From May 2012 to May 2013 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 54 records reviewed by the Committee, 52 were accepted, and 2 were not accepted. Five species were added to the list: Common Eider, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Guadalupe Murrelet, Little Bunting, and Cassin’s Sparrow. Two species were removed from the Review List: White-winged Dove and Brown Thrasher. The Official Checklist now stands at 527 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 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 OBA in good standing and the Secretary must receive all nominations before 15 November 2013. New terms begin at the new calendar year.

Accepted Records:

Common Eider
159-13-04 Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 subadult male 15-17 March 2013 (photos by OS,NSt,BaT);

Cook’s Petrel
098.3-12-04 45km W. Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird on 17 April 2012 (RyM);

Brown Booby
115-12-05 25mi. W. Depoe Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 6 October 2012 (GG,photo by NS);

Little Blue Heron
200-12-13 Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 immature 21-22 September 2012 (photos by PSu,TB,AC);

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
203-04-01 Otter Crest, Lincoln Co., 1 adult on 14 April 2004 (photo by ARV);
Piping Plover 277-12-03
South Jetty Siuslaw River, Lane Co., 1 bird on 20 August 2012 (DSt);

Spotted Redshank 253.2-12-02
Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 1 breeding plumaged bird 4-6 July 2012 RRo, photos by BUh, DAr);

Hudsonian Godwit 251-12-22
South Jetty Columbia River, Clatsop Co., 1 breeding plumaged male on 2 July 2012 (JoB);

Red-necked Stint 242.2-12-23
S. Jetty Siuslaw R., Lane Co., 1 bird on 23 July 2012 (photos by AC,LuB);

Curlew Sandpiper 244-12-24
Heceta Beach, Lane Co., 1 adult in partial breeding plumage 14 August 2012 (photo by TMI);

Red-legged Kittiwake 041-12-09
Near Yachats, Lincoln Co., 1 bird dead on beach 9 June 2012 (photos by AJ,PSp);

Little Gull 060.1-12-14
Summer Lake WMA, Lake Co., 1 bird on 12 August 2012 (TR);

Vega Herring Gull 052-93-04
Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 1 adult 10 January to 27 March 1993 (photos by HN)

Iceland Gull 043-11-18
Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., first cycle bird on 26 April 2011 (photos by (WH);

Black Skimmer 080-02-02
Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird on 29 April 2002 (BCe);

Guadalupe Murrelet (formerly Xantus’s Murrelet) 025.1-01-01
163.5NM west of Cape Arago, Coos Co., 1 bird on 20 October 2001 (photos by MiF);

White-winged Dove 319-12-24
Brookings, Curry Co., 1 bird 21 August 2012 (JSu, photos by SBy);

Common Ground-Dove 329-12-03
Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird 17-18 September 2012 (photographs OS,LoM);

Yellow-billed Cuckoo 387-09-22
Sandy River Delta, Multnomah Co., 1 calling bird on 22 July 2009 (JaW);

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 428-12-05
Hart Mountain, Lake Co., 1 adult male on 1 June 2012 (photos JSh);

Crested Caracara 362-12-07
Langlois, Curry Co., 1 bird on 1 December 2012 (photo LoM)

Chemult, Klamath Co., 1 bird on 13 September 2012 (KaR, TSc);

Eastern Phoebe 456-12-20
Airlie, Polk Co., 1 bird on 1 June 2012 (WT, photos OS,NSt,BrW)

Wood Thrush 755-12-04
Whiskey Springs, Jefferson Co., 1 bird on 21 September 2012 (DSu);

Brown Thrasher 706-12-30
Port Orford, Curry Co., 1 bird on 25 May 2012 (photo by LoM);

Phainopepla 620-12-08
Emigrant Lake, Jackson Co., 1 immature 4-6 December 2012 (photos HFu, GoP, TPh);
McCown’s Longspur 539-12-08  Borax Lake, Harney Co., 1 bird on 19 October 2012 (NSi);

Hooded Warbler 684-12-18  Astoria, Clatsop Co., 1 male 31 December 2012 to 10 January 2013 (photos by MP, MLu);

Cape May Warbler 650-12-16  Frenchglen, Harney Co., 1 bird on 13 May 2012 (photos by TaA, ErC);

Blackburnian Warbler 667-12-16  Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 29 May 2012 (photos by VTh, CM, OS, RRo);

667-12-17  Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird 6-8 June 2012 (photos by AC, JeS);

Cassin’s Sparrow 578-12-01  Floras Lake, Curry Co., 1 bird 10-11 October 2012 (photos by LoM, OS, RuN);

Lark Bunting 605-12-24  Fields, Harney Co., 1 breeding plumaged male 15 May 2012 (RaW);

605-12-25  Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 winter plumaged bird 27 August 2012 (LoM);

Red Fox Sparrow 585-12-10  Brookings, Curry Co., 1 bird 16-18 March 2012 photo (SCh);

585-13-11  Heceta Beach, Lane Co., 1 bird on 7 January 2013 (photo by Diane Petitcy)

Gray-headed Junco 569-12-04  Pueblo Mountains, Harney Co., two birds on 14 June 2012 (AdH);

Little Bunting 602-13-01  Joseph, Wallowa Co., 1 bird 28-29 January, also March, 2013 (AC, photos by CTu, TBr);

Summer Tanager 610-12-21  Headquarters Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 breeding plumaged male 10-11 June 2012 (photos by AC, DwP);

Blue Grosbeak 597-11-12  Crissey Field State Park, Curry Co., 1 female on 30 June 2011 (DMu);

Painted Bunting 601-12-06  Bandon, Coos Co., 1 female early March 2012 (photos (May);

Dickcissel 604-12-17  Harbor, Curry Co., 1 female on 24 November 1992 (photos by AB);

Fenk Road, Tillamook Co., 1 bird on 12 November 2012 (photos by SuN);

Nestucca Bay NWR, Tillamook Co., 1 bird on 10 September 2011 (photos by JHu);

Orchard Oriole 506-12-12  Page Springs Campground, Harney Co., 1 male on 8 June 2012 (photos by HFu, GoP);

Rusty Blackbird 509-12-22  Ashland, Jackson Co., 1 female on 26 December 2012 (photos by RuN);

Orchard Oriole 506-12-12  Headquarters Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 male on 17 June 2012 (photos by AdH).

Baltimore Oriole 507-12-16  Headquarters Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 summer plumaged male 22 August 2012 (BrG);
Brookings, Curry Co., 1 adult male 22 August 2012 (photo by DMu);

Lawrence’s Goldfinch

Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., 1 breeding plumaged male on 12 April 2012 (photos by MES);

Not Accepted Records:

Hawaiian/Galapagos Petrel

40mi. W. Reedsport, Douglas Co., 1 bird on 24 August 2011. Although reported by an experienced observer the bird was seen in rather poor weather conditions and important identification details were lacking.

Rusty Blackbird


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