

umentation of this bird. The bird seen may have very well been a Kirtland's but all of the Committee thought that the description did not rule out Magnolia Warbler. The description did not specifically mention whether the rump was yellow or dark, and did not mention anything about the tail pattern, which is very different between the species. The observer also did not notice tail-wagging, which is characteristic of Kirtland's.

**Tricolored Blackbird** (*Agelaius tricolor*) An adult male was reported from a feeder in North Barrington, LAK on 26 Feb (2006.016). This species is restricted to western coastal states, plus Nevada and Baja California. There are no vagrant records from nearby states, much less from a site as distant as Illinois. The species is largely non-migra-

tory, although it withdraws in the winter into the heart of its breeding range, making it a poor candidate for long-distance vagrancy. A record of this species from Illinois would need to be supported by meticulous documentation and probably a photograph to be accepted. Unfortunately this report did not have such documentation. The bird was not specifically described by the documentor, but instead compared to a Peterson Field Guide description. There was no explanation of what characteristics made the observers think it was this species. Given the great similarity of Tricolored Blackbird to the very common Red-winged Blackbird, the entire committee thought that the documentation provided was inadequate to accept this species from Illinois.

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