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OBRC Announcement

Review List of Recognizable Forms (1992)

In past annual reports of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (OBRC) published in *Ontario Birds*, the identity of the subspecies and morphs of review species has been noted when this information could be determined from a report. Examples are the races of the Yellow-throated Warbler and the morphs of the Gyrfalcon.

For those species on the Review List, the OBRC continues to request observers to describe the subspecies or morph involved whenever possible. In addition, documentation is now also requested by the OBRC for the following rare forms of regularly occurring species which are not on the Review List:

- "Cory's" Least Bittern (dark morph)
- "Bewick's" Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus bewickii*)
- "Black" Brant (*Branta bernicla nigricans*)
- "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca crecca*)
- Broad-winged Hawk (dark morph)
- "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis harlani*)
- "Richardson's" Merlin (*Falco columbarius richardsonii*)
- "Pacific" Lesser Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominica fulva*)
- "Coastal" Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus semipalmatus*)
- "White-rumped" Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus phaeopus* group)
- "Greenland" Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucooides glaucooides*)
- "Scandinavian" Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus fuscus*)
- "Red-shafted" Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus collaris* group)
- "Bicknell's" Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus bicknelli*)
- "Lawrence's" Warbler (hybrid)
- "Appalachian" Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Dendroica caerulescens cairnsi*)
- "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata memorabilis* group)
- "Spotted" Rufous-sided Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus arcticus* group)
- "Gray-headed" Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis caniceps*)
- "Purple" Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula stonei*)
- "Bullock's" Northern Oriole (*Icterus galbula bullockii*)
- "Hornemann's" Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni hornemanni*)

For a complete checklist of recognizable forms in Ontario, refer to *Ontario Birds* 9: 49-55. The OBRC welcomes reports involving any distinctive forms not found on that

checklist, and would appreciate comments and suggestions concerning the documentation of rare forms in Ontario.