

## RARE BIRDS OF UTAH: THE NINETEENTH REPORT OF THE UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE (2010–2012)

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**ABSTRACT:** This 19<sup>th</sup> published report of the Utah Bird Records Committee summarizes 160 records of 71 species reported between 15 June 2010 and 31 December 2012. The committee accepted 134 records. Noteworthy records include four species new to the Utah state list, the Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*), Gilded Flicker (*Colaptes chrysoides*), Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*), and Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*), which bring the state list to 450 species; the state's second Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*), Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*), Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*), Canyon Towhee (*Melospiza fusca*), and Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*); second, third, and fourth Iceland Gulls (*Larus glaucooides*); third Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*) and Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*); and third and fourth Philadelphia Vireos (*Vireo philadelphicus*). The Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*) was removed from the state review list in January 2012 because sufficient documented sightings confirm it is a regular winter visitor to Utah.

This is the 19th published report of the Utah Bird Records Committee (UBRC), which was originally established as a committee of the Utah Ornithological Society in 1985. This report summarizes the UBRC's evaluation of 160 records of 71 species reported since the last published report (Tripp et al. 2010), i.e., between June 2010 and December 2012. We accepted 134 records (84%); 25 reports were not accepted because the specific identification was not established, and one was not accepted because the species was not believed to be established in Utah or to be a natural vagrant from an established population. Four species were added to the Utah state list: the Purple Sandpiper, Gilded Flicker, Tropical Kingbird, and Pyrrhuloxia. Other than the four new species added to the state list, no new species were added to the list of review species. The Cackling Goose was removed from the review list in January 2012 on the basis of a sufficiently large number of documented sightings.

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In the records presented below, in parentheses following each species' common and scientific names is the number of records accepted for the species in the 10 years preceding the period covered in this report (i.e., 15 June 2000–15 June 2010), to show recent patterns, followed by the total number of previously accepted records for Utah in parentheses (through 15 June 2010). (We define a "record" as the occurrence of a species at a location, so a record may represent multiple individuals.) The following information is included with each record: UBRC record number, the number of birds observed along with age and sex if determined, location, date (including range of observation dates), observers' initials with the initial finder listed first when known, observer(s) who submitted written documentation, observer(s) who submitted photographs, videos, or audio recordings (indicated by "†," "v," and "a," respectively), and the final vote of the UBRC with the first number being the number of votes to accept (Y), the second the number to not accept (N), and the third the number of abstentions (A), if any. UBRC bylaws require that UBRC members abstain from voting on records they submitted. Votes decided in the second or third round are indicated as such. The total number of votes varies between five and nine according to the bylaws of the UBRC (<http://utahbirds.org/RecCom/Bylaws.htm>). The Utah state list, the list of species for which documentation is requested, a form for submission of records online, and complete content of all records submitted for review are available at the UBRC website ([www.utahbirds.org](http://www.utahbirds.org)).

The UBRC 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. We strongly encourage the submission of photographs and recordings of songs or calls, along with the written documentation.

### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

#### Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*). (8/8)

2011-05. One was at the Logan River Golf Course (Cache Co.), 12 December 2010 (RO†). This individual was not identified to subspecies but was most consistent with either *B. h. hutchinsii* or *B. h. taverneri*. Accepted: 7Y-0N

2011-12. One was at Salt Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA; Box Elder Co.), 27 February 2011 (KP). Identified by the observer as a Cackling Goose *sensu stricto* (*B. h. minima*) given its dark coloration, very small bill, and rounded head shape. Accepted: 7Y-0N

2011-67. Five were on the Logan River Golf Course (Cache Co.), 17 December 2011 (RO† and GP). Four of them were identified as probable *B. h. hutchinsii*; the fifth appeared to be *B. h. taverneri*. At least one remained through 17 January 2012. Accepted: 7Y-0N-1A

#### Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*). (0/0)

2011-10. NOT ACCEPTED. One was at Utah Lake State Park (SP; Utah Co.), 10 February 2011 (JE†, SD, and WB). The bird was banded on its right leg. The UBRC did not doubt the identification but does not consider the Black Swan a naturally occurring or established species in Utah. 0Y-6N

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Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*). (0/5)

2010-46. A female or immature bird was at the confluence of the Virgin River and La Verkin Creek (Washington Co.), 2 November 2010 (MDe†, *N. Am. Birds* 65:136). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2011-44. A female or immature was along the causeway to Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 28 September 2011 (BO†, GJ, NJ et al.). By 11 or 12 October 2011, a second Harlequin Duck had joined the first, as reported by multiple observers (*N. Am. Birds* 66:143). On 10 November 2011, a third Harlequin Duck (2011-44b) had joined the other two (RY†). One of the ducks began to molt into alternate male plumage; the other two birds appeared to be females (Evans 2012). The last reported sighting of the three ducks was 26 November 2011. Accepted: 8Y–0N

2012-43. A female or immature was again along the causeway to Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 23 October 2012–8 January 2013 (TSt†, DWhi et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Black Scoter (*Melanitta americana*). (9/14)

2011-64. A female or immature was along the causeway to Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 19 November 2011 (RO† et al.). Two Black Scoters were reported from this location to [www.eBird.org](http://www.eBird.org) between 4 November 2011 and 16 December 2011; the UBRC did not evaluate these reports. The Common Scoter (*M. nigra*) was excluded by range only. Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*). (8/10)

2010-26. NOT ACCEPTED. One was reported from Strawberry Reservoir (Wasatch Co.), 22 June 2010 (JMy†), but photographs were consistent with an immature Common Loon (*G. immer*). 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y–8N

2011-71. A juvenile was at Quail Creek SP (Washington Co.), 12–19 November 2011 (RF† et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*). (2/8)

2010-38. An immature was at Quail Creek SP (Washington Co.), 1 December 2009–12 March 2010 (RF†, *N. Am. Birds* 64:353). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*). (9/12)

2010-47. An immature was at Jordanelle SP (Wasatch Co.), 23 October–11 November 2010 (EH, JC†, JBi† et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

2011-29. An adult was at Hyrum SP (Cache Co.), 18–27 June 2011 (BA, RO† et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

2012-60. One was at Quail Creek SP (Washington Co.), 13 October 2012 (RF†). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

2012-61. One in its first winter was at Otter Creek SP (Piute Co.), 13 November 2012 (RF†). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*). (5/5)

2010-27. A juvenile was at the Kennecott Nature Center (Salt Lake Co.), 23–24 August 2009 (KP, RY†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2010-31. One adult and two juveniles were at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge (Box Elder Co.), 15 August 2010 (KP, JMo†). Accepted: 8Y–0N

2011-26. An adult was at Millrace Park Pond, Taylorsville (Salt Lake Co.), 13 May 2011–21 May 2011 (RY†). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-25. One adult was at Buffalo Ranches Pond, Farmington (Davis Co.), 15 May 2011 (KP). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-30. One adult and two immature birds were in Murray (Salt Lake Co.), 18–21 June 2011 (RY†, CS, SS). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-03. NOT ACCEPTED. An adult was reported from Buffalo Ranches Pond, Farmington (Davis Co.), 20 March 2012 (BO†). Committee members believed the

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Double-crested Cormorant (*P. auritus*) was not adequately eliminated by the photos or description. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2Y–7N

2012-05. One adult was at Millrace Park Pond (Salt Lake Co.), 4 April 2012 (RY†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-06. Two individuals were at the Sandy Urban Fishery (Salt Lake Co.), 20 September–17 October 2010 (RY, NB, JC† et al.). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-08. One of two at Millrace Park Pond (Salt Lake Co.), 10 April–20 May 2012 (RWa†, RY†) may represent a continuation of record 2012-05. Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-10. Four were at Millrace Park Pond (Salt Lake Co.), 18 April 2012 (RY†); two of these were presumably also documented in records 2012-05 and 2012-08. Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-56. A subadult was at Ivins Reservoir (Washington Co.), 3 September–4 December 2012 (RF† et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Together these records reflect a dramatic and continuing expansion by the Neotropical Cormorant. Fifteen records have been accepted for Utah since the species was first documented in the state in 2007. This expansion has been noted widely in the United States, as in Mississippi (Hanson et al. 2010), Arkansas (Coldren et al. 1998), Colorado (Leukering 2008), and Arizona (Rademaker and Corman 2008).

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*). (0/5)

2011-36. One was at Ouray National Wildlife Refuge (NWR; Uintah Co.), 29–30 July 2011 (CE†). Accepted: 8Y–0N

2012-34. NOT ACCEPTED. The described features of a reported adult in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Kane Co.), 9 September 2012 (GN, JN†) were consistent with an immature Reddish Egret, not with a Little Blue Heron. The record was resubmitted as of a Reddish Egret (2012-50). 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y–9N

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*). (3/3)

2012-50. An immature was at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Kane Co.) 9 September 2012 (GN, JN†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*). (8/8)

2011-18. One was along the Provo River Parkway (Utah Co.), 20–22 April 2011 (NB; sketch by EH). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 6Y–1N

2011-17. One was along the road to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge (Box Elder Co.), 24–25 April 2011 (NJ†, JBi†, *N. Am. Birds* 64:478). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2012-13. One was along Swede Lane, Palmyra (Utah Co.), 4 May 2012 (EH†). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 8Y–1N

2012-20. NOT ACCEPTED. One was reported from Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 12 May 2012 (IR, TR). The written description did not address details of the bare parts necessary to distinguish this species from the White-faced Ibis (*P. chihi*). 0Y–9N

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*). (0/1)

2012-30. A juvenile was along the Colorado River in Cataract Canyon (San Juan Co.), 6 July 2012 (NR v. et al.). Presumably the same bird was at the mouth of Sheep Canyon on 26 July 2012 (DD†, JO'D) and continued to 15 September 2012 (DS† et al.; Figure 1). The only well-supported previous record of this species for Utah is of one collected of five seen at Wendover, Tooele Co., 2 July 1919 (Barnes 1919). The UBRC considers several reports from the 1960s (Spence et al. 2011) unsubstantiated. Accepted: 9Y–0N

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*). (1/7)

2011-73. A single immature was in the Washington Fields near St. George (Washington Co.), 12 December 2011–20 March 2012 (RF† et al., *N. Am. Birds* 66:372). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A



Figure 1. This juvenile Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*), the second recorded in Utah and the first since 1919, was photographed at the mouth of Sheep Canyon on Lake Powell 26 July 2012.

Photo by Derek Dalrymple

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*). (8/11)

2012-15. NOT ACCEPTED. The written description of one from Brigham Young University in Provo (Utah Co.), 10 May 2012 (DKe, JOw, AM) was most consistent with a Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*). 0Y–9N

Pacific Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*). (2/2)

2012-33. NOT ACCEPTED. A *Pluvialis* plover along the causeway to Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 29 August 2012 was reported as the Pacific (BO†, v., ND), but the UBRC concluded that neither the description nor the photographs were sufficient to eliminate other species of *Pluvialis*. 0Y–9N

Mountain Plover (*Charadrius montanus*). (0/8)

2012-58. Two were at Harold S. Crane WMA (Weber Co.), 25–26 December 2012 (MHet). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*). (2/6)

2012-14. NOT ACCEPTED. One reported from Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 28 April 2012 (DWe) was not photographed, and the UBRC found the description insufficient to eliminate similar species. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 3Y–6N

Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*). (5/13)

2011-53. One was at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 6–12 November 2011 (JBe, KBe). The first written record submitted described a Hudsonian Godwit clearly, but a subsequent record by another observer included a photograph of a Marbled Godwit (*L. fedoa*) and confused matters somewhat. Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 9Y–0N

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*). (0/0)

2010-48. One was at Sand Hollow SP (Washington Co.), 28 November 2010



Figure 2. Utah's first Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*), and a first for the contiguous western United States, was found 28 November 2010 at Sand Hollow State Park (Washington Co.) and continued through 4 December 2010.

Photo by Rick Fridell

(RF†, KC, JFr, *N. Am. Birds* 65:193; Figure 2). It was subsequently seen by several hundred additional observers through 4 December 2010, representing the first record for Utah and the contiguous western United States. The westernmost previous inland records of this Atlantic species are from Manitoba, Iowa, Minnesota, and Oklahoma (Payne and Pierce 2002). Subsequently, one was photographed at Calgary, Alberta, 9–10 May 2013 (e.g., [www.birdscalgary.com/tag/purple-sandpiper/](http://www.birdscalgary.com/tag/purple-sandpiper/)). Even farther west, one was collected at Point Barrow, Alaska, 29 September 1990 (Gibson and Kessel 1992). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*). (4/4)

2010-30. An adult female was along the causeway to Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.) 1–16 August 2010 (JBe, KBe). Accepted: 8Y–0N

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*). (4/12)

2011-42. One was at Sand Hollow SP (Washington Co.), 24–30 November 2010 (RF†, JFr). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-65. One in basic plumage was along the causeway to Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 19 November 2011 (RO† et al.). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*). (3/3)

2010-40. An adult was at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 25 February 2009 (RF†, SS, CS, et al.). Unsubmitted reports of a Western Gull from this location as early as 7 February 2009 likely represent the same individual. Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-08. This second-winter gull with an obviously injured leg was at the Bountiful Landfill (Davis Co.), 11 January 2011 (CW v., NJ†, CC†, SGM†). It moved to Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.; record 2011-14) where it stayed from 20 January to 23 February 2011 (SGM†, RF†, et al., *N. Am. Birds* 65:324). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-15. One in its first winter was at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 18 February 2011 (SGM). Accepted: 7Y–0N

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2011-43. An adult was at Sand Hollow SP (Washington Co.), 31 May–3 June 2011 (RF†, *N. Am. Birds* 65:671). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-69. One in its third winter was at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 28 December 2011–27 February 2012 (BO† et al.). From its age and distinctive limping gait, it was likely the same individual reported from the previous winter in records 2011-08 and 2011-14. Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 9Y–0N

Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucooides*). (1/1)

2011-01. NOT ACCEPTED. Photographs of a first-winter gull at the South Shore Marina, Great Salt Lake (Salt Lake Co.), 8 January 2011 (CI, JBl†, RO† et al.) showed relatively dark tertials and primaries consistent with Thayer's Gull (*L. thayeri*). 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2Y–5N

2011-06. A single adult was at the Lee Kay Ponds (Salt Lake Co.), 3 January 2011 (CW, LW). A bird that was likely the same individual was at Farmington Bay WMA 22 January to 1 February 2011 (CC†, TAv†). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 5Y–2N

2011-07. NOT ACCEPTED. A gull in its first winter was reported from Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 22 January 2011 (NJ†). Photographs were judged insufficient to rule out Thayer's Gull or Glaucous-winged Gull, and no written details were provided. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2Y–5N

2011-45. Record 2010-42 was split into 2011-45 and 2011-46 because it represented two individuals and UBRC members wanted to vote on each individual separately. Two first-cycle gulls were at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 25 February 2009 (RF†); this gull was likely the same individual previously reported 22 February 2009 (SS, CS, PH†). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-46. This was the second record split from 2010-42; another first-cycle bird that was at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 25 February 2009 (RF†). Accepted (3<sup>rd</sup> round): 6Y–2N–1A

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*). (14/16)

2010-36. NOT ACCEPTED. This first-cycle gull was at Sand Hollow SP (Washington Co.), 22 May 2009 (RF†, KC, and RDo, *N. Am. Birds* 63:482). To some UBRC



Figure 3. This light-morph adult Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*) was found at Sand Hollow State Park (Washington Co.), 25–30 April 2010, representing the second record from Utah.

Photo by Rick Fridell



Figure 4. This adult male Gilded Flicker (*Colaptes chrysoides*) was seen in Zion National Park (Washington Co.), 24 February (when this photograph was taken) and again on 10 March 2012. This is the first accepted record of this species in Utah.

Photo by Rick Fridell



Figure 5. Utah's first Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) was found 11 September 2012 on the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.). Bill size and shape and flight-feather shape and structure eliminated the similar Couch's Kingbird (*T. couchii*).

Photo by Eric Huish



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members, its rather large size suggested several potential hybrid combinations, such as Lesser Black-backed Gull × Herring Gull (*L. argentatus*), Kelp Gull (*L. dominicanus*) × Herring Gull, and Great Black-backed Gull (*L. marinus*) × Herring Gull. Others voted to accept, some considering the bird possibly of the Asian subspecies *L. f. heuglini*. 3<sup>rd</sup> round: 4Y–3N–1A

2010-41. One adult was at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 25–26 February 2009 (RF†). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-13. Four adults were at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 18 February 2011 (SGM†). Counts of Lesser Black-backed Gulls ranging from 1 to 4 were reported from this location from 15 January to 5 February 2011, but most reports did not specify the birds' ages. Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-70. One adult was at Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 28 December 2011–21 February 2012 (BO† et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N

2011-72. An adult was at Quail Creek SP (Washington Co.), 9–10 December 2011 (RF†). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 8Y–0N–1A

2012-02. A third-cycle individual was at Lee Kay Ponds (Salt Lake Co.), 23 January 2012 (BO†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-04. One adult was in Pleasant Grove (Utah Co.), 30 March 2012 (JC†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-48. One adult was at the Logan Landfill (Cache Co.), 17 November 2012 (RO†, AK†, et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*). (0/1)

2010-44. An adult at Sand Hollow SP (Washington Co.), 25–30 April 2010 (RDo, MHu, RF†. *N. Am. Birds* 64:532; Figure 3) is only the second Pomarine Jaeger well documented for Utah, following one at Utah Lake, Utah Co., 3–6 November 1991 (Sorensen et al. 1993). Accepted 7Y–0N–1A

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*). (3/4)

2011-52. A window-killed carcass was found in Bluff (San Juan Co.), 5 November 2011 (JP). The bird was taken to JH for identification, but we are unaware of the specimen's current status. Accepted: 9Y–0N

Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*). (0/3, returned to review list in 2010)

2011-04. A desiccated dead cuckoo was found at Fish Springs NWR (Juab Co.), 13 July 2010 (JSk, JD, TS†). The specimen was discarded after it was photographed. This species was removed from the review list in 2000 but returned to the list in 2010 because of a perceived decrease in occurrence throughout Utah. Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-35. A single bird flew into a window in Sandy (Salt Lake Co.), 29 June 2011 and became dazed (JVM†). It was taken to the Hogle Zoo where it eventually recovered; it was released in Sandy. Accepted: 8Y–0N

2012-36. One was at Springdale River Park (Washington Co.), 3 June 2012 (MHe, TAb). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 7Y–1N

Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*). (0/9)

2012-01. One was along the causeway to Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 2 December 2011 (EN†, CN). Attempts by others to relocate it were not successful. Accepted: 9Y–0N

Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*). (0/0)

2011-68. NOT ACCEPTED. One was reportedly calling in Trin-Alcove Canyon, about 15 miles south of the town of Green River (Grand Co.), 1 and 2 October 2011 (BH). The record was originally submitted as a "Whip-poor-will" (*A. vociferus/arizonae*) but was later assigned to the Eastern Whip-poor-will (*A. vociferus*) after consultation with the observer. Because the observer had not considered the Mexican Whip-poor-will at the time of the observation or in the submission of the initial report,

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the UBRC concluded that the observation was too uncertain to be accepted as a first state record. UBRC bylaws prescribed voting on full species only, not on taxonomic levels above or below the species. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2Y–7N

Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*). (4/13)

2011-19. Two were at Kaysville Ponds (Davis Co.), 9 May 2011 (KP, PF). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-21. A flock of 12 was at the Little Bear River bridge on Mendon Road (Cache Co.), 9 May 2011 (DKo, KK†). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-24. One was flying over the American Fork Boat Harbor (Utah Co.), 11 May 2011 (EH, EP†, KCC). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-50. One was flying above the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 9 October 2011 (EH, KM, LB, MM). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 7Y–1N

Magnificent Hummingbird (*Eugenes fulgens*). (1/7)

2012-32. NOT ACCEPTED. A large hummingbird was at a feeder in Holladay (Salt Lake Co.), 26 August 2012 (SC). Although this bird may well have been a Magnificent Hummingbird, the UBRC concluded that the lack of a direct size comparison, differences in described versus known structural details, and the observer's description of the bird as 15–20% larger than a Black-chinned Hummingbird were insufficient for the record to be accepted. 3<sup>rd</sup> round: 1Y–5N

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*). (1/5)

2010-35. An adult male was at a feeding station in New Harmony (Washington Co.), 27 September–1 October 2010 (JJ, RF†, *N. Am. Birds* 65:194). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*). (3/3)

2011-03. NOT ACCEPTED. Two males of unknown age were reported from near Oakley (Summit Co.), in August 2009 (date not specified; LLe†). The photographs and description were consistent with adult Red-naped Sapsuckers (*S. nuchalis*). 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y–7N

2011-09. One immature male was at Boots Cox Park (Washington Co.), 13 February 2011 (NJ†). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 7Y–0N

2011-51. A hatch-year female was mist-netted and banded at the Rio Mesa Center along the Dolores River (Grand Co.), 22 October 2011 (KBU†). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 9Y–0N

2011-62. An adult female was in Beaver Dam Wash, upstream from Lytle Ranch (Washington Co.), 21 October 2011 (RF†). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

Red-breasted Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus ruber*). (3/7)

2010-34. An adult was at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), 30 September to 2 October 2010 (RF†, JBi†). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 8Y–0N–1A.

2011-02. NOT ACCEPTED. The UBRC concluded that the report of a male at Olympus Cove (Salt Lake Co.), 31 December 2010 (MDa, HR), did not eliminate a hybrid Red-naped × Red-breasted sapsucker. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2Y–5N

2011-41. An adult of the nominate subspecies (*S. r. ruber*) was in Zion National Park (Washington Co.), 12 December 2010–16 January 2011 (RF†, *N. Am. Birds* 65:382). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2012-26. An adult was in Beaver Dam Wash, downstream from Lytle Ranch (Washington Co.), 22 January 2012 (RF†). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Gilded Flicker (*Colaptes chrysoides*). (0/0)

2012-27. An adult male was at the South Campground of Zion National Park (Washington Co.), 24 February and 10 March 2012 (RF†; Figure 4). The second sighting was close to a Red-shafted Northern Flicker (*C. auratus*, *cafer* group), which



Figure 6. This Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*) was photographed at the International Center, Salt Lake City (Salt Lake Co.), 17 September 2011.

*Photo by Jeff Cooper*



Figure 7. Utah's second Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*) visited feeders at a private residence in Castle Valley (Grand Co.), 14–16 February 2011.

*Photo by Jeff Foott*



Figure 8. This Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) was photographed 30 September 2011 in St. George (Washington Co.). This is the second Utah record accepted by the UBRC, but this species was not on the review list until 2005.

*Photo by Rick Fridell*



Figure 9. This extremely late Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*) was found in Clawson (Emery Co.), 24 November 2012. Although this is the fourteenth Blackpoll Warbler recorded in Utah it is by far the latest documented in the state.

*Photo by Wade Reed*

allowed for careful comparison of the two. Although two UBRC members and three outside experts thought this could be an intergrade Northern Flicker, a majority of the committee supported the identification as a Gilded Flicker, citing yellow in the tail, tail pattern, the observer's report of relative size, and contrast between the face and nape. This is the first record of the Gilded Flicker accepted for Utah. This species is resident approximately 200 km to the southwest of this location. There are approximately five

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other records from southwest Utah that have either not been submitted to the UBRC for evaluation, were or submitted and not accepted, but otherwise the species is not known as a vagrant. Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 6Y–2N–1A

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*). (0/0)

2012-40. NOT ACCEPTED. A first-fall *Empidonax* was reported as this species from Garr Ranch, Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 23 September 2012 (JBe†, KBe†). Some UBRC members believed many characters including eye-ring shape, head size and shape, primary extension, and coloration were more consistent with the Western Flycatcher complex (*E. occidentalis* or *E. difficilis*). 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y–9N

Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*). (3/5)

2011-27. An adult was on the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 25 May 2011 (TS†). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-31. NOT ACCEPTED. A single individual was reported from Rock Canyon above Provo (Utah Co.), 22 June 2011 (JLin). The UBRC judged the written description of the song to be inconsistent with that of the Least Flycatcher. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y–7N

2012-24. One singing individual was along the Weber River in Ogden (Weber Co.), 13–24 June 2012 (KP, PH†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-25. One singing individual was near the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Pond in Ogden (Weber Co.), 16–28 June 2012 (KP). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*). (0/0)

2011-47. NOT ACCEPTED. Two hatch-year birds were captured in a mist net and measured at the Rio Mesa Center (Grand Co.), 16 September 2011; one was recaptured 17 September 2011 (KBut†). Measurements calculated according to Pyle (1997) strongly suggested this species, but variation between the measurements made during the original capture and during recapture of the same individual, as well as several measurements falling outside the 95% confidence interval in Pyle (1997), left doubt about the precision of the measurements and whether the Cordilleran Flycatcher (*E. occidentalis*) could be excluded. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 1Y–6N

Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*). (8/14)

2011-16. One was at the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 18–21 October 2010 (JBl, EH, RW† et al.). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2012-12. One was in Red Butte Canyon (Salt Lake Co.), 20 April 2012 (JSk, JGa, JSo). Accepted: 8Y–0N

2012-46. One probable hatch-year bird was along Canyon Road near Fish Springs NWR, (Juab Co.), 12 October 2012 (JSk†, HB). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*). (0/0)

2012-35. A silent kingbird was on the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 11 September 2012 (EH† et al.; Figure 5). Several outside experts were consulted and all agreed, on the basis of bill size and shape and flight-feather shape and structure, that the bird was more consistent with the Tropical Kingbird than with the similar Couch's Kingbird (*T. couchii*). This is the first Utah record of the Tropical Kingbird. Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 6Y–2N.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*). (2/8)

2011-28. One was on the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 6–9 June 2011 (EH, BO†, KBr† et al.). Accepted: 8Y–0N

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*). (1/3)

2012-57. One was at the Red Hills Golf Course in St. George (Washington Co.), 12 October 2012 (RF†), representing the first accepted Utah record of this species documented with more than a written description. Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

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Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*). (2/2)

2011-38. One was at the International Center, Salt Lake City (Salt Lake Co.), 17 September 2011 (EH, JCT, *N. Am. Birds* 66:144; Figure 6). Although there was discussion among the UBRC, and three outside experts suggested that this was either a hybrid vireo of unknown parentage or a Yellow-green Vireo (*V. flavoviridis*), the majority of the UBRC supported the identification as a Philadelphia Vireo. Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 6Y–1N

2012-44. One was at a private residence in St. George (Washington Co.), 2 October 2012 (JLo†). Accepted: 8Y–1N

Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*). (2/17, added back to the review list in 2007)

2010-45. One was in Salt Lake City (Salt Lake Co.), 10 October 2010 (JLig†, SL). Accepted: 8Y–0N

2011-55. One was at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), 30 September–4 October 2011 (RF†, SS, CS). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2012-37. One was just below Ivins Reservoir (Washington Co.), 2 June 2012 (MHe). Accepted: (2<sup>nd</sup> round) 7Y–1N

Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*). (1/1)

2011-11. One was at feeders in Castle Valley (Grand Co.), 14–16 February 2011 (JFo†; Figure 7). This is the second Utah record. Accepted: 7Y–0N

McCown's Longspur (*Rhynchophanes mccownii*). (3/11)

2010-37. Two birds, a male and a female, were in Blue Creek Valley, southwest of Howell (Box Elder Co.), 25 February 2010 (RF†). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*). (2/14)

2012-22. One was singing at the campground in Willard Bay SP (Box Elder Co.), 25 May 2012 (DWhe, LLo a.). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-29. One was at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), 27–28 May 2012 (RF†). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

2012-42. One was at the Dugway Proving Grounds (Tooele Co.), 9 October 2012 (KM†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*). (6/7)

2010-39. An adult was at the Red Hills Golf Course, St. George (Washington Co.), 28 September 2010 (RF†). Accepted 7Y–0N–1A

2011-61. A hatch-year male was at Tonaquint Park, St. George (Washington Co.), 5–7 October 2011 (DT, RF† et al., *N. Am. Birds* 66:144). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2012-23. An adult was at Fort Buenaventura, Ogden (Weber Co.), 10 June–1 July 2012 (KP, PHi†, DWhe, JBi, *N. Am. Birds* 66:716). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

2012-28. An adult was at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), 22 May 2012 (RF†, *N. Am. Birds* 66:571). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

2012-38. One was at River Lane (Utah Co.), 19–22 September 2012 (EH†, KCC). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*). (1/1, added to review list in 2005)

2011-57. One was in St. George (Washington Co.), 30 September 2011 (RF†; Figure 8). It represents the second Utah record accepted by the UBRC, but this species was not on the review list until 2005. Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2012-18. A second-year female was captured and examined in hand at a banding station in Red Butte Canyon (Salt Lake Co.), 19 May 2012 (JSk†, JGa). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*). (9/12)

2011-23. An adult male was on the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 14–15 May 2011 (KCC, EH†). Accepted: 7Y–0N



Figure 10. This adult male Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*), photographed in Ivins (Washington Co.), 27 June 2010 furnished Utah's second record of this species.

*Photo by Bill Bates*

2011-40. A first-winter female was at Tonaquint Nature Park (Washington Co.), 24–28 December 2010 (RF†). Accepted: 7Y-0N-1A

2011-48. A singing male was in City Creek Canyon (Salt Lake Co.), 18 June 2011 (BO† a.). Accepted: 8Y-0N

2011-58. A hatch-year bird was in St. George (Washington Co.), 2 October 2011 (RF†, RDo, MHu, SS, CS). Accepted: 7Y-0N-1A

2012-16. An adult was on the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 14 May 2012 (EH†). Accepted: 9Y-0N

2012-21. An adult was on the Dixie Red Hills Golf Course (Washington Co.), 27 May 2012 (DT). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 9Y-0N

2012-52. One, thought to have been a first year female, was at the Provo City Cemetery, Provo (Utah Co.), 18 December 2012–1 January 2013 (EH†). Accepted: 9Y-0N

Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Setophaga pensylvanica*). (8/13)

2011-54. A hatch-year female was in St. George (Washington Co.), 16 September 2011 (RF†, KWh, DT, RDo, *N. Am. Birds* 66:145). Accepted: 7Y-0N-1A

2011-59. A hatch-year female was at Tonaquint Park, St. George (Washington Co.) 5–7 October 2011 (RF†). Accepted: 7Y-0N-1A

2011-60. A hatch-year male or adult female was at Tonaquint Park, St. George (Washington Co.), 5–7 October 2011 (RF†). Accepted: 7Y-0N-1A

2012-39. A hatch-year female was at Garr Ranch, Antelope Island (Davis Co.), 15 September 2012 (KWA, PH†). Accepted: 9Y-0N



Figure 11. Utah's first Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*) was discovered at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), on 29 September 2010, and continued for a month.

*Photo by Lu Gidding*



Figure 12. The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) photographed on 1 October 2012 at the International Center, Salt Lake City, constituted Utah's third record, and the first since 1982.

*Photo by Stephanie Greenwood*



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Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*). (4/11)

2010-32. One in its first fall was at Garr Ranch, Antelope Island SP (Davis Co.), 29 August 2010 (JBi† et al.). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2011-49. One in its first fall was along the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 11 October 2012 (EH and BS). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 5Y – 2N

2012-51. A hatch-year female was in Clawson (Emery Co.), 24 November 2012 (WR†; Figure 9). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*). (7/16)

2011-39. A male was at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), 11–12 October 2010 (RF†, LT). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2012-07. A male was at River Front Park along the Jordan River in South Jordan (Salt Lake Co.), 19 May 2011 (JC). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 9Y – 0N

2012-55. A female was at Tonaquint Park, St. George (Washington Co.), 7 October 2012 (RF†). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*). (5/12)

2011-20. An adult was in Salt Lake City (Salt Lake Co.), 9–12 May 2011 (DWhe, NJ†, RM†). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2011-22. An adult, probably male, was at Fish Springs NWR (Juab Co.), 10 May 2011 (JSk). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

2012-31. NOT ACCEPTED. One was reported from near the Ruth Lake trailhead in the Uinta Mountains (Summit Co.), 31 July 2012 (BO†). UBRC members found that the photograph and description were consistent with an Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*). 0Y–9N

Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*). (2/2)

2011-56. A hatch-year male was in St. George (Washington Co.), 23–25 September 2011 (RDo†, RF, N. Am. Birds 66:145). The photo represents the first record of this species for Utah based on more than a written description. Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

Canyon Towhee (*Melospiza fusca*). (1/1)

2010-25. One adult was in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Kane Co.), 12–14 May 2008 (RO). This second Canyon Towhee recorded in Utah likely moved up the Colorado River from established populations in the Grand Canyon area, approximately 170 km southwest. Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 8Y–1N

Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*). (N/A)

2010-43. One was at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), 9 October 2009 (RF†). This species is expected in the northern part of Utah and is not on the UBRC's statewide review list. There is only one previous record accepted by the UBRC for southern Utah. The Grasshopper Sparrow was removed from the statewide review list in 2002 and added to the south region review list in 2007. Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*). (0/0)

2010-29. NOT ACCEPTED. An adult male was reported from Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash, (Washington Co.), 27 July 2010 (ED, RDe†, EDu, FD, RL). The UBRC judged the photograph provided to be consistent with the Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*), a species expected at this location. 0Y–9N

Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*). (2/4)

2011-37. A male was along the Provo Airport Dike (Utah Co.), 30 May 2011 (KCC, EH†). Accepted: 7Y–0N

2011-63. One adult female was at Beck Spring, Snake Valley (Millard Co.), 14 October 2011 (RF†, KWh). Accepted: 7Y–0N–1A

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Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*). (0/1)

2010-28. An adult male was in Ivins (Washington Co.), 27 June–5 July 2010 (BB†, BHu, et al.; Figure 10). The UBRC discussed the bird's potential to have originated from captivity, but given nearby records accepted by the Nevada Bird Records Committee (Alcorn 1988, Eidel 2002) and the proximity to the species' native range about 250 km south, the committee judged it to be a natural vagrant. Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 6Y–2N

Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*). (0/0)

2010-33. An adult male was at Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash (Washington Co.), 29 September–29 October 2010 (RF† et al.; Figure 11), representing a first Utah record. Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*). (2/3)

2011-33. A singing male was in Farmington (Davis Co.), 26 June–21 July 2011 (TJ†, RM†, PH†, RO a., *N. Am. Birds* 65:582). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*). (0/0)

2012-11. NOT ACCEPTED. An adult male was reported from Farmington Bay WMA (Davis Co.), 21 April 2012 (AV†). The written description and photograph showed the bird had a red and white pattern to the epaulet suggesting the Tricolored Blackbird. But UBRC members noted a number of features inconsistent with the Tricolored, such as bill shape and feather sheen, and that in Utah Red-winged Blackbirds (*A. phoeniceus*) occasionally have red epaulets bordered by white instead of the usual yellowish. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y–9N

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*). (0/0)

2012-17. NOT ACCEPTED. One was reported at Saratoga Springs Mitigation Wetlands (Utah Co.), 14 May 2012 (JGo†). The report lacked description of vocalizations or of plumage characters distinguishing the Eastern and Western Meadowlarks, such as face and tail pattern. 0Y–9N

Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*). (3/7)

2010-49. An adult male was in Torrey (Wayne Co.), 14 December 2010 (TS, TW†). Accepted: 9Y–0N–1A

Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*). (3/5)

2012-19. An adult male was between Grafton and Rockville (Washington Co.), 29 May 2012 (BO†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*). (0/2)

2012-41. One was at the International Center, Salt Lake City (Salt Lake Co.), 1–4 October 2012 (SG† et al.; Figure 12). Accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round): 7Y–0N

Purple Finch (*Haemorhous purpureus*). (1/1)

2011-32. NOT ACCEPTED. One was reported from Nibley (Cache Co.), 9 June 2010 (RH and PHe). UBRC members felt that insufficient details were provided to eliminate Cassin's Finch. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y–7N

2011-34. NOT ACCEPTED. One was reported from Logan (Cache Co.), 30 May 2011 (VG). Again, details provided were insufficient to eliminate Cassin's Finch. 2<sup>nd</sup> round: 0Y – 7N

Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*). (4/12)

2011-66. An adult was at Garr Ranch, Antelope Island (Davis Co.), 25 November 2011 (CF and EJ†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-09. One was in Spanish Fork (Utah Co.), 28 March 2012 (KJ†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

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2012-45. One was at the mouth of Steel Canyon, northwest of Clarkston (Cache Co.), 8 November 2012 (RO†, AD, JDW). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

2012-47. Five were near the mouth of Steel Canyon, 6 km north-northwest of Clarkston (Cache Co.), 12 November 2012 (MT†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-49. Two were at the Powder Ridge Condominiums, 8 km northeast of Eden (Weber Co.), 23 November 2012 (KP, JR†, MHe, TAb). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-53. A flock of 16 was at the Dairy Fork WMA, in Spanish Fork Canyon (Utah Co.), 8 December 2012 (EH). Accepted: 9Y–0N

2012-62. A flock of 80–120 was near Silver Creek Junction (Summit Co.), 10–31 December 2012 (NG†). Accepted: 9Y–0N

Most of these Common Redpolls were part of an irruption in 2012–2013 that was unprecedented in Utah's ornithological history. This irruption was also noted elsewhere in the United States, and on the Great Backyard Bird Count the Common Redpoll was reported in more states (36) than in any previous year (<http://www.audubon.org/newsroom/press-releases/2013/global-great-backyard-bird-count-shatters-records>).

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*). (0/1)

2012-54. NOT ACCEPTED. One individual was reported from near Park City (Summit Co.), 19 December 2012 (NG†). UBRC members believed that the plumage characteristics (including flank streaking, upperpart streaking, and streaking on the undertail coverts) were consistent with the Common Redpoll and not the Hoary. Two members also noted that photographs provided as documentation showed two different birds. 0Y–9N

Lawrence's Goldfinch (*Spinus lawrencei*). (5/5)

2012-59. A male was at Tonaquint Park in St. George (Washington Co.), 7 October 2012 (RF†). Accepted: 8Y–0N–1A

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