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## UNACCEPTED RECORDS — Review List Records Unaccepted (6 records of 6 species)

**Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*) One in Oakwood Twp. VER on 4 Aug (2000.039). There was almost no description provided of the bird seen. The observer indicated it looked like a frigatebird and nothing in the description ruled out an immature frigatebird.

**Parasitic Jaeger** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) One immature along the Illinois River JER on 11 Nov (2000.051). A limited description did not eliminate Pomarine Jaeger or even an immature Herring Gull. The described size of the bird observed as larger than a Ring-billed Gull argues against this species.

**Royal Tern** (*Sterna maxima*) One at 64th St. Beach, Chicago COO on 9 June (1999.065). Committee members felt the description was too brief and did not eliminate Caspian Tern.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*) Three individuals at Kansas EDG on 6 May (2000.033). The flock contained one all-white bird. Since albinos are commonly found in Ringed Turtle-Dove and given brief descriptions of the other birds, the majority of the Committee considered this record questionable. The Committee has several other records of this species that remain in review. It is clear that this species is invading Illinois and is resident in parts of downstate. However, very few records have been well-documented for the state. Given the fact that Ringed Turtle-Doves are held in captivity throughout the U.S., and that a large feral, extremely variable population of *Streptopelia* exists in

Will County, the committee encourages observers to carefully document all *Streptopelia* populations. It will help us understand the spread of this species through the state, and help us understand the interaction with the feral *Streptopelia* populations.

**Carrion Crow** (*Corvus corone*) One at Montrose COO on 13 to 27 Feb (2000.018; photo) The photo of this bird examined by the committee was unequivocally a "Hooded" Crow, the eastern European subspecies of the Carrion Crow. There is a record from the Salton Sea, California, considered to be an escape (AOU 1998). Otherwise it is unrecorded from North America, although there are specimen records from Greenland. Given the unlikeliness of the record, and the extremely worn plumage described by many observers in posts on IBET, the Committee believed the probability this bird represented an escape from captivity was very high, and voted not to accept this record.

**Bohemian Waxwing** (*Bombycilla garrula*) One at Highland Park LAK on 30 Dec (2000.066). A lengthy view was obtained by the single observer at close range. However, the description was incomplete. It mentioned white in the wing, but the pale inner edge of tertials on the Cedar Waxwing may appear as a white line. Despite the good view, the description does not mention the chestnut undertail coverts of this species. In the absence of any diagnostic plumage detail in the description, the committee voted not to accept this record.

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## OTHER UNACCEPTED RECORDS — (2 records of 2 species)

**Bewick's Wren** (*Thryothorus bewickii*) One in sw FRA on 26 Sep (2000.049). The photograph that was identified as this species appears to be a House Wren with an unusually prominent eyeline.

**Clay-colored Sparrow** (*Spizella pallida*) One at Bloomington MCL on 13 to 18 December (2000.068).

The committee split, as did observers who saw the bird, on whether this bird was a Clay-colored or Chipping sparrow. It was clearly one or the other, both of which would be exceptional records at this time of year, but the details were insufficient to establish it as either species with certainty.

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## CORRIGENDA

**Purple Gallinule:** The specimen record in the sixth report (Stotz and Johnson 2000) from Flanagan

(1999.036) should be listed as Livingston County, not McLean County.

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## Literature Cited

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