

**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 tenth report of the MBRC, and it covers Committee activities for 2016. 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 26 records in 2016. Twenty-three records of 15 species were accepted. Two records were sent to the 2nd circulation process. Four records were sent to the 3rd circulation process. Twenty-nine observers submitted documentation to the MBRC on these records that were reviewed by the Committee in 2016.

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; r = recording; rc = record card (includes only pertinent facts about the record); w = written documentation (includes full

details about the record with complete description). 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.

Other abbreviations used in this report are as follows: MSU = Mississippi State University; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, and SL = Sewage Lagoon.

Accepted Records, 1st Circulation

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) 2 on 9 May 2015 near Waveland, *Hancock*, **NB(w)** [015-10; Class 3]; 3 on 15 May 2015 at Seaman Road SL, *Jackson*, **NB(w)**, **SM(p)** [015-11; Class 1P]

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) 1 adult male on 25 April 2015 at Loakfoma Lake, Noxubee NWR, *Noxubee*, **HM(w,p)** [015-9; Class 1P]

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*) 1 adult male on 31 January 2015 at Seaman Road SL, *Jackson*, **SM(p)**, **GK(rc)** [015-22; Class 1P]

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*) 1 male on 25 April 2015 at Catalpa Creek Bottoms, *Lowndes*, **TS(w)**, **RL(p)** [015-8; Class 1P]

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) 1 adult light morph on 24 October 2015 over the Mississippi Sound near West Ship Island, *Harrison*, **JR(w,p)**, **JH(w,p)**, **EE(w,p)**, **TS(w)** [015-19; Class 1P]

Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*) 1 1st cycle on 8 January 2015 at Bayou Caddy, *Hancock*, **NB(w)** [015-4; Class 3]

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*) 1 immature on 17 April 2015 at West Ship Island, *Harrison*, **WM(w,p)**, **GK(rc)** [015-6; Class 1P]; 1 adult female on 14 October-29 December 2015 at Grenada Lake, *Grenada*, **DT(w,p)**, **AM(p)**, **KH(w,p)**, **KR(w)**, **TS(w)**, **WP(w,p)**, **JH(w,p)**, **LP(p)**, **GK(w)**, **HC(w,p)**, **JR(w,p)**, **RB(p)**, **ER(w)**, **LT(w)**, **PB(w,p)** [015-18; Class 1P]

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) 1 on 21 April 2015 near Hattiesburg, *Forrest*, **LB(w,p)** [015-7; Class 1P]; 1 on 13 November 2015 at Ansley, *Hancock*, **NB(w)** [015-21; Class 3]

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) 1-2 on 17 December 2014-16 February 2015 at Bevils Hill Road, Noxubee NWR, *Winston*, **SR(p)**, **GK(w)** [015-13; Class 1P]; 1 on 11-21 January 2015 at Cedar Grove Road, Noxubee NWR, *Oktibbeha*, **SR(p)**, **GK(w)** [015-28; Class 1P]; 1 on 14-16 January 2015 at Triplett's Pasture Road, Noxubee NWR, *Winston*, **SR(p)**, **GK(w)** [015-29; Class 1P]

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) 1 on 1 January-4 April 2015 at MSU South Farm, *Oktibbeha*, **TS(w,p)**, **JH(w,p)**, **JR(w,p)**, **NW(w)**, **MG(p)** [015-3; Class 1P]; 1 on 27 September 2015 at Coldwater

River NWR, *Quitman and Tallahatchie*, **JH**(w,p), **JR**(w,p), **RB**(p) [015-16; Class 1P]

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) 2 on 24-28 October 2015 at Tillman Street, Pascagoula, *Jackson*, **JH**(w,p), **JR**(w,p,r), **TS**(w) [015-20; Class 1P]; 1 on 31 October-4 November 2015 at Old Broadwater Golf Course, Biloxi, *Harrison*, **HC**(w,p) [015-23; Class 1P]

Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*) 1-2 on 20 October 2015-3 January 2016 at the Old Broadwater Golf Course, Biloxi, *Harrison*, **HC**(w,p) [015-25; Class 1P]; 1 on 14 November 2015 at McLeod Park, *Hancock*, **HC**(w) [015-27; Class 3]

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) 1 adult male on 18 January-28 March 2015 at Mark LaSalle residence, Ocean Springs, *Jackson*, **ML**(w,p) [015-5; 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

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) 1 on 11 December 2014 at Seaman Road SL, *Jackson* [015-2]

Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*) 1 on 12 September 2015 at St. Catherine Creek NWR, *Adams* [015-15]

Accepted Records, 2nd Circulation

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) 1 adult found injured on 4 June and died on 6 June 2014, at Courthouse Road Pier, *Harrison*, **BP(w)**, AS(w,p) [014-15]

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) 1 1st cycle on 18 December 2013 at Tunica County Landfill, *Tunica*, **QG(w,p)** [014-1; 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.

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Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) 1 found dead on 25 March 1986 at Horn Island, *Jackson* [86-17]

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) 1 on 13 May 2014 at Oxford, *Lafayette* [014-13]

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

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) 1 on 24 December 2013 at Enid Lake, *Yalobusha* [014-11]

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) 1 on 29 November 2014 at Lakeshore, *Hancock* [014-24]

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) 1 on 20 September 2014 near Tackett Fish complex, Greenwood, *Leflore* [014-18]

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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, Calliope Hummingbird, Glossy Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Red Crossbill, Western Meadowlark, and Bronzed Cowbird. 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, Lesser Black-backed Gull, and Neotropic Cormorant. 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: Inca Dove, Yellow Rail, 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: Sooty Tern and Pacific Loon. 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.

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, White-crowned Pigeon, Band-tailed Pigeon, Ruddy Ground-Dove, Lesser Nighthawk, Mexican Violetear, Anna's Hummingbird, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Broad-billed Hummingbird, White-eared Hummingbird, 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, Cory's Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Great 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, Golden Eagle, Snowy Owl, Burrowing Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Crested Caracara, Prairie Falcon, Western Wood-Pewee, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Cassin's Kingbird, Gray Kingbird, Black-capped Vireo, Bell's Vireo, Black-whiskered Vireo, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, Sage Thrasher, Citrine Wagtail, Sprague's Pipit, Red Crossbill, Lesser Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Smith's Longspur, McCown's Longspur, Snow Bunting, Bachman's Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Tropical Parula, Black-throated Blue Warbler, 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, and any species new to Mississippi.