

The CFO Records  
Committee Report For 1983

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This report contains a revised list of species for which the Committee desires documentation, records received by the Committee in 1983 plus two old records. The six members in 1984, who reviewed the records discussed below, are Richard Bunn (Colorado Springs), Mark Holmgren (Santa Barbara, Calif.), Mark Janos (Delta), Ron Lambeth (Grand Junction), Steve Larson (Boulder), and Richard Stransky (Durango). Copies of the CFO checklist mentioned below are available from Committee Members or CFO Officers and Directors.

The Committee desires documentation of all species unrecorded in the State and not on the CFO checklist as well as those rare species marked by an "R" on the CFO checklist. These are: Red-throated and Yellow-billed Loons, Brown Pelican, Olivaceous Cormorant, Anhinga, Tricolored Heron, Reddish Egret, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Trumpeter Swan, Brant, Mottled Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Harlequin Duck, American Swallow-tailed Kite, Common Black Hawk, Gyrfalcon, Yellow, Black and King Rails, Purple Gallinule, Common Moorhen, Eskimo Curlew, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Ruff, Short-billed Dowitcher, Pomarine and Long-tailed Jaegers, Little, Mew, Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous-winged, Great Black-backed, Ross' and Ivory Gulls, Caspian and Arctic Terns, Marbled and Ancient Murrelets, Grovebilled Ani, Barred Owl, Lesser Nighthawk, Whip-poorwill, Blue-throated and Anna's Hummingbirds, Alder Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Long-billed and Bendire's Thrashers, Phainopepla, White-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos, Lucy's, Hermit, Yellow-throated, Prairie, Cerulean and Swainson's Warblers, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky, Connecticut and Mourning Warblers, Painted Redstart, Hepatic Tanager, LeConte's, Sharp-tailed and Golden-crowned Sparrows and Brambling.

The Committee also desires documentation of any species that are (a) new breeders in the State, and not marked with a "B" on the CFO checklist, e.g., Barrow's Goldeneye or Spotted Owl, (b) significantly changing their breeding range in the State, e.g., Cattle Egret, Great-tailed Grackle or Scott's Oriole, or (c) very

unusual sightings of other species, e.g., out of season, range or habitat. All of this information should also be submitted to the Colorado Latilong Study.

Finally, the Committee desires photographs of those species documented in the State by means of sight records only. These are: Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, American Swallow-tailed Kite (specimens missing), Common Black-Hawk, Common Moorhen, Ruff, Laughing Gull, Anna's Hummingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee (specimen missing), Sprague's Pipit, White-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos, Bluewinged Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Hepatic Tanager and Eastern Meadowlark.

PART 1. Species added to the CFO State List

Ross' Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) 23-83-32.

One immature was observed between 4/28 and 5/7/83 on Jumbo Reservoir, Logan and Sedgwick Counties in northeast Colorado. The bird was found and identified by Inez and Bill Prather of Fleming. They and some of the many other observers who saw the bird, obtained excellent photographs. Detailed reports were received from Inez and Bill, Robert Andrews and Barry Knapp. There are only three previous sightings of this species in the lower forty-eight states: Newburyport, Massachusetts in the springs of 1975 and 1981, and at Chicago in fall of 1978.

Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*) 56-83-59 and 60. Birds were observed between 10/30 and 11/4/83 in Colorado Springs, El Paso County and 12/17/83 and 3/15/84 in Boulder, Boulder County. They were at the feeders of Martha and Ed Curry and Marjorie and Robert Foland respectively (see Curry and Jickling, CFO Journal 18(1), 3-4, 1984). Reports were received from Martha and Ed, Marjorie, Robert Jickling and Barry Knapp. Excellent photographs of these birds were taken, which I sent to Dr. Daniel Gibson of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, who has studied this species extensively. I quote from his reply, "The four photographs you sent all appear to me to be females, but aging them is difficult. Judging from the shape of the black area on mantle feathers, I would guess that the Boulder bird is not in its first winter. I can make no such guess about the Colorado Springs bird."

PART 2. Category A records (Submitted documentation supports the stated identification).

Red-throated Loon (Gavia stellata) 1-83-2.

One in winter plumage on Chatfield State Park Reservoir, Jefferson County on 11/18/82. (Mark Holmgren).

Yellow-billed Loon (Gavia adamsii) 1-83-1

One in winter plumage seen on the Denver Christmas count at Chatfield State Park Reservoir, Jefferson County on 12/18/82. This is the second state record. (Mark Holmgren).

Olivaceous Cormorant (Phalacrocorax olivaceus) 4-83-18.

One adult seen between the Red Lion Wildlife Area and Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County on 7/1/83. (Paul Lehman).

Least Bittern (Ixobrychus exilis) 5-83-21 and 22.

One adult seen and photographed near Riverbend Ponds, Fort Collins, Larimer County between 5/28 and 6/3/83. Excellent reports documented this bird as a possible new breeding location. (Dave Leatherman and Peter Paton).

Brant (Branta bernicla) 8-83-23.

One adult of the Black Brant subspecies seen on a small pond 16 miles east of Briggsdale, Weld County on 5/17/80. (Inez, Bill and John Prather).

Eurasian Wigeon (Aras penelope) 8-83-12.

One male in breeding plumage seen on CF&I Ponds and Minnequa Lake, Pueblo, Pueblo County between 4/10 and 4/13/83. (Bill Maynard, Rosie and Jim Watts).

American Swallow-tailed Kite (Elanoides forficatus) 10-83-25.

One adult female seen in Denver, Arapahoe County, between 4/7 and 4/30/85 and one adult (probably the same bird) seen at Waterton Canyon, Jefferson County on 5/24/83. This is the first report of this species in Colorado since 1947. (Patricia L. Beran, Ann K. Bonnell, Patricia R. Echelmeyer, Bobbye J. Frazier, Kenneth C. Gammon and Barbara R. Livingston).

Common Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus) 17-83-26.

One adult seen at Sawhill Ponds, Boulder, Boulder County between 6/10 and 6/13/83. (Peter Gent, Larry Halsey and Doug Ward).

Red Phalarope (Phalaropus fulicaria) 21-83-29.

One seen at Red Lion Wildlife Area, Logan County on 8/24/83. (Larry Halsey).

Parasitic Jaeger (Stercorarius parasiticus) 22-83-6.

One immature seen at Union Reservoir near Longmont, Weld County on 12/5 and 12/6/82. (Peter Gent, Barbara Hyde, Judy and Doug Ward).

Thayer's Gull (Larus thayeri) 23-83-8.

One in first winter plumage seen on the Denver Christmas count at Chatfield State Park, Jefferson County on 12/18/82. (Mark Holmgren).

Boreal Owl (Aegolius funereus) 28-83-33.

One adult female was mist-netted and banded at Fraser Experimental Forest, Grand County between 9/22 and 9/23/83. (Tom Nicholls).

Eastern Wood-Pewee (Contopus virens) 34-83-35.

One adult seen and heard singing (by which it was identified) at Hanna Wildlife Area, El Paso County on 5/24/83. (William Maynard).

Yellow-throated Vireo (Vireo flavifrons) 51-80-6.

One at Crow Valley Park, near Briggsdale, Weld County on 7/3 and 7/6/79. (Courtney Buechert, CFO Journal 14(2), 27-28, 1980).

Philadelphia Vireo (Vireo philadelphicus) 51-83-39 and 40.

One adult in breeding plumage was seen at Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick County on 5/23/83 and probably the same bird was reported in the same location on 5/31/83. (John Prather and Doug Ward).

Cape May Warbler (Dendroica tigrina) 52-83-44.

One male in breeding plumage was seen at Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County on 5/20/83. (Larry Halsey).

Cape May Warbler (Dendroica tigrina) 52-83-45.

One male in breeding plumage was seen and photographed at Tamarack Ranch, Logan County on 5/20/83 at almost the same time as the previous record. (Inez and Bill Prather).

Yellow-throated Warbler (Dendroica dominica) 52-83-48.

One adult was seen on the CSU Campus, Fort Collins, Larimer County

between 12/7 and 12/8/82. This is a very late date for this species. (Paul A. Opler).

Kentucky Warbler (Oporonis formosus) 52-80-19.

One male in breeding plumage seen on the CU Campus, Boulder, Boulder County on 5-16-79. (Michael Manson).

Kentucky Warbler (Oporonis formosus) 52-83-49.

One adult seen on the CU Campus, Boulder, Boulder County on 5/15/83. (Doug Ward).

Kentucky Warbler (Oporonis formosus) 52-83-50.

One adult female seen at Tamarack Ranch, Logan County on 5/18/83. (Bill Prather).

Kentucky Warbler (Oporonis formosus) 52-83-51.

One adult seen near Rye, Pueblo County on 8/28/83. (David A. Silverman).

Painted Bunting (Passerina ciris) 56-83-54.

One adult male banded and photographed at Horsetooth Reservoir, near Fort Collins, Larimer County on 5/15/83. (James A. Smith).

Brown Towhee (Pipilo fuscus) 56-83-10.

One seen in Loveland, Larimer County on 1/22/83. This is unusually far north in the state for this species. (David Bolton, Virginia Dionigi and Ann Means).

Purple Finch (Carpodacus purpureus) 56-83-57.

One female seen at Fleming, Logan County on 11/7 and 11/11/82. (Inez, Bill and John Prather).

Purple Finch (Carpodacus purpureus) 56-83-58.

Two, a female and male, seen in Colorado Springs, El Paso County on 3/19/83. (John A. Maynard).

PART 3. Category B and C Records. (Submitted documentation probably indicates a misidentification or is too brief or incomplete to support the stated identification).

Red-throated Loon (Gavia stellata) 1-83-17.

One seen on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County on 11/24/83.

Most members thought this report was short and did not adequately eliminate the other loon species.

Parasitic Jaeger (Stercorarius parasiticus) 22-83-30.

One seen at Rawhide Power Plant, north of Fort Collins, Larimer County on 7/29/83. The members thought the description of a Jaeger species, but was not detailed enough to be more specific.

Thayer's Gull (Larus thayeri) 23-83-7 and 31.

One seen on Baseline Reservoir, Boulder, Boulder County on 12/19/82 and one seen on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County on 11/19/83. Most members thought that these two reports were not quite specific enough to eliminate other species. This is difficult identification and all characteristics should be reported.

Bendire's Thrasher (Toxostoma bendirei) 43-83-38.

One seen fifteen miles south of Monte Vista, Conejos County on 5/8/83. The members split in this report, but half thought that Curve-billed Thrasher was not adequately eliminated.

Painted Redstart (Myioborus pictus) 52-83-46.

One seen west of Loveland, Larimer County on 5/4/82. Most members thought that this was probably a Rosebreasted Grosbeak.

Painted Bunting (Passerina ciris) 56-83-53.

One seen south of Lyons, Boulder County on 5/17/83. The members split on this report, but half thought the description too short and other species were not mentioned.

Field Sparrow (Spizella pusilla) 56-83-11.

Five seen near Jamestown, Boulder County on 2/16/83. Most members thought this report did not adequately eliminate American Tree Sparrow since some individuals lack the central breast spot.