

Swainson's warbler *Limnothlypis swainsonii*: 20 May 2006, Lake Co.; H. Petruschke, m.obs.

Western tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*: 12 May 2006, Lucas Co.; P. Henry

Western tanager: 19 April 2006, Warren Co.; A. Arnold

Harris's sparrow *Zonotrichia querula*: 20 May 2006, Lucas Co.; M. Gallaway, C. Rieker, D. Yoo, B. Crow

Record Not Accepted:

White-winged dove *Zenaida asiatica*: 21 May 2006. Franklin Co.

Committee members felt that for such a rare bird in Ohio, the description was insufficient. The brief description provided did not rule out certain plumages of rock pigeon.

Records Recirculated:

Short-tailed hawk *Buteo brachyurus*: Mentor Headlands, 17 May 2006

Lark bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*: Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge, 20 May 2006

The Ohio Bird Records Committee exists to increase knowledge of Ohio's birdlife by validating records, maintaining archives for researchers of Ohio records of occurrences of rare bird species, and establishing the official list of Ohio's bird species. The Committee relies on help from field birders who send in details of their sightings of birds on the Review List (<http://www.ohiobirds.org/publications/OBRCList.pdf>), which includes all species encountered infrequently enough in the state as to require acceptable documentation (specimen, photo, sound recording, and full written description from witnesses) for inclusion in the scientific record. Helpful information on the Committee and on documentations can be found at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/records/aboutobrc.php>.

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This breeding-plumaged long-billed dowitcher shows the diagnostic (but only briefly seen at our latitude) strong barring (vs. the spots of short-billed) on the sides of the upper breast. Great photo by Lana Hays, at Conneaut on 25 July



This breeding-plumaged-short-billed dowitcher (of our local *hendersoni* or "prairie" race) was photographed by Lana Hays at Conneaut 25 Jul. Note the spotting on the sides of the upper breast, the relatively wide white stripes on the upper tail, and the lack of molt on this bird.

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