

Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*): One adult male at Decatur MCN 16 Dec (1995.049; MFD); seen on the Decatur CBC.

Other Accepted Forms (3 records of 3 hybrids)

Cinnamon Teal x Blue-winged Teal (*Anas cyanoptera* x *discors*): One breeding-plumaged male at Hazlet SP CLI 30 Mar (1996.012; DK).

Hermit x Townsend's Warbler (*Dendroica occidentalis* x *townsendi*): One male at Van Patten Woods FP LAK 4 May (1996.026; RDH); discovered on the SBC. The documentation includes a nice sketch. (See Figure 3). The Committee solicited an expert evaluation of this remarkable record from Jon L. Dunn, who concurred with the identification (pers. comm.). This may be the only second record for eastern N. America for this hybrid: see Mactavish 1996.

Spotted X Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus* x *erythrophthalmus*): One at Jackson Park, Chicago COO 13 May (1996.031; PRC); as noted in the documentation, observed details did not preclude the possibility of a hybrid Spotted x Eastern Towhee, and the Committee accepted the record with this qualification.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Records Unaccepted

(34 records of 24 species)

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*): One at IBSP LAK 7 Dec (1996.086). Seen as close as 30 yards, and likely correct, but the description is too brief to convincingly eliminate Red-throated Loon. The record is published in AFN 51:62. Three in basic plumage at Crab Orchard NWR WLM 25 Dec (1996.101). Well-described, but the Committee felt that the distance of observation (about one mile as measured on a map) was simply too great to confidently guarantee a diagnosis.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*): One at Lake Calumet COO 2 Jun (1996.034). The observer requested that this record be withdrawn from Committee circulation, but it is nonetheless published in MJIB 5:142 (where the date is incorrectly cited as "3 June") and in AFN 50:286.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*): One at Jackson Park, Chicago COO 5 May (1995.025). Supportive details of a distinctive species, but the details were submitted as a second-hand report rather than by the actual observer. The Committee requires first-hand reports for acceptance of any modern record.

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*). One female on the Mississippi R., attributed to Illinois, but the exact location is still unknown; HAR?, CAL? 13 Oct (1995.053). The Committee accepted the bird's identification as "frigatebird, sp?" in the second round of voting, but

Hermit X Townsend's Warbler

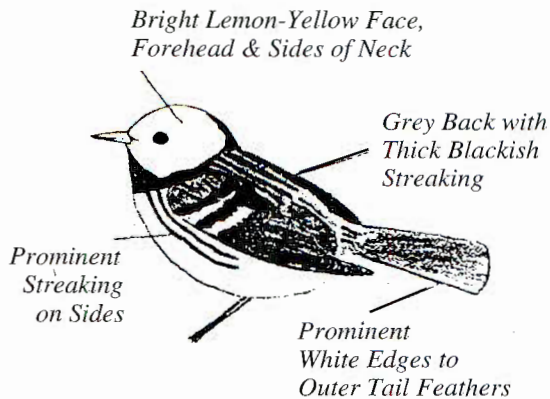


Figure 3: *Hermit x Townsend's Warbler*. One male at Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, Lake Co. 4 May 1996. Sketch by one of the observers, Robert D. Hughes.

did not accept the record as assignable to Illinois. See MJIB 5:66 for an account. One adult female at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 8 Jul (1995.055). The description does not eliminate other frigatebird species. More importantly, a 40-day lag between the time of sighting and the time of documentation caused some Committee consternation. The report is published as an unidentified frigatebird in MJIB 5:70.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*): One at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 27 Apr (1996.096). Likely correct, but the description submitted is too minimal to evaluate. The record is published in MJIB 5:142.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*): One adult male at Winthrop Harbor LAK 20 Jan (1996.036). Likely correct, but the details presented do not rule out first-year male Common Goldeneye. The record is published in MJIB 5:108. One female at Clinton L. DEW 5 Mar (1996.015), seen in company with an accepted record of an adult male Barrow's Goldeneye. The identification of the female was based on only one detail (bill color). Two females at Montrose, Chicago COO 29 Dec (1996.099); this report was not formally documented, but was retrieved from the Internet. Not enough detail was provided to secure this difficult identification.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*): One at Nelson Lake Marsh KAN 6 May (1995.007); SBC record. The two observers gave conflicting descriptions of underparts (white vs. gray), and the tail was described as gray rather than the expected black. Several Committee members felt that male Northern Harrier was not ruled out by the