

RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER, 2014

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The Ohio Bird Records Committee contributes to the ornithological record of Ohio by reviewing reports of the sightings of review-list species and potential first state records. The review-list can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/review.php>.

Since the last published report, the committee has resolved 19 reports of 10 species. All were reports of single individuals. Eighteen reports were accepted and one was not. Acceptance of a report requires approval by at least eight of the committee members. Reports receiving five to seven votes for acceptance are recirculated to the committee for up to three rounds of voting. Reports receiving less than five votes to accept are not accepted.

Reports of sightings of rare birds can be documented online using a handy form at <http://www.ohiobirds.org/site/committee/rarebird-submission.php>. Alternatively, information can be emailed to the secretary at psg0708@gmail.com. While the committee endeavors to glean reports of sightings of rarities from internet sources, some reports never come to the committee's attention, and many reports found on the internet lack sufficient details to enable review. Direct submission of reports is the only sure way to see that a sighting becomes part of Ohio's official ornithological record.

The current membership of the committee is Mike Busam, Paul Gardner (Secretary), Rob Harlan, Rick Nirschl, Ed Pierce, Jay Stenger, Sue Tackett, Doug Vogus, and Bill Whan. Craig Caldwell serves as an alternate.

All common and scientific names, and the taxonomic order in which the records are presented, follow the Fifty-fourth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List of North American Birds.

Records Accepted:

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*): Mercer Wildlife Area, *Mercer*, 25 May 2014. Documentation by Bill Kinkead; photo by Christopher Collins. Vote 9-0.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*): Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, *Ottawa*, 06 Aug 2014. Documentation by Kimberly Warner. Vote 9-0.

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*): Near Richwood, OH; *Delaware* and *Union*, Documentation for 03 and 06 Sep 2014 by Kathi Hutton, Steve Jones, Mandy Roberts, Andy Sewell, and Su Snyder. Vote 9-0. Second State Record.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*): New Vienna Road, *Highland*. Documentation spanning 15 to 30 Aug 2014 by Allan Claybon, David Edwards, Kathi Hutton, Thomas Patt, Andy Sewell, and Justin Valentine. Vote 9-0.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*): Holden Arboretum, *Lake*, 04 Jul 2013. Documentation by Cory "Chia" Chiappone. Vote 9-0.

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*): Big Island Wildlife Area, *Marion*, 20 Apr 2013. Documentation by Robert Lane. Vote 9-0.

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*): Cadiz Township, *Harrison*, 06 Sep 2014. Documentation by Scott Pendleton. Vote 9-0.

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*): Headlands Beach State Park, *Lake*, 16 Sep 2014. Documentation by Su Snyder. Vote 9-0. Fourth State Record.

Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*): West-side Cemetery, Delphos, *Van Wert*, 24 May 2013. Documentation by Robert Sams. Vote 8-1.

Records Not Accepted:

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*): College Hill Road, *Knox*, 03 Sep 2013. The committee was pleased to receive this careful and well-reasoned documentation. However, the brevity of the sighting and the reported presence of King Quail (*Coturnix chinensis*) in the area created sufficient doubt so as to preclude acceptance. Vote 0-9.

Submitted 14 Nov 2014, Paul Gardner, Secretary, OBRC