p, GAW:p). A photograph of this bird appears in Hengeveld et al. (2023) and in Davis (2023a) and *Meadowlark* 31(4):10. There are relatively few records of this species east of the Mississippi River (Kent 2002).

Painted Redstart (*Myioborus pictus*) One at Lakewood Forest Preserve, Lake County 21 August 2022 (2022-048; JB:p; HA:p, P&DC:p, DH:p, AHa:p, EH:p, RJ:p, SK:p, LM:p, HMM:p, IS:p, AT:p, PT:p, DTW:p, GAW:p, OW:p). This is a mostly Mexican species whose range extends northward into the southwestern United States. A small number of vagrants well to the north and east include records from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, and southern Ontario (Dunn and Garrett 1997) with also two recent records in Quebec (Bannon et al. 2020). Photos appear in this issue of *Meadowlark*.

ACCEPTED RECORDS OF REVIEW LIST SPECIES

One hundred five records of 37 species.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) Five at Lake Charleston, Coles County 1 May 2022 (2022-033; RBy; CDH, CAT:p). This is the ninth accepted record.

Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*) Two records. One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 16 May to 5 June 2015 (2015-057;

DMK:p). One at Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve, Lake County 23 March to 21 April 2022 (2022-031; BJS:p; SH:p).

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) Three records. One at Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, Fulton County 14-27 June 2021 and possibly to 6 July 2021 (2021-057; CDn: p; NRG:p, FRH:p, BM:p, SZr:p). One at Bailey Wetland, Richland County and Wayne County 27 May 2022 (2022-025; CLH:p). This was a difficult record to evaluate, as records from the Mallard complex (Mallard, Mexican Duck, American Black Duck, Mottled Duck, and their hybrids) often are, taking three rounds of Committee voting to adjudicate. One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 8 October 2022 (2022-060; CLH:p). This record was submitted as pertaining to two birds, with the Committee accepting it based on one of them. The other duck was thought by several Committee members to be an American Black Duck.

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) One at Heidecke Lake, Grundy County 23 December 2021 (2021-103; MMz:p). This is the 10th accepted record. A photo appears in *Meadowlark* 31(3):3.

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*) One in Lerna, Coles County 8 May 2020 (2020-186; EB:p). This is the fifth accepted record for Illinois.

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) One building strike salvage in Skokie, Cook County 9 October 2019 (2019-092; Chicago Bird Collision Monitors). The specimen is #521372 in the Field Museum of Natural History collection.

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) Three records. One at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, DuPage County 6-8 May 2021 (2021-117; REF). This was a Spring Bird Count record. One at Killdeer Wetlands, Cook County 30 April to 1 May 2022 (2022-050; AHa; HMM, LP, PT). One to three at the North Unit of Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County 17-30 May 2022 (2022-049; BJS:s; SL:s, JaN:p).

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) Two records. One at Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County 23 May 2022 (2022-035; MF:p). One at Sanganois State Fish and Wildlife Area, Cass County and Mason County 11-30 August 2022 (2022-047; MCy:p; CDn:p, JHs:p, FS:p). These are the fourth and fifth records for Illinois. The first record occurred in 2019, with the next two during 2021.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*) Four records. One at Montrose Beach in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 23-24 April 2022 (2022-020; HMM:p, GAW:p). This bird was found by Matthew Dolkart and Kevin Lin. A photo of it appears in Hengeveld et al. (2023). One northwest of Gorham, Jackson County 21 April 2022 (2022-039; KAM:p; RSR). One at Ryan Company beach, Waukegan, Lake County 29 April 2022 (2022-023; BYs:p). One at Montrose Beach in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 31 May to 3 June 2022 (2022-030; RDH:p, GAW:p). This individual was first found by Woody Goss. These are the 15th through 18th records for Illinois. They represent the first time that four individuals have been found in a single year.

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*) Two records. One moving between Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, Fulton County and Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, Mason County 1-9 August 2019 (2019-084; CC:p; TDF:p). One northwest of Champaign, Champaign County 25 April 2022 (2022-022; TDF:p).

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*) One juvenile at Montrose Point in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 17 September 2022 (2022-054; RDH:p; GAW:p). The juvenile plumage is rarely seen in Illinois; this may be the first documented occurrence. A photo appears in Davis (2023b).



PURPLE SANDPIPER. Tom Lally. Montrose Beach. Cook County. 17 September 2022.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) Two records. One at Waukegan Beach, Lake County 9 September 2020 (2020-135; CBg, RBg, GU). One adult in Winthrop Harbor, Lake County 14 November 2022 (2022-077; RW:p).

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) One at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, Mason County 26-27 July 2022 (2022-051; CDn:p). This record is the 13th for Illinois.

Short-billed Gull (*Larus brachyrhynchus*) One at Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County 5-6 February 2011 (2011-043; WMR:p; FRH). An old record that was not evaluated by the Committee at the time of observation.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) One on Lyerla Lake, Union County 14-15 December 2019 (2019-081; CG:p, KAM:p). This individual was first found by Andrew P. Sigler. This is the seventh accepted record since Pacific Loon was moved back onto the Review List in February 2017.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) One on Lake Pittsfield, Pike County 5 May 2018 (2018-081; CBN:p). This was a Spring Bird Count record. It represents the 16th accepted record.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) One at Waukegan Beach, Lake County 21 June 2022 (2022-041; DF:p; GAW:p).

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Three records. Four at Big Lake, Brown County 4 August 2020 (2020-144; CDn:p). One to three at Kaskaskia Island, Randolph County 7-16 August 2020 (2020-145; JIE:p, TG:p). The first individual was discovered by Nathan R. Goldberg and Steven J. Huggins on the seventh, joined by second individual noted by Doug Hommert on the eighth, with the third added by Tommy Goodwin on the twelfth. One at Mermet Lake, Massac County 7-8 August 2022 (2022-052; JS:p). This individual was found by Travis DeNeal.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) Two records. One at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area, Grundy County 29-30 September 2020 (2020-147; KL:p, MMz, AFS). One in Boogerville, Wayne County 23 August 2022 (2022-053; CLH:p; RBy:p).

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) Two records. One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 17 September 2022 (2022-058; RSH). One at the Michael Wolff Wetlands, Johnson County 25-27 September 2022 (2022-059; JV:p; KAM:p, APY:p). This individual had a damaged bill. See Davis (2023b) for a photograph. These two records are the 10th and 11th for the state and the fourth and fifth in the last three years, reflecting a pattern of increasing occurrence. The first record was in 2003.

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) Two records. One north of Charleston, Coles County 13-14 November 2020 (2020-149; TDF:p; BM:p). One east of Monticello, Piatt County 23-24 March 2022 (2022-017; AL-M:p; MA, TB:p, JRH:p, MPW:p). These are the 17th and 18th records for Illinois.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) Five records. One in northern Coles County 1 November 2019 to 1 March 2020 (2019-083; HB:p, NRG:p). This individual was first reported by Tyler Funk. One southeast of Arcola, Coles County and Douglas County 2 November 2021 to 2 March 2022 (2021-091; AL; CA, TDF, VS:p). One southeast of Arcola, Coles County 25 October 2022 to 25 February 2023 (2022-086; RBy:p; DB:p, AL:p, AT:p). These three records involved birds wintering in the vicinity of the area's "Magic Stump." One at the North Unit of Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County 18 November 2022 (2022-076; PWS:p). One at Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County 14 December 2022 (2022-087; FRH:p).

Small-billed Elaenia (*Elaenia parvirostris*) One at Waukegan Beach, Lake County 26 November to 7 December 2021 (2021-060; SZk:p; JB:p, BC:p,s, JC:p, MMC, GGA:p, AHe:p,s, DBJ, NL:p, DWN:p, GAW:p). Photographs of this bird appear in *Meadowlark* 31(2):3, 11, 13, and 42 and in *Meadowlark* 31(3):21. Amazingly, this is the second record for Illinois; the one earlier record from April 2012 was a first for all of North America (Gyllenhaal 2012). There are now five North American records: the two from Illinois, those provided by individuals in Texas and Quebec respectively from May and October 2021, and the lone record from western North America on the Farallon Islands, California, in September 2022 (Clements and Tietz 2023).

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) Two records representing the fifth and sixth for Illinois. One at the North Unit of Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County 9-12 May 2022 (2022-032; MB:p; WG:p, RJ:p, SK:p). A photo of this bird appears in Hengeveld et al. (2023). One at Glacial Park Conservation Area, McHenry County 26 October 2022 (2022-065; SD:p).

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) Five records. One at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, Mason County 13 September 2019 (2019-090; BG; TH:p). One in Geneva, Kane County 11 April 2020 (2020-136; SAC:p). This bird was found by Henry Griffin. One in Grantsburg, Johnson County 22 September 2021 (2021-122; CM:p). A photo of this bird appears in *Meadowlark* 31(2):13. One at Loyola Park, Chicago, Cook County 18-22 April 2022 (2022-037; SJ:p; JB:p). One at Park No. 566 and Rainbow Beach, Chicago, Cook County 19-20 April 2022 (2022-038; DL:p; WLu:p). Wei Lu, one of the documenters, saw this individual get taken by a Merlin.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) Two records, the 10th and 11th for Illinois. One at Ft. Sheridan Forest Preserve, Lake County 12 November 2022 (2022-072; JB; GGo, TBL, APh). One at Ft.

Sheridan Forest Preserve, Lake County 19 November 2022 (2022-080; LM).

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombcilla garrulus*) One in Lake Villa, Lake County 8 November 2022 (2022-071; RAB).

Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*) Two records. One in Kansas Township, Woodford County 29 October 2018 (2018-082; MAF:p). One at Northerly Island, Chicago, Cook County 22 June 2022 (2022-044; J-YL:p; MMC:p). These are the sixth and seventh records accepted by the Committee.

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) One in central Jasper County 11 November 2022 (2022-070; CLH:p). A photograph appears in Davis (2023b) and in this issue of *Meadowlark*. This is the second record for Illinois, the first occurring in September 1990 (Schaefer 1991, Johnson et al. 1998). Vagrants are annual in North America, with those occurring in the east presumed to be from the *leucorhoa* subspecies breeding in arctic and northeastern Canada eastward to Iceland and the Faroe Islands (Dunn et al. 2022). The subspecific origins of the Illinois birds have not been investigated.

Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) Forty records. One to five at Grunwald Farms Family Forest Preserve, Kane County 31 October to 4 November 2020 (2020-164; SAC; WS:p). Three at Gillson Park, Wilmette, Cook County 31 October 2020 (2020-158; JIE:p,s). Five at Peterson Preserve, southeast of Cisco, Piatt County 31 October 2020 (2020-167; NB:p). Up to 25 in St. Joseph, Champaign County 31 October to 1 November 2020 (2020-156; BP:p). One in West Chicago, DuPage County 1 November 2020 (2020-160; MW:s). Six in Downers Grove, DuPage County 1 November 2020 (2020-161; JF:p). One in Tiskilwa, Bureau County 1 November 2020 (2020-155; SG:p). Seven to 11 in Mattoon, Coles County 1-2 November 2020 (2020-157; KRd:p). Seven in Kaneville, Kane County 2-3 November 2020 (2020-162; JaN:p). Fifteen in Naperville, Will County 3 November 2020 (2020-184; MT:p). One in Belvidere, Boone County 4 November 2020 (2020-154; ML:p). One at Montrose Point in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 4 November 2020 (2020-159; NRG:p,s). One at Elburn Forest Preserve, Kane County 6 November 2020 (2020-163; BA:p). Seven at Ft. Sheridan Forest Preserve, Lake County 6 November 2020 (2020-165; JIE:p). One at Montrose Point in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 7 November 2020 (2020-172; JR:p). One in Morton, Tazewell County 8 November 2020 (2020-183; JD:p). One at Chicago's Riis Park, Cook County 9 November 2020 (2020-174; EDG:p). One southeast of Marshall, Clark County 12 November 2020 (2020-169; SLL:p). One at Hampshire Forest Preserve, Kane County 14 November 2020 (2020-166; WLz:p). One at Montrose Point in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 14 November 2020 (2020-173; MK:p,s). One in Yorkville, Kendall County 14 November 2020 (2020-175; LG:p). Six in Grayslake, Lake County 14-17 November 2020 (2020-178; MS:p). Four in Serena, LaSalle County 15 November 2020 (2020-176; JY:p). One in Libertyville, Lake County 16 November 2020 (2020-179; CBg:p). One in Chicago's Jackson Park, Cook County 17 November 2020 (2020-171; RLS:p). Two in Waukegan, Lake County 21 November 2020 (2020-180; LDR:p). One in Waukegan's Bowen Park, Lake County 23 November 2020 (2020-177; AM:p, WM:p). Up to 52

in Harrisburg, Saline County 25 November 2020 to 30 May 2021 (2020-181; CDl:p). Two in Ashmore Township, Coles County 30 November 2020 (2020-170; PS:p). Two in the Little Wabash River bottoms, Shelby County 17 December 2020 (2020-182; SLL:p). Up to 25 in Rudement, Saline County 17 December 2020 to 13 February 2021 (2020-168; CDl:p). One in Rockford, Winnebago County 10 January 2021 (2021-121; RD:p). Up to seven in Derby, Gallatin County 14-21 February 2021 (2021-120; LH:p). One in rural Effingham County 8 May 2021 (2021-115; KG:p), a Spring Bird Count record. One in Geneva, Kane County 24 October 2022 (2022-063; SAC). One at Kress Creek Farms Park, DuPage County 26 October 2022 (2022-064; HG:p). Four in Rockford, Winnebago County 28 October 2022 (2022-068; DTW). Up to 12 in Beecher, Will County 29 October 2022 (2022-066; BB, SZk:p). One at the Bensenville Ditch, DuPage County 29 October 2022 (2022-067; SS:p). One to six at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Cook County 5-8 November 2022 (2022-073; MMC:p,s; HMM:p).

This irruptive species was long considered a regularly occurring member of Illinois' avifauna, but a decline in frequency of occurrence in recent decades led the Committee to place it back on the Review List in February 2020. A major invasion during the winter of 2020-2021 and a smaller invasion during the winter of 2021-2022 led to this large number of records.

Chestnut-collared Longspur (*Calcarius ornatus*) One in Sycamore, DeKalb County 25 September 2022 (2022-056; KRt:p). This is the fourth accepted record for the state and the first to occur outside of the spring season. Another sighting detailed in O'Brien (1993) has not been adjudicated by the Committee, nor have six older records listed in Bohlen (1989) for which there may not be reviewable evidence; all of these were also during spring.



CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR.
Ken Reinert, Sycamore, DeKalb County,
25 September 2022.

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) Two records. One at Park No. 566, Chicago, Cook County 12 May 2022 (2022-034; DL:p). One at Park No. 566, Chicago, Cook County 6 September 2022 (2022-057; DL:p). These are the 10th and 11th records.

Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*) One building strike salvage at McCormick Place, Chicago, Cook County 29 May 1986 (1986-081; DEW:sp). The specimen is #328487 in the Field Museum of Natural History collection. This record was mentioned in Bohlen (1989) as the state's second record, but it had not previously been formally evaluated by the Committee. There are now five accepted records for this species.

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) One in Winthrop Harbor, Lake County 11-13 May 2022 (2022-029; JS:p; MMC, AM:p,

WM:p). This female bird was coming to a feeder at a private residence. It represents Illinois' sixth record. A photo of this bird appears in Hengeveld et al. (2023).



BULLOCK'S ORIOLE. Jim Steffen.
Winthrop Harbor, Lake County.
11 May 2022.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) One in Monee, Will County 17 January to 20 April 2022 (2022-004; HMM:p, DTW:p, GAW:p). This bird was found by Douglas F. Stotz. A photo of this bird appears in *Meadowlark* 31(3):20.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) Two records. One at Carpenter Park Nature Preserve, Springfield, Sangamon County 10 May 2022 (2022-040; HDB:p, KB:s). One at Washington County State Recreation Area, Washington County 25 May 2022 (2022-042; SA).

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) One building strike salvage in Chicago, Cook County 4 May 2010 (2010-034; ST:sp). The specimen is #470056 in the Field Museum of Natural History collection.

ACCEPTED RECORDS OF OTHER SPECIES AND SUBSPECIES

Forty-six records involving 18 species, including four records involving three subspecies forms.

Ross's Goose (*Anser rossii*) Two records. One blue morph individual at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 6 March 2017 (2017-088; DMK:p). One blue morph individual at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 17 March 2018 (2018-079; DMK:p). The blue morph of Ross's Goose is very rare in Illinois, making these two records notable.

Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) One at East Fork Lake, Richland County 24 November 2021 (2021-108; CLH), a very late individual.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) One in Antioch, Lake County 29 December 2021 (2021-100; AWS:p). A photo of this bird appears in *Meadowlark* 31(3):23.

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) Two records. One banded in Davis, Stephenson County where it was present 22-27 October 2022 (2022-082; CJ:p; VMK). The exact first date for this record is unknown. One banded in Sorento, Bond County where

it was present 30 October to 21 November 2022 (2022-081; SBg:p; VMK).

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) One on Lake Decatur, Macon County 6-7 November 2019 (2019-080; TAM:p). This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) One in Grand Tower, Jackson County 20 August to 6 September 2019 (2019-078; HD; DDM:p). For observations from southern Illinois, this species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Nannopterum brasilianum*) One at East Fork Lake, Richland County 5 April 2022 (2022-019; RES:p). Neotropic Cormorant was removed from the Review List in February 2021.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Two records. One in Butler Grove Township, Montgomery County 13 August 2020 (2020-137; NR:p). One east of Anna, Union County 29 August to 19 September 2020 (2020-138; TW:p). This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

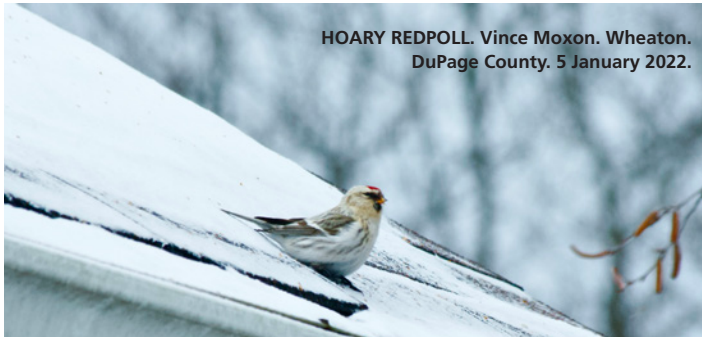
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) One at Amboy Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Lee County 1-3 April 2022 (2022-043; BR:p; DR:p). This species was removed from the Review List in January 2014.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) Four records. One at Montrose Point in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 22 April 2019 (2019-079; ASA). One to two at Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Putnam County 3 October to 16 December 2021 (2021-092; NZ:p). One at Saybrook Habitat Area, Anchor Township, McLean County 5-21 October 2021 (2021-114; BM:p,s). This individual was first reported by Angelo Capparella and Benjamin Guo. One found dead at Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve, Cook County 8 January 2022 (2022-005; JHt:p). Barn Owl was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) Seven records. One east of Pontiac, Livingston County 2-3 May 2020 (2020-139; NA:p; BM:p). This record is unusual for occurring so far into the spring season. One at Saganashkee Slough, Cook County 16 October 2020 (2020-140; MME:p). One at Centennial Park in Park Ridge, Cook County 20 November 2020 (2020-141; KK:p; PSW). One at Hampshire Forest Preserve, Kane County 4 December 2020 (2020-142; BL:p). One at Garden of the Gods Recreation Area, Shawnee National Forest, Saline County 31 December 2021 to 9 January 2022 (2021-102; SB:e:p; RES:p, CAT:p). A photo of this bird appears in *Meadowlark* 31(3):22. One at Moraine Hills State Park, McHenry County 6 January to 12 March 2022 (2022-003; CF:p; VM:p, DTW:p, GAW:p). One at Montrose Point in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 18 July 2022 (2022-045; MK:p). This last record is the first summer record for Illinois, and apparently one of only about a dozen summer records east of the Mississippi River. The Committee has reviewed 47 records and accepted 42. The vast majority – 37 records – are from late fall or winter. There are nine spring records, but only five of those nine were accepted by the Committee. This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) Five records. One at Northwestern University, Evanston, Cook County 30-31 December 2021 (2021-104; WG:p; JC, MMC, SK). One in Wheaton, DuPage County 5-7 January 2022 (2022-001; VM:p). One in Brownstown,

Fayette County 6 January 2022 (2022-002; TR:p). One in Rockford, Winnebago County 1 February 2022 (2022-008; DTW). One in Evanston, Cook County 6-8 March 2022 (2022-015; TI:p; MMC:p). This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.



HOARY REDPOLL. Vince Moxon. Wheaton. DuPage County. 5 January 2022.

White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) Nine records. One to three at Lake Bloomington, McLean County 26 November to 9 December 2020 (2020-152; MMy; BM:p,s). One north of East Peoria, Woodford County 20 December 2020 to 26 February 2021 (2020-151; PF:s; SZ:r:p). One in Tolono, Champaign County 17 January to 8 February 2021 (2021-110; JA-C:p; AT:p). Up to 35 at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve, Lake County 31 January to 20 March 2022 (2022-009; AM:p; TBL:p). Up to 16 at Afton Forest Preserve, DeKalb County 1-13 February 2022 (2022-010; KML:p; TBL:p). Up to 17 at Shamrock Hills Park, Crystal Lake, McHenry County 13 February to 9 April 2022 (2022-011; DTW:p). White-winged Crossbills were found here first by Jill Hunt. Up to 35 at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, Cook County 13 February to 5 March 2022 (2022-012; MCE; DTW:p). Up to 15 at Binnie Forest Preserve, Kane County 10-14 March 2022 (2022-016; WLZ:p; GAW:p). Four to six at Seager Park, Naperville, DuPage County 8-9 May 2022 (2022-046; HA:p,s). This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided) (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*) One in Chicago, Cook County 4-5 April 2022 (2022-018; SJ:p; MMC:p). Photographs of this bird appear in Hengeveld et al. (2023) and in Davis (2023a). This is the first formally accepted record of this form.

Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) Two records. One in Chicago, Cook County 10 November to 3 December 2021 (2021-123; HA:p). One at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, DuPage County 18 December 2022 (2022-085; JPL:p).

Palm Warbler (Yellow) (*Setophaga palmarum hypochrysea*) Two records. One at Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary, Lee County 7 May 2020 (2020-133; GB:p). One building strike salvage in Chicago, Cook County 1 November 2020 (2020-185; SV:sp). The specimen is #525435 in the Field Museum of Natural History collection. These are the seventh and eighth records of this form to be accepted by the Committee.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*) One at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County 22 May 2020 (2020-148; AN:p). This is the fourth record of this subspecies to have been accepted by the Committee, though there are other occurrences that have not been formally evaluated.

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) Three records. One in Chicago's Jackson Park, Cook County 20 May 2012 (2012-059; PRC). One in Hoopeston, Vermilion County 8-12 May 2020

(2020-143; MPW:p), first found by Jerry Trombly at a feeder at his home. One in Downers Grove, DuPage County 12-17 May 2020 (2020-153; RC:p). This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

ACCEPTED BREEDING RECORDS

Two records involving one species.

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) A male and female with a nest in Galesburg, Knox County 13 May to 2 July 2020 (2020-150; AHh:p, DJM:p). One documenter noted that three fledglings were seen by another observer who took a photograph of two of the fledglings, but the Committee did not receive any material from that individual. This nest apparently represents the southernmost breeding record for this species in Illinois. Two adults and five young at a nest in Belvidere, Boone County during 9 April to 8 July 2022 (2022-078; JoN:p). These are the second and third accepted nesting records for Merlin. Williamson (2021) details the first accepted breeding record along with other recent summer reports. Bohlen (1989) mentions that Kennicott (1854) remarked that Merlin was "known to nest in Cook County."

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

UNACCEPTED RECORDS OF SPECIES NEW TO THE STATE LIST

Two records of two species.

Arctic Loon (*Gavia arctica*) One in Morrison, Whiteside County 8 May 2021 (2021-118). The documentation provided hardly any description of the bird. It was not clear why the observer thought the bird was a loon, let alone why other kinds of loons were ruled out. This was a Spring Bird Count record.

Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) One photographed at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 15 January 2018 (2018-077). The Committee was nearly unanimous against acceptance, collectively expressing the view that the evidence was insufficient for determination of identification at the species level. Several members, along with others outside the Committee who commented on the photos after they were presented on a couple of public fora, felt that Peregrine Falcon was a more likely identity than Eurasian Hobby.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS OF REVIEW LIST SPECIES

Twenty-one records of 19 species.

Cinnamon Teal (*Spatula cyanoptera*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 27-28 September 2020 (2020-118). The Committee was nearly unanimous in declining to accept the record. Committee members felt that the possibility that this record pertains to a Blue-winged Teal or a hybrid of Cinnamon Teal with Blue-winged Teal was not adequately excluded.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) One at Wilmington Island Park, Will County 12-15 January 2022 (2022-006). This record took two rounds to evaluate, but in the end nearly every committee member was not comfortable to accept it. Most members were cautious about head shape, given just one viewing angle in which a Barrow's-type head shape was evidenced.

Several members felt that the size and shape of the bill was more consistent with Common Goldeneye. Two committee members felt that based on details of bill coloration and shape, the bird in one documenter's photo was likely the same as a bird in other photographs that was clearly a Common Goldeneye.

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) One heard near Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, DuPage County 30 June 2021 (2021-046). Because of the brevity of the observation, the quality of the habitat, and the lack of any physical evidence, the Committee declined to accept the record.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) Two records. One juvenile or immature at Illinois Beach State Park, North Unit, Lake County 7 September 2019 (2019-082). The Committee was split in opinion, with three comfortable with the identification as Parasitic while four felt that Long-tailed could not be excluded by the evidence. One photographed at Park No. 566, Chicago, Cook County 10 September 2020 (2020-134). The evidence was insufficient to convince the Committee that other jaeger species had been eliminated from consideration.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) One at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Williamson County 21 December 2021 (2021-119). The Committee felt that Red-throated Loon was not eliminated by the description of the bird.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) One at McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, DuPage County 8 May 2021 (2021-096). The photograph associated with this record shows a Double-crested Cormorant.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*). One at Grand Tower, Jackson County 2 September 2020 (2020-146). The description of the bird was too cursory to indicate even that it was an ibis.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*). One photographed at Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Putnam County 20-21 September 2022 (2022-055). Though the bird was clearly a *Plegadis* ibis, the evidence was insufficient for eliminating the possibility that it was a White-faced Ibis.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*). Two records. One photographed at McGinnis Slough, Cook County 16 October 2022 (2022-061). The Committee concluded that there was insufficient basis for definitively assigning this individual to a particular species of *Plegadis* ibis. One photographed at Banner Marsh, Peoria County 30-31 October 2022 (2022-069). The available evidence was insufficient for eliminating the possibility that this *Plegadis* ibis was a Glossy Ibis or a hybrid of Glossy Ibis with White-faced Ibis.

Red-naped Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 7 October 2018 (2018-078). Most of the Committee declined to accept the record. Features that caused doubt regarding identification as Red-naped Sapsucker included the nature and thickness of the black border between chin and throat, plus the limited extent of the red on the nape. These aspects suggested that Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was not sufficiently eliminated as a possibility.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) One in Walnut, Bureau County 15 December 2022 (2022-088). The description of the bird, though consistent with Prairie Falcon, was also consistent with an immature Peregrine Falcon and perhaps other species of falcon.

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) One photographed at Jarvis Bird Sanctuary in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County 18 October 2019 (2019-091). Though this record is supported by a photograph

showing a Say's Phoebe, the Committee had concerns that the date and location for the photograph were not truthfully represented, especially with the bird being apparently in pristine juvenile plumage with no sign that the preformative molt had begun.

Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*). One well-photographed individual at Ewing Park, Bloomington, McLean County 23 April 2022 (2022-021). The Committee was nearly unanimous in declining to accept the record. The Solitary Vireo complex is one that presents a very difficult identification conundrum. Though this bird perhaps indeed is a Cassin's Vireo, the Committee felt there was insufficient evidence to eliminate a duller Blue-headed Vireo as a possibility.

Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*). One in Winthrop Harbor, Lake County 12 November 2022 (2022-074). The limited description of the bird, though consistent with Pine Grosbeak, left the specific identity in doubt.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) One at Sexton Creek, Alexander County 8 May 2021 (2021-116). This record may very well be correct, with the location being a site where this species has occurred and with the observer having experience with the species at this site. However, the evidence that was presented was insufficient for the Committee to be comfortable in accepting it. This was a Spring Bird Count record.

Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 27 September 2020 (2020-117). The Committee was unanimous in declining to accept the record, noting the absence of yellow tones on the throat and breast and the weakness of the auricular. Also noted was that Black-throated Green Warblers can display the limited extent of mantle streaking shown in this bird.

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) One at Hastings Lake, Lake County 2 June 2019 (2019-086). Committee members had several concerns, including that the written description of the size did not fit a grosbeak, that the beak of the bird was not described, and that the possible identity as an Orchard Oriole was not eliminated.

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 23 September 2017 (2017-087). The dark malar stripe and the uniform color of the underparts that did not evidence contrast with paler undertail coverts convinced the Committee that this record more likely pertained to Indigo Bunting.

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) One at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Will County 16 May 2022 (2022-036). This record may very well be valid; however, the very brief description was deemed by the Committee to be insufficient for clearly determining the specific identification.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS OF OTHER SPECIES, SUBSPECIES, AND HYBRID FORMS

Seven records of five species and one hybrid form, including two records of two subspecies and one record of one hybrid form.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) One at Mermet Lake, Massac County 6 May 2017 (2017-089). The brief description was insufficient to be conclusive that this was an Anhinga. This was a Spring Bird Count record.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) Two records. One photographed at Afton Forest Preserve, DeKalb County 10 December 2020 (2020-125). Because the rump was neither visible in any photograph nor described by the observer, and because a handful of streaks were visible in the undertail coverts, a majority of the Committee declined to accept the observation. One to two in Lake Barrington, Lake County 12-14 February 2022 (2022-013). The Committee was unanimous that the birds in this record were Common Redpolls rather than Hoary Redpolls, noting that the overall coloration of the birds was more consistent with Common (not pale enough for Hoary) and that the heaviness of the flank streaking was also a better fit for Common. This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) One at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve, Lake County 1 December 2021 (2021-084). The limited description with identification by the observer relying heavily or entirely on vocalizations left the Committee unconvinced that other possibilities were adequately excluded, despite the observation taking place during an invasion year by White-winged Crossbill. This species was removed from the Review List in March 2022.

Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided) (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*) One photographed in Champaign, Champaign County 9 November 2021 (2021-070). This was a difficult record with four members of the Committee unconvinced that other forms or intergrades between forms of junco had been eliminated from consideration.

Palm Warbler (Yellow) (*Setophaga palmarum hypochrysea*) One photographed in Limestone, Kankakee County 22 March 2021 (2021-095). The Committee was unanimous that the record pertains to *Setophaga palmarum palmarum*, the expected subspecies in Illinois.

Townsend's x Black-throated Green Warbler (hybrid) (*Setophaga townsendi x virens*) One at Washington Park, Chicago, Cook County 14 May 2019 (2019-087). The Committee was split on this record, which underwent two rounds of voting. Committee members against acceptance felt that there was insufficient evidence to eliminate firmly the possibility of this being a pure Black-throated Green Warbler.

CORRIGENDA

The 5th IORC Report (Johnson and Stotz 1999) included two accepted records of Black-throated Gray Warbler but neglected to note the full record number for the individual seen during 4-8 May 1998 in Evanston, Cook County. This record has number 1998-011.

In the 9th IORC Report (Stotz and Johnson 2003), the one accepted Burrowing Owl record was referenced as record number 1978-013, but the correct record number is 1978-012. ■

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