

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) One at Carlyle Lake, CLI on 22 Oct (2006.039; DMK) was thought to be probably an immature female.

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) An adult male was seen at Waterfall Glen FP, DUP on 8 May (2002.041; REF)

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) A first-year male was banded and photographed at Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Shirland, WIN on 29 Apr (2007.004; DSe, JL*, LGJ). An adult female was observed and sketched at Carpenter Park, SAN on 14 May (2006.021; HDB). These are the fourth and fifth accepted records for Illinois. See photo on page 54.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) An adult male was seen Spring Lake, CAR on 13 May (2006.018; DTW).

Hoary Redpoll at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 25 November 2006.

Photo by Robert Hughes.



Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*) One at IBSP, north unit, LAK on 25 Nov (2006.042; RH*) was seen by a number of observers.

Other accepted records (5 records of 5 species)

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) One was at Sangchris SP near the SAN/CHR county line on 9 Apr (2006.031; HDB*). This species is seldom recorded in spring in Illinois, although there are usually several reports in autumn each year.

California Gull (*Larus californicus*) One first-year bird was at Lake Decatur, MCN from 29 Oct to 11 Nov (2006.041; TAM)

Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) One was photographed at Moorman Swine Research Center, Urbana, CHA on 10 Mar (2006.017; BAG*). This species typically arrives in Illinois in the latter half of April, so this may have been a wintering bird. There are only two winter records, both from the Chicago area, of this species that have been accepted by IORC, and it has not previously been recorded in Illinois in March.

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*) one at Horseshoe Lake SP, MAD on 22 March (2006.015; SCI*). This is an early arrival date for this species. Bohlen (1987) mentions a 27 March record in Urbana, and one was reported from Massac Co. on 30 March 1998 (Clyne 1998), but otherwise this species typically arrives in Illinois no earlier than mid-April.

Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) One was at Montrose on 19 Oct (2005.038; JPL). This species is rarely seen as a migrant in the fall, and this is about a month after most fall records. However, there are a handful of winter records.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

Review list species (5 records of 5 species)

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) One was reported from Kankakee, KNK on 15 Apr (2006.014). Two observers documented this record, which represents the first report of a caracara from Illinois. The Committee felt that the possibility of this bird being an escape from captivity was too high to accept it as a first state record. Caracaras are not common in captivity and there does seem to be an increasing pattern of vagrancy; on the other hand this record didn't fit into any currently understood pattern. Additionally, both observers saw the bird for only a short period and their descriptions were not very detailed; at least two committee members expressed concern about the identity of the bird, mainly because of the limited detail in the descriptions provided. Neither observer mentioned, for example, the dark crown that caracaras show.

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) One was reported on Northerly Island, Chicago, COO on 21 Oct (2006.025). This bird was flushed by the observer out of tall grass, and was seen only with the naked eye for two to three

seconds. Because of that fact, the observer was not able to obtain much detail on the plumage. The details provided are suggestive of Black Rail, but the majority of the committee did not feel they were sufficient to make the record acceptable.

Long-billed Murrelet (*Brachyramphus perdix*) One was reported at Carlyle Lake, CLI on 12 Nov (2005.041). Long-billed Murrelet is an Asiatic species that has a history of vagrancy into the inland United States (refs). There are records from several states in the Midwest, and its eventual occurrence in Illinois is expected. This bird seemed clearly to be a small alcid, and may have been (or perhaps probably was) a Long-billed Murrelet. However, a majority of the Committee felt that the distance to the bird, the brevity of the observation (less than a minute), and the windy conditions under which the bird was seen made it impossible to accept this report as a first state record.

Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) An adult female was reported at Kankakee, KNK on 21 May (2006.010). The Committee was not convinced by the doc-