

that had not completely molted out of eclipse plumage.

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) A male in ADA on 12 Jan (2002.003; KV*). This species remains quite unusual away from Lake Michigan. See MJIB 11:113.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) A male at Chain-of-Rocks MAD on 8 Jan (1977.002; JE, DJS).

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) W. I. Lyon collected a specimen at Waukegan LAK on 16 Nov (1936.001; CAS #9067); one at Lake Springfield, SAN from 6 Dec (2000.061; DO*) to 21 January 2001.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) One in basic plumage at Illinois Beach SP on 23 Nov (2001.063; AS); one at Rend Lake, FRA during the Rend Lake CBC on 14 Dec (2002.039; LH; DK*). This species has been removed from the Review list. It is currently being reported annually in the fall along the Lake Michigan lakefront and at large downstate lakes.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) An adult and subadult at Lake Carlyle CLI. The adult was present 27 Jul-5 Oct, and the subadult 17 Aug-7 Oct (2002.017; DK*; TMh).

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) one adult near Fountain MON on 5-6 May (1978.005; WR, RA).

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) An imm. at West Dundee KAN on 19 Aug (2001.036; G&RJ*v); one imm. in Lombard DUP on 5-25 Aug (2001.037; JM, specimen FMNH #430571). For details of the DuPage County bird, and a photograph, see Bent and Woltman (2002). Montgomery (2002) reported the Kane County bird and provided a good summary of Illinois records. After a period of more than two decades without records of Wood Storks in Illinois, their numbers here appear to be on the increase, with six accepted records since 1989 (Montgomery 2002).

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) One near LaSalle Lake LAS on 4-30 January (2003.001; GL*, JK*, WS).



Ruff (adult female, also called Reeve) at Carlyle Lake, 18 August 2002. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Throughout the month of January, a parade of birders observed a chocolate-brown immature Gyrfalcon in the vicinity of the LaSalle Nuclear Generating Plant. Several observers thought that they may have observed a second grayer bird in the area as well. The digital photo, referenced above as taken by Jerry Kumery, may have been of this second bird, different from the bird photographed by Greg Lambeth. However, the committee in reviewing the photos did not feel that they could be certain that these were not photos of the same individual. Given that as far as the committee is aware, no observer saw two Gyrfalcons at the same time; in the absence of clear documentation of a second bird, we consider there to have been only a single Gyrfalcon present in January 2003. The committee welcomes additional data from observers on this point.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) A specimen (CAS # 15124) Highland Park LAK on 29 Mar (1905.001) collected by Elmer Evans. Coale (1912) indicates that three specimens were taken at this time, but only the specimen listed above appears to remain in museum collections.

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) One found dead at McCormick Place,

Chicago COO on 19 May (1984.024; RT, specimen, FMNH #316952); one found dead at McCormick Place, Chicago COO on 31 May (1989.106; DW, specimen, FMNH #350613); one found dead at McCormick Place, Chicago COO on 8 Oct (1993.078; DW, specimen, FMNH #362610). Although a small number of specimens, three window kills at McCormick Place remains striking given the almost complete lack of recent records of this species, recorded in life, in Illinois or indeed the upper Midwest. It seems clear that a remnant breeding population must exist somewhere in the upper Midwest.

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*) An adult female specimen (ISU#180) obtained by Mrs. Wayne Patkunas at Hudson McL on 13 Apr (1964.001); an adult at L. Mermet MSS on 1 Sep (2002.019; FB). The McLean County bird was found alive in a backyard and then was taken to a local zoo where it died (*vide* A. Capparella). This species appears to be regular in summer at Lake Mermet in very small numbers. It remains casual elsewhere in the state.

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*) One basic-plumaged at Waukegan LAK on 23 Feb-2 Mar (2002.002; DBJ). A Purple Sandpiper was also seen on 8 Dec 2001 at this site. The observer believes that bird to have been different from this accepted record. However, the December 2001 bird was not documented.

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) One adult female at Carlyle Lake CLI on 17-19 Aug (2002.020; DK*). See photo.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) One adult at Gillson Park, Wilmette COO on 10 Nov (1951.002; LBi).

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) One juvenile at Carlyle Lake CLI on 7 Sep (2002.021; DK). This is the fifth accepted record of Long-tailed Jaeger in Illinois, all juveniles and all since 1999. Four of these came from Carlyle Lake, and one from Lake Chautauqua (Bailey