

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUPPLEMENT

The thirty-third supplement to the American Ornithologist Union (A.O.U.) Checklist of North American Birds (Auk 93: 875-879; 1976) has little effect on the eastern birder. The Black Brant (Branta bernicla nigricans) has been lumped into the Brant (Branta bernicla bernicla). Many of you may have to delist this species that spent the greater part of February 1975 at Chatham. The Tufted Titmouse (Parus bicolor bicolor) now consists of two recognizable forms; the Eastern Tufted Titmouse, and the former Black-crested Titmouse (Parus bicolor articrostus).

The supplement also contained many scientific name changes to reflect the current trend in systematic ornithology and to recognize more genera than the original Fifth Edition of the A.O.U. Checklist of 1957.

Formerly

New Name

Royal Tern	Thalasseus maximus	Sterna maxima
Elegant Tern	Thalasseus elegans	Sterna elegans
Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandwicensis	Sterna sandwicensis
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	Sterna caspia
Burrowing Owl	Speotyto cunicularia	Athene cunicularia
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Centurus carolinus	Melanerpes carolinus
Golden-fronted Woodpecker	Centurus aurifrons	Melanerpes aurifrons
Gila Woodpecker	Centurus uropygialis	Melanerpes uropygialis
Lewis' Woodpecker	Asyndesmus lewis	Melanerpes lewis
Hairy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos villosus	Picoides villosus
Downy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos pubescens	Picoides pubescens
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Dendrocopos scalaris	Picoides scalaris
Nuttall's Woodpecker	Dendrocopos nuttallii	Picoides nuttallii
Brown-backed Woodpecker	Dendrocopos arizonae	Picoides arizonae
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	Dendrocopos borealis	Picoides borealis
White-headed Woodpecker	Dendrocopos albolarvatus	Picoides albolarvatus
Long-billed Marsh Wren	Telmatodytes palustris	Cistothorus palustris
Painted Redstart	Setophaga picta	Myioborus pictus
Boat-tailed Grackle	Cassidix major	Quiscalus major
Great-tailed Grackle	Cassidix mexicanus	Quiscalus mexicanus
Bronzed Cowbird	Tangavivus aeneus	Molothrus aeneus
Pyrrhuloxia	Pyrrhuloxia sinuata	Cardinalis sinuatus
Hoary Redpoll	Acanthis hornemanni	Carduelis hornemanni
Common Redpoll	Acanthis flammea	Carduelis flammea
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus	Carduelis pinus
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	Carduelis tristis
Lesser Goldfinch	Spinus psaltria	Carduelis psaltria
Lawrence's Goldfinch	Spinus lawrencii	Carduelis lawrencii
Green-tailed Towhee	Chlorura chlorura	Pipilo chlorura

Let's hope they will split on the thirty-fourth!

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