

Fourteenth Report of the Utah Birds Records Committee – November 2006

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The fourteenth report of the Utah Bird Records Committee summarizes 51 records of 37 species submitted in 2005. This includes nine old records (from 1983 to 1995) that had not previously been reviewed by the Committee.

The following committee members participated in the review of the records included in this report: Rick Fridell, Ron Ryel, Terry Sadler, Mark Stackhouse, Larry Tripp, Merrill Webb and David Wheeler.

This report adds one species to the checklist of the birds of Utah. A first state record for **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** was accepted by the Committee, bringing the total for the Utah bird list to 431 species.

All records evaluated by the Committee are listed by common and scientific name using the nomenclature and taxonomic order of the 7th American Ornithologists Union Check-list of North American Birds, 47th supplement. The following information is included with each record: common name, scientific name (in parenthesis), record number, the number of records accepted for this species in the last ten years followed by a "/" and then the total number of official sightings for Utah (in parenthesis), the number of birds observed along with age and sex if known, location of sighting, date(s) of occurrence, observers with the initial finder listed first, observer(s) who submitted written documentation of the record, observer(s) who submitted photographs or videos, and the final-round vote of the committee (in parenthesis) with the first number being the "accept" votes and the second number being the "not-accept" votes.

The Utah Bird Records Committee would like to thank those individuals who submitted documentation of their sightings. The Committee encourages all observers to document and submit a report of unusual sightings. Multiple documentation of sightings is more valuable than a single report, since one observer may notice key field marks not reported by other observers; those field marks may contribute significantly to the value of the record. The submission of photographs and recordings of songs or calls, along with the written documentation is strongly encouraged by the Committee.

Records reviewed by the UBRC:

CAACKLING GOOSE (*Branta hutchinsii*). 2005-07 (1/1). One adult was seen near Cutler Reservoir in Cache Co., between 10-25 April 2005 by Ron Ryel, Larry Ryel, Melanie Spriggs, Keith and Judy Archibald, Bryan Dixon, Jean Lown and Dominique Roche. Documentation and photographs by RR. (7-0)

CAACKLING GOOSE (*Branta hutchinsii*). 2005-19. One individual was reported at Sand Hollow Reservoir in Washington Co., on 18 Feb 2004 by Kathy and Joel Beyer. Documentation by

K&JB. Because the intermediate-sized subspecies are not yet well defined after the recent split, the committee deliberated this record at length, but could not completely eliminate the small subspecies of Canada Goose (*parvipes*) as a possibility, without the aid of photographs. (3rd Rnd: 2-5)

BLACK SCOTER (*Melanitta nigra*). 2005-51 (3/7). Two females were seen at the Antelope Island State Park Causeway in Davis Co., from 11 to 22 Nov 2005 by Jack Binch, Pat Jividen, Peggy Eisenberg, Steve and Cindy Sommerfeld, Steve Carr, and many others. Documentation and photographs by JB. (7-0)

LEAST BITTERN (*Ixobrychus exilis*). 2005-39(R83) (0/8). An adult was observed at Stewart Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Jensen, Uintah Co., on 14 May 1983 by Mark Bromley. Documentation by MB. (2nd Rnd: 6-1)

WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus*). 2005-09 (1/7). An adult was photographed near Seegmiller Marsh in the Washington Fields, Washington Co., on 9 Apr 2005 by Rick Fridell. Documentation and photographs by RF. (7-0)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*). 2005-15 (5/14). One adult was photographed at Lytle Ranch in Washington Co., on 23 Apr 2005 by Rick Fridell, Larry Tripp, Kevin Wheeler, and Pam Larson. Documentation and photographs by RF. (7-0)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*). 2005-38(R83) (x/14). An adult was observed at Willow Park, Logan, Cache Co., on 14 May 1983 by Mike Tove and Keith Archibald. Documentation by MT. (7-0)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*). 2005-48. One juvenile was reported at 5600 West along State Road 201 in Salt Lake Co., on 1 Nov 2005 by Tim Avery. Documentation by TA. (0-7)

ZONE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albonotatus*). 2005-42 (6/7). Two adults, likely a male and female were at Kolob Creek Meadows and Lava Point in Zion NP, Washington Co., from 9 Jun through at least 18 Jul 2005 by Rick Fridell, Marcus Lawson, and Larry Tripp. Documentation and photographs by RF. (7-0)

GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*). 2005-36(R83). One juvenile female was reported west of Kaysville in Davis Co., on 1 Feb 1983 by Steven R. Chindgren and Larry M. Barker. Documentation by SRC. (2nd Rnd: 1-6)

MOUNTAIN PLOVER (*Charadrius montanus*). 2005-30(R92) (0/8). One individual was observed at Layton Marsh in Davis Co., from 31 Mar to 3 Apr 1992 by Peter Paton, Ella Sorensen, and Craig Kneedy. Documentation by PP. (2nd Rnd: 7-0)

MOUNTAIN PLOVER (*Charadrius montanus*). 2005-41(R83) (0/8). One winter-plumaged individual was found on the south side of Provo Bay, Utah Lake, Utah Co., on 31 Aug and 1 Sep 1983 by Merrill Webb and David Fischer. Documentation by MW and DF. (7-0)

WANDERING TATTLER (*Heteroscelus incanus*). 2005-33 (2/4). A juvenile lingered along the Antelope Island State Park Causeway, Davis Co., from 11 to 18 Sep 2005 and was observed by Pomera Fronce, Jack Binch, Tim Avery, Milt Moody and many others. Documentation by PF and MM and photographs by PF, JB, TA and MM. (7-0)

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*). 2005-10 (5/11). One adult was found on the Antelope Island State Park Causeway in Davis Co., on 24 Apr 2005 by Doug Schonewald. Documentation by DS (7-0)

RUDDY TURNSTONE (*Arenaria interpres*). 2005-32 (3/15). An adult male was seen and photographed at Antelope Island State Park Causeway in Davis Co., on 12 Sep 2005 by Kristen Purdy, Paul Higgins, Deedee O'Brien, and Steve Carr. Documentation by KP and photographs by PH. (7-0)

CURLEW SANDPIPER (*Calidris ferruginea*). 2005-26 (1/3). One individual was observed irregularly along the Antelope Island State Park Causeway in Davis Co. between 14 Aug and 12 Sep 2005. Originally found by Joel and Kathy Beyer, the sandpiper was viewed by many observers. Documentation by J&KB. (3rd Rnd: 5-2)

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*). 2005-25. One juvenile was reported at Antelope Island State Park Causeway in Davis Co., on 4 Aug 2005 by Tim Avery. Documentation by TA. Because of the early date of this sighting and the possibility that this species could be mistaken for a juvenile Red-necked Phalarope at this time of year, the committee felt there was not enough evidence to accept this record without the support of photographs or additional descriptions. (2nd Rnd: 2-5)

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*). 2005-31(R92). One individual was reported at Howard Slough WMA in Davis Co., on 30 May 1992 by Peter Paton and Jack Dalton. Documentation by PP. (2nd Rnd: 0-7)

RED PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus fulicaria*). 2005-43 (3/11). Two adults in non-breeding plumage were found along the Antelope Island State Park Causeway in Davis Co., on 10 Oct 2005 by Carol Davis. Documentation and photographs by CD. (7-0)

LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*). 2005-29(R92). An adult was reportedly photographed near Roosevelt, Duchesne Co., in December 1992. Brief information about the sighting along with a photograph taken by an unknown photographer, were forwarded to the committee by Keith Day. The committee unanimously concluded that the bird in the photograph was indeed a Laughing Gull, however, since the observer was unknown, there was not enough evidence to prove the photograph was taken at the reported location. (3rd Rnd: 0-7)

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus fuscus*). 2005-03 (4/5). One first winter bird was seen at the Bountiful Landfill in Davis Co., on 3 January 2005 by Tim Avery and Ken Behrens. Documentation by TA. (2nd Rnd: 7-0)

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL (*Larus glaucescens*). 2005-04 (4/11). One adult was seen at the Bountiful Landfill in Davis Co., on 3 January 2005 by Tim Avery and Ken Behrens. Documentation by TA. (2nd Rnd: 7-0)

LEAST TERN (*Sterna antillarum*). 2005-11 (6/8). An adult was found at Utah Lake State Park, in Utah Co., on 12 May 2005 by Reed Stone, Eric Huish, Milton Moody, and Bonnie and Stan Williams. Documentation by RS and MM. Photographs by EH and MM. (7-0)

LEAST TERN (*Sterna antillarum*). 2005-22 (7/9). One adult was photographed at Bishop Springs in Millard Co., on 20 May 2005 by Larry Tripp and Lu Giddings. Documentation and photographs by LT. (7-0)

LEAST TERN (*Sterna antillarum*). 2005-16 (8/10). An adult was photographed at Beaver River Bottoms area, north of Milford in Millard Co., on 3 Jun 2005 by Rick Fridell, Kevin Wheeler and Pam Larson. As with neighboring states, observations of this species have dramatically increased in Utah in the past five years. Documentation and photographs by RF. (7-0)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*). 2005-05 (1/2). An adult male was observed in a pecan orchard near Hurricane, Washington Co., on 30 December 2004 through 6 January 2005. Found by David Wheeler and Larene Wyss and later seen and photographed by many additional observers. Documentation by DW and photographs by DW and Rick Fridell. (7-0)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*). 2005-45 (2/3). One adult female was seen at Lytle Ranch in Washington Co., on 19 Jun 2005 by Larry Tripp. Documentation by LT. (7-0)

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Cyananthus latirostris*). 2005-02. An immature male reported at Hyrum, Cache Co., around 15 August 2004 by Jill and Richard Wood. Documentation and photos by JW and RW. Based on the photographic evidence the committee concluded that this was likely a young male Black-chinned Hummingbird. (0-7)

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Archilochus colubris*). 2005-46 (1/1). An immature male was observed visiting a feeder at Central residence, Washington Co., from 29 Aug to 2 Sep 2005 by Larry Tripp, Rick Fridell, Kevin Wheeler, Steve Hedges and many others. Documentation by LT and photographs by RF. This is the first accepted state record of Ruby-throated Hummingbird in Utah. (7-0)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (*Sphyrapicus varius*). 2005-18. One adult male was reported at Welcome Springs in Washington Co., on 16 Oct 2004 by Kathy and Joel Beyer. Documentation by K&JB. Despite a thorough description, the committee felt that the possibility of this being a Red-naped or hybrid Sapsucker was not completely eliminated. Clearly differentiating these species without the aid of photographs can be very difficult. (0-7)

RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER (*Sphyrapicus ruber*). 2005-01. One individual was reported at Zion River Resort, in Virgin, Washington Co., on 31 December 2004 by Mark Thompson and Kristy Sholly. Documentation by MT and KS. The committee felt that the written documentation was not sufficient to adequately eliminate the possibility of a hybrid Red-breasted by Red-naped Sapsucker. Hybrid sapsuckers are regularly observed wintering in the Upper Virgin River Valley however Red-breasted Sapsuckers are very seldom observed except in late fall and early spring. (3rd rnd: 1-6)

RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER (*Sphyrapicus ruber*). 2005-50. One adult was reported at Sunbrook Golf Course in St. George, Washington Co., on 8 Nov 2005 by Patricia Richards. Documentation by PR. The committee deliberated this record for three rounds however the members remained split on the possibility that this bird could be a hybrid sapsucker. (3rd Rnd: 4-3)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus forficatus*). 2005-06 (1/7). One adult was seen just north of Parowan, Iron Co., on 18 June 2004 by David Allen. Documentation by DA. (2nd Rnd: 7-0)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus forficatus*). 2005-13 (2/8). A juvenile was seen along the Notom-Bullfrog Road about five miles south of highway 24 in Wayne Co., on 22 May 2005 by Clare and Greg Oskay. Documentation by CO and GO. (7-0)

VEERY (*Catharus fuscescens*). 2005-40(R83) (0/11). One breeding adult was seen at Antelope Island State Park, Davis Co., on 21 May 1983 by Donald A. Hadley, John Belman and others. Documentation by DH. (3rd Rnd: 5-2)

LE CONTE'S THRASHER (*Toxostoma lecontei*). 2005-37(R83) (0/5). An adult male was observed just north of the Utah-Arizona state line on the Beaver Dam Slope in Washington Co., on 5 Mar 1983 by Steven Hedges, Merrill Webb, Mark Bromley and five others. Documentation and photographs by SH. (7-0)

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Vermivora peregrina*). 2005-27 (1/?*). One first fall male was found at Willard Bay State Park in Box Elder Co., on 25 Aug 2005 by Kristin Purdy and later by Jack Binch, Bob Huntington, Cindy and Steve Sommerfeld, Ed Leite, and Joel and Kathy Beyer. It was last seen on 28 Aug 2005. Documentation by KP. (7-0)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (*Dendroica pensylvanica*). 2005-44 (5/10). One first fall female was seen at Dixie Red Hills Golf Course in St. George, Washington Co., on 13 Oct 2005 by Peyton Cook. Documentation by PC. (7-0)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER (*Dendroica magnolia*). 2005-12 (3/7). An adult male was observed in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., on 14 May 2005 by Jerry Liguori. Documentation by JL. (7-0)

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER (*Dendroica caerulescens*). 2005-47 (5/12). An adult male was seen at Big Springs Park, South Fork of Provo Canyon, Utah Co., on 6 Oct 2004 by Matthew and Amanda Williams. Documentation by MW. (7-0)

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER (*Dendroica caerulescens*). 2005-08 (6/13). One adult female was seen at Fielding Garr Ranch, Antelope Island State Park, Davis Co., on 13 April 2005 by Keith Evans, Jack Rensel, Carolyn Somer and several others. Documentation by KE. This is a remarkably early spring record for this species. (2nd Rnd: 7-0)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*). 2005-34 (4/4). An adult female was photographed at Lytle Ranch in Washington Co., on 8 Jul 2005 by Larry Tripp and later resighted on 9 Jul by Judy Jordan. Documentation and photographs by LT. (7-0)

OVENBIRD (*Seiurus aurocapillus*). 2005-20 (2/14). A singing male was seen and heard along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Ogden, Weber Co., from 18 Jun to 12 Jul 2005 by Kristin Purdy, Mort Somer, Carolyn Somer, and many others. Documentation by KP and photographs by MS. (7-0)

MOURNING WARBLER (*Oporornis philadelphia*). 2005-49. A possible juvenile was mist-netted in Scott M. Matheson Wetlands Preserve in Grand Co., on 1 Sep 2005 by Marian Eason, Bob Bailey, and Marcy Hafner. Documentation and photographs by ME. This was a very thorough and well-documented record. After studying the provided photographs, written documentation, and measurements, the majority of the committee determined that the record likely represented a first-year male Common Yellowthroat. No Utah records of Mourning Warbler records have been accepted to date. (2nd Rnd 1-6)

CANADA WARBLER (*Wilsonia canadensis*). 2005-28(R95). One female reported at Fish Springs NWR in Juab Co., on 19 Sep 1995 by Alan S. Condie. Documentation by ASC. (2nd Rnd: 2-5)

PAINTED REDSTART (*Myioborus pictus*). 2005-35 (3/8). At least one adult and a juvenile were seen periodically along the Riverside Walk in Zion National Park, Washington Co., from 3 Apr to 10 Sep 2005 by Jill, Kirsten and Richard Wood, Kevin Wheeler, Clare Oskay, Cameron, Bob and Regina Rutt, Massimiliano Dettori, Gary Rosenberg and many others. Documentation by CR. This is the fifth consecutive year that Painted Redstarts have been reported from Zion NP. (7-0)

SCARLET TANAGER (*Piranga olivacea*). 2005-23 (3/4). One adult male was seen at Lytle Ranch, Washington Co., on 28 May 2005 by Larry Tripp. Documentation by LT. (7-0)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*). 2005-24 (4/9). Two first fall birds were observed at Lytle Ranch in Washington Co., on 26 Sep 2004 by Larry Tripp and several others. Documentation and photographs by LT. (7-0)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (*Spizella pallida*). 2005-14 (5/10). One adult was found four miles east of Crystal Peak along Black Rock-Garrison Road in Millard Co., on 1 Jun 2005 by Terry Sadler. Documentation by TS. (7-0)

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH (*Carduelis lawrencei*). 2005-17 (2/2). An adult male was captured in a mist-net and banded on the Santa Clara River immediately below Gunlock State Park in Washington Co., on 7 May 2004 by Keith Day, Cordell Peteron, Pam Larsen, Jason Lundquist, and Charlie Sheard. Documentation by Rick Fridell and photographs by PL. (7-0)

LAWRENCE'S GOLDFINCH (*Carduelis lawrencei*). 2005-21 (3/3). An adult male was observed at Lytle Ranch in Washington Co., on 16 Oct 2004 by Joel and Kathy Beyer. Documentation by J&KB. (7-0)

* Because sightings of the Tennessee Warbler have seemed to decline in recent years, the Records Committee voted in July of 2005 to place this species on the Review List in order to monitor and document its abundance in Utah. Therefore the "(1/?)" indicates that this is the first sighting documented by the Committee in the last ten years and that previous sightings were not reviewed by the Committee.