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The NOU Records Committee has revised the list of accidental or casual species for which the committee seeks documentation as of the end of 2003. This list was last published in 1995 (NBR 63:12-13). The committee seeks documentation on all species with less than regular occurrence in Nebraska, as well as any species occurring out of range or out of season. Changes in this list since 1995 include the addition of new species documented for the state, and the deletion of species upgraded to regular status. Below are listed the species of less than regular occurrence based on the Official List of the Birds of Nebraska. A revised Official List will be published in a future issue of the NBR.

Photographs, slides and recordings are the preferred means of documentation whenever possible; however, written documentations are often the only available means to document a species. A well-written documentation is extremely valuable and should include a detailed description of all aspects of the observation as follows: description of plumage, flesh parts, eye color, size (relative to a species observed at the same time can be very useful), and any noticeable field marks (i.e., wing bars, eye rings, crown stripes, tail markings, etc.). Extraneous observations can often be useful. For example, worn tail feathers or a leg band might indicate that the bird is an escaped captive bird rather than a wild bird. A written description can never have too much detail, but it can easily leave out critical details, which may be important in evaluating the documentation. A very useful part of a written documentation is a discussion of the field marks used to separate the bird from similar species. Descriptions of the bird's behavior and the habitat are also very important parts of a well-written documentation. In addition to the above, a few details concerning the observation are also important, including exact location of the sighting, date and time of the sighting, duration of the sighting, optics used, distance from the bird, field guides used to identify the bird, and when the description was written (i.e., written 5 hours later, written 2 days later from notes taken in the field at the time of the observation, written from memory a week later, etc.). For further information on documentation, please visit the NOU website: <http://rip.physics.unk.edu/NOU/>.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)

Bean Goose (*Anser fabalis*)

Emperor Goose (*Chen canagica*)

Brant (*Branta bernicla*)

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*)

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*)

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*)

Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*)

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)

Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*)

Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*)  
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)  
Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)  
Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)  
Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)  
Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)  
White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)  
Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)  
Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*)  
Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)  
Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)  
Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)  
White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)  
Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)  
Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*)  
Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*)  
Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*)  
Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*)  
Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*)  
Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris*)  
King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)  
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*)  
Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)  
Common Crane (*Grus grus*)  
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*)  
Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)  
Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)  
Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*)  
Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)  
Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)  
Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)  
Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)  
Little Gull (*Larus minutus*)  
Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*)  
Mew Gull (*Larus canus*)  
Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides*)  
Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*)  
Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*)  
Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)  
Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*)  
Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)  
Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*)  
Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)  
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)  
Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*)  
Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*)  
Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)  
Northern Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*)  
Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*)  
Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*)  
Costa's Hummingbird (*Calypte costae*)  
Calliope Hummingbird (*Stellula calliope*)

Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*)  
Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*)  
Red-naped Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*)  
American Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides dorsalis*)  
Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)  
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*)  
Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*)  
Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*)  
Dusky Flycatcher (*Empidonax oberholseri*)  
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)  
Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)  
White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*)  
Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*)  
Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*)  
Gray Jay (*Perisoreus canadensis*)  
Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*)  
Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*)  
Chihuahuan Raven (*Corvus cryptoleucus*)  
Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)  
Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*)  
Mountain Chickadee (*Poecile gambeli*)  
Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*)  
Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*)  
American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*)  
Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*)  
Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*)  
Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*)  
Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*)  
Phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens*)  
Virginia's Warbler (*Vermivora virginiae*)  
Cape May Warbler (*Dendroica tigrina*)  
Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*)  
Hermit Warbler (*Dendroica occidentalis*)  
Pine Warbler (*Dendroica pinus*)  
Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*)  
Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorus*)  
Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*)  
Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*)  
Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*)  
Sage Sparrow (*Amphispiza belli*)  
Baird's Sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii*)  
Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*)  
Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*)  
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)  
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*)  
Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*)  
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*)  
Black Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte atrata*)  
Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)  
Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*)  
Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*)