

**MISSISSIPPI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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The Mississippi Bird Records Committee (MBRC) of the Mississippi Ornithological Society was created to produce and keep a field checklist of the bird species that occur in Mississippi. The MBRC requests and reviews documentation on any record of a MBRC Review List species which can be found at the end of this report or at the MOS website, www.missbird.org. This is the eighth report of the MBRC, and it covers Committee activities for 2014. Gene Knight is the Committee Chair and Philip Barbour, Ned Boyajian, Jason Hoeksema, and Nick Winstead serve as MBRC Members.

The MBRC reached a final decision on 35 records in 2014. Twenty-seven records of 22 species were accepted and eight records were not accepted. One record was sent to the 2nd circulation process and four more records were sent to the 3rd circulation process. Twenty-five observers submitted documentation to the MBRC on these records that were reviewed by the Committee in 2014.

The information presented after each species is as follows (if known): species name, number of individuals, age and/or sex, date(s) of occurrence, location, county (in italics), and initials of the observer(s). When known, the initials of those who discovered the bird are in boldface but only if the discoverer(s) submitted supporting documentation. After each observer's initials, the type of documentation is given in

parentheses. They are as follows: p = photograph; w = written documentation (includes full details about the record with complete description); rc = record card (includes only pertinent facts about the record). The MBRC record number and Class of the record are given in brackets.

Accepted records fall into three classes. Class 1 records are documented by an accepted specimen, diagnostic photograph, or recording; Class 2 records are documented by accepted written documentation by two or more independent observers; Class 3 records are documented by accepted written documentation by a single observer. Where multiple observers are listed as having submitted written documentation for Class 3 records, only documentation from one of the observers was deemed acceptable by the Committee. Similarly, where photographs are listed as having been submitted for Class 2 or 3 records, the photograph was not considered diagnostic by the Committee, although the written documentation was acceptable.

Accepted Records, 1st Circulation

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) 1 on 15 April 2013 at Bluff Lake, Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, *Noxubee*, **TS(w)**, JHa(video) [013-16; Class 1P]; 1 on 17 April-7 May 2013 at Oktibbeha County Lake, *Oktibbeha*, **TS(w,p)**, GK(w), JH(w,p), RB(p), WP(w) [013-13; Class 1P]

Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) 1 on 21 September 2013 at Philips Brothers Catfish Complex, *Yazoo*, **JH(w,p)**, **GK(w)**, **JR(w)** [013-20; Class 1P]

Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*) 1 1st cycle bird on 7 December 2012 at Tunica County Landfill, *Tunica*, **GK(w)** [013-3; Class 3]

Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) 1 1st cycle bird on 15 January-18 February 2013 at Beach Boulevard, Pascagoula, *Jackson*, **DM(w,p)**, **PW(w,p)** [013-11; Class 1P]

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) 1 adult on 16 March 2013 at West Ship Island, *Harrison*, **NB(w)**, **LG(p)**, **DB(w)** [013-12; Class 1P]

Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*) 1 2nd year male on 2 January 2012 at Barbara Zitzman residence, Diamondhead, *Hancock*, **JB(w,p)** [012-5; Class 1P]

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) 1 on 15 & 18 December 2012 at Waveland, *Hancock*, **NB(w)**, **DM(w)**, **SM(p)** [013-5; Class 1P]; 1 on 25 October 2013 at Heron Bay, *Hancock*, **NB(w)** [013-21; Class 3]

Black-whiskered Vireo (*Vireo altiloquus*) 1 on 27 April 2013 at West Ship Island, *Harrison*, **LG(w,p)** [013-22; Class 1P] 1st photographic documentation

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) 1 adult and 1 juvenile on 15 September 2013 at a catfish complex, *Tunica*, **GK(w)**, **JH(w,p)**, **JR(w,p)** [013-19; Class 1P]

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) 1 on 19 December 2012 off County Road 74, *Yalobusha*, **GK(w)** [013-6; Class 3]

Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*) 1 on 2 December 2012 at Buck Island Road, *Tunica*, **JH**(w,p) [013-1; Class 1P]

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*) 1 on 5 December 2012 at Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, *Marshall*, **GK**(w) [013-4; Class 3]

Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) 1 on 1 December 2012 at Persimmon Hill, Enid Lake, *Yalobusha*, **GK**(w) [013-2; Class 3]; 1 on 22 December 2012 at Sardis Waterfowl Wildlife Management Area, *Lafayette*, **GK**(w) [013-7; Class 3]

Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) 1 on 30 April 2013 at Nell Henderson residence, Minter City, *Leflore*, **NH**(w,p) [013-15; Class 1P]

Records sent to 2nd Circulation from their 1st Circulation round have been voted on once and have received at least one “not accept” vote but not a unanimous “not accept” vote.

Records Sent to 2nd Circulation

Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*) 1 adult male on 5 January 2013 at Tunica County Landfill, *Tunica* [013-8]

Accepted Records, 2nd Circulation

Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*) 1 adult on 29 November 2002-29 March 2003 at Oktoc Road, *Oktibbeha*, **TS**(w), **SD**(w,p), **PB**(w) [03-9; Class 1P]; 4 early December

2012- early January 2013 off Bond Road, *Tunica*, GK(w,p) [07-1; Class 1P]

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*) 1 adult male on 13 March 2008 at Seaman Road Sewage Lagoons, *Jackson*, SM(p) [08-49; Class 1P]

Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*) 1 adult male on 5 January 2013 at Tunica County Landfill, *Tunica*, DP(w) [013-8; Class 3]

Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) 1 1st cycle bird on 4 February 1995 near Ingalls Ship Yard, *Jackson*, DC(w) [95-18; Class 3]

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) 1 on 14 May 2005 near Latimer community, *Jackson*, CE(w,p), SE(w), SM(p) [05-28; Class 1P]

Chestnut-collared Longspur (*Calcarius ornatus*) 1 on 5 December 1993, *Tunica*, JW(w) [94-2; Class 3]

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) 1 female on 6-14 January 2012 at Monique Ward residence, Ocean Springs, *Jackson*, MW(w,p) [012-7; Class 1P]

Records sent to 3rd Circulation are records that have gone through two circulations of voting procedure by the MBRC without being accepted or not accepted. These records were presented to the Members at the Annual Meeting with a quorum of Members present. The voting procedure followed the 2nd Circulation voting criteria; that is, a record is accepted if it receives no more than one not accept

vote and is not accepted if it receives more than one not accept vote.

Records Sent to 3rd Circulation

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) 5 on 28 September 2012 near Belzoni, *Humphreys* [012-29]

Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) 3 adults on 12 July 2005 at Pickwick Lake, *Tishomingo* [05-34]

Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*) 2 on 6 January 2005 at Buck Island Road, *Tunica* [05-17]

McCown's Longspur (*Rhynchophanes mccownii*) 1 on 11 December 1993, *Tunica* [94-7]

Accepted Records, 3rd Circulation

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) 5 on 28 September 2012 near Belzoni, *Humphreys*, **FH(w)**, **VW(w,p)** [012-29; Class 3]

McCown's Longspur (*Rhynchophanes mccownii*) 1 on 11 December 1993, *Tunica*, **JW(w)**, **GK(w)** [94-7; Class 3]

Not Accepted Records (Class 4) are either records not accepted based on questionable identification (Class 4-I) or records where identification is accepted but the origin is questionable (Class 4-O). Rarely is a record not accepted due to the bird being misidentified. Non-acceptance is usually due to poorly written documentation. Most of these reports are vague and incomplete, leaving out pertinent details and

not properly eliminating similar species. These records may be valid, but the Committee has decided that the documentation submitted does not meet the standards required for inclusion in the historical database.

Not Accepted Records

American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) 1-2 birds on 2-11 September 2008 at beaches, *Harrison/Hancock* [08-29 2nd Circulation; Class 4-O]

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) 1 1st cycle bird on 9-10 January 2012 at Arkabutla Dam, *Tate* [012-8 2nd Circulation; Class 4-I]

Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) 3 adults on 12 July 2005 at Pickwick Lake, *Tishomingo* [05-34 3rd Circulation; Class 4-I]

Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*) 1 on 15 September 2013 at Pipeline Road, Ross Barnett Reservoir, *Madison* [013-18; Class 4-I]

Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*) 2 on 6 January 2005 at Buck Island Road, *Tunica* [05-17 3rd Circulation; Class 4-I]

American Tree Sparrow (*Spizelloides arborea*) 1 on 9 February 2012 at Diamondhead, *Hancock* [012-12 2nd Circulation; Class 4-I]

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) 1 on 18 February 2012 at Hudsonville, *Marshall* [012-13 2nd Circulation; Class 4-I]

Altamira Oriole (*Icterus gularis*) 1 on 14-15 January 2012 at Horn Island, *Jackson* [012-9 2nd Circulation; Class 4-O]

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Review Species List

The following species were removed from this list in December 2004, but records prior to 2005 will still be reviewed by the Committee: Tundra Swan, Common Merganser, Glossy Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Calliope Hummingbird, Western Meadowlark, Bronzed

Cowbird, and Red Crossbill. These species were removed from this list in February 2009, but records prior to 2009 will still be reviewed by the Committee: Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Neotropic Cormorant, and Lesser Black-backed Gull. Red-necked Phalarope was the only species removed from this list in February 2010, but records prior to 2010 will still be reviewed by the Committee. These species were removed from this list in February 2011, but records prior to 2011 will still be reviewed by the Committee: Yellow Rail, Inca Dove, and Cave Swallow. These species were removed from this list in February 2012, but records prior to 2012 will still be reviewed by the Committee: Pacific Loon and Sooty Tern. These species were removed from this list in January 2013, but records prior to 2013 will still be reviewed by the Committee: Alder Flycatcher and Willow Flycatcher. These species were added to the list in January 2014: Brown Booby and Razorbill.

The MBRC requests documentation, including details, descriptions, and photographs of all records of the following species: Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Brant, Trumpeter Swan, Eurasian Wigeon, Cinnamon Teal, King Eider, Red-necked Grebe, Western Grebe, Cory's Shearwater, Great Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Audubon's Shearwater, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Jabiru, Masked Booby, Brown Booby, Great Cormorant, White-tailed Kite, Northern Goshawk, Harris's Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Black Rail, Limpkin, Mountain Plover, Hudsonian Godwit, Ruff, Purple Sandpiper, Red Phalarope, Pomarine Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Long-tailed Jaeger, Razorbill, Black-legged Kittiwake, Sabine's Gull, Black-headed Gull, Little Gull, California Gull, Thayer's Gull, Iceland Gull, Slaty-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Great Black-backed Gull,

Brown Noddy, Bridled Tern, Roseate Tern, Arctic Tern, White-crowned Pigeon, Band-tailed Pigeon, Ruddy Ground-Dove, Snowy Owl, Burrowing Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Lesser Nighthawk, Green Violetear, Anna's Hummingbird, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Broad-billed Hummingbird, White-eared Hummingbird, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Crested Caracara, Prairie Falcon, Western Wood-Pewee, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Cassin's Kingbird, Gray Kingbird, Bell's Vireo, Black-capped Vireo, Black-whiskered Vireo, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, Citrine Wagtail, Sprague's Pipit, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Smith's Longspur, McCown's Longspur, Snow Bunting, Bachman's Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Tropical Parula, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Painted Redstart, Green-tailed Towhee, Spotted Towhee, American Tree Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Lark Bunting, Saltmarsh Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Great-tailed Grackle, Shiny Cowbird, Hooded Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, Lesser Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, and any species new to Mississippi.

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