

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT 1977-1980--Part 2.

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Part IV--Reports of Rare Species

The following is a summary of the class A records received and processed by the Records Committee in 1977-1980 (records in which the submitted documentation supports the stated or claimed identification). The class B and C records were summarized in Part 1 which appeared in the last issue of the C.F.O. Journal.

COMMON LOON (Gavia immer). One (1-78-24) Marston Res., Jefferson Co., 17 Dec 1977 (JR). This is a very late date.

RED-THROATED LOON (Gavia stellata). One (1-78-18) McClellan Lake, Arapahoe Co., 17-18, 25 Dec 1977. (RA, MM). Fifth state record.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax olivaceus). One (4-78-42) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co., 15 June 1978 (RA). Second record, very good details.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Florida caerulea). Two (5-78-17) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co., 17 May 1977 (RA). Sixteenth state record.

CATTLE EGRET (Bubulcus ibis). Three (5-78-52) 10 mi. S. Saguache on Hwy. 285, Saguache Co., 10 June 1978 (TH). Five (5-79-22) Latham Res., Weld Co., 1 Sept 1978; 23 (5-79-23) Beebe Draw Gun Club, Weld Co., 18 Aug 1978; three (5-79-24) Latham Res., Weld Co., 25 Aug 1978 (WPG). Thirty-second through thirty-fifth records. This species is increasing rapidly with known breeding at Riverside Res., probably Latham Res., and the San Luis Valley.

LOUISIANA HERON (Hydranassa tricolor). One (5-78-45) Valley-Hi Country Club Res., Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., 14-16 May 1978 (LPG). One imm. (5-78-60) Dye Res., Otero Co., 6 Aug 1978 (MH). Ninth and tenth records.

LEAST BITTERN (Ixobrychus exilis). Pair on nest with 5 eggs (6-80-39) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co., 13-26 July 1979 (HD). Four young seen in nest on 20 July. Thirty-ninth record, eighth nest located.

TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator). Seven (8-78-19) Lake DeWeese, Custer Co., early Dec 1977 - 12 Feb 1978. (RA, PM, DG, BW). Third state record.

ROSS' GOOSE (Chen rossii). Three (8-78-26) Belleview and Kipling, Littleton, Jefferson Co., 15 Dec 1977 (LM, JH). Thirty-first state record.

BLACK DUCK (Anas rubripes). One male (8-78-3) banded by Colo. Div. of Wildlife at Pole Mountain Reservoir, Jackson Co., on 4 Sept 1972; recaptured on 31 Aug and 2 Sept 1973 (MS).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL (Anas discors). One (8-78-25) Gravel pits between Federal and S. Platte River, Arapahoe Co., 17 Dec 1977 (JR). One pair (8-78-29) 7 mi. east of Boulder, Boulder Co., 18 Dec 1977 (JC). Both are very late date records.

EUROPEAN WIGEON (Anas penelope). One male (8-78-2) at Nelson Res., Larimer Co., Spring 1967 (MS). Eighth state record.

WOOD DUCK (Aix sponsa). One female (8-78-30) Viele Lake Table Mesa, Boulder, Boulder Co., 18 Dec 1977 (MF). Possible escape.

GREATER SCAUP (Aythya marila). One pair (8-78-33) 12 mi S. of Durango, La Plata Co., 23 Mar 1978 (TH).

SURF SCOTER (Melanitta perspicillata). One male (8-80-43) Blue Mesa Res., Gunnison Co., 21 Oct 1979 (KC). West slope record.

COMMON SCOTER (Melanitta nigra). One male (8-78-1) Fairmont Lake, Denver, Denver Co., 28-30 Oct 1977 (JW, RA). Fourteenth record for Colorado.

MISSISSIPPI KITE (Ictinia mississippiensis). One (10-77-56) Hale, Yuma Co., 11 May 1977 (MM). Very unusual bird outside of the Arkansas Valley.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK (Buteo lineatus). One (10-79-4) 1/2 mi upstream from Chatfield Res. on the S. Platte River, Jefferson Co., 18 Nov 1978 (HK). Fifteenth record.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (Buteo platypterus). One (10-79-19) Willow Creek, Gunnison, Gunnison Co., 1 June 1978 (RK). Unusual West slope record.

MOUNTAIN PLOVER (Charadrius montanus). Four adults (18-80-51) near Utah/Colorado border between Bonanza, Uintah Co., Utah and Rangely, Rio Blanco Co., Colo, 9 May 1979 (AJ). One male (18-80-52) road kill at same location 20 June 1980 (BG).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (Tringa melanoleucus). One (19-78-31) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co., 18 Dec 1977 (MMA). This is the latest date a Greater Yellowlegs has been reported.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (Tryngites subruficollis). One (19-77-69) Cherry Creek Res., Arapahoe Co., 7 Sept 1977 (TGM). Sixteenth state record.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (Limosa haemastica). One (19-78-15) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co., 28 May 1977 (RA). One (19-80-32) Mile Hi Duck Club, Adams Co., 5 May 1980 (BTP). Ninth and tenth state rec.

THAYER'S GULL (*Larus thayeri*). One (23-78-22) Marston Lake, Jefferson Co., 17 Dec 1977 (MH, JR). One (23-78-50) Union Res., Weld Co., 19 Mar 1978 (PM). Three (23-78-34) Union Res., Weld Co., 2 Apr 1978 (BW). One of (23-78-34) may have been (23-78-50). Twenty-seventh through twenty-ninth state records.

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*). Two (23-78-35) Toten Res., one mi. east Cortez, Montezuma Co., 21 Mar 1978 (RE).

ARCTIC TERN (*Sterna paradisaea*). One (23-80-2) Union Res., Weld Co., 11 and 12 Sept 1979 (PM, PG, CAC). An adult in prebasic molt in the company of Common, Forster's and Black Terns. Second state record. The first state record is a recently discovered specimen. Details will be published in a future C.F.O. Journal.

LEAST TERN (*Sterna albifrons*). One (23-77-58) Prewitt Res., Washington Co., 17 July 1977 (JP). One (23-78-69) Red Lion Wildlife Area, Sedgwick Co., 27 May 1978 (WL). Twelve (23-78-76) Adobe Creek Res. and Horse Creek Res., Las Animas and Kiowa Cos., 19 June - 26 Aug 1978 (CAC). (23-78-76) involved two pairs of terns that hatched three young each plus two non-breeding individuals. Sixteenth through eighteenth records; first confirmed breeding since 1949 (Chase, 1979).

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*). One (23-78-40) Cherry Creek State Recreation Area, Arapahoe Co., 22 and 29 May 1978 (RA, FP). Third state record.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (*Columba fasciata*). One (25-79-8) Barr Lake, Adams Co., 20 June 1975 (RA). This record is quite far east from the normal distribution.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (*Zenaida asiatica*). One (25-80-12) 1.25 mi W. Timpas, Otero Co., 17 Sept 1977 (GE). Ninth record.

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*). One (26-80-5) CF and I Res., Pueblo Co., 15 Oct 1975 (EB).

SPOTTED OWL (*Strix occidentalis*). Two adults (28-79-15) Mesa Verde National Park, Montezuma Co., 12-15, 18-19 May 1979 (BW). Fourteenth record.

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*). One (28-78-53) 1 mi. N. Hwy. 34 on Soda Creek, Grand Lake, Grand Co., 2 Dec 1977 (DJ, RH). One (28-78-58) Deadman Lookout, Red Feather Lakes, Larimer Co., 16 July 1978 (BW). Ninth and tenth records.

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD (*Calypte anna*). One male (31-79-2) Grand Junction, Mesa Co., 19 Nov, 6 Dec 1978 (HT). Third state record.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD (*Stellula calliope*). One male (31-79-5) Heron Grove, S. Platte River, immediately upstream from Chatfield Res., Jefferson Co., 22 July 1978 (HK). Two, male and female

(31-79-7) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co., 24-27 July 1978 (RA). Both of these reports are plains records of this typically mountain species.

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Lampornis clemenciae*). One female (31-77-61) 3 mi. W. Ridgway at Decker Ranch, Ouray Co., 30 July 1977 (HK). Fifth state record.

EASTERN PHOEBE (*Sayornis phoebe*). One (34-79-18) west end of Gunnison Valley between the town of Gunnison and Blue Mesa Res., Gunnison Co., 22 May 1978 (RK). West slope record.

EASTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus tyrannus*). One (34-78-36) Arvada, Jefferson Co., 27 March 1978 (JS). Earliest record.

PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*). Four (36-79-10) Stoner Mesa, 17 km. northeast Stoner, Dolores Co., 8 June - 18 July 1978 (KY, PSv, VS). Three plus (36-79-25) 8 mi. W. of Glenwood Springs, Garfield Co., 27 June (3) and 22 July (3) (MB). One (36-80-10) Jersey Jim Lookout Tower, Mancos, Montezuma Co., 23 July 1979 (WS). Eight (36-80-8) 3.5 mi. SSW Debeque, Mesa Co., 16 Aug 1979 (RL). A very large number of reports, all from the west slope. While the R.C. doesn't require documentation on west slope martins, these numbers seem to represent an increase.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora pinus*). One male (52-77-40) Boulder Creek below campus, Boulder, Boulder Co., 25 May 1977 (WF). One (52-78-47) Chasteen Grove Park, 7 mi. W. Loveland, Larimer Co., 20 May 1978 (HH, TM). Eighth and ninth records.

"BREWSTER'S" WARBLER (*Vermivora pinus x chrysoptera*). One male (52-80-29) Hanna Ranch, 20 mi. S. Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., 30 Apr 1980 (MA).

CAPE MAY WARBLER (*Dendroica tigrina*). One male (52-78-16) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder, Boulder Co., 19 May 1977 (RA). Fifteenth state record.

HERMIT WARBLER (*Dendroica occidentalis*). One female (52-78-39) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co., 9 May 1978 (RA). One male (52-79-9), Lakewood, Jefferson Co., 27 Apr 1979 (RA, found by John and Joyce Cooper). One female (52-80-28) Varsity Pond, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder Co., 16 May 1980 (HB). One male (52-80-56) 2 mi. N. Ridgway, Ouray Co., 16 May 1980 (JG). Second through fifth state records.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*). One male (52-78-38) Chatauqua Park, Boulder, Boulder Co., 3 Apr 1978 (PG, BW). One male (52-78-77) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Lakewood, Jefferson Co., 11 May 1978 (MA). One (52-80-20) Eleven Mile Res., Park Co., 11 May 1979 (HS). Ninth through eleventh records.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (Dendroica pensylvanica). One male (52-79-17) Willow Creek, Gunnison, Gunnison Co., 30 May 1978 (RK).

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER (Dendroica castanea). One male (52-78-46) Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., 29 May 1978 (LPG). Two, female and male (52-78-56) Westcreek-Turkey Rock Ranch Estates road off Rt. 67 between Woodland Park and Deckers, Teller Co., 24 June 1978 (CC).

PINE WARBLER (Dendroica pinus). One female (52-78-51) Bonny Res. State Recreation Area, Yuma Co., 14 May 1978 (PM). One male (52-80-35) Bear Creek Canyon, Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., 9 Mar 1980 (EW). Tenth and eleventh records.

PALM WARBLER (Dendroica palmarum). One (52-80-31) Loveland, Larimer Co., 18 May 1980 (MLH).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Oporornis agilis). One male (52-79-16) 100 meters E. Intersection roads 100 and 57, Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld Co., 19 May 1979 (MH). Fifth record.

MOURNING WARBLER (Oporornis philadelphia). One male (52-80-26) U.S. Air Force Academy, El Paso Co., 18 May 1975 (CCu, DG, DT). Second state record, good details.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (Cassidix mexicanus). One male (54-79-13) Hartsel, Park Co., 1 and 4 July 1980 (MH, TF, CAC). Eighth record.

SCOTT'S ORIOLE (Icterus parisorum). Two males (54-78-41) near Rangely, Rio Blanco Co., (PS). One female (54-78-8) Dinosaur National Monument Headquarters, Moffat Co., 24 July 1977 (JFA). Female and 4 young (54-80-45) 4.6 mi. W. and 3 mi. N. Rangely, Rio Blanco Co., 8 Aug 1979 (AJ). One male (54-80-46) 12 mi. W. Rangely, Rio Blanco Co., 6 Aug 1979 (BG). One male (54-80-47) 8 mi. NE Rangely, Rio Blanco Co., 17 June 1979 (AJ). One pair with 3 juv., one male, one pair (54-40-48) 12 mi. NE Rangely, Rio Blanco Co., 19-21 June 1979 (AJ). One male (54-80-49) 13 mi. NW Rangely, Rio Blanco Co., 5 Aug 1979 (BG). Two reports from Uintah Co., Utah on Colorado border also received. Sixth through twelfth records.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (Icterus spurius). One imm. male (54-78-9) Brown's Park NWR, Moffat Co., 7 June 1977 (WPG). West slope record.

NORTHERN ORIOLE (Icterus galbula bullocki). One (54-80-15) Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., 1 Jan 1980 (BP). Latest record.

SCARLET TANAGER (Piranga olivacea). One male (55-79-20) Powderhorn, Gunnison Co., 10 Aug 1978 (JB). West slope record.

HEPATIC TANAGER (Piranga flava). One male (55-78-59) Mesa de Mayo, Las Animas Co., 10 Aug 1978 (JS). Fourth state record.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (Pheucticus ludovicianus). One male

(56-78-27) Tuck's Farm on Platte Canyon Rd., Arapahoe Co., 17 Dec 1977 (RA). Late record.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK (Pheucticus melanocephalus). One male (56-80-75) mouth of Big Thompson Canyon, Loveland, Larimer Co., 28-30 Jan 1980 (MHe). Very late record.

PAINTED BUNTING (Passerina ciris). One male (56-80-4) Lake Hasty Campground, Bent Co., 22 May 1979 (CAC). Collected by Allan Phillips, DMNH 36768.

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE (Pipilo e. erythrophthalmus). One female (56-78-49) Conifer, Jefferson Co., 19 Dec 1977 - mid May 1978 (MK). Quite far west for the eastern subspecies. Good photos on file.

SNOW BUNTING (Plectrophenax nivalis). One (56-78-4) 6-7 mi. SE. Castle Rock on County Rd. 11, Douglas Co., 24 Jan 1977 (RA). Two (56-78-21) Chatfield Res., Arapahoe Co., 17 Dec 1977 (RA). One (56-78-32) Boulder Res., Boulder Co., 18 Dec 1977 (LG).

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