

## The 76th Report of the Colorado Bird Records Committee

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### INTRODUCTION

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This 76<sup>th</sup> report of the Colorado Bird Records Committee (hereafter CBRC or committee) presents the results of deliberations of the CBRC involving 138 reports submitted by 78 observers and documenting 73 species. The Report covers reports submitted to the CBRC in 2016, 2017, and a few from 2018. Per CBRC bylaws, all accepted records received a final 7-0 or 6-1 vote to accept. The accepted species in this Report are limited in details, but more information is given for the reasons that reports are not accepted. No species are added to, or deleted from, the state list in this report, so that the Colorado list stands at 511 species as documented in the 75<sup>th</sup> Report (Gent and Peterson 2019).

Committee members voting on these reports were David Dowell (Longmont), John Drummond (Colorado Springs), Kathy Mihm Dunning (Denver), Peter Gent (Boulder), Rachel Hopper (Fort Collins), Tony Leukering (Wiley), Bill Maynard (Colorado Springs), Dan Maynard (Denver), Steven Mlodinow (Longmont), Christian Nunes (Boulder), Ric Olson (Castle Rock), Mark Peterson (Colorado Springs), and Jason St. Pierre (Durango).

### COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

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The Committee solicits documentation of reports in Colorado for all species published in its Main Review List ([cobrc.org/ReviewList.aspx](http://cobrc.org/ReviewList.aspx)), species with no prior accepted record in Colorado and sightings of regularly occurring species that are considered out-of-range or out-of-season. Documentary materials should be submitted online at the CBRC website ([cobrc.org](http://cobrc.org)). Alternatively, one can fill out the form printed on the dust jacket of this journal and mail it to the CBRC Chair, or request an electronic document from the Secretary (see this journal's inside front cover for contact information).

### REPORT FORMAT

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The records in this report are arranged taxonomically following the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) *Check-list of North American Birds* (AOU 1998) through the 60<sup>th</sup> Supplement (Chesser et al. 2019). We present the initials of the contributing observer(s), the official accession number and the vote tally in the first round and, if relevant, the second and third rounds (with the number of "accept" votes on the left side of the dash). The initial observer of the bird is underlined, if known, and is presented first only if that person contributed documentation; additional contributors follow in alphabetical order by last name. If the initial observer is known with certainty, but did not submit documentation, those initials are underlined and presented last. Observers submitting a photograph or video capture are indicated with an ampersand (&). In this report, county names are italicized. Abbreviations are used for the following: Reservoir (Res.), Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP), State Park (SP), National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), and State Wildlife Area (SWA).

### ACCEPTED RECORDS

**Brant (Black)** – *Branta bernicla (nigricans)* (DSJ; 2015-127; 7-0): An adult of the Pacific race was seen on 27 November 2015 at Lake Beckwith in Colorado City, *Pueblo*. (CR<sup>2</sup>; 2016-104, 7-0): Another adult was seen on 13 December 2016 at Hidden Lake in Westminster, *Adams*. (DE; 2017-007; 7-0): An immature bird was seen between 26 and 31 January 2017 at Lake Arbor, which is in Westminster, *Jefferson*.



*Black Brant, Adams. 13 December 2016. Photo by Chris Rurik.*

**Tundra Swan** – *Cygnus columbianus* (KD<sup>8</sup>; 2016-107; 7-0): An adult and immature were seen between 18 December 2016 and 12 January 2017 a few miles northwest of Salida, *Chaffee*.

**Eurasian Wigeon** – *Anas penelope* (SMI<sup>8</sup>; 2017-013; 7-0): An adult male was seen on 14 March 2017 at Stewart's Pond, which is just south of La Salle, *Weld*. (SMI; 2018-020; 7-0): Another adult male was seen on 27 October 2018 at Neenoshe Res., *Kiowa*.

**American Black Duck** – *Anas rubripes* (SMI; 2016-102; 7-0): A male was seen on 25 November 2016 at Woods Lake, which is near Severance, *Weld*. (SMI<sup>8</sup>; 2016-103; 7-0): Another male (just possibly the same individual) was seen on 4 December 2016 at Poudre Ponds, which is northwest of Greeley, *Weld*. (SMI; 2017-009; 7-0): A male was seen on 25 February 2017 at Woods Lake, which is a few miles east of Severance, *Weld*.

**Inca Dove** – *Columbina inca* (BM<sup>8</sup>; 2015-122; 7-0): One was seen on 16 November 2015 in east Colorado Springs, *El Paso*.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** – *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* (KB; 2016-048; 7-0): A male in breeding plumage was seen on 9 July 2016 at Lake Dorothy SWA, *Las Animas*. (SMI; 2017-055; 7-0): An adult was seen on 10 September 2017 at Neeskah Res., which is just south of Neenoshe Res., *Kiowa*.

**Lesser Nighthawk** – *Chordeiles acutipennis* (CD, BW<sup>8</sup>; 2016-086; 7-0): Two birds were seen between 31 May and 17 June 2016 in Nucla, *Montrose*. This is a regular location for this species in western Colorado. (KMD<sup>8</sup>; 2017-022; 7-0): One was seen on 5 May 2017 at Van's Grove, which is at the northwest corner of John Martin Res., *Bent*.

**Rivoli's Hummingbird** – *Eugenes fulgens* (DBe<sup>8</sup>; 2016-042; 7-0): An immature bird was seen between 30 June and 2 July 2016 coming to a feeder in Livermore, which is northwest of Fort Collins, *Larimer*. (SL; 2016-090; 7-0): An adult female was seen on 28 August 2016 at Margaret's Pond, which is on W 104<sup>th</sup> Ave in Westminster, *Adams*.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** – *Archilochus colubris* (JSr<sup>&</sup>; 2015-103; 7-0): An immature male was seen on 27 and 28 September 2014 a few miles south of Lamar, *Prowers*. (DA<sup>&</sup>; 2015-129; 7-0): An adult male was seen 1-5 September 2014 coming to a feeder on Hwy 84 southwest of Florence, *Fremont*. (DSi; 2016-049; 6-1): A male was seen on 19 July 2016 near Colorado City, *Pueblo*. (AV<sup>&</sup>; 2016-074; 7-0): An adult male was very briefly seen on 14 September 2016 at a feeder in Las Animas, *Bent*. (TL<sup>e</sup><sup>&</sup>; 2018-025; 7-0): Two immature birds were seen on 9 September 2018 coming to a feeder in Eads, *Kiowa*. (TL<sup>e</sup>; 2018-026; 6-1): Another immature bird was also seen on 9 September 2018 at the Plainview School east of Sheridan Lake, *Kiowa*. (SRi<sup>&</sup>; 2018-014; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 24 October 2018 coming to a feeder in north Boulder, *Boulder*. (SMI<sup>&</sup>; 2018-027; 7-0): An adult female was seen on 4 September 2018 coming to a feeder in Holyoke, *Phillips*.

**Costa's Hummingbird** – *Calypte costae* (KMD<sup>&</sup>; 2014-183; 7-0): An adult female was captured and banded on 6 November 2014 and then seen again 16-17 November 2014 at a house in the Redlands area of Grand Junction, *Mesa*.

**Common Gallinule** – *Gallinula galeata* (DBa<sup>&</sup>; 2017-073; 7-0): A bird was seen on 9 December 2017 at a small pond just north of Standley Lake, *Jefferson*.

**Piping Plover** – *Charadrius melodus* (RL; 2013-295; 6-1): An adult in breeding plumage was seen on 15 May 2013 in Holyoke, *Phillips*.

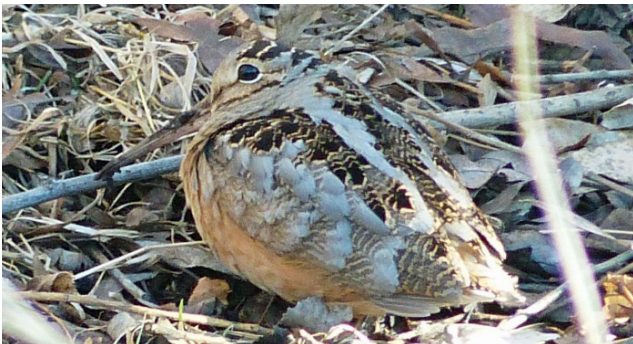
**Whimbrel** – *Numenius phaeopus* (SF<sup>&</sup>; 2016-051; 7-0): An adult was seen on 20 July 2016 at the Blanca Wetlands, *Alamosa*. This is a very unusual species in the San Luis Valley.

**Hudsonian Godwit** – *Limosa haemastica* (SMI; 2016-059; 7-0): An adult in breeding plumage was seen on 16 May 2016 at Behren's Res., which is just southeast of La Salle, *Weld*.

**Red Knot** – *Calidris canutus* (SMI<sup>&</sup>; 2017-064; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 7 October 2017 at Neeskah Res., which is just south of Neenoshe Res., *Kiowa*.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** – *Tryngites subruficollis* (EH<sup>&</sup>; 2006-500; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 21 September 2006 at Barr Lake SP, *Adams*. (JM; 2016-067; 7-0): Another immature bird was seen on 11 September 2016 at Timnath Res., *Larimer*.

**American Woodcock** – *Scalopax minor* (TB<sup>&</sup>, RN<sup>&</sup>; 2015-139; 7-0): One was seen between 17 and 25 January 2015 at the Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, which is near Masonville, *Larimer*. Birds had spent much of the winter in this location the two previous years. (JSh, AB; 2015-125; 6-1): One was flushed several times on 21 November 2015 on the Colorado State University campus in Fort Collins, *Larimer*.



American Woodcock, Larimer. 17 January 2015. Photo by Tom Behnfield.

**Pomarine Jaeger** – *Stercorarius pomarinus* (DL; 1996-500; 7-0): An immature bird was seen 25-30 November 1996 at Douglas Res., which is west of Wellington, *Larimer*. (SS<sup>§</sup>; 2016-097; 5-2, 6-1): An adult was seen between 13 and 15 October 2016 at Chatfield SP, *Douglas/Jefferson*.

**Parasitic Jaeger** – *Stercorarius parasiticus* (CW; 2015-120; 7-0): A juvenile bird was seen on 3 October 2015 at Jackson Res., *Morgan*. (KMD<sup>§</sup>, DF; 2015-114): An adult was seen on 4 and 11 October 2015 also at Jackson Res., *Morgan*. (GW<sup>§</sup>; 2016-094; 7-0): A juvenile bird was seen on 15 September 2015 at Cherry Creek SP, *Arapahoe*. (BJ<sup>§</sup>; 2016-073; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 9 September 2016 at Chatfield SP, *Douglas*. (DD<sup>§</sup>; 2016-076; 7-0): Three adults were seen between 17 and 21 September 2016 at Jumbo Res. *Logan/Sedgwick*. It is extremely unusual to see more than a single jaeger at the same time in Colorado. (SML<sup>§</sup>; 2017-069; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 7 November 2017 at Windsor Lake, *Weld*. (AK<sup>§</sup>, BP<sup>§</sup>; 2018-023; 7-0): Another immature bird was seen on 20 September 2018 at Pueblo Res., *Pueblo*. (PB<sup>§</sup>, SML<sup>§</sup>; 2018-022; 7-0): An adult was seen between 6 and 8 October 2018 at Lagerman Res., which is near Niwot, *Boulder*.



*Parasitic Jaeger, Boulder. 6 October 2018. Photo by Peter Burke.*

**Long-tailed Jaeger** – *Stercorarius longicaudus* (SML<sup>§</sup>; 2017-053; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 26 August 2017 at Antero Res., *Park*. (KMD<sup>§</sup>; 2017-054; 7-0): Another differently plumaged immature bird was seen on 31 August also at Antero Res., *Park*. (BP<sup>§</sup>; 2018-024; 7-0): Another immature bird was seen on 20 September 2018 at Pueblo Res., *Pueblo*.

**Little Gull** – *Hydrocoloeus minutus* (NK; 2015-110; 6-1): An immature bird was seen on 3 October 2015 at Horseshoe Lake in Loveland, *Larimer*. (JKel<sup>§</sup>; 2016-066; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 3 September 2016 at Chatfield SP, *Douglas*. (SML; 2016-080; 7-0): Another immature bird was seen on 7 October 2016 at North Sterling SP, *Logan*. (SML<sup>§</sup>; 2017-048; 7-0): Six immature birds were seen on 13 August 2017 at Neekah Res., *Bent*, and several birds were seen at this location on subsequent days. This is an unprecedented number of this species to be seen at the same time in Colorado, as there are usually at most one or two reports per year in the state.



**Laughing Gull** – *Leucophaeus atricilla* (SA; 2018-017; 6-1): An adult was seen on 15 October 2018 at Pastorius SWA, *La Plata*.

**Iceland Gull** – *Larus glaucooides* (DD, SMI<sup>&</sup>; 2016-056; 7-0): A bird of the Kumlien's race (not the Thayer's Gull race) was seen on 13 February 2016 at Windsor Lake, *Weld*.

**Glaucous-winged Gull** – *Larus glaucescens* (SMI; 2017-078; 6-1): An immature bird was seen on 15 January 2017 at Aurora Res., *Arapahoe*. (SMI; 2017-079; 6-1): A different immature individual was seen on 28 January 2017 also at Aurora Res., *Arapahoe*.

**Arctic Tern** – *Sterna paradisaea* (GW<sup>&</sup>, TB<sup>&</sup>, BC<sup>&</sup>, VR<sup>&</sup>, SS<sup>&</sup>; 2015-108; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 2-4 October 2016 at Chatfield SP, *Douglas/Jefferson*. (SMI<sup>&</sup>; 2016-063; 7-0): Two adults in breeding plumage were seen on 26 May 2016 at a pond on Packer Lane southeast of US Hwy 285 between Como and Jefferson, *Park*. (SMI; 2017-033; 7-0): An adult was seen on 27 May 2017 at Union Res., which is just northeast of Longmont, *Weld*. (DD<sup>&</sup>, SMI; 2017-067; 7-0): An adult was seen on 17 October 2017 also at Union Res., *Weld*.

**Red-throated Loon** – *Gavia stellata* (MHe<sup>&</sup>; 2016-046; 7-0): An immature bird was seen between 17 and 30 March 2016 at Highline Lake SP, *Mesa*.

**Pacific Loon** – *Gavia pacifica* (RL; 2016-099; 7-0) An immature bird was seen on 28 October 2018 at Reudi Res., which is near Meredith, *Pitkin*.

**Yellow-billed Loon** – *Gavia adamsii* (RB; 2018-018; 6-1): An adult was seen on 30 September 2018 on the Blue River inlet at Dillon Res., *Summit*.

**Neotropic Cormorant** – *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (SMI; 2016-057; 6-1): An adult in non-breeding plumage was seen on 18 April 2016 at Lower Latham Res, *Weld*. (SMI<sup>&</sup>; 2017-014; 6-1): An immature bird was seen on 4 April 2017 at the Firestone Gravel Pits, *Weld*.

**Tricolored Heron** – *Egretta tricolor* (RL; 2011-501; 6-1): An adult in breeding plumage was seen on 13 May 2011 at Chatfield State Park, *Douglas*. (JSi<sup>&</sup>, AB<sup>&</sup>, PG<sup>&</sup>, DSh<sup>&</sup>; 2015-111; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 11 October 2015 at Cottonwood Marsh, which is east of Boulder, *Boulder*. (SMI<sup>&</sup>; 2016-079; 7-0): An adult was seen between 25 and 28 September 2016 at Walden Res., *Jackson*.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** – *Nyctanassa violacea* (SMI; 2016-070; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 12 September 2016 at Baxter Lake, which is a few miles southeast of Berthoud, *Weld*. (KMD<sup>&</sup>; 2017-032; 7-0): An adult was seen on 26 May 2017 at Stalker Lake, which is a little west of Wray, *Yuma*. (KMD<sup>&</sup>; 2017-056; 7-0): Another adult (possibly the same bird) was seen on 15 September 2017 also at Stalker Lake, *Yuma*.

**White Ibis** – *Eudocimus albus* (ZS<sup>&</sup>, CA, PG<sup>&</sup>, GM<sup>&</sup>, MM-L<sup>&</sup>, DF<sup>&</sup>; 2107-044; 7-0): An adult was seen between 18 and 24 June 2017 at Lowell Ponds SWA, which is east of Arvada, *Adams*.

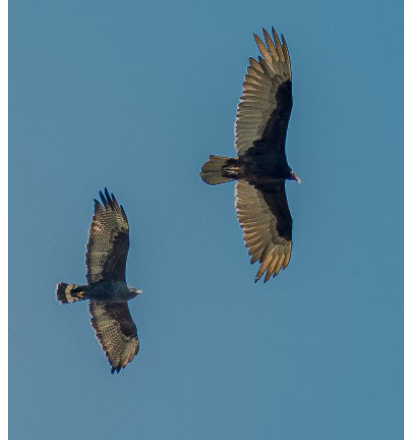


White Ibis, Adams, 18 June 2017. Photo by Zachary Schiff.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** – *Elanoides forficatus* (JD<sup>8c</sup>, BM<sup>8c</sup>; 2017-050; 7-0): An immature bird was seen for a few days centered on 23 August 2017 in Lamar, *Prowers*. This is the first time this species has stayed put over a few days, and seen by many birders in Colorado.



Swallow-tailed Kite, *Prowers*. 23 August 2017.  
Photo by Bill Maynard.



Zone-tailed Hawk with Turkey Vulture. 28 April 2018.  
Photo by Robert Raker.

**Mississippi Kite** – *Ictinia mississippiensis* (CD, BW<sup>8c</sup>; 2004-500; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 19 June 2004 at the home of George Steele in Norwood, *Montrose*. (BW<sup>8c</sup>, CD; 2005-500; 7-0): Another immature bird was seen the next summer on 5 June 2005 in Nucla, *Montrose*. This species is very rare on the West Slope of Colorado.

**Zone-tailed Hawk** – *Buteo albonotatus* (JKI<sup>8c</sup>; 2018-044; 7-0): An adult was seen on 28 April 2018 at Chatfield SP, *Douglas*. (KMD<sup>8c</sup>; BM<sup>8c</sup>; 2018-064; 7-0): An immature bird was seen between 4 and 13 August 2018 along Higbee Road at Vogel Canyon, *Otero*. This is the first sighting of this species in Colorado where the bird was seen over several days and many birders got to see the bird.

**Acorn Woodpecker** – *Melanerpes formicivorus* (MW<sup>8c</sup>, DD<sup>8c</sup>; 2015-133; 7-0): An adult female was seen between 18 December 2015 and 1 January 2016 in the Willow Circle neighborhood of south Colorado Springs, *El Paso*. This bird spent the entire winter in this area, and had been seen in the same area during the previous three winters.

**Crested Caracara** – *Caracara cheriway* (PW<sup>8c</sup>; 2017-051; 7-0): One was seen on 24 August 2017 along the High Line Canal just south of Chatfield Res., *Douglas*. (JB<sup>8c</sup>; 2017-052; 7-0): A presumed different individual was seen the next day on 25 August 2017 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Creek Denver Open Space, which is near the southeast corner of Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR, *Denver*.

**Gyr Falcon** – *Falco rusticolus* (AB<sup>8c</sup>, PH<sup>8c</sup>; 2018-077; 7-0): An immature male was seen between 3 December 2018 and 2 January 2019, and probably well into early 2019, south of the Larimer County landfill in southwest Fort Collins, *Larimer*.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** – *Contopus virens* (SMI<sup>8c</sup>; 2015-097; 7-0): An adult male was seen on 19 July 2015 at the Tamarack Ranch SWA, *Logan*. (NK; 2015-109; 6-1): A bird was seen and recorded on 3 October 2015 in Fort Collins, *Larimer*. (SMI; 2106-081; 7-0): An adult male was seen on 18 May 2016 in the north part of Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*. (SMI<sup>8c</sup>; 2016-087, 2016-088; 6-1): Two different adult males were seen on 3 June 2016 at Tamarack Ranch SWA, *Logan*. (CT<sup>8c</sup>; 2017-043; 6-1): An adult male was seen on 10 and 11 June 2017 at Tamarack Ranch SWA, *Logan*.



Crested Caracara, Denver. 25 August 2017. Photo by John Breitsch.



Sprague's Pipit, Larimer. 14 October 2015. Photo by Rachel Hopper.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** – *Empidonax flaviventris* (BM<sup>&</sup>; 2017-058; 7-0): One was banded on 20 September 2017 in the north part of Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*.

**Gray Flycatcher** – *Empidonax wrightii* (NM<sup>&</sup>; 2017-061; 7-0): One was seen on 25 September 2017 at the Rocky Mountain NWR, *Adams*.

**Eastern Phoebe** – *Sayornis phoebe* (CD, BW; 2015-119; 7-0): A bird was seen on 13 October 2015 in Nucla, *Montrose*, for a very rare West Slope record.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** – *Tyrannus forficatus* (JKen; 2017-019; 7-0): An adult male was seen on 26 April 2017 at Beebe Draw, *Weld*.

**Philadelphia Vireo** – *Vireo philadelphicus* (CR<sup>&</sup>, JDR<sup>&</sup>; 2015-105; 7-0): A bird was seen on 23 September 2015 in Cheesman Park in Denver, *Denver*. (GW<sup>&</sup>; 2016-095; 7-0): A bird was seen on 21-23 September 2016 on Hwy 57 near the Kansas border, *Kit Carson*. (GW<sup>&</sup>; 2016-096; 7-0): Another bird was seen on 28 September 2016 in Flagler, which is also in *Kit Carson*.

**Pacific Wren** – *Troglodytes pacificus* (KMD<sup>&</sup>; 2016-050; 7-0): One was seen on 4 July 2016 at Calypso Cascades in the Wild Basin area of Rocky Mountain NP, *Boulder*. A Pacific Wren was also seen at this location the previous summer. (KMD<sup>&</sup>; 2017-046; 7-0): Two birds were seen on 14 July 2017 also at Calypso Cascades in Wild Basin, *Boulder*. (NG<sup>&</sup>, BM<sup>&</sup>; 2017-059; 7-0): An immature bird was banded on 23 September 2017 in the north part of Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*. (SML; 2017-060; 7-0): One

was seen on 23 September 2017 at the Brett Gray Ranch, which is southwest of Punkin Center, *Lincoln*. (RV<sup>&</sup>; 2018-030; 7-0): An adult was seen between 11 January and 11 February 2018 along the Animas River Trail in Durango, *La Plata*. (WR, AB<sup>&</sup>; 2018-057; 7-0): An adult male was seen between 22 and 27 June 2018 along West Creek in northeast Rocky Mountain NP, *Larimer*. These 6 records add considerably to our knowledge of the range of Pacific Wren in Colorado, and show it can occur in several diverse areas of the state.

**Sedge Wren** – *Cistothorus platensis* (BM<sup>&</sup>; 2018-019; 7-0): One was seen between 21 and 23 September 2018 at Rose Pond in Chico Basin Ranch, *Pueblo*.

**Varied Thrush** – *Isoreus naevius* (SMa<sup>&</sup>; 2017-071; 7-0): An adult male was seen on 28 November 2017 in Greeley, *Weld*.

**Curve-billed Thrasher** – *Toxostoma curvirostre* (MS<sup>&</sup>; 2017-065; 7-0): An adult was seen between 8 October and 3 December 2017 at a feeder in southeast Montrose, *Montrose*. This is a very rare species on the West Slope of Colorado.

**Sprague's Pipit** – *Anthus spragueii* (RHo<sup>&</sup>; 2015-131; 7-0): A bird was seen on 14 October 2015 at the intersection of CR 114 and CR 37, which is several miles east of Hwy 85 in the west Pawnee National Grasslands, *Weld*. (BM<sup>&</sup>, MG<sup>&</sup>; 2015-118; 7-0): Up to 5 birds were seen between 14 and 24 October 2015 in the sand hills area of the northern section of Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*. This is a large number of birds seen relatively close to the Front Range and well away from far eastern Colorado where they are usually seen.

**Smith's Longspur** – *Calcarius pictus* (TLe; 2018-013; 6-1): Two birds were seen on 2 November 2018 on County Road 75 north of Hwy 96, *Kiowa*.

**Snow Bunting** – *Plectrophenax nivalis* (BA<sup>sc</sup>; 2018-011; 7-0): One was seen on 27 November 2018 at Shadow Mountain Lake, *Grand*.

**Eastern Towhee** – *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* (NG<sup>sc</sup>; 2015-128; 7-0): A female was caught and banded on 24 May 2014 in the north area of Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*. (SMI; 2015-113; 6-1): A female was seen on 21 September 2015 at Crow Valley Campground, *Weld*.

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** – *Zonotrichia atricapilla* (RHa<sup>sc</sup>; 2017-075; 7-0): A winter plumaged individual was seen on 16 December 2017 at a feeder just south of US 285 and a few miles west of C470, Morrison, *Jefferson*.

**Eastern Meadowlark** – *Sturnella magna* (DD<sup>sc</sup>, KMD<sup>sc</sup>; 2015-022; 7-0): A male was seen between 21 February and 8 March 2015 at the Tamarack Ranch SWA, *Logan*. (SRA, KMD<sup>sc</sup>; 2016-040; 7-0): A bird in breeding plumage was seen between 8 and 12 June 2016 at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR, *Adams*. (SMI<sup>sc</sup>; 2016-061; 7-0): An immature bird was seen on 27 June 2016 at John Martin Res., *Bent*. (SMI; 2015-113; 7-0): A female was seen on 21 September 2015 at Crow Valley Campground, *Weld*. (SMI; 2017-008; 7-0): One was seen on 5 February 2017 at John Martin Res., *Bent*.

**Scott's Oriole** – *Icterus parisorum* (RM<sup>sc</sup>; 2016-041; 7-0): A male in breeding plumage was seen on 10 May 2016 at Brush Hollow Res., *Fremont*.

**Worm-eating Warbler** – *Helminthos vermivorus* (TLi<sup>sc</sup>; 2015-104; 7-0): A bird flew into a window and was killed on 22 September 2015 at a house in Steamboat Springs, *Routt*.

**Golden-winged Warbler** – *Vermivora chrysoptera* (MSM; 2017-049; 7-0): An adult male was seen between 19 and 22 August 2017 on the Yampa River Core Trail in Steamboat Springs, *Routt*.

**Lucy's Warbler** – *Leiothlypis luciae* (SA; 2015-100; 7-0): A male was seen between 24 April and 21 May 2015 along the Animas River in Durango, *La Plata*. (DL<sup>sc</sup>; 2015-140; 7-0): Another male was seen between 10 and 12 May 2015 in the Eaton Cemetery, *Weld*. This bird was a complete surprise, as it was a very long way from the only known breeding location in the very southwest of Colorado.

**Mourning Warbler** – *Geothlypis philadelphia* (SMI; 2017-028; 7-0): A male was seen on 21 May 2107 at the Brett Gray Ranch, which is several miles southwest of Punkin Center, *Lincoln*. (SMI<sup>sc</sup>; 2017-029; 7-0): Another differently plumaged male was seen between 21 and 25 May 2017 also at the Brett Gray Ranch, *Lincoln*. This is very unusual to see two Mourning Warblers on the same day at the same location in Colorado. (SMI<sup>sc</sup>; 2017-035; 7-0): A male was seen on 29 May 2017 at Hale Ponds, which are on the Kansas border east of Bonny Res., *Yuma*.

**Kentucky Warbler** – *Oporornis formosus* (GW<sup>sc</sup>; 2016-092; 7-0): An adult male was seen on 9 September 2016 at the Brett Gray Ranch, which is several miles southwest of Punkin Center, *Lincoln*.

**Cape May Warbler** – *Setophaga tigrina* (BP<sup>sc</sup>; 2018-046; 7-0): A female was seen between 7 and 10 May 2018 at the Stulp Farm just south of Lamar, *Prowers*. (BP<sup>sc</sup>; 2018-012; 7-0): One was seen between 17 and 20 November 2018 in Pueblo City Park, *Pueblo*.

**Palm Warbler** – *Setophaga palmarum* (MHo<sup>sc</sup>; 2016-101; 7-0): One was seen on 18 November 2016 in northeast Broomfield, *Broomfield*.

**Bay-breasted Warbler** – *Setophaga castanea* (DR; 2017-045; 6-1): A male in breeding plumage was seen on 26 June 2017 in forest several miles southwest of Westcliffe, *Custer*.



**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – *Setophaga pensylvanica* (BP<sup>&c</sup>; 2017-081; 7-0): A winter plumaged bird was seen between 15 November and 16 December 2017 along the Arkansas River below Pueblo Res. dam, *Pueblo*. This species is very rare in Colorado in winter.

**Prairie Warbler** – *Setophaga discolor* (CT<sup>&c</sup>; 2017-023; 7-0): An adult female was seen on 7 May 2017 at Flagler Res. SWA, *Kit Carson*. (BP<sup>&c</sup>, SRi<sup>&c</sup>; 2017-080; 7-0): A female was seen between 5 December 2017 and 18 January 2018 near Pueblo Res. *Pueblo*. This species is very rare in Colorado in winter.

**Canada Warbler** – *Wilsonia canadensis* (LK<sup>&c</sup>; 2016-082; 7-0): An immature male was caught and banded on 8 September 2016 at the north part of Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*.

## RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

Many Colorado birders, expert and beginner alike, will sooner or later have a bird report “not accepted” by the CBRC. While some written descriptions may describe a look-alike species or subspecies causing the non-acceptance, more often than not, unaccepted reports simply do not provide enough descriptive details or convincing photographs to provide “without a doubt” evidence to support a record. Or, the key call or song was not heard well or not described well or at all. Even a 5-2 majority vote in favor of a record being accepted does not meet the required 6-1 or 7-0. The bird may well, in fact, refer to the species reported, but the details provided may have been not convincing enough. Do not be insulted. Next time, detail every key identification point you observed (but not a word-for-word field guide description). Separate all of the look-alike species and when appropriate address potential hybrids. When photographing, attempt to get clear shots that show key features/behavior/posture or include a sound recording or a sonogram when possible.

**Inca Dove** – *Columbina inca* (2014-088; 5-2, 3-4): Two birds were seen on 17 May 2012 in Cottonwood Canyon, *Baca*. Several committee members thought that a 3 second view without binoculars was too short to eliminate other possible species.

**Anna’s Hummingbird** – *Calypte anna* (2015-107; 0-7): An adult female was very briefly seen on 18 September 2015 feeding on a bush in a backyard in Fort Collins, *Larimer*. The description says the bird was “of large size,” and most committee members thought that Black-chinned Hummingbird, or other possible species, were not adequately eliminated.

**Costa’s Hummingbird** – *Calypte costae* (2016-072; 3-4): An adult was seen on 29 May 2016 at Golden Gate Canyon SP, *Gilpin*. The bird is very small in the submitted photos, so most committee members thought other species were not adequately eliminated, and two members thought the bird was the much more expected Calliope Hummingbird.

**Short-eared Owl** – *Asio flammeus* (2016-064; 1-6): One was seen on the nights of 19 and 20 August 2016 sitting on a post in a backyard in Telluride, *San Miguel*. Most committee members thought this was very unlikely behavior for a Short-eared Owl.

**Gyrfalcon** – *Falco rusticolus* (2017-016; 0-7): One was seen on 8 April 2017 in a field in Grand Junction, *Mesa*. The very brief description in this report led several committee members to conclude that other possibilities were not adequately eliminated.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** – *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (2015-135; 3-4): One was seen on 10 October 2011 in the north part of Chico Basin Ranch, *El Paso*. Several committee members thought that the submitted photographs were not good enough to eliminate other Myiarchus flycatchers, and noted that a recording of the distinctive calls was not available.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** – *Catharus minimus* (2015-141; 2-5): One was seen on 24 May 2015 in Holyoke, *Phillips*. The upper side of the tail was not observed, so some committee members thought that Hermit Thrush was not adequately eliminated.

**Bronzed Cowbird** – *Molothrus aeneus* (2014-090; 5-2, 1-6): An adult was seen on 30 June 1990 at a feeder in Lakewood, *Jefferson*. Colorado's first record of this species was documented at a fairly nearby location between 18 May and 5 June 1990. The gap of 25 days from the previous sighting led most committee members to regard this as a separate record on the second round of voting, and then the description was much too brief to be acceptable.

**Cerulean Warbler** – *Setophaga cerulea* (2015-101; 3-4): An immature female was seen on 9 September 2015 at the Fox Ranch, which is a few miles northwest of Idalia, *Yuma*. The dissenting members, and one outside expert, thought that the submitted photographs did not eliminate a female Bay-breasted Warbler.

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