

## OKLAHOMA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE: 2001 REPORT

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This is the annual report of the Oklahoma Bird Records Committee (hereafter OBRC) of the Oklahoma Ornithological Society. The OBRC requests and reviews documentations of rare and unusual records as per the *Date Guide to the Occurrences of Birds in Oklahoma* (Third Ed., 2000, Oklahoma Ornithological Society, Tulsa; hereafter the Date Guide). The OBRC publishes full, quarterly seasonal reports in *The Scissortail*, the newsletter of the Oklahoma Ornithological Society. This report summarizes the activities of the OBRC for the calendar year 2001, including any decisions pending from prior years. OBRC members evaluating 2001 records included in this report were: Jim Arterburn, Bill Carter, Jeff Cox, Bonnie Gall, Joe Grzybowski, Jo Loyd, Larry Mays, Dan Reinking, Jim Thayer, and Don Verser.

During 2001, the OBRC received 695 records from 42 observers: 630 records of 170 species were accepted (91%), 43 records of 37 species were rejected (6%), and 22 records of 19 species required no action by the Committee (3%). Below are comments on 95 records for species that were either first state records, or for those species that have no dates listed in the Date Guide: 85 of those records were accepted (89%) and 10 records were rejected (11%).



Fig. 1. Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*) photographed at Sooner Lake, Noble County, on 5 May 2001. Photograph by James W. Arterburn.

Two species, Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) and Grace's Warbler (*Dendrocia graciae*), were added to the Oklahoma state list in hypothetical status in 2001. This brings the number of species on The *Oklahoma Ornithological Society Check-List of Oklahoma Birds* to 458, of which 17 are in hypothetical status (based on written documentation alone, or for species where wild origin was uncertain).

The records in this report are arranged taxonomically following the AOU Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (AOU 1998) through the 43rd supplement published in 2002 (Auk 119: 897-906). Each record consists of the English name, scientific name, OBRC record number(s), number of individuals and age and sex if known, specific location and county of observation (county in italics), date(s) of observation, observer(s) [if the record was accepted], and any comments. All observers who submitted documentation (written descriptions or photographs) of accepted records are listed. The observer who first discovered the bird and/or submitted the documentation is in italics. For rejected records, the observer's name is omitted and an explanation is given detailing the reason(s) for rejection.

## RECORDS ACCEPTED

- Red-throated Loon** (*Gavia stellata*), (2001-432). One adult at Sooner Lake, Pawnee, from 27 November 2000 through 29 March 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Red-throated Loon** (*Gavia stellata*), (2001-061-069-431). One to 4 birds at Lake Tenkiller, Sequoyah, from 16 January 2001 through 2 March 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Red-throated Loon** (*Gavia stellata*), (2001-621). On bird at Sooner Lake, Pawnee, on 19 October 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Red-throated Loon** (*Gavia stellata*), (2001-636). One adult at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma, on 3 November 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Red-throated Loon** (*Gavia stellata*), (2001-692). One to 3 adults at Lake Tenkiller, Cherokee, from 13 December 2001 through 26 December 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Red-throated Loon** (*Gavia stellata*), (2001-686). One adult and 1 immature at Sooner Lake, Pawnee, on 27 December 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*), (2001-438). One to 2 adults at Lake Tenkiller, Sequoyah, from 6 January 2001 through 7 April 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*), (2001-441). One adult at Lake Tenkiller, Cherokee, from 7 April 2001 through 25 April 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*), (2001-439). Two adults at Lake Tenkiller, Cherokee, on 16 and 25 April 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*), (2001-440). One adult in breeding plumage at Lake Tenkiller, Sequoyah, on 14 May 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*), (2001-684-693). Three to 4 adults at Lake Tenkiller, Sequoyah and Cherokee, from 5 November 2001 through 26 December 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Pacific Loon** (*Gavia pacifica*), (2001-658-685). Two adults at Foss Reservoir, Custer, on 22 December 2001 and 29 December 2001. Stephen H. Greenham; James W. Arterburn.
- Clarke's Grebe** (*Aechmophorus clarkii*), (2001-354-355-455-552). Two adults photographed at Lake Etling, Cimarron, on 20 and 21 April 2001, and 1-2 seen through 29 June 2001. James W. Arterburn; David Wiggins.
- Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*), (2001-433). Two adults SE of Hennessey, Kingfisher, on 19 April 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*), (2001-429). Two adults at Lake Optima, Texas, on 21 April 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*), (2001-454). One adult N of Ames, Major, on 8 June 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*), (2001-463). One adult SE of Ames, Major, on 6 July 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*), (2001-526). One adult photographed at Hackberry Flat, Tillman, on 19 July 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Ajaia ajaja*), (2001-191-196). One adult at Red Slough WMA, McCurtain, from 12 May 2001 through 13 May 2001. Berlin Heck.
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Ajaia ajaja*), (2001-513-519-535-540-563). One to 3 juveniles at Red Slough WMA, McCurtain, from 7 September 2001 through 23 September 2001. Berlin Heck; David Arbour.
- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*), (2001-134). One adult SW of Ames, Major, on 7 April 2001. Penny Beech.

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*), (2001-453). One adult N of Ames, Major, on 8 June 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*), (2001-259-260-298-301-319-383). One to 4 adults at Red Slough WMA, McCurtain, from 11 June 2001 through 10 July 2001. David Arbour.
- Mute Swan** (*Cygnus olor*), (2001-101). One adult photographed at Lawton, Comanche, on 18 February 2001. Kurt Meisenzahl. Origin uncertain.
- Mute Swan** (*Cygnus olor*), (2001-102-143). Two adults at a small lake west of Bristow, Creek, from 7 March 2001 through 30 March 2001 and photographed on 28 March 2001. Marty Kamp. Origin uncertain.
- Trumpeter Swan** (*Cygnus buccinator*), (2001-219). Two birds in Tulsa, Tulsa, on 16 December 2000. Patricia Seibert.
- Trumpeter Swan** (*Cygnus buccinator*), (2001-040). One adult photographed in Ponca City, Kay, on 3 January 2001. Dave Davis.
- Trumpeter Swan** (*Cygnus buccinator*), (2001-043). One bird at Foss Reservoir, Custer, on 5 January 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Trumpeter Swan** (*Cygnus buccinator*), (2001-100). One adult photographed at Lawton, Comanche, on 18 February 2001. Kurt Meisenzahl.
- Trumpeter Swan** (*Cygnus buccinator*), (2001-492). One adult photographed SE of Lake Oologah spillway, Rogers, on 5 March 2001 and seen through 30 March 2001. Rick Stuart.
- Mottled Duck** (*Anas fulvigula*), (2001-213). Two adults at Hackberry Flat, Tillman, on 9 May 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Yellow Rail** (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*), (2001-620-628-629-631). One to 5 individuals at Red Slough WMA, McCurtain, from 10 October 2001 through 25 October 2001. Two birds photographed on 24 October 2001. David Arbour; Bonnie Gall; Berlin Heck; Kurt Meisenzahl.
- Wilson's Plover** (*Charadrius wilsonia*), (2001-188). One immature at Sooner Lake, Noble, on 3 May 2001 and later photographed on 5 May 2001 (Fig. 1). James W. Arterburn. Second state record.
- Thayer's Gull** (*Larus thayeri*), (2001-067). One adult on Lake Overholser, Oklahoma, on 31 January 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Thayer's Gull** (*Larus thayeri*), (2001-068). Two first-winter birds on Lake Overholser, Oklahoma, on 31 January 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Thayer's Gull** (*Larus thayeri*), (2001-042). Two adults and 2 first-winter birds on Lake Overholser, Oklahoma, on 2 February 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Thayer's Gull** (*Larus thayeri*), (2001-106). One adult on Lake Hefner, Oklahoma, on 26 February 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Thayer's Gull** (*Larus thayeri*), (2001-107). One adult on Lake Overholser, Oklahoma, on 26 February 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus fuscus*), (2001-065). One third-winter bird in Tulsa, Tulsa, on 24 January 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus fuscus*), (2001-066). Three adults on Lake Overholser, Oklahoma, on 31 January 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus fuscus*), (2001-520). One adult photographed at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma, on 30 August 2001. Martha B. Kamp.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus fuscus*), (2001-665). One first-winter individual photographed at Lynn Lane Reservoir, Tulsa, on 28 December 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Black-legged Kittiwake** (*Rissa tridactyla*), (2001-663). One first-winter at Lake Tenkiller, Sequoyah, on 1 December 2001. Sandy Berger.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-051). Eight birds in Keyes, Cimarron, on 14 December 2000. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-087). Two adults in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from 15 February 2001 through 6 March 2001. Jim C. Ricker.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-114). Two adults in Idabel, McCurtain, on 2 April 2001. David Arbour.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-525). One individual in Kenton, Cimarron, on 5 September 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-597). One individual in Geary, Blaine, on 22 September 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-598). One individual in Boise City, Cimarron, on 24 September 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-679). Six adults in SE Wagoner, Wagoner, on 20 October 2001. James W. Arterburn.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaecto*), (2001-640). One adult photographed at residence in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 9 November 2001. Pat Velte.
- White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*), (21001-358). One adult at residence in Tulsa, Tulsa, from 13 April 2001 through 18 April 2001. Suzie Tramel.
- White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*), (2001-256). One individual in Cherokee, Alfalfa, on 9 May 2001. Glenda Leslie.
- White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*), (2001-293). One adult at residence in Muskogee, Muskogee, on 16 June 2001. Jeri McMahon.
- White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*), (2001-641). One adult photographed at residence in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 9 November 2001. Pat Velte.
- Monk Parakeet** (*Myiopsitta monachus*), (2001-501-538). Two photographed building a nest in Altus, Jackson, on 15 January 2001. One seen and photographed on 4 April 2001. Jenelle Harris; Martha B. Kamp. Origin uncertain.

- Anna's Hummingbird** (*Calypte anna*), (2001-664). One adult male photographed at residence in Bartlesville, Washington, on 30 December 2001. Sandra Vredenberg.
- Violet-green Swallow** (*Tachycineta thalassina*), (2001-523). One individual at Boise City Sewage Ponds, Cimarron, on 6 September 2001. Joseph A Grzybowski.
- Cave Swallow** (*Petrochelidon fulva*), (2001-595). One adult and 3 juveniles at Hackberry Flat, Tillman, on 19 July 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski. First state record.. Added to state list in hypothetical status because record based only on written documentation.
- Black-capped Chickadee** (*Poecile atricapillus*), (2001-045). One adult at Black Mesa State Park, Cimarron, on 13 December 2000. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Townsend's Warbler** (*Dendroica townsendi*), (2111-550). One adult photographed at Black Mesa State Park, Cimarron, on 24 April 2001. David Wiggins.
- Townsend's Warbler** (*Dendroica townsendi*), (2001-522). One individual at Regnier Ranch, Cimarron, on 6 September 2001. Joseph A. Grzybowski.
- Pyrrhuloxia** (*Cardinalis sinuatus*), (2001-625). One adult female photographed at Wichita Mountains NWR, Comanche, on 12 December 2001 and observed through 21 February 2002. Kurt Meisenzahl.

## RECORDS REJECTED

The OBRC believes that it is important to note that rejection of a record does not necessarily mean the identification was incorrect. In some cases the conditions of the observation were brief or distant, or the observation was made under difficult viewing conditions. In other cases the description provided was incomplete or did not rule out other possible species. The OBRC thanks all contributors of documentations and strongly encourages continued participation in this process, which serves to strengthen the ornithological record of bird occurrences in Oklahoma.

- Mottled Duck** (*Anas fulvigula*), (2001-500-542-560). One adult male at Red Slough WMA, McCurtain, from 23 August 2001 through 23 September 2001. Description was brief and did not rule out **American Black Duck** (*Anas rubripes*).
- Black Scoter** (*Melanitta nigra*), (2001-667). One immature at Lake Yahola, Tulsa, on 18 November 2001. Brief description did not rule out other scoters or Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*).
- Barrow's Goldeneye** (*Bucephala clangula*), (2001-085). One adult male below Keystone Dam, Tulsa, on 17 December 2000. Bird could not be identified due to small image of bird in the photograph, position of the bird in the photograph, and position of the bird relative to the sun.
- Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*), (2001-314). Two adults near Mt. Scott in Wichita Mountains NWR, Comanche, on 12 June 2001. Written description incorrect on 1 point of identification for Swallow-tailed Kite; description did not rule out **Mississippi Kite** (*Ictinia mississippiensis*).
- Mew Gull** (*Larus canus*), (2001-314). One adult at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma, on 30 January 2001. If accepted, this record would have constituted a first state record. However, the OBRC believed that **Ring-billed Gull** (*Larus delawarensis*) was not ruled out by the description.
- Clark's Nutcracker** (*Nucifraga columbiana*), (2001-315). One adult near Highway 44 bridge over North Fork of Red River, Greer, on 5 June 2001. Description did not eliminate other species.
- Golden-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora chrysoptera*), (2001-673). One adult male at Oxley Nature Center, Tulsa, on 9 September 2001. While the description did point to Golden-winged Warbler, it was very incomplete, lacking details of supportive characteristics that could qualify the reliability of noted characteristics.
- Cape May Warbler** (*Dendroica tigrina*), (2001-329). One bird at Lake Oologah, Rogers, on 5 May 2001. The brief view and description of this bird were inadequate for acceptance.

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