

RECENT ACTIONS OF THE OHIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 2014–MARCH 2015

by Paul Gardner, Secretary, OBRC

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.ohio-birds.org/site/committee/review.php>.

Since the last published report, the committee has resolved 12 reports of nine species, all reports being accepted. 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/rare-bird-submission.php>. Alternatively, information can be emailed to the secretary at psg0708@gmail.com or mailed to him at 295 Acton Road, Columbus, OH, 43214. 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

Black-bellied Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Two individuals were discovered in eastern *Holmes* by Jeremiah Miller on 22 Aug 2014. They were identified and documented by Ed Schlabach and photographed by Dennis Troyer. The birds relocated to *Tuscarawas* where they reportedly remained into the second week of September. Vote 9-0.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

One individual lingered along the lakeshore in *Cuyahoga* from Jun to Dec 2013. Documented by Bradley Boyarko and Craig Caldwell with additional information from internet sources. Vote 9-0.

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)

One individual was carefully observed and documented by Ryan Steiner on 14 Nov 2013 in Killbuck WA, *Wayne*. Vote 8-1.

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*)

Funk Bottoms WA, *Wayne*, 05 to 06 Apr 2014. One male transitioning to alternate plumage documented and photographed by Su Snyder. Vote 9-0.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)

Two individuals, Port William, *Clinton*, 08 Feb 2015. Documented and photographed by Kathi Hutton. Up to four otherwise reported 08 and 09 Feb. Vote 9-0.

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

Three records, each of one individual:

Funk Bottoms WA, *Wayne*, 09 Sep 2013. Documented and photographed by Su Snyder. Vote 9-0.

Malone Road, *Adams*, 14 Dec 2014 to 05 Jan 2015. Documented by Kathi Hutton and Mark Zloba. Photographed by Kathi Hutton and Rich McCarty. Vote 9-0.

Armlender Park, *Hamilton*, 09 Jan 2015.

Documented by James Rettig. Vote 8-1.

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)

One individual, Holmesville, *Holmes*, 10 to 16 Dec 2013. Documented and photographed by Su Snyder. Vote 9-0.

Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*)

One individual, Elmore, *Ottawa*, 01 to 06 Jan 2014. Documented and photographed by Su Snyder. Vote 9-0.

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*)

Two reports, both of one individual:

North Ridgeville, *Lorain*, 09 Jan 2013. Documented by Jan Auburn, photographed by Judy Semroc. This troublesome report circulated for three indecisive votes before being reunited with the photographs. Vote 8-1.

Ottawa River Interpretive Trail, *Lucas*, 20 to 31 Jan 2015. Documented by Kim Warner, photographed by Dylan Leedom. Vote 9-0.