

# Ontario Bird Records Committee Report for 1983

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This report covers the activities of the OBRC during 1983 when 219 records were reviewed. A number of other reports were received, but were not considered. The committee would like to thank all those who submitted reports, whether reviewed or not, thus helping to document the status of our rarer species. We accepted 73% of the reports reviewed. The acceptance rate might well have been higher, but for the fact that many were from years prior to 1983.

The committee has decided that it will add a species to the provincial list on the basis of a single report (formerly two needed), but that we would have to be 110% convinced by all aspects of the report in order to do so. Other changes include the removal of Arctic Tern (south) and Ross' Goose (north) from the review list, and the addition of Piping Plover to the southern Ontario review list.

Reports of a number of species including Cinnamon Teal, Tufted Duck, White-winged Dove and Lazuli Bunting were accepted. Although there is a possibility that some of these might be escaped captives, we felt that at present they could be considered wild

birds in the given circumstances. If in future, however, evidence suggests a greater probability of escapees, then these reports will be reconsidered.

Evidence currently suggests that there is still a thriving trade in imported finches, and it is for this reason that the committee reviewed and decided to reject all previous records of Painted Buntings.

We have also accepted a report of a Rufous Hummingbird that does not clearly eliminate Allen's Hummingbird, but Allen's is not presently known to occur in northeastern North America. Should it ever be shown that they do wander regularly to eastern North America, this report will be reevaluated.

The committee for 1983 consisted of R. Curry (chairman), R. James (secretary), D. Brewer, T. Hince, P. Pratt, D. Sutherland and A. Wormington. In 1984, A. Wormington has assumed the role of secretary and all reports should be sent to him (R.R. #1, Leamington N8H 3V4).

In the following accounts the file number appears after the name of the person(s) submitting the report.

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The photorecord number is abbreviated to PR. The person submitting the photograph is the same as the reporter unless other-

wise indicated. Specimens are indicated with catalogue number (if available) and institution of deposition.

### Accepted Records

#### ARCTIC LOON, *Gavia arctica*

- 1983** – 13 May, Point Pelee, Essex Co.; O. Lund, M. Benson (101)  
– winter ad., 26 Dec., Point Pelee.; T. Hince (213)

#### EARED GREBE, *Podiceps nigricollis*

- 1982** – spring ad., 1 June, Rainy River, Rainy River Dist., R. Tozer (18)

#### WESTERN GREBE, *Aechmophorus occidentalis*

- 1983** – dark morph, 3–10 May, Hillman Marsh, Essex Co.; A. Wormington, H. Cohen (102)

#### NORTHERN GANNET, *Sula bassanus*

- 1978** – imm., 26 Nov., Toronto, Metro Toronto R.M.; W.G. Wilson (190)  
**1983** – 2 imm., 29 Oct.–9 Nov., west end Lake Ontario, Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth R.M's, K. McLaughlin, P.D. Smith (207)

#### AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN, *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

- 1983** – ad., 4 May, Long Point, Haldimand-Norfolk R.M.; O. Lund (73)  
– 2 ad., 20 June, Long Point, R.B.H. Smith, A. Lambert (80)

#### GREAT CORMORANT, *Phalacrocorax carbo*

- 1978** – imm., 14 Jan.–27 Mar.,

Port Credit, Peel R.M.; A. Wormington (105)  
(PR 1437)

#### LITTLE BLUE HERON, *Egretta caerulea*

- 1980** – imm., 3 Aug., Hillman Marsh; A. Wormington (106)  
**1981** – ad., 27 July, Point Pelee; A. Wormington (108)  
**1983** – ad., 2 May, Dundas, Hamilton-Wentworth R.M.; R. Finlayson (107)  
– 1st yr., 10 April, Whitby, Durham R.M.; D. Scovell (188)

#### TRICOLORED HERON, *Egretta tricolor*



*Glossy Ibis*, 1-16 May 1976, Point Pelee National Park, Essex Co.

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*Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*, 16-18 April 1976, Wheatley, Kent Co.

**1983** – 19 May, Marathon,  
Thunder Bay Dist.; T.  
Hince (215)

This is the first record for  
Northern Ontario.

**GREEN-BACKED HERON**,  
*Butorides striatus*

**1983** – 27 May, Sable Island,  
Rainy River Dist.; W.J.  
Crins (109)

**YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-  
HERON**, *Nycticorax violaceus*

**1976** – ad., 16-18 April,  
Wheatley, Kent Co.; A.  
Wormington (110)  
(PR 1434)

**GLOSSY IBIS**, *Plegadis  
falcinellus*

**1976** – 1-16 May, Point Pelee; A.  
Wormington (111)  
(PR 1438)

**1982** – two, 8 May, Bright's  
Grove, Lambton Co.;  
D. Rupert (48)

– 16 May, Kingston,  
Frontenac Co.;  
A. McConnell (50)

**FULVOUS WHISTLING-  
DUCK**, *Dendrocygna bicolor*

**1979** – 3-10 May, Point Pelee;  
A. Wormington., R.D.  
McRae (112)

**MUTE SWAN**, *Cygnus olor*

**1982** – 2-4 Sept., Lake Superior  
Prov. Park, Algoma Dist.;  
T. Cheskey (59)

**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED  
GOOSE**, *Anser albifrons*

**1983** – 2 ad., 13-27 Nov.,  
Kingsville, Essex Co.;  
M. Oldham,  
A. Wormington (205)

These were determined to be the  
Greenland yellow-billed race  
(*flavirostris*), which normally  
winters in Europe.

**CINNAMON TEAL**, *Anas  
cyanoptera*

**1983** – ad. male and female, 28 May–9 July, Amherstburg, Essex Co.; A. Wormington (113) (egg – ROM 12854).

Formerly considered only as wanderers to Ontario, this pair, and a nest discovered 24 June, also provided the first evidence of nesting by this species in the province (see James 1984).

**EURASIAN WIGEON**, *Anas penelope*

**1971** – male, 24 May, Hamilton, Hamilton-Wentworth R.M.; A. Wormington (114)

**1982** – 2 males, 22 Apr., Port Hope, Northumberland Co.; B.C. Olson (31)

– male, 16 Oct., Sarnia, Lambton Co.; D. Rupert (49)

– male, 27 Nov., Sparrow Lake, Muskoka D.M.; B. Bowles (15)

**1983** – male, 6–15 Mar., Pickering, Durham R.M.; J. Mountjoy (30)

– male, 24–26 Apr., Bright's Cove, Lambton Co.; D. Rupert (187) (PR 1442–43)

– male, 20 May, Marathon; T. Hince (216).

**TUFTED DUCK**, *Aythya fuligula*

**1983** – ad. male, 23 Jan.–9 Feb., Oakville, Halton R.M.; 27 Feb.–24 Apr., Hamilton; D. Gardiner, A. Wormington, K. McLaughlin (11) (PR 1371 D.R. Gunn)

**HARLEQUIN DUCK**, *Histrionicus histrionicus*

**1979** – imm. or female, 11–12 Oct., Caribou Island, Thunder Bay Dist.; A. Wormington (115)

**1981** – imm., 17 Oct., Netitishi Point, Cochrane Dist.; R.D. McRae (41)

**1983** – 26 Sept., near Sutton River Mouth, Kenora Dist.; P.O. Steele (202)

**BARROW'S GOLDENEYE**, *Bucephala islandica*

**1983** – ad. male, 2–9 May, Heron Bay, Thunder Bay Dist.; T. Hince (218)

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE**, *Elanoides forficatus*

**1983** – ad., 17 July, Wakami Lake Prov. Pk., Sudbury Dist.; G. Hanna (82)

**SWAINSON'S HAWK**, *Buteo swainsoni*

**1980** – light phase ad., 15 Sept., Port Stanley, Elgin Co.; A. Wormington (118)

**1983** – light phase, 19 May, Rainy River; R.D. McRae (100)  
– light phase ad., 27 Oct., Rainy River; T. Hince (214)

**GYRFALCON**, *Falco rusticolus*

**1981** – dark phase, 1–24 Feb., Whitby; M. Bain (54)  
– gray phase, 22 Feb., Point Pelee; A. Wormington (119)

**AMERICAN AVOCET**, *Recurvirostra americana*

**1981** – summer ad., 9 July, Hillman Marsh; A. Wormington (121)

**1982** – ad., 11 May, Harrow, Essex Co.; A. Rider (123)  
– 2–6 Nov., Holiday Beach Prov. Pk., Essex Co.; E. Cusick, A.S. Weir (58)

**1983** – 10 summer ads., 1 May, Wheatley Harbour W., Essex Co.; A. McTavish (122)  
– 7, 2 May, Fifty Point,

- Hamilton-Wentworth R.  
M.; R. Curry (98)  
-9 Sept., Whitby;  
J. Mountjoy (94)  
-3, 16-21 Sept., Kingsville;  
M. Oldham (93)  
-11 Dec., Hamilton; D.  
Fogle (219)

**WILLET**, *Catoptrophorus semi-  
palmatus*

- 1978** - basic plumage, 18 June,  
Sable Island;  
A. Wormington (124)  
**1983** - 22 Aug., Winisk, Kenora  
Dist.; L. Fazio (194)

**PURPLE SANDPIPER**, *Calidris  
maritima*

- 1982** - 15 Oct., North Point,  
Cochrane Dist.;  
C. Rimmer (126)

**LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER**,  
*Limnodromus scolopaceus*

- 1979** - 29 Sept., Caribou Island;  
A. Wormington (127)

**LONG-TAILED JAEGER**,  
*Stercorarius longicaudus*

- 1976** - adult, 6 Sept., Hamilton;  
A. Wormington (128)  
**1983** - juvenile, 30 Aug., Point  
Pelee; A. Wormington  
(129)

**LAUGHING GULL**,  
*Larus atricilla*

- 1972** - ad., 16 May, Point Pelee;  
A. Wormington,  
R. Pittaway (130)  
**1975** - ad., 24 Apr., Long Point;  
A. Wormington (134)  
**1978** - ad., 5-6 May, Point Pelee;  
A. Wormington (135)  
**1979** - 2nd summer, 5-11 May,  
Point Pelee;  
A. Wormington (132)  
**1981** - 1st winter, 6-7 March,  
Wheatley; A. Wormington  
(131)  
**1982** - ad., 2 June, Whitby;

- M. McEvoy (136)  
- ad., 27 June, Fifty Point;  
K. McLaughlin (47)

- 1983** - ad., 7 May, Point Pelee;  
B. Whitney (137)  
- ad., 11 May, Long Point;  
D. Shepherd (71)  
- ad., 20 May, Point Pelee;  
P. Whelan, F. Bodsworth  
(133)  
- ad., 20 May, Long Point;  
K. Lambert (72)  
- ad., 26 May, Whitby;  
M. Bain (66)  
- ad., 29 May, Long Point;  
D. Agro (79)  
- ad., 31 May, Hillman  
Marsh; M. Runtz (140)  
- ad., 8 June-27 Sept.,  
Moosonee, Cochrane Dist.;  
D. Shepherd,  
A. Wormington (87)  
- ad., 25 June, Hillman  
Marsh; M. Runtz (139)  
- 2nd summer, 1 July,  
Amherstburg; M. Gawn  
(138)  
- 1st winter, 24 Sept.,  
Oshawa, Durham R.M.;  
J. Mountjoy (96)

**MEW GULL**, *Larus canus*

- 1983** - ad., 29 Apr.-1 May,  
Hillman Marsh;  
A. Wormington (141)

**CALIFORNIA GULL**,  
*Larus californicus*

- 1982** - 20 Dec., Courtright,  
Lambton Co.; D. Rupert  
(21) (PR 1480-1485)

**LESSER BLACK-BACKED  
GULL**, *Larus fuscus*

- 1981** - 2nd winter, 19 Nov.,  
Netitishi Point;  
A. Wormington (142)

This is the first record of this  
species in Northern Ontario.

**ROSS' GULL**, *Thodostethia*

*rosea*

**1983** – ad., 14–23 May, Moosonee; K.F. Abraham, A. McTavish, (83) (PR 1418–1426 K.F. Abraham, 1493–1496 A. Wormington)

This is the first record for the province.

ROYAL TERN, *Sterna maxima*

**1974** – ad., 22 Aug., Cedar Beach, Essex Co.; A. Wormington (10)

This is the first report of this species in Ontario.

ARCTIC TERN, *Sterna paradisaea*

**1971** – 1st summer, 14–15 July, Toronto; A. Wormington (145)

**1978** – ad., 9–20 June, Bronte, Halton R.M.; G. Bellerby, W.H. Lewis (34) (PR 1410 M. Jennings)

SOOTY TERN, *Sterna fuscata*

**1955** – 14 Aug., Brockville, Leeds Co.; D. Hurrie (36)

This record, the first for Ontario, followed the passage of Hurricane "Connie."

BLACK SKIMMER, *Rynchops niger*

**1982** – Late Aug., Clearwater Bay, Lake-of-the-Woods, Kenora Dist.; R. Crowley (20)

This is the first record for Northern Ontario and the most northerly on the continent.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE, *Zenaida asiatica*

**1975** – 14–19 Dec., Belleville, Hastings Co.; B. Barrett (37) (PR 565 R.S. Morphy)

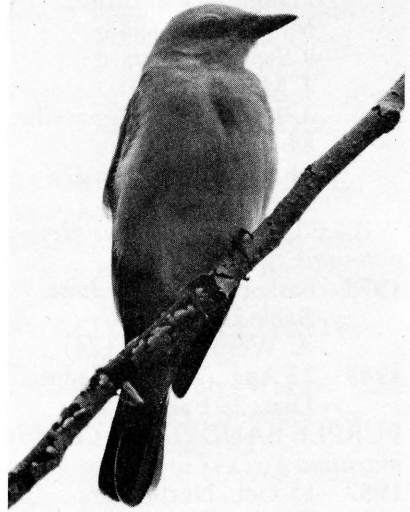
GROOVE-BILLED ANI, *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

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*Western Kingbird*, imm., 18 Aug. 1978, Rainy River, Rainy River Dist.

**1983** – 1 Nov., Thunder Bay (Rosslyn), Thunder Bay Dist., S. Dubois (221). (Lakehead University #100).

This is the second specimen from Ontario.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD, *Selasphorus rufus*

**1983** – 14–17 Sept., Sapawe, Rainy River Dist.; D.H. Elder (199) (PR 1465–1472)

RED-BELLIED WOOD-PECKER, *Melanerpes carolinus*

**1983** – male, 15 Oct., Moosonee; K. Abraham (223)

This is the first record for Northern Ontario.

WESTERN KINGBIRD, *Tyrannus verticalis*

**1978** – imm., 18 Aug., Rainy River; A. Wormington (151) (PR 1436)

**1980** – 6 Aug., Emsdale, Parry Sound Dist.; A. Mills (22)

**1981** – 26 May, Rainy River; W.J. Crins (152)  
– 10–11 June, Hillman Marsh; A. Wormington (150)

**1983** – 21 May, Point Pelee; H.H. Axtell, K.J. Burk (149)  
– 30 Aug., Long Point; D. Shepherd (210)  
– imm., 27–30 Aug., East Point, James Bay, Cochrane Dist.; R. Stitt (209) (PR 1452–55)

**GRAY KINGBIRD**, *Tyrannus dominicensis*

**1982** – 31 Oct., Ottawa, Ottawa-Carleton R.M.; B.M. Di Labio (25) (PR 1408)

**SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER**, *Tyrannus forficatus*

**1982** – 28 Oct.–3 Nov., Rolphton, Renfrew Co.; W.H. Walker (198) (PR 1451; 1488–1489 M. Jennings)

**1983** – 18 May, Port Dover, Haldimand-Norfolk R.M.; M. Nemenski, W. Ramp (70)  
– 25 May, Point Pelee; M.L. Denton (153)  
– 2 July, Dyer Bay, Bruce Co.; T. Cheskey (81) (PR 1414–17)

**BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE**, *Pica pica*

**1981** – 25 Dec.–4 Jan. 1982, Toronto; J.A. Kelley (154)

**FISH CROW**, *Corvus ossifragus*

**1983** – 20 May, Point Pelee; S.B. Terrill (156)

**CAROLINA CHICKADEE**, *Parus carolinensis*

**1983** – 18 May, Long Point;

D. Shepherd (69) (ROM 28494)

This is the first record for the province. The specimen is the southern subspecies *impiger*.  
**BEWICK'S WREN**, *Thryomanes bewickii*

**1982** – 9–12 May, Point Pelee; R.R. Tasker (55)

**BLUE-GRAY GNAT-CATCHER**, *Polioptila caerulea*

**1979** – 1–3 Oct., Caribou Island; A. Wormington (160)

**1980** – 13 July, Rainy River; A. McTavish, K.J. Burk (88)

**1981** – 16 Oct., Netitishi Point; A. Wormington (159)

These are the first records for Northern Ontario.

**SIBERIAN RUBYTHROAT**, *Luscinia calliope*

**1983** – ad. male, 26 Dec., Hornby, Halton R.M.; M. Lane (222) (ROM 148368)

This species has been added to the provincial list on the basis of this specimen, found dead. It is the only North American record outside of western Alaska.

**NORTHERN WHEATEAR**, *Oenanthe oenanthe*

**1972** – imm., 6 Oct., Fraserdale, Cochrane Dist.; A. Wormington, M. Jennings (161) (PR 1393)

**1976** – imm., 1 Oct., Moosonee; A. Wormington (161)

**1978** – ad., 14–15 Oct., Deep River, Renfrew Co.; A. Wormington (165) (PR 1435)

**1980** – imm., 26 Sept., Moosonee; A. Wormington (162)  
– imm., 11–12 Oct., Jack-

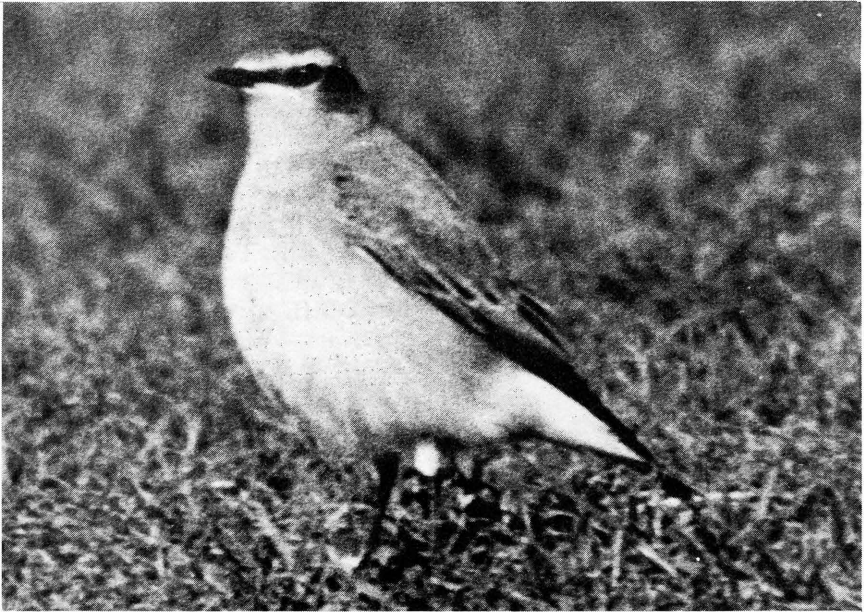


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Northern Wheatear, ad., 14-15 Oct. 1978, Deep River, Renfrew Co.

- fish, Thunder Bay Dist.;  
A. Wormington (166)  
**1981** – ad. female, 2 June, Winisk;  
A. Wormington (167)  
**1982** – ad. female, 4 June, North  
Point; C. Rimmer (163)  
(PR 1439)

**MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD,**  
*Sialia currucoides*

- 1979** – female, 28 Nov.–6 Jan.  
1980, Point Pelee;  
A. Wormington (168)

**TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE,**  
*Myadestes townsendi*

- 1979** – 2 Oct., Caribou Island;  
A. Wormington (6)  
– 25–29 Oct., Marathon;  
A. Wormington (7)  
**1981** – 14 Feb.–19 Apr., Shoal  
Point Woods, Durham  
R.M.; M. Bain (169)  
(PR 1433 B. Pegg)  
**1983** – 29 Mar., Marathon;  
T. Hince (46) (PR 1376)

- 6 Nov., Fonthill, Niagara  
R.M.; R.W. Knapton  
(208)

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD,**  
*Turdus merula*

- 1981** – 12 Apr., Erieau, Kent Co.;  
K.J. Burk (38)

This is the first record for Ontario  
and second for North America; the  
first was near Montreal, Quebec  
(McNeil 1971)

**VARIED THRUSH,**  
*Ixoreus naevius*

- 1982** – male, 4 Jan.–7 Feb.,  
Wallacetown, Elgin Co.;  
D. Rupert (197)  
(PR 1450)  
– ad., male 18 Dec.–12 Mar.  
1983, Oakville;  
D.A. Sutherland (26)  
**1983** – female, 15 Jan.–25 Feb.,  
Whitby; J. Mountjoy (1)  
– male, 6–13 Feb. Darling-  
ton Twp., Durham R.M.;



J.M. Richards (74)  
 (PR 1411 B. Kern)  
 - male, 26 Dec.-1 April  
 1984, Puslinch Twp.,  
 Wellington Co.; D. Brewer  
 (212)

**LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE,**  
*Lanius ludovicianus*

**1983** - 25 Apr., Heron Bay;  
 T. Hince (220)

**BELL'S VIREO, *Vireo bellii***  
**1974** - 13 May, Long Point;  
 A. Wormington (171)

**BLACK-THROATED GRAY  
 WARBLER, *Dendroica*  
*nigrescens***

**1983** - 8 May, Toronto; A. Nash  
 (61)

**YELLOW-THROATED  
 WARBLER, *Dendroica dominica***

**1976** - 2-9 May, Point Pelee;  
 A. Wormington (174)  
 (PR 1432)

**1982** - 23 Nov., Kingston;

D.O. Spettigue (51)  
 - 12-19 Dec., Niagara  
 Falls, Niagara R.M.;  
 H.H. Axtell (52)

**1983** - 28-29 Apr., Point Pelee;  
 A. Wormington (175)  
 - 2-4 May, Point Pelee;  
 R. Fleming (176)

All these records are of the  
*albilora* race with a white eyeline.

**KIRTLAND'S WARBLER,**  
*Dendroica kirtlandii*

**1945** - 2 adults and at least 1  
 recently fledged young,  
 8-13 Aug., Barrie, Simcoe  
 Co.; D.H. and J.M. Speirs  
 (97)

This report also provided evidence  
 for breeding by this species in  
 Ontario (see James 1984).

**PRAIRIE WARBLER,**  
*Dendroica discolor*

**1982** - male, 1 June, Makwa Lake  
 (Gogama area), Sudbury



PHOTO: ALAN WORMINGTON

*Yellow-throated Warbler*, 2-9 May 1976, Point Pelee National Park

Dist.; S.V. and A.D. Nash  
(42)

**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER,**  
*Protonotaria citrea*

**1976** - 27 Apr.-3 May, French  
Lake, Quetico Prov. Park,  
Rainy River Dist.; D.H.  
Elder (14)

This is the only record for  
Northern Ontario.

**HOODED WARBLER,**  
*Wilsonia citrina*

**1976** - ad. male, 27 Sept., Ship-  
sands Island, Cochrane  
Dist.; A. Wormington (5)

This is the only record for Northern  
Ontario.

**YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT,**  
*Icteria virens*

**1979** - 25 Sept., Caribou Island;  
A. Wormington (178)

**1982** - 4-6 Oct., North Point,  
James Bay; C. Rimmer

(177) (PR 1440)

The Caribou Island record is the  
first for Northern Ontario.  
**SUMMER TANAGER, *Piranga***  
*rubra*

**1979** - 21 Oct., Neys Prov. Pk.,  
Thunder Bay Dist.;  
A. Wormington (8)

**1982** - 12-14 May, Atikokan;  
D.H. Elder (13)  
(PR 1404-1407 A. Van  
Rooyen)

**WESTERN TANAGER,**  
*Piranga ludoviciana*

**1983** - 13-22 Nov., Point Pelee;  
M.J. Oldham (206) (PR  
1456 J.R. Graham, 1490-  
1491 A. Wormington,  
1492 J. Flynn)

**NORTHERN CARDINAL,**  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*

**1981** - male, 6 Nov., Atikokan;  
D.H. Elder (12)



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*Western Tanager*, imm. male, 13-22 Nov. 1983,  
Point Pelee National Park

**1982** – male, 18 May, Silver Islet,  
Thunder Bay Dist.;  
R.D. McRae (40)

**BLUE GROSBEAK**, *Guiraca  
caerulea*

**1983** – male, 9 May, Rutherglen,  
Nipissing Dist.; Mr. &  
Mrs. La France (78)  
(PR 1412–1413)

– male, 18 May, Long Point;  
D. Agro (68)

– male, 21 May, Point Pelee;  
M. Fitzpatrick (179)

**LAZULI BUNTING**, *Passerina  
amoena*

**1982** – female, 23 May, Point  
Pelee; S.B. Terrill (182)

This is the first record for  
Southern Ontario and second for  
the province.

**RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE**,  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

**1983** – male, 28 Apr., Marathon;  
T. Hince (217)

**FIELD SPARROW**,  
*Spizella pusilla*

**1983** – 7 Apr., Marathon;  
T. Hince (45)

**LARK SPARROW**, *Chondestes  
grammacus*

**1982** – two, 9 June, McTavish  
Twp., Thunder Bay Dist.;  
S. and C. Wood (203)

**1983** – 11–12 May, Sturgeon  
Creek, Essex Co.; B.  
McCord, A. Wormington  
(184)

– 28 May, Toronto Islands,  
T. Stevens (192)

– 18 June, Moosonee;  
D. Shepherd (86) (PR  
1486–1487 K. Abraham)

**LARK BUNTING**, *Calamospiza  
melanocorys*

**1982** – imm., 24–29 Sept., North  
Point; C. Rimmer (186)  
(PR 1441)

**HARRIS' SPARROW**,  
*Zonotrichia querula*

**1982** – imm., 22 Dec.–25 Feb.

1983, Harwood, Nor-  
thumberland Co.; D.A.  
Sutherland, H. Bird (27)  
(PR 1409 M. Mulcahy)

– imm., late Dec.–17 Jan.  
1983, Brighton, North-  
umberland Co.; D.A. Suther-  
land (27)

**BRAMBLING**, *Fringilla  
montifringilla*

**1983** – 23–26 Oct., Atikokan; D.  
Elder (200) (PR 1457–  
1464)

This is the first record of this  
species in Ontario (Elder 1984)

#### Unaccepted Records, Identifi- cation Uncertain

**1934** – ROSS' GULL, Aug.,  
Toronto (201)

**1949** – MAGNIFICENT  
FRIGATEBIRD, 16 Oct.,  
Port Rowan, Haldimand-  
Norfolk R.M. (39)

**1957** – ROSS' GULL, 24 May,  
Point Pelee (9)

**1962** – PRAIRIE WARBLER, 27  
May, Dorion, Thunder  
Bay Dist. (56)

**1963** – ROSS' GULL, 20 May,  
Toronto (19)

**1965** – ORCHARD ORIOLE, 30  
May, Dorion (33)

**1974** – PAINTED BUNTING,  
22 Oct., Port Hope (4)

**1980** – YELLOW-BILLED LOON,  
19 May, Ottawa (23)

**1981** – LEAST TERN, 20 Sept.,  
Toronto (23)

**1982** – GREAT CORMORANT,  
21 Aug., Point Pelee (104)  
GREATER WHITE-  
FRONTED GOOSE, 19

- Dec., Kingston (32)  
 SWAINSON'S HAWK,  
 9 Sept., Point Pelee (117)  
 GREATER PRAIRIE-  
 CHICKEN, 27 Dec.,  
 Blind River, Algoma Dist.  
 (29)  
 WILSON'S PLOVER, 3  
 Oct., Long Point (28)  
 WILSON'S PLOVER, 22  
 May, Dorion (57)  
 LONG-BILLED  
 DOWITCHER, 1 June,  
 Rainy River (17)  
 ROYAL TERN, 18 Sept.,  
 Kingsville (143)  
 BLACK-BILLED  
 MAGPIE, January,  
 Keene, Peterborough Co.  
 (53)  
 NORTHERN  
 WHEATEAR, 16 Oct.,  
 Niagara Falls (24)  
 BELL'S VIREO, 28 May,  
 Whitby (191)  
 WESTERN TANAGER,  
 26 Aug., Stoney Lake,  
 Peterborough Co. (3)  
**1983** - ARCTIC LOON, 7 Nov.,  
 Fifty Point (196)  
 ARCTIC LOON, 6 Nov.,  
 Kettle Point, Lambton Co.  
 (211)  
 YELLOW-BILLED  
 LOON, 12 May,  
 Presqu'île Prov. Pk.,  
 Northumberland Co. (64)  
 WESTERN GREBE, 6  
 June, Caliper Lake, Rainy  
 River Dist. (189)  
 NORTHERN GANNET,  
 9 May, Point Pelee (103)  
 BLACK-CROWNED  
 NIGHT-HERON, 24  
 June, Fort Severn, Kenora  
 Dist. (85)  
 GYRFALCON, 17 Apr.,  
 Barrie Island, Manitoulin  
 Dist. (60)  
 BLACK RAIL, 18 May,  
 Point Pelee (120)  
 RUFOUS-NECKED  
 SANDPIPER, 20 May,  
 Point Pelee (125)  
 SHARP-TAILED  
 SANDPIPER, Aug.,  
 Ottawa (99)  
 LONG-BILLED  
 CURLEW, 24 July, Kettle  
 Point (75)  
 POMARINE JAEGER, 1  
 Nov., Hamilton (204)  
 CALIFORNIA GULL, 3  
 Apr., Port Rowan (67)  
 ROSEATE TERN, 10  
 May, Hillman Marsh  
 (146)  
 ARCTIC TERN, 30 July,  
 Kettle Point (84)  
 ARCTIC TERN, 19 Aug.,  
 Duffins Creek, Durham  
 R.M. (95)  
 ARCTIC TERN, 7 May,  
 Sturgeon Creek, Essex Co.  
 (144)  
 BLACK SWIFT, 26 May,  
 Dundas (147)  
 RUFOUS HUMMING-  
 BIRD, 2 June, Brantford,  
 Brant Co. (77)  
 ASH-THROATED FLY-  
 CATCHER, 25 May,  
 Point Pelee (148)  
 ASH-THROATED FLY-  
 CATCHER, 6 June, Fort  
 Erie, Niagara R.M. (76)  
 ASH-THROATED FLY-  
 CATCHER, 2 Oct., Point  
 Pelee (195)  
 BLACK-BILLED  
 MAGPIE, 6 June,  
 Blytheswood, Essex Co.  
 (155)  
 FISH CROW, 8 May,

Point Pelee (157)  
 BEWICK'S WREN, 15  
 May, Point Pelee (158)  
 SPRAGUE'S PIPIT, 18  
 May, Kingsville (170)  
 BELL'S VIREO, 4 May,  
 Point Pelee (172)  
 BELL'S VIREO, 7 May,  
 Point Pelee (173)  
 WESTERN TANAGER,  
 14 May, Point Pelee (65)  
 WESTERN TANAGER,  
 14 Aug., Miller Creek  
 Cons. Area, Peterborough  
 Co. (92)  
 BLUE GROSBEAK, 10  
 May, Sturgeon Creek  
 (180)  
 BLUE GROSBEAK, 17  
 May, Point Pelee (181)  
 LAZULI BUNTING, 21  
 May, Point Pelee (183)  
 BAIRD'S SPARROW, 18  
 Aug., Vaughan Twp., York  
 R.M. (89)

#### Unaccepted Records, Origin Uncertain

- 1880 - SNOWY PLOVER, May,  
 [Toronto?] (16) (Seton  
 1885)  
 1896 - SNOWY PLOVER,  
 6 July, [Toronto?] (16)  
 (Fleming 1906)  
 1979 - PAINTED BUNTING,  
 21-23 May, Long Point  
 (43)  
 PAINTED BUNTING,  
 Dec., Toronto (44)  
 1983 - EUROPEAN GOLD-  
 FINCH, 20-21 May,  
 Sioux Lookout, Kenora  
 Dist. (63)

#### Summary

As a result of decisions from reports considered in 1983, Tufted Duck, Ross' Gull, Royal Tern, Sooty Tern, Carolina Chickadee, Siberian Rubythroat, Eurasian Blackbird, and Brambling were added to the Ontario list. Two species were deleted from the provincial list—Snowy Plover and Painted Bunting. Following the change in procedures mentioned earlier, Lesser Goldfinch was also added to the list (see Wormington and James 1984). For details concerning breeding birds see James (1984).

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