

## Recent Actions of the Ohio Bird Records Committee

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The OBRC reviewed 19 records in February 2008 (and considered some recirculations in April). Of these records, 14 were accepted by the committee, one was not accepted, and four were recirculated. Accepted records and a brief discussion of those not accepted appear below

In other committee actions, Ross's Goose, Cackling Goose, and Rufous Hummingbird were removed from the state review list of species. Finally, the OBRC elected three new members to fill vacancies. New members of the committee are Rob Harlan of Norton, Craig Caldwell of Westlake, and Ned Keller of Cincinnati, who will act as committee secretary.

### Records Accepted:

**Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*):** 13 Jan 2008, Lucas Co.; C. Caldwell

**Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*):** 13 Jan 2008, Lucas Co.; C. Caldwell

**Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*):** 20 Jan 2008, Wyandot Co.; G. Stauffer

**Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*):** 21 Jan 2008, Wood Co.; T. Kemp

**Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*):** 1 Sep 2007, Ashtabula Co.; C. Holt

**California Gull (*Larus californicus*):** 8 Dec 2007, Cuyahoga Co.; C. Spagnoli

**Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*):** 26 June 2007, Preble Co.; T. Bartlett

**Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*):** 12-20 Jan 2008, Preble Co.; B. Whan, J. Habig, R. Asamoto, P. Gardner

**White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*):** 27 Aug 2007, Holmes Co.; D. Borntrager

**Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*):** 19 Dec 2007, Richland Co.; A. Chartier

**Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*):** 3 Oct 2007, Wayne Co.; G. Hostetler

**Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*):** 11 Dec 2007, Franklin Co.; M. Brehmer

**Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*):** 25 Dec 2007, Ottawa Co.; D. Buchner

**Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*):** 10 Feb 2008, Coshocton Co.; B. Whan, m.ob.

### Records Not Accepted:

**Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*):** 17 May 2006, Lake County; The committee sought the opinions of field observers

more experienced with this species than they. Those opinions were that, although the bird may have been a Short-tailed Hawk, the description did not completely rule out Swainson's Hawk. In particular, the primary pattern was not entirely accurate for Short-tailed Hawk and the barring on the tail of the drawn bird shows dark bars of about equal width. Only the subterminal band is that bold on the Short-tailed, with subterminal being the key word. The drawing shows the most distal dark tail band to be terminal, and not subterminal as it is on Short-tailed Hawk. Description of the flight pattern can also be important in determining Short-tailed Hawk. For these reasons, and because this would be a first state record, the committee voted not to accept this record.

**Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*):** 19 & 26-27 January, Lake County; The committee considered five separate birds in this report; three of the birds were not accepted and two will be recirculated. Of those birds not accepted, the committee believed that the photos did not clearly indicate Hoary Redpoll. In particular, the birds were too dark/heavily streaked, the shape of the bill appeared wrong, and Hoary Redpoll characteristics like unstreaked undertail coverts and/or rump were not clearly seen in the photographs.

