

The Records of the Oregon Bird Records Committee , 2002-2003

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From July 2002 to July 2003 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 82 records reviewed by the Committee 75 were accepted and 7 were not accepted. During this period three new species were accepted for addition to the Official Checklist of Oregon Birds: Manx Shearwater, Crested Caracara, Yellow-throated Vireo. The Official Checklist now stands at 484 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, Jeff Gilligan, Tim Janzen, Gerard Lillie, Larry McQueen, Craig Miller, Craig Roberts, Skip Russell, and Owen Schmidt. The alternates are: Hendrik Herlyn, David Lauten, Steven Dowlan, and Ray Korpi.

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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 2003. New terms begin at the new calendar year.



OBRC committee meeting April 2003 .Left to right: Craig Miller, Tim Janzen, Gerard Lillie, Owen Schmidt, Craig Roberts, Jeff Gilligan, Skip Russell, Ray Korpi (alternate) and friend, David Bailey, Hendrik Herlyn (alternate), Harry Nehls (Secretary). Photo/S. Russel

Accepted records

Short-tailed Albatross
082-99-06 □ 21nm W. Sisters
Rock, Curry Co., 1 first basic
juvenile on 13 December 1999
(MiF).

082-00-07 □ 32nm W. of
Yachats, Lincoln Co., 1
juvenile bird on 21 October
2000 (GG,TS).

Mottled Petrel
099-99-14 □ 14nm W. Cape
Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird on
13 December 1999 (MiF). □

Manx Shearwater
090-00-03 □ Boiler Bay,
Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 12
September 2000 (PP)

Tufted Duck
149.1-97-24 □ Rufus, Sherman
Co., 1 adult female 5-7 April
1997 (photos by CM).

199.1-00-26 □ Warrenton S.
Ponds, Clatsop Co., adult male
on 15 January 2000 (TT).

Crested Caracara
362-90-01 □ 5 miles east of
Gold Beach, Curry Co., 1 adult
10 February to 21 April 1990
(CD).

Gyr Falcon
354-95-29 □ near Wasco,
Sherman Co., 1 immature on
26 December 1995 (RK).

354-98-30 □ near Baskett
Slough NWR, Polk Co., 1
immature gray phased bird on
7 February 1998. (PSu).

354-98-31 □ Near Joseph,
Wallowa Co., 1 adult gray
phased bird on 31 December
1998 (MD).

354-96-34 □ Wickiup
Reservoir, Deschutes Co., 1
adult gray phased bird on 10

November 1996 (CM).

354-00-36 □ Near Finley
NWR, Benton Co., 1 immature
gray phased bird 29-31 January
2000 (MCu,LeF,PVH, photo
by TBr).

Mountain Plover
281-99-08 □ near Flores
Lake, Curry Co., 1 bird on 7
November 1999 (Dla).

Bristle-thighed Curlew
268-98-03 □ Yaquina Bay,
Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 14 May
1998 (EH).

268-98-05 □ New River,
Curry Co., 1 bird on 6 May
1998 (DLA).

268-98-06 □ New River,
Coos Co., 1 bird on 19 May
1998 (DLA).

268-98-07 □ Bandon, Coos
Co., 1 bird on 22 May 1998
(DLA, photos by KC).

Bar-tailed Godwit
250-00-17 □ Gearhart,
Clatsop Co., 1 bird 20-22
August 2000 (TT, photos by
HN).

Little Stint
242-02-06 □ N. Spit Coos
Bay, Coos Co. 1 adult on 13
July 2002 (video by Dla).

Curlew Sandpiper
244-00-16 □ Bandon Marsh,
Coos Co., 1 immature bird 25
September to 2 October 2000
(CD,DLA).

Little Gull
060.1-98-08 □ Summer Lake
SWA, Lake Co., 1 adult bird
4-27 September 1998 (RM,
photos by CM).

060.1-00-10 □ Summer Lake
SWA, Lake Co., 1 adult in
breeding plumage 30 April

At a recent meeting of the
OBRC several proposals were
presented to increase the
efficiency of processing
records. These proposals are
now being evaluated, but it
appears that most would
involve the use of electronic
transfers (email and internet).

It is the policy of the OBRC
to accept all submitted reports
no matter how they are
presented. There are several
forms available to aid in
preparing a report. A narrative
account providing all
necessary information is also
acceptable, and preferable in
some situations. However,
anticipating an increased use
of the computer the committee
asks that, if possible, reports
be submitted by email or the
internet.

There is already a marked
increase in records verified by
digital photos submitted
electronically. Videotaped
verification is also rapidly
increasing. However, very few
are accompanied by written
reports substantiating the
record. Written reports are
very important and should be
submitted for all records.

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2000 (JeH).

Slaty-backed Gull
048-97-06 □ Sauvie Island,
Multnomah Co., 1 adult 27
December 1997 to 22 February
1998 (photos by HN, video by
GG).

1 August 1998 (KM,PSu,video by GG, photos by AMc, CM).

Xantus's Murrelet
025-98-08 □ North Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co. 1 dead on beach 26 June 1998, specimen OSU (DLA, photos by KC).

Broad-billed Hummingbird
441-01-03 □ Gearhart, Clatsop Co., 1 adult male 6-14 October 2001 (photos by SuH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
402-97-12 □ S. of Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 1 immature male 1-7 January 1997 (AMc, photos by LM).

402-97-13 □ Stukel Mt., Klamath Co., 1 immature 4-11 January 1997 (KS).

402-98-14 □ Gold Beach, Curry Co., 1 adult male 20-28 December 1998 (CD).

Eastern Phoebe
456-98-07 □ near Bandon, Coos Co., 1 bird 28 December 1998 to 20 March 1999 (DLA, photos by CD,BoM).

456-00-09 □ Hwy 26 at John Day River, Wheeler Co., 1 bird on 14 May 2000 (PSu).

Vermilion Flycatcher
471-00-03 □ Irrigon, Morrow Co., 1 adult male on 7 November 2000 (photo by MRh).

471-03-04 □ Woodburn, Marion Co., 1 adult male 8 January into March 2003 (PSu, videos by OS,BOB).

Tropical Kingbird
446-97-21 □ Siletz Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 silent bird on 9 November 1997 (BoM).

446-97-22 □ North Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co. 2 silent birds

1-30 November 1997 (DLA).

446-98-26 □ Pony Slough, Coos Co., 2 silent birds 16-19 October 1998 (DLA,TR).

446-99-28 □ Pistol River, Curry Co., 1 silent bird on 13 and 20 November 1999 (DMu).

446-99-29 □ Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 silent bird on 15 October 1999 (TWa).

446-00-30 □ Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 silent bird on 21 November 2000 (DLA).

The once abundant Northern Bobwhite is now so reduced that the Committee knows of no established wild population. There is now no countable population in Oregon. It remains on the Official Oregon Check-list as an extirpated introduced species.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
443-97-09 □ N. Beaver Ck. Rd., Lincoln Co., 1 subadult on 25 September 1997 (LO).

443-02-16 □ Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 adult 23 May to 2 June 2002 (photos by LoM, video by DMu).

Yellow-throated Vireo
628-00-01 □ Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult on 9 June 2000 (AC,JCo,CC).

Brown Thrasher □
705-01-22 □ Astoria, Clatsop Co., 1 subadult 4-6 November 2001 (photos by MP).

Phainopepla
620-01-06 □ Bend, Deschutes Co., 1 male on 24 May 2001

(JMe).

Northern Parula
648-00-30 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 immature female on 18 August 2000 (RFR).

Magnolia Warbler
687-97-25 □ Summer Lake, Lake Co., 1 immature male on 24 October 1997 (CM).

Black-throated Green Warbler
667-00-09 □ Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 singing male on 20 May 2000 (PSu, photos and video by OS).

Yellow-throated Warbler
663-02-03 □ Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult male 8-9 May 2002 (DT).

Prairie Warbler
673-99-09 □ Lone Ranch State Wayside, Curry Co., 1 juvenile 13 to 24 October 1999 (DMu,CD).

Prothonotary Warbler
637-01-06 □ Halfway, Baker Co., 1 adult male 9-12 November 2001 (MHa, photos by TBr).

Worm-eating Warbler
639-01-03 □ Winchuck River mouth, Curry Co., 1 bird on 1 November 2001 (DMu).

Kentucky Warbler
677-00-04 □ Fields, Harney Co., 1 singing male on 8 May 2000 (M).

Hooded Warbler
684-02-11 □ Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult male 14-21 September 2002 (TR, photos by KeS, video by TJ).

Summer Tanager
610-00-07 □ Fields, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 9 May 2000 (M).

610-01-11 □ Portland, Multnomah Co., 1 adult male on 7 May 2001 (JG).

Lark Bunting
605-98-15 □ South Beach, Lincoln Co., 1 subadult bird 13-14 September 1998 (RC, photos by StD).

605-94-16 □ Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 breeding plumaged male during May or June 1994 (photo by TWa)

605-02-20 □ Bandon, Coos Co., 1 breeding plumaged male 17-19 August 2002 (TR, videos by DLa, OS).

Red Fox Sparrow
585-01-04 □ Salem, Marion Co., 1 bird 22 March to late April 2001 (RL).

McCown's Longspur
539-03-05 □ North Portland, Multnomah Co., 1 winter plumaged bird 7 January into March 2003 (PSu, videos by OS, WG, BoB).

Chestnut-collared Longspur
538-00-09 □ Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird 21-22 October 2000 (photos by TWa).

538-01-10 □ Lost Creek Res., Jackson Co., 1 female or immature on 9 November 2001 (DMu).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
595-98-36 □ Near Bend, Deschutes Co., 1 adult male on 31 June 1998 (photos by CM).

595-98-37 □ Brookings, Curry Co., 1 female on 12 December 1998 (CD).

Indigo Bunting
598-99-23 □ Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 female on 19 November 1999 (TWa).

598-02-27 □ Takima, Josephine Co., 1 adult male on 30 June 2002 (video by GG).

Painted Bunting
601-99-04 □ Idleyld Park, Douglas Co., 1 male in late December 1999 (photo by TrW).

Dickcissel
604-00-11 □ Harbor, Curry Co., 1 male in breeding plumage on 5 July 2000 (prints by CD, video by DMu).

Common Grackle
511-00-27 □ Fields, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 18 May 2000 (photos by M).

Hooded Oriole
505-98-20 □ Harrisburg, Linn Co., 1 adult male on 24 April 1998 (ErS).

505-99-21 □ Brookings, Curry Co., 1 adult male from 29 December 1999 into February 2000 (KGo, photos by DMu).

Baltimore Oriole
507-03-09 □ Florence, Lane Co., 1 adult male on 10 January 2003 (video by OS).

Brambling
514.1-85-06 □ Dallas, Polk Co., 1 female on 1 December 1985 (WT, RWi).

514.1-98-08 □ Holley, Linn Co., 1 female 26-27 December 1998 (NBo).

514.1-01-09 □ Burns, Harney Co., 1 winter plumaged male 28 December 2001 to 2 February 2002 (JoG, photos by JSc, videos by CM, DKn, DT).

Not accepted records

Temminck's Stint
241.1-97-03 □ Yaquina River, Lincoln Co., 1 bird 20-21 September 1997. Not accepted as description did not rule out Least Sandpiper.

Vega Herring gull
052-96-01 □ Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 adult on 1 December 1996. Not accepted as description incomplete and did not rule out other gull species.

Thick-billed Murre
031-96-10 □ Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 winter plumaged adult on 14 November 1996. Not accepted as description and sketch did not rule out Common Murre.

Red-throated Pipit
699-00-01 □ Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 2 birds on 21 April 2000. Not accepted as photos and descriptions did not rule out Savannah Sparrow or some other species of pipit.

Connecticut Warbler
678-97-02 □ Kelly Butte Park, Multnomah Co., 1 bird on 5 May 1997. Not accepted as description was unconvincing and did not rule out other warbler species.

Red Fox Sparrow
585-94-01 □ Sutherlin, Douglas Co., 1 bird on 22 November 1994. Not accepted as brief description did not rule out other Fox Sparrow subspecies.

Great-tailed Grackle
512-97-13 □ Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 23 May 1997. Not accept as brief description did not rule out Common Grackle or other blackbird species.

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Red-breasted Sapsucker X Red-naped Sapsucker hybrid, 18 January, Prineville, Crook County. Found by Peter Low. Photo/C. Gates