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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 range within the state. These are species that, in general, average two or fewer records per year in the state, or which are extremely rare in all but a few counties in the state. The current review list was approved at the 21 September 2008 committee meeting. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for the review species listed on the review list on the IOS/IORC website: [www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html](http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html).

In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (IORC 1999, see also list on IOS website at [http://www.illinoisbirds.org/birds\\_of\\_illinois1.html](http://www.illinoisbirds.org/birds_of_illinois1.html)) should be documented. Documentation of regular species may be appropriate when they occur

out of season – i.e., exceptionally early arrival dates or late departure dates for migratory species. All first state nesting records should also be documented. Exceptionally high counts of species may also merit documentation. These documentations of non-review list species should generally be sent to the seasonal editor of the Field Notes in the *Meadowlark*. Both the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count require documentation of a greater range of species. Such documentations should be sent to the appropriate compiler. Some records from each of these long-term projects are reviewed by IORC, and the documentations supporting observations of rare birds on them are largely stored at the Field Museum with the other IORC archives.

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## ACCEPTED RECORDS

### *New State Records (one record of one species)*

**Green Violetear** (*Colibri thalassinus*) One photographed at a feeder near Mascoutah, St. Clair Co. on 10 Aug (2009.033; R&LS:p). This tropical species found from Mexico to Central Bolivia has been recorded more than 30 times in Texas (Newfield 2001) and sparsely across eastern North America north to Ontario and Michigan (AOU 1998). The photos clearly demonstrate that this bird belongs to the *thalassinus* group of subspecies found in Mexico and northern Central America rather than the more distant *cyanotis* group found from Costa Rica south.

### **Review List Species (39 records of 29 species)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Two were seen and photographed at Bellrose Refuge, Cypress Creek NWR, Pulaski Co.



*Green Violetear.*  
10 August 2009. Fayetteville,  
St. Clair County.  
Photos by Rich Scheibel.

on 6 May (2009.061; MML:p); One was photographed at Bischoff rd., Granite City, Madison Co. on 31 May to 15 Jun (2009.056; FLH; DMK:p). One photographed in Calhoun Co. on 18 May (2010.007; DMK:p).

**Brant** (*Branta bernicla*) One was along the Illinois River in downtown Peoria, Peoria Co. and immediately across the river in Tazewell Co. on 3-9 Dec (2009.034; RF:p).