

**FIFTH REPORT OF THE
WASHINGTON BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE**

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The Washington Bird Records Committee (WBRC) met three times (8 April 2000, 1 April 2001, and 10 November 2001) since the publication of its previous report (Aanerud and Mattocks 2000). During these meetings the Committee examined 147 reports of 64 review species. Of these, 135 records of 60 species were accepted, and 12 reports of 12 species were not accepted. The 92% acceptance rate is similar to the results of previous meetings (Aanerud and Mattocks 2000). Several changes to the state check-list were the consequence of these meetings and included the addition of Arctic Loon, Wedge-tailed Shearwater, Red-faced Cormorant, White Ibis, Eurasian Kestrel, Little Curlew, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Whiskered Auklet, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Broad-tailed Hummingbird and Mourning Warbler to the state list.

Our most recent report (Aanerud and Mattocks 2000) included a description of the Committee's changes in review criteria. In brief, we stated that "the review list will consist of all species for which there are no more than 20 reliable, documented records for the ten-year period 1990-1999" (Aanerud and Mattocks 2000:8). This review list will not be altered for the next ten years (until 2009) at which time the "20 records" rule will apply to the years 2000-2009. The exception would be any first state records during the ten-year period that are automatically added to the review list.

PROCEDURES AND CONVENTIONS

Procedures for evaluating reports have remained largely unchanged since the formation of the WBRC (Tweit and Paulson 1994). The Committee reviews written descriptions, photographs, videotapes, tape recordings, or specimens to make determinations about the likely validity of reported observations. For the purposes of the Committee's work, and for use in this document, information submitted to the WBRC to support an observation is considered a "report." A "record" is a report that has been accepted by the WBRC. The phylogenetic sequence and nomenclature used below are based on the American Ornithologists' Union check-list of North American birds (AOU 1998). Committee members who voted on the reports described below were: Kevin Aanerud, Bob Boekelheide, Phil Mattocks, Steve Mlodinow, Dennis Paulson, Andy Stepniewski, Bob Sundstrom, and Bill Tweit. The WBRC welcomes reports of review species; the list of review species is indicated (in italics) on the fifth check-list of Washington birds (WBRC 2000). All reports of review

01-1); and at Leavenworth, CH, on 23 Jun 2001 (MDe; RBGR-01-2). There are now twenty records.

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) - This species was well represented with five more reports accepted, all males: one at Tacoma, PI, on 10-11 May 2000 (DAd; INBU-00-1); one at Nordland, JE, on 18 May 2000 (NWy; INBU-00-2); one at Concrete, SG, on 7 Jun 2000 (+BBr; INBU-00-3); one at Washougal, SM, on 17 May 2001 (WCa; INBU-01-1); and one at Roy, PI, on 10 Jun 2001 (IHo; INBU-01-2). Eleven reports have been accepted.

Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) - A male was seen at Othello, AD, on 30 May 1999 (SMI, BTw; TRBL-99-1). Twenty-five adults were at the breeding colony at Wilson Creek, GT, on 8 Jun 2000 (TAv), and at least one male was still present on 2 Jul 2000 (SMI; TRBL-00-1). Two males were near Vancouver Lake, CK, on 25 Nov 2000 (+SMI; TRBL-00-2). Two males and one female were seen at Othello, AD, on 4-6 Apr 2001 (BNo, BSe; TRBL-01-1). At least 12 males in a flock of an estimated 35 birds were photographed at the Wilson Creek colony, AD, on 11-12 Apr 2001 (+PSu; TRBL-01-2). A male was seen from Hale Rd, KL, on 12 May 2001 (SJo; TRBL-01-3). There are eight records for the state including large numbers of birds at Wilson Creek. The species will remain on the review list at least until its residency in Washington is established.

Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) - Four records were accepted: one in Richland, BE, on 21 May 1996 (+PPo; COGR-96-1); one in Kennewick, BE, on 25 Oct 1999 (DRo; COGR-99-1); a male at Walla Walla, WW, on 12 May 2001 (MDe; COGR-01-1); and a male at Two Rivers County Park, BE, on 8 Aug 2001 (DRo; COGR-01-2). There are seven records in all.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) - A male at Stanwood, SN, between 7 Jan and 10 Mar 2001 (+RCa, AKn, +SMI; GTGR-01-1) represented the second state record.

Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*) - The third and fourth state records were the result of recent Committee actions. An adult male was at Joyce, CL, on 17-21 Jul 1999 (BNo; HOOR-99-1). Another adult male visited a feeder at Bothell, SN, on 13-16 May 2001 (BBe, +SMI, MRu; HOOR-01-1).

Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) - The third state record was a male seen near Chelan, CH, on 31 May 2000 (VNe; BAOR-99-1).

Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*) - A female was near Tonasket, OK, on 22 Dec 1999 (GGe, VNe; HORE-99-1). A male was seen at Winthrop, OK, on 30 Jan 2000 (KBr; HORE-00-1). There are six records of this species, which always presents challenging identification problems.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) - A single-person sight record was accepted from Palouse Falls State Park, FR, on 28 Aug 2000 (SMI; BHVI-00-1). This is the second state record. The previous record is on the Supplementary List (Aanerud and Mattocks 2000).

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

Red-faced Cormorant - A bird was reported from Seattle, KG, on 25 May 1983 (RFCO-83-1). The Committee felt that the observer was not able to note enough detail of the bird to accurately and sufficiently describe this species, especially when its degree of rarity was considered.

Red-shouldered Hawk - A report from Naselle, PA, on 21 May 2001 (RSHA-01-2) was of a hawk seen in flight only. The details of the observation were not convincing to most of the Committee members.

Broad-winged Hawk - The description of a bird seen at Salmo Pass, PO, on 26 Sep 1996 (BWHA-96-1) did not positively separate this species from other possible raptors.

Upland Sandpiper - A report from Goldendale, KL, on 12 May 2001, was not accepted (UPSA-01-1). The described habitat, "flat rocky shoreline" in "well-canopied riparian" on the Little Klickitat River, and its performing of ritual display, seemed unlikely for this species. Some Committee members felt the report more aptly described a Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*).

Kittlitz's Murrelet (*Brachyramphus brevirostris*) - A report from San Juan Island, SJ, on 3 Aug 1998 (KIMU-98-1), was not accepted. The details of a pair in alternate plumage were inconclusive.

Xantus's Murrelet - The description of a bird seen from Edmonds Pier, SN, on 19 Aug 1998 (XAMU-98-1), suggests at least the possibility that it could have been a juvenile Common Murre (*Uria aalge*), and therefore the record was not accepted by most Committee members.

Crested Auklet (*Arthia cristatella*) - Three alternate-plumaged Crested Auklets were reported from a ferry off the San Juan Islands, SJ, in early Sep 1989 (CRAU-89-1). The described details of the observation were insufficient.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) - The description of a bird seen in Mountlake Terrace, SN, on 11 Jul 2000 (TBCU-00-1), does suggest this species. However, the sighting occurred while the observer was driving and therefore the bird was seen briefly and only in flight. The Committee felt the report was not sufficient enough in detail to warrant acceptance.

Tennessee Warbler - A report from Two Rivers County Park, BE, on 23 Aug 1998 (TEWA-98-2), was not accepted because the Committee felt that similar species, particularly the Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*), had not been eliminated as possibilities.

Black-and-white Warbler - A bird, heard only, was reported from Trout Lake, KL, on 31 May 2000 (BAWA-00-1). The Committee felt that the description of the song was not conclusive evidence.

Tricolored Blackbird - A photograph of an adult male from Marlin, GT, taken on 11 Apr 2001 (TRBL-01-4), was not accepted. Diagnostic features were not clear enough to separate with certainty from Red-winged Blackbird.

Lawrence's Goldfinch (*Carduelis lawrencei*) - A report from a back yard in Benton City, BE, on 22 May 2000 (LAGO-00-1), was not accepted.

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