

Report Of The Oregon Bird Records Committee 2008-2009

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From May 2008 to May 2009 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 67 records reviewed by the Committee 63 were accepted and 4 were not accepted. During this period five new species were accepted for addition to the Official Checklist of Oregon Birds: Wandering Albatross, Greater Shearwater, Red-billed Tropicbird, Wood Sandpiper, and Pyr-

rhuloxia. The Official Checklist now stands at 517 species. Indigo Bunting was removed from the review list.

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 2009 are David Bailey, Tom Crabtree, Jeff Gilligan, David Irons, Tim Janzen, Gerard Lillie, Craig Miller, Owen Schmidt and Jay Withgott. The alternates are: John Rakestraw and Tim Shelmerdine.

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.



Oregon's first Wandering Albatross, 13 September 2008 32 miles west of Waldport, Lincoln Co., was only the second North American record. Photo/Cheryl Whelchel

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 the Secretary must receive all nominations before 15 November 2009. New terms begin at the new calendar year.



Oregon's first Greater Shearwater, west of Newport, Lincoln County 9 August 2008. Photo/Dan Barton

Accepted Records:

Wandering Albatross

083.1-08-01

32mi W. Waldport, Lincoln Co., 1 Antipodean race on 13 September 2008 (photos by TS, GG, CyW).

Short-tailed Albatross

082-05-09

Heceta Bank, Lincoln Co., 1 sub-adult on 12 July 2005 (DaA,CyT).

Murphy's Petrel

100.1-08-06

40mi W. Curry Co., 1 bird on 11 May 2008 (photo by OS).

100.1-08-07

90km W. Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird on 13 April 2008 (photo by THu).

Greater Shearwater

089-08-01

18nm W. Newport, Lincoln Co., 9 August 2008 (GG, TSn, photos by DaB)

Manx Shearwater

090-09-14

20km W. Rockaway, Tillamook Co., 1 bird on 6 April 2009 (photos by RyM).

Manx-type Shearwater

090/3-03-12

South Jetty Columbia R., Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 21 June 2003 (MP).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel

109-03-03

20 mi. W. South Jetty Columbia R., Clatsop Co., 1

bird on 13 September 2003 (TSn, TS).

Red-billed Tropicbird

113-08-01

25mi W Florence, Lane Co., 1 bird on 13 May 2008 (photos by LaH).

Brown Booby

115-08-02

Cape Arago, Coos Co., 1 adult dead on beach 26 October 2008 (photos by RuN).

115-05-03

off Tillamook to Newport, Tillamook and Lincoln Cos., 1 adult during May 2005 (photos, LaH).

Little Blue Heron

200-08-10

Bybee Lake, Multnomah Co., 1 immature 31 August to 1 September 2008 (photos by JNo, SF).



Oregon's first Wood Sandpiper, at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co. 29 September 2008. Photo/John Sullivan

200-08-12

Siletz Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 immature bird 11 December 2008 to 6 April 2009 (photos by RLo, BMe).

Glossy Ibis

186-08-03

Burns, Harney Co., 1 bird on 15 May 2008, (photo by OS).

Broad-winged Hawk

343-03-12

Bonney Butte, Hood River Co., 1 bird on 30 September 2003 (MaM).

Caracara

362-08-06

Frenchglen, Harney Co., 1 bird on 26 April 2008 (photo by photo by LBU).

Wood Sandpiper

257.1-08-01

Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 1 bird 29 September to 4 October 2008 (photos by JSu, DHe, AHe, OS, TC).

Hudsonian Godwit

251-03-18

S. Jetty Columbia River, Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 19 October 2003 (MP).

Bar-tailed Godwit

250-04-21

South Jetty Siuslaw R., Lane Co., 1 juvenile 17-19 September 2004 (BS).

Red-necked Stint

242.2-04-19

Siltcoos Beach, Lane Co., 1 juvenile on 19 September 2004 (DaF,AC).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

050-08-03

Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 adult on 29 August 2008 (photos by GLi).

Slaty-backed Gull

048-09-09

Portland, Multnomah Co., 1 sub-adult 29 January to 14 February 2009 (photos by StC, SNo, MLF, OS).

Least Tern

074-08-11

Tualatin River NWR, Washington Co., 1 bird on 24 June 2008 (NL, photos by OS, EMc, BjF).

White-winged Dove

319-03-09

Astoria, Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 4 September 2003 (MP).

319-08-18

Cove, Union Co., 1 bird on 20 June 2008 (photos by TBr).

319-08-19

Yachats, Lincoln Co., 1 bird 28-29 September 2008 (photos by Phi).

319-08-20

Brookings, Curry Co., 1 bird on 6 October 2008 (photos by DMu).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

387-03-21

Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird 12-19 June 2003 (photos by M).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

428-08-04

Keno, Klamath Co., 1 bird 1-4 September 2008 (photos by DVH, TC).

Red-headed Woodpecker

406-08-02

Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 6 June 2008 (photos by EIK, LuR).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

402-08-25

Grants Pass, Josephine Co., 1 bird 20-21 December 2008 (MiK, photo by DV not accepted).

Blue-headed Vireo

629-08-05

E. of White City, Jackson Co., 1 bird on 26 April 2008 (photos by DCr).

Brown Thrasher

706-08-28

Silverton, Marion Co., 1 bird 26-29 December 2008 (MaS, photos by TBr).

Eastern Yellow Wagtail

696-08-04

mouth Necanicum R., Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 26 August 2008 (photos by OS).

White Wagtail

694-02-02

EE Wilson WMA, Benton Co, 1 bird on 13 December 2002 (JGe).

Blue-winged Warbler

641-03-06

Riley Pond, Harney Co., 1 bird on 9 September 2003 (SSt, DaF).

Blue-winged/Golden-winged Warbler

641/642-05-01

Provolt, Josephine Co., 1 male "Brewster's" on 11 July 2005 (DV).

Virginia's Warbler

644-03-15

N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird 11-13 September 2003 (TR).

Black-throated Green Warbler

667-05-12

Plush, Lake Co., 1 adult male on 7 June 2005 (WiP).

Blackburnian Warbler

662-04-08

Page Springs Campground, Harney Co., 1 bird on 28 September 2004 (OS,JG).

Yellow-throated Warbler

663-09-06

Langlois, Curry Co., 1 male 13-17 January 2009 (photos by TWa, RuN, LoM).



Eastern Yellow Wagtail with a Least Sandpiper 26 August 2008 at the mouth of the Necanicum River, Clatsop Co. Photo/Owen Schmidt

Pine Warbler

671-08-05

LaGrande, Union Co., 1 bird 20-31 December 2008 (DaT, photos by KnC).

Prairie Warbler

673-02-11

Pistol River, Curry Co., 1 imma-

ture female on 12 October 2002 (AC, HH).

673-04-12

Hq. Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 27 September 2004 (AC).

Hooded Warbler

684-08-14

Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 female 21-27 May 2008 (EIM, photos by ErH, TJ).

Summer Tanager

516-08-18

Camp Sherman, Jefferson Co., 1 male 5-8 June 2008 (JMe, photo by KeS).

Eastern Towhee

587-08-03

Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 male on 1 June 2008 (photos by JC, DwP).

Black-chinned Sparrow

565-05-05

Portland, Multnomah Co., 1 female on 11 June 2005 (JG).

LeConte's Sparrow

648-03-03

Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 24 May 2003 (LSm).

Red Fox Sparrow

585-09-08

Eugene, Lane Co., 1 bird on 2-3 January 2009 (photos by HoR, DHe).

McCown's Longspur

539-01-04

Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath Co., 1 bird on 25 February 2001 (TJ, photo by KS).

Pyrrhuloxia

544-08-01

Peoria, Linn Co., 1 female 12-23 November 2008 (photos by CyW, RaC, PaT, M, OS, TSh).

Indigo Bunting

598-08-33

Lebanon, Linn Co., 1 male 20-25 June 2008 (photos by RKr).

Rusty Blackbird

509-03-13

Enterprise, Wallowa Co., 1 bird on 17 February 2003 (photos by BCr).



Oregon's first Pyrrhuloxia, in Peoria, Linn Co. 14 November 2008. Photo/Cheryl Whelchel

Great-tailed Grackle**512-02-16**

Antelope Reservoir, Malheur Co.,
1 adult male on 15 June 2002
(photo by CM).

Common Grackle**511-04-33**

Portland, Multnomah Co., 1 bird
on 23 October 2004 (JaW).

511-08-35

Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 16
May 2008 (photos by M).

511-08-36

Frenchglen, Harney Co., 1 male
on 24-25 May 2008 (JMe, photos
by RHo).

Hooded Oriole**505-08-27**

Brookings, Curry Co., 1 bird on
25 April 2008 (photo by MCo).

505-08-28

Eagle Point, Jackson Co., 1 bird
on 18 April 2008 (photo by HS).

Lawrence's Goldfinch**531-03-04**

Roseburg, Douglas Co., 1 male
28 August to 8 September 2003
(photos by LoB, RM).

531-08-08

Eugene, Lane Co., 1 male on 24-
25 April 2008 (photos by JLC).

531-08-10

Eagle Point, Jackson Co., 1 male
on 8 May 2008 (photo by HS).

Not Accepted Records:**Craveri's Murrelet****026-03-01**

South Jetty Columbia R., Clatsop
Co., 1 bird on 21 June 2003. Bird
seen at some distance and for a
brief period. Details did not rule
out similar alcids.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**402-08-24**

Toledo, Lincoln Co., 12 April
2008. Photos appeared to be of a
Red-naped Sapsucker as observer
suspected.

Eastern Phoebe**456-08-14**

P Ranch, Harney Co., 1 bird on 31
August 2008. Poor, dark photo in-
conclusive to species. Details did
not rule out similar flycatchers.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail**696-02-03**

Summit Diamond Peak, Lane Co.,
1 adult on 16 October 2002. De-
scription did not entirely rule out
a bright Pipit. Location would be
highly unlikely for the species.

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