



*First-winter Glaucous-winged Gull. Photo taken at the Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area in St. Charles County, Missouri, just over the Illinois border on 8 February 1997 by Kirby Goslee. This bird was seen and documented at Mel Price Lock and Dam in Madison County, Illinois, and is the third accepted record for the state.*

L. An account appears in MJIB 7:48-49. One at Waukegan Port District on rocks off the municipal beach's north pier LAK 24 Oct (1998.059; JN\*); see photo in this issue.

**Pomarine Jaeger** (*Stercorarius pomarinus*): One immature light morph at Gillson Park, Wilmette COO 21 Nov (1997.044; RH).

**Parasitic Jaeger** (*Stercorarius parasiticus*): One sub-adult at L. Springfield SAN 22-23 Jun (1998.049; HDB)

**Mew Gull** (*Larus canus*): One adult at L. Vermilion, Danville VER 26 Mar (1997.029; RTC). One near adult at L. Springfield SAN 10 Nov (1997.045; HDB). One first-year bird at Burnham Harbor, Chicago COO 13 Nov (1998.064; DS). Observer noted important field marks such as the darkish underneath — "heavily mixed with brown" and the all dark brown tail as well as size differences with adjacent Ring-billed Gulls to eliminate Ring-billed juveniles. This is the first accepted record for the state for this age class.

**California Gull** (*Larus californicus*): One first-summer bird at L. Springfield beach house SAN 16 May-Jun+ (1998.017; HDB; JR\*v).

**Glaucous-winged Gull** (*Larus glaucescens*): One first-year bird at Mel Price Lock and Dam MAD 30 Jan-1 Apr+ (1997.003; WCR\*, JZ, PSn, DK, KG\*); a photo appears in FN 51:755. This is the third accepted record for the state; see photos in this account.

**Arctic Tern** (*Sterna paradisaea*): One adult at Waukegan Municipal Beach LAK 31 May-2 Jun (1997.012; HDB; DK, MD, RTC, DBo\*); fourth state record. One immature with a dark gray carpal bar at Waukegan Municipal Beach LAK 14-17 Jun (1997.013; SH; JO, DBJ\*); fifth state record. An account in MJIB 6:138 details the two records; a photo of the immature bird appears in MJIB 6:138, another photo of the same bird is published on the back cover of MJIB 6(4) which also appears in color in FN 51:1064; the correct last date seen (Jun 17) is published in FN.

**Black Skimmer** (*Rynchops niger*): One at L Decatur MCN 4 Sep (1998.054; MD\*; VMK, DOe\*); a remarkable first state record. For an account and photos, see this issue. A color photo appears in NAB 53:118.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*): One at Urbana CHA 27 May 1997-4 Apr+ 1998 (1997.060; RTC); second accepted state record. This bird showed the gray undertail coverts and black basal tail pattern including the black outer web along with the squared-off tail. The bird was chunkier sized than a Ringed Turtle-Dove. In addition, the blackish primaries contrasting with the wing coverts was, to the Committee, diagnostic. This bird was present at this location for at least one year.

**White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*): One at the residence of James O. Smith VER 22-23 Jul (1998.050; JOS\*); first state record; first noted by the unusual call. For an account, see this issue.

**Barn Owl** (*Tyto alba*): Three at PUL 19 Dec (1997.063; VL, RhM). One at Urbana CHA 29 Mar (1998.018; RTC).

**Boreal Owl** (*Aegolius funereus*): One at Rockford WIN 9 Feb (1997.002; MDo, BG, RMs, MRn, FS\*); an extremely rare occurrence; not since 1914 has this species been recorded for the state and region. For an account and photo see Morris (1997); a slightly different photo in FN 51:756.

**Rufous Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus rufus*): One adult male at East Alton MAD 7 Nov 1997-8 Jan+ 1998 (1997.046; MD, DOe\*); fourth state record and first confirmed adult male record for the state. Two photos appear in MJIB 7: 74 and on the back cover. One adult male at Springfield SAN 7 Nov-20 Dec (1998.084; DOe\*); second accepted adult male for the state. An excellent color photo appears in NAB 53:117. One adult female at Springfield SAN 23 Nov (1998.085; DOe\*, #ISM660520). These are the fourth through sixth state records.