

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS
COMMITTEE REPORT FOR RECORDS SUBMITTED IN 1986

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This paper reports the results of the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Records Committee decisions for 49 reports submitted by observers for committee evaluation, during the year 1986. During this period, committee members were Bill Brockner, Richard Bunn (chairman), Charlie Chase, Mark Janos, Bill Maynard and Duane Nelson.

The reports received by the committee were classified as A, B or C records. An A record supports the claimed identification, a B record represents a misidentification, and a C record is regarded as incomplete. Of the 49 reports acted upon by the committee, 40 were classified as A, 2 as B, and 4 as C. Three records remained unclassified. 1986 records submitted after the reports were already circulating among committee members will be included with the records for 1987.

Each record in this report is accompanied by a permanent file number, e.g. 1-86-59. This number denotes a family code number, year of observation, and chronological record number. Family code numbers do not reflect recent changes in the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds.

The following species have occurred in Colorado only rarely, and the Records Committee requests reports, photographs and other types of evidence documenting their presence in the state: Red-throated and Yellow-billed Loons, Brown Pelican, Olivaceous Cormorant, Anhinga, Magnificent Frigatebird, Reddish Egret, White and Glossy Ibises, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Trumpeter Swan, Brant, Harlequin Duck, American Swallow-tailed Kite, Common Black-Hawk, Gyrfalcon, Yellow, Black and King Rails, Purple Gallinule, Common Moorhen, Eskimo Curlew, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Ruff, Long-tailed Jaeger, Little, Mew, Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous-winged, Great Black-backed, Ross' and Ivory Gulls, Arctic Tern, Marbled and Ancient Murrelets, Groove-billed Ani, Barred Owl, Lesser Nighthawk, Whip-poor-will, Blue-throated and Anna's Hummingbirds, Black Phoebe, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Long-billed and Bendire's Thrashers, Phainopepla, White-eyed Vireo, Lucy's, Hermit, Prairie, Cerulean and

and Swainson's Warblers, Louisiana Waterthrush, Connecticut and Mourning Warblers, Painted Redstart, Hepatic Tanager, Henslow's, LeConte's and Sharp-tailed Sparrows and Brambling.

PART 1 Class A Records

Red-throated Loon: One (1-86-59) in basic or winter plumage on 8 November 1986, at Cherry Creek State Recreation Area, Arapaho County (Peter Gent).

Olivaceous Cormorant: A single adult, in basic plumage, was seen with a flock Double-crested Cormorant at Jumbo Reservoir, near Crook, in northeast Colorado, on 6-7 September 1985 by Mark Janos and Dan Bridges (4-86-22).

Green-backed Heron: One (5-86-9) was seen by Mark Janos on 24 February 1986, at Hotchkiss in Delta County.

Glossy Ibis: An adult in alternate plumage was seen by Mark and Vicki Janos on 27 March 1986 at Sweitzer Lake, in Delta. First state record (7-86-10). A previous specimen record was removed from the state list (Gent 1987).

Ross' Goose: One was observed 19-31 March 1986 near Salida, in Chaffee County by Jane Owen (8-86-44).

American Black Duck: A single male was seen by Larry Halsey on 29 November 1985 on Pelican Ponds, near Jackson Reservoir, in Morgan County (8-86-2).

Eurasian Wigeon: An adult male was seen at Barr Lake (Adams County) by Peter Gent and Larry Halsey on 26-28 January 1986 (8-86-3), and Carbody Lake (Weld County) on 16 March 1986 by Jerry Cairo (8-86-53).

Greater Scaup: Two males and 1 female were seen on Duck Lake in Larimer County, on 13 October 1986, by Jerry Cairo (8-86-62).

Pomarine Jaeger: One adult, in light phase plumage, was reported by Larry Halsey from Jackson Reservoir (Morgan County) on 5 October 1986 (22-86-42). Halsey also reported 1 adult, in the same plumage, from Cherry Creek State Recreation Area, on 23 November 1986 (22-86-1).

Parasitic Jaeger: One sub-adult bird, in dark phase plumage, was reported by Larry Halsey from Cherry Creek State Recreation Area, on 26 September 1985 (22-86-41).

Snowy Plover: A single adult male, in alternate plumage, was seen on 13-14 April 1986, at the Delta Sewage Ponds (Delta County), by Mark Janos (18-86-33).

Upland Sandpiper: One adult, in alternate plumage, was reported by Coen Dexter and Mark Janos, on 12 May 1986, at the gravel ponds off Road D near the Clifton Sewage Ponds in Mesa County (19-86-14).

Hudsonian Godwit: On 25 May 1986 Ann Means and Bill Prather saw 1 in basic plumage at Nelson Reservoir, in Weld County (photographs on file, 19-86-31). One adult in alternate was seen on 29 May 1986, at Highline Lake near Loma (Mesa County), by Coen Dexter (19-86-46).

Ruddy Turnstone: On 15 May 1986, Coen Dexter and Richard Levad saw 1 in alternate plumage at Highline Lake, in Mesa County (18-86-38).

Red Knot: One was seen by Coen Dexter on 15 May 1986, at Highline Reservoir, in Mesa County (19-86-46).

White-rumped Sandpiper: Seven alternate-plumaged adults were seen on 3 June 1986 at Highline Reservoir, in Mesa County by Coen Dexter and Richard Levad (19-86-39).

Dunlin: Five birds in basic plumage were seen by Mark Janos at the Delta Sewage Ponds (Delta County) on 20 October 1986 (19-86-4). Four were present from 10 November 1986 through 24 January 1987.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: One was seen by Jim and Rosie Watts, and Bill Maynard, at CF&I Ponds, in Pueblo County on 7-8 September 1985 (19-86-23).

Black-legged Kittiwake: One bird in first winter plumage was seen in the company of Bonaparte's Gulls on 13 January 1986, by Bill Maynard (23-86-32). This bird was also reported by Larry Halsey on 16 January (23-86-32), and by Richard Hale on 2 February (23-86-5).

Least Tern: One adult in alternate plumage, was seen by Mark Janos on 29 April 1986, at Sweitzer Lake, in Delta County (23-86-17).

Caspian Tern: One adult, in alternate plumage, was reported by Coen Dexter, on 11 May 1986, in Grand Junction, Mesa County

(photograph on file 23-86-48). One in alternate plumage was seen on 16-19 May 1986, on Sweitzer Lake, in Delta County, by Mark Janos (23-86-18).

White-winged Dove: Mary Jane Schock saw 1 on 12 May 1986 in Denver (25-86-20).

Whip-poor-will: Two were seen by Mark Janos, on Mesa de Mayo, near Kim, on 26 May 1986 (29-86-34).

Calliope Hummingbird: One was seen on 28 September 1986 in Olathe, in Montrose County, by Mark Janos (31-86-58).

Williamson's Sapsucker: Rosie and Jimmy Watts saw an adult female, in Florence, Fremont County, on 10 February 1986 (33-86-7).

Vermillion Flycatcher: One adult male was seen, by Jerry Cairo, on 18 January 1986, near Hudson in Weld County (34-86-25). An adult female was found dead by Greg Hughes in Fort Collins in Larimer County on 26 March 1986 (34-86-11).

Tree Swallow: Mark Janos observed 1 on 9 November 1986 at the Delta Sewage Ponds, in Delta County (36-86-60).

Bendire's Thrasher: Jerry Cairo and Dan Bridges observed 2-4 on 21-25 June 1986 in the Old Woman Creek area west of Del Norte, in Rio Grande County (43-86-36).

Philadelphia Vireo: Dan Bridges saw 1 on 31 August 1986 in Cottonwood Canyon, Las Animas County (51-86-50).

Tennessee Warbler: Richard Levad saw 1 on 1 October 1986 (52-86-56) and 1 on 3 October 1986 (52-86-57). Both observations were in Clifton, in Mesa County.

Cape May Warbler: One visited a suet feeder in Jane Axtell's backyard in Lakewood (Jefferson County), 12 December 1985 to 16 April 1987 (52-86-35).

Blackpoll Warbler: One was seen on 30 September 1986 in Wheatridge (Jefferson County) by Dan Bridges (52-86-54).

Pine Warbler: Dan Bridges reported 1 on 7 September 1986 from Riverside Reservoir, in Weld County (52-86-51).

Mourning Warbler: One was seen by Dan Bridges on 25 May 1986 at

Bonny Reservoir in Yuma County (53-86-21).

Kentucky Warbler: One male in alternate plumage was seen on 11 May 1986 at the Colorado Springs State Wildlife Area by Bill, John and Virginia Maynard (56-86-12).

Swainson's Warbler: Virginia Maynard saw 1 on 17 May 1986 at Bear Creek Nature Center in El Paso County (52-86-15).

Northern Cardinal: Toni Breviller saw a female on 23 May 1986 at Two Buttes Reservoir, in Baca County (56-86-16).

Painted Bunting: One male in alternate plumage was seen on 9 May 1986, by Ann Means, in Lyons (56-86-27).

Great-tailed Grackle: One adult male was seen 12-19 February 1986, near the intersection of 4th Street and Colorado State Highway 115, in Florence (Fremont County) by Jimmy and Rosie Watts (54-86-8). Hugh Kingery reported 1 adult male, on 6 May 1986, from Windsor Lake in Denver (54-86-19). One adult male was seen by Jerry Cairo near Latham Reservoir, in Weld County (54-86-52).

Scarlet Tanager: One male in alternate plumage, was seen on 10 May 1986, in Denver County, by Mary Jane Schock (55-86-29). Jerry Cairo reported a male in basic plumage from Jackson Reservoir (Morgan County) on 2 October 1986 (55-86-61). One male was seen, at Chatfield State Recreation Area, in Jefferson County, by Dan Bridges (55-86-49).

PART 2 Class B records

Thayer's Gull: One reported from McLellan Reservoir, 23 February 1986 (23-86-6).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: One reported from Bonny Reservoir (Yuma County) on 4 October 1986 (33-86-55).

Part 3 Class C records

Gyrfalcon: One reported on 12 October 1986, from Windsor Reservoir, in Weld County (12-86-63).

Red Phalarope: One reported from Highline Lake, in Mesa County, on 22 April 1986 (21-86-13).

Snowy Owl: One reported on 17 November 1986, in Denver (28-86-24).

Yellow-throated Vireo: One reported 8 October 1986, from Ouray County (51-86-26).

Part 4 1986 reports remaining unclassified.

Piping Plover: One reported from Chaffee County, on 17 May 1986 (18-86-45).

Short-billed Dowitcher: Three seen on 10 August 1986, at CF&I Ponds, in Pueblo County (19-86-40).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher: One reported from Temple Canyon Park, in Fremont County, on 28 June 1986 (34-86-37).

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