

The section on excluded species is traditional also when initially reviewing records for inclusion on a state list. The Trautmans never had to face this problem (rejection of a highly respected field ornithologist's sight record) as there were no specimens for most of these birds.

A prefatory note to this section pointing out that only recently has written documentation become the accepted method of proof for inclusion on the state list would have been appropriate. Many long-time field observers never had such a thought in their mind when they saw the excluded species without a gun and therefore never wrote a contemporaneous documentation. I can only imagine the fate of the hypothetical Spotted redshank had the observers not been raised in the written documentation mode. Hopefully the information at the disposal of the authors when they made their decision to exclude has been preserved so that later committees will be able to objectively agree or disagree, but there is no note to this effect.

These views are only minor carpings about a very important and impressive compilation of the combined knowledge of four of the most competent and respected birders in the state which for me advances my knowledge of Ohio birds tenfold. It's a must.

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Report of the Records Committee, Spring 1988

The Ohio Cardinal Records Committee received 29 documentations for 28 separate birds. The OCRC accepted 21 of these 29 sightings. Those accepted are reported elsewhere in this issue. In the eight other cases, the committee was not able to verify the sighting reported from the written description provided. These are listed below.

Golden eagle - ONWR, 4/23. Not enough details to separate from Turkey vulture.

Merlin - Magee Marsh, 4/24. A quick fly-by observation. More details were needed in this description.

Merlin - Mosquito Creek, 2/3. Re-submitted from winter. Observations on wing length and shape not provided. "Helmet effect" described would fit an adult Accipiter.

Peregrine falcon - Caesar's Creek, 3/20. Inadequate plumage description provided.

Peregrine falcon - Scioto County, 5/5. More details on plumage required. Bird seen in silhouette only.

Spotted sandpiper - Sandusky River, 12/18. No description of the bird is provided.

Red phalarope - ONWR, 3/6. OCRC felt that more detailed observation was necessary to identify this bird.

Blue grosbeak - Lima, 5/17. A quick fly-by observation with no binoculars.

CORRIGENDUM: The Lincoln's sparrow [Vol. 11 (2):19] is ACCEPTED by the committee. Please add to the seasonal report.