

RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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This report includes all records which have been resolved by the Ohio Bird Records Committee since the last report published in *The Ohio Cardinal*. Some records are included which arise from dates later than the period covered by this issue of the journal, in order to provide you with the most recent possible decisions. All common and scientific names, and the taxonomic order in which records are presented, are based on the Fifty-second Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-List of North American Birds*.

We resolved 62 records, resulting in 55 accepted records of 33 full species, plus two additional forms, and another seven records which were not accepted. In order for a record to be accepted, the documentation must be approved (sometimes after multiple reviews) by at least eight of the nine committee members. Therefore, some of the non-accepted records will show a majority

voting in favor of acceptance. Three new species have been added to the official Ohio list: Black-tailed Gull, Fish Crow and Cassin's Sparrow, bringing the total to 428 species.

A current list of those species which should be documented can always be found at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/review.php>. There were many more than the 95 documented occurrences of review list species during this period. If readers wonder why a bird which they saw is not included in this report, it is simply because they did not submit documentation. There is an easy-to-use form online, at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/rarebird-submission.php>. Reporting a sighting on the Ohio Ornithological Society's email list, or on Facebook, or on any of the myriad other internet sites, will quickly get lost in the digital flood of information. The Committee encourages readers to take the small additional step of submitting formal documentation of sightings of rarities. These documentations are archived at the Museum of Biological Diversity of The Ohio State University.

RECORDS ACCEPTED

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*): one individual, Lorain County; 6 September 2010, documentation by Jen Brumfield; present through 7 September per internet sources; vote 9-0.

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*): one individual, Hamilton County; 29 April 2011, documentation by Evan and John Leon; 30 April 2011, documentation by Craig H. Caldwell, Dave Slager; present through 13 May 2011, documentation from internet sources; vote 9-0.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*): two records accepted:

- a) one individual, Ashtabula County; 10 November 2011, documentation by Robert J. Hershberger; vote 9-0.
- b) two individuals, Richland County; 23 November through 28 November 2011 (two individuals seen 23 November only), documentation by John P. Herman, Paul S. Gardner, and Craig Caldwell; vote 9-0.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*): one individual, Holmes County; 28 August 2011, documentation by Wilbur Miller, Leon Miller and Rueben Erb; vote 9-0.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*): one individual, Lucas County; 24 April 2011, documentation by Sherrie Duris; vote 9-0.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*): one individual, Lucas County; 5 November through 8 November 2011, documentation by H. Thomas Bartlett; continued through 13 November per internet sources; vote 9-0.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*): two individuals, Lucas County; 4 October 2011, documentation by H. Thomas Bartlett; vote 9-0. Two additional individuals could be accepted only as *Plegadis* sp. These birds were first seen 25 September, per internet reports, and continued just to the south in Ottawa County through 8 November per Bartlett's documentation.

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White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*): one individual, Ottawa County; 29 June 2011, documentation by H. Thomas Bartlett; vote 9-0. A second individual could be accepted only as *Plegadis* sp.

Plegadis Ibis (*Plegadis* sp.): two individuals, Wayne County; 28 August 2010 through 1 September 2010, documentation by Su Snyder and Dane Adams; vote 9-0.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*): two individuals, Clermont County; 9 July 2011, documentation by Stephen and Donna Wagner; vote 9-0. A third bird included in the documentation may have also been a Mississippi Kite, but was not accepted.

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*): one individual, Hamilton County; 16 October 2011, documentation by Mark Gilsdorf and Kathi Hutton; vote 8-1.

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*): two records accepted:

- a) one individual, Mercer County; 2 May 2010, documentation by Becky Crow, additional documentation from internet; vote 9-0.
- b) one individual, Franklin County; 8 May 2011, documentation by Dave Slager; vote 9-0.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*): two individuals, Lorain County; 15 July 2011, documentation by Dave Slager; vote 9-0. Both birds had color bands on their legs. The Cuthbert Lab at the University of Minnesota reported that one bird had been hatched in 2007, 2009 or 2010 at Gulliver, Michigan, or possibly at Apostle Island National Lakeshore, Wisconsin. The other was hatched in 2007 near Escanaba, Michigan and banded in 2009 in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*): five records accepted:

- a) one individual, Ottawa County; 21 April 2011, documentation by Barbara Padgett; vote 9-0.
- b) two individuals, Warren County; 24 May 2011, documentation by Brad Pursell; vote 9-0.
- c) two individuals, Franklin County; 26 May 2011, documentation by Dave Slager; vote 9-0.
- d) one individual, Hamilton County; 2 June 2011, documentation by Jonathan Frodge; vote 9-0.
- e) one individual, Butler County; 17 April 2012, documentation by Mike Busam; present through 18 April per internet sources; vote 9-0.

Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*): two records accepted:

- a) one individual, **Ashtabula** County (Ashtabula Lakeshore Park); 18 November 2011, documentation by Paul J. Hurtado; vote 9-0.
- b) one individual, **Ashtabula** County (Conneaut); 19 November through 25 November 2011, documentation by internet sources; vote 9-0.

Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*): **New State Species**: one individual, **Ashtabula** County; 16 November 2011, documentation by Dave Slager and Craig Caldwell; 3 December 2011, documentation by Dave Slager; continued through at least 22 February 2012 per internet sources; vote 9-0.

California Gull (*Larus californicus*): five records accepted:

- a) one individual, **Lorain** County; 10 December 2011, documentation by Bill Whan, Paul S. Gardner, and Andy Sewell; vote 8-1.
- b) one individual (adult), **Lorain** County; 21 January 2012, documentation by internet sources; vote 9-0.
- c) one individual (first-cycle, so not the same individual as the preceding record), **Lorain** County; 22 January 2012, documentation by Gabe Leidy; vote 9-0.
- d) one individual, **Lorain** County; 12 February 2012, documentation by Gabe Leidy; vote 9-0.
- e) one individual, **Franklin** County; 29 April 2012, documentation by Alex Hughes; 30 April, documentation by Bill Whan; also documentation from **Delaware** County 30 April by internet sources; vote 9-0.

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Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*): one individual, Hamilton County; 22 May 2011, documentation by William Hull; vote 9-0.

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*): one individual; Delaware County, 4 March and 5 March 2011, documentation by Bill Tacon; Franklin County, 6 March 2011, documentation by Andy Sewell, Dave Slager, and William Heck, 7 March 2011, documentation by Craig Caldwell and Dane Adams; vote 9-0.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*): two records accepted:

- a) one individual, Lorain County; 14 October 2011, documentation by internet sources; vote 9-0.
- b) one individual, Lorain/Erie County; 29 October 2011, documentation by Jerry Talkington; vote 9-0.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*): one individual, Wayne County; 4 August 2011, documentation by Su Snyder; vote 9-0. Snyder reported that others including Kent Miller had reported up to four present during the summer, including one begging for food.

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*): two records accepted: one individual, Marion County; 5 June 2011, documentation by Ron Sempier; vote 9-0.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*): one individual, Holmes County; 14 June 2010, documentation by Su Snyder; vote 9-0.

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*): one individual, Richland County; 25 June 2011, documentation by Albert Troyer and Andy Troyer; vote 9-0.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*): one individual, Seneca County; 8 July 2011, documentation by James Coffinan; 9 July 2011, documentation by Paula Bartlett; vote 9-0.

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*): one individual, Union County; 9 April 2011, documentation by Paul J. Hurtado; vote 9-0.

Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*): **New State Species**: four records accepted:

- a) two individuals, Lucas County; 21 May 2011, documentation by Ken Beers, Robert Harlan, Tim Hochstetler, and Rick Nirschl; vote 9-0.
- b) one individual, Lake County; 21 May 2011, documentation by Haans Petruschke; vote 8-1.
- c) three or four individuals, Cuyahoga County; 23 May 2011, documentation by Laura Gooch; vote 9-0.
- d) six individuals, Nesting Record, Cuyahoga County; 22 April 2012 through 2 June 2012, documentation by Andy Jones and Michelle Leighty; 30 April 2012 (two individuals), documentation by Craig Caldwell; vote 9-0.

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*): four records accepted:

- a) two individuals, Columbiana County; 19 March 2011, documentation by Don Koch; vote 9-0.
- b) one individual, Tuscarawas County; 2 October 2011, documentation by Elaine Snively; vote 8-1.
- c) four individuals, Jefferson County; 4 January 2012, documentation by Scott Pendleton; two previously documented by internet sources on 1 January; vote 9-0.
- d) one individual, Harrison County; 8 March 2012, documentation by Scott Pendleton; vote 8-1.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*): two records accepted:

- a) one individual, Trumbull County; 5 February 2011 and 4 March 2011, documentation by Karen Forsha; vote 9-0.
- b) one individual, Wayne County; 20 April and 21 April 2011, documentation by Andy Troyer and Su Snyder; vote 9-0.

Kirtland's Warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*): three records accepted:

- a) one individual, Franklin County; 4 May 2011, documentation by Paul J. Hurtado and Dave Slager; vote 9-0.
- b) one individual, Cuyahoga County; 23 May 2011, documentation by Craig Caldwell; vote 9-0.

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- “Audubon’s” Warbler** (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*): one individual, Lucas County; 26 April 2011, documentation by James Fox; vote 9-0. While the Committee does not normally review subspecies records, at the time this one was being considered for a split by the A.O.U.
- Black-throated Gray Warbler** (*Setophaga nigrescens*): one individual, Lucas County; 24 September 2011, documentation by Brian Zwiebel; reported on the internet through 25 September; vote 9-0.
- Spotted Towhee** (*Pipilo maculatus*): one individual, Stark County; 20 through 22 January 2012, documentation by Susan E. Evanoff; vote 9-0.
- Cassin’s Sparrow** (*Peucaea cassinii*): **New State Species**: one individual, Shelby County; 12 June 2011, documentation by Doug Overacker, 15 June 2011, documentation by Craig Caldwell and Dave Slager, continued through 25 June 2011, documentation from internet; vote 9-0.
- Bullock’s Oriole** (*Icterus bullockii*): one individual, Monroe County; 11 April 2011 through 13 April 2011, documentation by Robert E. Heins, Jr.; vote 9-0.

RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

- Cinnamon Teal** (*Anas cyanoptera*): one individual, Lucas County; 12 May 2011; vote 1-8. The documentation did not rule out other waterfowl.
- Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*): one individual, Lorain County; 27 November 2010; vote 6-2. The dissenting members cited viewing conditions and the lack of some distinguishing field marks.
- Mississippi Kite** (*Ictinia mississippiensis*): one individual, Holmes County; 15 April 2010; vote 6-2. The dissenting members cited the very early date of the record, distance of the observer from the bird, and some details that did not fit with Mississippi Kite.
- Broad-winged Hawk** (*Buteo platypterus*): one individual, Summit County; 24 December 2011; vote 0-9. The committee would normally not review this species, but the date would have been extraordinary. However, the documentation did not exclude the much more expected Red-shouldered Hawk.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*): two individuals, Mercer County; 24 July 2011; vote 3-6. Major kudos are due to Dave Slager, who submitted this record with a request that it be rejected, because the photos indicated that at least one bird was not a pure *S. decaocto*. This record is from the Celina site where nesting has previously been documented. The presence of these birds highlights the importance of continuing to carefully scrutinize and document apparent Eurasian Collared-Doves.
- Bewick’s Wren** (*Thryomanes bewickii*): one individual, Lucas County; 30 June 2011; vote 0-9. The bird was heard only, and while the description of the song certainly fit Bewick’s Wren, the Committee believed that a rarity of this magnitude would need to be seen to be confirmed.
- Swainson’s Warbler** (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*): one individual, Harrison County; 25 April 2011; vote 2-7. This was an intriguing record, which may well have been correct; however, the documentation did not fully exclude all other species.