

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT – 9 NOVEMBER 2013

FIRST STATE RECORD

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (Zenaida asiatica) – one, 28 May 2013, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., Rodney Olsen, Henry Trombley. First fully documented state record including two written reports, and recorded vocalization.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS, SECOND THRU TENTH

BARNACLE GOOSE (Branta leucopsis) – one, 10 March 2013, Lake Runnemedede, Windsor, Windsor Co., Craig Provost. Third State Record.

BARNACLE GOOSE (B. leucopsis) – one, 30 March 2013, Mud Creek WMA, Alburg, Grand Isle Co., Attila Zsaki, Michelle Nokken. Fourth State Record. Photographs.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (Phalaropus tricolor) – one male, 30 May 2013, Connecticut River, Norwich, Windsor Co., Chris Rimmer, George Clark, Ed Hack, Kyle Jones, Peter LaBelle. Tenth State Record. Photograph.

THAYER'S GULL (Larus thayeri) – one adult, 15 December 2012, Thompson's Point, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., Hank Kaestner. Third State Record. Photographs.

SLATY-BACKED GULL (Larus schistisagus) - one adult, 2 March 2013, Turkey Lane, Panton, Addison Co., Spencer Hardy, Ronald Payne, Ian Worley, Ted G. Murin et al. Second State Record. Photograph.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (Empidonax virescens) - one, 18 May 2013, Snake Mtn., Bridport, Addison Co., Eric Hynes, Ian Worley, Barbara Brosnan, John Chamberlain, Eighth State Record. Recorded vocalization.

WESTERN KINGBIRD (Tyrannus verticalis) - one adult, 8-9 June 2013, Mt. Independence, Orwell, Addison Co., Sue Wetmore, T.G.Murin et al. Second State Record. Photographs.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (Myadestes townsendi) - one, 6 November 2012, Missisquoi NWR, Swanton, Franklin Co., Kaylee Pollander. Third State Record. Photograph.

FIRST STATE RECORDS OF SUBSPECIES

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (AUDUBON'S) (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*) - one hatch year male, 4-5 December 2012, The Intervale, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Nikolas Kotovich. Sketch. Hypothetical First State Record.

NELSON'S SPARROW, ACADIAN/ATLANTIC SUBSPECIES (*Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus*) - one, 9 October 2013, Pomainville WMA, Pittsford, Rutland Co., T.G.Murin, Leah Tansey. Hypothetical First State Record.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii*) - one first fall, 20 November 2012, Vernon, Windham Co., Hector Galbraith, Taj Schottland, David Johnson, JoAnne Russo. First State Record for Gambell's race. Photographs.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

PACIFIC LOON (*Gavia pacifica*) – one adult, 23 October 2013, Whiskey Bay, Charlotte, Chittenden Co., Jim Mead. Photograph.

GREATER SCAUP (*Aythya marila*) – one male, 5 August 2013, Kent Pond, Killington, Rutland Co., Roy Pilcher. Photographs.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) – two, 16 July 2013, Lake Ninevah, Mount Holly, Rutland Co., William Nye, David Venter. Photograph.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – up to seven, 5-19 October 2013, Brilyea Access, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Co., Spencer Hardy, T.G.Murin et al. Photograph.

LITTLE GULL (*Larus minutus*) – one, 7 July 2013, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., Michele Patenaude, Mona Broley. Sketch.

SELASPHORUS HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus sp.*) - one, 21 & 29 October 2012, Monkton, Addison Co., Jane Lindholm. Photographs.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes carolinus*) – one male, 13 November 2012, Brandon, Rutland Co., Bronia VanBenthuisen. Photographs.

CATHARUS THRUSH (*Catharus sp.*) - one, 17 November 2012, Westminster, Windham Co., JoAnne Russo, Gerry Biron. Photographs. Species not determined.

EXOTICS, ESCAPES, RELEASES

MANDARIN DUCK (Aix galericulata) – one adult male, 10 October 2011, Lamoille River, Morristown, Lamoille Co., Robert Budliger. Photographs of the mounted specimen. The hunter and owner was interviewed.

COMMON POCHARD (Aythya ferina) – one adult male, 1 January thru 10 February 2013, Chimney Point, Addison, Addison Co., Ian A. Worley, Ronald Payne, T.G.Murin et al. Photographs including one showing a band. Further evidence pointed to the bird's being an escape.

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH (Carduelis carduelis) – one adult, 6 December 2012, Lyndon, Caledonia Co., Judith H, Groskopf. Photographs.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

EARED GREBE (Podiceps nigricollis) – one, 29 January 2013, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Co. Insufficient details.

RED PHALAROPE (Phalaropus fulicaria) – one, 3 November 2012, Colchester-South Hero Causeway, Colchester, Chittenden Co. Insufficient details.