

The 77th Report of the Colorado Bird Records Committee

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Varied Bunting. Photo by Don Marsh

Introduction

This 77th report of the Colorado Bird Records Committee (hereafter CBRC or Committee) presents the results of deliberations of the CBRC involving one report submitted by one observer documenting one new addition to the Colorado state list. Per CBRC bylaws, all accepted records received a final 7-0 or 6-1 vote to accept. In addition, one species was added to the state list because the American Ornithological Society (AOS; formerly the American Ornithologists' Union) split Mexican Duck from Mallard (Chesser et al. 2020). Therefore, with this publication the Colorado state list now stands at 513 species.

Committee members voting on these reports were David Dowell (Longmont), Peter Gent (Boulder), Rachel Hopper (Fort Collins), Steven Mlodinow (Longmont), Ric Olson (Castle Rock), Mark Peterson (Colorado Springs), and Jason St. Pierre (Durango).

Committee News

The CBRC continues to recruit excellent members from the local birding community.

Committee Functions

The Committee solicits documentation of reports in Colorado for all species published in its Main Review List (coloradobirdrecords.org/ReviewList.aspx), species with no prior accepted record in Colorado and sightings of regularly occurring species that are considered out-of-range or out-of-season. Documentary materials should be submitted online at the CBRC website (coloradobirdrecords.org). Alternatively, one can request an electronic document from the Chair or Secretary (see this journal's inside front cover for contact information).

Report Format

The records in this report are arranged taxonomically following the American Ornithological Society's (AOS) *Checklist of North American Birds* (AOS 1998) through the 59th Supplement (Chesser et al. 2018). We present the accession number and the vote tally in the first round and, if relevant, the second and third rounds (with the number of "accept" votes on the left side of the dash).

Accepted Species New to the State List

Varied Bunting – *Passerina versicolor* (2020-021; 7-0). Found and photographed by Don Marsh on 22 June 2020 in a band of willows along a ditch viewed from his yard (Ouray County). The bird disappeared not to be seen again.

Other Species Added to the State List



Mexican Duck. Photo by Peter Burke

Mexican Duck – *Anas diazi*. In 2020 the AOS split Mexican Duck from Mallard (Chesser et al. 2020). The first CBRC-accepted report of the species came from Walden Reservoir, Jackson County, on 20 April 2006 (Semo and Faulkner 2010), while the fourth and fifth Mexican Duck occurrences accepted by the CBRC were both on 12 May 2001 Boulder Reservoir, Boulder County, and near Firestone, Weld County, respectively. Since then, with more and more birders recognizing and searching for the species, Mexican Duck has become expected across the state, with validated reports in eBird (eBird 2020) noting at least 92 occurrences from 29 counties, with 22 reports in the year 2020 before 20 October. Leukering and Mlodinow (2012) treated the taxonomic record, the historical record in Colorado as of that publication, and the identification of the taxon.

Reporters and Cited Observers

The CBRC thanks the following individuals for submitting records of, or discovering and reporting, the new state species in Colorado discussed in this report: Don Marsh.

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