

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) One photographed at Riverside Park, Springfield, Sangamon Co. on 23 Mar (2011.002; HDB:p).

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) An almost unbelievable five accepted records, all photographed, in 2011 bring the total number of accepted records from the state to ten. Three of the records in 2011 come from the Lake Co. lakefront including an adult male at Waukegan Beach on 8 May (2011.015; NS:p; AS:p), an immature female at IBSP-North on 9-14 Nov (2011.016; JS:p; EWW:p, MMC:p), and a male that showed up at the same location as the previous record/location at IBSP on the day following the female, 15 Nov (2011.017: PS:p). The other two records in 2011 were an adult male at Towanda, McLean Co. 9-13 Apr (2011.019; MJW:p) and a female along Bischoff Rd., near Horseshoe Lake SP, Madison Co. 12 Dec. (2011.018; MSS, FLH; BR:p, GH:p, DMK:p) to at least 29 Feb 2012 (RL:p).



Male Mountain Bluebird. 8 May 2011.
Waukegan, Lake County.
Photo by Adam Sell.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) One was at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. on the morning of 16 Nov (2011.032; JIE:p; MF:p).

Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*) One lingered at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. during the period 29 Oct-20 Nov (2011.029; RCs:p; AAA:p, MMC:p, MM:p). There are only three records previously accepted by the records committee. All four accepted records have occurred on the Lake Michigan lakefront, two since fall 2009.

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) One was photographed at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Cook Co. on 9 Jan (2011.004; BJS:p, FM:p; LM:p).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) An adult male was seen at McCormick Place Sanctuary, Burnham Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 1 May (2009.069; DEW).

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*) One was seen and photographed at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 1 Oct (2011.010; RLS; GN:p, NG:p).

Cassin's Sparrow (*Peucaea cassinii*) One photographed at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Co. on 5-6 May (2011.006; EWW:p; NL:p) represents the second state record of this species. The other record was a bird caught, banded, and photographed at Olive Park, Chicago from 27 May to 6 June 1983 (Landing and Patti 1986, Goetz 1990).

Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*) One photographed at Northerly Is., Chicago, Cook Co. on 12 Nov (2011.005; JIE:p; JG:p, NG:p). This is the fifth accepted record of Brewer's Sparrow for Illinois; four of these have been on Chicago's lakefront. The other records were one photographed at Jackson Park in May 1982, a specimen found dead at McCormick Place in May 1986, a bird that wintered at Jarvis Sanctuary in Lincoln Park from November 1997 to May 1998 (Johnson et al. 1998), and a bird at Midewin NTP in Dec 1998 (Johnson and Stotz 1999).



Brewer's Sparrow. 12 November 2011.
Northerly Island, Cook County.
Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) A female-plumaged bird with a deformed bill was photographed at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co on 31 Aug-3 Sep (2011.012; AB; JIE:p, RS:p).

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Records Unaccepted (two records of two species)

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) A wren photographed in Monroe Co. on 24 Sep (2010.003) was identified by the observers as a Bewick's Wren. The committee unanimously thought that the photo was actually

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