



*Common Raven at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 13 October 2007. Photo by Steve Huggins.*

been considered extirpated in the state (IORC 1999). Over the last forty years, however, Common Ravens have expanded their range to reoccupy area from which they had disappeared, including northern and central Wisconsin (Boarman and Heinrich 1999). The last accepted record for Common Raven in Illinois was 54 years to the day earlier, in 1953 at Chicago (Bohlen 1989). There have been several reports of Common Raven in Illinois since then, but these reports have either not been documented or have not been accepted by IORC.

**Bewick's Wren** (*Thryomanes bewickii*) One at Siloam Springs SP, BRO on 17 Jul (2007.049; DMK). This is the last remaining breeding site known for the species in Illinois. The species appears to have been absent for the previous three years from the site.

**Townsend's Solitaire** (*Myadestes townsendi*) One at IBSP, LAK on 6 Nov (2004.069; DTW); one at Johnson-Sauk Trail SP, HEN on 19 Nov (2007.043; EWW\*).



*Townsend's Solitaire at Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park, Henry County. 19 November 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.*

**Sprague's Pipit** (*Anthus spragueii*) One at Pyramid Lake SP, PER on 10 Nov (2007.033; DMK). A fall 2006 report of this species from the same locality is still under review by the Committee. An article reviewing the status of this species in Illinois and Missouri was recently published (Kassebaum and Eades 2008).

**Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) One at Riverside Park, n. of Springfield, SAN on 29 Sep (2004.070; HDB).

**Painted Bunting** (*Passerina ciris*) One at Montrose, Chicago, COO on 22 May (2007.030; DM).

**Great-tailed Grackle** (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) One at Monterey Mine, CLI on 22 Nov (2007.025; DMK)

**Hoary Redpoll** (*Carduelis hornemanni*) One at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, COO on 19-28 Jan (2008.006; SG, DP\*; GN\*). There are other birds from winter 2008 being evaluated by the Committee as possible Hoary Redpolls.



*Hoary Redpoll. Chicago Botanic Garden, Lake County. 20 January 2008. Photo by Greg Neise.*

**Other accepted records (seven records of six species)**

**Rough-legged Hawk** (*Buteo lagopus*) One at Fermilab, DUP on 22 Aug (2004.072; KL). This is the earliest fall report of this species in Illinois. It typically arrives in October, but Bohlen (1989) mentions a 31 August report and two September records.

**California Gull** (*Larus californicus*) One adult at Independence Grove FP, LAK on 17 Nov (2007.032; RDH\*); one adult at Winthrop Harbor, LAK on 24 Nov (2007.033; RDH\*).

**Rufous Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus rufus*) One adult male at Aledo, MER on 6 Sep (2007.055; JKn)

**Northern Shrike** (*Lanius excubitor*) One in CLI near Carlyle Lake on 1-4 Nov (2007.039; DMK\*, TAM\*). This was the most southerly report of this species during the enormous flight that occurred during the fall of 2007. It is approximately the same latitude of the southernmost previous Illinois report, a bird near Horseshoe Lake, Madison Co.



*California Gull. Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 24 Nov 2007. Photo by Bob Hughes.*