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## CBRC REPORT

# The 46<sup>th</sup> Report of the Colorado Bird Records Committee:

## Partial Results of Winter 2007-08 Circulations and New Additions to the State List

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### Introduction

This 46th report presents the partial results of deliberations of the Colorado Bird Records Committee (hereafter CBRC or Committee) on circulations during the winter of 2007-08, including records of two species previously unknown from the state: Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) and Streak-backed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*). This article provides results of the circulation of 141 reports submitted by 32 observers, documenting 102 occurrences of 64 species. Per CBRC Bylaws, all accepted records received final 7-0 or 6-1 votes to accept. Each report that was not accepted received fewer than four votes to accept in the final vote. Those records with 4 or 5 accept votes have transcended to a second round of deliberations, and results of those records will be published at a later date.

The documents reviewed bring the state total to **487**. Two potentially new species to the state list are still pending within the CBRC: Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*) and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*E. flaviventris*).

Committee members voting on these reports were: Coen Dexter, Doug Faulkner, Peter Gent, Rachel Hopper, Joey Kellner, Bill Maynard, Ric Olson, and Larry Semo.

### **Committee Functions**

All reports received by the CBRC (written documentation, photographs, videotapes, and/or sound recordings) are archived at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80205, where they remain available for public review. The Committee solicits documentation of reports in Colorado for all species published in its review list, including both the main and supplementary lists (Semo et al. 2002), and for reports of species with no prior accepted records in Colorado. Those lists can be found at [www.cfo-link.org/birding/lists.php](http://www.cfo-link.org/birding/lists.php). Documentary materials should be submitted online at the CBRC website ([www.cfo-link.org/CBRC/login.php](http://www.cfo-link.org/CBRC/login.php)).

### **Report Format**

The organization and style of this report follow those of Leukering and Semo (2003), with some alterations. If present, the numbers in parentheses following a species' name represent the total number of accepted records for Colorado, followed by the number of accepted records in the ten-year period preceding the submission. The latter number is of importance, as it is one of the criteria for a species' continuance on or removal from the statewide Main Review List (Semo et al. 2002).

The records in this report are arranged taxonomically following the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) Checklist of North American Birds (AOU 1998) through the 48<sup>th</sup> Supplement (Banks et al. 2007). Each record presents as much of the following information as we have available: number of birds, age, sex, locality, county, and date or date span. In parentheses, we present the initials of the contributing observer(s), the official record number, and the vote tally in the first round and, if relevant, second round (with the number of "accept" votes on the left side of the dash).

The initials of the finder(s) of the bird(s) are underlined, if known, and are presented first if that person (those people) contributed documentation; additional contributors' initials follow in alphabetical order by name. If the finder(s) is (are) known with certainty, but did not submit documentation, those initials are presented last. Observers submitting a photograph or video capture have a dagger (†) following their initials, initials of those that submitted videotape are indicated by a lower-case, italicized "v" (*v*), and those who submitted

sonograms or recordings are indicated by a lower-case, italicized “s” (s). Thus, the parenthetical expression “(JD v, RA†, TL, JV, CW; 2001-36; 4-3, 6-1)” means: JD found the bird(s) and submitted documentation (including video) and, as the finder, is first in the list of those that submitted details with initials underlined; RA, though alphabetically first of the five submitting observers, was not the finder, so comes second; RA submitted, at least, photographic documentation; the record number assigned to the occurrence was 2001-36; and in the two rounds of voting, the first-round vote was four “accept” votes and three “do not accept” votes, the second-round vote was 5-2 in favor of accepting the report, and, since this report was listed in Part I, the report was accepted at a CBRC meeting. The decision on most reports is completed in the first round.

In this report, county names are italicized in keeping with the style established for the *News from the Field* column in this journal (e.g., Semo and Wood 2003). We have attempted to provide the full date span for individual records, with the seasonal reports in *North American Birds* and this journal being the primary sources of those dates. The Committee has not dealt with the question of full date spans as compared to submitted date spans when documentations do not provide such. The CBRC encourages observers to document the final date on which a rare species was seen, as that provides historical evidence of the true extent of its stay.

## RECORDS ACCEPTED

**Trumpeter Swan** – *Cygnus buccinator* (29/14). An adult was at Coors Pond in Golden, *Jefferson*, on 29 Nov 2004 (DF †, IS, TS; 2004-134; 7-0), although it was apparently first discovered the day prior. Two adults graced College Lake in Fort Collins, *Larimer*, on 16 Nov 2005 (AS †, NK; 2005-123; 7-0). Establishing the first record for *Chaffee*, six adults were at Salida between 29-30 Dec 2005 (MK †, SY; 2005-147; 7-0), but were believed to have been seen on the 28<sup>th</sup> by the landowner.

**Tundra Swan** – *Cygnus columbianus*. Six records of Tundra Swan were recently accepted: two 1<sup>st</sup>-cycle birds at Shadow Mountain Res., *Grand*, on

23 Feb 2002 (AS †; 2002-176; 7-0); two adults at Standley Lake, *Jefferson*, on 27 Nov 2002 (AS †, JBn; 2002-199; 6-1); two adults and a juvenile at Fentress Lake, *Boulder*, on 24 Nov 2004 (BSc †, NP, DW; 2004-132; 7-0); an adult at Plaster Res., *Broomfield* on 17 Nov 2005 (EZ; 2005-124; 6-1); four adults and a juvenile at Marston Res., *Denver*, on 17 Nov 2005 (AS †; 2005-125; 7-0); and six adults at Elevenmile Res., *Park*, on 18 Nov 2005 (AS, JP; 2005-126; 6-1).

**“Ridgway’s” Cackling Goose** – *Branta hutchinsii minima*. “Ridgway’s” Cackling Goose is now the preferred common name of the subspecies *minima* (Mlodinow et al., in prep.).

One was present at Fairmount Cemetery in Glendale, *Arapahoe*, on 13 Jan 2002 (AS †; 2002-172; 7-0). This is the third member of this race recorded from Colorado.

**Surf Scoter** – *Melanitta perspicillata*. Establishing the first record for *Montrose*, an adult female was found near Paradox on 24 Apr 2003 (AS †, CD; 2003-134; 7-0).

**Long-tailed Duck** – *Clangula hyemalis*. A male transitioning into alternate plumage was at Crom Lake near Pierce, *Weld*, on the very late date of 21 May 2005 (DF †; 2005-56; 7-0). This is the latest known spring date for this species in the state.

**Red-throated Loon** – *Gavia stellata* (31/11). A juvenile was at Pueblo Res., *Pueblo*, on 4 Dec 2004 (BKP †; 2004-135; 7-0).

**Pacific Loon** – *Gavia pacifica*. One at Navajo Res., *Archuleta*, on 10 Nov 2005 (JBy; 2005-115; 7-0) is the first recorded in that county.

**Brown Pelican** – *Pelecanus occidentalis* (16/6). A juvenile was found at Greenbriar Park in Fort Collins on 27 May 2006.

This long-staying bird was subsequently seen throughout the summer and fall at various locations, including near Greeley in *Weld*, Fossil Creek Res., Lake Loveland, and Boyd Lake in *Larimer*, and ultimately at McIntosh Lake in *Boulder* on 27 Nov (RH †,

NK, TL †, BM †, NP, BSc †, AS †, WS, NAK; 2006-89; 7-0).

**Neotropic Cormorant** – *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (15/4). Establishing the first record for *Yuma*, an adult was at Bonny Res. between 19 Apr and 16 May 2005 (MI, JBy; 2005-24; 7-0). Another bird, possibly an adult, was at John Martin Res., *Bent*, on 30 Oct of the same year (AS †, BKP †, GW †; 2005-112; 7-0).

**Least Bittern** – *Ixobrychus exilis* (18/4). A Least Bittern consistently called from dense cattails at Cottonwood Marsh, *Boulder*, on 5 Jun 2005, where briefly observed and photographed by some (PG, NP, BSc †, JK; 2005-63; 7-0). This bird apparently remained at that location until 12 Jun, although no details of such were provided to the Committee. This is the fourth record of this species for *Boulder*.

**Little Blue Heron** – *Egretta caerulea*. Although adult Little Blue



*Little Blue Heron, Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County, 9 October 2005. Photo by Brandon Percival*

Hérons were removed from the main statewide review list in 2002 (Semo et al. 2002), the Committee still requests details on birds in juvenal plumage. On 9 Oct 2005, a juvenile was photographed at Pueblo Res. (BKP †; 2005-105; 7-0).

**White Ibis** – *Eudocimus albus* (5/4). An adult was at Rock Canyon, Pueblo, on 25 May 2004 (BKP; 2004-123; 6-1).

**Red-shouldered Hawk** – *Buteo lineatus* (17/6). Establishing the third record for Yuma, an adult was at Bonny Res. on 4 Sep 2005 (LS; 2005-85; 7-0).

**Piping Plover** – *Charadrius melodus*. A juvenile was at Chatfield Res. on 9 Aug 2001 (AS †, JBH; 2001-203; 7-0). This is the first record for Douglas.

**Snowy Plover** – *Charadrius alexandrinus*. Early was the adult Snowy Plover at Lake Cheraw, Otero, on 2 Apr 2005 (BKP †, KL; 2005-16; 7-0).

**Red Knot** – *Calidris canutus* (23/8). Providing the first record for Logan, two definitive basic-plumaged birds were at Jumbo Res. on 13 Sep 2004 (RS †; 2004-128; 7-0). Another definitive basic-plumaged bird was at Lake Meredith, Crowley, on 17 Sep 2005 (AS †; 2005-95; 7-0).

**Least Sandpiper** – *Calidris minutilla*. Record late was the basic-plumaged Least Sandpiper along the Arkansas River near Valco Ponds, Pueblo, from 2-9 Dec 2005 (BKP †; 2005-130; 6-1).

**Red Phalarope** – *Phalaropus fulicarius* (34/17). The CBRC accepted four additional records of Red Phalarope during this circulation, all from

2005. An adult molting into basic plumage was at Prewitt Res., Washington, on 4 Sep of that year (BSC †; KL, BM; 2005-86; 7-0). A basic-plumaged adult was at Chatfield Res., Douglas and Jefferson, on 9 Oct (AS; 2005-104; 7-0). A 1<sup>st</sup>-cycle bird was at Boulder Res., Boulder, on 12 Oct (BSc †; 2005-108; 7-0). Surprisingly, this is the first accepted record of the species from Boulder. A bird molting from juvenal to basic plumage was at Fruitgrowers Res., Delta, on 14 Oct (AS †; NP; 2005-110; 7-0), a first record for that county.

**Long-tailed Jaeger** – *Stercorarius longicaudus* (12/5). Four new Long-tailed Jaeger records were recently accepted, including first county records for Larimer, Pueblo, and Washington. On 9 Sep 2004, a juvenile was at Fossil Creek Res. (RHo †, LG, RHa, CWj; 2004-129; 6-1). A dark-morph juvenile was at Prewitt Res., Washington, from 5-15 Sep 2005 and was enjoyed by many (LG, TL, RLi, JR; 2005-89; 7-0). A light-morph juvenile was at Lake Beckwith in Colorado City, Pueblo, on 13 Sep 2005 (DS; 2005-92; 7-0). Lastly, another juvenile, a light-morph, was at Prewitt Res. on 19 Sep 2005, where seen in both Washington and Logan (AS; 2005-97; 7-0).

**Laughing Gull** – *Larus atricilla* (32/15). A 2<sup>nd</sup>-cycle bird was at Metro Lake in Colorado City on 11 Jul 2005 (DS; 2005-74; 6-1). Chatfield Res. hosted a 1<sup>st</sup>-cycle bird seen in both Douglas and Jefferson on 9 Oct 2005 (AS †, SS; 2005-107; 7-0); this is the first record of the species for Douglas. Another 2<sup>nd</sup>-cycle bird was at Swede

and Duck Lakes, *Larimer*, on 31 Aug 2005 (CW; 2005-82; 7-0).

**Little Gull** – *Larus minutus* (24/11). A definitive basic-plumaged bird was documented at Pueblo Res. on 19 Nov 2004 (BSc †, BKP; 2004-131; 7-0). Apparently the gull was present at that location from at least 17-24 Nov, although the Committee received no details on that length of stay.

**Mew Gull** – *Larus canus* (33/22). Six additional Mew Gulls were accepted during the past circulation, all in definitive basic plumage. One was at Chatfield Res., *Douglas* and *Jefferson*, on 23 Nov 2001 (AS, GW; 2001-204; 6-1) and represented the first record for *Douglas*. Another was at City Park (Sheldon Lake) in Fort Collins on 31 Dec 2004 (KK †, NK †; 2004-138; 7-0), surprisingly a first confirmed record for heavily birded and gull-filled *Larimer*. A third bird was seen on 11 Nov 2005 at a pond near historic Strauss Cabin in Fort Collins (NK †; 2005-117; 7-0). Pueblo Res. and the Arkansas River immediately downstream hosted one on 10 Feb 2005 (BKP †; 2005-122; 7-0), and Pueblo Res. was the winter home of another Mew Gull documented between 13 Nov 2005 and 2 Mar 2006 (BKP †; 2005-156; 7-0). Lastly, one was at Cherry Creek Res., *Arapahoe*, on 12 Dec 2005 (GW †; 2005-138; 7-0).



Mew Gull, Rock Canyon, Pueblo County, 18 February 2005. Photo by Brandon Percival

**Iceland Gull** – *Larus glaucooides* (3/3). A 1<sup>st</sup> cycle bird was at Pueblo Res. on 18 Mar 2000 (TL, BP; 2006-177; 7-0).

**Least Tern** – *Sterna antillarum*. Establishing a first record for *La Plata*, a Least Tern was at Pastorius Res. on 5 Apr 2005 (JBy; 2005-31; 7-0).

**Ancient Murrelet** – *Synthliboramphus antiquus* (6/2). Providing the sixth record for the state and conforming to the developed pattern of occurrence in Colorado, one was found helpless on a residential street in Fort Collins on 13 Nov 2005 (NK †, SS; 2005-154; 7-0). Unfortunately, the bird perished during the evening. The specimen will be preserved at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. All Ancient Murrelet records for Colorado have been during the period 14 Oct – 5 Dec.

**Inca Dove** – *Columbina inca*. An adult was at Fort Collins on 9 Oct



Ancient Murrelet, Ft. Collins, Larimer County, November 2005. Photo by Nick Komar

2005 (NK †, IE; 2005-106; 7-0). This is the third record for *Larimer*.

**Broad-billed Hummingbird** – *Cyananthus latirostris* (3/3). An adult male



Broad-billed Hummingbird, Holliday residence, Colorado Springs, El Paso County, 16 April 2006. Photo by Fred Engleman

graced the feeders of Richard and Marilyn Holliday in Colorado Springs, *El Paso*, where documented on 13 Apr 2006 (FE †, R&MH; 2006-30; 7-0). When the bird was captured, it was noticed that the bird was already banded! It had been banded in New Iberia, Louisiana in Dec 2005, a distance between banding and recapture points of 965 miles. This is the second Louisiana-banded

Broad-billed Hummingbird encountered in Colorado, the first being a female at Clifton, Mesa in 2002.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird**

– *Archilochus colubris* (9/8). Southeastern Colorado continues to provide evidence that Ruby-throated Hummingbird is a rare but regular autumn migrant through that portion of the state. The Committee recently accepted a record of an immature male present 5 miles south of Lamar, *Prowers*, between 3 and 10 Oct 2005 (JS †, AS †; 2005-102; 7-0).

**Costa's Hummingbird** – *Calypte costae* (4/4). An adult



Costa's Hummingbird, Clifton, Mesa County, 7 December 2004. Photo by Rachel Hopper

female came to a feeder in Clifton, where documented from 7-9 Dec 2004 (PG, RH †, RLi; 2004-136; 7-0). Although the bird was banded during its stay, which apparently may have been 4 Dec 2004 – 9 Jan 2005, the Committee received no details on that length of stay. All records of this species have been since 2001.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** – *Melanerpes carolinus*. Westward was the female present at Crow Valley Campground, Weld, 1-6 May 2006 (RH †, LS †, DAL; 2006-44; 7-0).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** – *Contopus cooperi*. Potentially establishing the earliest spring record for the state, Boyce saw and heard an Olive-sided Flycatcher near Ridgway, Ouray on 16 Apr 2005 (AB; 2005-20; 7-0).

**Alder Flycatcher** - *Empidonax*

*alnorum* (16/7). One near Genoa on 5 May 2004 (TL †; 2004-124; 6-1) is the first for Lincoln and the earliest spring record for Colorado by 14 days.

**Black Phoebe** – *Sayornis nigricans*. One was along Carrizo Creek near Cottonwood Canyon, Baca, on 17 Apr 2006 (BGi †, AM; 2006-35; 7-0).

**Vermilion Flycatcher** – *Pyrocephalus rubinus* (26/12). An adult female sallied below Two Buttes Res., Baca, on 22 Apr 2005 (BKP †; 2005-27; 7-0).

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** – *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (1/1). Establishing the first record for Colo-

rado, Leatherman photographed a Brown-crested Flycatcher at Crow Valley Campground on 29 Oct 2007 (DAL †; 2007-76; 7-0). Excellently documented, the bird was distinguished from Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) by its deeper bill, contrast between gray sides of head and the brown crown, brown-gray mantle, lighter gray breast, and the extent, sharpness, and brightness of the white edging on its tertials and secondaries. The breeding range of the *magister* subspecies group extends from southern California, extreme southern Nevada and southwestern Utah through Arizona to southwestern New Mexico and from there south through west Mexico (AOU 1998). Since the 1960s, the species has expanded its range westward and





*Brown-crested Flycatcher*, Crow Valley Campground, Weld County, 29 October 2007. Photo by Dave Leatherman

northward (North American Birds and American Birds data) and has shown a pattern of vagrancy, namely northward in California and east to Alabama.



*Gray Vireo*, Chico Basin Ranch, El Paso County, 9 May 2003. Photo by Tony Leukering

### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

– *Tyrannus forficatus* (26/20). Five additional records were accepted, all adult males. One was at Two Buttes Res. on 20 Apr 2005 (AS; 2005-26; 7-0). Another was at Chico Basin Ranch, Pueblo, on 25 Apr 2005 (BGi; 2005-32; 7-0). One at Bear Creek Greenbelt in Lakewood, Jefferson, was documented on 3 May 2005 (DF †; 2005-37; 7-0); although apparently present between 30 Apr and 7 May, the CBRC only received details for the single date. A week later, one was seen roughly 7 miles south of Briggsdale, Weld, on 14 May 2005 (NK †; CWi; 2005-47; 7-0). Lastly, one was near the intersection of County Road 1 and Road KK along the Otero and Pueblo line

between 19 and 28 Sep 2006 (BGI †, BM †, BKP †; 2006-134; 7-0).

**Gray Vireo** – *Vireo vicinior*. Providing a first record for El Paso, a wandering Gray Vireo was nicely photographed at Chico Basin Ranch on 9 May 2003 (TL †, JBn; 2003-26; 7-0).

**Blue-headed Vireo** – *Vireo solitarius* (10/9). The majority of Committee members approved the record of a Blue-headed Vireo wonderfully photographed at Crow Valley Campground on 1 Sep 2003 (TL †, GM; 2003-114; 6-1). Though no documentation was presented to the CBRC, the bird was apparently detected at that lo-

cation the day prior. This record is a first for *Weld* and the earliest fall date for Colorado. Separation between Blue-headed and Cassin's Vireos is difficult under field conditions and assessment of records of the former is vexing even with detailed descriptions and photographs. Acceptance of Blue-headed Vireos requires careful analysis of throat/auricular demarcation contrast, contrast between the blue-gray head and green mantle, brightness of the yellow flanks, and width of white on the outer rectrices, although the latter characteristic is extremely difficult to resolve when the bird is not in hand.

**Philadelphia Vireo** – *Vireo philadelphicus* (29/15). An adult was at Chico Basin Ranch, *Pueblo*, on 18 May 2005, (BGi, BKP, MPe; 2005-54; 7-0) and a basic-plumaged bird was at Bonny Res. on 4 Sep 2005 (LS; 2005-87; 7-0).

**Wood Thrush** – *Hylocichla mustelina* (25/13). The first for *El Paso*, a 1<sup>st</sup>-basic bird was banded at Chico Basin Ranch on 4 Oct 2002 (NG, TL †; 2002-183; 7-0).

**Varied Thrush**  
– *Ixoreus naevius* (24/14). A female was at Pueblo City Park on 3 Jan 2003 (AS †; 2003-133; 7-0).

**Sprague's Pipit**  
– *Anthus spragueii* (8/4). Apparently

now annual in small numbers at this location, one was flushed from a short grass ridge near Hale, *Yuma*, on 2 Oct 2005 (AS †, GW †; 2005-8; 7-0).

**Lucy's Warbler** – *Vermivora luciae* (6/4). Seemingly regular now, two males were again observed along Yellowjacket Creek, *Montezuma*, on 30 Apr 2005 (JBy; 2005-35; 7-0).

**Northern Parula** – *Parula americana*. Extremely late and far west was the female-type bird seen in Paonia, *Delta*, on 26 Nov 2005 (GH; 2005-129; 7-0).

**Yellow-throated Warbler** – *Dendroica dominica* (30/12). Two additional Yellow-throated Warbler records were recently accepted. A male of the westernmost race *dominica* was nicely photographed at Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*, on 14 May 2004 (TL †, NG; 2004-122; 7-0); apparently the bird was first detected the day prior, but unfortunately no details were provided for that date. Another male was at



*Blue-headed Vireo*, Crow Valley Campground, Weld County, 1 September 2003. Photo by Tony Leukering

the same location on 25 Apr 2005 (BGi; 2005-30; 7-0).

**Pine Warbler** – *Dendroica pinus* (26/12). A basic-plumaged female at Flagler on 5 Nov 2004 (TL †, MPe; 2004-130; 7-0) is the first for Kit Carson. An adult male was



*Pine Warbler, Bonny State Park, Yuma County, 6 August 2005.*  
Photos by Tony Leukering

at *Pueblo* on 3 Dec 2005 (BKP, MPe, BS; 2005-133; 7-0). A surprising find was a juvenile molting into 1<sup>st</sup>-basic plumage photographed at Bonny Res. on the very early fall date of 6 Aug 2005 (TL †; 2005-80; 7-0). Considering that it still retained extensive juvenal plumage, one wonders where it was hatched. Establishing a first record for *Arapahoe*, a 1<sup>st</sup>-basic-plumaged female was at Cherry Creek State Park on 15 Sep 2005 (AS †, JR; 2005-94; 7-0).

**Prairie Warbler** – *Dendroica discolor* (26/15). Two were recently accepted, both males. One was at Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*, on 8 May 2005 (BGi, BSc †; 2005-36; 7-0), while another was at Golden, *Jefferson* on 14 May of that same year (IB; 2005-46; 6-1).

**Bay-breasted Warbler** – *Dendroica castanea* (36/9). An adult female was banded at Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*, on 5 May 2005 (BGi, RH, BSc †; 2005-155; 7-0).

**Northern Waterthrush** – *Seiurus*

*noveboracensis*. Extremely late was the adult Northern Waterthrush present 17-18 Dec 2005 in Fort Collins (DF, RHo †, CWi; 2005-141; 7-0).

**Kentucky Warbler** – *Oporornis formosus* (32/13). Providing a first for *Kiowa*, an alternate-plumaged male was at NeeNoshe Res. on 11 May 2001 (AS; 2001-201; 7-0).

**Mourning Warbler** – *Oporornis philadelphia* (22/10). Two records of male Mourning Warblers were accepted, both from Chico Basin Ranch, *Pueblo*. One was present on 19 May 2001 (TL, TS; 2001-202; 7-0) and the other was seen on 15 May 2005 (PG, BGi, RLi; 2005-49; 7-0).

**Canada Warbler** – *Wilsonia canadensis* (28/10). A 1<sup>st</sup>-basic male was banded at Barr Lake, *Adams*, on 3 Sep 2001 (AS †, CLW; 2001-198; 7-0).

**Painted Redstart** – *Myioborus pictus* (4/1). Exciting was the discovery of an adult about 9 miles northwest of Newcastle, *Garfield*, where present 16-18 Nov 2005 (FE, AS †, GW

†; 2005-120; 7-0). This is the first confirmed record of Painted Redstart in the state since 1974.

**Hepatic Tanager** – *Piranga flava* (20/5). A male at Chico Basin Ranch on 11 May 2002 (TL †, MH; 2002-104; 7-0) was the first for *El Paso*.

**Summer Tanager** – *Piranga rubra*. Summer Tanagers are rare in southwestern Colorado, but the adult female present near Ridgway, *Ourray*, on 11 Aug 2004 provides evidence of occasional presence of the species within that area (JBy; 2004-127; 6-1).

**Scarlet Tanager** – *Piranga olivacea* (28/15). An adult female at Crow Valley Campground on 11 May 2004 (BGU †; 2004-121; 7-0) is the first record for heavily birded *Weld*.

**Fox Sparrow** – *Passerella iliaca iliaca/zaboria*. An adult “Red” Fox Sparrow was documented at Belmar Park in Lakewood on 23 Apr 2004, although it was apparently found the previous day (DF, MC; 2004-120; 7-0).

**Northern Cardinal** - *Cardinalis cardinalis*. Far westward, and a first for *Chaffee*, was a female photographed in Salida on 21 Jun 2005 (NV †; 2005-70; 7-0).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – *Pheucticus ludovicianus*. Very early was the alternate-plumaged male at Paonia,



*Painted Redstart, New Castle, Garfield County, 18 November 2005. Photo by Glenn Walbek*

*Delta*, on 11 Apr 2005 (JBn †; 2005-17; 7-0).



*Hepatic Tanager, Chico Basin Ranch, El Paso County, 12 May 2002. Photo by Tony Leukering*



*Streak-backed Oriole*, Kogler residence, Larimer County, 9 December 2007. Photo by Bill Schmoker

**Painted Bunting** – *Passerina ciris* (28/16). A beautiful male graced the feeders of Harry Price in Erie, *Boulder*, where first found on 6 May 2005. The only documentation date, however, was for 9 May (BSc †, DF, HP; 2005-42; 7-0).

**Streak-backed Oriole** – *Icterus pustulatus* (1/1). Colorado's first Streak-backed Oriole, an apparent adult female, graced the feeders of the Kogler home near Boedecker Res. in Loveland, where present between 8 Dec 2007 and 2 Jan 2008 (CK †, PG, GG †, TL †, BKP, NP, AS †, AK; 2007-103; 7-0). Streak-backed Orioles normally range from northern Sonora and western Chihuahua in Mexico south along the Pacific Slope to extreme northwestern Costa Rica (Jaramillo and Burke 1999). Seven subspecies have been identified and all specimens examined in the U.S. attribute to *microstictus*, the western

Mexico race (Phillips 1995), of which the Colorado bird also appeared to be. Vagrancy patterns are established for the species. It is virtually annual in winter in southern Arizona and has bred in that state (Corman and Monson 1995). California currently has 7 records, most of which are from fall/winter (Hamilton et al. 2007). Other examples of out-of-range movements include one record from Ore-

gon, a record from north-central New Mexico (Hamilton et al. 2007), and a record from near Houston, Texas from December into April (Texas Bird Records Committee 2005). More remarkably, one attempted to winter at a northern Wisconsin feeder before it succumbed (Schultz 1999). Thus the appearance of a Streak-backed Oriole in winter in Colorado conforms to the somewhat developed pattern of winter vagrancy of the species.

**Scott's Oriole** – *Icterus parisorum*. The CBRC accepted three records of Scott's Oriole from east of usual, all adult males. These included one at Genesee, *Jefferson*, on 13 May 2002 (AS †; 2002-177; 7-0); one on 3-4 May 2005 at Boulder, *Boulder* (MB†, TL †; NP, BSc †, GK, MS; 2005-38; 7-0), a first for that county; and another on 18 May 2005 near Texas Creek, *Fremont* (NP, AB; 2005-53; 7-0).

## RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

The Committee recognizes that its decisions may upset some observers. We heartily acknowledge that those who make the effort to submit documentation certainly care whether or not their reports are accepted. However, non-accepted records do not necessarily suggest that the birder misidentified or did not see the species. A non-accepted record only indicates that the documentation was not complete or convincing enough to catalogue on the list of confirmed bird records for the state. Non-accepted reports may provide evidence that does not mention certain requisite field marks or indicates that the conditions of the observation did not permit the proper study of all necessary traits. All non-accepted records are archived at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. We summarize below why the following reports were not accepted.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nyctanassa violacea*) – The report of a juvenile at Banner Lakes State Wildlife Area, *Weld*, on 19 Jul 2005 gained little Committee endorsement (2005-75, 1-6). The bird was only observed in flight and those key identification points necessary to make a valid conclusion in separating juvenile night-herons were not indicated. No information was presented as to bill color and shape, presence of a gray loreal area, shape and degree of white spotting on upperparts, or length of legs.

**Glaucous-winged Gull** (*Larus glaucescens*). The description of a 1<sup>st</sup>-cycle gull at Cherry Creek Res. from 26 Feb 2002 was considered inadequate to support the record (2002-129, 3-4). Separation from various hybrid possibilities was not provided and Thayer's Gull was not truly eliminated.

**Varied Thrush** (*Ixoreus naevius*) – Although probably correct in identification, the report of a bird at Lamar Community College, *Prowers*, on 27 Oct 2005 was insufficient to establish its identity (2005-111; 2-5). Descriptions of the bird's overall color being yellow and of its having a bill thicker than a Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) are inconsistent with a Varied Thrush.

**Northern Cardinal** (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) – A male reported from Fort Collins on 8 Aug 2005 was most likely correctly identified, but received little Committee support, as no description of the bird was provided (2005-81, 2-5)

**Common Redpoll** (*Carduelis flammea*) – A report of 75 Common Redpolls from Connected Lakes State Park in Grand Junction, *Mesa*, on 11 Dec 2004 gained no Committee endorsement (2004-137; 0-7). The report was mainly of heard-only birds and the observer acknowledged little experience with redpoll flight calls. Description of those flight calls was not satisfactory to the Committee; nor was the number of birds in the flock, in a year in which few redpolls were reported in the state.

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