

not be eliminated; however, subsequent records of this species in Ohio on 29 May 1954 (McLaughlin 1979) and in New Jersey on 30 May 1988 (Kane et al. 1989) suggest a pattern of natural vagrancy. This is among the most significant records in Illinois ornithology, but questions of the bird's origin have long shrouded its validity. The Committee endorses the interpretation of this record as a natural occurrence. (See Figures 1 and 2.)



Groove-billed Ani at Montrose Harbor, Chicago, Cook Co. 27 September 1981. Photo by Michael Chaneske.

Dovekie (*Alle alle*): One at nuclear power plant cooling lake southwest of Streator LAS 26 Nov (1992.023; CW, JDM); first state and regional record. See McKee 1993.

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*): One at Springfield SAN 22 Dec - 23 Jan (1996.060; HDB; VMK, DO*, DBJ*p,v); first state record; discovered on the Springfield CBC, and subsequently seen by many birders. Bohlen 1997b gives a full account, including two photos; a third photo appears in AFN 51:755.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*): A pair plus a single at a golf course near Carlyle L. dam CLI 22 Dec - 21 Feb, with the single remaining through 8 Mar (1997.034; HDB, MFD, MB, VMK, AS*); first accepted record for the state. The pair deserted the area after a nesting attempt failed. See Bohlen 1997c for the Illinois status of this recent U.S. colonizer. Note that the very similar "Ringed Turtle-Dove" is considered an avicultural artifact, and the Committee does not acknowledge an established feral population of this form for Illinois.

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*): One at De Soto JAC 2-3 Jan (1989.101; Dfl*); the tenth reported.

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*): One at Montrose, Chicago COO 27 Sep (1981.015; JEL, MC*). See photo in this report. One of seven ani records in Illinois.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*): One at PUL Jun (1992.028; TF*). One at Perks PUL 6 May (1995.018; BL).

Northern Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*): One old specimen, providing the first Committee acceptance of this species: a female at Chicago COO 3 Dec (1922.001; AR, #FMNH 67480).

Burrowing Owl (*Speotyto cunicularia*): One at Cissna Park IRO 22-30 Sep (1989.062; MFC, RTC, JBM*). Two distinct photos are published in IBB 6:45 and in AB 44:100. One at IBSP LAK 14 Oct (1989.063; DBJ).

Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*): One old specimen, providing the first Committee acceptance of this species: a female with an empty stomach collected dead, by an unnamed collector, on a street in Chicago COO 5 Mar (1914.001; #CAS 15083); see Coale 1914 for a brief account.

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*): One adult female at Trivoli PEO 7-23 Nov (1996.052; HDB, MFD*, DBJ*v, JBM*, DO*, #ISM 660432 (outer left retrix)); first state and regional record. Bohlen 1997a provides details and includes six photographs as well as a sketch of the retrix collected; one of the photos also appears in AFN 51:65.

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*): One immature male at Olympia Fields COO 14 Oct - 12 Nov (1993.028; EBS, SS; JBM*, DBJ*v, #FMNH 360705); first specimen record for Illinois. Three photos and an account appear in Strauss and Strauss 1994, and the second of these photos appears in color in AB 48:162. One immature female at Murphysboro JAC 27 Oct - 15 Jan (1993.077; RFD*); second confirmed state record. This bird was netted, measured, and photographed, and species-diagnostic tail feathers were taken. See Danley 1994 for an account. One immature female at Urbana CHA late Sep-25 Oct (1996.050; HH*, RTC, EJC, DO*, SDB*, #ISM 660431 (second and fifth retrices)); third confirmed state record. For an account and a photograph see MJIB: 6:64. Note that the documentation, but not the published accounts, indicates that this bird had been present for about two weeks before the birding community was alerted on 6 Oct. These three records are the first confirmation of this species in Illinois, although there are two previously accepted records of *Selasphorus* hummingbirds not identifiable to species; see Goetz 1989:7 and Goetz 1990:11. Separation from other members of this difficult genus is based largely on structure and measurements of tail feathers as detailed in Stiles 1972.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*): One female at Sangchris SP SAN 18 Sep (1992.019; HDB; DO*); a photo and account appear in MJIB 2:63. One immature male at Ivanhoe LAK 11-18 Oct (1993.029; BS; MM, RDP, DBJ*p,v); details and a photo are in MJIB 3:61-62. These are the fifth and sixth state records, and the first for fall; both are first records for their respective counties.