

Committee. All other remarks are the authors', although most of the information comes from the Committee files which are now stored in Chicago, Illinois, in the Bird Division of the Field Museum.

In several cases there are discrepancies between the details presented here vs. other published sources, especially regarding dates of occurrence. The data in this report provide the Committee's best assessment of all



*This Brown Pelican was seen at Clinton Lake, DeWitt County from 7 November 2004 to 4 December 2004. Photo by Eric Walters.*

available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here, but we have made explicit note of apparent errors in published data. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

### Changes to the Illinois list

This report adds three species to the list of accepted species for Illinois with the addition of Mottled Duck, Inca Dove, and Fork-tailed Flycatcher; all are based on photographic evidence. In addition, the committee changed the status of Trumpeter Swan from Extirpated to Regular based on the populations in surrounding states becoming established. The wintering and migrating Trumpeter Swans that are seen in Illinois come primarily from the reintroduced breeding populations in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. Those populations have spread from their initial introductions and are considered established in those states, so we consider Trumpeter Swan to be a current member of the Illinois avifauna. Observers should recognize that not all Trumpeter Swans in Illinois pertain to these established populations. Some may be from other reintroductions that are not considered to be established and some are released captive birds, which may or may not have their wings clipped.

The documentation supporting Sooty Tern's presence on the Illinois state list has been upgraded from written documentation to photographic evidence. A specimen record obtained following Hurricane Dennis has not yet been evaluated by the committee.

**Abbreviations:** References to seasonal reports in the journals *Illinois Birds and Birding*; *Meadowlark*, *A Journal of Illinois Birds*; *American Birds* and *North American Birds* are abbreviated by IBB, MJIB, 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. The committee removed California Gull and Varied Thrush from the review list. In addition, for Purple Sandpiper, Lake Michigan lakefront birds will no longer be routinely reviewed, nor will Painted Buntings from the standard E. St. Louis breeding sites. Elsewhere in the state both species should be documented and submitted to IORC for review. 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