



Purple Sandpiper. 31 October 2011. Lake Decatur, Macon County. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) One male was present and photographed at Ware, Union Co. 2 Jul-8 Aug (2011.020; DMK:p). It was accompanied by a female bird that some thought was a Mottled Duck and others thought was a hybrid Mallard X Mottled Duck. Currently the committee is split on the identity of this female-plumaged bird. This is the fourth accepted record for Illinois. Another photographic record of this species from 2011 remains under review.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) An adult male was seen by a number of observers at Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 8 March (2009.071; RDH, GAW).

Neotropic Cormorant

(*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) One adult seen at Emiquon NWR, Fulton Co. Jul 29-1 Aug (2010.026; GN:p, KBR, APS). An adult was present at Burnham Prairie, Burnham, Cook Co. from 21 Jun to 27 Aug (2011.023; WJM:p), while an immature bird accompanied it until at least 31 Jul 2011 (WJM:p). The adult was reported from other sites within the Calumet region during its period of residency at Burnham Prairie. The cormorants clearly left Burnham Prairie at times, but none of these other sightings were documented.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Two immatures were at Cahokia Mounds, St. Clair Co. 23 Jul-7 Aug (2010.023; BR:p).

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) One adult photographed at American Bottoms, Monroe Co. on 27-28 Jun (2011.027; DMK).

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*) One photographed at Lake Decatur, Macon Co. on 30-31 Oct (2011.028; TAM:p, RB:p); one photographed at Clinton Lake, DeWitt Co. on 20-23 Nov (2011.029; RB:p; GSL:p, TAM:p). Purple Sandpiper is regular in small numbers

along the Lake Michigan lakefront, but inland records are very few. These are the second and third accepted inland records in Illinois. The only previous record away from the Lake Michigan lakefront was one at Rock Cut SP, Winnebago Co. on 22 Nov 1997 (Johnson and Stotz 1999).

Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) One photographed at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. on 27 Mar (2011.029; YYP). This stunning record is only the second for Illinois. The first record was a bird in basic plumage 19 Nov-1 Dec 1978 on the Chicago lakefront (Goetz 1990).

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) An adult in basic plumage was photographed at Lake Charleston, Coles Co. on 23-30 Nov (2011.013; RB:p; AAA:p, EtG:p).



Little Gull. 26 November 2011. Charleston Lake, Coles County. Photo by Ron Bradley.



Prairie Falcon. 16 March 2011. Country Lakes Forest Preserve, DuPage County. Photo by Sean Fitzgerald.

Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) A first-cycle bird was photographed and remained at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Co. between 25-30 Jan (2011.011; PS:p; EWW:p, MMC:p, NL:p).

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) One adult at Calumet Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 30 Dec (2010.028; AAA:p, MS:p) to 30 Jan 2011 (DTW, LGB). This bird was found first in Indiana waters on 29 Dec 2010. It spent most of its time in the area on the Indiana side of the border, but was seen and photographed in Illinois on several occasions. Another record of an immature Slaty-backed Gull in June 2011 is still under review by the committee.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) One photographed at Country Lakes FP, DuPage Co. on 16 Mar (2011.026; SFi:p).