

Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*): One immature male at Niantic MSN 16 Nov (1997.047; HDB, MD, DOe*, #ISM 660484); a remarkable vagrant and first state record; photos and account appear in Bohlen (1999). This bird was netted, measured and photographed, and two species diagnostic tail feathers were taken. For additional helpful identification information of *Selasphorus* hummingbirds see Stiles (1972) and Heidcamp (1997). See article and photos in this issue.

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*): One at Fermilab DUP 28-29 Nov (1998.063; VM, PM*; REF); a first-county record, and eighth for the state. For an account and photograph, see seasonal highlights in this issue.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*): One male at McKee Marsh DUP 7-8 Oct (1998.058; HC; DBo, JSu, REF, KF*); a first county record. An account appears in this issue.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*): One male at Batavia and Fox R. 2-17 Aug KNE (1998.043; AH, DBo*, BA*, DBJ*v). One two miles northwest of Fort de Chartres MNR 3-9 Aug (1998.070; DK, FB, FH*, ASe*, JBM*).

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*): One female 1/2 mile NE of Berry SAN 4 Nov (1998.078; HDB); fifth state record, see figure 2.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*): One at Klehm Aboretum and FP WIN 28 Dec-3 Mar (1996.105, DOe*); seventeenth record for the state and possibly the same individual (1995.039) as recorded the previous winter. A photo is in MJIB 6:117. One at Northwestern University landfill, Evanston COO 10-18 Nov (1997.033; EW*; DBJ*, KO*); first county record in 12 years and eighteenth for the state. A photo appears in MJIB 7:77.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*): One at Joliet WLL 27 Nov-23 Dec+ (1997.051; JBM*); a photo appears in MJIB 7:117.

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*): One at North Shore Channel or "Canal" between Dempster and Main Streets, Evanston COO 4-8 May (1998; JE; EW*); an account appears in MJIB 7:142. One at North Branch of the Chicago R., LaBaugh Woods

FP, Chicago COO 20 May (1998.010; RH); sixth and seventh state records respectively.

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*): One male at Sheila Stenger residence, Rockton, WIN 11 May (1996.104; SS*); see photos in this report. One male at Fairy Ditto residence, RR2 Box 86, Oquawka Township, HND mid-Apr-22 May (1997.022; FD). Apparently attending a feeder for "weeks" and noted on the state SBC.

Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*): One at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie WLL 4 Dec (1998.077; DS). Studied for a long period in the field--all diagnostic field marks were noted; this is the fourth accepted record for the state.

Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*): Two, a male and female at approx. 5 miles E of Woodstock McH 20 Dec (1997.049; DF) on a CBC; a very rare winter finch in Illinois.

Other Accepted Records (20 records of 17 species)

Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*): One immature at Tampier L. Palos FP COO 23 May-24 Jun (1997.009; JL, MN, JBM*, JP*); a first summer record for the state. An account and photo appear in MJIB 7:25; the same photo is printed in color in FN 51:1063. Incorrect departure dates (22 Jun, 14 Jun, respectively) were

published in MJIB 7:30 and FN 51:875.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*): One at Garden Prairie Rd. BOO 20 March (1997.028; RMy); a remarkable earliest spring arrival date for the state. An account appears in MJIB 6:139-140.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*): One at Sparta RAN 27 Dec 1997-31 Jan 1998 (1997.068; TD); first winter record for the state.

Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*): One juvenile at L. Calumet sewage treatment district, Chicago COO 31 Aug (1997.042; RH); a remarkable record in that the bird was in fresh unmolted juvenile plumage with a heavily spotted throat, breast and belly.

Franklin's Gull (*Larus pipixcan*): One adult in breeding plumage at Gillson Park, Wilmette COO 2 Jan (1998.008; EW*). An account and photo appears in MJIB 7:109.

Figure 2. Mountain Bluebird sketch by H. David Bohlen on 4 November 1998 in Sangamon County.

