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2013 (25th) REPORT OF THE NOU RECORDS COMMITTEE

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The functions and methods of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union Records Committee (NOURC) are described in its bylaws (NOURC 2010). The committee's purpose is to provide a procedure for documenting unusual bird sightings and to establish a list of all documented birds for Nebraska. Accidental and casual species for which the NOURC seeks documentation (NOURC Review List) can be found at the NOU website (www.noubirds.org).

All records mentioned here are available to interested persons at the NOU archives at the University of Nebraska State Museum (UNSM), Lincoln, NE. Interested parties should contact the current NOU Librarian, whose address can be found in the latest issue of *The Nebraska Bird Review* (NBR).

State List:

The "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska" was first published in 1988 (NOU 1988) and has been updated three times (NOURC 1997, 2004, 2009). The "Official List" has been appended twenty-three times: (Mollhoff 1989; Grenon 1990, 1991; Gubanyi 1996a, 1996b, 1996c; Brogie 1997, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009a, 2009b, 2011, 2012, 2013; Jorgensen 2001, 2002, 2003).

The American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (1998) and its following supplements: (AOU: 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013) contain many taxonomic changes affecting North American birds.

The following summarizes all 2013 revisions by the AOU in regards to changes in scientific names and changes in assignments to family and order of species to the most recently published "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska: 2009" (NOURC 2009, www.noubirds.org).

This report includes all accounts submitted during the 2013 calendar year covering 107 records with accession numbers 1500 -1606.

Criteria for Accepted Records:

In order for a record to be accepted, a minimum of six votes in favor is required with no more than one dissenting vote (NOURC 2010). Records in the following categories are classified as accepted:

- I-S a diagnostic, labeled specimen exists
- I-P diagnostic, labeled photographic evidence exists
- I-R a diagnostic, labeled recording exists

- II three or more independently written diagnostic documentations of the same bird exist
- III one or two independently written diagnostic documentations of the same bird exist

Each account of an accepted record includes a brief statement noting the species, class, date, location, and initial(s) of observers. This report summarizes all records accessioned in 2013, discusses any new additions to the state list, and reports any changes in firmness of data of Nebraska birds. Additionally, the list reflects changes in frequency of occurrence, as determined by the NOU Records Committee, which reviewed records of bird occurrences in Nebraska for 2004-2013. Frequency of occurrence is indicated by the following terms (NOURC 2009):

Regular - acceptably reported in 9-10 of the past 10 years. Casual - acceptably reported in 4-7 of the past 10 years. Accidental - acceptably reported in 0-2 of the past 10 years. Extirpated - not acceptably reported in the past 50 year. Extinct - no longer found alive anywhere in the world.

The frequency of occurrence for any species that is acceptably reported in 3 or 8 of the last 10 years is discussed by the committee and placed in a category felt most appropriate by the committee.

With this report, the following changes are made to the "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska: 2009" (NOURC 2009).

2013 Additions to State List:

There was one new species added in 2013.

Hooded Oriole (Icterus cucullatus)

The first NOURC accepted Hooded Oriole, discovered (SD) in Garrison, Butler Co., 25-28 May 2013 was well documented.

- 1. Two photographs (Class I-P, SD via JC) were received from the discoverer of the adult male bird, taken 26 May 2013. Accession # 1532.
- 2. Photographs (Class I-P, MAB) of the bird, 27 May 2013. Accession # 1533.
- 3. Additional photographs (Class I-P, PD) 27 May 2013. Accession # 1534.
- 4. A video (Class I-P, JGJ) taken 28 May 2013. Accession # 1536.

Insert Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*) after Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) on the "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska". Additional detailed information on this record can be found at: Gubanyi [NBR 81(4):161-164].

*** With this addition, the "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska" stands at 459 species.

Changes Involving Nebraska Species Due to Taxonomic Revisions (AOU 2013):

The Fifty-fourth supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds (AOU 2013) has effected the following changes to the "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska" (www.noubirds.org).

- 1. Buff-breasted Sandpiper (Tryngites subruficollis) becomes Calidris subruficollis
- 2. Ruff (Philomachus pugnax) becomes Calidris pugnax
- 3. The sequence of species within the genus Calidris is changed to the following:
 - * Red Knot (Calidris canutus)
 - * Ruff (Calidris pugnax)
 - * Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (Calidris acuminata)
 - * Stilt Sandpiper (Calidris himantopus)
 - * Curlew Sandpiper (Calidris ferruginea)
 - * Sanderling (Calidris alba)
 - * Dunlin (Calidris alpina)
 - * Baird's Sandpiper (Calidris bairdii)
 - * Least Sandpiper (Calidris minutilla)
 - * White-rumped Sandpiper (Calidris fuscicollis)
 - * Buff-breasted Sandpiper (Calidris subruficollis)
 - * Pectoral Sandpiper (Calidris melanotos)
 - * Semipalmated Sandpiper (Calidris pusilla)
 - * Western Sandpiper (Calidris mauri)
- 4. The order Charadriiformes is reorganized as follows:
 - * Family Recurvirostridae: (Stilts and Avocets)
 - * Family Charadriidae: (Plovers)
 - * Family Scolopacidae: (Sandpipers and Phalaropes)
 - * Family Stercorariidae: (Jaegers)
 - * Family Alcidae: (Alcids)
 - * Family Laridae: (Gulls and Terns)
- 5. The sequence of species within the Family Mimidae (Thrashers and Mockingbirds) is changed to the following:
 - * Gray Catbird (Dumetella carolinensis)
 - * Curve-billed Thrasher (Toxostoma curvirostre)
 - * Brown Thrasher (Toxostoma rufum)
 - * Sage Thrasher (Oreoscoptes montanus)
 - * Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottus)
- 6. Sage Sparrow (Artemisiospiza belli) becomes Sagebrush Sparrow (Artemisiospiza nevadensis).

Sage Sparrow has been split into Bell's Sparrow (*Artemisiospiza belli*) and Sagebrush Sparrow (*A. nevadensis*). Bell's Sparrow is found breeding in dry chaparral habitat in costal and interior California, western Nevada, and south to

Baja California. Sagebrush Sparrow is found breeding in the Great Basin desert sagebrush area from interior Washington, eastern Oregon, southern Idaho, western Wyoming, and northwestern Colorado south to parts of Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. "Most if not all vagrant records of 'Sage Sparrow' in the central and eastern parts of North America pertain to Sagebrush Sparrow" (Retter 2013).

Based on the description of the bird and geographic likelihood, the one NOURC accepted (Class III) record of Sage Sparrow (Stage and Stage 1990) pertains to Sagebrush Sparrow.

- 7. The sequence of the three *Haemorhous* finches is changed to the following:
 - * House Finch (Haemorhous mexicanus)
 - * Purple Finch (Haemorhous purpureus)
 - * Cassin's Finch (Haemorhous cassinii)

2013 Changes in Frequency of Occurrence:

- 1. Glossy Ibis (Plegadis falcinellus) changed from Casual to Regular
- 2. Lesser Goldfinch (Spinus psaltria) changed from Casual to Regular
- *** The NOURC no longer seeks documentation on the above two species.

Pre-2013 Accepted Records

King Rail (Rallus elegans)

1. An adult bird was observed and photographed (Class I-P, EH) in a wet meadow along the Missouri River, Richardson Co., 25 May & 02 June, 2010. Accession # 1523.

Calliope Hummingbird (Selasphorus calliope)

1. A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, JB) on the south side of Lake McConaughy, Keith Co., 31 August 2012. Accession # 1540.

Acorn Woodpecker (Melanerpes formicivorus)

1. A video (Class I-P, MK) was received of a bird coming to a birdbath in Blair, Washington Co., 07 October 2012. Accession # 1506.

This constitutes the second NOURC accepted record for Acorn Woodpecker in Nebraska.

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius)

1. A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, KH) in Omaha, Douglas Co., 28 December 2012. Accession # 1500.

2013 Accepted Records:

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna autumnalis)

 A single adult was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Harvard WPA, Clay Co., 21 June 2013. Accession # 1545.

Brant (Branta bernicla)

- 1. An adult bird (of the taxon *B. b. nigricans*) was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Lake Hastings, Adams Co., 02 February 2013. Accession # 1507.
- 2. An additional photo (Class I-P, MAB) was received of the above bird, observed 03 February 2013. Accession # 1509.

This bird may be the same individual as Accession # 1392 (Brogie 2012), a sub-adult "Black" Brant photographed (PD) at Lake Hastings on 04 March 2011.

Eurasian Wigeon (Anas penelope)

 An adult male was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Hultine WPA, Clay Co., 14 March 2013. Accession # 1522.

American Black Duck (Anas rubripes)

- A single adult male was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at DeSoto NWR, Washington Co., 08 March 2013. Accession # 1521.
- 2. A male was photographed (Class I-P, PS) at Fontenelle Forest, Sarpy Co., 18 November 2013. Accession # 1586.
- 3. Photographs (Class I-P, JGJ) were received of a single bird at Branched Oak Lake, Lancaster Co., 22 November 2013. Accession # 1596.

Neotropic Cormorant (Phalacrocorax brasilianus)

1. Photographs (Class I-P, JM, SM) were received of a single bird found at Standing Bear Lake, Douglas Co., 14 July 2013. Accession # 1547.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

- 1. A written description (Class III, LE) was received of two birds observed at Jack Sinn WMA, Saunders and Lancaster Cos., 21 August 2013. Accession # 1559.
- 2. A single adult bird was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Harvard WPA, Clay Co., 14 May 2013. Accession # 1600.
- 3. An adult bird was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Harvard WPA, Clay Co., 20 July 2013. Accession # 1601.
- *** The NOURC no longer seeks documentation on this species.

Swallow-tailed Kite (Elanoides forficatus)

 A written description (Class III, JY) was received of an adult bird observed below Fort Falls, along the Niobrara River, Cherry Co., 26 May 2013.
 Accession # 1541.

Red Phalarope (Phalaropus fulicarius)

- A bird in winter plumage discovered (SB) at Lake Babcock, Platte Co., 12-17 November 2013 was well documented.
- 1. A photograph (Class I-P, PD) 12 November 2013. Accession # 1581.
- 2. A set of photographs (Class I-P, PR) 13 November 2013. Accession # 1583.
- 3. A photograph (Class I-P, KC) 17 November 2013. Accession # 1584.
- 4. A set of photographs (Class I-P, RD) 17 November 2013. Accession # 1585.

Laughing Gull (Leucophaeus atricilla)

- 1. A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, JM, SM) at Lake North near Columbus. Platte Co., 19 May 2013. Accession # 1535.
- 2. A second winter bird was photographed (Class I-P, MW) at Branched Oak Lake, Lancaster Co., 07 September 2013. Accession # 1590.

Mew Gull (Larus canus)

- 1. An adult bird was photographed (Class I-P, JGJ) at the Alma sewage lagoons, Harlan Co., 20 March 2013 and may be the same individual as the February bird listed below. Accession # 1524.
- 2. Photographs (Class I-P, PD) were received a bird at Lake McConaughy, Keith Co., 05 January 2013. Accession # 1556.
- 3. An adult bird was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at the Alma sewage lagoons, Harlan Co., 15 February 2013. Accession # 1557.

Iceland Gull (Larus glaucoides)

1. A first winter bird was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Lake Ogallala, Keith Co., 01 February 2013. Accession # 1508.

Glaucous-winged Gull (Larus glaucescens)

The third NOURC accepted record of this gull species was discovered (CG, JGJ) at Lake Ogallala, Keith Co., 16 February 2013 and was well documented. The "purity" of this third year bird was discussed by committee members and by several outside experts. The opinion of the majority was that the appearance of the bird was consistent with a "pure" Glaucous-winged Gull, rather than a hybrid bird.

- 1. A set of photographs (Class I-P, CG) taken by one of the initial observers. Accession # 1513.
- A video (Class I-P; JGJ) taken by the second initial observer. Accession # 1514.
- Additional photographs (Class I-P, MAB) from 23 February 2013. Accession # 1517.
- 4. A single additional photograph (Class I-P, PD) from 18 February 2013. Accession # 1602.

Parasitic Jaeger (Stercorarius parasiticus)

1. Photographs (Class I-P, SV) were received of a "grounded" bird found south of Chadron, Dawes Co., 02 September 2013. On 30 August, this area experienced wind gusts of 60 mph and 20 minutes of golf-ball sized hail resulting in a

7-inch-deep layer that may have contributed to temporarily incapacitating the bird. The jaeger was not relocated the following day. Accession # 1565.

Long-tailed Jaeger (Stercorarius longicaudus)

- 1. A 13 September 2013 photograph (Class I-P, PD) was received of the following bird. Accession # 1566.
- A photograph (Class I-P, MW) was received (by the initial observer) of a single dark plumaged juvenile discovered at Capitol Beach Lake, Lancaster Co., 11 September 2013. Accession # 1571.
- 3. A photograph (Class I-P, PR) of the above bird, taken 15 September 2013, was also received. Accession # 1597.

Black-chinned Hummingbird (Archilochus alexandri)

The second NOURC accepted record of this species was an immature male discovered (MM via RH, LR) in Shelton, Buffalo Co., and well documented during its limited stay.

- 1. Photographs and a video (Class I-P, PD) taken 14-15 September 2013 provided excellent details to establish species identification. Accession # 1567.
- 2. A set of close-up photographs (Class I-P, PR) taken 16 September 2013 was also received. Accession # 1568.

Costa's Hummingbird (Calypte costae)

Multiple documentations were received of the second NOURC accepted record of this species.

- 1. A first year male was photographed (Class I-P, GB, JB) on the south side of Lake McConaughy, Keith Co., 06 September 2013. Accession # 1561.
- 2. Additional photographs (Class I-P, KD) of the above bird, taken 07 September 2013. Accession # 1562.
- 3. A video (Class I-P, PD) from 06 September 2013. Accession # 1563.
- A single additional photograph (Class I-P, PR) taken 18 September 2013.
 Accession # 1570.

Calliope Hummingbird (Selasphorus calliope)

- A bird was photographed (Class I-P, KD) near Mitchell, Scotts Bluff Co., 30 July 2013. Accession # 1553.
- An additional photograph (Class I-P, EA) was received of the above bird, 02 August 2013. Accession # 1554.
- 3. A photograph (Class I-P, KS) was received of a bird observed at the Iain Nicolson Nature Center, Buffalo Co., 30 August 2013. Accession # 1560.
- 4. Photographs (Class I-P, BD, KS) were received of an individual bird coming to a feeder in Kearney, Buffalo Co., 24 September 2013. Accession # 1575.
- 5. A first year male was photographed (Class I-P, KD) near Mitchell, Scotts Bluff Co., 29 August 2013. Accession # 1587.
- 6. An adult male was photographed (Class I-P, PD) near Mitchell, Scotts Bluff Co., 29 July 2013. Accession # 1603.

Acorn Woodpecker (Melanerpes formicivorus)

1. Photographs (Class I-P, BA, DA) were received of a single bird observed at a suet feeder in Hayes Co., 15 & 16 June 2013. Accession # 1544.

This documents the third NOURC accepted record for Acorn Woodpecker in Nebraska.

Red-naped Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus nuchalis)

- 1. An adult male was photographed (Class I-P, PD) in Banner Co., 21 September 2013. Accession # 1573.
- 2. A written description (Class III, JG) was received of a female bird observed in Banner Co., 22 September 2013. Accession # 1574.

Hammond's Flycatcher (Empidonax hammondii)

- A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, WRS) at Oliver Reservoir SRA, Kimball Co., 06 September 2013. Accession # 1564.
- 2. A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, PD) during the NOU Fall Field Trip in Kimball Co., 21 September 2013. Accession # 1572.
- A second set of photographs (Class I-P, PD) of the 06 September 2013 bird was received. Accession # 1604.

Dusky Flycatcher (Empidonax oberholseri)

- 1. A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, PD) in Carter Canyon, Scotts Bluff Co., 15 June 2013. Accession # 1542.
- 2. A hatching-year bird was netted, banded, and photographed (Class I-P, MN) at Chadron State Park, Dawes Co., 24 September 2013. Accession # 1577.

White-eyed Vireo (Vireo griseus)

1. A bird in first winter plumage was photographed (Class I-P, SM) at Standing Bear Lake, Douglas Co., 04 October 2013. Accession # 1576.

Steller's Jay (Cvanocitta stelleri)

1. An adult bird was photographed (Class I-P, MS) in Gering, Scotts Bluff Co., 23 February 2013. Accession # 1591. This is likely the same bird photographed (MS) at this location on 18 October 2012 (Brogie 2013).

Mountain Chickadee (Poecile gambeli)

- A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, MS) in Gering, Scotts Bluff Co., 23 February 2013. Accession # 1592
- 2. A photograph (Class I-P, MS) was received of a bird present at the above location 23 October 2013. Accession # 1593.

Bewick's Wren (Thryomanes bewickii)

1. A written description (Class III, TJW) was received of a single bird observed at North Platte, Lincoln Co., 13 August 2013. Accession # 1595.

Bohemian Waxwing (Bombycilla garrulus)

- 1. A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, PR) near Homer, Dakota Co., 31 January 2013. Accession # 1511.
- 2. A written description (Class III, WF) was received of a bird observed along the Niobrara River in Boyd Co., 24 February 2013. Accession # 1519.
- 3. A written description (Class III, WF) was received of a bird observed along Lodgepole Creek, east of Potter, Cheyenne Co., 10 November 2013. Accession # 1579.
- 4. A single bird was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Sutherland Reservoir, Lincoln Co., 11 November 2013. Accession # 1580.
- 5. Another photograph (Class I-P, MSS via TJW) was received of the Lincoln County bird (taken on the day of discovery), 10 November 2013. Accession # 1582.

Smith's Longspur (Calcarius pictus)

1. Photographs (Class I-P, PD) were received of one bird (in a group of 11) at Pawnee Prairie, Pawnee Co., 01 April 2013. Accession # 1599.

Pine Warbler (Setophaga pinus)

1. A first year male was photographed (Class I-P, GB JB) on the south side of Lake McConaughy, Keith Co., early October 2013. Accession # 1578.

Black Rosy-Finch (Leucosticte atrata)

1. Several birds were photographed (Class I-P, PD) on Scotts Bluff National Monument, Scotts Bluff Co., 04 January 2013. Accession # 1501.

Pine Grosbeak (Pinicola enucleator)

- 1. A female was photographed (Class I-P, DG-C) coming to a feeder near Homer, Dakota Co., 17 January 2013. Accession # 1503.
- An additional photograph (Class I-P, EMB) was received of the above bird, observed 28 January 2013. Accession # 1504.

Lesser Goldfinch (Spinus psaltria)

- 1. Photographs (Class I-P, JGJ) were received of an adult male at Scotts Bluff National Monument, Scotts Bluff Co., 26 July 2013. Accession # 1549.
- 2. An adult "green-backed" male was photographed (Class I-P, PD) at Wildcat Hills Nature Center, Scotts Bluff Co., 15 June 2013. Accession # 1606.
 - *** The NOURC no longer seeks documentation on this species.

Evening Grosbeak (Coccothraustes vespertinus)

- 1. A female was photographed (Class I-P, MP) at a feeder in Blair, Washington Co., 05 February 2013. Accession # 1510.
- 2. A photograph (Class I-P, PR) was received of the above bird taken 18 February 2013. Accession # 1515.
- 3. An additional photograph (Class I-P, PD) was received of the above bird observed 22 February 2013. Accession # 1605.

Unaccepted Records:

Records in the following categories are considered unaccepted (NOURC 2010):

IV - probably correct, but not beyond reasonable doubt.

V - a record with insufficient evidence to support the identification claimed.

VI - a probable released or escaped bird or mistaken identification.

Each account of an unaccepted record includes a brief statement noting the species, class, date, location, and reasons for the committee's non-acceptance of the record.

Unaccepted Records (Received in 2013):

Laughing Gull (Leucophaeus atricilla)

 A written description was received of a first year bird observed at Branched Oak Lake, Lancaster Co., 15 September 2013 and although possibly correct, the record lacked sufficient details for acceptance. Class IV. (5 III, 3 IV). Accession # 1569.

Mew Gull (Larus canus)

Photographs were received of a bird at Holmes Lake, Lancaster Co., 17 April 2013. Many committee members stated that the photographs provided were lacking in detail for a definitive identification to species. Class V. (2 I-P, 2 IV, 2 V, 1 VI, 1 Abstain). Accession # 1546.

Glaucous-winged Gull (Larus glaucescens)

 A single first basic bird was photographed at Sutherland Reservoir, Lincoln Co., 01 March 2001. Although the photographs provided were very suggestive of the species and possibly correct, they were lacking in quality for approval. Class IV. (5 I-P, 2 IV, 1 Abstain). Accession # 1543.

Black-chinned Hummingbird (Archilochus alexandri)

 An Archilochus sp. was photographed at a feeder near Lake McConaughy, Keith Co., 28 July 2013. Most committee members believed the photograph provided did not sufficiently rule out the more likely Ruby-throated Hummingbird (A. colubris). Class V. (2 I-P, 4 IV, 2V). Accession # 1555.

Cave Swallow (Petrochelidon fulva)

1. A description of a bird observed at Harvard WPA, Clay Co., 20 July 2013 was very suggestive of the species but lacked sufficient details to rule out a possible Cliff Swallow (*P. pyrrhonota*). Class V. (3 III, 2-IV, 3 V). Accession # 1548.

Bewick's Wren (Thryomanes bewickii)

1. A written description received of two birds observed fighting near Doane College, Saline Co., August 2012 was suggestive but lacked sufficient details for acceptance. Class V. (2 III, 3 IV, 3-V). Accession # 1538.

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*)

1. A single bird was observed by several individuals in Omaha, Douglas Co., for several days in late December 2012. However, the photographs received of this bird (taken 28 December 2012) lacked sufficient quality for acceptance. Class V. (2 I-P, 3 IV, 2 V, 1 Abstain). Accession # 1500.

Curve-billed Thrasher (Toxostoma curvirostre)

 A written description was received of a bird observed at Scotts Bluff National Monument, Scotts Bluff Co., 16 July 2013 that was very suggestive of the species but lacked sufficient details for approval. Class IV. (4 III, 3 IV, 1 V). Accession # 1558.

Hoary Redpoll (Acanthis hornemanni)

- 1. Photographs and a written description were received of a single bird observed near Branched Oak Lake, Lancaster Co., 02 January 2013. Although the materials received were very suggestive of Hoary Redpoll, several committee members felt the record was lacking in sufficient details to absolutely rule out the possibility of the bird being a Common Redpoll (A. flammea). Class IV. (5 I-P, 3 IV). Accession # 1505.
- A photograph of a single bird at North Platte, Lincoln Co., 18 January 2013 was suggestive but lacked sufficient details for approval. (4 I-P, 2 IV, 2 V). Accession #1551.
- 3. A set of photographs was received of a bird observed west of Burwell, Garfield Co., 18 March 2013 lacked sufficient details for approval (4 I-P, 3 IV, 1 V). Accession # 1552.

Non-Review List Records Submitted in 2013 and Filed Without Votes:

The following records are those of species not on the NOURC Review List. They have been accessioned due to other circumstances (out-of range, non-normal date of occurrence, unusual nesting record, etc.) and filed without NOURC votes.

Barrow's Goldeneye (Bucephala islandica)

- 1. A photograph (PD) of a female bird observed at Scottsbluff sewage lagoon, Scotts Bluff Co., 19 February 2013 was filed. Accession # 1516.
- 2. A written description and video (JR) of an eastward bird observed at Carter Lake, Douglas Co., 02 March 2013 was filed. Accession # 1520.

Gray Partridge (Perdix perdix)

1. A photograph (MAB) of two birds south of Creighton, Antelope Co., 25 April 2013 was filed. Reports of this species in Nebraska have declined in recent years. Accession # 1528.

Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)

1. Photographs (SS) of a pair of birds nest-building near Summit Lake WMA, Burt Co., 08 June 2013 were filed. Accession # 1539.

This is the first documented nesting attempt for Osprey in eastern Nebraska in more than 100 years.

Broad-winged Hawk (Buteo platypterus)

 Two photographs (MS) were received of an adult bird along Old Hill State Road in the Wildcat Hills, Scotts Bluff Co., 11 May 2013. Accession # 1594.

There have been sightings of this species at this location in 2006, 2008, and 2012 (KD).

Black-necked Stilt (Himantopus mexicanus)

1. A single adult bird was photographed (MAB) east of Niobrara, Knox Co., 13 April 2013. Accession # 1526.

This represents one of the very few records for this species in northeastern Nebraska.

Long-billed Curlew (Numenius americanus)

1. A single bird was photographed (SM) west of Omaha, Sarpy Co., 13 April 2013. Accession # 1527.

This species is rarely encountered in eastern Nebraska.

California Gull (Larus californicus)

1. A second year bird was photographed (MAB) east of Niobrara, Knox Co., 21 May 2013. Accession # 1529.

This represents one of the very few records for this species in northeastern Nebraska.

Black-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus erythropthalmus)

 A single adult bird was photographed (MAB) northwest of Verdigre, Knox Co., 25 May 2013. Accession # 1530.

Although this species' status is still considered Regular in Nebraska, numbers of occurrences have dramatically declined in recent years.

Barn Owl (Tyto alba)

 A single bird was photographed (MAB) in Winnetoon, Knox Co., 02 April 2013. Accession # 1525.

This species is infrequently encountered in eastern Nebraska.

Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus)

- 1. A photograph (Class I-P, CK) was received of an adult male discovered (JR) in Omaha, Douglas Co., and present 29-30 July 2013. Accession # 1550.
- 2. A female/immature bird was photographed (Class I-P, JGJ) in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., 20 November 2013. Accession # 1588.
- 3. An adult male in Lincoln was photographed (Class I-P, JGJ) later on the same day and at the same location as the above bird. Accession # 1589.

Black-throated Blue Warbler (Setophaga caerulescens)

 A photograph (JM) of a female bird in Hamilton Co., 19 May 2013 was filed. Accession # 1531.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Setophaga coronata)

1. A single bird of the western "Audubon's" (*S. c. auduboni*) race was photographed (MAB) below Lake McConaughy, Keith Co., 23 February 2013. Accession # 1518.

This represents the first winter record for this subspecies in Nebraska.

Yellow-throated Warbler (Setophaga dominica)

1. A photograph (SO) was filed of a "late" bird at a feeder, in Omaha, Douglas Co., 30 November 2013. Accession # 1598.

Green-tailed Towhee (Pipilo chlorurus)

1. A photograph (PD) of a mid-winter bird observed in Carter Canyon, Scotts Bluff Co., 04 January 2013 was filed. Accession # 1502.

Le Conte's Sparrow (Ammodramus leconteii)

1. A written description (JT) of a wintering bird observed in Omaha, Douglas Co., 12 February 2013 was filed. Accession # 1512.

Western Tanager (Piranga ludoviciana)

1. An adult male was photographed (CJ) at Hideaway Acres, north of Crofton, Knox Co., 26 May 2013. Accession # 1537.

This species is infrequently encountered in eastern Nebraska.

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