

The Records of the Oregon Birds Records Committee, 2001-2002

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From July 2001 to July 2002 the Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC) completed the following records. The first group of records are those for which the written report and/or photographs or specimens supported the stated identification and are accepted records. If photo(s) or specimen is indicated for a record it was accepted as verified. Other records were accepted as sight records.

Of the 55 records reviewed by the Committee 42 were accepted and 13 were not accepted. During this period four new species were accepted for addition to the Official Checklist of Oregon Birds: Brown Booby, Long-billed Murrelet, Cassin's Kingbird, and Yellow Wagtail. The Official Checklist now stands at 481 species. Information presented below for each species includes location of sighting, number of birds, sex and age if known, special information (such as collection and museum number) and date(s), initial of the observer(s) submitting written or other evidence for accepted records, and the OBRC record file number. The OBRC record file number reads as follows: the first 3 digits are the AOU number for the species, the second 2 are the year in which the record was observed, and the last numbers are the consecutive numbers for the records as they are filed. The members of the OBRC for 2002 are David Bailey, Tom Crabtree, Jeff Gilligan, Gerard Lillie, Larry McQueen, Craig Miller, Craig Roberts, Skip Russell, and Owen Schmidt. The alternates are: Tim Janzen, Hendrik Herlyn, David Lauten, Steven Dowlan, and Ray Korpi. Tom Crabtree resigned during the year and Tim Janzen was assigned to fill his position until the next election.

The OBRC thanks the following organizations for having made financial contributions in the past year to help with expenses: Cape Arago Audubon Society, Central Oregon Audubon Society, Audubon Society of Corvallis, Grant County Bird Club, Grande Ronde Bird Club, Kalmiopsis Audubon Society, Lane County Audubon Society, Audubon Society of Portland, Salem Audubon Society, Umpqua Valley Audubon, and Yaquina Birders and Naturalists. The OBRC solicits nominations for membership. Each year the OBRC elects 3 of its 9 members for 3-year terms. Birders themselves interested in serving on the OBRC should nominate themselves. All nominees must be members of OFO in good standing and all nominations must be received by the Secretary before 30 October 2002. New terms begin at the new calendar year.

ACCEPTED RECORDS

BROWN BOOBY

115-98-01 15 mi. WSW Depoe Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 3 October 1998 (GG,AFL,HHo,RRo,EIM,MH). first unverified state record.

TUFTED DUCK

149.1-99-23 Port Orford, Curry Co., 1 female 3-4 February 1999 (NW,CD).

149.1-99-25 Warrenton, Clatsop Co., 1 adult male on 3 April 1999 (photos by TT).

KING EIDER

162-99-09 Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 female on 29 April 1999 (prints by BoP).

GYRFALCON

354-97-27 near Peoria, Linn Co., 1 gray phase bird on 23 December

1997 (StD).

354-98-28 Bandon, Curry Co., 1 pale bird on 1 March 1998 (TR).

354-01-37 New River, Curry Co., 1 subadult brown phase bird 21 October to 29 December 2001 (DLA,KC,TR, photos by DMu).

354-01-38 Perrydale, Polk Co., 1 adult gray phase 29 December 2001 to 11 January 2002 (JMe, photos by JW).

COMMON MOORHEN

219-01-08 Krumbo Reservoir, Harney Co., 2 adults 27-29 May 2001 (VA, photos by HN,JG,DKn).

CURLEW SANDPIPER

244-01-17 North Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 juvenile on 1 October 2001 (KC,TR, photos by DLa).

LAUGHING GULL

058-98-08 Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 1 adult in winter plumage 3-15 October 1998 (DBa, photos by HN).

LEAST TERN

074-99-08 Fernhill Wetlands, Washington Co., 1 subadult 6-10 March 1999 (photos by HN).

LONG-BILLED MURRELET

23.1-94-01 near Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird on 3 August 1994. published photo record: Birding 29:461-475

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

387-98-17 Sams Valley, Jackson Co., 1 bird on 31 August 1998 (photo by GaS).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

402-01-15 Bay City, Tillamook Co., 1 immature 15-18 December 2001 (photos by OS,JW).

TROPICAL KINGBIRD
446-98-24 Cape Blanco, Curry Co.,
1 bird 26 July to 8 August 1998
(TWa).

446-98-27 Cape Blanco, Curry Co.,
3 birds 8-18 November 1998 (photos
by TWa).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD
448-01-02 Canby, Clackamas Co.,
1 immature 17-26 October 2001
(RHo,PSu,TR, photos by OS,TC).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER
443-98-11 Hq Malheur NWR,
Harney Co., 1 adult bird on 7 August
1998 (RG).

443-01-14 Cape Blanco, Curry Co.,
1 adult bird on 12 May 2001 (photos
by DMu)

BELL'S VIREO
633-98-05 Fields, Harney Co., 1
singing bird on 6 June 1998
(M,AC,StD,PSu).

YELLOW WAGTAIL
696-97-01 Mouth Siltcoos River,
Lane Co., 1 bird on 31 August 1997
(RHo,HH).

WHITE WAGTAIL
694-98-01 Gold Beach, Curry Co.,
1 adult male subspecies *Motacilla*
alba leucopsis 8 November 1998
(photos by CD).

NORTHERN PARULA
648-97-27 Hq Malheur NWR,
Harney Co., 1 adult male on 122
June 1997 (photos by MD,MLD)

648-99-28 Fields, Harney Co., 1
female on 7 June 1999 (KA).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER
662-98-06 Fields, Harney Co., 1
adult male 16-17 June 1998 (M,
photos by MD).

YELLOW-THROATED
WARBLER
663-97-02 Fields, Harney Co., 1
adult male on 24 April 1997 (photos
by M, DPo).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER
637-98-05 Hq Malheur NWR,
Harney Co., 1 bird 19-22 September

1998 (JuR,AC).

SUMMER TANAGER
610-01-13 Bend, Deschutes Co., 1
winter plumaged bird on 17
November 2001 (photos by DT).

SCARLET TANAGER
608-01-06 Brookings, Curry Co., 1
female 7-10 December 2001 (photos
by DMu).

LARK BUNTING
605-01-19 Near Fern Ridge WA,
Lane Co., 1 summer plumaged male
11-29 June 2001 (DaF,photos by
OS,DKn,DHe).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK
595-97-33 McMinnville, Yamhill
Co., 1 adult male 1 June 1997 (photo
by LJ).

595-98-35 Port Orford, Curry Co.,
1 adult male on 1 June 1998 (NW).

595-98-38 Langlois, Curry Co., 1
adult male 16-17 June 1998 (TWa).

BLUE GROSBEAK
597-98-04 Near Brogen, Malheur
Co., 1 female on 28 June 1998
(RHo).

INDIGO BUNTING
598-97-21 Denio Creek, Harney Co.,
1 adult male on 14 June 1997.
(photos by MD,MLD).

598-01-24 Fields, Harney Co., 1 male
on 10 May 2001 (AMc).

COMMON GRACKLE
511-96-19 near Fort Rock, Lake Co.,
1 adult male on 7 June 1996 (AF).

511-98-24 Fields, Harney Co., 1 male
on 13 October 1998 (M).

ORCHARD ORIOLE
506-01-10 Harbor, Curry Co., 1
winter plumage male and 1 female
15 December 2001 to 3 February
2002 (TS, photos by DMu).

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH
531-97-03 Lower Table Rock,
Jackson Co., 1 subadult male on 15
May 1997 (TaB,YZ).

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Records Not Accepted

ARCTIC LOON

009-96-02 Cape Meares, Tillamook Co., 2 winter plumaged birds on 29 September 1996. Not accepted as details did not completely eliminate Pacific Loon.

009-96-03 Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 winter plumaged bird 10-16 August 1996. Not accepted as details and photographs indicated a molting Pacific Loon.

GYRFALCON

354-97-25 Netarts Bay, Tillamook Co., 1 gray bird on 27 November 1997. Not accepted as description was very brief and did not describe key field points for Gyrfalcon, and did not adequately eliminate other hawk species.

WHOOPING CRANE

204-97-01 Owyhee River 15 Mi. N. Rome, Malheur Co., 1 bird on 1 May 1997. Not accepted as description incomplete for Whooping Crane and did not rule out other white birds.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT

251-96-15 South Jetty Columbia River, Clatsop Co., 1 juvenile on 7 October 1996. Description was very brief and incomplete. The bird was seen in poor light with much of the plumage characteristics poorly seen.

LAUGHING GULL

058-96-07 Heceta Bank, Douglas Co., 1 first winter bird on 17 September 1996. The bird was seen as it flew past and away from the observer. The sighting was rather brief and at an odd angle. The possibility of a misidentification was too great for the Committee to accept this report.

ICELAND GULL

043-93-08 Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 1 bird on 13 March 1993. Not accepted as details did not rule out similar species.

043-91-09 Yachats, Lincoln Co., 1 bird 23-24 March 1991. Not accepted as details did not rule out similar species.

043-91-10 7 miles s. of Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 15 March 1991. Not accepted as details did not rule out similar species.

043-91-11 Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 21 April 1991. Not accepted as details did not rule out similar species and best fit a Glaucous Gull.

043-96-13 Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 1 bird on 2 March 1996. Not accepted as details did not rule out similar species.

LEAST FLYCATCHER

467-98-33 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 18 May 1998. Description of the bird was brief and not complete enough to entirely eliminate other Empidonax flycatchers.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER

660-96-09 Fields, Harney Co., 1 in fall plumage on 15 September 1996. Not accepted as details too brief to eliminate similar plumaged fall warblers.

DICKCISSEL

604-96-10 HQ Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird 9-10 June 1996. One report did not describe the bird all, and the second did not adequately describe it convincingly.



Costa's Hummingbird, 18 May, Bend, Deschutes Co. Photo/K. Smith