

Other Unaccepted Records (6 records of 6 species)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*): One over Mississippi River near Horseshoe Lake, ALE on 3 Jan (1997.031). Possibly correct, but there was concern that limited description was insufficient to rule out various plumages of young Bald Eagles. Observers should take care to thoroughly document winter Ospreys because of the wide variation in Bald Eagle plumages.

Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*): One near Enfield WHT 14 Apr (1998.031). The committee felt that the bird was correctly identified, but the majority thought it likely that this record pertained to a recently released bird, rather than a wild occurrence of this species outside of its limited range in Jasper and Marion county.

California Gull (*Larus californicus*): One first year bird at the Mallard Lake Landfill DUP on 12 Dec (1998.079). Possibly correct, but the committee felt that the details did not completely rule out Herring Gull in this difficult plumage.

Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*): One at Newton Lake JAS on 21 Dec (1999.059). Unfortunately, although the plumage pattern described was consistent with this species, the observer did not note the very distinctive orange-red bill color of this species. It seemed to the majority of the committee that an observation under conditions so poor that the bill color could not be determined was not acceptable for what would be the first record of this species in winter in Illinois.

Cape May Warbler (*Dendroica tigrina*): One below Hamburg Hill UNI 4 Jan (1998.001). The brevity of the observation, together with a description of the back color as "brownish" concerned enough of the committee that the record was not accepted.

European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*): One photographed at Franklin Park COO in Jan (1999.002). There was no question of the identity of this bird, but the committee all thought that this was a almost certainly an escape from captivity, rather than a wild bird.

Corrigenda

White-faced Ibis: The accepted report listed as 1997.014 should be listed as 1998.014, and was seen 25 Apr to 5 May 1998, not 1997.

Barrow's Goldeneye: The accepted report listed as 1997.006 should be listed as 1998.006, and was seen on 21 Feb 1998, not 1997.

Black Rail: The unaccepted report from 26 Oct 1998 listed as 1998.023 should be listed as 1998.072.

Least Tern: The unaccepted report listed as 1997.040 should be listed as 1998.040 and was seen on 14 May 1998, not 1997.

Rufous Hummingbird: The departure date of 20

Dec for 1998.084 should be 21 Dec.

Vermilion Flycatcher: The report listed as 1998.58 should be listed as 1998.57.

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