

Ontario Bird Records Committee Report for 2019

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Introduction

This is the 38th annual report of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (hereinafter ‘OBRC’ or ‘Committee’) of the Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO). The OBRC reviews rare bird reports in Ontario based on documentation that has been submitted by the birding community. Species and subspecies evaluations are based on the *Review Lists for Ontario*, which can be found on the OFO website (www.ofo.ca). Any new species, subspecies or first breeding records for Ontario are also reviewed. This report deals with the review of 148 records by the OBRC in 2019, of which 132 (89%) were accepted. All reports reviewed by the 2019 Committee will be added to the permanent file kept at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM).

The members of the 2019 Committee were Amanda C. Guercio (chair), Daniel J. Riley (non-voting secretary), Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Mike V.A. Burrell (non-voting archivist), Barbara N. Charlton (voting member and assistant to the secretary), William G. Lamond, Blake A. Mann, Reuven D. Martin and Donald A. Sutherland. Mark K. Peck acted as the ROM liaison for the OBRC.

Changes to the Checklist of Ontario Birds

No new species were added to the Ontario list, ending a four-year streak during which an incredible 12 new species were added to the provincial list. The Ontario checklist remains at 501 species.

Changes to the Review Lists

Beginning with the 2014 report (Burrell and Charlton 2015), the OBRC split the province into three review zones (South, Central and Lowlands). See Holden (2014) for more details.

Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*) is added to the Lowlands Review List following acceptance of this first record for the region, bringing the total number of species recorded in this review zone to 331.

Beginning in 2020, reports of Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) in the Central Review Zone are no longer requested. Reports prior to 2020 are still requested for review. Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) and Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) are added to the Central Review List following acceptance of these first records for the region, bringing the total number of species recorded in this review zone to 385.

The Committee voted to remove Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) from the South Review Zone retroactively to 2015. Reports after 1990 and prior to 2015 are still requested for review.

No changes were made to the subspecies review list.

Listing of Records

For accepted records and records for which the identification was accepted but origin is questionable, the following information is provided where known: year and date(s) of occurrence, location, number of birds, plumage and sex of each individual, names of contributors and OBRC file number. For accepted records, the total number of records for the province (including 2019 reports) is indicated in parentheses after the species name. All contributors who have provided reports are listed; if a contributor is also a finder of the bird(s), their name is underlined. Additional finders of the bird(s) are also listed, where known, even if they did not provide documentation for review. Place names in italics refer to the county, regional municipality or district in Ontario. Common and scientific names, as well as taxonomy, follow the seventh edition of the *Checklist of North American Birds* published by the American Ornithologists' Union (1998), along with its annual supplements published in *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, up to the 60th supplement (Chesser *et al.* 2019) inclusive. Plumage terminology uses the modified Humphrey and Parkes (1959) system following Howell (2010).

All records that were not accepted due to either insufficient evidence or questionable origin have been listed separately. Contributors of all “not accepted” records are notified in writing by the Committee. Reasons for the decision are explained, using information provided by voting members on their voting slips. Any “not accepted” record can be reconsidered by the OBRC if new or additional documentation is provided.

All documentation provided to the OBRC is digitally archived with hard copies archived at the Royal Ontario Museum. Researchers and other interested parties are welcome to examine this material by contacting the OBRC Secretary at obrcsecretary@gmail.com.

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Figure 1. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks at Wheatley, Essex on 21 June 2019. Photo: Joshua R. Bouman

ACCEPTED RECORDS

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (11)

- 2019 – two, definitive basic, 20 April, Port Crewe, *Chatham-Kent* (Barbara N. Charlton, Lucas J. Foerster, Jeremy L. Hatt, also found by Erika K. Hentsch, Nicole M. Richardson; 2019-022) – photos on file.
- two, definitive basic, 13 June, Sykeston, *Lambton* (Robin Cunningham, Matt C. Parsons; 2019-006) – photos on file.
 - nine, definitive basic, 18 June-27 September, Wheatley, Elmdale, Kingsville and Leamington, *Essex* (Charmaine M. Anderson, Asher N. Warkentin, J. Burke Korol, Jeremy L. Hatt, Joshua R. Bouman, found by Dean J. Ware; 2019-021) – photos on file.
 - two, definitive basic, 31 August-2 September, Ingleside, *Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry* (Daniel A. Birkenbergs; 2019-005) – sketch on file.

These four records were part of a remarkable northern movement of this species in eastern North America, which saw reports in South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Quebec and Nova Scotia (eBird 2020). The last such event occurred in 2010 when three records, comprising 24 individuals, were documented in Ontario (Wormington and Cranford 2011). The Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks observed at multiple locations in *Essex* are the longest-staying individuals of this species in Ontario with at least one remaining for 102 days.



Figure 2. Cinnamon Teal at Sombra, *Lambton* on 22 April 2019. *Photo: Joanne Redwood*

Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* (4)

2019 – one, definitive basic, 10-11 April, Navan, *Ottawa* (Michelle A. Martin, J. Michael Tate, Jeffrey H. Skevington, Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Vincent Fyson; 2019-107) – photos on file.

This bird represents the fourth record for Ontario since this species was first documented in 2015 (Burrell and Charlton 2016).

Tundra Swan (Bewick's) *Cygnus columbianus bewickii* (6)

2019 – one, definitive basic, 15-16 March, Aylmer, *Elgin* (Mourad Jabra, Barbara N. Charlton; 2019-145) – photos on file.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* (19)

2019 – one, definitive alternate male, 21-22 April, Sombra, *Lambton* (Blake A. Mann, Joanne Redwood, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Joshua R. Bouman; 2019-012) – photos on file.

– two, definitive alternate male and female, 20 May, Bronte, *Halton* (Robert H. Curry, found by Mark W. Jennings; 2019-085) – photos on file.

These records represent just the third and fourth sightings of this species in Ontario since 2012. The two Cinnamon Teal observed at Bronte are a first for *Halton* and mark the fourth time a male and female pair have been documented in Ontario.

Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* Central and Lowlands only after 1993 (77)

2019 – one, definitive alternate male, 13-16 June, Moonbeam, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Filion, also found by André F. Filion; 2019-019) – photos on file.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* (32)

2019 – one, basic female, 14-16 November, Shirleys Bay, *Ottawa* (J. Michael Tate, Jeffrey H. Skevington, found by Jon P. Ruddy; 2019-112) – photos on file.

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* Central and Lowlands only (35)

2018 – three, basic, 21 September, Wawa, *Algoma* (Mark W. Jennings; 2019-025) – photos on file.

2019 – one, formative female, 30 August, Moosonee, *Cochrane* (Keith R. Gregoire; 2019-093) – photo on file.

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* (56)

2019 – two, alternate, 3-8 April, Port Credit, *Peel* (Jean Iron, Ronald J. Pittaway, found by Marvin C. Medelko, Luc S. Fazio; 2019-050) – photos on file.

– one, alternate, 22 April, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Keith J. Burk, Cherise Charron; 2019-049) – photos on file.

– one, alternate, 27-29 May, Etobicoke, *Toronto* (Patrick Berens, Kris Ito, found by Wayne E. Renaud; 2019-142) – photos on file.

A Western Grebe has appeared in the west end of Lake Ontario each spring since 2006 (with the exception of 2008 and 2014), strongly suggesting a returning bird. This represents the first year that two individuals were observed at the same location in *Peel*.

Western/Clark's Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis/clarkii* (10)

2019 – one, basic, 29 January, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (Donald S. Graham; 2019-129) – photos on file.

Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina* (5)

2019 – one, basic, 24 October, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (Donald S. Graham, Andrew E. Keaveney, Christopher J. Escott; 2019-013).

Just the fifth observation of this species in Ontario, this record also represents the second record of Common Ground Dove in the South Review Zone. A one-day wonder, this individual was observed by a handful of intrepid birders who made the evening hike out to Cell 2 at Tommy Thompson Park.

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* (2)

2019 – one, formative, 8 May, Long Point (Townsite), *Norfolk* (Andrew R. Couturier; 2019-139) – photos and specimen on file.

The second record of this species in Ontario, this bird was found dead along Highway 59 in Norfolk, likely a result of a collision with a vehicle. The specimen was collected by the finder and has been deposited at the Royal Ontario Museum, a study skin and spread wing have been prepared.

Chuck-will's-widow *Antrostomus carolinensis* (41)

- 2019** – one, definitive basic, 10-16 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Quinten F.R. Wiegiersma, J. Burke Korol, Bruce M. Di Labio, also found by Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2019-011) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic male, 16 May-17 June, South Bay, *Prince Edward* (Tom M. Wheatley; 2019-084).
 - one, basic male, 16 May, Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area, *Prince Edward* (Michael D. Cadman; 2019-134).

This marks the seventh consecutive year a singing male has been observed at the South Bay location (Holden 2014, Burrell and Charlton 2015 and 2016, Burrell *et al.* 2017, 2018 and 2019), strongly suggesting that the same individual is returning each year. Interestingly, a Chuck-will's-widow was observed nearby at the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area on 16 May suggesting the occurrence of two individuals in *Prince Edward* in 2019.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* (23)

- 2019** – one, first basic, 21 November, Neskantaga, *Kenora* (Laurel Gordon, Jenn Salo, unknown finder; 2019-136) – photos on file.

This bird represents the first record of the species for the Central Review Zone. The Purple Gallinule in question was found in distress by a member of the Neskantaga First Nation and was brought to a wildlife rehabilitator. Despite the efforts of the staff at the rehabilitation clinic the bird unfortunately died as a result of its weakened condition.

American Coot *Fulica americana* Lowlands only (2)

- 2019** – sixteen, juvenile (14) and definitive basic male (1) and female (1), 15 July-31 August, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Quinten F.R. Wiegiersma, Alysha Riquier, found by Ross W. Wood and Gray A.E. Carlin; 2019-001) – photos on file.

Black-necked Stilt *Recurvirostra americana* (23)

- 2019** – two, definitive basic male and female, 16 May, Rondeau (Townsite), *Chatham-Kent* (Blake A. Mann, Dana M. Latour, Todd R. Hagedorn, George W. Prieksaitis, Kiah R. Jasper, J. Burke Korol, unknown finder; 2019-009) – photos on file.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* (2)

- 2019** – one, definitive alternate male, 13 August, Algonquin Provincial Park (Radiant Lake), *Nipissing* (Lev A. Frid, Sarah E. Lamond, also found by Dawn Sherman, Hayden J. Bilyd, Basil Conlin, Anna Winge-Breen, Lilly McDaniel; 2019-014) – photos on file.

An incredible second record for Ontario, this sighting comes just three years after the first provincial record was documented at Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* in 2016 (Burrell *et al.* 2017, Prior 2018). The location of the sighting is remarkable as it is the interior of Algonquin Provincial Park which is by no means considered a shorebird or vagrant hotspot. This exceptional record goes to show that rare birds are where you find them!



Figure 3. Common Ringed Plover at Algonquin Park (Radiant Lake), *Nipissing* on 13 August 2019.

Photo: Lev A. Frid

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* South after 2013 only (18)

2019 – one, alternate male, 23-24 April, Monticello, *Dufferin* (Dan J. MacNeal; 2019-038) – photos on file.

- one, juvenile, 15-17 September, Willow Bay, *Niagara* (Kayo J. Roy, found by Jean M. Farnan, Blayne M. Farnan; 2019-039) – photos on file.

After several years with very few reports of Ruff in Ontario (prompting its addition to the South Review List), this species has experienced an impressive resurgence with thirteen records in the past three years, compared with two during the first three years (2014-2016) that it was on the South Review List.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* (33)

2019 – one, juvenile, 15-17 September, Belwood, *Wellington* (Michael D. Cadman, Charmaine M. Anderson, Dan J. MacNeal, Christopher J. Escott, Barbara N. Charlton, J. Burke Korol, also found by Miriam Oudejans, Warren Steckle; 2019-023) – photos on file.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* South after 2016 only (14)

- 2019** – one, definitive alternate, 2 June, Dutton Marsh, *Elgin* (George W. Prieksaitis; 2019-115) – photos on file.
- one, juvenile, 28 August-4 September, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (Paul Mackenzie, Brian L. Morin, found by Jim Thompson; 2019-058) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenile, 28 August-3 September, Toronto (Sunnyside Beach), *Toronto* (Patrick S. Scanlon, Barbara N. Charlton; 2019-061) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenile, 30 August-3 September, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (Iain D.M. Fleming, Ezra J. Campanelli, Paul N. Prior, found by Noam Markus; 2019-133) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenile, 2 September, Mitchell, *Perth* (Darren J. Dewitt; 2019-057) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenile, 3-4 September, Hamilton (Tollgate Pond), *Hamilton* (Richard D. Poort, found by Robert Z. Dobos; 2019-060) – photos on file.

Western Sandpiper was placed on the South Review List beginning in 2017; in the subsequent three years there have been 11 records in the review zone. The impressive six records in 2019 mark the highest tally in any year on OBRC record. The majority of 2019 sightings fit the usual pattern of fall vagrancy exhibited by Western Sandpipers in Ontario. It will be interesting to see if this species continues to be observed with regularity in the next few years.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata* Central before 2020 and Lowlands only (28)

- 2019** – one, alternate, 23 May, Thunder Bay (Mission Island), *Thunder Bay* (Glenn C. Stronks; 2019-067) – photos on file.

Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (33)

- 2019** – one, first basic, 11 November, Bracebridge, *Muskoka* (David L. Goodyear, Dale Wenger, Michael J. Hatton; 2019-027) – photos on file.

Ivory Gull is always a crowd-pleasing vagrant, not just in Ontario, but anywhere outside its Arctic range. The 2019 sighting marks the seventh record since 2002 (Holden and Weseloh 2017); it is also notably the first record for *Muskoka*.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* South after 2015 only (7)

- 2019/20** – one, definitive basic, 30 November-20 February, Niagara Falls (Whirlpool Gorge, *Niagara* (Amanda C. Guercio, Jean Iron, Barbara N. Charlton, Kiah R. Jasper, Ryan Griffiths; 2019-131) – photos on file.

This individual marks the seventh observation of Black-headed Gull since its addition to the OBRC South Review List (Burrell and Charlton 2016).



Figure 4. Curlew Sandpiper at Belwood, *Wellington* on 16 September 2019. *Photo: Barbara N. Charlton*



Figure 5. Ivory Gull at Bracebridge, *Muskoka* on 11 November 2019. *Photo: Michael J. Hatton*

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus* Central only (4)

2019 – two, definitive alternate, 20-22 May, New Liskeard, *Timiskaming* (Michael J. Werner; 2019-102) – photos on file.

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* Central and Lowlands only (86)

2019 – one, definitive basic, 18-24 October, Porcupine Lake, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Filion, found by Darlene Racicot; 2019-020) – photos on file.

Mew Gull *Larus canus* (30)

2019 – one, definitive basic, *L. c. brachyrhynchus*, 14 March, Essex, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt; 2019-031) – photos on file.

California Gull *Larus californicus* (68)

2019 – one, second basic, 23 October, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (Andrea Kingsley, Evelyn Marie Wannamaker; 2019-080) – photos on file.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* Central pre-2017 only and Lowlands (23)

2019 – one, definitive alternate, 27 May, Moose Factory, *Cochrane* (Keith R. Gregoire; 2019-098) – photo on file.
– one, juvenile, 2 September, Paskwachi Point, *Cochrane* (R. Douglas McRae, Katelyn Luff; 2019-099) – photos on file.

Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* (24)

2019 – one, definitive basic, 15-18 January, Barretville, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt; 2019-043) – photos on file.
– one, definitive basic, 19 November-10 December, Brantford, *Brant* (Charmaine M. Anderson, Garth V. Riley, Jean Iron, Sarah E. Lamond, Christopher J. Escott, found by Jerry Horak, William G. Lamond; 2019-126) – photos on file.
– one, definitive basic, 8-14 December, Thorold, *Niagara* (Ryan Griffiths; 2019-045) – photos on file.
– two, definitive basic and second basic, 13-19 December, White Oak, *Middlesex* (Brandon R. Holden, Quinten F.R. Wiegersma; 2019-044) – photos and video on file.

The steady increase of this Asian vagrant to the Great Lakes region continued in 2019 with a record four occurrences, comprising five individuals. The observation of two Slaty-backed Gulls at the same location in *Middlesex* is notable and marks the second record of two individuals together in Ontario.

It has been speculated that the increased occurrence of Slaty-backed Gulls in eastern North America, as well as Europe, may be correlated to climate change resulting in a reduction of Arctic sea ice during the summer months; this potentially opens routes that connect the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans for longer stretches each year (Mitchell 2017).



Figure 6. Black-headed Gull at Niagara Falls (Whirlpool Gorge), *Niagara* on 30 November 2019.
Photo: Ryan Griffiths



Figure 7. Slaty-backed Gull (wings raised) at Brantford, *Brant* on 5 December 2019. *Photo: Garth V. Riley*



Figure 8. Least Tern at Port Franks, *Lambton* on 25 October 2019. *Photo Garry T. Sadler*



Figure 9. Arctic Tern at Miller Creek Mouth, *Niagara* on 27 October 2019. *Photo: Ryan Griffiths*

Least Tern *Sternula antillarum* (7)

2019 – one, first basic, 25-27 October, Port Franks, *Lambton* and Grand Bend, *Huron* (James M. Holdsworth, Deryl D. Nethercott, Luc S. Fazio, Garry T. Sadler; 2019-097) – photos on file.

The seventh record for the province, this Least Tern stayed for three days providing many Ontario birders the opportunity to see it. This bird represents the first record for Lake Huron (eBird 2020).

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* South 1991-2014 and Central only (35)

2011 – four, definitive alternate, 26-27 May, Algonquin Provincial Park (Lake Traverse), *Nipissing* (Jeffrey H. Skevington; 2019-118).

2019 – one, definitive alternate, 16 May, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout; 2019-069).

– one, definitive alternate, 23 May, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (Ruth Danella; 2019-138) – photos on file.

– two, definitive alternate, 31 May-1 June, Ottawa (Britannia), *Ottawa* (J. Michael Tate, found by Michelle A. Martin; 2019-071).

– one, formative, 27 October, Miller Creek Mouth, *Niagara* (Ryan Griffiths; 2019-002) – photos on file.

Arctic Tern has been on the South Review List since 1990. While rare and occurring irregularly in most of southern Ontario, it occurs regularly along the Ottawa River corridor in late May, as reported by Godfrey (1973). In the past five years, 14 records of Arctic Tern in the South Review Zone have been accepted by the OBRC with an additional 24 unreviewed reports to eBird (eBird 2020). As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Arctic Tern from the South Review List, retroactive to 2015. The OBRC continues to request reports of Arctic Tern for the South Review Zone prior to 2015, as well as for the Central Review Zone.

Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis* (17)

2019 – one, basic, 15 December, Britannia, *Ottawa* (Rodolphe Dubois, also found by Greg Rand, Jocelyn Dubois; 2019-125) – photos on file.

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus* (53)

2019 – one, definitive basic, 23 October, Point Edward, *Lambton* (Stephen J. Thorpe; 2019-036).

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (22)

2019 – one, definitive alternate, 17-25 May, Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* (James T. Burk, P. Allen Woodliffe; 2019-104) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate, 30 May, Jordan Harbour, *Niagara* (Nancy E. McPherson, Garth V. Riley; 2019-106).

– one, definitive alternate, 13 September, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (Jeremy M. Bensette, unknown finder; 2019-105) – photo on file.



Figure 10. Brown Pelican at Newcastle, *Durham* on 22 May 2019. Photo: Charmaine M. Anderson

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* (18)

2019 – one, first alternate, 21-30 May, Sandbanks Provincial Park, *Prince Edward* (21 May), Newcastle, *Durham* (22 May), Toronto (Ashbridge's Bay), *Toronto* (22 May), Jordan Harbour, *Niagara* (23 and 30 May) (Alain Parada Isada, Charmaine M. Anderson, Patrick S. Scanlon, Tania P. Osca, Kayo J. Roy, Garth V. Riley, Nancy E. McPherson; 2019-121) – photos on file.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Central and Lowlands only (23)

2019 – one, definitive alternate, 13-16 May, Thunder Bay (Pool 6), *Thunder Bay* (Lindy T. Wagenaar, William F. Greaves, found by E.R. “Ted” Armstrong; 2019-091) – photos on file.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* (86)

2010 – one, definitive alternate, 16 May, Sparta, *Elgin* (David A. Martin, also found by Linda J. Wladarski; 2019-029).

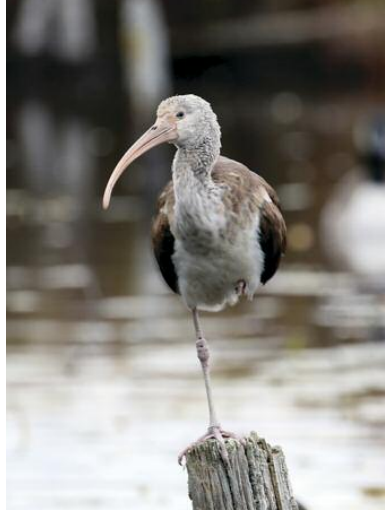
2019 – one, definitive alternate, 9 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (William J. Crins, Donald A. Sutherland; 2019-100).

– one, definitive alternate, 13-15 May, Voyageur Provincial Park, *Prescott and Russell* (Jacques M. Bouvier, Vincent Fyson; 2019-101) – photos on file.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Central and Lowlands only (7)

2019 – one, definitive alternate, 5 May, Thunder Bay (Mission Island), *Thunder Bay* (Ashley N. Moore; 2019-075) – photos on file.

Figure 11. White Ibis at the George Langman Sanctuary outside Bass Lake Provincial Park in Oro-Medonte, Simcoe on 18 October 2019. Photo: Sharon A. O'Connor



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Nycticorax violacea (59)

2019 – one, first basic, 27 August, Hamilton (Cootes Paradise), Hamilton (Lyn Hanna-Folkes; 2019-068).

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus* (9)

2019 – one, juvenile, 18 October, Bass Lake Provincial Park, Simcoe (Sharon A. O'Connor; 2019-064) – photos on file.

A first record for Simcoe, this juvenile White Ibis was photographed at the George Langman Sanctuary just outside Bass Lake Provincial Park in Oro-Medonte. Despite the efforts of many birders, it could not be relocated following the initial observation.

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* (26)

2018 – two, alternate, 23 May, Presqu'île Provincial Park, Northumberland (Julie R. Belliveau; 2019-066) – photos on file.

2019 – one, definitive alternate, 23-24 April, The Meadows, Essex (Jeremy L. Hatt, Jeremy M. Bensette, Donny Moore, Kory J. Renaud, found by Chip Ogglesby; 2019-149) – photos on file.

– one, formative, 4-5 November, West Lynde, Durham (Patricia Cetinkaya, Michael J. Ferguson, Jean Iron, Ronald J. Pittaway, J. Burke Korol; 2019-065) – photos on file.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Lowlands only (2)

2019 – one, definitive basic, 14 July, Piskwamish Camp, Cochrane (Robert J. Crawford; 2019-046).

This record represents just the second record of this species from the Lowlands Review Zone.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* (21)

2018 – one, 29 August, Windsor, Essex (Jim Hunt; 2019-144) – photos on file.

2019 – one, definitive basic, 10 May, Point Pelee National Park, Essex (Dwayne Murphy, Garth V. Riley, Nancy E. McPherson, Bruce M. Di Labio; 2019-048) – photos on file.

A sighting of this spectacular raptor in Ontario is always a momentous occasion and the 2019 observation of this species was no exception. Observed by many birders enjoying spring migration at Point Pelee National Park, this record marks the sixth overall and fifth spring record for the park.

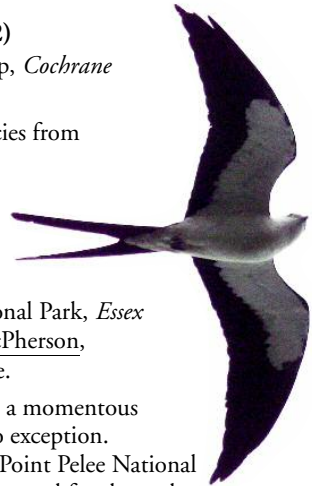


Figure 12. Swallow-tailed Kite at Point Pelee National Park, Essex on 10 May 2019.

Photo: Bruce M. Di Labio