

plete view of the bird, but the description suggested a female of either the Central American Yellow Grosbeak or the South American Yellow-bellied Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*). Either is very unlikely as a natural vagrant to Illinois, and this record was not accepted because of questions of origin. At least one Committee member found the description unresponsive, even at the superspecies level. The Yellow Grosbeak is a vagrant to the American Southwest, but records are concentrated in late spring and early summer. It is a common cagebird in Mexico.

**Scott's Oriole** (*Icterus parisorum*) One female-plumaged bird at Urbana CHA on 21-24 Oct (2001.045). The majority of the Committee agreed that this bird was likely a Scott's Oriole. However, the two descriptions provided were incomplete, with the back poorly described and no description of

tail pattern. The descriptions of bill shape as "slender" or "thin" is not consistent with Scott's, which has a heavy bill compared to other Illinois orioles. Finally, the fact that both of the documenting observers presented their observations as "probably" a Scott's Oriole made Committee members hesitant to endorse a specific identification. Scott's Oriole is a very rare vagrant to the eastern U.S. and is known in Illinois from only one previous record (Sprout 2001, Stotz 2001).

**Bachman's Sparrow** (*Aimophila aestivalis*) one at Jerseyville JER on 5 May (2001.028). The Committee felt that the bird described was not a Bachman's Sparrow. None of the field marks of a Bachman's Sparrow were noted, and the overall color tone described seemed too gray for Bachman's Sparrow. Additionally, the description of the voice did not match that of Bachman's Sparrow:

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## OTHER UNACCEPTED RECORDS — (3 records of 3 species)

**Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*) One at Rend Lake FRA on 15 Dec (2001.053). A very brief description, with no mention of the bright red bill of this species, made this report unacceptable to the Committee.

**Black-capped Chickadee** (*Poecile atricapillus*) One adult at Carbondale JAC on 19 to 22 Jan (2001.025). The Committee felt that this bird was incompletely described, and Carolina Chickadee could not be ruled out, despite the fact that the observer was

clearly familiar with the differences between the species.

**"Sutton's" Warbler** (*Dendroica dominica x Parula americana*) One at Hazlet State Park CLI on 15 Sep (2001.035). The bird was described as similar to Northern Parula, but with more extensive yellow on the underparts and a black auricular patch. The Committee felt that, in the absence of a white supercilium (typical of this hybrid combination), the description indicated an aberrant Northern Parula more than a "Sutton's" Warbler.

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## ADDENDUM

**Eurasian Wigeon** (*Anas penelope*) In the 7th report, a record from Chain O' Lakes State Park LAK in Mar 2000 (IORC no. 2000.021) was accepted based on written docu-

mentation (Stotz 2001). The Committee has subsequently reviewed and accepted video evidence of the record (JE\*v). See Solum (2000).

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