

## VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

### 2006 DECISIONS

#### FIRST STATE RECORDS

BLACK-TAILED GULL (Larus crassirostris) – one adult completing molt into non-breeding plumage, 18 October 2005, Charlotte Town Beach, Lake Champlain, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty. Julie Hart, Theodore G. Murin, Matthew Medler, David Austin and m.ob. thru the end of October. Photographs and photo CD's.

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) – one juvenile, 10 December 2005, Burlington Intervale compost works, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Bryan Pfeiffer. Excellent photographs by Heather Forcier and Bryan Pfeiffer plus detailed and thoughtful write-ups allowed the committee to accept the identification.

#### FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

THICK-BILLED MURRE (Uria lomvia) – one in alternate plumage, 19 June 2005, Barton River Marsh and South Bay, Lake Memphremagog, Newport, Orleans Cty., Paul Cianfaglione. Photograph. The written report was accepted but the photograph that would have made this a First State Record was of poor quality and did not confirm the sighting.

#### NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

CAACKLING GOOSE (Branta hutchinsii) – one of probable hutchinsii subspecies, 5-6 November 2005, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, Frederick A. Pratt, James Osborne. Second State Record.

CAACKLING GOOSE (B.hutchinsii) – one, as to species only, 22 January 2006, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Allan Strong. Third State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (Aythya fuligula) – two, male and female, 14 February 2006, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., Bruce MacPherson. Fifth State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (A. fuligula) – one adult male, 19 February 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., John Sutton, Dwight Cargill. Sixth State Record.

TUFTED DUCK (A. fuligula) – two, male and female, 7 and 9 March 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., Steve Antell, David J. Hoag, Larry

Haugh et al. Photographs. Seventh State Record. Possibly the same birds as in the two reports above.

KING EIDER (Somateria spectabilis) – one adult male, 5 March 2006, Railroad causeway, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., A.Strong. Ninth State Record.

TRI-COLORED HERON (Egretta tricolor) – one, 29 April 2006, Delta Park, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., Nancy A. Brown, Heather Forcier. Fourth State Record. Photographs.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 31 March 2006, West Dummerston, Windham Cty., John Anderson. Eighth State Record

LAUGHING GULL (Larus atricilla) – one adult, 18 June 2006, Lake Dunmore, Salisbury, Addison Cty., Chip Darmstadt, Alisa Darmstadt. Sixth State Record.

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) or ICELAND (KUMLEIN'S) GULL (Larus glaucoides kumlieni) – one first year, 28 November 2004, Breakwater, Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, A. Strong.

ARCTIC TERN (Sterna paradisaea) – one adult, 16 May 2006, Route 14, South Randolph, Orange Cty., Kyle Jones. Third State Record.

BLACK GUILLEMOT (Cepphus grylle) – 10 adults, 4 immatures, 8 November 2005, Lake Champlain off Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Sixth State Record.

#### OTHER ACCEPTED RECORDS

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (Anser albifrons) – one adult, 1 January 2006, Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., T.G. Murin, Chip Wright, Larry and Wendy Haugh. Photograph.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (A. albifrons) – one, 18 March 2006, Connecticut River, Rockingham, Windham Cty., Donald Clark, Taj Schottland, Al and Barbara Merritt.

HARLEQUIN DUCK (Histrionicus histrionicus) – one first winter male, 11 March 2006, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Peter Briggs, T.G. Murin, L. Haugh et al.

GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) – one gray morph adult, 7 March 2006, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., T.G. Murin, S. Antell.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one male, 19 May 2006, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Noah Perlut.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (Oenanthe oenanthe) – one, 4 September 2006, Colchester Causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Cty., A. Strong. Photographs.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) – two, 1 October 2006, Brilyea Access Rd. DCWMA, Addison, Addison Cty., Terrance M. Wright, Dwight L. Cargill et al.

DICKCISSEL (Spiza americana) – one, 29-30 September 2005, Dover Rd., South Newfane, Windham Cty., Chris Petrak, Hector Galbraith. Photograph.

HOARY REDPOLL (Carduelis hornemanni) - one, 5 February 2006, Brookfield, Orange Cty., Paula A. Gills.

#### NOTABLE NESTING RECORDS

RING-NECKED DUCK (Aythya collaris) – two adults, eight yg., 18 and 25 June 2005, Horse Pond, Greensboro, Orleans Cty., Alan H. Richardson, Lois P. Richardson.

SORA (Porzana carolina) – adult with brood, 4 July 2005, South Hero, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – two adults carrying food and fecal sac, 13 August 2006, South St. Ext., Middlebury, Addison Cty., T.G. Murin, A. Strong.

#### UNUSUAL LOCATION

BOREAL CHICKADEE (Poecile hudsonica) – one, 3 January 2006, Hill Shadow Farm Rd., Bennington, Bennington Cty., Kim and John Likakis

#### OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (Sphyrapicus varius) – one adult male, 22 February 2006, East Warren Store, Warren, Washington Cty., Pat Folsom. Photograph.

GRAY CATBIRD (Dumetella carolinensis) – one, 11 January 2006, Riverside Dr., Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Alex Jones.

AMERICAN PIPIT (Anthus rubescens) – one, 8 January 2006, Sunset at Carr, Addison, Addison Cty., A. Strong, T.G. Murin.

CAPE MAY WARBLER (Dendroica tigrina) – one first fall male, 24 November 2005 thru 27 April 2006, Curtis Ave., Rutland, Rutland Cty., Fred Bates, Sue and Marvin Elliott, m.ob. Photographs.

SCARLET TANAGER (Piranga olivacea) – one male, 13 November 2005, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Cty., D.J. Hoag. Photographs.

#### HYBRIDS, ESCAPES, ETC.

RINGED TURTLE DOVE (Streptopelia risoria) – one, 12 December 2005, Grassy Brook Rd., Brookline, Windham Cty., Chris Petrak, Hector Galbraith. An escape.

#### REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

TRUMPETER SWAN (Cygnus buccinator) – three sub-adults, 27 April 2006, Little Hosmer Pond, Craftsbury, Cty., Not enough detail, especially of the bills.

AMERICAN BITTERN (Botaurus lentiginosus) – two, 15 December 2005, Jericho, Chittenden Cty., Does not rule out young Black-crowned Night-heron.

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 13 May 2006, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Insufficient description.

KITTIWAKE SP – one, 23 April 2006, West Glover, Orleans Cty., Details do not match kittiwake.

BARN OWL (Tyto alba) – one, 10 January 2006, Bliss Rd., Woodbury, Washington Cty., The vote was 3-3 on this report. Those voting against it cited insufficient details but urged observer to try to locate it again to check for eye color.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one male, 11 May 2006, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Needs a description of the bird.

SEDGE WREN (C. platensis) – one male, 14 July 2006, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Needs a description of the bird.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD (Euphagus carolinus) – one nesting, 20 April 2006, Shrewsbury, Rutland Cty., Needs a better description of the bird.

HOARY REDPOLL (Carduelis hornemanni) – one, 20 December 2005, West Brattleboro, Windham Cty., Insufficient details.

HOARY REDPOLL (C. hornemanni) – one, 21 January 2006, Huntington, Chittenden Cty., Insufficient details.