

first accepted record for Illinois. It was one of several records of spoonbills during the summer and fall of 2003 in the central US, north of its normal range (Mahan 2004). The state checklist (IORC 1999) previously considered this species hypothetical. Bohlen (1989) treated the species as extirpated, but details only a skeleton from a pre-Columbian archaeological site (possibly a trade item from outside Illinois), a specimen that was not preserved and reported by a different author over 30 years later, and second-hand reports in Ridgway (1895) from twenty years earlier. Mahan (2004) mentions another specimen, without locality data, that some circumstantial evidence suggests could have been collected in Fayette County, Illinois.

Prairie Falcon

(*Falco mexicanus*) one at Forest Glen Preserve, VER on 26 Nov (1989.049; MJE).

Ruff

(*Philomachus pugnax*) One at Rice Lake FUL on 3 Sep (1988.102; MB).

Snowy Plover

(*Charadrius alexandrinus*) One at Meredosia Lake MOR on 27-28 Apr (2003:011; BA, TM*). An account of this record, along with a photo of the bird is provided by Atwood (2004). This is the fourth accepted record of Snowy Plover for Illinois. The 1993 record from near Fountain Bluff, Jackson County mentioned by Atwood (2004) has not been reviewed by IORC. The committee has not received documentation of this record. If anyone is aware of extant documentation of this record, the committee would be interested in seeing this documentation.

Pomarine Jaeger

(*Stercorarius pomarinus*) One at Northwestern University Landfill, Evanston, COO on 16 Oct (1978.007; GN).



Black-tailed Gull. Montrose, Cook County. 7 August 2003. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Black-tailed Gull

(*Larus crassirostris*) One adult at Montrose, Chicago, COO on 7 Aug (2003.012; RHu*, KH*)

See an article in this issue for details on this first-state record for this species.

White-winged Dove

(*Zenaida asiatica*) One at Soldier Field, Chicago COO on 13 May (2003.007; DFS, TS, GW)

Barn Owl

(*Tyto alba*) One at Big River State Forest HND on 19 Dec (1988.119; BB).

Burrowing Owl

(*Athene cunicularia*) One approximately one mile northwest of Allerton (Vermilion County) in far e. CHA on 17 Mar (2003.008; JS*). This is the first Illinois record since 1985, and is the earliest spring record (Bohlen 1989). Smith (2003) provides an account of the record accompanied by two photos taken by S. Bailey.

Rufous Hummingbird

(*Selasphorus rufus*) One young male at a feeder in Elgin, KNE on 27 Sep (2002.025; MKR*, TM*, BM) on 4 January 2003. One adult male in LEE on 20-22 Apr (2003.009; A&PY*; JEH). The latter record represents the first spring record for this species. As wintering populations continue to increase along the Gulf Coast, it is to be expected that more spring birds will begin appearing in Illinois.

Vermilion Flycatcher

(*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) One female at Lincoln Park, Chicago COO on 8 to 12 Apr (1981.013; JL). This bird was supposedly photographed but no photos appear to be in the IORC archives. If anybody has photos of this bird, the committee would encourage them to be submitted.

Bewick's Wren

(*Thryomanes bewickii*) One at Montrose, Chicago COO on 6 Apr (2003.006; GW). This bird was seen by numerous observers during its brief stay, but documentation was submitted to the committee by only one observer. Photographic evidence was apparently obtained, but has not been seen by the committee.

Varied Thrush

(*Ixoreus naevius*) One at a feeder in Libertyville LAK from late Apr to 5 May (2003.022; MM*). This is the latest spring record for this species. One at Bushnell McD on 20 Nov (2003.023; LLH*).

Grace's Warbler

(*Dendroica graciae*) One at Montrose, Chicago COO on 8 Sep (2003.021; RHu*, KH*) First-state record for this species. See photos in this report. Also, please see a more detailed article on the Grace's Warbler in Illinois in the next issue of Meadowlark.

Swainson's Warbler

(*Limnothlypis swainsoni*) One south of Carbondale JAC on 4 to 10 May (2003.011; VL, FB, RR). The last known breeding population of Swainson's Warbler disappeared from Illinois in the 1990s. The few documented records since that time have consisted of spring migrants, including this one. Undocumented reports and rumors continue for Swainson's Warbler during the breeding season. It seems reasonable that a breeding population