

indicated that the bird had been found near Midway and was buried in the backyard of the person who found it. Posts on Craig's List are anonymous and attempts to contact the person who posted the photo were unsuccessful. This record is consistent with current patterns of vagrancy in Painted Buntings in Illinois (there are several May records, for example, the Montrose record above). However, a variety of factors led the Committee not to accept this report for Illinois. That this record remained anonymous, did not have a specific locality or date, and involved an adult male individual found near a major airport of a species that is commonly held in captivity led the Committee to this decision.

Other records not accepted (one record of one species)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) One at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, COO on 30-31 Jan (2006.044). The written documentation does not provide a description of this bird or an explanation of how it differed from other possibilities. With the lack of details to establish the identity of this bird the Committee voted not to accept this record. Some of the plumages of young Bald Eagles can resemble the plumage pattern of an Osprey. Given the abundance of Bald Eagles in Illinois in winter and the very few winter Osprey records, immature Bald Eagles should be considered carefully by Illinois birders when they observe a bird they believe may be an Osprey between December and February.

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