

The CFO Records Committee Report for 1984

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This report discusses the records received by the committee in 1984, plus the changes resulting from the publication of the 35th supplement to the AOU's checklist of North American birds (1985). The changes are discussed more fully in the article by David Blue in the Fall, 1985 issue of the Journal. The six committee members who reviewed the 1984 records are William Brockner (Evergreen), Richard Bunn (Colorado Springs), Mark James (Delta), Ron Lambeth (Grand Junction), Steve Larson (Boulder) and Richard Stransky (Durango). The CFO checklist of Colorado birds has been updated and reprinted and is available from CFO officers. The state list now stands at 438 species.

Part 1. Species added to the CFO state list.

PACIFIC LOON (Gavia pacifica). The AOU has split the pacifica and arctica races of the Arctic Loon.

The species mainly occurring in the lower 48 states is the Pacific Loon which replaces the Arctic Loon (Gavia pacifica) on the state list.

CLARK'S GREBE (Aechmophorus clarkii). The AOU has split the clarkii and occidentalis races of the Western Grebe (Aechmophorus occidentalis). Both species breed commonly in Colorado.

RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER (Sphyrapicus nuchalis). The AOU has split the nuchalis and varius races of the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus varius). The Red-naped Sapsucker breeds commonly in the mountains, but the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker is not known to breed in Colorado.

Part 2. Species not added to the CFO State list.

VAUX'S SWIFT (Chaeturu vauxi). 30-84-40. One seen briefly from Panorama Point on Flagstaff Road overlooking Boulder, Boulder County, on 6/28/84. Most committee members are relatively unfamiliar with this species, so I sent the report to five experts in California and Louisiana. Their opinions are summed up in the quotes, "Thus, in summary, I think it quite likely that it was in fact a Vaux's Swift that was observed, but it is not beyond the shadow of a doubt that it was in fact a Chimney Swift" and "Personally, for a first state record of either Vaux's or Chimney, I might require a specimen or carefully heard vocalizations by an observer familiar with swift calls." The Boulder bird made no sound, and it was decided not to add this species to the state list.

Part 3. Category A records (submitted documentation supports the stated identification).

RED-THROATED LOON (Gavia stellata) 1-84-5. One in winter plumage seen on Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County on 11/5/84. (Steve Larson).

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) 5-84-18. One adult seen at Alamosa NWR, Rio Grande County on 6/2 and 3/83. (Jon Kauffeld).

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) 5-84-47. One immature seen at Sweitzer Lake, Delta County on 11/1/84. (Mark Janos).

TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator) 8-84-26. One in basic plumage at Dye Reservoir, Otero County on 11/25/83. (Richard Bunn)

TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator) 8-84-12. 5 adults and one immature seen at Brush Hollow Reservoir, Fremont County on 12/13, 14 and 15/83. A flock of this size is an unusual occurrence in Colorado. (Rosie and Jim Watts, William Maynard).

TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator) 8-12-50. One seen near Mack, Mesa County on 12/19/84. This bird was neck banded at Red Rock Lakes, NWR, Lakeview, Montana. (Van Graham).

COMMON MOORHEN (Gallinula chloropus) 17-84-42. One adult seen near Clifton, Mesa County on 5/4/84. (Richard Levad).

WHOOPING CRANE (*Grus americana*) 16-84-7,8. One adult in breeding plumage seen at Hart's Basin, Eckert, Delta County on 3/23/82 and 4/27/82. (Mark Janos).

WHOOPING CRANE (*Grus americana*) 16-84-23. One immature seen at Sweitzer Lake, Delta County on 4/5/84. (Mark Janos).

WHOOPING CRANE (*Grus americana*) 16-84-24. One adult and two immatures seen at Hart's Basin, Eckert, Delta County on 4/8 and 9/84. This species seems quite regular on the west slope. (Mark Janos).

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER (*Pluvialis dominica*) 18-84-9. One in basic plumage seen just west of Grand Junction, Mesa County on 9/21/83. (Ron Lambeth).

MARbled GODWIT (*Limosa fedoa*) 19-84-44. The first recorded nest of this species in Colorado was found on 5/26/84 just west of Grover, Weld County with 2 eggs in it. 3 eggs were found on 5/27 and four on 6/10. Only egg shells were found on 6/24 and predation was suspected. This species should now be followed by a B on the state checklist. (Lois Webster).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (*Tryngites subruficollis*) 19-84-10. Two seen at Barr Lake, Adams County on 9/11/83. (Larry Halsey).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus griseus*) 19-84-33. One juvenile seen at Hart's Basin, Eckert, Delta County on 9/19/84. (Mark Janos).

PARASITIC JAEGER (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) 22-84-11. One dark-phase immature seen at Union Reservoir, Weld County on 10/15 and 16/83. (Larry Halsey).

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) 23-84-38. One immature seen at Cheraw Reservoir, Otero County on 5/25/84. (Doug Ward).

THAYER'S GULL (*Larus thayeri*) 23-84-14,15. Two immatures were at Washington Park in Denver on 1/24-31/84. (Pat Beran and Mark Janos).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla*) 23-84-20. One immature seen at Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County on 12/1/83. (Van Truan).

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) 23-84-30. One seen at Highline Lake State Recreation Area, Loma, Mesa County on 4/30/84. (Ron Lambeth).

BOREAL OWL (*Aegolius funereus*) 28-84-43. Two adults observed near Slumgullion Pass, Hinsdale County on 3/16/84 and one adult seen near Spring Creek Pass, Hinsdale County on 4/7/84. This is a new, and the most southerly, area for Boreal Owl in Colorado. (John Rawinski).

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*) 34-84-19. One in breeding plumage seen at Cascade Falls, west of Loveland, Larimer County on 7/5, 7 and 9/83. (Ann Means, Ruth & Warner Reeser).

WINTER WREN (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) 42-84-16. One adult seen at Billy Creek, Ouray County on 2/28/84. (Mark Janos).

SEDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*) 42-84-31. One in breeding plumage seen at Colorado City, Pueblo County on 5/5/84. (David Silverman).

AMERICAN DIPPER (*Cinclus mexicanus*) 41-84-6. One seen and photographed on the Crook Christmas Count at Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County on 12/31/83. (Steve Larson).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH (*Catharus minimus*) 44-84-37. One seen at Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County on 5/24/84. (Doug Ward).

WOOD THRUSH (*Hylocichla mustelina*) 44-84-48. One seen on the Denver Christmas Count at Waterton, Jefferson County on 12/15/84. This is a very late date for the species. (Ann Bonnell).

VARIED THRUSH (*Ixoreus naevius*) 44-84-49. One male seen and photographed on the Grand Junction Christmas Count near Clifton, Mesa County on 12/16, 17 and 18/84. (Mark Janos and Ron Lambeth).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (Vireo flavifrons) 51-84-27. One in breeding plumage seen on the C.U. Campus, Boulder, Boulder County on 5/19, 20/84. (Jerry Cairo and Peter Gent).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO (Vireo philadelphicus) 51-84-39. One seen at Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld County on 9/1/84. (Judy Ward).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER (Vermivora pinus) 52-84-3. One male seen at Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County on 5/4, 5/79. (Steve Larson).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER (Vermivora pinus) 52-84-45. One male in breeding plumage seen near Limon, Lincoln County on 5/20/84. (Ruth Kuening).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER (Dendroica fusca) 52-84-36. One male in breeding plumage seen on the C.U. campus, Boulder, Boulder County on 5/14/84. (Doug Ward).

KENTUCKY WARBLER (Oporornis formosus) 52-84-4. One male seen at Ovid, Sedgwick County on 4/22/83. (Steve Larson).

SAGE SPARROW (Amphispiza belli) 56-84-22. One seen at Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County on 3/24/84. (Hugh Kingery).

SNOW BUNTING (Plectrophenax nivalis) 56-84-21. Ten in winter plumage seen at Caribou near Nederland, Boulder County on 1/26/84. (Dave Hallock).

Part 4. Category Band C Records. (Submitted documentation probably indicates a mis-identification or is too brief or incomplete to support the stated identification).

RED-NECKED GREBE (Podiceps grisegena) 2-84-25. One seen at Brush Hollow Reservoir, Penrose, Fremont County on 4/7/84. The committee was equally divided over this record; for three members the description was not quite adequate or detailed enough.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER (Limnodromus griseus) 19-84-35. One at Prospect Reservoir, Weld County and a flock of 12 at Ireland Reservoir, Weld County both on 4/30/84. Several members thought the description of the birds' call did not adequately eliminate

Long-billed Dowitcher. The calls of these two species are very similar, and identification should probably not be based on this alone.

LAUGHING GULL (Larus atricilla) 23-84-32. One seen at Lake Meredith, Crowley County on 6/3/84. Several members thought that this description was too brief and that a first summer Franklin's Gull was not adequately eliminated.

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) 23-84-13. One seen at Valmont Reservoir, Boulder, Boulder County on 1/15/84. The committee was also equally divided on this record, but several thought that eye color cannot be definitely determined at a distance of 150 m.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL (Larus marinus) 23-84-34. One immature seen at Union Reservoir, Weld County on 4/26/84. Members thought this bird was seen rather briefly and did not have quite enough details for certainty.

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