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2018 (30th) 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).

NOURC 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 2018, discusses any new additions to the state list, and reports any changes in firmness of data (i.e. placement in the above acceptance categories) 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 2009 - 2018. Frequency of occurrence is indicated by the following terms (NOURC 2017):

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 years.
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: 2017” (NOURC 2017).

Nebraska State List:

The following includes all revisions made by the American Ornithological Society (Chesser et al. 2018) in 2018 including scientific name changes and taxonomic realignment that affect the current published “Official List of the Birds of Nebraska: 2017” (NOURC 2017, www.NOUBirds.org). This report includes all accounts submitted during the 2018 calendar year covering 187 records with accession numbers 1972 - 2158.

2018 Additions/Deletions to the "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska":

There was one new species added in 2018. Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) Accidental - Class 1-P.

With this addition, the “Official List of the Birds of Nebraska” stands at **463** species.

2018 Changes in Frequency of Occurrence:

1. Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*) changed from Casual to Accidental
2. Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) changed from Casual to Regular
3. White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) changed from Casual to Regular
4. Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) changed from Casual to Accidental
5. Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*) changed from Casual to Accidental

Changes Involving Nebraska Species Due to Taxonomic Revisions:

The Fifty-ninth supplement to the American Ornithological Society's Check-list of North American Birds (Chesser et al. 2018) effected the following changes to the "Official List" of Nebraska Birds.

The Hawks (Accipitridae) have a new subfamily classification and sequence. Nebraska species are now as follows:

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)
Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)
Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*)
Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)
Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)
Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)
Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)
Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)
Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*)
Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)
Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*)
Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*)

The woodpecker genus *Picoides* has been split. Genetic work has shown that the genus *Picoides* is polyphyletic. The changes to Nebraska species are now as follows, in this sequence.

American Three-toed Woodpecker stays as (*Picoides dorsalis*)
Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens* becomes *Dryobates pubescens*)
Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus* becomes *Dryobates villosus*)

The English name of *Perisoreus canadensis* has changed from Gray Jay to Canada Jay.

The sparrow genus *Ammodramus* has been split. *Centronyx* and *Ammospiza* were considered congeneric with *Ammodramus*, but genetic data indicate that *Ammodramus* as previously constituted was polyphyletic and that these species are not true *Ammodramus*. As a result, North America now has only one species in the genus *Ammodramus*: Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*).

Nebraska species affected by this change are as follows:

LeConte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii* becomes *Ammospiza leconteii*)
Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni* becomes *Ammospiza nelsoni*)
Baird's Sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii* becomes *Centronyx bairdii*)
Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii* becomes *Centronyx henslowii*)

NOURC Accepted Records (Received in 2018):

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

Three birds were photographed (Class 1-P, EMB) 19 June 2018 near Atkinson, Holt County. Accession # 2082.

A single bird found at Cody Park in North Platte, Lincoln Co. was well documented.

1. Description (Class III, MS) 23 June 2018. Accession # 2084.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, BE) 25 June 2018. Accession # 2087.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, JGJ) 28 June 2018. Accession # 2104.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, WF) 30 June 2018. Accession # 2105.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, BB) 01 July 2018. Accession # 2106.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, BW) 03 July 2018. Accession # 2107.

Additionally, two birds were discovered Holmes Lake, Lancaster County were documented.

7. Photograph (Class 1-P, SM) 07 September 2018. Accession # 2111.
8. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 07 September 2018. Accession # 2112.
9. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 07 September 2018. Accession # 2113
10. Photograph (Class 1-P, BR) 07 September 2018. Accession # 2114.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

A Nebraska first was a group of four birds discovered (MH) 05 June 2018 at Wagon Train RA, Lancaster County, that were extensively photographed.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, JGJ) 05 June 2018. Accession # 2051.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 05 June 2018. Accession # 2052.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2053.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, CV) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2054.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, DL) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2055.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2056.
7. Photograph (Class 1-P, EJ) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2057.
8. Photograph (Class 1-P, JJJ) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2058.
9. Photograph (Class 1-P, JC) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2059.
10. Photograph (Class 1-P, JR) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2060.
11. Photograph (Class 1-P, MAB) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2061.
12. Photograph (Class 1-P, MB) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2062

13. Photograph (Class 1-P, RuS) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2063.
14. Photograph (Class 1-P, SM) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2064.
15. Photograph (Class 1-P, ShM) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2065.
16. Photograph (Class 1-P, SK) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2066.
17. Photograph (Class 1-P, TG) 06 June 2018. Accession # 2067.
18. Photograph (Class 1-P, ER) 07 June 2018. Accession # 2068.
19. Photograph (Class 1-P, RS) 07 June 2018. Accession # 2069.
20. Photograph (Class 1-P, EA) 09 June 2018. Accession # 2070.
21. Photograph (Class 1-P, EW) 09 June 2018. Accession # 2071.
22. Photograph (Class 1-P, JGJ) 09 June 2018. Accession # 2072.
23. Photograph (Class 1-P, JS) 09 June 2018. Accession # 2073.
24. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 09 June 2018. Accession # 2074.
25. Photograph (Class 1-P, WF) 09 June 2018. Accession # 2075.
26. Photograph (Class 1-P, KM) 10 June 2018. Accession # 2076.
27. Photograph (Class 1-P, GJ) 10 June 2018. Accession # 2077.
28. Photograph (Class 1-P, JN) 12 June 2018. Accession # 2078.
29. Photograph (Class 1-P, BB) 16 June 2018. Accession # 2079.
30. Photograph (Class 1-P, SB) 16 June 2018. Accession # 2080.
31. Photograph (Class 1-P, NS) 17 June 2018. Accession # 2081.
32. Photograph (Class 1-P, RuS) 22 June 2018. Accession # 2083.
33. Photograph (Class 1-P, KC) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2088.

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)

An immature male bird discovered at Summit Lake SRA, Burt County, in December 2017 continued into January 2018.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 01 January 2018. Accession # 1972.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, GR) 01 January 2018. Accession # 1973.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, MB) 01 January 2018. Accession # 1974.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, SM) 01 January 2018. Accession # 1975.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, SB) 01 January 2018. Accession # 1976.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, KH) 02 January 2018. Accession # 1979.
7. Photograph (Class 1-P, RuS) 02 January 2018. Accession # 1980.
8. Photograph (Class 1-P, JR) 03 January 2018. Accession # 1981.
9. Photograph (Class 1-P, WF) 03 January 2018. Accession # 1982.
10. Photograph (Class 1-P, IH,PH) 04 January 2018. Accession # 1983.

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)

1. An adult male was photographed (Class 1-P, MaS) 25 July 2018 in Gering, Scotts Bluff County. Accession # 2158.

Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*)

A male visiting a feeder south of Fremont, Saunders County was well documented, providing Nebraska's fourth accepted record.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, TH) 03 October, 2018. Accession # 2121.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, MAB) 06 October, 2018. Accession # 2123.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 06 October, 2018. Accession # 2124.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, JGJ) 06 October, 2018. Accession # 2125.

5. Photograph (Class 1-P, JR) 07 October, 2018. Accession # 2126.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, ShM) 07 October, 2018. Accession # 2127.
7. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 07 October, 2018. Accession # 2128.

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*)

1. An alternate adult was observed (Class 1-P, NA) 15 January 2018 at Lake McConaughy SRA, Keith County. Accession # 1986.

Additionally, an adult bird was discovered at Branched Oak SRA, Lancaster County.

2. Photograph (Class 1-P, NA) 11 March 2018. Accession # 1997.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 11 March 2018. Accession # 1998.

Martin Bay at Lake McConaughy, Keith County was the location of another sighting in April.

4. Photograph (Class 1-P, NA) 21 April 2018. Accession # 2005.

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)

A bird discovered at the Alda Bridge Overlook, Hall County, was well documented. This represents Nebraska's third record for the species.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, JN) 23 June 2018. Accession # 2085.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, MS) 23 June 2018. Accession # 2086.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2089.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2090.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, ER) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2091.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, JGJ) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2092.
7. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2093.
8. Photograph (Class 1-P, PR) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2094.
9. Photograph (Class 1-P, RF) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2095.
10. Photograph (Class 1-P, RuS) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2096.
11. Photograph (Class 1-P, CCh) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2097.
12. Photograph (Class 1-P, JC) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2098.
13. Photograph (Class 1-P, ShM) 24 June 2018. Accession # 2099.
14. Photograph (Class 1-P, AF) 25 June 2018. Accession # 2100.
15. Photograph (Class 1-P, WF) 26 June 2018. Accession # 2101.
16. Photograph (Class 1-P, JJJ) 26 June 2018. Accession # 2102.
17. Photograph (Class 1-P, JR) 26 June 2018. Accession # 2103.

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)

A single bird coming to a feeder in rural Hall County was well documented.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 22 May 2018. Accession # 2041.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 23 May 2018. Accession # 2043.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, MAB) 23 May 2018. Accession # 2044.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, ShM) 23 May 2018. Accession # 2045.

Red-throated Loon (Gavia stellata)

1. An adult bird was observed (Class 1-P, MW) 17 March 2018 at Branched Oak SRA, Lancaster County. Accession # 1999.

Yellow Rail (Coturnicops noveboracensis)

1. A description (Class III, JGJ) was received of a bird observed 21 April, 2018 at Jack Sinn Memorial WMA, Lancaster County. Accession # 2006.

Common Gallinule (Gallinula galeata)

One of two immature birds discovered (BaP,LP) at LaPlatte Bottoms, Sarpy Co. was well documented.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 27 October 2018. Accession # 2140.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 27 October 2018. Accession # 2141.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, JR) 27 October 2018. Accession # 2142.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 27 October 2018. Accession # 2143.

Another sighting was that of an immature bird at North Lake Basin WMA, Seward County.

5. Photograph (Class 1-P, JGJ) 31 October 2018. Accession # 2144.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, JJJ) 01 November 2018. Accession # 2145.

Red-naped Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus nuchalis)

An adult male discovered at Plum Creek Valley WMA, Brown County was well documented.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, WF) by the initial observer 15 September 2018. Accession # 2116.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 16 September 2018. Accession # 2117.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, MC) 16 September 2018. Accession # 2119.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, RH) 16 September 2018. Accession # 2122.

Gray Flycatcher (Empidonax wrightii)

A single bird discovered at Oliver Reservoir SRA, Kimball County was well documented.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, JR) 02 September 2018. Accession # 2109.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 02 September 2018. Accession # 2110.

Vermillion Flycatcher (Pyrocephalus rubinus)

1. An adult female was photographed (Class 1-P, WF) 11 April 2018 at Buffalo County Lake, Buffalo County. Accession # 2003.

White-eyed Vireo (Vireo griseus)

1. A description (Class III, LaK) was received of a bird observed 01 May, 2018 at Holmes Lake, Lancaster County. Accession # 2012.

Steller's Jay (Cyanocitta stelleri)

A single bird coming to a private feeder in the Wildcat Hills, Scotts Bluff County was well documented.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, CC) by the initial observer 08 October 2018. Accession # 2129.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 11 October 2018. Accession # 2131.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, PR) 11 October 2018. Accession # 2132.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, ShM) 11 October 2018. Accession # 2133.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 12 October 2018. Accession # 2134.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, JR) 20 October 2018. Accession # 2136.
7. Photograph (Class 1-P, ER) 21 October 2018. Accession # 2137.
8. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 31 December 2018. Accession # 2156.

Mountain Chickadee (Poecile gambeli)

1. A single bird was observed (Class 1-P, EMB) 31 December 2018 coming to a feeder in Gering, Scotts Bluff County. Accession # 2157.

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius)

A single male found in a yard in Lincoln, Lancaster County was well documented.

1. Photograph (Class I-P, CV) 13 November 2018. Accession # 2149.
2. Photographs (Class 1-P, ShM) 17 November 2018. Accession # 2150.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 18 November 2018. Accession # 2151.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 18 November 2018. Accession # 2152.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 23 November 2018. Accession # 2153.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, CV) 15 December 2018. Accession # 2155.

Evening Grosbeak (Coccothraustes vespertinus)

1. A single male was observed (Class 1-P, DW, MW) 01 January 2018 at a feeder in Hay Springs, Sheridan County. Accession # 1978.
2. A single female was observed (Class 1-P, CN via CK) 03 May 2018 at a feeder in Elmwood, Cass County. Accession # 2013.

White-winged Crossbill (Loxia leucoptera)

Multiple documentations were received of birds present at the New Lutheran Cemetery in Norfolk, Madison County.

1. Photograph (Class I-P, BP) 03 February 2018. Accession # 1988.
2. Photograph (Class I-P, MW) 04 February 2018. Accession # 1989.
3. Photograph (Class I-P, EMB) 08 February 2018. Accession # 1990.
4. Photograph (Class I-P, JR) 17 February 2018. Accession # 1992.
5. Photograph (Class I-P, LK) 17 February 2018. Accession # 1993.
6. Photograph (Class I-P, ShM) 17 February 2018. Accession # 1994.
7. Photograph (Class I-P, WF) 18 February 2018. Accession # 1995.

Additional 2018 records:

8. Two birds were observed (Class I-P, JO) at a feeder 27 March 2018 at Ogallala, Keith County. Accession # 2000.
9. A description (Class III, BH) was received of a bird coming to a feeder on 04 May 2018 in South Sioux City, Dakota County. Accession # 2015.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*)

The second accepted record for this species in Nebraska was discovered at Wilderness Park, Lancaster County, and (although only a one-day wonder) was well documented.

1. Recording by initial observer (Class 1-R, RuS) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2027.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, DL) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2028.
3. Photograph (Class 1-P, ER) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2029.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2030.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, JGJ) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2031.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, MAB) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2032.
7. Photograph (Class 1-P, ShM) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2033.
8. Photograph (Class 1-P, SS) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2034.
9. Photograph (Class 1-P, JC) 15 May 2018. Accession # 2035.

Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*)

1. A written description and photographs (Class III, MW) were received of a bird observed 13 May 2018 at Wilderness Park, Lancaster County. The photographs provided were not sufficient for stand-alone approval. Accession # 2026.

Hooded Warbler (*Setophaga citrina*)

An adult male discovered at Gilbert-Baker WMA, Sioux County, was documented by multiple written descriptions. *

1. Description (Class III, GR) 20 May 2018. Accession # 2037.
2. Description (Class III, KG) 20 May 2018. Accession # 2038.
3. Description (Class III, MU) 20 May 2018. Accession # 2039.
4. Description (Class III, RuS) 20 May 2018. Accession # 2040.

* The above four records will have a Class II designation as three or more independently written diagnostic documentations of the same bird exist.

An additional sighting was that of an adult male at Pawnee SRA, Lancaster County.

5. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 22 May 2018. Accession # 2042.
6. Photograph (Class 1-P, EMB) 23 May 2018. Accession # 2046.
7. Photograph (Class 1-P, EJ) 23 May 2018. Accession # 2047.
8. Photograph (Class 1-P, MAB) 23 May 2018. Accession # 2048.
9. Photograph (Class 1-P, ShM) 23 May 2018. Accession # 2049.

Cape May Warbler (Setophaga tigrina)

1. A male bird was photographed (Class 1-P, CCh) 03 May 2018 in Grand Island, Hall County. Accession # 2014.
2. A female was photographed (Class 1-P, SK) 08 May 2018 at Wagon Train RA, Lancaster County. Accession # 2018.

A female bird observed at Walnut Grove Park, Douglas County was well documented.

3. Photograph (Class 1-P, BP) 09 May 2018. Accession # 2019.
4. Photograph (Class 1-P, KK) 10 May 2018. Accession # 2020.
5. Photograph (Class 1-P, MW) 10 May 2018. Accession # 2021.
6. A male was photographed (Class 1-P, JGJ) 11 May 2018 at Platte River SP, Cass County. Accession # 2024.
7. A male was photographed (Class 1-P, MAB) 15 May 2018 at Grove Lake WMA, Antelope County. Accession # 2036.

Prairie Warbler (Helmitheros vermivorum)

A singing male was discovered at Spring Park, Lake McConaughy, Keith County.

1. Photograph (Class 1-P, JoS) 30 April 2018. Accession # 2010.
2. Photograph (Class 1-P, CS) 30 April 2018. Accession # 2011.

NOURC 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.

NOURC Unaccepted Records (Received in 2018):*Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)*

Several committee members questioned the following records, due to the lack of detailed descriptions and features of the bird relating to possible wild origin.

1. Photograph (Class VI) of an adult bird 13 January 2018 at Lakeside Park, Douglas County. Accession # 1985.

2. Photograph (Class VI) of an adult bird 18 January 2018 at Lakeside Park, Douglas County. Accession # 1987.
3. Photograph (Class VI) of an adult bird 05 April 2018 at North Park, Phelps County. Accession # 2001.
4. Photograph (Class VI) of an adult bird 13 November 2018 at Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County. Accession # 2147.

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)

1. Photographs of a single bird in Scotts Bluff Co., 19 September 2018 were considered inconclusive for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2118.

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)

1. A description of a single bird observed 02 October 2018 at Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County, was considered inconclusive for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2120.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

1. Photographs/description of a single bird observed 13 May 2018 at Lake McConaughy spillway, Keith County, was deemed inconclusive for acceptance. Class IV - Accession # 2025.

Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*)

1. A description of a single bird seen 12 April 2018 at Branched Oak SRA, Lancaster County, was suggestive of the species but lacked in detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2004.
2. Photographs of several birds observed 27 October, 2018 at Calamus Reservoir, Garfield County, were very suggestive, but were deemed inconclusive for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2139.

Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*)

1. A description/photograph of a bird observed 10 April 2018 Pawnee Lake, Lancaster County, lacked detail for approval. Class VI - Accession # 2002.

Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*)

1. A description of a bird observed 01 November 2018 at North Lake Basin WMA, Seward County, lacked in detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2146.

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*)

1. A description of a bird observed 24 April, 2018 at Jack Sinn Memorial WMA, Lancaster County, was very suggestive of the species but lacked detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2007.
2. A description of a bird observed 12 September 2018 at LaPlatte Bottoms, Sarpy County, was very suggestive of the species but lacked detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2115.

Common Raven (Corvus corax)

1. A description of a bird observed 01 January 2018 west of McCook, Red Willow County, was very suggestive but lacked detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 1977.
2. A description of a bird observed 08 January 2018 along I-80 in Kimball County lacked detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 1984.

Western Bluebird (Sialia mexicana)

1. A description of a pair of birds observed 25 October 2018 at Wildcat Hills Nature Center, Scotts Bluff County, lacked in detail to add this species to the state list. Class V – Accession # 2138.

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius)

1. A description of a single bird observed 13 February 2018 at Pioneers Park, Lancaster County, was suggestive of the species but lacked in detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 1991.
2. A description of a single bird in Hamilton Co., 08 December 2018 was suggestive of the species but lacked in detail for acceptance. Class V - Accession # 2154.

Evening Grosbeak (Coccothraustes vespertinus)

1. A description of birds observed in Dawes Co., 29 April 2018 was suggestive of this species but lacked in detail for acceptance. Class V – Accession # 2009.

Pine Grosbeak (Pinicola enucleator)

1. A photograph was received of a bird observed 24 May 2018 near Sutherland, Lincoln County, was deemed inconclusive. Class VI - Accession # 2050.

White-winged Crossbill (Loxia leucoptera)

1. A description of two birds seen 26 February 2018 in North Platte, Lincoln County, was suggestive of the species but lacked detail for approval. Class IV – Accession # 1996.

Baird's Sparrow (Centronyx bairdii)

1. A description of two birds observed 28 April 2018 in Saline County was very suggestive of the species but was deemed inconclusive. Class V - Accession # 2008.

Worm-eating Warbler (Helmitheros vermivorum)

1. A description of a bird heard calling 08 May 2018 at Fontanelle Forest, Sarpy County, was deemed inconclusive. Class V - Accession # 2017.
2. A description of a single bird observed 11 May 2018 at Fontanelle Forest, Sarpy County, was very suggestive of the species but lacked in detail for acceptance. Class IV - Accession # 2023.

NOURC Non-Review List Records (Received in 2018) Filed Without Votes:

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

Gray Partridge (*Perdix perdix*)

1. Photographs (MAB) were filed of a pair with young observed 16 August 2018 west of Brunswick on Hwy 20, Antelope County. Accession # 2108.

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)

1. Photographs (JR) of an immature bird 20 October 2018 at the Gering Cemetery, Scotts Bluff County, were filed. Accession # 2135.

Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*)

1. Photographs (GH) were filed of a green-backed male coming to a feeder 04 May 2018 in Murray, Cass County. A similar bird was photographed in Murray in January 2017. Accession # 2016.

MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*)

1. Photographs (JR) of a possible adult female observed 10 October 2018 in Omaha, Douglas County, were filed. Accession # 2130.

Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*)

1. A photograph (JiP) was filed of an adult male observed 13 November 2018 coming to a feeder in North Platte, Lincoln County. Accession # 2148.

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

1. Photographs (MW) of an eastward adult male observed 11 May 2018 in Wilderness Park, Lancaster County, were filed. Accession # 2022.

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