

The Records of the Oregon Bird Records Committee — 2014-2015

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Editor's note: Since the fall issue of Oregon Birds, which usually includes the OBRC report, was cancelled last year, the 2014-2015 records are included in the present issue. The OBRC report for the current year will be printed in the 2016 fall issue of OB.

From May 2014 to May 2015, 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; these are accepted records. If photo/video(s) or specimen is indicated for a record, it was accepted as verified. Other records were accepted as sight records.

Of the 43 records reviewed by the Committee, 38 were accepted and 5 were not accepted. Three species were removed from the Review List: Lark Bunting, "Red" Fox Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird. Two species were added to the list: Tundra Bean Goose, and Stejneger's Petrel. The Official Checklist now stands at 534 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 2014 are Tom Crabtree, Jeff Gilligan, David Irons, Tim Janzen, Shawneen Finnegan, Owen Schmidt, Hendrik Herlyn, Craig Tumer, and Jay Withgott. The alternates are Stefan Schlick, Wayne Hoffman, Tim Blount, and Craig Miller. 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 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 2015. New terms begin at the new calendar year.

Accepted Records:

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE

171.1-14-01 ... Nestucca Bay NWR, Tillamook Co., 9 November 2014 (WH, DI, photos by DaV, HH, NeN, StC, AFr, OS, WH, CrB, DI; video by TJ, OS);

HAWAIIAN PETREL

098.5-14-03 ... 40mi. W. of Brookings, Curry Co., one bird on 30 April 2014 (photos by BrR);

STEJNEGER'S PETREL

098.4-14-01 ... 128nm W. of Rogue River mouth, Curry Co., one bird on 15 September 2014 (MiF);

STREAKED SHEARWATER

088.1-13-02 ... 50mi. W. of Tillamook County, one bird on 24 September, 2013 (JMe, TJ);

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL

109-14-06 ... 39mi. WSW of Newport, Lincoln Co., one bird on 16 August 2014 (RRo, SF, JoR, RuN, photos by BA, SF, JoR, WG);

ASHY STORM-PETREL

108-14-05 ... 45mi. W. of Waldport, Lincoln Co., one bird on 18 May 2014 (GG, photos by BA);

108-14-06 ... 40mi. West of Curry County, one bird on 30 April 2014 (NL);

108-14-07... 50mi. W. of Reedsport, Coos Co., one bird on 1 May 2014 (JG, OS, TC);

108-14-08 ... 33mi. W. of Newport, Lincoln Co., one bird on 16 August 2014 (RRo, BA.,RuN, photos by BA, WG);

BLACK STORM-PETREL

107-14-05 ... 33mi. W. of Newport, Lincoln Co., one bird on 16 August 2014 (RuN, RRo, JoR, SF, photos by BoL);

MAGNIFICENT/GREAT FRIGATEBIRD

128/128.1-15-02 ... Seaside, Clatsop Co., one bird on 6 February 2015 (MP, JaW, photos by JaW);

BROWN BOOBY

115-14-06... Tierra Del Mar, Tillamook Co., one bird on 25 October 2014 (WG);

115-14-07... Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., one bird on 30 October 2014 (WH, DI, photos by WH, JSu, NeN, DI, FS, SHz, OS);

115-14-08... Pacific City, Tillamook Co., one bird on 14 October 2014 (DI, photos by DSI);

115-14-10... Rockaway Beach, Tillamook Co., one bird on 21 December 2014 (photo by MP);

WHITE IBIS

184-14-03... Page Springs CG, Harney Co., one bird on 17 May 2014 (JNe);

GLOSSY IBIS

186-14-08... Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath Co., one bird on 18 April 2014 (photos by NSt);

HUDSONIAN GODWIT

251-14-24... Baskett Slough NWR, Polk Co., one bird on 18 May 2014 (photos by BrW);

251-14-25... Duckflat Road, Marion Co., one bird on 1 June 2014 (BaD, TJo, photo by TJo);

GUADALUPE MURRELET

025.1-14-04... 138nm W of Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 15 September 2014 (MiF, photo by SY);

BLACK-HEADED GULL
055.1-13-07... Seaside, Clatsop Co., one bird on 17 November 2013 (MP);

055.1-15-09... McNary Dam, Umatilla Co., one bird on 2 January 2015 (AaS, SF, photos by AaS, TBr, MLD, StC, MiC, ChL, Run, SF, DI, video by TJ,SF);

055.1-15-10... Astoria, Clatsop Co., one bird on 24 January 2015 (MP, photos by P, TrH, DiB, RPH, DI, JaS);

LITTLE GULL
060.1-14-15... Upper Klamath Lake, Klamath Co., one bird on 19 September 2014 (RuN, photos by RuN, JSu, DiB, PeT);

ROSS'S GULL
061-14-05 ... 50mi. W of Tillamook County, Tillamook Co., one bird on 22 September 2014 (photos by OS, TC);

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL
050-14-05 ... Rickets Road, Lane Co., one bird on 24 November 2014 (photos by NSt, BMc, SaH, JSu, BC, NeN, OS, MP);

CHIMNEY SWIFT
423-14-02 ... Carver, Clackamas Co., one bird on 2 May 2014 (BoB);
423-14-03 ... Eugene, Lane Co., one bird on 12 May 2014 (OS,-JG, photos by OS, video by OS, BC);

EASTERN PHOEBE
456-14-22 ... Langlois, Curry Co., one bird on 11 May 2014 (TR, photos by LoM);

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER
493-14-23 ... Cape Arago, Coos Co., one bird on 30 December 2014 (photos by JuT);

CALIFORNIA THRASHER
710-14-04... Pilot Rock, Jackson Co., during summer 2014 (photo by FrC);

RED-THROATED PIPIT
699-14-05 ... Lake Selmac, Josephine Co., one bird on 20 October 2014 (RuN, photos by RuN, JeS, OS, DiB, PeT, DI, video by RuN,TJ);

PHAINOPEPLA
620-14-10 ... Klamath River Canyon, Klamath Co., one bird on 13 June 2014 (KS, photos and videos by KS);

MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR
539-14-09 ... Enterprise, Wallowa Co., one winter bird on 31 December 2014 (KhT, photos by KhT, TBr);

CAPE MAY WARBLER
650-15-17 ... Enterprise, Wallowa Co., one male on 18 January 2015 (AH, photos by AH, CHi, AC, TrH, HH); (*photo page 9*)

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER
662-14-13... Pueblo Mountains, Harney Co., one male on 14

June 2014 (CHi, photos by AH, CHi);
662-14-14... Bayocean, Tillamook Co., one male on 12 October 2014. (photos by MiK);

PRAIRIE WARBLER
673-15-15 ... Astoria, Clatsop Co., one bird on 4 January 2015 (AnM; photos by AnM, MP);

CANADA WARBLER
686-14-11 ... P Ranch, Harney Co., one bird on 28 September 2014 (photos by NSt);

LARK BUNTING
605-14-27 ... Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., one bird on 9 September 2014 (photos by Sma);

"RED" FOX SPARROW
585-14-12 ... Corvallis, Benton Co., one bird on 27 December 2014 (details by TiO, photos by TiO, CaB);
585-14-13 ... Salem, Marion Co., one bird on 17 December 2014 (photo by DBe);

"GRAY-HEADED" DARK-EYED JUNCO
569-14-06 ... Ten Cent Meadows-Pueblo Mnts, Harney Co., one bird on 14 June 2014 (CHi);
569-15-07 ... Enterprise, Wallowa Co., one bird on 18 January 2015 (CHi, AH);

RUSTIC BUNTING
535.1-14-03 ... Portland, Multnomah Co., one adult male on 25 April 2014 (NaO, photos by TMc, BA, video by TJ);

BALTIMORE ORIOLE
507-14-19 ... Coos Bay, Coos Co., adult male on 24 May 2014 (photo by LoM);
507-15-20 ... Netarts, Tillamook Co., one bird on 4 January 2015 (photos by DHm, OS, NeN); video by JuK); (*photo page 9*)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD
509-13-27 ... Portland, Multnomah Co., one female on 24 December 2013 (AH);
509-13-28 ... near Enterprise, Wallowa Co., one female on 22 December 2013 (photos by JaB);
509-14-29 ... Wickiup Reservoir, Deschutes Co., one female on 10 November 2014 (WHe, photo WHe);

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH
531-13-13 ... Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., one male on 12 June 2013 (MES);
531-14-15 ... Ashland, Jackson, one male on 3 May 2014 (GoP);

Not Accepted Records:

"VEGA" HERRING GULL
052-14-02 ... South Jetty Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., one adult on 27 October 2014. Although the bird showed a reddish eye-ring, details and photos did not entirely rule out similar species.

ALEUTIAN TERN

073-14-01 ... 112mi. W. of Coos County, Coos Co., one apparent subadult bird. Very detailed and extensive description did not entirely rule out similar species. Very poor photos were not convincing.

PLUMBEOUS VIREO

629.11-14-11 ... McCully Creek, Wallowa Co., one bird on 25 May 2014. Details and photo did not rule out very similar faded Cassin's Vireo.

EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL

696-14-05 ... near Halsey, Linn Co., one calling bird on 5 February 2014. Brief sighting of a flying calling bird. Very detailed and extensive description did not rule out similar species. Identification based primarily on calls.

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH

531-13-14 ... Kirtland Road Sewage Ponds, Jackson Co., one bird on 17 May 2013. While possibly correct, the details were very brief and incomplete.

Observers:

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| Bob Archer (BA) | Shawneen Finnegan (SF) | Dave Irons (DI) | Nels Nelson (NeN) | Dave Slager (DSI) |
| Douglas Beall (DBe) | Michael Force (MiF) | Tim Janzen (TJ) | Jim Nestler (JNe) | Kevin Spencer (KS) |
| Chris Bennett (CrB) | Andy Frank (AFr) | Tim Johnson (TJo) | Nathan Osborne (NaO) | Noah Stryker (NSt) |
| James Billstine (JaB) | Greg Gillson (GG) | Michael Krall (MiK) | Tim Olson (TiO) | John Sullivan (JSu) |
| Trent Bray (TBr) | Wink Gross (WG) | Judy Kristensen (JuK) | Mike Patterson (MP) | Peter Thiemann (PeT) |
| Carrie Burkholder (CaB) | Dale Hamer (DHm) | Nick Lethaby (NL) | John Rakestraw (JoR) | Khanh Tran (KhT) |
| Diana Byrne (DiB) | R.P.Hancy (RPH) | Christopher Lindsey (ChL) | Bruce Rideout (BrR) | Judt Travels (JuT) |
| Frank Callahan (FrC) | Stephanie Hazen (SHz) | Bob Lockett (BoL) | Roger Robb (RRo) | Dawn Villaescusa (DaV) |
| Scott Carpenter (StC) | Will Hemstrom (WHe) | Andrew Mattingly (AnM) | Tim Rodenkirk (TR) | Brandon Wagner (BrW) |
| Mike Clark (MiC) | Hendrik Herlyn (HH) | Sylvia Maulding (SMA) | Jan Sanford (JaS) | Jay Withgott (JaW) |
| Barbara Combs (BC) | Sally Hill (SaH) | Barry McKenzie (BMc) | Mary Ellen Sargent (MES) | |
| Tom Crabtree (TC) | Adrian Hinkle (AH) | Tom McNamara (TMc) | Owen Schmidt (OS) | |
| MerryLynn Denny (MLD) | Christopher Hinkle (CHi) | Judy Meredith (JMe) | Floyd Schrock (FS) | |
| Barbara Dolan (BaD) | Wayne Hoffman (WH) | Lois Miller (LoM) | Jeff Schwick (JeS) | |
| | Tristen Hynes (TrH) | Russ Namitz (RuN) | Aaron Skirvin (AaS) | |



OBRC members and alternates (from left to right): Jay Withgott, Tim Janzen, Hendrik Herlyn, Harry Nehls (front), Stefan Schlick (back), Tom Crabtree, Dave Irons, Shawneen Finnegan, Tim Blount, Jeff Gilligan, Craig Miller, Owen Schmidt, Craig Tumer, and Rozi the Wonder Dog (honorary member). May 5, 2015.