

The Records of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, 2005-2006

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From May 2005 to May 2006 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 34 records reviewed by the Committee 29 were accepted and 5 were not accepted. During this period one new species was accepted for addition to the Official Checklist of Oregon Birds: Sprague's Pipit. Combining Black-backed and White Wagtails by the American Ornithologist' Union dropped Black-backed Wagtail from the list. The Official Checklist now stands at 498 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 2006 are David Bailey, Hendrik Herlyn, Jeff Gilligan, David Irons, Tim Janzen, Gerard Lillie, Larry McQueen, Craig Miller, and Owen Schmidt. The alternates are: Trent Bray, Steven Dowlan, and John Rakestraw. Hendrik Herlyn resigned from the Committee during the year and Steve Dowlan moved into his position on the Committee.

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 15 November 2005. New terms begin at the new calendar year.

Accepted Records

Falcated Duck

137.1-06-03 Eugene, Lane Co., 1 adult male on 14 March 2006. (video by JW).

Garganey

139.1-05-05 Tangent S. Ponds, Linn Co., 1 adult male 14-17 May 2005. (details by JFI, photo by RaC).

Short-tailed Albatross

082-05-10 Seven Devils Wayside, Coos Co., 1 juvenile dead on the beach on 3 September 2005 (details by DGr, photo by KeI).

082-06-11 Perpetua Bank, Lincoln Co., 1 juvenile on 18 March 2006 (photos by TrG, EMc).



Bar-tailed Godwit with Marbled Godwits, Harris Beach State Park, Curry County, October 2005 /D. Munson

Mottled Petrel

099-05-16 58-169nm offshore Oregon, 21 sightings from 31 October to 1 November 2005 (details by TSt, photos by LaM, RiP).

Crested Caracara

362-05-02 Near Langlois, Coos Co., 1 bird 25-29 April 2005 (photos by DaL, video by OS).

362-06-03 Corvallis Airport, Benton Co., 1 bird 12-14 April 2006 (Details by BWi, photos by MoM, PaT, JW).

Lesser Sand-Plover

279-05-04 Seaside, Clatsop Co., 1 adult 16-18 July 2005 (photos by DHe, ShH, BCr, KBr, IBo, PSu,RSu, videos by TJ,OS).

Bar-tailed Godwit

250-05-22 Harris Beach State Park, Curry Co., 1 bird 16-18 October 2005 (photos by JA, DMu).

Curlew Sandpiper

244-05-21 Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird on 18 December 2005 (photos by AC, DHe).

244-05-19 Nehalem Sewage Ponds, Tillamook Co., 1 bird 18-19 October 2005 (photos by ShH, video by WG).

White-winged Dove

319-05-10 Newport, Lincoln co., 1 bird on 7 June 2005 (photos by RaF).

319-05-11 Cove, Union Co., 1 bird on 27 October 2005 (photos by TBr).

319-05-12 S. of Burns, Harney Co., 2-6 December 2005 (details by NSt, photo by RMu).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

402-06-21 Sublimity, Marion Co., 1 male on 17-18 January 2006 (details by JGe, photos by JiL).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

443-00-13 S. of Dallas, Polk Co., 1 immature bird on 24 August 2000 (details by WT).

443-5-19 Coos Head, Coos Co., 1 adult on 14 May 2005 (details by TR, photo by JCh).

Plumbeous Vireo

629.1-05-08 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 7 June 2005 (photos by RHo).



Mottled Petrel, 2 November, 2005. Photo/R. Pagen, Protected Resources Division, Southwest - Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, California. swfsc.nmfs.noaa.gov/PRD/

Sprague's Pipit

700-05-05 Langlois, Curry Co., 1 bird on 1 October 2005 (video by TWa).

Blue-winged Warbler

461-05-07 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 20 September 2005 (details by VA, photos by ChW).

Black-throated Green Warbler

667-05-13 Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., 1 male on 9 December 2005 (photos by MII).

Lark Bunting

605-00-17 Seneca, Grant Co., 1 male on 4 September 2000 (details by COL, MOL).

605-05-21 Baskett Slough NWR, Polk Co., 1 female on 13 August 2005 (details by BY, photo by CY).

McCown's Longspur

539-04-07 Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath Co., 1 bird on 31 December 2004 (photos by KaF).

Great-tailed Grackle

512-05-19 Summer Lake, Lake Co., 1 male on 15 May 2005 (photos by NSt, video by TJ).

512-05-20 Lakeside, Coos Co., 3 birds 22 May to 17 June 2005 (photos by JR).

Baltimore Oriole

507-05-10 Tierra Del Mar, Tillamook Co., 1 male on 24 April 2005 (video by WG).

Brambling

514.1-06-10 Monmouth, Polk Co., 1 bird early March to 16 April 2006 (photos by KeO, RiB).

514.1-06-11 Eugene, Lane Co., 1 female 12 April 2006 (photos by M, MRu).

Not Accepted

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

428-04-02 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 23 May 2004. Photo did not clearly show diagnostic field marks of the species. Very difficult to separate female Ruby-throated from the more regular Black-chinned Hummingbird.

Eastern Phoebe

456-02-10 Malone Springs, Klamath Co., 1 bird on 6 June 2002. Details did not completely rule out other similar species. Observer did not see distinctive tail-pumping.

Pine Warbler

671-05-04 Cape Meares Village, Tillamook Co., 1 bird on 23 October 2005. Details and photo did not show distinctive characteristics of this difficult to identify species.

Mourning Warbler

679-02-06 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 28 May 2002. Details not totally convincing of this very difficult to identify species. The possibility of Common Yellowthroat was not ruled out.



White-winged Dove near Cove, Union Co. 27 October, 2005. photo/T. Bray

Orchard Oriole

506-01-09 Newport, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 14 October 2001. Descriptions very brief and did not give adequate describe distinctive characteristics of the species or rule out other similar species.

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