

VERMONT BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETING – November 4, 2000

CONSIDERATION OF RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION REPORTS

FIRST STATE RECORDS

TUFTED DUCK (*Aythya fuligula*) – one male, 7 April 2000, South Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., Charles Gifford, Otto Meier, Chris Sharp.

IVORY GULL (*Pagophila eburnean*) – one first winter, 4 January 2000, Nichols' Point, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., David J. Hoag, Theodore G. Murin, George E. Hall. Photographs.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) – one, 27 January 2000, Tinmouth, Rutland Co., Phillip M. Ballou. Photographs. Many other previous sightings of this species were accepted as “hypothetical” pending scientific clarification of this as a separate species and convincing photographic documentation of individual sightings.

FIRST HYPOTHETICAL STATE RECORD

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (*Zenaida asiatica*) – one, 2 September 2000, Champlain Bridge, Addison, Addison Co., Richard B. Lavalley. Only one observer.

NOTABLE STATE RECORDS 2-10

GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) – one immature, 28 November 1999, Burlington breakwater, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Wayne Scott, T.G. Murin et al. Ninth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*Anser albifrons*) – one, 21 March 1999, Tinmouth, Rutland Co., P.M. Ballou, Roy W. Pilcher. Photograph. Eighth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*A.albifrons*) – two, 12 October 1999, East Dorset, Bennington Co., Barbara W. Powers, Ruth Stewart, Elizabeth F. Gilbert, Mary Ann Parker, Frederick A. Pratt, Eleanor B. Pratt. Ninth state record.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*A.albifrons*) – two, 3 January 2000, West Street, Proctor, Rutland Co., R.W. Pilcher, Susanne S. Wetmore. Tenth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (*Larus ridibundus*) – one adult, 1 August 2000, West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J. Hoag. Eighth state record.

BLACK-HEADED GULL (L. ridibundus) – one adult non-breeding, 15 September 2000, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Co., T.G. Murin. Ninth state record.

SABINE'S GULL (Xema sabini) – one juvenile, 28 September 2000, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Co., T.G. Murin, Allan M. Strong, R.B. Lavalley, D.J. Hoag. Fourth state record.

BLACK GUILLEMOT (Cephus grylle) – one first winter or non-breeding adult, 30 November 1999, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Co., T.G. Murin. Fourth state record.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (Tyrannus savanna) – one probable adult, 10 June 2000, Hawkins Road, Ferrisburgh, Addison Co., Beatrice P. Guyett, Jeanne Wisner and many observers over a period of several weeks. Photographs. Second state record.

FISH CROW (Corvus ossifragus) – one, 13 May 2000, Peru-Landgrove Road, Peru, Bennington Co., William J. Norse. Second state record.

#### REPORTS OF OTHER RARE SPECIES

NORTHERN GANNET (Morus bassanus) – one juvenile, 16 October 2000, Lake Champlain at Charlotte, Chittenden Co., T.G. Murin.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) – one adult, 20 April 2000, Rt. 73, Brandon, Rutland Co., S.S. Wetmore, m. ob. Photograph.

TUNDRA SWAN (Cygnus columbianus) – one adult, 4 April 1999, South of U.S. Rt. 7, Rutland Town, Rutland Co., Nancy L. Martin, Walter G. Ellison.

EURASIAN WIGEON (Anas penelope) – one male, alternate plumage, 4 April 1999, Hopkins Rd., Panton, Addison Co., N.L. Martin, W.G. Ellison.

EURASIAN WIGEON OR EURASIAN WIGEON X AMERICAN WIGEON HYBRID (A. penelope) – three males, 16 April 2000, Tabor Rd., Swanton, Franklin Co., Kenneth Copenhaver.

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) – one immature, 16 February 2000, Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., Solon Rhode et al.

GOLDEN EAGLE (A. chrysaetos) – two adults, 13 May 2000, southern Vermont Valley, Bennington, Bennington Co., Kim Likakis.

RED KNOT (Calidris canutus) – three, 10 August 2000, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J. Hoag.

RED KNOT (C.canutus) – one, 4 September 2000, Nichols' Point and Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J.Hoag. Photographs.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (Tryngites subruficollis) – five, 15-16 September 2000, Lake St., Charlotte, Chittenden Co., T.G.Murin, Craig S. Provost, Scott W. Morrival, James Osborne.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (Limnodromus scolopaceus) – one juvenile, 1 October 2000, Dead Creek WMA, Panton, Addison Co., F.A.Pratt, E.B.Pratt.

LONG-EARED OWL (Asio otus) – one, 4 May 2000, Mt. Independence, Orwell, Addison Co., S.S.Wetmore.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes carolinus) – one male, 17 October 1999, Shaftsbury, Bennington Co., N.L.Martin, W.G.Ellison.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (M.carolinus) – one immature, 26 August 2000 and 11 September 2000, Colchester, Chittenden Co., John D. Marsh. Indication of possible nesting in the area but no direct evidence.

SEDGE WREN (Cistothorus platensis) – one singing male, 27 May 2000, Happy Valley Rd., Bridport, Addison Co., A.M.Strong.

SEDGE WREN (C.platensis) – two, 17 June 2000 and one, 25 June 2000, Happy Valley Rd., Bridport, Addison Co., Paula A.Gills, Ted Richards, Anne Connor. Probably included the singing male reported above.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (Vermivora celata) – one, 21 September 2000, Ward Hill, South Duxbury, Washington Co., F.A.Pratt, E.B.Pratt.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (Oporornis agilis) – one adult, 11 September 2000, Ward Hill, South Duxbury, Washington Co., F.A.Pratt.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida) – one, 10 May 2000, Smith Haven, South Londonderry, Windham Co., W.J.Norse.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (S.pallida) – one singing male, 24 June 2000, West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J.Hoag. Photographs.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (S.pallida) – one singing male, 15 July 2000, West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J.Hoag. Photographs. This was a different bird from the one reported above

### RARE NESTING SPECIES

PIED BILLED GREBE (Podilymbus podiceps) – one adult, four chicks, 12 July 2000, South Bay WMA, Coventry, Orleans Co., Martha Pitt.

CASPIAN TERN (Sterna caspia) – one to four adults, 12 July to 2 August 2000, Young Island, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J.Hoag. Photographs.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida) – one male and one female, 22 July to 6 August 2000, West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J.Hoag. The male was the same one documented last in the section above.

### OUT-OF-SEASON REPORTS

RED-NECKED GREBE (Podiceps grisegena) – one, basic plumage, 25 July 1999, Shantee Point, St. Albans, Franklin Co., Donna Martin, Burnie Martin.

HUMMINGBIRD SP. – one, probably a Ruby-throated, very early, 3 April 2000, Coventry Lane, Manchester Center, Bennington Co., Betsy Edwards.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (Dendroica coronata) – two, 19 December 1999, Shelburne Point, Shelburne, Chittenden Co., T.G.Murin.

FIELD SPARROW (Spizella pusilla) – one, 19 December 1999, Bittersweet Falls, Weybridge, Addison Co., John Chamberlain, Barbara Brosnan.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (Zonotrichia leucophrys) – one immature, 28 December 1999, Woodstock, Windsor Co., Anne T.Aversa, Mark Council.

### NON ACCEPTED

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) – one, 31 May 2000, Pittsford, Rutland Co., Susan Elliott et al.

SPARROWHAWK (Accipiter nisus) - one, 18 February 2000, Brandon, Rutland Co., Kenneth F. Ward, Pat Ward.

GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) – two, 17 April 2000, Stowe, Lamoille Co., Liz Kellogg Lackey.

GOLDEN EAGLE (A.chrysaetos) – one, 8 July 2000, Jericho, Chittenden Co., Maeve Kim, Leslie Nulty.

CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*) – two, 13 June 2000, Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro, Windham Co., Debra Blake, Peter Weiss, Joseph Weisenthal.

PLUMBEOUS VIREO (*Vireo plumbeus*) – one, 5 May 2000, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J.Hoag.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one, 19 September 2000, Wells, Rutland Co., Charles F. Vengrove.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*) – two, 30 August 1999, Chittenden, Rutland Co., Donna Martin.

WESTERN TANAGER (*Piranga ludoviciana*) – one, 9 August 1999, Weybridge, Addison Co., Ethan Fenn. Photographs.

PINE GROSBEAK (*Pinicola enucleator*) – one, 24 June 2000, Dix Reservoir, Orange Co., P.A.Gills.

HOARY REDPOLL (*Carduelis hornemanni*) – one, 19 December 1999, Shoreham, Addison Co., Holly McKenzie, Seth Martin.

#### REVERSAL OF PREVIOUS VOTES

NORTHERN WHEATEAR (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) – one, 23 May 1995, Shelburne, Chittenden Co. Jacquelyn P. Marlow, Donna Preuss. Was photographed and found to be an albino American Robin. The record is now not accepted.

BARNACLE GOOSE (*Branta leucopsis*) – one, 1 April 1996, Grand Isle, Grand Isle Co., D.J.Hoag. Later found to be a probable escapee and transferred by vote to that category.