

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*): One juvenile at McCormick Place, Chicago COO 31 Aug - 2 Sep (1995.038; JO*; EW*, RTC, DBJ); second confirmed record for Illinois, and the earliest fall occurrence east of the Mississippi R. Three photos and a detailed discussion are in O'Brien 1996, and the first photo therein is also found in AFN 50:63.

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*): One, six miles southeast of Charleston COL 4 Sep (1995.062; LBH). One at Casino Queen, Metrolink vicinity, East St. Louis STC 9 Aug (1996.089; DK), where this species has been nesting since 1994. This species has been taken off the review list.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*): One male at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe COO 14-22 May (1990.023; JFS, RME, JBM*, JEL*). A photo appears in IBB 6:89 and in AB 44:437. One male at Waterman and Shabbona Grove Rds., south-central DEK 22-28 Apr (1995.032; TD*); first county record. A photo and account appear in MJIB 4:142, but the arrival date cited there is incorrect. One at Glacial Park McH 6 Jun (1995.037; DF, DEM*); first county record; photo diagnostic. One, two miles southeast of Chester RAN 3 Jun (1995.067; RFD). One at MEN mid-Jul (1996.044; RBA*); photo diagnostic. One at Itasca DUP 24 May (1996.064; REF*v).

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*): One adult male at Gillson Park, Wilmette COO 18 Jul (1991.005; EW). See Walters 1992a for an account. One female near Shirland WIN 4 Jun - 10 Jul (1994.025; LJ; JBM*, DBJ* p,v); an account and five photos are in Johnson and Moskoff 1995, and the lead photo is reprinted in AFN 48:949. Most remarkable was this bird's attempt to pair with a male Tree Swallow—the first hybridization attempt between these two species known to science. A nest was built in a bluebird house and two infertile eggs were laid. These are the first two accepted records for Illinois. See Unaccepted Records on page 62.

Western Scrub-Jay (*Apelocoma californica*): One immature at IBSP LAK 29-30 Oct (1984.019; RTC, EJC, JEL, JBM*); first state record; an account and two photos are published in Chapel and Chato 1986. The observers thought this bird was most likely of the interior race *wood-housei*³, based on its "washed-out" appearance. More recently, A. T. Peterson (pers. comm.) considered the subspecific identity indeterminable, but added that the brown greater secondary coverts suggest a hatching-year bird.

Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*): One first-year female at HAN 27 Dec - 13 Jan (1996.085; #ISM 660433); first confirmed record and first specimen record for Illinois. Martha Gray rescued and released this bird from the jaws of a cat on 27 Dec, but the bird was not seen again until 13 Jan, when it was found dead. See Franks and Franks 1997 for details.

Black-billed Magpie (*Pica pica*): One near Chicago COO Dec (1924.001; JF, #FMNH 97913); photos of this specimen were reviewed to officially add this species to the state list. The Illinois records for this species are in need of systematic review, since some records are referable to escapes from captivity, based on extreme feather wear, while others ostensibly apply to vagrants. The 1924 record coincided with extralimital records elsewhere; the December date conforms to the pattern of vagrants; and the clear photos showed no evidence of feather wear. The Committee accepted the record as applying to an extralimital vagrant.

Boreal Chickadee (*Poecile hudsonicus*): One collected at Waukegan LAK 5 Nov (1906.001; JFF, #FMNH 21755); first specimen record for Illinois; see Ferry 1907. This is the only record formally reviewed by the Committee to date; Bohlen 1989 notes additional reports.

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*): One north of Mattoon COL 12 Sep (1990.011; GS*; HDB, RTC, GW, DKA*); first state record and second regional record. The same photo appears in IBB 6:49, in IBB 7:12, and in AB 45:112. Schaefer 1991 recounts the sighting.

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*): One female southwest of La Salle nuclear power plant LAS 19-20 Nov (1995.043; MJH); fourth state record. An account is in MJIB 5:67.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*): One at Klehm Aboretum and FP, Rockford WIN 17 Nov - 11 Jan (1995.039; RM; ABh, JBM*); first county record and fifteenth for the state. A photo and account appear in MJIB 5:65. One at Lyons Woods FP LAK 25 Nov - 21 Jan (1995.040; EW*, DBJ*p,v); second county record and sixteenth for the state; possibly present from 12 Nov (*vide* AFS, RDS). This bird was erroneously reported through the end of the winter season in AFN 50:177. See MJIB 5:93 and 5:109 for two photos and an account. The date in the caption to the photo on page 93 should read "25 Nov. 1995".

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*): A female at Libertyville LAK 21 Dec - 10 Mar (1989.068; JEL*, JBM*, DBJ*, WJM, LCB); recorded on the Waukegan CBC. Three separate photos are published in IBB 6:1, AB 44:1019, and IBB 6:66; the first of these also appears in color in AB 44:222. A male just north of Washington Park, Springfield SAN 24 Dec - 27 Jan (1990.024; JH; HDB, DO*, #ISM 660180); a departure date of "7 Jan" in IBB 7:75 and in AB 45:280 is incorrect. First Illinois specimen record; subspecies undeterminable. A photo and account appear in Bohlen 1991a. One at Naperville DUP 7 Jan (1994.008; LD, ED*). One male at Crystal L. McH 18 Nov - 22 Apr (1995.046; TH*, GM); recorded on the McH CBC 16 Dec. For details see MJIB 5:109-110. The arrival date of "17 Dec." cited in MJIB 5:117 is in error. One female at Lincoln Park Bird Sanctuary COO 25-27 Oct (1996.048; LA, MFD, #ISM 660426); second Illinois specimen record, assignable to the