

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT – 25 October 2014

FIRST STATE RECORDS

BROWN BOOBY (*Sula leucogaster*) – one adult female, 23-24 August; 7 September 2014, Lake Champlain, Addison, Addison Cty., and Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Gary Chapin, Theodore G. Murin, Allan Strong, Don Clark, m.ob. Photographs.

TRUMPETER SWAN (*Cygnus buccinator*) – one adult, 26 May 2014, Lake Champlain at Tri-town water plant, Addison, Addison Cty., David Johnston. Photographs and confirming comments.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) – one, 11-12 April 2014, Creek Rd, Salisbury, Addison Cty., T.G.Murin, Scott Morrical, m.ob. Photographs. First fully documented State Record.

PRAIRIE FALCON (*Falco mexicanus*) – one, 1 January 2014, Gage Rd., Addison, Addison Cty., Tyler Pockette, T.G.Murin, Kaylee Pollander. Photographs.

WILLOW PTARMIGAN (*Lagopus lagopus*) – one in non-breeding plumage, 8 May 2014, Fairbanks Scales, St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Cty., Linda Bradshaw, Gary Royer, Damon Carr, Randy Ott. Two reports plus a video. The Committee considered Rock Ptarmigan as well, but decided the weight of evidence as well as the likelihood of appearance indicated Willow.

ANCIENT MURRELET (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*) – one, 17 April 2014, Shelburne Pond, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Brandon Frank, Emily Hall. Video.

FIRST STATE RECORD OF SUBSPECIES

NELSON'S SPARROW, ACADIAN/ATLANTIC SUBSPECIES (*Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus*) – one, 9 October 2013, Pomainville WMA, Pittsford, Rutland Cty., T.G. Murin, Leah Tansey. A second confirming report from Tansey provided the documentation needed for First State Record status.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS

GARGANEY (Anas querquedula) - one male in breeding plumage, 27 April to 1 May 2014, Burlington, Chittenden Cty., T.G.Murin, Taylor Swanson, A.Strong, m.ob. Photographs. Second State Record.

AMERICAN AVOCET (Recurvirostra americana) - one male in non-breeding plumage, 12 October 2014, Missisquoi Bay, Highgate, Franklin Cty., Richard B. Lavalley, T.G.Murin, m.ob. Photographs. Fourth State Record.

BROWN PELICAN (Pelecanus occidentalis) – one, July 2014, Lake Dunmore, Salisbury, Addison Cty., Ron Payne, Mike Korkuc, Sue Wetmore, Ian Worley. Second State record.

HOODED WARBLER (Setophaga citrina) - one singing male, 30 June to 5 July 2014, Whipstock Hill WMA, Bennington, Bennington Cty., Eric S. Seyferth, D. Johnston. Photographs and tape recording. Fourth State Record.

SUMMER TANAGER (Piranga rubra) - one adult male, 4 May 2014, Moscow Rd, West Castleton, Rutland Cty., Karen Deets, Bill Deets. Photograph. Fourth State Record.

SUMMER TANAGER (P. rubra) - one first year male, 14 May 2014, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Curt Alpeter. Photographs. Fifth State Record.

PAINTED BUNTING (Passerina ciris) - one singing male, 15 June 1993, Lake Bomoseen, Hydeville, Rutland Cty., Kevin Burrell. If reported in 1993, would have been Second Hypothetical Record.

OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

REDHEAD (Aythya americana) - one male, 24 August 2014, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Cty., Jim Mead. Photograph.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER (Limnodromus scolopaceus) - two juveniles, 5 and 17 October 2013, Dead Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty. Spencer Hardy, T.G.Murin et al.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR (Calcarius lapponicus) - one, 11 May 2014, Bigelow Farm, Royalton, Windsor Cty., Kyle Jones.

NESTING RECORD

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) - two adults carrying food to a nest, 7 August 2014, Creek Rd, Middlebury, Addison Cty., T.G.Murin, S.Morrical.

OTHER RSD'S ACCEPTED

WILLET (Catoptrophorus semipalmatus) - one of western subspecies, 13 August 2014, Shelburne Bay fishing access, Shelburne, Chittenden Cty., Paul Wieczoreck, Bruce MacPherson, Larry Haugh, Jim Mead. Photographs.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (Oenanthe oenanthe) - one immature, 12 September 2014, Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., James E. Osborn III.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (O. oenanthe) - one adult, 23 May 2014, VA Hospital parking lot, White River Junction, Windsor Co., Kent McFarland, George Clark, Ed Hack. Photographs.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Oreothlypis celata) - one, 13 May 2014, Whitney Creek WMA, Addison, Addison Cty., T.G.Murin, Richard Park, Kathy Archer.

REPORTS NOT ACCEPTED

SPRUCE GROUSE (Falcipennis canadensis) - two, 9 November 2013, Cabot, Washington Cty., Insufficient details.

LITTLE GULL (Larus minutus) - three, 10 January 2014, Lake Champlain from the ferry, Charlotte, Chittenden Cty., Insufficient details.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (Helmitheros vermivora) - one male, heard only. 12 June 2014, Leicester, Addison Cty., Too difficult to identify this species by the trill only.

NELSON'S SPARROW (Ammodramus nelsoni) - one adult, 17 July 2014, West Road, Panton, Addison Cty., Insufficient details to identify this species at a time when it should not be in Vermont.

LARK BUNTING (Calamospiza melanocorys) - one, adult male nonbreeding. 1 October 2013, Royalton, Windsor Cty., Photographs were not good enough to positively identify to species.