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Abbreviations: References to seasonal reports in the journals *Illinois Birds and Birding*; *American Birds* and *North American Birds* are abbreviated by IBB, AB, and NAB, respectively, followed by volume and page numbers. Months are abbreviated by their first three letters. County abbreviations largely follow those adopted in Johnson, Deaton and Clyne (1998).

“Northern”, “central”, and “southern Illinois” refer to specific subsections of the state as first defined by Gault (1922); see also Bohlen (1978). An on-line map showing the regions of Illinois can be found at <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/Listing/2004%20Lists/IllinoisRegionalBirdingMap.gif>.

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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 revised at the 17 July 2005 committee meeting. It remains unchanged from the review list at the time of the 11th IORC report (Stotz and Johnson 2005). IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for the review species listed on the review list on the IOS/IORC website: <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html>. In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (IORC 1999) should be documented, and will be reviewed by IORC. 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 also should be documented. Exceptionally high counts of species may also merit documentation. These documentations should generally be sent to the seasonal editor of the *Field Notes* in the *Meadowlark* and/or the regional editors for *North American Birds*. Similarly, rarities on *Christmas Bird Counts* and *Spring Bird Counts* should be documented and that documentation provided to the appropriate compiler. In most cases, other than review list species, IORC will not review documentations, except at the request of compilers or editors.

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ACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Records Accepted
(29 records of 25 species)

Brant (*Branta bernicla*) One with Canada Geese at Afton FP, DEK on 26 Oct (2004.023; EW*) See *Meadowlark* 14: 57 for photographs of this bird.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) One at Independence Grove FP, LAK on 3 April (2006. 004; SM*).

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) One female at Moline, ROC on 29 February (2004.004; AF); One female at Lake Decatur, MCN on 17 Dec (2005.031; TM*, UG*) to 11 Jan 2006.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) One at South Elgin, KNE on 8 June (2004.059; RHo).

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) One at Sugar River FP, WIN on the early date of 2 April (2005.010; DW).

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) One in Versailles Twp, BRO on 6 June (2004.048; TH); One near New Athens, SCL on 12 June (2004.050; TM). These two birds were seen about 120 miles apart within a week of each other. The possibility that these reports refer to the



Fulvous Whistling-Duck at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, Lake County. 3 April 2006. Photo by Sue Murray.

same individual cannot be ruled out, but the fact that these records come from different river valleys (The Illinois for the Brown Co record, and the Kaskaskia for the St. Clair Co. bird) and a recent rash of records of this species in the Midwest, including two birds together in Indiana in September 2005 (Hengeveld et al 2006), suggest it more likely that these were separate individuals.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) One at Rock Cut SP, WIN on 22 Aug (2004.062; DW)

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) One adult Mermet Lake, MSS on 26 June (2003.41; FB). This species is close to regular at Mermet Lake where it has bred, but remains an extremely rare vagrant otherwise in the state.

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) One first year bird at Clinton L, DEW on 22 Nov (2004.020; CW*)

California Gull (*Larus californicus*) One adult at Winthrop Harbor, LAK on 3 Jan (2004.003; RHu*); One adult at Waukegan Beach, LAK on 19 June (2005.012; AS). This species has been removed from the IORC review list.