

**THE REPORT OF THE COLORADO BIRD
RECORDS COMMITTEE (CBRC) FOR 1994**

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This report includes 88 records that were circulated and voted on. There were 87 new records and a 1991 Lesser Golden Plover that was previously accepted that I recirculated as a Pacific Golden Plover record due to the AOU decision to split Lesser Golden Plover into American and Pacific Golden Plovers. In addition, reports were received on Common Tern, Evening Grosbeak, Cedar Waxwing, White-throated Sparrow, Nashville Warbler, Three-toed Woodpecker, hybrid Indigo X Lazuli Bunting, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Parula, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Winter Wren, Hooded Warbler, Hepatic Tanager, Summer Tanager and Harris' Sparrow. These reports were not circulated, but will be kept on file at the Denver Museum of Natural History. The circulated reports were generally very good and all but 13 were accepted. The not-accepted reports were mostly in two categories: very difficult identifications that require very minute detail to separate similar species, and reports that did not have adequate description to identify any bird. A report must have enough detail to identify the bird and separate it from all other species. An not-accepted report does not necessarily mean an incorrect identification, in most cases it just means there were not enough details in the report or not enough information available to make a definite decision. The rules of the CBRC state that a record is accepted on the first circulation with a unanimous vote to accept or with 1 dissension. Any record that receives 2 or 3 votes to not accept is recirculated with all the committee members' comments. Again, the record is accepted if it receives no more than 1 vote to not-accept. Records with 2 or 3 votes to not-accept on the second circulation are discussed and voted on at the Annual Meeting (i.e., Colorado Field Ornithologists' (C.F.O.) Convention). At the Annual Meeting, a record is accepted if it receives no more than 1 vote to not-accept from the members present.

As a result of the 1994 reports, two new species were added to the CFO Official State Checklist: Harris' Hawk and Acorn Woodpecker. With these additions, the checklist stands at 454 species. CBRC members who voted on the first circulation were: Bob Dickson (Pueblo), Peter Gent (Boulder), Rich Levad (Grand Junction), Bill Prather (Longmont), Bob Righter (Denver), and Dick Schottler (Golden). Mark Janos (Pueblo), Bill Lisowsky (Fort Collins), and Vic Zerbi (Glenwood Springs) became new members in 1996 and voted

on the recirculation along with Gent, Dickson, Righter, and Schottler. Dickson, Gent, Janos, and Righter voted at the Annual Meeting.

Thanks very much to all who submitted reports, to Hugh Kingery, Phil Hayes, and the Denver Museum of Natural History for forwarding and archiving records, and to all the committee members. Serving on CBRC is a big job and takes a lot of work on the part of everyone.

Each record is assigned a number with 3 parts. The first part is a family code, the second part is the year the report was received, and the third part is the number the report was assigned when it was received that year. The individual report numbers begin each year at 1. There is no #22 for 1994, as that number was skipped inadvertently. All the following reports received unanimous votes to accept on the first circulation, except as noted.

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata* 1-94-1 One juvenile at Lake Henry 10/30/94. Report by Mark Janos, 19th accepted record.

Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena* 2-94-2 One at Lake Henry 5/8/94 to 5/16/94. Report by Mark Janos, 21st accepted record.

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* 3-94-3 One at Lake Henry 10/30/94. Report by Mark Janos, 7th accepted record.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Three reports received, becoming the 9th through 11th accepted records: 4-94-4 One at Ireland Reservoir, Weld Co. 6/4/94. Report by Myron Plooster. 4-94-5 at Lake Henry 9/11/94. Report by Mark Janos. 4-94-6 One immature at Cherry Creek Res. 10/30/94. Report by J.B. Hayes. Accepted on first circulation by a 5-1 vote.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Two reports received, becoming the 31st and 32nd accepted records: 5-94-7 One breeding adult near Rocky Ford 4/24/94. Report by Mark Janos. 5-94-8 One non-breeding adult on Horse Creek, Baca County 9/10/94. Report by Janeal Thompson.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* 5-94-9 One at San Luis Lake, Alamosa Co. 5/94. Report by John J. Rawinski, 15th accepted record.

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens* 5/94-10 One dark morph immature at Lake Holbrook 9/1/94 to 9/25/94. Reports by Brandon Percival, Mark Janos and Peter Gent, 4th accepted record.

Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* 8-94-11 At least 294 at Jumbo Reservoir 3/11/94. Report by John Prather. A very surprising number for Colorado.

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope* 8-94-12 Two males in breeding plumage near Brighton 3/18/94 to 3/31/94. Reports by Joe TenBrink and Karleen Schofield. Only the 20th accepted record -- there have been numerous sightings in recent years for which no reports were received.

Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata* 8-94-13 One female at Delta 11/6/94. Report by Kim Potter. Few records from the western slope.

White-winged Scoter *Melanitta fusca* 8-94-14 One female at Rifle Gap, Garfield Co. 5/14/94. Report by Kim Potter. Few reports from western slope.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* 11-94-15 One at Pueblo Res. 12/17/94. Report by Pearle Sandstrom-Smith. No previously accepted December records.

Harris' Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* Reports of 3 occurrences received: 10-94-16 One near Chromo, Archuleta Co. 6/9/94. Most members felt this was an accurate report but good details were lacking, even after a request for more detail was answered. Not accepted by votes of 4-2 on 1st circulation, 5-2 on recirculation and 2-2 at the annual meeting. 10-94-17 One adult near Waterton, Jefferson Co. 12/17/94 to 12/23/94. Reports by Steve Stachowiak, Joey Kellner, J.B. Hayes, and Mark Janos. Accepted on first circulation by a vote of 5-1, first accepted state record. 10-94-18 One adult in Fort Collins 12/19/94. Report by Bill Lisowsky. Accepted by vote of 5-1 on first circulation, 2nd accepted state record. Dissenting vote in both cases was because of doubt of origin. This species is a favorite among falconers, but most members thought the number of records all over the Midwest in 1994 and the increase in population and normal range of the species was evidence of natural occurrence.

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus* 10-94-19 One at Blende, Pueblo Co. 1/9/94. Report by Mark Janos, 20th accepted record.

Gyrfalcon *Falco rusticolus* 12-94-20 One adult gray phase east of Longmont 2/9/94 and 2/23/94. Report by Mark Nikas, 9th accepted record.

Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis* 18-94-21 Six heard calling from marsh at Bent's Old Fort 5/7/94. Report by Brandon Percival. Little is known of the Colorado population of this species.

Pacific Golden-Plover *Pluvialis fulva* One juvenile at Orchard Mesa near Clifton, Mesa Co. 11/21/91. This record was accepted in 1991 as a Lesser

Golden-Plover. The species has since been split into American and Pacific Golden-Plovers. The original reports indicated the observers felt the bird was of the *fulva* race, which became the Pacific Golden-Plover. This is why the report was recirculated as that species. Most members felt the written reports and photographs did not rule out American Golden-Plover. Not accepted by a 2-4 vote on the first circulation. There are no accepted records for Pacific Golden-Plover, but observers should check all American Golden-Plovers carefully. These two species are very difficult to separate in the field.

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica* Three reports were received: **19-94-23** Seventeen adults south of Longmont 5/7/94. Most members thought the description did not eliminate dowitchers. Not accepted by vote of 1-5 on first circulation. **19-94-24** One at Lake Henry 5/13/94. Report by Mark Janos, 20th accepted record. **19-94-25** One at Lower Latham Reservoir 5/24/94 to 5/25/94. Report by John Prather, 21st accepted record.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* **19-94-26** Two adults and one immature at Lake Henry 8/28/94 to 9/2/94. Report by Mark Janos, 37th accepted record.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* **19-94-27** One juvenile at Lake Henry 8/28/94. Report by Mark Janos, 24th accepted record.

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus* **19-94-28** One at Cherry Creek Reservoir 9/26/94. Report by Bob Righter, 15th accepted record. This species is probably much more common than the number of accepted records would indicate in Colorado, but all sightings should be carefully checked due to the difficulty of separating this species from Long-billed Dowitcher.

Pomerine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus* **22-94-29** One dark morph adult at Lake Henry 11/5/94. Report by Mark Janos. Accepted by vote of 5-1 on first circulation, the dissenting member though the report described a jaeger but did not conclusively identify the species.

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla* **23-94-30** One 1st-winter at Upper Queens Res., Kiowa Co. 5/22/94 to 5/28/94. Report by Mark Janos, 19th accepted record.

Little Gull *Larus minutus* **23-94-31** One 1st-winter at Union Res. 11/3/94. Report by Mark Nikas, 9th accepted record.

Mew Gull *Larus canus* **23-94-32** One adult at Pueblo Res. 11/19/94. Report by Mark Janos, 11th accepted record.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* **23-94-33** One adult near Loveland 11/11/94. Report by Mark Nikas, 12th accepted record.

Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus* **23-94-34** One 3rd-winter at Pueblo Res. 11/19/94 to 11/30/94. Report by Mark Janos, 9th accepted record.

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* **23-94-35** One 1st-year at Jumbo Res. 11/26/94. Report by Mark Janos, 16th accepted record.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* Two reports received: **23-94-36** One adult near Waterton, Jefferson Co. 6/8/94. This was a 5-minute observation of a flying bird and most committee members felt that not enough details were observed to clinch this difficult identification. Not accepted by votes of 4-2 on first circulation and 2-5 on recirculation. **23-94-37** One immature at Union Res. 10/13/92. This bird was observed sitting on shore only at 100 yards. Most members felt the field marks observed were not adequate to identify the species. Not accepted by votes of 5-2 on first circulation and 1-6 on recirculation.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* **25-94-38** One at Boulder 6/19/94. Most members thought the identification was probably correct but the submitted details were inadequate to accept the record. Not accepted by vote of 2-4 on first circulation.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca* Two reports received: **25-94-39** One adult at Fort Collins 10/16/94. Report by Peter Gent, 4th accepted record. **25-94-40** One adult at Two Buttes Res. 11/6/94. Report by Mark Janos, 5th accepted record.

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina* **25-94-41** One southeast of Eaton, Weld Co. 12/22/94. Report by Joe Himmel. Vote to accept 5-1, 3rd accepted single-observer record. Until an accepted record with at least 2 observers or a photograph, specimen, or recording is obtained, this species cannot be added to the state list under CBRC rules.

Eastern Screech-Owl *Otus asio maxwelliae* **29-94-42** One adult at Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent Co. 5/7/94. Report by Brandon Percival. Accepted by 6-0 vote. There is not much information on the ranges of Eastern and Western Screech-Owls on the eastern plains.

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus* **33-94-43** Up to four at Lake Dorothy State Wildlife Area 7/20/94 to 9/4/94. Reports by Mark Yaeger, Mark Janos, and Peter Gent. 1st accepted record.

Eastern Wood-Pewee *Contopus virens* 34-94-44 One at Lamar 8/8/94. Most members thought that Western Wood-Pewee could not be eliminated. Not accepted by vote of 2-4 on first circulation.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* Two reports received, becoming the 11th and 12th accepted records: 34-94-45 One near Rifle, Garfield Co. 5/11/94. Report by Kim Potter. 34-94-46 One west of Uravan, Montrose Co. 6/21/94. Report by Karleen Schofield.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* 34-94-47 One pair at Lake Hasty Campground, Bent Co. 5/13/94 to 5/16/94. A nest was initiated but destroyed. First found by Chris Wood, report by Mark Janos, 2nd nesting record.

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus* 42-94-48 One at Pueblo 11/22/93 to 3/16/94. Report by Bob Dickson. There are more than 40 accepted records.

Gray-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus* Two reports received, becoming the 18th and 19th accepted records. 44-94-49 One at Lake Henry, Crowley Co. 5/14/94. Report by Mark Janos. 44-94-50 One at Crow Valley Campground, Weld Co. 5/25/94. Report by John Prather. Vote to accept was 5-1 on first circulation.

Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius* 44-94-51 One male at Colorado Springs 11/22/94 to 11/24/94. Reports by Peg and Frank Cassel, and Branden Percival. There are now more than 40 accepted records.

Bendire's Thrasher *Toxostoma bendirei* Two reports received: 43-94-52 One near Slickrock, San Miguel Co. 6/21/94. 43-94-53 One near Del Norte, Saguache Co. 6/23/94. Two members stated on the first circulation that this is a lot more difficult identification problem than it would appear in the field guides. Worn and immature Sage Thrashers vary from what is pictured in the field guides, and we do not know a lot about variations and mimicry of calls. On recirculation, most other members agreed that a conclusive identification was not made in these two reports. Not accepted by votes of 4-2 on first circulation and 3-4 and 2-5, respectively, on second circulation.

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus* Reports of 2 records received: 51-94-54 One at Lake Henry 5/8/94. Report by Mark Janos, 17th accepted record. 51-94-55 One at Pueblo 9/20/94. Reports by Mark Janos and Brandon Percival, 18th accepted record.

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* 51-94-56 One at Crestone, Saguache Co. 5/14/94 to 5/23/94. Not accepted by vote of 0-6 on first circulation. Members thought not enough details were stated to rule out kinglets and other vireos. There are no accepted western slope records.

Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons* 51-94-57 One at the Great Sand Dunes Golf Course, Alamosa Co. 5/21/94. Report by John J. Rawinski, 20th accepted state record.

Philadelphia Vireo *Vireo philadelphicus* 51-94-58 One picked up after hitting window in Estes Park 10/4/94 and held in a shelter until spring, then released. Most members thought the photographs and description do not yield enough details to rule out Warbling Vireo. Not accepted by a 2-4 vote on first circulation.

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora pinus* Two reports were received, becoming the 20th and 21st accepted records: 52-94-59 One at Castlewood Canyon State Park 5/21/94. Report by Brandon Percival. 52-94-60 One at Barr Lake 9/7/94. Report by Bill Schreier.

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera* Two reports received, becoming the 29th and 30th accepted records: 52-94-61 One at Neenoshe Res. 5/1/94. Report by Mark Janos. 52-94-62 One at Eldorado Springs, Boulder Co. 5/21/94. Report by Suzi Plooster.

Cape May Warbler *Dendroica tigrina* 52-94-63 One at Golden 5/12/93. Report by Thomas Pool. Accepted by 5-1 vote on first circulation, 23rd accepted record.

Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca* Reports of 3 sightings received, the 21st through 23rd accepted records: 52-94-64 One adult male at Fountain Creek Regional Park 5/15/94. Reports by Brandon Percival and Mark Janos. 52-94-65 One adult male at Barr Lake 9/6/94. Report by Joe TenBrink. 52-94-68 One immature male at Barr Lake 9/30/94. Report by Tony Leukering.

Yellow-throated Warbler *Dendroica dominica* Reports of 2 sightings received, becoming the 21st and 22nd accepted records: 52-94-67 One adult at Hanna Ranch State Wildlife Area 5/8/94. Reports by Brandon Percival and Mark Janos. 52-94-68 One adult male at Eldorado Springs, Boulder Co. 6/5/94. Report by Karleen Schofield.

Pine Warbler *Dendroica pinus* 52-94-69 One immature male at Brighton 9/16/94. Report by Joe TenBrink. Accepted by vote of 5-1 on first circulation, 20th accepted record.

Prairie Warbler *Dendroica discolor* Reports of 2 sightings were received, the 9th and 10th accepted records. **52-94-70** One adult female at Hasty Campground, Bent Co. 5/7/94. Report by Brandon Percival. **52-94-71** One adult male south of Idalia, Yuma Co. 5/18/94. Report by Urling and Hugh Kingery.

Bay-breasted Warbler *Dendroica castanea* **52-94-72** One adult female at Crestone, Saguache Co. 5/23/94. Members thought the submitted details did not identify any species. Not accepted by vote of 0-6 on first circulation.

Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea* Reports of 2 sightings were received, the 28th and 29th accepted records. **52-94-73** One adult male at Colorado Springs 5/21/94. Report by Brandon Percival. **52-94-74** One adult male at Colorado Springs 9/18/94. Reports by Brandon Percival and Mark Janos.

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorus* Two reports received, becoming the 34th and 35th accepted records. **52-94-75** One at Bonny Res. 5/14/94. Report by Jack Reddall. **52-94-76** One at Bonny Res. 5/14/94. Report by Dan Bridges. The two reports could have described the same bird but the sightings occurred in different areas at Bonny Reservoir.

Swainson's Warbler *Limnithlypis swainsonii* **52-94-77** One adult at Lamar 5/1/94. Reports by Brandon Percival and Mark Janos, 6th accepted record.

Northern Waterthrush *Seiurus noveboracensis* **52-94-78** Adults carrying food near Walden, Jackson Co. on 6/27/94 and 7/22/94. Reports by Beth Dillon. First breeding record.

Kentucky Warbler *Oporornis formosus* Two reports were received: **52-94-79** One adult male at Castlewood Canyon State Park 5/19/94. Report by Karleen Schofield, 19th accepted record. **52-94-80** One adult male window-killed south of Montrose 6/18/94. There is almost no description in report and the specimen could not be located. Not accepted by votes of 4-2 on original circulation and 3-4 on recirculation.

Mourning Warbler *Oporornis philadelphia* **52-94-81** One adult male at Crow Valley Campground, Weld Co. 5/26/94. Report by Karleen Schofield, 9th accepted record.

Canada Warbler *Wilsonia canadensis* Two reports received: **52-94-82** One adult male at Bonny Res. 9/3/94 and 9/4/94. Report by William Schreier. **52-94-83** One female at Cherry Creek State Park 10/4/94. Report by Joe TenBrink.

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* **56-94-84** One adult male at Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. 5/28/94. Report by Mark Janos, 13th accepted record.

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina* **56-94-85** Two adults at Pueblo Res. 12/17/94. Report by Pearle Sandstrom-Smith. There are few documented reports for December.

Baird's Sparrow *Ammodramus bairdii* **56-94-86** Two juveniles southeast of Julesburg 10/9/94. Committee members thought that this is a very difficult identification and the submitted details did not positively identify any species. Not accepted by votes of 3-3 on original circulation and 2-5 on recirculation.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni* **56-94-87** Two at Pueblo Res. 12/17/94. Report by Pearle Sandstrom-Smith. Accepted by vote of 5-1 on first circulation. There are few documented December records.

Purple Finch *Carpodacus purpureus* **56-94-88** One immature male at Eldorado Springs, Boulder Co. 9/17/94. Report by Tony Leukering, 34th accepted record.

Corrections to the 1993 Report of the CBRC

Two of the records were assigned incorrect numbers: the LeConte's Sparrow report should have been 56-93-15 and the Golden-crowned Sparrow should have been 56-93-62. I apologize for the errors.

