

Report of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, 2010

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From May 2009 to May 2010 the Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC) completed review of 55 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, 45 were accepted and 10 were not accepted. During this period three new species were accepted for addition to the Official Checklist of Oregon Birds: **Solander's Petrel**, **Lesser Nighthawk**, and **White-eyed Vireo**. The Official Checklist now stands at 520 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), initials 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 2010 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.

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 2010. New terms begin at the new calendar year.

Accepted Records:

Steller's Eider

157-07-03 Brays Point, Lane Co., 1 bird on 3 February 2007 (AC,CoW).

SOLANDER'S PETREL (First Oregon Record)

099.2-09-01 60mi. W. Lane Co. coast, Lane Co., 1 bird on 8 May 2009 (DI,SMI).

Black-vented Shearwater

099-07-07 8mi. W. Clatsop Beach, Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 12 September 2007 (BSh).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel

109-09-05 60mi. W. Curry Co., 1 bird on 23 August 2009 (JG,OS).

Brown Booby

115-09-04 Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird 28 October to 8 December 2009 (JMe, photos by OS,RuN, LoM).



Brown Booby with cormorants. Photo by Russ Namitz.

Glossy Ibis

186-09-04 Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird
on 23 May 2009 (photo by DoB).

Broad-winged Hawk

343-06-16 HQ Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1
bird on 27 April 2006 (MiM).

343-06-17 Circle Creek, Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 3
September 2009 (MP).

343-09-18 Bonney Butte, Hood River Co., 1
bird on 15 September 2009 (photo by DwP).

343-09-19 Bonney Butte, Hood River Co., 1
bird on 24 September 2009 (photo by DwP).

343-09-20 P Ranch, Harney Co., 1 bird on 27
December 2009 (photo by StS).

Common Moorhen

219-06-10 Black Butte Ranch, Deschutes Co., 1
bird on 10 April 2006 (DM).

219-09-11 Brookings, Curry Co., 1 bird on 24
December 2009 (BzS).

Hudsonian Godwit

251-09-21 Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 2 birds
4-18 September 2009 (EmS, photos by
CyW, SNo, SV, MP, AdH).

Red-necked Stint

242.2-09-21 Tenmile Creek, Coos Co., 1 bird on
19 June 2009 (DaF, photos by HH).

White-rumped Sandpiper

240-09-05 Hatfield Lake, Deschutes Co., 1 bird
on 13 August 2009 (JMe, HHo).

Curlew Sandpiper

244-06-22 North Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1
bird on 12 September 2006 (TR).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

050-09-04 John Day Dam, Sherman Co., 2 birds
20 November to 6 December 2009 (CM, MaM, photos
by CyW, TC, ShH, IBo, JGa, ShS, LGo, AHe).

Slaty-backed Gull

048-08-10 Cape Creek, Lane Co., 1 bird on 6
April 2008 (details and photo by CTu).



*Slaty-backed Gull at mouth of Cape Creek, Heceta Head
park. Photo by Craig Turner.*

Thick-billed Murre

031-09-15 Seaside, Clatsop Co., 1 moribund
bird on 19 November 2009 (photos by MP).

Xantus's Murrelet

025-09-17 20mi. W. Depoe Bay, Lincoln Co., 2
birds on 12 September 2009 (photo by GG).

Parakeet Auklet

017-09-16 15km W. Depoe Bay, Lincoln Co., 4
birds on 7 April 2009 (details and photos by RyM).

017-09-17 8km SW Seaside, Clatsop Co., 1 bird
on 27 March 2009 (RyM, photo not accepted).

White-winged Dove

319-09-21 Frenchglen, Harney Co., 1 bird on 30
May 2009 (photos by PaN, SF, JoP, video by TJ).

319-09-22 Port Orford, Curry Co., 1 bird on 31
August 2009 (photo by LoM).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK (First Oregon Record)

421-09-01 Malheur Field Station, Harney Co., 1
bird on 27 August 2009 (photos by DuE).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

409-09-26 EE Wilson State Wildlife Area,
Benton Co., 1 immature 20-26 December 2009 (JGe,
photos by JGe, CyW).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

443-08-21 N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird 25
November to 2 December 2008 (TR, photos by
LoM, KnA).



Lesser Nighthawk. Photo by Duncan Evered.

WHITE-EYED VIREO - First Oregon Record

631-09-01 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 9 June 2009 (photos by GrF, video by OS).

Philadelphia Vireo

629-04-04 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 24 May 2004 (M,OS).

629-04-06 Hq. Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult on 18 May 2004 (StS).

Sedge Wren

724-07-02 Luckiamute Landing, Polk Co., 1 bird 4-9 January 2007 (DoR,RR).

Northern Wheatear

765-09-05 Whalen Island, Tillamook Co., 1 bird 17-18 September 2009 (photos by GG,AC,TC,DHe,TJ, video by OS).

Magnolia Warbler

687-08-33 Sodhouse Historic Site, Harney Co., 1 bird on 30 September 2008 (photo by AC).

Yellow-throated Warbler

663-09-07 Netarts, Tillamook Co., singing male on 2 June 2009 (DVP, LaH).

Prairie Warbler

673-06-14 S. Jetty Siuslaw R., Lane Co., 1 bird on 25 September 2006 (WSc);

Mourning Warbler

679-07-08 Benson Pond, Harney Co., 1 bird on 14 September 2007 (AC).

Hooded Warbler

684-09-15 NE Coos Co., 1 bird on 29 May 2009 (audio tape by JuB).

Chestnut-collared Longspur

538-06-22 S. Jetty Columbia River, Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 6 October 2006 (DBa).

Blue Grosbeak

597-04-06 Fields, Harney Co., 1 female on 27 May 2004 (TR).

Dickcissel

604-09-13 Grants Pass, Jackson Co., 1 bird on 28 May 2009 (photo by PhH).

604-10-14 Nehalem Meadows, Tillamook Co., 1 bird 20-22 February 2010 (TS, photos by DSm,EdD,EMc,ShS).

Common Grackle

511-04-32 Six Mile Pond, Catlow Valley, Harney Co., 1 bird on 30 May 2004 (photo by TR).

Hooded Oriole

505-09-30 Gaston, Washington Co., 1 adult male 26 December 2009 into April 2010 (photos by GG,OS,DoN,JSa,Spa,TWn,AuB).

505-06-31 Bowman Road, Douglas Co., 1 adult male on 13 December 2006 (DaF, photo by TGa).

505-08-32 Days Creek, Douglas Co., 1 adult male on 11 June 2008 (DaF, photo by SeR).

Not accepted records:

Long-billed Murrelet

021.1-03-02 Cape Arago, Coos Co., 1 bird on 7 September 2003. Not accepted as key field marks were not described. Description did not rule out similar species.

Broad-winged Hawk

343-03-13 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 18 October 2003. Not accepted as description did not rule out Red-shouldered hawk.

343-06-15 Baskett Slough NWR, Polk Co., 1 bird on 28 April 2006. Not accepted as description did not rule out Red-shouldered Hawk.

Black Rail
216-07-01 Bayocean Spit, Tillamook Co., 1 bird
on 27 August 2007. Not accepted as key field marks not
described, and apparently not seen.

Alder Flycatcher
466.1-06-11 15mi. E. of Joseph, Willowa Co., 1
singing bird on 24 June 2006. Record not accepted as
no voice recording was made. Voices of Alder and
Willow Flycatchers are so similar separation can not be
verified without voice recording.

Philadelphia Vireo
629-07-07 Oregon City, Clackamas Co., 1 bird
on 1 September 2007. Fall vireos can be very difficult to
identify. This description was too sketchy to eliminate
Warbling Vireo or other species.

629-09-08 Headquarters Malheur NWR,
Harney Co., 1 bird on 5 September 2009. Not accepted
as photo did not show field marks of a Philadelphia
Vireo and appeared to be a very bright Warbling Vireo.

Red-throated Pipit
699-03-03 N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird on
23 September 2003. Identified mainly on calls with
poor looks at plumage. Description not detailed
enough to accept.

Phainopepla
620-06-07 Headquarters Malheur NWR,
Harney Co., 1 bird on 11 May 2006. Brief and
incomplete description did not adequately describe a
Phainopepla.

Blackburnian Warbler
662-03-07 Nehalem, Tillamook Co., 24
September 2003. Incomplete and rather poorly written
details did not entirely rule out other warbler species.

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