

Ontario Bird Records Committee Report for 2017

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Introduction

This is the 36th annual report of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (henceforth OBRC or Committee) of the Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO). The OBRC reviews rare bird reports in Ontario based on documentation that has been submitted by the birding community. Species and subspecies evaluations are based on the Review Lists for Ontario, which can be found on the OFO website (www.ofo.ca). Any new species, subspecies, or first breeding records for Ontario are also reviewed. This report deals with the review of 179 records by the OBRC in 2017, of which 148 (83%) were accepted. All reports reviewed by the 2017 Committee will be added to the permanent file kept at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM).

The members of the 2017 Committee were Joshua D. Vandermeulen (chair), Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Mike V.A. Burrell

(non-voting secretary), Barbara N. Charlton (non-voting assistant to the secretary), William G. Lamond, Timothy B. Lucas, Blake A. Mann, Paul D. Pratt and Donald A. Sutherland (Figure 1). Mark K. Peck acted as the ROM liaison for the OBRC.

Changes to the Checklist of Ontario Birds

One new species, White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*) was added to the Ontario list, however, with the demotion of Thayer's Gull (*Larus glaucooides thayeri*) to subspecific status (Chesser *et al.* 2017), the total remained at 496 species.

Changes to the Review Lists

Beginning with the 2014 report (Burrell and Charlton 2015), the OBRC split the province into three review zones (South, Central and Lowlands). See Holden (2014) for more details.



Figure 1. Ontario Bird Records Committee for 2017. Left to right (standing): Donald A. Sutherland, Blake A. Mann, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Paul D. Pratt. Left to right (sitting): Timothy B. Lucas, Mike V.A. Burrell, Kenneth G.D. Burrell. Not present: William G. Lamond, Barbara N. Charlton. *Photo: Mark K. Peck*

No new species were added to the Lowlands Review List, however, with the removal of Thayer's Gull the total number of species recorded in this review zone dropped to 330.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) was added to the Central Review List following acceptance of the first record for the region; this addition minus the subtraction of Thayer's Gull keeps the total number of species recorded in this review zone at 383.

Beginning in 2017, reports of Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) in the South Review Zone are no longer requested, based on more than twenty reports occurring in the previous five years and a vote by the Committee. Reports prior to 2017 are still requested for review. The addition of White Wagtail and deletion of Thayer's Gull, as listed above, affect the South Review Zone,

keeping the total number of species recorded in this review zone at 486.

The Committee voted to remove Hornemann's Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni hornemanni*) from the Subspecies Review List effective 1 January 2018. Reports prior to 2018 are still requested for review. The Committee also voted to add Western Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria cinnamomea*) to this review list retroactively and request documentation of any reports of this subspecies.

No changes were made to the list of species known to have bred, leaving the total number of breeding species at 290.

Listing of Records

For accepted records and records for which the identification was accepted, but origin is questionable, the following information is provided where known:

year and date(s) of occurrence, location, number of birds, plumage and sex of each individual, names of contributors and OBRC file number. For accepted records, the total number of records accepted by the Committee for the province (including 2017 reports) is indicated in parentheses after the species name. All contributors who have provided reports are listed; if a contributor is also a finder of the bird(s), their name is underlined. Additional finders of the bird(s) are also listed, where known, even if they did not provide documentation for review. Place names in italics refer to the county, regional municipality or district in Ontario. Common and scientific names, as well as taxonomy, follow the seventh edition of the Check-list of North American Birds published by the American Ornithologists' Union (1998), along with its annual supplements published in *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, up to the 58th supplement (Chesser *et al.* 2017) inclusive. Plumage terminology uses the modified Humphrey and Parkes (1959) system following Howell (2010).

All records that were not accepted due to either insufficient evidence or questionable origin have been listed separately. Contributors of all "not accepted" records are notified in writing by the Committee. Reasons for the decision are explained, using information provided by voting members on their voting slips. Any "not accepted" record can be reconsidered by the OBRC if new or additional documentation is provided.

All documentation provided to the

OBRC is permanently archived at the ROM. Researchers and other interested parties are welcome to examine any of this material evidence, by appointment. Please contact Mark Peck in writing at Department of Natural History, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6, by email at markp@rom.on.ca or by telephone at 416-586-5523. Over the past several years, volunteers have been working to digitize the OBRC rare species documentation.

Acknowledgements

The OBRC appreciates the efforts of the 168 observers who took the time to submit documentation of rare birds for consideration by the 2017 Committee. We also thank the following people who assisted the Committee in the acquisition of additional data and other material evidence that supplemented the information submitted directly by observers and Committee members, or by providing expert opinions on material evidence submitted to the Committee: Peter Adriaens, Amar Ayash, Peter S. Burke, Glenn Coady, Mark A. Conboy, Christian A. Friis, Jeremy L. Hatt, Marshall Iliff, Jean Iron, Marcie L. Jacklin, Alvaro P. Jaramillo, Kevin Karlson, Paul Kelly, Stuart A. Mackenzie, Kevin A. McLaughlin, Killian Mullarney, Marcus Nash, Ronald J. Pittaway, Rémy Poulin and Brian L. Sullivan.



Figure 2. Tufted Duck at Mississauga, *Peel* on 17 December 2017. Photo: Joanne M. Redwood

Accepted Records

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* Central and Lowlands only (17)

- 2017 – three, basic, 30 May-13 June, Porcupine Lake, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Filion, found by Jeffrey B. Parnell; 2017-112) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 14-15 July, Dorion Landing, *Thunder Bay* (Norma Maurice, found by Bruce Atkinson, Mona Atkinson; 2017-113) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 19 August, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (Ross W. Wood, found by Gillian Holmes, Ariel Lenske; 2017-111).

“Bewick’s” Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus bewickii* (5)

- 2017 – one, definitive basic, 19 March, Aylmer, *Elgin* (Lev A. Frid, also found by Murray Shields; 2017-009) – photos on file.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* (31)

- 2017/18 – one, definitive basic male, 16 December-25 February, Mississauga, *Peel* (16-17, 20 December, 22-23 January), Toronto, *Toronto* (23-24, 27, 29 December), Burlington, *Halton* (26, 27, 30 January, 2-3, 5 February), Hamilton, *Hamilton* (11, 15, 16, 17, 23, 25 February) (Luc S. Fazio, Dan J. MacNeal, Dominik Halas, Owen N.W. Yates, Joanne Redwood, Rob Buchanan, Jean Iron, Tom Cosburn, Quinten F.R. Wiegiersma; 2017-144) – photos, video on file.

Wintering Tufted Ducks used to be a semi-regular occurrence in the west end of Lake Ontario, however, this is only the second such record this millennium following the brief stay of a male at Port Weller, *Niagara* 24 January-6 February 2004 (Crins 2005).



Figure 3. Harlequin Ducks at Connaught, Cochrane on 28 April 2017. *Photo: Roxane D. Fillion*



Figure 4. Willow Ptarmigan at Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), Toronto on 13 May 2017. *Photo: Richard D. Poort*

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* Central and Lowlands only (32)

- 2017** – two, definitive basic male and definitive alternate female, 28 April, Connaught, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Filion, also found by Gary T. Dowe; 2017-065)
– photos on file.
– five, basic, 5 October, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Mark H. Dorriesfield, also found by Rinchen Boardman; 2017-066).

Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus* Central and South only (2)

- 2017** – one, definitive basic male, 13-14 May, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park) (13 May) and Etobicoke (Colonel Samuel Smith Park) (14 May), *Toronto* (Christopher J. Escott, Dominik Halas, Kai A. Millyard, Luc S. Fazio, Richard D. Poort, Henry Thanh, found by Noam Markus; 2017-148)
– photos, video on file.

It is interesting to speculate that this could have been the same bird as the one seen elsewhere on Lake Ontario in the last several years including at Darlington, *Durham* 8 June-30 November 2011 (Cranford 2012) and Point Peninsula, *Jefferson*, New York 24 April-18 May 2014 (eBird 2018).

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* (50)

- 2017** – one, definitive alternate, 21 March-8 April, Mississauga, *Peel* (Peter S. Burke, Luc S. Fazio, Owen N.W. Yates, Marvin C. Medelko, Ben G. Oldfield; 2017-146) – photos on file.
– one, definitive alternate, 4 June, Britannia, *Ottawa* (Nicholas von Maltzahn; 2017-170) – photos on file.

A Western Grebe has appeared in the west end of Lake Ontario each spring since 2006 (with the exception of 2008 and 2014), strongly suggesting a returning bird.

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* (10)

- 2017** – one, juvenal, 12-30 August, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Justin F.B. Peter, Blake A. Mann, Gavin T. McKinnon, Janice E. Pelan, Mike D. Williamson, Owen N.W. Yates, Quinten F.R. Wieggersma, found by Jenn Nenadov, Mark Nenadov; 2017-149) – photos on file.

This bird disappeared from 14-29 August, before being seen briefly on 30 August and was part of a widespread incursion of the species throughout the northeast, with records from Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey and New York states (eBird 2018).

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* (5)

- 2017** – one, basic female, 29 June-2 July, Sturgeon Creek (mouth), *Essex* (Trevor D.H. Ferguson, Jeremy L. Hatt, Michael D. Williamson, Blake A. Mann, Frank G. Horvath, Dominik Halas, Luc S. Fazio, Rob Palin, Richard D. Poort, found by Joan Walker; 2017-127) – photos, video on file.



Figure 5. Birders enjoying the incredibly tame Wood Stork at Point Pelee National Park, Essex on 12 August 2017. *Photo: Dominik Halas*



Figure 6. Magnificent Frigatebird at Sturgeon Creek (mouth), Essex on 2 July 2017. *Photo: Richard D. Poort*

Frigatebird sp. *Fregata sp.* (7)

- 2017 – one, basic female, 24 September, Giants Tomb Island, *Simcoe* (Andrew W. Bunting, also found by Derek Meletzko; 2017-106) – photo on file.
- one, juvenal, 25 September, Lovett, *Northumberland* (Carlie Goodhead; 2017-107).

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus* (52)

- 2017 – one, juvenal, 11-12 November, Bayshore, *Ottawa* (Bruce M. Di Labio, found by unknown finder; 2017-151) – photos on file.
- one, juvenal, 20 November-10 December, Grimsby, *Niagara*, Stoney Creek and Hamilton, *Hamilton*, and Burlington, *Halton* (Dan J. MacNeal, Dominik Halas, Richard D. Poort, found by Bruce Mackenzie; 2017-131) – photos on file.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (18)

- 2017 – one, basic, 2 September, Etobicoke (Colonel Sam Smith Park), *Toronto* (David I. Pryor; 2017-115).
- one, basic, 20 September-29 October, Whitby, *Durham* (Michael J. Ferguson, Glenn Coady, Jean Iron, Garth V. Riley; 2017-130) – photos, video on file.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* (6)

- 2017 – one, definitive basic, 28 May, Campbellville, *Halton* (Ross W. Wood; 2017-003).

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* (12)

- 2017 – one, first basic, 28 May-10 June, Fort Erie (28 May-9 June), *Niagara* and Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park) (10 June), *Toronto* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Marcie L. Jacklin, Richard D. Poort, Garth V. Riley, Burl Gar, Greg P. Parsons, found by Michael Monaco; 2017-032) – photos, video on file.

The Committee felt that these reports pertained to a single bird, which spent most of its time at Fort Erie, before disappearing and being seen briefly by a lucky few in Toronto the next day.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* (81)

- 2017 – two, definitive basic, 16-21 April, Lawton's Corners, *Elgin* (Tim R. Arthur, Ashley P. Baines, David I. Pryor, found by Mary Carnahan, Keith Sealy; 2017-126) – photos on file.
- two, definitive basic, 21 July, Leamington, *Essex* (Sean M. Jenniskens; 2017-104) – photos on file.

These are the first two records involving multiple individuals for the province.



Figure 7. Tricolored Heron at Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* on 21 July 2017.

Photo: Richard D. Poort

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* (42)

- 2017 – one, definitive alternate, 25-29 April, Mission Island, *Thunder Bay* (A. Gregg Kendall, Brian D. Ratcliff, Lindy Wagenaar; 2017-142) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 20-28 July, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (Dominik Halas, Luc S. Fazio, Richard D. Poort, Barbara N. Charlton, Christopher J. Escott, found by Paul N. Prior; 2017-143)
 - photos, video on file.

After going seven years (2007-2013) without a record, there are now five records for this species in the past four years.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* Central and Lowlands only (13)

- 2017 – one, basic, 27 May, Dawson Township, *Rainy River* (Christopher J. Escott; 2017-064).

Yellow-crowned Night-heron *Nycticorax violacea* (53)

- 2017 – one, definitive basic, 4 June, Brockville, *Leeds and Grenville* (Brenda L. Evers, found by unknown finder; 2017-165) – photos on file.
- one, second basic, 4-8 June, Clarke, *Durham* (Charmaine Anderson, A. Geoffrey Carpentier, Barbara N. Charlton, found by Sue Mulder; 2017-171)
 - photos on file.



Figure 8. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at St. Jacobs, *Waterloo* on 2 September 2017.

Photo: Barbara N. Charlton

- one, juvinal, 26 August-21 September, St. Jacobs, *Waterloo* (Theresa C. Binkley, Dan J. MacNeal, Barbara N. Charlton, also found by Martin E. Binkley; 2017-173) – photos on file.
- one, juvinal, 9-14 September, LaSalle, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Janice E. Pelan, found by Denyse-Anne Miller; 2017-174) – photos on file.

Only one other year has had more records of this species than the four observations in 2017 (1985, with five).

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chibi* (22)

2017 – one, definitive alternate, 2-3 May, Southview Estates, *Kawartha Lakes* (Mike V.A. Burrell, found by Chris Ellingwood; 2017-090) – photos on file.

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* (62)

2017 – one, first basic, 17 May, Pelee Island, *Essex* (Jarmo V. Jalava, also found by Ben D. Porchuk; 2017-110).
– one, first basic, 19 May, Dealtown, *Chatham-Kent* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2017-109).

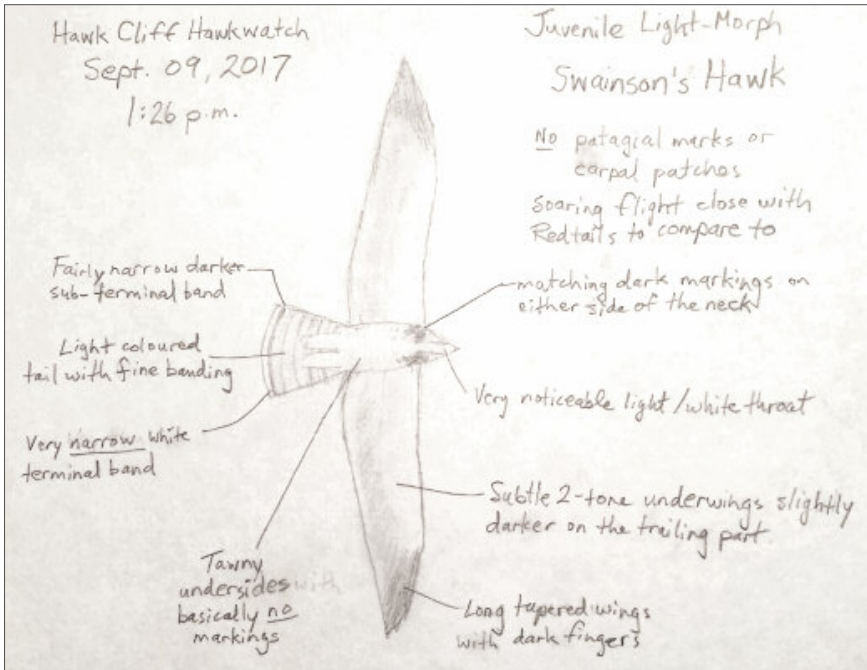


Figure 9. Sketch of Swainson's Hawk observed at Port Stanley (Hawk Cliff), *Elgin* on 9 September 2017.
Sketch: David J. Brown

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni* Central and Lowlands only after 2017 (76)

2014 – one, juvenal, 18 April, Grimsby, *Niagara* (Matthew J. Mills, also found by Thomas Thomas, Phil Waggett, Simon Conz, Brian Mishell; 2017-076).

2017 – one, basic, dark morph, 3 May, Wheatley, *Chatham-Kent* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2017-080).

– one, juvenal, 9 May, Grimsby, *Niagara* (Alexander L. Darling, also found by Darren Smillie; 2017-075).

– one, juvenal, 9 September, Port Stanley (Hawk Cliff), *Elgin* (David J. Brown, also found by Christopher T. Burris, Gord Kozak, Keith Sealy, Bob Johnstone, Joe Abela; 2017-077) – sketch on file.

– one, juvenal, 9 September, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (Ross W. Wood; 2017-082).

– one, basic, 30 September, Port Stanley (Hawk Cliff), *Elgin* (David J. Brown, also found by Christopher T. Burris, Tom Bolohan, Winston C., Jen Lyon, Derek Lyon, Don Campbell, Phoebe Campbell, Ronnie Goodhand, Keith Sealy; 2017-078) – photo on file.

– one, definitive basic, light morph, 9 October, Holiday Beach, *Essex* (Sean M. Jenniskens; 2017-079).

The Committee no longer requests documentation of this species in the Southern Review Zone.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* (21)

2017 – one, juvenal, 21 October, Gilmour, *Hastings* (Brian Pfrimmer, found by unknown finder; 2017-152) – photos on file.

This record fits a consistent pattern for this species in the province, with fifteen of the total number coming during the period 22 September–29 November and ten within the month of October. Farsworth *et al.* (2015) summarized the species' status as a vagrant elsewhere in North America with similar results.

American Coot *Fulica americana* Lowlands Only (1)

2017 – one, first basic, 12 September, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Gray Carlin; 2017-002) – photo on file.

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* (21)

2017 – seven, definitive basic male and female, 15 April, Windsor, *Essex* (Samantha C. Dundas, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Jeremy L. Hatt; 2017-022) – photos on file.

– one, definitive basic female, 29 April–3 May, Tilbury, *Essex* (Barbara N. Charlton, Blake A. Mann, Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2017-021) – photos on file.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* South after 2013 only (9)

2017 – one, alternate female, 10 April, Minesing, *Simcoe* (Logan Baldwin; 2017-117) – photo on file.

– one, definitive alternate male, 20–25 April, Chatsworth Township, *Bruce/Grey* (Jarmo V. Jalava, Dan J. MacNeal, John B. Schmelefske, Robert N. Taylor, Barbara N. Charlton, Michael T. Butler; 2017-136) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate male, 24–27 April, Cookstown, *Simcoe* (24 April) and Chatsworth Township, *Grey* (26–27 April) (David E. Szymr, Frank A. Pinilla, Jean Iron, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Kevin R. Shackleton, Mark S. Field, Owen N.W. Yates, Michael T. Butler; 2017-135) – photos, video on file.

– one, definitive alternate male, 2 May, Bowmanville, *Durham* (A. Geoffrey Carpentier, found by Peter B. Hogenbirk; 2017-134) – photos on file.

Thanks to some photo analysis and detective work by Michael T. Butler, it was determined that the *Simcoe* individual moved to the Chatsworth Township location after the first bird had left. The first bird at this location was seen previously in *Muskegon*, Michigan 3–18 April.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata* (4)

2017 – one, juvenal, 3 September, Exeter, *Huron* (Riley B. Walsh, also found by Robin Walsh; 2017-072) – photos on file.

An excellent record, this is only the fourth for the province and the first in the month of September (the other three records were from August, October and November). The last record was from *Thunder Bay* on 17 October 1999 (Roy 2001).



Figure 10. Black-necked Stilts at Windsor, Essex on 15 April 2017. Photo: Joshua D. Vandermeulen

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* South after 2016 only (7)

- 2017 – one, alternate, 15 May, Port Weller, *Niagara* (Jean M. Hampson, also found by Judy A. Robins, Nancy J. Smith; 2017-160) – photos on file.
- one, juvenal, 20 August, Blenheim, *Chatham-Kent* (Blake A. Mann, Garry T. Sadler; 2017-158) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenal, 10 September, Cressy, *Prince Edward* (Mark J. Patry; 2017-159) – photos on file.
 - one, preformative molt, 29 September-9 October, Hamilton, *Hamilton* (Robert H. Curry, Mark J. Patry, Barbara N. Charlton, Owen N.W. Yates, found by James Lees; 2017-150) – photos on file.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata* Central and Lowlands only (25)

- 2017 – one, definitive alternate, 4 June, Hearst, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2017-163) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 6 June, New Liskeard, *Timiskaming* (Edgar T. Steele, Mark K. Peck; 2017-164) – photos on file.

Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus* Central and Lowlands only after 2006 (39)

- 2017 – three, definitive alternate, 1 September, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (Ross W. Wood; 2017-105).

This represents the first accepted record for the Lowlands Review Zone.



Figure 11. Upper right: Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Exeter, Huron on 3 September 2017.

Photo: Riley B. Walsh

Figure 12. Right: Western Sandpiper at Blenheim, Chatham-Kent on 20 August 2017.

Photo: Garry T. Sadler



Razorbill *Alca torda* (12)

2017 – one, formative, 31 October-1 November, Crystal Beach (31 October) and Britannia (1 November), *Ottawa* (Bruce M. Di Labio, Tim R. Arthur, J. Michael Tate, Jon P. Ruddy, Owen N.W. Yates; 2017-133) – photos on file.

Large alcid species *Uria/Alca species* (12)

2017 – one, basic, 24 November, Shirleys Bay, *Ottawa* (Jon P. Ruddy; 2017-101).

The Committee agreed with the observer that the description was consistent with a large alcid species, however, due to circumstances of the observation conditions, it could not be identified to species.



Figure 13. Ivory Gull with Ring-billed Gulls (*Larus delawarensis*) at Colchester, Essex on 3 March 2017.
Photo: R. James Frith



Figure 14. Sabine's Gull at Bedivere Lake, Thunder Bay on 22 September 2017. Photo: Connie B. Hartviksen

Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (32)

2017 – one, juvenal, 3 March, Colchester, *Essex* (R. James Frith; 2017-070)
– photos on file.

This represents the first record of this species since one was observed at Lake Madawaska at the border of *Renfrew*, *Lanark* and *Ottawa* on 15 December 2012 (Cranford 2013). Holden and Weseloh (2017) summarized the Ontario records of this species; most records fall in winter and this is only the second from the month of March. What was likely the same individual was later seen on the Flint River in Flint, *Genesee*, Michigan, 10-13 March where it was eventually found dead on the last day of the sighting (eBird 2018).

Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* Central and Lowlands only (3)

2017 – one, juvenal, 22 September, Bedivere Lake, *Thunder Bay* (Connie B. Hartviksen, Ken R. Hartviksen; 2017-118) – photo on file.

This is the first record of the species from *Thunder Bay*.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* South after 2015 only (5)

2017 – one, first alternate, 4 June, Cobourg, *Northumberland* (Mark J. Patry; 2017-018) – photos on file.

– one, first alternate, 5 June, Bronte, *Halton* (Gavin R. Edmondstone, Cheryl E. Edgecombe; 2017-017) – photos on file.

– one, first alternate, 5-11 July, Wheatley, *Chatham-Kent* (5, 7 July) and Leamington, *Essex* (11 July) (Jeremy L. Hatt, Blake A. Mann; 2017-019)
– photos on file.

Plumage details made it clear that the *Northumberland* and *Halton* birds were different individuals.

Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* (16)

2016 – one, definitive basic, 28 November-2 December, Waterloo, *Waterloo* (Dave Rooke, identified by Brandon R. Holden; 2017-139) – photos on file.

2017 – one, definitive basic, 1-29 January, Niagara Falls and Thorold, *Niagara* (Ryan Griffiths, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Kayo J. Roy, found by Chris Kundl; 2017-138) – photos on file.

– one, third basic, 6 May, Seckerton, *Lambton* (Deryl D. Nethercott, identified by Brandon R. Holden; 2017-120) – photos on file.

Both the *Waterloo* and *Lambton* records came to light when Brandon R. Holden noticed the photos submitted to eBird under other species. These are the first records of the species since one was at *Thunder Bay* 6-11 November 2013 (Holden 2014).

There was a strong suspicion that the *Waterloo* bird may have been the same individual later seen in *Niagara*, however, no distinctive plumage marks could be used to confirm this suggestion.

The *Lambton* bird is unique for a couple of reasons; it is the first for Ontario outside of the window of November-January. Thanks to its distinctive plumage, it can also be stated that this is the same individual that was in *Muskegon*, Michigan on 21 and 22 April (eBird 2018), about 300 kilometres to the west.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* South and Central only (28)

- 2016** – one, first basic, 27 October, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Liam D. Curson, also found by Anna Rodgers; 2017-005).
- 2017** – one, definitive alternate, 28 May, Cobourg, *Northumberland* (David I. Pryor, Charmaine M. Anderson, Garth V. Riley, found by R. Douglas McRae; 2017-006) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 6 June, Twin Elm, *Ottawa* (Jon P. Ruddy; 2017-125).

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* Central and Lowlands only (1)

- 2017** – one, definitive alternate, 8 June, Windy Point, *Rainy River* (Riley B. Walsh; 2017-050).

This is the first documented record since the OBRC began requesting documentation for the Central and Lowlands review zones in 2014.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (36)

- 2015** – one, basic, 9 November, Fort Frances, *Rainy River* (Andrew D.J. Chepil; 2017-051) – photos on file.
- 2017** – one, basic, 18 February-8 April, Nipigon, *Thunder Bay* (Kimberley McNaughton, also found by Raymond J. Tyhuis; 2017-055) – photos on file.
- two, basic, 9 April, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (Paul Watson; 2017-054).
 - one, basic, 9-10 May, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Mark A. Conboy, found by Ben Holmes; 2017-053).
 - one, basic, 15 May-11 June, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Christopher J. Escott, found by Sheryl L. Lockert; 2017-059) – photos on file.
 - one, basic, 19 June, Pelee Island, *Essex* (David F. Fraser, also found by Leah R. Ramsay; 2017-056) – sketch on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 3 September, Caledonia, *Haldimand* (George M. Naylor, also found by Rhondda M. James; 2017-052) – photos on file.
 - one, basic, 24 September, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (James T. Burk, Stephen R. Charbonneau, also found by Keith J. Burk; 2017-057) – photos on file.
 - one, basic, 4-11 November, Neebing, *Thunder Bay* (Glenn C. Stronks, found by Theresa Rahmer, Fred A. Lesnick; 2017-060) – photos on file.

The *Rainy River* record was originally deemed to have insufficient evidence by last year's Committee (Burrell *et al.* 2017) based on a single photo submitted. However, after more photos were submitted the Committee agreed that a specific identification could be made.

The eight records in 2017 are the most in a single year, following the six in 2016 (Burrell *et al.* 2017) and five in 2014 (Burrell and Charlton 2015).

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (64)

- 2017 – one, definitive basic male, 9 April-26 August, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (James T. Burk, Blake A. Mann, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Kai A. Millyard, A. Geoffrey Carpentier, Owen N.W. Yates, Jeremy L. Hatt, Michael S. Dawber, Luc S. Fazio, Rob Palin, also found by Stephen R. Charbonneau; 2017-096) – photos, video, audio on file.
- one, definitive basic male, 29 April, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, also found by Richard P. Carr; 2017-095) – audio on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 13 May, Baie du Doré, *Bruce* (Robert N. Taylor, found by Bonnie Patterson-Collins; 2017-093) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 14-15 May, Leamington, *Essex* (Heidi M. Staniforth, Barbara N. Charlton, Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Bryan Wyatt; 2017-094) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive basic male, 16 May-13 August, Whitby, *Durham* (Glenn Coady, A. Geoffrey Carpentier, found by Gloria Garvie; 2017-097) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 30-31 May, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Rinchen Boardman, found by Marc Joubert; 2017-147) – photos on file.

The Rondeau Provincial Park bird is almost certainly a returning male, present at the same site 25 May-4 July 2015 (Burrell and Charlton 2016) and 2 May-15 August 2016 (Burrell *et al.* 2017).

Chuck-will's-widow *Antrostomus carolinensis* (37)

- 2015 – one, definitive basic male, 15 May-18 July, South Bay, *Prince Edward* (Isabel J. Apkarian, Aaron Hywarren, found by Peter R. Fuller; 2017-038) – audio on file.

The *Prince Edward* bird marks the fifth consecutive year a singing male has been observed at this location (Holden 2014, Burrell and Charlton 2015 and 2016, Burrell *et al.* 2017), strongly suggesting it is the same bird returning each year.

Anna's Hummingbird

Calypte anna (3)

- 2017 – one, first basic female, 3-20 November, Carleton Place, *Lanark* (Bruce M. Di Labio, Owen N.W. Yates, Luc S. Fazio, found by Virginia Rogers; 2017-004) – photos on file.

A close runner-up for bird of the year! Just the third provincial record, this was the first individual that was accessible to southern Ontario birders. As such, hundreds of individuals were able to enjoy this bird during its stay.



Figure 15. Anna's Hummingbird at Carleton Place, *Lanark* on 10 November 2017.

Photo: Bruce M. Di Labio

Figure 16. Tropical Kingbird at Swastika,
Timiskaming on 19 September 2017.

Photo: Serge M. Gendron



Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* (23)

- 2017 – one, basic, 23 April, Prince Edward Point, *Prince Edward* (Jacques L. Turner-Moss; 2017-153) – photos on file.
- one, basic, 10 August, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Elliot M. Johnston; 2017-154) – photo on file.
- one, formative, 1 September, Flail Lake, *Thunder Bay* (Peggy M.L. Campbell; 2017-155) – photos on file.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* (2)

- 2017 – one, basic, 19 September, Swastika, *Timiskaming* (Serge M. Gendron; 2017-083) – photos on file.

This is just the second record of this species (plus two records which could not be assigned to species which may have been this one) and the first outside of southern Ontario. The first record of this species was 26 October-30 November 2002 at Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* (Crins 2003).

**Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis* Central before 1998,
South before 1998 and after 2016 (80)**

- 2017 – one, definitive alternate female, 27 May, Wiarton, *Grey* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Marilyn Ohler, Claude King, Robert N. Taylor; 2017-089) – photos on file.
- one, alternate, 1 June, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Mark A. Conboy, found by Margaret Munroe; 2017-086).
- one, definitive alternate, 7 July, Foxey, *Manitoulin* (Mark J. Patry; 2017-087) – photos on file.
- one, basic, 8 November, Kingsville, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt; 2017-085) – photos on file.



Figure 17. Fork-tailed Flycatcher at Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* on 24 September 2017.

Photo: Jean Iron

Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis* (9)

2017 – one, basic, 21 July, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by Laura Mackenzie, Amy Brown, Will Cockburn; 2017-062).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus* (77)

2017 – one, first basic, 25 June, Mississauga, *Peel* (Barbara N. Charlton, Dominik Halas, Luc S. Fazio, Owen N.W. Yates, Kai A. Millyard, found by Eric Phelps; 2017-137) – photos, video on file.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* (10)

2017 – one, definitive alternate male, *savana*, 24-25 September, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (Ben F. Di Labio, Charmaine M. Anderson, Christopher J. Escott, Frank A. Pinilla, Kai A. Millyard, Luc S. Fazio, Jean Iron, Owen N.W. Yates, Quinten F.R. Wiegiersma, Theresa Dobko, found by Noam Markus; 2017-049) – photos, video, sketch on file.

Thanks to the bird showing up on a weekend in Toronto and staying put for virtually the entire day, many birders were able to enjoy this individual. It was true to form for this species, staying for only two days (eight of the ten provincial records are one or two days only), being the nominate *savana* subspecies (like all Ontario records identified to subspecies), and showing up in fall (eight of the Ontario records have been fall migrants). These latter two patterns match those elsewhere in eastern North America (Howell *et al.* 2014).



Figure 18. Violet-green Swallow at Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* on 14 June 2017.

Photo: Joshua D. Vandermeulen

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina* (5)

2017 – one, definitive basic female, 12 June-6 July, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Christina V. Johnston, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Barbara N. Charlton, Luc S. Fazio, Owen N.W. Yates; 2017-145) – photos, video on file.

A quite unexpected record — this female was observed over its long stay working on a nest and apparently paired with a male Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*). The details of this record are presented by Armstrong and Johnston (2018).

Cave Swallow *Petrochelidon fulva* South pre 2010 and post 2015 only (71)

2017 – two, preformative molt, 30 October, Erie Beach, *Chatham-Kent* (Stephen R. Charbonneau; 2017-042) – photos on file.

- five, preformative molt, 30 November, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Matt Iles, also found by Connor Howey, Samreen Munin; 2017-123) – photos on file.
- one, preformative molt, 5-6 November, Almonte, *Lanark* (A. Michelle Martin, J. Michael Tate, Kenneth J. Allison, Bruce M. Di Labio, also found by Paul A Martin; 2017-041) – photos, sketch on file.



Figure 19. Rock Wren at Boulder Beach, *Bruce* on 8 October 2017. Photo: Barbara N. Charlton

- two, 6 November, Long Point (Old Cut), *Norfolk* (Mark A. Conboy, found by G.E. "Ted" Maddeford, William R. Maddeford; 2017-044).
- three, 7 November, Holiday Beach, *Essex* (Sean M. Jenniskens; 2017-043).
- one, 9 November, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Matt Iles, also found by Audrée Morin; 2017-122).

Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus* (6)

2017 – one, basic, 8 October, Boulder Beach, *Bruce* (Lillian A. Knopf, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Barbara N. Charlton, Eric Volstad; 2017-114)
– photos on file.

This is the first record for southern Ontario since one at Point Pelee, *Essex* 1-6 May 1993 (Pittaway 1995).

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii* (19)

2017 – one, basic or alternate, 9-10 August, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Mark A. Conboy, also found by Logan Lalonde, Matt Iles; 2017-011).

Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides* (45)

2017 – one, first basic female, 18 November-9 December, Bloomingdale, *Waterloo* (Anthony B. Vanderheyden, Dan J. MacNeal, Owen N.W. Yates, Quinten F.R. Wieggersma; 2017-129) – photos on file.

- one, first basic female, 4-19 December, Prince Edward Point, *Prince Edward* (Mark D. Read, found by Kurt J. Hennige, James Thompson; 2017-128) – photos, video on file.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* (1)

2017 – one, definitive basic male, *yarellii*, 16 April, Port Colborne, *Niagara* (Barbara K. Ceply, found by Kathleen VanClieaf; 2017-010) – photos on file.

The bird of the year and the 496th species for Ontario. The record fits with timing of other records in spring in eastern North America (eBird 2018), but what makes this record so amazing is that it is only the second record of the *yarellii* subspecies, often called Pied Wagtail, in North America. Pied Wagtail largely breeds on the British Isles and is mostly non-migratory but apparently undergoes some short distance migration into Europe.

“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata auduboni* (22)

2017 – one, first basic male, 29 November-19 December, Oakville, *Halton* (Cheryl E. Edgecombe, Dominik Halas; 2017-007) – photos on file.



Figure 20. White Wagtail of the subspecies *yarellii* (“Pied Wagtail”) at Port Colborne, *Niagara* on 16 April 2017. Photo: Barbara K. Ceply



Figure 21. Townsend's Warbler at Rondeau Park, Chatham-Kent on 22 November 2017.

Photo: Donald A. Sutherland

Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens* (22)

- 2017 – one, definitive alternate male, 17 April, Mississauga, Peel (H. Jean Humphries; 2017-024) – photos on file.
- one, first basic male, 2 November-12 December, Britannia, Ottawa (Bruce M. Di Labio, J. Michael Tate, Mike V.A. Burrell, Luc S. Fazio; 2017-023) – photos, video on file.

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi* (11)

- 2017 – one, first basic male, 11 November-24 December, Rondeau Park, Chatham-Kent (James T. Burk, Blake A. Mann, Jeremy L. Hatt, Janice E. Pelan, Quinten F.R. Wieggersma; 2017-140) – photos on file.

Rondeau can now lay claim to six of the eleven provincial records of this species, including five of the last seven. This record stands out for a number of reasons — it is only the second fall record for the province, after a record from Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* 3 August 2008 (Richards 2009). It is also the first record to extend into the winter season and at 44 days becomes the longest-staying individual (previous record was four days); in fact, all other records combined only account for 17 days. As a result of the long stay, many Ontario birders were able to visit and add this species to their Ontario life lists.



Figure 22. Cassin's Sparrow at Long Point (Tip), Norfolk on 24 April 2017. Photo: Isabel J. Apkarian

Cassin's Sparrow *Peucaea cassinii* (9)

2017 – one, definitive alternate, 24 April-16 May, Long Point (Tip), Norfolk
(Mark A. Conboy, Isabel J. Apkarian; 2017-036) – photo on file.

This was a remarkably long-staying individual of a very rare species. This is only the second record since 1990, with this same location holding the other record dating back to 30 May 2007 (Cranford 2010).

Henslow's Sparrow *Ammodramus henslowii* (48)

2017 – one, alternate, 29 April-1 May, Point Pelee National Park, Essex
(Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Jeremy L. Hatt, Bruce M. Di Labio; 2017-067)
– photos on file.

Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys* (34)

2017 – one, first basic, 3 October, Flowerpot Island, Bruce (Jody R. Allair, also found
by Elaine Secord; 2017-103) – photos on file.

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculata* (30)

2017 – one, basic, 20-22 July, Brooke, Grey (Renee A. Anderson; 2017-119)
– photos on file.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Central and Lowlands only (25)

- 2017 – one, first alternate male, 25 April, Longlac, *Thunder Bay* (Fred J. Jennings; 2017-156) – photos, video on file.
- one, alternate male, 12-27 August, Longlac, *Thunder Bay* (Fred J. Jennings; 2017-179) – photo on file.

Three sightings (25 April, 12 and 27 August) from the same area of Longlac were considered by the Committee and it was felt that the spring report should be considered a separate record. The possibility exists that a single bird was involved and simply went undetected all summer.

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* (51)

- 2017 – one, first alternate male, 23 April, Sudbury, *Greater Sudbury* (John S.L. O'Toole; 2017-168) – photo on file.
- one, definitive alternate male, 2-3 May, Franklin Township, *Muskoka* (Kelly B. Stronks, T. Richard Stronks; 2017-169) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive alternate male, 3-12 May, Kemprville, *Leeds and Grenville* (Ernest Clarke, Bruce M. Di Labio, Gregory Zbitnew; 2017-161) – photos on file.
 - one, first alternate male, 4 June, Kama Point, *Thunder Bay* (A.D. Belmont Kerr, also found by Elizabeth M. Kerr; 2017-166) – photos on file.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* (105)

- 2017 – one, basic female, 27 April, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Brandon R. Holden, Barbara N. Charlton; 2017-027).
- one, basic female, 7 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Marvin C. Medelko; 2017-029).
 - one, basic female, 11-12 May, Chatham, *Chatham-Kent* (Sarah E. Lamond, found by Mike Maroney; 2017-025) – photo on file.
 - one, basic female, 15-16 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Michael D. Williamson, Janice E. Pelan, Jeremy L. Hatt, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Peter A. Read; 2017-030) – photos on file.
 - one, basic female, 18 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2017-031).
 - one, definitive basic male, 24-27 May, Toronto (High Park), *Toronto* (Jerry V. DeMarco, Iain D.M. Fleming, Riley B. Walsh, Charmaine M. Anderson, Dominik Halas, Luc S. Fazio, Mark S. Field, Robert K. Yukich, Joanne Redwood, also found by Anne C. Bell; 2017-026) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive basic male, 3-7 June, Harwood Plains, *Ottawa* (Cathy McLaren, Barry Jenkinson, Gregory Zbitnew; 2017-028) – photos on file.

With seven records, 2017 ties 2009 for the most records of the species in a single year.

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* (44)

- 2017 – one, definitive alternate male, 30 April-6 May, Denbigh, *Lennox and Addington* (Emma C. Fuller, also found by Janice H. Fuller, Kenneth D. Fuller; 2017-132) – photos on file.



Figure 23. Scott's Oriole at Silver Islet, *Thunder Bay* on 9 November 1975. Photo: Arne L. Maki

Dickcissel *Spiza americana* Central and Lowlands only (33)

- 2017 – one, alternate male, 17 May, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (Ross W. Wood, also found by Alexandra Anderson, Amie MacDonald; 2017-045).
- one, alternate male, 17-19 May, Porcupine, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Filion, found by Jeffrey B. Parnell; 2017-047) – photos on file.
 - one, alternate male, 20-22 May, Sistonens Corners, *Thunder Bay* (Bill Greaves, Jeffrey N. Robinson, Brian D. Ratcliff, also found by Glenn C. Stronks; 2017-046) – photos on file.
 - seven, all alternate males, 20 June-8 July, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, Owen N.W. Yates, found by Dan E. Lee; 2017-048) – photos, audio on file.

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* Lowlands only (3)

- 2017 – one, first basic male, 6 September, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Kiah A. Walker; 2017-167).

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum* (1)

- 1975 – one, first basic male, 9 November, Silver Islet, *Thunder Bay* (Arne L. Maki, Keith Dennis, found by Jessie Rolandson, Carl Rose, Hector Shanks, Vi Shanks, Margaret Stevenson; 2017-071) – photos on file.

This record has always been considered valid and therefore included on the Ontario Bird Checklist; however, the Committee has finally officially reviewed the slides and report. See Denis (1976) for more details on the record.

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* (10)

2017 – one, basic male, 13-15 November, Dryden, *Kenora* (Carolle D. Eady, found by Penny Ratuschniak; 2017-020) – photos on file.

“Hornemann’s” Hoary Redpoll *Acanthis hornemanni hornemanni* pre 2018 only (13)

2017 – one, basic, 4 January, Uphill, *Kawartha Lakes* (Ginny Moore, identified by Jon P. Ruddy; 2017-068) – photos on file.

– one, basic, 2 March, Manitouwadge, *Thunder Bay* (Jon P. Ruddy; 2017-069) – photos on file.

The Committee no longer requests documentation of this subspecies.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* (13)

2017 – one, basic, 3 April, Port Elgin, *Bruce* (Robert N. Taylor; 2017-039) – photos on file.

2017/18 – one, definitive basic, 16 October-6 April, Wawa, *Algoma* (W. Carter Dorscht, Owen N.W. Yates, found by Gail Smith; 2017-040) – photos on file.

With nine of the thirteen records coming since 2014, the species has shown a remarkable increase in the province during the last several years. At 173 days, the *Algoma* bird becomes the longest staying individual yet.

Not Accepted Records: Identification Accepted, Origin Questionable

Birds in this category are considered by the OBRC to be correctly identified; however, their origin is questionable. Over time, some instances involve birds that have a high certainty of previous captive origin, whereas some records placed in this category have caused considerable debate among past voting members. If new evidence suggesting wild origin becomes available, such reports may be reconsidered by the OBRC.

2017 – Gambel’s Quail (*Callipepla gambelii*), one, basic, 9-10 May, Wicklow, *Northumberland* (Jane L. Kessler-Copeman, also found by Bruce Copeman; 2017-061) – photos on file.

– Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*), one, basic, 27 June, Wabakimi Provincial Park (Smoothrock Lake), *Thunder Bay* (Olaf A. Danielson, also found by Seth McDonald; 2017-121).

– Black-billed Magpie (*Pica hudsonia*), one, 1 September, Newmarket, *York* (Kiah R. Jasper, also found by Judy E. Jasper; 2017-013).

– European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), one, 5-28 January, Harriston, *Wellington* (Joanna Steckle, Susanne Steckle; 2017-001) – photos on file.

Not Accepted Records: Insufficient Evidence

The documentation received for the following reports was generally found not to be detailed enough to eliminate similar species unequivocally or simply lacking enough detail to properly describe the individual. In many cases, OBRC members felt that the species being described was likely correctly identified by the observer but the report received for voting was simply too limited for acceptance, based on the established purposes of the OBRC. These circumstances sometimes arise from unavoidable situations such as poor viewing conditions or brevity of observation.

- 1966** – Townsend's Warbler, one, 15 May, Bradley's Marsh, *Chatham-Kent* (2017-124) – sketch on file.
- 1980** – Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*), one, 8 February, Toronto, *Toronto* (2017-178).
- 1984** – Bewick's Wren, one, 28 April, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (2017-176).
- 1996** – Henslow's Sparrow, one, 23 May, Rohallion, *Kawartha Lakes* (2017-177).
- 2013** – Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*), one, 1 May, Mississauga, *Peel* (2017-175).
- 2016** – Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*), one, 12 April, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (2017-091) – sketch on file.
- 2017** – Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), one, 28 May, Sauble Beach, *Bruce* (2017-063) – photos on file.
- Neotropic Cormorant, one, 10 September, Toronto Islands, *Toronto* (2017-116).
 - Brown Pelican, one, 26 June, Elmdale, *Essex* (2017-034).
 - Tricolored Heron, one, 10 June, Kincardine, *Bruce* (2017-157) – photos on file.
 - Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, one, 15 June, Newmarket, *York* (2017-172).
 - Mississippi Kite, one, 11 May, Beamer Memorial Conservation Area, *Niagara* (2017-108).
 - Whooping Crane, three, 28 April, Cedar Hill, *Lanark* (2017-099).
 - Whooping Crane, five, 21 January, Cedar Hill, *Lanark* (2017-100).
 - California Gull (*Larus californicus*), one, 27 September, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (2017-035).
 - Eurasian Collared-Dove, one, 13 August, Trenton, *Hastings* (2017-058) – photos on file.
 - Black Swift (*Cypseloides niger*), one, 12 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2017-012).
 - Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*), one, 20 October, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (2017-014) – photos, video on file.
 - Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*), one, 8-11 September, Port Burwell, *Elgin* (2017-092) – photos on file.
 - Western Kingbird, one, 25 June, Waterloo, *Waterloo* (2017-088).
 - Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*), one, 10-12 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2017-008).
 - Marsh Wren (*griseus*) (*Cistothorus palustris griseus*), one, 25 September, Collingwood, *Simcoe* (2017-074) – photo on file.
 - Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*), one, 7 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2017-037) – photos on file.

- Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*), one, 17 May, Pike Bay, *Bruce* (2017-073) – photos on file.
- Virginia's Warbler (*Oreothlypis virginiae*), one, 5 October, Peterborough, *Peterborough* (2017-084).
- Townsend's Warbler, one, 11 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2017-141).
- Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*), one, 1 June, Granite Lake, *Thunder Bay* (2017-102).
- Dark-eyed Junco (White-winged) (*Junco hyemalis aikenii*), one, 13 April, Vickers Heights, *Thunder Bay* (2017-098) – photos on file.
- Western Tanager, one, 8 May, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (2017-162).
- Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*), one, 20 September, Guelph, *Wellington* (2017-015).
- Painted Bunting, two, 18 August, Cedar Springs, *Chatham-Kent* (2017-081).

Corrections/Updates to Previous OBRC Reports

2016 report (*Ontario Birds* 35: 58-85)

- **Under Mississippi Kite** (13-15 May, Point Pelee) add Gavin T. McKinnon to the list of contributors.
- **Under Black-necked Stilt** add Michael D. Williamson to the list of contributors.
- **Under Common Ringed Plover** change “20-25 August” to “20-26 August”.
- **Under Black-headed Gull** add Dan J. MacNeal to the list of contributors.
- **Under Chuck-will's-widow** change the year for both records to 2016. Add Jeremy L. Hatt to the list of contributors for the Point Pelee record.
- **Under Smith's Longspur** add Dominik Halas to the list of contributors.
- **Under “Audubon's” Yellow-rumped Warbler** change “5 February-2 March” to “5 February-26 March”.

2015 report (*Ontario Birds* 34: 50-81)

- **Under Black-billed Magpie** change “fall 2013-22 April 2016 (at least)” to “fall 2013-29 March 2018 (at least)”.

2011 report (*Ontario Birds* 30: 66-93)

- **Under Smew** change “one, male” to “one, male, definitive prebasic molt”.

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