

2018 IORC REPORT

Twenty-Fourth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

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Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC or “the Committee”) are reported for records whose review concluded in 2018. There was a total of 73 records, including 56 accepted records of 37 species and forms and 17 unaccepted records of 13 species.

We continue to follow the conventions used in the first 23 reports of the Committee, for example Williamson (2019), Sweet (2013) and Stotz (2012). The records below are divided into two groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. The Accepted group is further divided into Species New to the State List, Review List Species, Other Species and Subspecies, and Breeding Records. The Unaccepted group is divided into Species New to the State List, Review List Species, and Other Species. Nomenclature, English names, and sequence of species conform to that of the 7th edition of the *Check-list of North American Birds* (American Ornithologists’ Union 1998) and its supplements through the 60th (Chesser et al. 2019).

Accepted records are entered with the locality, including county; the date; the IORC record number (in parentheses, the year of initial observation followed by a serial number); and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed descriptions, photographs, and/or sound recordings. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. The initials of a contributor without any further modification indicate that they contributed solely written documentation. When additional information was provided, a colon follows the observer’s initials with the following codes: p for photographic evidence, s for sound recording. Many contributing photographers also submitted written documentation, a practice that the Committee strongly encourages. If the observer who first discovered the bird is known to the committee, that observer’s initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentation are not always listed, but where possible we have indicated who initially discovered the bird(s) involved.

The Committee does not always take a position on the age or sex of a bird, and any such information given may be the observer’s opinion, rather than the Committee’s. All other remarks are the author’s, 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 of Natural History.

In those cases where there are discrepancies between the details presented here and other published records, the data provided here represent the Committee’s best assessment of all available information. Date ranges for records reflect both the evidence in submitted documentation and information available to the Committee from other sources when judged by the Committee to be valid. Such sources include internet bulletin boards and listserves, eBird (Sullivan et al. 2009), and personal communications. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here. 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.

DOCUMENTATION AND REVIEW LIST

The Committee requests documentation of all records of Review List forms within the state. The current Review List, available at <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-ornithological-records-committee/>, was most recently updated at the 16 February 2020 meeting of IORC. In addition, any species not listed in the Illinois State List of Birds (available at <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/the-birds-of-illinois/>) should be documented. In some cases, documentation of regularly occurring species may be warranted. These instances may include out of season occurrences, first state nesting records or rarely occurring nesting records, and exceptionally high counts of species. Documentation in these cases should also be sent to the seasonal report editor for the appropriate season. Such records, as well as documentation submitted for the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count, are formally evaluated by the Committee at its discretion, but in all cases the materials are archived so as to be available in the future to students of Illinois bird life.

An ongoing issue for the Committee is the task of collecting documentary evidence for the occurrence of rare birds. There is a growing set of media, mostly online, where individuals post information about unusual birds. Whether or not those individuals posting the information are active within the birding and ornithological communities, the submission to IORC of photographs or other documentation is often neglected. The absence of documentation submitted to IORC also occurs for

sightings included in eBird checklists. All these situations cause difficulty for the archiving function of IORC because IORC is committed to public access to its archives, and the permissions granted through the submission process are necessary for this access. Where practical, IORC endeavors to facilitate the direct submission of documentation of whose existence IORC becomes aware, but these efforts are not always successful nor sometimes even possible.

The Committee thus strongly encourages all observers of rare birds to submit documentation directly to IORC, even when multiple observers are involved in a sighting. Cases do arise of records that are deemed unacceptable due to incomplete information, even when there were many observers, because adequate documentation was not submitted to the Committee. Photos are of course invaluable resources for the Committee, but even with high quality photographs available there are times when a tricky identification can be resolved only from written details not depicted in photos. The best practice is for observers to submit documentation directly to the Committee, even if it involves strictly photos.

OBSERVERS AND DOCUMENTERS

Seventy-two individuals contributed documentary material to the records involved in this report. Those among them who are cited in the accounts are listed below, followed in parentheses by their initials, which are used to reference them. IORC sincerely thanks all the documenters, in cases of accepted and unaccepted records alike, for their submissions. All documentation is maintained in the IORC archives so that there is a permanent record of all these observations. Documentation, regardless of the Committee's decision, is a valuable part of the record of bird life in Illinois.

Cindy M. Alberico (CMA), Andrew S. Aldrich (ASA), Jeff Bilsky (JB), H. David Bohlen (HDB), Cindy Brown (CB), Ethan Brown (EB), Nancy Buis (NB), Paul R. Clyne (PRC), Jake Cvetas (JC), Matthew M. Cvetas (MMC), Colin Dobson (CD), Joshua I. Engel (JIE), Jim Forde (JF), Steve Freed (SF), Urs W. Geiser (UWG), W. Sullivan Gibson (WSG), Carl Giometti (CG), Jon Grainger (JG), Stephen Hager (SH), C. Leroy Harrison (CLH), Ted Hartzler (TH), Cary D. Hillemonds (CDH), Frank R. Holmes (FRH), Douglas Hommert (DH), Steven J. Huggins (SJH), Robert D. Hughes (RDH), Mike Ingram (MI), Dan M. Kassebaum (DMK), Dawn Keller (DK), Lawrence J. Krutulis (LJK), Thomas B. Lally (TBL), Scott Latimer (SL), Jayne Leone (JL), Eric N. Lundquist (ENL), Walter J. Marcisz (WJM), Michael McKinley (MMY), Keith A. McMullen (KAM), Michael McNamee (MME), Marion Miller (MMr), Doug Mills (DM), Fran R. Morel (FRM), D. James Mountjoy (DJM), Luis G. Muñoz (LGM), Benjamin Murphy (BM), Bronson Ratcliff (BR), Kimberly Rohling (KR), William Rudolph (WR), Ben Sanders (BS), Thomas S. Schulenberg (TSS), John Schwegman (JS), Robert E. Shelby (RES), Randy L. Shonkwiler (RLS), Jeff A. Smith (JAS), Douglas F. Stotz (DFS), Paul W. Sweet (PWS), Craig A. Taylor (CAT), Lois Teerling (LT), Matthew Tolzmann (MT), Terry Walsh (TW), Daniel T. Williams (DTW).

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To bring the published acknowledgment of the contributions of Committee members up to date, we here indicate membership in IORC during the period from 2012 through 2018.

- Joshua I. Engel: Vice-Secretary, 2017; Voting Member, 2012-2014 (1st term), 2015-2017 (2nd term).
- Matthew E. Fraker: Voting Member, 2016-2018 (1st term).
- Dan M. Kassebaum: Voting Member, 2012 (completion of 1st term), 2013-2015 (2nd term).
- Gregory S. Lambeth: Vice-Secretary, 2015-2016; Voting Member, 2014-2016 (1st term).
- Travis A. Mahan: Voting Member, 2012-2013 (completion of 2nd term).
- Walter J. Marcisz: Voting Member, 2017-2018 (start of 1st term).
- Keith A. McMullen: Voting Member, 2013-2015 (1st term), 2016-2018 (2nd term).
- Adam W. Sell: Voting Member, 2018 (start of 1st term).
- Douglas F. Stotz: Secretary, 2012; Voting Member, 2013-2014 (partial term), 2015-2017 (1st term), 2018 (start of 2nd term).
- Paul W. Sweet: Secretary, 2013-2014; Vice-Secretary, 2018; Voting Member, 2012 (1st year of elected 2012-2014 term), 2015-2016 (partial term), 2017-2018 (start of 1st term).
- Michael P. Ward: Voting Member 2012 (completion of 2nd term).
- Geoffrey A. Williamson: Secretary, 2015-2018; Vice-Secretary, 2013-2014; Voting Member, 2012-2013 (completion of 1st term), 2014 (start of 2nd term).

Serving as an Alternate Member and voting on one of more records during this period were Robert E. Fisher, Robert D. Hughes, Michael P. Ward, and David E. Willard.

At the start of 2018, Joshua I. Engel moved off the Committee after six consecutive years of service, and Adam W. Sell was newly elected to IORC. Membership on the Committee for 2018 was Geoffrey A. Williamson (Secretary), Matthew E. Fraker (2016-2018, 1st term), Walter J. Marcisz (2017-2019, 1st term), Keith A. McMullen (2016-2018, 2nd term), Adam W. Sell (2018-2020, 1st term), Douglas F. Stotz (2018-2020, 2nd term), Paul Sweet (Vice-Secretary, 2017-2019 1st term).

We thank all the individuals mentioned above for their careful and thoughtful evaluation of records and for their various other services to the Committee. Their efforts were essential to the work of IORC and contributed greatly to the accumulating record of birdlife in Illinois.

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ACCEPTED RECORDS

ACCEPTED RECORDS OF SPECIES NEW TO THE STATE LIST

Four records of three species

Red-naped Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*) One photographed at Wadsworth Wetlands Forest Preserve, Lake County 5-6 April 2012 (2012-039; PWS:p).

Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*) One at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County 3-5 May 1994 (1994-056; PRC; RDH). An account of this observation appears in Clyne (1994).

Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*) One at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County 30 April 1990 (1990-025; TSS). One photographed in Bolingbrook, Will County 2 May 2018 (2018-016; JG:p).

ACCEPTED RECORDS OF REVIEW LIST SPECIES

Forty-five records of 27 species

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) One photographed at Spunky Bottoms, Brown County 20-22 April 2018 (2018-035; BM:p, CAT:p). This bird was originally found by Bob Randall.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) One photographed along the Rapids City riverfront, Rock Island County 9 January to 3 February 2018 (2018-005; JF:p; CD:p, SF).

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) One photographed in Minonk, Woodford County 18-21 April 2018 (2018-014; TH:p; KAM:p, DTW:p). One photographed in Clinton County 25 April 2018 (2018-027; DMK:p). One in Chicago, Cook County 5 May 2018 (2018-022; SJH).

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) One heard and recorded at Orland Grassland South Forest Preserve, Cook County 16 June 2018 (2018-043; NB:s, CDH, JL:s, MME:s).

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) One photographed at Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County 1 September 2017 (2017-078; MMC, LJK:p).

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*) One photographed at Gillson Park, Wilmette, Cook County 8 September 2018 (2018-044; MMC; JC:p, JIE, FRM:p, MT:p). One photographed at Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County 8 September 2018 (2018-045; ASA:p, TW:p). The birds in these two records were seen an hour apart along the Lake Michigan lakefront, with the more southerly bird seen an hour after the more northerly one. The Committee carefully reviewed the available evidence to consider whether these records should be merged but decided unanimously against doing so, as the evidence suggested two birds were involved, though this was not a definitive determination.

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) One photographed at Lake Springfield, Sangamon County 10-14 April 2018 (2018-033; CAT:p).

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) One photographed in southeast Chicago, Cook County 4-13 January 2018 (2018-001; WJM:p; MMC:p).

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) One at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Williamson County 28 April 2017 (2017-068; KAM). One photographed at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 23-26 May 2018 (2018-028; DMK:p). One photographed at Horseshoe Lake, Madison County 2 June to 12 July 2018 (2018-025; DMK:p; FRH:p). One photographed in Roselle, DuPage County 10 July to 17 August 2018 (2018-040; UWG:p).

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) Four at Cache River State Natural Area, Johnson County 21 June to 30 August 2018 (2018-036; KR; JS:p). There were two males and two females, with some of these birds photographed.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) One near the Illinois River in south Marshall County 25 February 2018 (2018-012; MI). One photographed at East Fork Lake, Richland County 27-29 April 2018 (2018-021; CLH:p; KAM:p). One photographed at Newton Lake, Jasper County 1 July 2018 (2018-037; CLH:p, RES:p). This individual was initially found by Scott Simpson.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) One photographed at Kaskaskia Island, Randolph County 11-23 July 2018 (2018-039; CAT:p). This individual was first located by Robert Snow.

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) One photographed at Rend Lake, Jefferson County 19 July to 20 August 2018 (2018-042; CAT:p). This individual was initially found by Bob Shafer.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) One photographed in Congerville, Woodford County 28-30 November 2017 (2017-077; CAT:p). This bird was found initially by Jeanie and Wally Morse. One photographed at Homer Lake, Champaign County 24 February 2018 (2018-010; DM:p). One photographed at Sam Dale Lake Conservation Area, Wayne County 14 July 2018 (2018-038; RES:p).

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) Two at Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Putnam County 2-15 December 2017 (2017-069; JAS:p; DFS). One bird was photographed. One photographed at McCormick Bird Sanctuary, Burnham Park, Chicago 17 December 2017 (2017-075; WSG:p). One photographed at Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County 7-8 June 2018 (2018-024; RDH:p).



BLACK VULTURE. Wayne County, 14 July 2018. Photo by Bob Shelby.

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) One photographed in northern Douglas County 20 April to 14 May 2016 (2016-105; BS:p). Photographs appear in Hengeveld et al. (2019) and Williamson (2016).

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) One photographed at Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County 17 January 2018 (2018-006; FRH:p).

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) One photographed east of Mt. Erie, Wayne County 10-12 December 2017 (2017-072; RES:p). One photographed southwest of Jamestown, Clinton County 1 January 2018 (2018-004; KAM:p).

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) One at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County 4 September 1994 (1994-037; PRC).

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) One at Spoon Lake, Knox County 8-10 April 2018 (2018-034; DJM:p, CAT:p). This bird was initially found by Jean Jorgenson.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) Two at the Lost Mound Unit of Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge, JoDaviess County 15 December 2017 to 28 January 2018 (2017-065; DTW; CB, EB:p, CAT). At least one individual was present and photographed during the observation period, with two observed by at least one observer early in that span.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) This report includes five records from the winter of 2017-2018. One photographed at Park No. 566, Chicago, Cook County 2 December 2017 to 14 January 2018 (2017-076; CG:p; RLS:p, DTW). One photographed in New Berlin, Sangamon County 29 January to 21 February 2018 (2018-009; WR:p; HDB:p). One photographed at Skokie Lagoons, Cook County 10 February 2018 (2018-008; JB:p). One photographed in Elburn, Kane County 13-26 January 2018 (2018-013; MMr:p). One photographed at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Cook County 20-28 January 2018 (2018-002; JB:p, TBL:p, SL:p). The date range and number of individuals for this record are conservative.

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) One photographed in Glencoe, Cook County 22 November 2017 (2017-074; WSG:p). This bird was frequenting a bird feeder at a private residence. It was present for an unspecified amount of time prior to the observation date.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) One photographed in Essex, Kankakee County 5 May 2018 (2018-017; BR:p).

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) One photographed in Thebes, Alexander County 28 May to 9 June 2011 (2011-038; RSR:s; KAM:p). Published information in Williamson (2011) and Bailey (2012) indicates two birds are involved, with dates from 1 May to 17 June. Additionally, there is an eBird checklist from 17 June 2011 (checklist S8435508) that provides a web link to a photo that likely references this bird, but the location is non-specific with the checklist marker in another part of the county. Furthermore, there is an eBird checklist from 25 June 2011 (checklist S16522140) that lists one bird, references a pair, and notes a video of the singing male, though the video is not included in the checklist. The more restrictive range adopted for this record (28 May to 9 June)

stems from the evidence submitted to IORC.

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) One photographed at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County 4-5 May 2018 (2018-018; BS:p). This bird was found by Shawn Pfautsch. One photographed in Springfield, Sangamon County 10-12 April 2018 (2018-020; KAM:p).

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) One male photographed in East St. Louis, St. Clair County 6 May to 2 June 2018 (2018-029; DMK:p).

ACCEPTED RECORDS OF OTHER SPECIES AND SUBSPECIES

Five records of five species

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Two in Canton, Fulton County 5 May 2018 (2018-031; MMy).

California Gull (*Larus californicus*) One immature photographed in Alton, Madison County 14 January 2018 (2018-007; CD:p).

Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) One northwest of Manhattan, Will County 31 May 2018 and later photographed in Homer Glen, Will County 6 June 2018 (2018-023; CMA, LT:p).

Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) One photographed near Windsor, Mercer County 20 December 2017 (2017-073; SH:p).

Palm Warbler (Yellow) (*Setophaga palmarum hypochrysea*) One photographed at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County 6 November 2017 (2017-058; LGM:p).

ACCEPTED BREEDING RECORDS

Two records of two species

Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) Two adults and three cygnets in Edwardsville, Madison County 18 May to 30 October 2015 (2015-070; DH:p).

Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) The Committee concluded that breeding had occurred in Illinois on the basis of an incapacitated juvenile found in Hoffman Estates, Cook County 2 July 2013 (2013-081; DK:p, ENL). The bird was taken to a rehabilitation facility, but it did not survive.



SNOWY OWL. Homer Glen, Will County, 6 June 2018. Photo by Lois Teerling.



VERMILION FLYCATCHER. Sangchris Lake area, Christian County, 29 September 2018. Photo by Brady Colin.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

UNACCEPTED RECORDS OF SPECIES NEW TO THE STATE LIST

Three records of two species

White-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon lepturus*) One along the Mississippi River in St. Clair County 2 January 2018 (2018-003). A tropicbird in the interior of the United States in winter is without precedent, so that very convincing evidence is required to support acceptance of such a record. The Committee felt that a gull or tern trailing some object could account for what was described, but these possibilities were not eliminated. Also, even were this a tropicbird, the detail provided was insufficient to identify to which species.

Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*) One at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, DuPage County 18 May 2000 (2000-084). The Committee was cautious with this single-observer observation in the difficult "Solitary Vireo" complex, and a narrow majority voted against acceptance. Several committee members felt that the details were consistent with Plumbeous Vireo. One at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, DuPage County 12 July 2002 (2002-052). The Committee was unanimous in the decision not to accept, again noting that sight records for this complex present a lot of challenges, especially when there is only one observer. Compounding this is the very unusual date, which prompted one committee member to question whether a very worn or oddly plumaged Yellow-throated Vireo were adequately eliminated. Several other committee members felt that the evidence left Blue-headed Vireo as a possibility. [Note: Cassin's Vireo, based on a record in this report, is now on the state list.]

UNACCEPTED RECORDS OF REVIEW LIST SPECIES

Thirteen records of 10 species

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) One at Rend Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jefferson County 26 August 2017 (2017-067). A major concern was the possibility that this record involved a Mallard x Mottled Duck hybrid. Some members also cited "Mexican Duck" as a possible form in this case, further complicating the identification problem. One photographed at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 23-30 March 2018 (2018-026). The possibility of a hybrid Mallard x Mottled Duck was not excluded by the photographs, and no written details accompanied the photos, making evaluation problematic.

The Committee's growing awareness of the sometimes difficult nature of identification within the complex of Mallard, Mexican, Mottled, and American Black Ducks and their hybrids is spurring caution in handling records involving such birds and in assessing a pattern of occurrence in Illinois of the rarer forms. Comprehensive written descriptions in combination with close photographs showing detail are very desirable for records from this complex.

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) One at Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve, Hopkins Park, Kankakee County 29 November 2017 (2017-071). Points that caused Committee members' discomfort were the very late date, the nature of the vocalizations, and the brief duration of the observation.

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*) One at Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Putnam County 14 May 2017 (2017-054). The description of the bird's appearance was insufficient to secure the identification and did not convincingly eliminate other species, such as Pectoral Sandpiper, as possibilities.

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) One at Winthrop Harbor, Lake County 3 November 2017 (2017-070). The Committee was split on this record, with half feeling that the description did not adequately eliminate Parasitic Jaeger as a possibility.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) Two photographed at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, DuPage County 17 August 2018 (2018-041). The Committee was split in its opinion of this record, with nearly half comfortable to accept and a slight majority believing that the record involved Double-crested Cormorants.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) Two at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County 28 April 1995 (1995-024). The problematic nature of separating Anhinga from cormorants under distant flight conditions, compounded by the brevity of the observation, led the Committee to be cautious in the absence of physical evidence. An account of this observation appears in Clyne (1995), and the sighting is mentioned in Brock (1995). One at Douglas Park, Chicago, Cook County 19 November 2017 (2017-060). The Committee felt that given the extraordinary nature of the date, a more complete description providing a clearer basis for identification was needed for acceptance.



LONG-TAILED JAEGER.
Gillson Park, Cook Co,
8 Sep. 2018. Photo by Fran Morel.



LITTLE GULL. Montrose Beach,
Cook Co. 8 Sep. 2018. Photo by George Dubenic.



PRAIRIE FALCON.
S.E. of Arcola, Coles County,
30 Nov. 2018. Photo by Tyler Funk.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) One at Pine Dunes Forest Preserve, Lake County 8 July 2017 (2017-043). The Committee felt that the evidence did not adequately eliminate Little Blue Heron, and even possibly Green Heron.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) One in New Douglas, Madison County 20 August 2016 (2016-063). This record may very well have been a Swallow-tailed Kite, but it fell short of acceptance because of the brevity of the bird's description. One at Mermet Lake, Massac County 25 April 2018 (2018-015). The Committee felt that the description lacked sufficient completeness and detail, especially regarding the appearance of the tail, to identify conclusively to species.

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) One at Singing Woods Nature Preserve, Medina Township, Peoria County 28 November 2004 (2004-073). Concerns regarding this observation included that other falcon species were not definitively eliminated by the description, that the possibility this was a falconer's bird was not addressed, and that the reasons why the bird was considered a falcon were not provided.

Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) One photographed at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Cook County 9 September 2016 (2016-073). The Committee accepted this record as an individual in the species group Pygmy/Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pygmaea/pusilla*) as the photographic evidence was insufficient for conclusively identifying it to species.

UNACCEPTED RECORDS OF OTHER SPECIES

One record of one species

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) One at Henry de Tonty Woods Forest Preserve, Willow Springs, Cook County 10 May 2018 (2018-032). The Committee was split in its opinion of this record. Those committee members that were uncomfortable to accept the record indicated that the description was not thorough enough to identify definitively the species involved. ■

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