

**Bohemian Waxwing** (*Bombycilla garrulus*): Fifteen at Calumet Park, Chicago COO on 27 Jan (1999.004; DFS).

**Smith's Longspur** (*Calcarius pictus*): Three to six individuals in northern JAS on 21 Dec (1999.060; EK). These birds were seen on the Newton CBC and are a first Illinois CBC record. The Committee would like to obtain

#### Other Accepted Records (10 records of 10 species)

**Red-necked Grebe** (*Podiceps grisegena*): One at Mermet Lake MSS 16 Jan to 13 Feb (1999.007; FB\*v). This is apparently the second winter record in southern Illinois (Robinson 1996).

**Little Blue Heron** (*Egretta caerulea*): Two pairs nesting at Indian Ridge Marsh COO 20 May to 25 Jul (1999.037; WM). This is the first confirmed nesting of this species in northeastern Illinois.

**Harlequin Duck** (*Histrionicus histrionicus*): One at Alton along the Mississippi River MAD on 30 Jan to 6 Feb (1999.006; WR, JR\*); recorded also in Missouri at Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area during this period.

**Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*): One at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation KNE on 1 to 3 Dec (1998.093; RAM\*). A photo of this rare northern Illinois winter record can be found in MJIB 8:113.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** (*Tringa flavipes*): One at Porter Bottoms Rd. JOH on 11 Feb (1999.010; SO)

**Chuck-will's-widow** (*Caprimulgus carolinensis*): One at Navy Pier, Chicago COO on 20 to 21 Oct (1999.056;

harder evidence for any winter record for this species in the state.

**Painted Bunting** (*Passerina ciris*): One adult male at Bloomington McL on 19 to 22 May (1999.016; AL, SSS; MRt, DJ\*, JBM\*, RCh). An account and photo of this third record for the state can be found in Latham et al. (1999).

SP). One feather from the undertail coverts of this bird was taken and is now housed at FMNH.

**Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*): One at Mermet Lake MSS 12-13 Feb (1999.008; FB\*v). First February record for state.

**Pine Warbler** (*Dendroica pinus*): One adult male at the Chicago Botanic Garden COO on 27 Nov to 26 Dec (1998.081; MH, JSt, AH). This bird was accompanied by a second dull-plumaged warbler that likely was an immature of this species; however, a majority of the committee felt that the written descriptions of the second bird were too incomplete and inconsistent to definitely establish its identification as this species.

**Yellow-breasted Chat** (*Icteria virens*): One at Grant Park, Chicago, COO on 14 to 22 Dec (1998.083; DJ\*v). This bird was seen on the Chicago Urban CBC.

**Le Conte's Sparrow** (*Ammodramus leconteii*): One to two birds at Great Lakes Naval Training Center LAK 14 Nov (1999.058; RB, DJ) to 8 Jan 2000. Species seen on Waukegan CBC. This is the second winter record for northern Illinois.

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#### UNACCEPTED RECORDS — Review List Records Unaccepted (5 records of 5 species)

**Tufted Duck** (*Aythya fuligula*): One at Heyworth McL on 25 to 26 Oct (1999.052). An oddly-plumaged bird, probably an eclipse male. Much of the description suggests this species but some inconsistent detail for this species suggests the possibility of a hybrid or anomalous plumage.

**Swainson's Hawk** (*Buteo swainsoni*): One at Chain O'Lakes SP LAK on 8 May (1999.038). This report was based on size, shape, and flight profile. In the absence of any plumage detail being seen in this brief observation, the committee could not accept this record.

**Black Rail** (*Laterallus jamaicensis*): One at Exner Marsh McH on 8 May (1999.039). A majority of the committee felt that while the details were consistent with Black Rail, there were no diagnostic plumage details presented in the description.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*): One in Chicago COO on 8 May (1999.022). The committee felt that inconsistencies in the description, especially just the wings and a "mask" described as black, and the fact that the observers did not use binoculars, made it uncertain that this was not a male Scarlet Tanager.

**Sage Thrasher** (*Oreoscoptes montanus*): One at Illinois Beach SP LAK on 4 Jun (1999.030). The description provided was not clearly assignable to any species. The observer suggested that inconsistencies in the plumage were a result of the bird being in very worn plumage. But there were no diagnostic plumage characters for this species, and the description of size and shape did not fit the species.