

Actions of the Michigan Bird Records Committee for 2014

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This is the 25th report of the Michigan Bird Records Committee (MBRC). This report covers the committee's actions during the year 2014.

In 2014, the MBRC committee consisted of regular members Allen Chartier (Wayne Co.), James Dawe (Oscoda Co.), Louis J. Dombroski (Bay Co.), Brad Murphy (Oakland Co.), Dave Slager (Washington), Scott Terry (Livingston Co.), Sean Williams (Ingham Co.), and alternate members Adam M. Byrne (Clinton Co.) and David Pavlik (Ingham Co.). Terry chaired the committee, and Byrne was the secretary.

In 2014, the committee made decisions on 205 records, with 148 (72.2%) of the decisions resulting in acceptance, at some taxonomic level. Accepted means that, for a given record, at least one individual reported was accepted, even if as something other than what was originally claimed. For example, a bird submitted as a Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*) and not accepted, but was later accepted as an *Aechmophorus* grebe.

The information provided for each of the following records is: vote tally, an inventory of the documentation provided, number of birds claimed, date(s), and location. For accepted records only, the observers associated with the documentation and, if known, the person who first found the bird(s) is listed and underlined, whether that person submitted documentation or not.

During 2014, two species were added to the Michigan bird list, Berylline Hummingbird (*Amazilia beryllina*) and Costa's Hummingbird (*Calypte costae*), bringing the total to 444. In addition, three species moved from Accidental to Casual [Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*), Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*), and Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*)], one from Casual to Accidental [Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*)], one from Regular to Casual [Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)], and three from Casual to Regular [Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*), White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*), and Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*)].



Per MBRC bylaw D.1., the three new Regular species will remain on the review list through 2017. Lastly, Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*), and Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) finished their three-year probationary period and were removed from the review list.

At the winter MBRC meeting, the committee also decided to remove Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) from the official review list, starting in January of 2015.

Records Accepted

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

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Philip C. Chu, Jim Dawe, Matt Hysell, David Pavlik

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Nathan DeBruine, Curtis Dykstra, Matt Galbraith, Diane Garlick, Thomas Gass, Scott Jennex, Carl Manning, Myles McNally, Marc Miedema, Andre Moncrieff, Brad Murphy, David Pavlik, Tom Pavlik, Zak Pohlen, Caleb Putnam, Scott Terry

One found by Tim Baerwald at Andrews University farm unit, Berrien Co., on 18-27 April 2014 (4th state record, 1st county record).

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

vote: 7-0 for two individuals

photo files: Dan Duso, Philip Odum, Wayne Shawl

Two were found by Steve Kolbe at Tawas Point State Park, Iosco Co., on 4 June 2014 (5th state record, 1st county record).

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Adam M. Byrne, Scott Terry

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Scott Terry

One male, in eclipse plumage, was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 25 August 2013 (48th state record, 9th county record).

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

vote: 6-1

description and photo files: Joseph M. Soehnel

One male, in basic plumage, was at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., on 24 April – 1 May 2014 (49th state record, 3rd county record).

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Alec Olivier, J.D. Phillips

photo files: Skye Haas, Alec Olivier, Karl Overman, J.D. Phillips

One male, in basic plumage, was at Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Schoolcraft Co., on 18-21 May 2014 (50th state record, 3rd county record).

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Myles McNally, Thomas R. Wheeler

One male, in basic plumage, was at the Houghton Lake Flats, Roscommon Co., on 31 May 2014 (51st state record, 1st county record).

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Kirby Adams, Brian Allen, Rick Brigham, Bly Bylsma, Adam M. Byrne, Nathan DeBruine, Charlie DeWitt, Alexandria Forsberg, Darlene Friedman, Diane Garlick, Thomas Gass, Matty Hack, Lyle Hamilton, Scott Jennex, Darrell Lawson, Stan Lilley, Ken Martin, Chris McCreedy, Myles McNally, Marc Miedema, Andre Moncrieff, Anna Pancella, Alex Pitt, Zac Pohlen, Caleb Putnam, Chace Scholten, Mike Sparague, Dan Sparks-Jackson, Bob Tarte, Scott Terry

One was at the mouth of the Muskegon River, Muskegon Co., on 4 February – 15 March 2014 (59th state record, 4th county record).

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*)

vote: 7-0

photo file: Brian Zwiebel

One was at Bolles Harbor, Monroe, Monroe Co., on 18 March 2014 (60th state record, 6th county record).

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)

vote: 7-0

description: Rick Brigham

One male, in its first winter, was at Douglas, Allegan Co., on 5 January 2014 (15th state record, 1st county record).

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Michael Boston, Adam M. Byrne

photo files: Kirby Adams, Brian Allen, Michael Boston, Rick Brigham, Matt Galbraith, Diane Garlick, Thomas Gass, Lyle Hamilton, Scott Jennex, Darrell Lawson, Stan Lilley, Kent Martin, Myles McNally, Marc Miedema, Andre Moncrieff, Marc North, Anna Pancella, Zac Pohlen, Craig Robson, Chace Scholten, Dan Sparks-Jackson, Mike Sprague, Scott Terry
One adult male, in basic plumage, was present at the mouth of the Muskegon River, Muskegon Co., on 2-22 February 2014 (16th state record, 2nd county record).

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Rick Brigham

One adult male, in basic plumage, was at Port Sheldon, Ottawa Co., on 6 March 2014 (17th state record, 1st county record).

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)

vote: 7-0

description: Elliot Nelson

photo files: Aaron Boone, Sean Fitzgerald

One adult male, in basic plumage, was on the Grand River, Grand Rapids, Kent Co., on 14-15 March 2014 (18th state record, 2nd county record).

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Cory Gregory, Thomas Wheeler

One was observed flying past Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 3 October 2013 (49th state record, 29th county record).

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Cory Gregory

One was observed flying past Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 16 October 2013 (50th state record, 30th county record).

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: David Bell

One was at St. Ignace, Mackinac Co., on 2 December 2013 (51st state record, 1st county record).



Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: [Eric Munch](#)

One was at Seneca Lake, Keweenaw Co., on 8 October 2014 (46th state record, 1st county record).

Aechmophorus grebe

vote: 7-0

photo files: [Tim Baerwald](#)

One was at Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph, Berrien Co., on 2 November 2012. Originally reported as a Western Grebe, this record was rejected with a 3-4 vote, in the second round. Most members felt the photos were too distant to determine the exact distribution of black on the head, relative to its eyes, making it difficult to eliminate the possibility of Clark's Grebe (*Aechmophorus clarkii*) or a hybrid.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)

vote: 7-0

description: Philip C. Chu

photo files: Rick Brigham, Adam M. Byrne, Andrew Galbraith, Matt Galbraith, Thomas Gass, Scott Jennex, Jerome Jourdan, Kim Leedom, Mike Mencotti, Myles McNally, Brad Murphy, Elliot Nelson, Karl Overman, Tom Pavlik, Zak Pohlen, Andrew Sturgess, Scott Terry, Tim Thompson, Larry Urbanski

One was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 7 May – 2 August 2014 (46th state record, 19th county record).

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Mike Mencotti, Todd Palgut, Andrew Sturgess

One joined the previously reported individual at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 5-22 June 2014 (47th state record, 20th county record).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Thomas Gass, Lyle Hamilton, Scott Jennex, Myles McNally, Mike Mencotti, Bill Niemczyk, Zak Pohlen, Gerald Sniderman

One adult was at the Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak, Oakland Co., on 27 April – 29 May 2014 (111th state record, 7th county record).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

vote: 7-0

description: Brad Murphy

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Andre Moncrieff, Scott Terry

One adult was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 2-21 August 2014 (112th state record, 27th county record).

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

vote: 6-1

photo files: Myles McNally, Ann Minkel

One adult was at Lakeview, Montcalm Co., on 8 May 2014 (21st state record, 1st county record).

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

vote: 7-0

description: David J. Peters

photo files: Roger Eriksson, Joe Soehnel

One adult was at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., on 10 May – 12 June 2014 (22nd state record, 2nd county record). This individual was with a group of three other ibis, one of which was accepted as White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*), see below.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)

vote: 6-1, in the second round

descriptions: Thomas Gass, Karl Overman

photo files: Thomas Gass, Karl Overman, Charles Owens

One was at the Morenci sewage lagoons, Lenawee Co., on 4 June 2013 (28th state record, 1st county record).

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Darrell Lawson

One was at Cheboygan, Cheboygan Co., on 5-6 May 2014 (29th state record, 1st county record). Earlier in the year, this record was reviewed and rejected, in the second round, with a 3-4 vote. The initial documentation included only photos, which showed an ibis with pinkish facial skin and white feathering around the face. However, it was not possible to assess eye coloration from the photos alone. Subsequently, though, written details were provided that described the eyes as red, prompting reconsideration and alleviating most members' concerns.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)

vote: 7-0 for one individual, 6-1 for one more

description: Mary Trombley

photo files: Rick Brigham, Scott Jennex, Jerome Jourdan, Myles McNally, Karl Overman, Paul Poronto, Mary Trombley

Four birds were reported at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 12-23 May 2014 (30th state record, 12th county record). The photographs showed four ibises with white facial feathering and pinkish facial skin. Eye coloration was clearly red on at least two individuals, but difficult to ascertain on the others; so, a third individual was resubmitted with a 5-2 vote (and was eventually accepted in 2015) and the fourth individual was rejected with a 3-4 vote.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)

vote: 6-1 for one individual

description and photo files: Joe Soehnel

Three ibises were observed at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., from 27 May – 10 June 2014 (31st state record, 1st county record), joining a Glossy Ibis that was also present. All three were reported as White-faced Ibis, but only one photo, of a single ibis, was clear enough to assess all the necessary field marks (facial skin coloration, eye color, and white facial feathering). The written details did not provide enough detail to supplement the photos, resulting in only one of three birds being accepted as a White-faced Ibis (the other two individuals were accepted as *Plegadis ibis* in 2015).

Plegadis ibis

vote: 7-0

description: David J. Peters

One was at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., on 12 April 2014. This record was originally reviewed as a White-faced Ibis, however, it was rejected with a 2-5 vote, in the second round. Committee members were troubled that the description did not explicitly state that the white facial feathering completely surrounded the eyes.

Plegadis ibis

vote: 7-0

photo files: Dan Lockard, Marc Miedema, Tod Van Wieren

One was at the Muskegon Wastewater Management System, Muskegon Co., on 6-9 May 2014.

Plegadis ibis

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Matt Hogan, Joseph M. Soehnel

One was at Nayanquing Point Wildlife Area, Bay Co., on 10 May 2014. This record was initially reviewed, as a Glossy Ibis, and rejected, with a 2-5 vote. Members were concerned that the identification was based on the lack of any visible white on the face. Neither observer was able to assess eye coloration or discern whether there were any pale lines bordering the edges of the facial skin. Thus, most members felt there was insufficient information to support the identification as a Glossy Ibis.

Plegadis ibis

vote: 7-0 for two individuals

description: David J. Peters

Two were at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., on 10 May 2014. These birds were reported, as White-faced Ibises, and rejected, with a 1-6 vote, because the observer was unable to ascertain eye color or explicitly describe the distribution of white facial feathering.

Plegadis ibis

vote: 7-0

photo files: [Adam M. Byrne](#), [Scott Terry](#)

One first-year ibis was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 28 September 2014.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 5-2, in the second round

description: [Greg Links](#)

One individual was seen at Temperance, Monroe Co., on 26 April 2013 (31st state record, 3rd county record).

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 7-0, in the second round

description: [Calvin Brennan](#)

One individual was at Brockway Mountain, Keweenaw Co., on 27-28 May 2013 (36th state record, 5th county record).

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 7-0

description: [Brian Henderson](#)



One was at the Houghton Lake flats, Houghton Lake, Roscommon Co., on 16 May 2014 (38th state record, 1st county record).

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 7-0

description: Tom Hince

One was at Wetzel State Recreation Area, Macomb Co., on 30 October 2014 (39th state record, 1st county record).

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)

vote: 7-0, in the second round

descriptions: Michael Richard Moore, Ron & Kay Wingert

One was at Cassopolis, Cass Co., on 21 August 2013 (9th state record, 1st county record).

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 5-2, in the second round

description: Scott Terry

One was at Brighton, Livingston Co., on 20 October 2013 (31st state record, 1st county record).

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 7-0 for three individuals

description: Philip C. Chu

photo files: Matt Hysell, Rhoda Johnson, Andre Moncrieff

Three birds were found by Tim Baerwald at Berrien Springs, Berrien Co., on 7-8 May 2014 (32nd state record, 3rd county record).

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 7-0

description: Louis J. Dombroski

One was at Port Austin, Huron Co., on 9 May 2014 (33rd state record, 2nd county record).

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Carl & Judi Manning

One was at Riley Trails County Park, Ottawa Co., on 12 May 2014 (34th state record, 1st county record).

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 7-0

photo file: [Chris Neri](#)

One was at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 25 May 2014 (35th state record, 12th county record).

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 6-1

description: [Scott Hickman](#)

One was at Deerton, Alger Co., on 28 May 2014 (36th state record, 1st county record).

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 7-0

description: [Brandon Aho](#)

One was along the Clinton River, Macomb, Macomb Co., on 8 July 2014 (37th state record, 1st county record).

“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis harlani*)

vote: 5-2, in the second round

photo files: [Tim Baerwald](#)

One was photographed at Warren Dunes State Park, Berrien Co., on 14 April 2013 (3rd state record, 1st county record). Amazingly, this individual was seen at the same location and same date as a “Krider’s” Red-tailed Hawk!

“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis harlani*)

vote: 6-1

description and photo files: [Jason Bojczyk](#)

One immature intermediate morph was at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 30 April 2014 (4th state record, 2nd county record).

“Krider’s” Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis kriderii*)

vote: 6-1

photo files: [Tim Baerwald](#)

One was photographed at Warren Dunes State Park, Berrien Co., on 14 April 2013 (2nd state record, 2nd county record).

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 7-0 for one individual

description and audio file: [John Brenneman](#)

Two were reported calling at Fort Custer Military Training Center, Kalamazoo Co., from 10 May – 19 June 2014 (140th state record, 6th county record). Some members were concerned that the description of the second bird was too brief, with little explanation or direct comparison between the two birds. The second bird was resubmitted with a 5-2 vote, discussed at the 2014 winter meeting, and eventually accepted in 2015.

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 7-0

description: Louis J. Dombroski

photo files: Carol DeWitt, Louis J. Dombroski, Monica Essenmacher

One was at Nayanquing Point Wildlife Area, Bay Co., on 12 May – 29 July 2014 (141st state record, 9th county record).

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 7-0

description: Bob & Mary Pratt

photo files: Mary Pratt

One was at Maple River State Game Area, Gratiot Co., on 15-17 May 2014 (142nd state record, 3rd county record).

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 7-0

description and audio file: Kevin Thomas

One was heard calling at Ionia State Park, Ionia Co., on 20-27 May 2014 (143rd state record, 1st county record).

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 7-0

description and audio file: Allen Chartier

One was at Sterling State Park, Monroe Co., on 25 May 2014 (144th state record, 37th county record).

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 7-0

description: Kristen Walter

One was heard calling at Fish Point State Wildlife Area, Tuscola Co., on 12 June 2014 (145th state record, 1st county record).

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*)

vote: 7-0

description and video file: Mary Trombley

photo files: Roger Eriksson, Philip Odum, Myles Willard

One was at Tuttle Marsh Wildlife Area, Iosco Co., on 5 May – 1 June 2014 (11th state record, 3rd county record).

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo file: David J. Peters

One female was at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., on 4 May 2014 (9th state record, 3rd county record).

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Myles McNally, Scott Terry

John McDaniel, and above, found a female at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 17-18 May 2014 (10th state record, 4th county record).

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Stan Lilley, Hank Veldman

One was at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., on 25-27 June 2014 (11th state record, 4th county record).

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Philip C. Chu, Diane Garlick, David Pavlik

photo files: Bradley Anderson, Rick Brigham, Adam M. Byrne, Heidi Doman, Curtis Dykstra, Darlene Friedman, Diane Garlick, Thomas Gass, Julie Gidwitz, Matt Hysell, Carl Manning, Kent Martin, Myles McNally, Andre Moncrieff, Brad Murphy, Marc North, Matt Kalwasinski, David Pavlik, Zak Pohlen

One, found by Kip Miller and identified by Diane Garlick, was at New Buffalo, Berrien Co., on 22-27 April 2014 (4th state record, 1st county record).

Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Philip C. Chu, Jerome Jourdan

photo files: Don Henise, Curt Hofer, Scott Jennex, Jerome Jourdan, Myles McNally, Brad Murphy, Zak Pohlen

One was found by Lyle Hamilton and Tex Wells at Willow Run Airport, Wayne Co., on 7-8 May 2014 (3rd state record, 1st county record).

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Louis J. Dombroski, Darrell Lawson

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Jerome Jourdan, Darrell Lawson, Brad Murphy, Scott Terry

One was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 9-10 August 2014 (55th state record, 26th county record).

Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*)

vote: 7-0

description: Scott Hickman

One was at Au Train, Alger Co., on 2 June 2014 (16th spring record, 1st county spring record).

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

vote: 6-1

descriptions: Adam M. Byrne, Lyle Hamilton

photo files: Lyle Hamilton, Karl Overman, Scott Terry

One was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 1-21 December 2013 (220th state record, 69th county record).

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Thomas Gass, Andrew Sturgess

One was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 22-23 July 2014 (221st state record, 70th county record).

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

vote: 7-0

description: Adam M. Byrne

photo files: Scott Terry

One was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 28 September 2014 (222nd state record, 71st county record).

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

vote: 6-1

description and photo files: [Adam M. Byrne](#)

One was at Sterling State Park, Monroe Co., on 16 October 2014 (223rd state record, 72nd county record).

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*)

vote: 7-0, in the second round

photo files: [Valerie Holzberger](#)

One was at Houghton, Houghton Co., on 9-11 November 2013 (99th state record, 1st county record).

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Rick Brigham, Jamie Krupka, Judi Manning, Ken Sapkowski, Chace Scholten

One was found by [Carl & Judi Manning](#) at Holland State Park, Ottawa Co., on 6 October 2014 (101st state record, 10th county record).

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Matt Hysell

One was at Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph, Berrien Co., on 15 November 2014 (105th state record, 22nd county record).

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)

vote: 6-1

description: [Ken Mettie, Jr.](#)

One, also observed by [Mary Beth Oles](#), flew past Port Huron, St. Clair Co., on 13 September 2013 (30th state record, 8th county record).

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: [Cory Gregory](#)

One flew past Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 20 September 2013 (31st state record, 14th county record).

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Jeff Buecking, Lyle Hamilton, Mark Hubinger, Eric Ripma



One was observed flying north and then again south past Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 10 October 2014 (27th state record, 12th county record).

Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*)

vote: 7-0

description: Darrell Lawson

photo files: Kirby Adams, Christopher Braniecki, Rick Brigham, Adam M. Byrne, Dan Fox, James Fox, Darlene Friedman, Thomas Gass, Lyle Hamilton, Scott Jennex, Jerome Jourdan, Darrell Lawson, Myles McNally, Andre Moncrieff, Brad Murphy, Sherry Plessner, Tom Pavlik, Zak Pohlen, Caleb Putnam, Mike Sprague, Andrew Sturgess, Scott Terry, Larry Urbanski, Jim VanAllen

One was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 19-31 August 2014 (14th state record, 7th county record).

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Brian Johnson

One adult was at the Muskegon Wastewater Management System, Muskegon Co., on 14 October 2013 (7th state record, 1st county record).

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*)

vote: 7-0

description: Raymond Adams

One was found during the Battle Creek Christmas Bird Count at Gull Lake, Richland, Kalamazoo Co., on 14 December 2013 (8th state record, 1st county record).

California Gull (*Larus californicus*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Tom Hince

One, in its first cycle, was at Port Huron, St. Clair Co., on 19 November 2013 (24th state record, 2nd county record).

California Gull (*Larus californicus*)

vote: 6-1

description: Brandon Aho, Tom Hince

photo files: Tom Hince

One was at New Baltimore, Macomb Co., on 21 October 2014 (25th state record, 1st county record).

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*)

vote: 6-1

description: Skye Haas

photo files: Skye Haas, D.J. McNeil

One was at Crosswinds Marsh, New Boston, Wayne Co., on 26-27 December 2013 (4th state record, 1st county record).

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*)

vote: 6-1

description: Matt Hysell, Kip Miller

photo files: Tim Baerwald, Matt Hysell, Kip Miller

One was at Three Oaks sewage ponds, Three Oaks, Berrien Co., on 29-30 March 2014 (5th state record, 1st county record).

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Louis J. Dombroski, Skye Haas, J.D. Phillips

photo files: Skye Haas, Beth Olson, J.D. Phillips

One was at Marquette, Marquette Co., on 31 March – 5 April 2014 (6th state record, 2nd county record).

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

vote: 5-2, in the second round

photo files: Tim Baerwald

One was observed flying past Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph, Berrien Co., on 30 September 2013 (24th state record, 7th county record).

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Tim Baerwald

One was observed flying past Tiscornia Park, St. Joseph, Berrien Co., on 5 October 2013 (25th state record, 8th county record).

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

vote: 7-0, in the second round

description: Tom Hince

Two juveniles were observed flying over Lake Huron at Port Huron, St. Clair Co., on 21-22 October 2013 (26th state record, 1st county record). This record was first reviewed in 2013, with one individual accepted. There were some initial concerns whether the details pertained to one or two

individuals, but after discussion, all agreed that two birds were sufficiently documented.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

vote: 7-0

description: Philip C. Chu

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Jerome Jourdan

One adult was at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 5 July 2014 (27th state record, 6th county record).

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Alec Olivier

One juvenile was at Grand Marais, Alger Co., on 19 September 2014 (28th state record, 1st county record).

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopella decaocto*)

vote: 7-0 for three individuals, 6-1 for three more

descriptions: Rick Brigham, Sean Fitzgerald, Chris McCreedy

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Sean Fitzgerald, Matt Hysell, Scott Jennex, Stan Lilley, Myles McNally, Marc North

Six birds frequented Spirea Road, Bertrand Twp., from 25 January 2013 – 5 July 2014 (12th state record, 4th county record). In 2013, two individuals were accepted and one resubmitted (Terry 2015); the resubmitted individual was accepted in 2014 with a 7-0 vote, in the second round. New documentation was submitted in 2014, leading to a re-evaluation and acceptance of six individuals.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopella decaocto*)

vote: 7-0 for one individual, 0-7 for two more

description: Jan R. Radke

photo files: Kip Miller

Three birds were reported at the corner of Date and Snow roads, Berrien Co., on 8-11 September 2014. Members felt the documentation did not adequately describe or show coloration of the primaries, pattern of the outermost rectrices, or color of undertail coverts of the additional two birds.

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

vote: 7-0

description: Cory Gregory



One was at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 1 September 2013 (21st state record, 6th county record).

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

vote: 7-0

description: J.D. Philips

photo files: Skye Haas, Marc North

One was at Marquette, Marquette Co., on 26-28 May 2014 (22nd state record, 1st county record).

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo file: Todd Palgut

One was at Oscoda, Iosco Co., on 8 June 2014 (23rd state record, 1st county record).

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

vote: 7-0

description: Linda M. Ritz

photo files: Stan Lilley, Caleb Putnam, Linda M. Ritz

One was at Clare, Clare Co., on 11-12 June 2014 (24th state record, 1st county record).

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo file: Jackie B. Elmore

One was at Baraga, Baraga Co., on 24-25 June 2014 (25th state record, 2nd county record).

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Philip Odum

One was at Tawas Point State Park, Iosco Co., on 12 November 2014 (26th state record, 2nd county record).

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Bob Kingsbury, Summer Palmer

One was at Mason, Ingham Co., on 16-17 May 2014 (125th state record, 5th county record).

Chuck-will's-widow (*Antrostomus carolinensis*)

vote: 7-0, in the second round

description: Karl Overman

One was heard in Kalamazoo Co., on 1 May – mid July 1977 (2nd state record, 2nd county record).

Chuck-will's-widow (*Antrostomus carolinensis*)

vote: 7-0

description: Mary Trombley

audio files: Thomas Gass, Don Henise

video files: Adam M. Byrne, , Scott Jennex, Mary Trombley

One was at Sharonville State Game Area, Jackson Co., on 21 May – 8 August 2014 (18th state record, 4th county record).

Green Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Laura Peabody

One adult was at White Cloud, Newaygo Co., on 13-14 July 2014 (8th state record, 1st county record).

Green Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Tom Lucier

One adult was at Presque Isle, Presque Isle Co., on 2-3 September 2014 (9th state record, 1st county record).

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

vote: 7-0

description: Allen Chartier

photo files: Allen Chartier, Robbyn Davenport, Scott Jennex

One, found by Denise Scholten, was at Laingsburg, Clinton Co., on 1 September – 24 November 2013 (39th state record, 2nd county record).

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Allen Chartier, Steven F. Kahl, David J. Peters

photo files: Allen Chartier, Mary Rivett

One was in Spaulding Twp., Saginaw Co., on 8 September – 14 December 2013 (40th state record, 2nd county record).



Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Adam M. Byrne, Allen Chartier,

photo files: Allen Chartier, Scott Jennex, Zak Pohlen, Jay Strader, Sean Williams

One adult female, found by Lydia & Fred Shoffstall, was at Holt, Ingham Co., on 1 October – 9 December 2013 (42nd state record, 3rd county record).

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Allen Chartier, Jonathan T. Wuepper

photo files: Allen Chartier, David Cochran

One adult male, found by Karen Cochran, was at Eau Claire, Berrien Co., on 4 October – 11 December 2013 (43rd state record, 7th county record).

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Allen Chartier, Linda Scribner

photo files: Allen Chartier, Carl Freeman, Scott Jennex, Mary Newhouse, Marc North, Will Weber

One adult female, found by Dave & Mary Newhouse, was at Cadillac, Wexford Co., on 6 October – 12 November 2013. Amazingly, the banded bird was refound by Daniel Rios & Cristin Gleisner at Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., on 14 November – 10 December 2013 (44th state record, 1st Wexford and Washtenaw county records).

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

vote: 7-0

description: Allen Chartier

photo files: Joe Brooks, Allen Chartier, Scott Sneed

One adult female, found by Neil & Gloria South, was at Traverse City, Grand Traverse Co., on 5-23 November 2013 (45th state record, 1st county record).

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

vote: 7-0

description: Allen Chartier

photo files: Allen Chartier, Thomas Gass, Caleb Putnam, Bob Tarte

One immature male, found by Tom & Lynn Mulder, was at Kentwood, Kent



Co., on 10 November – 8 December 2013 (46th state record, 2nd county record).

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus/sasin*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Thomas Kaverman

One, first noticed in November, was last seen visiting a feeder at Tustin, Lake Co., on 7 December 2010 (8th state record, 1st county record).

Berylline Hummingbird (*Amazilla beryllina*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Allen Chartier, Scott Hickman, Darrell Lawson

photo files: Adam M. Byrne, Allen Chartier, Darlene Friedman, Andrew Galbraith, Diane Garlick, Skye Haas, Jeff Hendricks, Matt Hysell, Scott Jennex, Myles McNally, Alex Pitt, Zak Pohlen, Caleb Putnam, Scott Terry, Evelyn Wood, Kirk Zufelt

An adult male was first noticed by Toni Whaley at the residence of Georgina Mixon on 17 September and was remarkably relocated roughly a mile away at the residence of Scotty & Christine Roberts on 18-22 September 2014, all at Grand Marais, Alger Co. (1st state and county record).

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Zach Gayk

One was at Eagle River, Keweenaw Co., on 7-9 May 2014 (19th state record, 4th county record).

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Christopher D. Lipps

One was at Ludington State Park, Mason Co., on 17 May 2014 (20th state record, 1st county record).

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)

vote: 5-2, in the second round

description and photo files: Carrie Gawne

One was found near Hadley, Lapeer Co., on 22 September 2013 (7th state record, 1st county record).

Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Allen Chartier, Sean Williams

photo files: Kirby Adams, Adam M. Byrne, Allen Chartier, Roger Eriksson, Thomas Gass, Lyle Hamilton, Steven F. Kahl, Stan Lilley, Myles McNally, Brad Murphy, Karl Overman, Zak Pohlen, Caleb Putnam, Joe Soehnel, Scott Terry, Mary Trombley, Sean Williams

One was at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw Co., on 30 October – 8 November 2014 (2nd state record, 1st county record).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Doug Klein, Marisa Kronenwetter

photo files: Anne Klein

One was at Hastings, Barry Co., on 22 April 2014 (45th state record, 1st county record).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)

vote: 6-1

description: Skye Haas

One was at Harvey, Marquette Co., on 16 June 2014 (46th state record, 2nd county record).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Darrell Lawson, Mark Wloch

photo files: Brian Allen, Joe Brooks, Diane Garlick, Thomas Gass, Ross Green, Darrell Lawson, Stan Lilley, Ken Sapkowski, Chace Scholten, Mark Wloch

One was at Ludington, Mason Co., from late August – 30 October 2014 (47th state record, 1st county record).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)

vote: 7-0

photo file: Beth Olson

One was near Shot Point, Marquette Co., on 2-3 November 2014 (48th state record, 3rd county record).

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

vote: 7-0 for seven birds, 6-1 for one more

descriptions: Louis J. Dombroski, Evan Griffis



photo files: Tim Baerwald, Louis J. Dombroski, Evan Griffis, Skye Haas, Marc North

A nesting pair, found by Don & Robin Henise, and Louis J. Dombroski, was at Newberry, Luce Co. on 9 June – 8 August 2013 (161st state record, 2nd county record. During an initial review, the two adults and five nestlings were accepted and one nestling rejected (7-0 vote for the adults and four nestlings, 7-0 vote in the second round for a fifth nestling, and 3-4 vote for the rejected nestling). One observer obtained photos of the nest, but the nestlings were lying atop one another, leading to the acceptance of only five nestlings. After some discussion, the committee re-evaluated and accepted the pair and all six nestlings.

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

vote: 6-1

photo files: Rick Brigham, Judi Manning, Zak Pohlen

One was at Riley Trails County Park, Ottawa Co., on 30 April 2014 (162nd state record, 7th county record).

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Skye Haas, Jorie O'Brien

One was at Presque Isle Bog, Marquette Co., on 17-22 May 2014 (163rd state record, 2nd county record).

Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Paul Newson

One was found along the roadside of the Abbaye Peninsula, Baraga Co., on 12 October 2014 (2nd state record, 1st county record).

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

vote: 6-1

description: Stephen T. Pike

One was observed flying near Kensington Metropark, Oakland Co., on 10 September 2013.

Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*)

vote: 7-0 for six birds, 6-1 for four more

description: Philip C. Chu, Matt Hysell, Brad Murphy, Sean Williams

photo files: Matt Galbraith, Matt Hysell, Judi Manning, Sean Williams

A large flock, found by Matt Hysell and Rhoda Johnson, was along Buffalo Road, southern Berrien Co., on 11-26 April 2014 (23rd state record, 6th county record). Up to 12 birds were reported; the additional two were resubmitted with a 4-3 vote and will be resolved in 2015.

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Karl Overman

One was at Grindstone City, Huron Co., on 20-23 February 2012 (10th state record, 2nd county record). This record was originally rejected, because the committee felt the base of the primaries were obscured by breast side and flank feathers (Terry 2015). However, in 2014, the committee reevaluated the photographs and agreed that the primary bases were not as obscured as previously argued, making it possible to confirm the lack of any white patches at the base of the primaries.

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Jack Johnson

One visited a feeder at Lakeview, Montcalm Co., from late December 2013 – 13 March 2014 (11th state record, 1st county record).

Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*)

vote: 7-0 in the second round

description: Gary Palmer

photo files: Skye Haas, Gary Palmer

One was at Peninsula Point, Delta Co., on 17 May 2013 (2nd state record, 1st county record).

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*)

vote: 7-0

photofile: Chris Neri

One was at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 25 May 2014 (23rd state record, 7th county record).

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Louis J. Dombroski

One was found just west of Copper Harbor, Keweenaw Co., on 25 September 2014 (24th state record, 3rd county record).

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*)

vote: 6-1

photo files: [Chace Scholten](#)

One was at Saugatuck Dunes State Park, Allegan Co., on 26 October 2014 (25th state record, 3rd county record).

Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: David Essian, Gary Palmer

photo files: Demetri Lafkas

One was at Big Bay lighthouse, Marquette Co., on 6 October 2013 (42nd state record, 2nd county record).

Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: [Jerry Brow](#)

One was at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Leelanau Co., on 14 May 2014 (45th state record, 1st county record).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: [George Miljour](#)

A male was at Negaunee, Marquette Co., on 14-17 May 2014 (28th state record, 3rd county record).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

vote: 7-0

description: J.D. Phillips

photo files: Skye Haas, Gary Palmer

A male was at Peninsula Point, Delta Co., on 15-17 May 2014 (29th state record, 4th county record).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Skye Haas

A female joined the male found on the 15th at Peninsula Point, Delta Co., on 17 May 2014 (30th state record, 5th county record).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Betty Graham

A male visited a feeder at Barbeau, Chippewa Co., on 19-21 May 2014 (31st state record, 6th county record).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

vote: 7-0

photo file: David Dister

A male was in Hamlin Twp., Mason Co., on 21 May 2014 (32nd state record, 1st county record).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

vote: 7-0, in the second round

description and photo files: Tom Reed

A male was photographed flying over the tip at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 19 May 2013 (22nd state record, 4th county record).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

vote: 7-0

description: Charlene Brennan

A male was at Copper Harbor, Keweenaw Co., on 10 May 2014 (23rd state record, 1st county record).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

vote: 7-0

description and photo files: Paul Poronto

A male, found by Brandon Aho, was at Lake St. Clair Metropark, Macomb Co., on 19 May 2014 (24th state record, 1st county record).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

vote: 6-1

description: Don Henise

One, co-found by Robyn Henise, was at Sharonville State Game Area, Jackson Co., on 21 May 2014 (25th state record, 1st county record).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

vote: 7-0

description: Phyllis Carlson

photo files: Phyllis Carlson, Skye Haas



A male was at Norway, Dickinson Co., on 3-5 July 2014 (26th state record, 2nd county record).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

vote: 7-0 for two individuals

description: Darrell Lawson

photo files: Rick Brigham, Thomas Gass, Elliot Nelson, Anne Pancella

A pair was at Allegan State Game Area, Allegan Co., on 13 July – 6 August 2014 (27th state record, 3rd county record).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

vote: 7-0 for six individuals

description: Adam M. Byrne

photo files: Karen Brown, Adam M. Byrne, Andy Dettling, Zachary Friebe, Diane Garlick, Gordon Green, Kent Martin, Anne Pancella, Alex Pitt, Marie Rust

A pair with three nestlings was observed along the Kalamazoo Valley Trail, Kalamazoo Co., on 12 June – 14 August 2014 (28th state record, 1st county record). One observer felt there were two adult females present. None of the photos supported a second adult female, so it was rejected with a 0-7 vote.

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Ruth Wiser

A male visited a feeder in Highland Twp., Oakland Co., on 10 May 2014 (25th state record, 1st county record).

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)

vote: 7-0

photo files: Chris Neri

A female was at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 17 May 2014 (26th state record, 2nd county record).

Boat-tailed/Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus major/mexicanus*)

vote: 6-1

description: Jeff Schultz

One, originally reported as a Great-tailed Grackle, was in Bridgewater Twp., Washtenaw Co., on 8 April 2014 (3rd state record, 1st county record).



When considered as a Great-tailed Grackle, most members felt the lack of any vocalizations made it difficult to rule out a Boat-tailed Grackle, resulting in a 3-4 vote.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)

vote: 7-0, in the second round

description: J.D. Phillips

photo files: J.D. Phillips, Jason St. Pierre

Four individuals frequented Marquette, Marquette Co., on 29 April – 6 May 2013 (10th state record, 1st county record). Three individuals were accepted in 2013 (Terry 2015), with the fourth individual accepted in 2014, after a second round of consideration.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)

vote: 7-0 for two individuals, in the second round

description and photo files: Stan G. Thomas

Two, co-found by Barb Thomas, visited a feeder at Iron River, Iron Co., on 13-15 May 2014 (13th state record, 1st county record).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)

vote: 7-0

descriptions: Louis J. Dombroski, Skye Haas

photo files: Skye Haas, Burchard Jackson, Beth Olson, Karl Overman

One was at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 18-23 May 2014 (14th state record, 6th county record).

Records Not Accepted

Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*)

vote: 2-5 for one individual; 0-7 for one more, in the second round
one photo file

A photograph showing two Barnacle Geese was discovered during the Tuscola Co. Christmas Bird Count. The hunter stated he shot the birds at an unknown location on Saginaw Bay on 22 October 2012. The hunter stated the birds were shot just after Hurricane Sandy, however the date Hurricane Sandy reached Michigan was closer to 29 October, a full week later. Further attempts to contact the hunter and get more information were unsuccessful. Given concern over the date and location uncertainties and the inability to assess presence/absence of the halluces, members were unwilling to endorse this record as the first wild Barnacle Geese recorded in Michigan.

Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*)

vote: 0-7

37 photo files

One individual frequented the New Buffalo, Berrien Co., on 18 March – 31 December 2013. When first discovered, the bird was found to have many flight feathers pinioned and a hallux missing. This, along with its domesticated behavior, led the committee to question its provenance.

“Taverner’s” Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii taverneri*)

vote: 0-7 for two individuals

one description

Two were claimed at Crosswinds Marsh, Wayne Co., on 30 October – 9 November 2009. Mlodinow (2008) points out there is much overlap between the Cackling Goose subspecies and that they are often not identifiable in the field. For these birds, the observer described their breasts as “rather pale,” but failed to describe darker flanks or bellies, features characteristic of *B. h. taverneri*. Without showing all classic features, the committee was unwilling to endorse this record as a “Taverner’s” Cackling Goose.

“Lesser” Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis parvipes*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at Willow Metropark, Wayne Co., on 6 November 2012. The identification was based on the bird’s size, bill shape, and head shape. Given the often overlapping nature of these field marks, the brief description could not rule out a slightly smaller, and more typical *B. c. interior* Canada Goose.

“Lesser” Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis parvipes*)

vote: 1-6

three photo files

One was claimed at Little Lake, Washtenaw Co., on 23 February 2013. The photos show a small goose in the water, making it difficult to ascertain the true size of the bird or extent of certain plumage characteristics. Most committee members were concerned by the bird’s apparent short, thick-necked appearance (opposed to long and thin-necked in “Lesser”) and its short, broad bill (opposed to a longer, more sloping bill of a “Lesser”). Given the overlap between the Canada Goose subspecies, most members found the documentation inconclusive.



Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 27 August 2013. While this claim was made within two days of an accepted Eurasian Wigeon (see above), at the same location, the description of “gray flanks and back” conflict with the photographs provided for the accepted record, so this was treated as a separate record. The observer stated they “suspect this is the same bird,” yet provided almost no description other than the conflicting field marks, leading members to conclude that the documentation was not sufficient to warrant acceptance.

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)

vote: 3-4

one description, twelve photo files

One was claimed at Lake Erie Metropark, Wayne Co., on 5-6 October 2014. The photographs show a large, clearly defined green patch behind the eyes and small brown patches on the upperwing coverts. While pure male Eurasian Wigeons can show some green on the auriculars, this bird showed an extensive pattern that mirrored the pattern of an American Wigeon (*Anas americana*). The brown patches on the upperwing coverts were also a concern, as male Eurasian Wigeons should have pale gray, not brown coverts. Lastly, at least one observer felt strongly that the bird was a hybrid American Wigeon x Eurasian Wigeon, a possibility that most members agreed could not be eliminated by the documentation provided.

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)

vote: 0-7

one description and one photo file

One was claimed flying past Tiscornia Park, Berrien Co., on 2 October 2013. The photo file shows an *Aythya* with a large white wing stripe and a back that the majority of the committee felt looked more gray than black. The description stated the back was “black”, but the observation was brief and distant. Given past experiences with hybrid *Aythya* that appeared extremely like “pure” Tufted Ducks, but on careful close examination showed hybrid traits, the committee was concerned the observer would not have been able to ascertain whether or not any pale vermiculations were present on the back.

King/Common Eider (*Somateria spectabilis/mollissima*)

vote: 1-6

one description

One was reported at Anchor Bay, Lake St. Clair, Macomb and St. Clair cos., on 30 October 2013. This record was initially reviewed and rejected as a Common Eider with a 0-7 vote. The observer described a large dark with a sloping bill/forehead, but did not describe any plumage characteristics that would eliminate other species, such as a Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) from consideration.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)

vote: 0-7

six photo files

A female goldeneye was photographed at Marysville, St. Clair Co., on 25 January 2014. The bird in question had a large amount of yellow on the bill, however, the overall shape and plumage fit well within the range of Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*). In fact, its bill appeared very similar in shape to all the surrounding Common Goldeneyes, rather than shorter and stubbier like a Barrow's Goldeneye. Lastly, many members cited personal experience with female Common Goldeneyes showing mostly or entirely yellow bills, so bill color should not be used as a definitive character, when trying to identify female goldeneyes.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)

vote: 0-7

One was claimed in St. Clair Co., on 12 February 2014. The observer stated the bird was "Goldeneye" in size and shape, with an "elongated" facial patch. Many members pointed out that the cheek patch on Common Goldeneye is slightly variable and could be described as elongated. Regardless, without a description of the presence/absence of shoulder bars or details on the pattern/coloration of the upperparts, it was also not possible to eliminate a hybrid goldeneye.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*)

vote: 1-6

two photo files

One was claimed at the Muskegon River, Muskegon Co., on 6 March 2014. The bird showed a more yellow-orange bill than a typical Common Goldeneye, and the overall head shape appeared to be a close match for a Barrow's Goldeneye. However, most members were concerned about

the amount of white in the lesser and median primary coverts, which was more suggestive of a Common Goldeneye. Additionally, for such a difficult identification, some members felt a description of the upperwing pattern was necessary.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*)

vote: 1-6

one description

One was reported from the west side of Harbor Point, Emmet Co., on 14 December 2013. It was described as a small loon with a dark back, white throat, and straight bill. Members felt these details did not eliminate a young Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*) from consideration.

Arctic/Pacific Loon (*Gavia arctica/pacifica*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One loon, originally claimed as a Pacific Loon, was at Pere Marquette Park, Muskegon Co., on 28 October 2013. This record was submitted and reviewed as a Pacific Loon, where it was also rejected with a 0-7 vote. The brief description simply stated the bird was “similar in size to RTLO [Red-throated Loon] but had the coloration of a PALO [Pacific Loon].” Members were uncertain what was meant by this statement. Without knowing the bird’s age and more specific plumage details, all members felt there wasn’t enough information to warrant acceptance.

Arctic/Pacific Loon (*Gavia arctica/pacifica*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One, originally claimed as a Pacific Loon, was reported flying past Pere Marquette Park, Muskegon Co., on 2 November 2013. The bird was described as smaller than a Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) with a straight bill, rather than an upturned bill, like in Red-throated Loon. Members felt the lack of detail on the head and neck pattern made it difficult to rule out a Red-throated Loon, which based on their personal experience, can at times appeared straight-billed. So, this record was rejected as a Pacific Loon with a 0-7 vote and again under this broader category.

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*)

vote: 0-7

One was claimed from just north of Seagull Point, Presque Isle Co., on 16 November 2014. While the description of a large black and white grebe, with black below the eye and yellow bill, suggested a Western Grebe, the description of a white stripe on the forehead and a white rump did not match either of the *Aechmophorus* grebes.

***Aechmophorus* grebe**

vote: 0-7

three photo files

An injured grebe was picked up and photographed at Sterling Heights, Macomb Co., on 26 January 2014. This record was originally reviewed and not accepted as a Western Grebe, with a 0-7 vote. The photos clearly showed a Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*), based on the bird's small size, short neck, and short, dark bill.

Plegadis ibis

vote: 1-6, in the second round

one description

One was reported from an unknown location in Wayne Co., on 20 July 2005. In 2013, this record was reviewed and rejected, with a 0-7 vote, as a Glossy Ibis (Terry 2015). Once again, under this broader category, most members remained concerned with the brief details, lack of field notes, and fact that the observer couldn't even remember the exact location of the sighting.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 0-7, in the second round

one description

One was claimed at Hogset Lake, Portage, Kalamazoo Co., on 16 June 2013. The committee was concerned about the extremely brief observation – 6 seconds – and the possibility the observer had an awkward view of a Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) or a corvid with whitish primaries.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was reported from somewhere along I-94, in Jackson Co., on 6 October 2013. The description was limited to "wing shape different than

TVs [Turkey Vultures]" and "silver only on wing tips." Given these brief details, the committee was concerned about the duration of the sighting, lighting conditions, whether optics were used, and whether or not there were other birds in the vicinity for direct comparison. These uncertainties left all members uneasy about the record.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 3-4

one description

One was claimed at Petoskey, Emmet Co., on 12 April 2014. Some members were convinced by the description of the light wingtips, short and fanned tail, and feet sticking out behind the tail. However, the majority of the committee was troubled by the generic details provided, considering the bird was only 25 feet above the observer. For example, the observer “could not make out” the bird’s head, yet was able to see toes sticking out beyond the tail tip. Also, only the tips of the wings were said to be light-colored, leaving members wondering if it entailed the entire outermost primaries or only a portion of them.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed in Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., on 4 September 2014. The entire committee was unconvinced by the description of a dark bird with a gray head, which does not eliminate the possibility of a young Turkey Vulture.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

vote: 0-7

one description and five photo files

One was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 18 May 2014. This record followed a particularly unlikely path and demonstrates how photos can be deceiving, the importance of a quality description, and the humility of the committee. The photos show a uniformly gray raptor with pointed wings and long square tail. Originally these photos were accepted with a 7-0 vote, demonstrating the power of suggestion. However, after an outside observer suggested the bird was actually a Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), the committee voted to reevaluate the record. Most members agreed with the corrected identification as a Peregrine Falcon, or, for those that remained unsure, felt it did not conclusively show a Mississippi Kite.

“Krider’s” Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis kriderii*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at Boyne City, Charlevoix Co., on 1 October 2013. Many members were concerned by the description of a pale pink tail, light brown head, and brown streaked belly and breast. This bird’s pale pink tail would suggest it was an adult, yet, the brown head and streaked underparts are not consistent with an adult. Additionally, several members were concerned about the lack of information on optics, distance, and duration of the sighting.

“Krider’s” Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis kriderii*)

vote: 1-6, in the second round

one description and 14 photo files

One was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 29 May 2014. Members found the description unhelpful, since it described what was believed to be one individual seen on both 29 & 30 May, yet the photos clearly showed two different individuals. The photos showed a hawk with a brown head and streaking on the flanks, but the tail was mostly obscured. An adult Krider’s Hawk should have unmarked breast and flanks, while a juvenile should have some markings in both areas. In this case, the bird seemed to have markings on only the flanks. So, most members felt the bird was interesting, but that the features didn’t quite fit a classic Krider’s Hawk.

“Krider’s” Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis kriderii*)

vote: 0-7

one description and 17 photo files

One was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 30 May 2014. As above, the description was unusable. And, as above, the photos were not clear enough to discern enough detail on the head, underparts, wings, or tail. Without being able to clearly assess all field marks, members were not willing to vote for acceptance.

Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*)

vote: 1-6

one description, four photo files

One was claimed at the Mackinaw Hawk Watch, Emmet Co., on 30 May 2014. Unfortunately, the photos showed little more than a dark speck in the sky. The description basically described a dark raptor with a white tail. Most members felt the details were not good enough to rule out other dark raptors, like a “Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk.

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*)

vote: 1-6

one description

One was claimed at Harsen's Island State Game Area, St. Clair Co., on 14 October 2014. Despite the observer's close proximity (10-15 feet) and prolonged observation (3-4 minutes), they did not observe a brown patch on the nape/upper back, white spotting, or a red eye. In fact, the observer specifically stated no brown coloration was noted. All of these concerns left members wondering if this was some other dark marsh bird (ie., young coot/gallinule, etc.).

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at Lake St. Clair Metropark, Macomb Co., on 25 July 2007. Plumage details were inconclusive, but the bird's size was reported as "larger" than Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*). However, no direct comparisons were available and no attempt was made to describe how the size was estimated, leaving members uncomfortable ruling out the more expected Virginia Rail.

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 2-5 for one individual

Two were claimed at the Houghton Lake State Wildlife Refuge Area, Roscommon Co., on 25 May 2010. Most members felt the description of the voice was suggestive of King Rail, but that the report only really described one individual, leading to the rejection of one individual. Others felt the vocalization could fit a Virginia Rail, resulting in resubmission of the second individual, with a 5-2 vote (and eventually rejected in 2015).

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

vote: 1-6

two descriptions

One was claimed from Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 28 July & 27 August 2013. The very brief reports describe "kick" and "Kieck" calls but provide no other information about the duration of the calling, the estimated distance, or explanation as to how variations of Virginia Rail calls were eliminated from consideration. In the end, the majority of the committee felt the descriptions could fit a Virginia Rail, just as easily as a King Rail.

"Western" Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)

vote: 3-4

one description and photo file

One was claimed at the Croswell sewage ponds, Sanilac Co., on 11 September 2014. Leukering (2010) says the key characteristic, the color of upperpart spotting, can be "difficult or impossible to assess correctly." He further adds that "there seem to be some 'tweeners'" and "Some individuals show a combination of spot colors," and others show "spots that are all very pale, but do not appear to be quite white." Some felt the bird photographed showed a mixture of white and buff spots, with white seeming more predominate. So, given the caveats on the utility of these features as definitive, most were not willing to endorse a record that appears to fall in the "tweener" category.

Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*)

vote: 1-6 for three individuals

one description

Three birds were claimed at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 10 May 2014. The majority of the committee was concerned about the size estimate, since no direct comparisons with other *Calidris* sandpipers were possible. Additionally, many members pointed out that the description of a long tapered body with a buffy breast could also describe Sanderlings (*Calidris alba*).

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Monroe Co., on 10 August 2014. The identification was solely based on a slightly longer, drooping bill and apparent larger size. The committee felt the description did not eliminate a longer-billed Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*).

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

vote: 2-5 for one individual, 3-4 for one more

one description

Two individuals were claimed at a farm field along 29 Mile Road, Macomb Co., on 2 November 2014. The majority of the committee felt the description of rufous scapulars and slightly drooping bill did not eliminate the possibility of juvenile White-rumped Sandpipers (*Calidris fuscicollis*), especially since the primary projection, or lack thereof, was not described.



Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at Jean Klock Park, Benton Harbor, Berrien Co., on 5 October 2013. While the one sentence description was suggestive, members were concerned that there were no details about distance, duration of observation, optics, lighting conditions, etc. In addition, several members noted the description did not eliminate a young Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) with something caught in its legs and trailing its body, creating the impression of elongated central rectrices, a circumstance some members had experienced.

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at Lighthouse Park, Port Huron, St. Clair Co., on 27 August 2013. The identification appeared to be heavily based on size and flight style, a light head, and limited white in the outer primaries. Members were concerned about the lack of information about distance, duration, optics used, or any description of the undertail coverts and central rectrices.

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)

vote: 0-7

two descriptions

One juvenile was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 31 August 2014. The observers described a very distant jaeger identified by “overall color pattern, shape, and flight style.” Members were concerned about using flight style and overall color tones to identify jaegers to species, especially on a distant jaeger that the observers stated was too distant to assess most field marks. Flight style can be suggestive, but is very dependent on wind conditions and behavior, while color tones are incredibly variable across all three jaeger species.

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)

vote: 2-5

one description

One adult was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 29 September 2014. Most members were concerned that the observer failed to make note of the contrast between the paler gray of the back and upperwing coverts and the darker flight feathers. This diagnostic field mark is hard to

overlook on an adult bird that is close enough to tell the length of the tail streamers, which were described as “ $\frac{1}{4}$ of the body length,” which is well within range for an adult Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*).

alcid species

vote: 1-6

one description

One, originally claimed as an Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*), was at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 16 October 2011. The description was limited to a “black face and cap and white patch running up the side of the neck.” Additionally, the observer stated the bird was “relatively distant” and the observation “quite brief” and “didn’t feel the sighting was appropriate to submit to MBRC.” The record was rejected as both Ancient Murrelet and murrelet species with 0-7 votes. In the end, under this broadest category, the majority of members were still troubled by the lack of observer confidence, and more than one felt Horned Grebe was not eliminated.

Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*)

vote: 1-6

three descriptions, 12 photo files

One was claimed at Port Huron, St. Clair Co., on 8-10 November 2013. Unfortunately, the majority of the photographs were of little help, in fact, several observers clearly photographed birds that were not the claimed bird and were easily identifiable as a Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*). For the bird that prompted the initial report, most members felt the flight feathers were too pale and the tertials too extensively barred, suggesting Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides*) influence.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

vote: 3-4

one description

One was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 5 November 2013. While the description was suggestive, the majority of the committee was concerned that the bird was “very distant.” In fact, the observer stated: “I could not see details of the head/bill or the tail.” Given that the observer was unable to see detail on the outer primaries, some members questioned how confidently one could assess the exact pattern/coloration of the secondaries.

One was claimed at Pinckney Recreation Area, Washtenaw Co., on 23 May 2014. The description troubled members for several reasons. First, the observer stated the bird had a white spot on each wing, which does not match this species. Second, the observer stated the bird had no white on the head, whereas a male Broad-billed should show a small white spot behind each eye. Third, the observer mentioned a long bill, but didn't mention what should be a very obvious bi-coloration to the bill.

One was claimed at Tawas Point State Park, Iosco Co., on 14 April 2014. The identification was based on an “extremely long thin tail” and an “unmistakable silhouette.” Committee members felt there were many species that could fit this description, including Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*), so without a more detailed plumage description, they were unwilling to vote for acceptance.

One was claimed at the Three Oaks sewage ponds, Berrien Co., on 8 May 2014. The brief details described a bird with “pointed wings” that gave a “caa” call. Without comparative information or description regarding the characteristics of the vocalization heard, there was not enough detail to eliminate an American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*).

One was claimed near South Haven, Van Buren Co., on 31 May 2014. Other than stating the bird was a large, gray wren, the description did not mention any plumage of the nape, flanks, tail, back, or wings. Given the brevity of the description, many members felt the description could fit a Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*).

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)

vote: 4-3, in the second round

one description

One was claimed at West Olive, Ottawa Co., on 14 December 2013. The description mentioned two thrushes, one Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) and the bird in question, with differing calls that were observed for 30 seconds total. The committee was concerned that the birds were not actually observed giving the calls and the observer did not explain how much of the time was spent looking at each bird. Given how rare winter Swainson's Thrush records are anywhere in North America, most members felt greater detail was necessary.

Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*)

vote: 2-5

one description

One was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 26 September 2010. The documentation described a fly-by bird with an incredible level of detail. However, it was not clear how close the observer was to the bird, what (if any) optics were used during the observation, or how long the bird was in view. In the end, most members were uncomfortable with the circumstances and felt it would be very difficult to be certain of subtle field marks during a quick, fly-by observation.

Chestnut-collared/McCown's Longspur (*Calcarius ornatus/Rhynchophanes mccownii*)

vote: 0-7 for 2 birds

one description

Two, originally claimed as Chesnut-collared Longspurs, were reported coming to a feeder in Bloomfield Twp., Oakland Co., on 15 February 2014. The observer stated they were not certain of the identification as Chestnut-colored Longspurs, but felt the field marks best matched that species. The brief description, strange behavior (coming to a feeder), and unusual time of year, bothered all members and suggested they were more likely House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*). This record was also rejected as Chestnut-collared Longspur with a 0-7 vote.

"Yellow" Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum hypochrysea*)

vote: 3-4

14 photo files

One was claimed at Woodland Park, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., on 4 May 2014. The photos do show a very yellow Palm Warbler. However, there was still a noticeable contrast between the yellow undertail coverts and rest of the underparts and the breast and flank streaking were very thin and brown. For a pure “Yellow” Palm Warbler, one would expect the underparts to be more uniformly yellow and the streaking on the underparts to be broader and reddish. Dunn and Garrett (1997) state that intergrades between the two forms are known to exist and that they tend to be intermediate in the extent of yellow on the underparts. So, while this bird had yellower underparts than expected for a “Western” Palm Warbler (*S. p. palmarum*), the paler yellow lower belly and thin streaking suggest this may have been an intergrade between the two forms.

“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*)

vote: 2-5

one description

One was claimed at the Port Crescent Hawk Watch, Huron Co., on 16 April 2012. First, this was a naked eye observation from an unknown distance. Second, there was no description of the bird's face pattern, an important feature to assess when trying to rule out Audubon's x Myrtle intergrades. There simply was not enough detail to warrant acceptance.

“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One was claimed at North Bay, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Co., on 5 May 2014. The very brief description stated solely that the bird had a yellow throat and yellow side patches. Members were concerned that the facial pattern was not described, making it impossible to rule out an intergrade.

Nelson's/Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni/caudacutus*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One, originally claimed and rejected as a Nelson's Sparrow with a 0-7 vote, was at Oval Beach, Allegan Co., on 14 October 2013. The very brief description was simply of an "orange face with gray cheek." Members felt the very general description failed to eliminate other species, like LeConte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*). Add in the lack of details on distance, optics used, or duration of the observation, and members felt unable to accept this record, even under this broader category.

Nelson's/Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni/caudacutus*)

vote: 2-5

one description

One was claimed at the Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary, Barry Co., on 13 October 2013. Like in 2013, when this record was rejected as a Nelson's Sparrow (Terry 2015), members remained uncertain how one could safely eliminate LeConte's Sparrow from consideration.

Nelson's/Saltmarsh Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni/caudacutus*)

vote: 0-7

one description

One, originally claimed and rejected as Nelson's Sparrow with a 0-7 vote, was reported at Luce Co. Road 412, Luce Co., on 25 September 2014. Like the previous records, members felt the details did not eliminate the possibility of LeConte's Sparrow, due to the lack of any description of the crown or nape pattern.

"Pink-sided" Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*)

vote: 0-7, in the second round

one description

One was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 17 April 1989. The committee was concerned about the amount of variation within junco subspecies and the subjective nature of many of the field marks. Several members were troubled by the description of a brown crown, while others were concerned by the lack of description of contrast between the pale throat and breast and the head, which should be present on "Pink-sided" Dark-eyed Junco. In the end, given the immense plumage variation and intergradation within the Dark-eyed Junco complex, members felt the details were not sufficient to confidently claim this bird as a "Pink-sided" Dark-eyed Junco.

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)

vote: 3-4

One female was claimed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa Co., on 24-25 October 2010. Several members were concerned that the observer saw an oriole very briefly on the first day, and then saw an oriole the second day and assumed it was the same bird, without establishing the connection. For example, the head coloration was described for the 24 October observation, but undescribed on 25 October. The details from the reportedly brief sighting on the first date, did not clearly match those

obtained on the second date. To illustrate how briefly it was observed on the first date, others at the same feeding station were not able to locate the oriole. The observer states that Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) and hybrids were eliminated from consideration, but fails to provide enough information for all members to make that same determination.

Corrigenda

Two items in Terry (2015) require correction. First, the *Plegadis* ibis reported in Brownstown Twp., Monroe Co. in 2012 should have been in Brownstown Twp., Wayne Co. Second, the Spotted Towhee report from Stony Creek Metropark, Macomb Co. in 2012 was actually reported on 4 May, not 6 May.

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