



Prairie Falcon. Arcola, Douglas County. 3 November 2012.
Photo by Tyler Funk.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) One bird photographed at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake Co. 23 Nov 2012 (2012.034; VB:ph)

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) Buckhorn Township, Brown Co., 5 – 15 May 2012 (2012.013; MWA:ph). Four birds, thought to be a family group, at Siloam Springs SP, Adams Co. 23 June 2012 (2012.020; JE:ph)

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) One male at North Fork Conservation Area, McHenry Co. 7 – 17 June 2012 (2012.018; DM; KL:ph, DW:ph, KK:ph)

Non-Review List Records

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) One at Lake Villa, Lake Co., 3-13 Mar 2012 (2012.004; GWT:ph)

Unaccepted Records

Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*) One immature bird, 19 Oct – 17 Nov 1927 (1927.00). Examination of this specimen by Robert Hughes and Amar Ayyash convinced the Committee that this bird was actually a Glaucous-winged X Western Gull hybrid, and the decision to reject the record as Western Gull and thereby remove Western Gull from the state list was unanimous.

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) One SY bird photographed and well-documented at North Point Marina, 2 Jun 2011 (2011.031) While the documentation on this bird was excellent, the Committee felt that the very worn state of the plumage and the current state of knowledge regarding identifying this species at such an age made it impossible to rule out other possible species.

available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

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Review List:

The review list includes species for which the Committee will review all records, or all records outside of some determined region or range of dates within the state. Generally, these are species that average two or fewer records per year in the state or which are extremely rare in all but a few counties. The current review list was approved at the 21 September 2008 committee meeting. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for those species listed on the review list on the IOS website: www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.

In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (IORC 1999, also available at http://www.illinoisbirds.org/birds_of_illinois.html) should be documented. Documentation of out of season records and first state nesting records should be sent to the seasonal editor of the Field Notes in the Meadowlark. These may be considered by the Committee, as well as those submitted for the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count.

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