

THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT
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This report contains approximately half of the records acted upon by the Official Colorado Field Ornithologists Records Committee in 1987. Records and reports reviewed by the Committee receive an A, B or C designation, according to a majority vote by the Committee. A Committee member can alternatively cast a No Opinion vote. An A designation supports the claimed identification, a B record is considered a misidentification, and a C record is regarded as incomplete.

Each record is assigned a permanent file number, eg., 1-87-1. These codes represent the family code number, the year the report was first routed through the Committee, and chronological record number. Family code numbers do not reflect recent changes in The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds. The Committee desires written, photographic, tape-recorded or other documentation of the presence of bird species previously unrecorded, and those species that have occurred rarely in the state. A list of these species has been published by Gent (1988). The Committee also desires reports of breeding birds new to the state or to any of the state's 28 latilongs.

PART 1 Class A Records:

Yellow-billed Loon (Gavia adamsii) 1-87-1. A basic-plumaged bird was seen at Pueblo Reservoir (Pueblo County) on 6 February 1987. This is the first record for Latilong 19 and the 5th state record. Mark Janos.

Tricolored Heron (Egretta tricolor) 5-87-2. Dan Bridges found one adult on 1 May 1987 on the northwest side of Lake Henry in Crowley County (Latilong 20). Eleventh state record.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax violaceus) 5-87-5. One adult was seen on 31 May 1986 at the ponds below Two Buttes Reservoir dam in Baca County (Latilong 28) by Beth Dillon. This

is the 35th state record.

Eurasian Wigeon (Anas penelope) 8-87-6. Jerry Cairo saw an adult male on 23 March 1987 at Carbody Lake near Greeley in Weld County (Latilong 5).

Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus) 12-87-9. One was reported from Grand Junction in Mesa County (Latilong 8) on 12 December 1986 by Walter and Claudia Rector.

Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus) 12-87-25. John Merchant saw 1 adult on the south rim of the White River Plateau (elevation 9500') on 4 July 1986 in Garfield County (Latilong 9).

Common Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus) 17-87-17. Judy Ward saw 1 on 27 April 1987 near the golf course at Craig, Moffat County. This is the first Latilong 2 record and the 7th state record.

Whooping Crane (Grus americana) 16-87-13. Two adults and 1 immature were seen on 6-7 April 1984 at Hart's Basin near Eckert, in Delta County (Latilong 16) by Mark Janos.

Lesser Golden-Plover (Pluvialis dominica) 18-87-19. Mark Janos found 1 in basic plumage on 7 October 1983 at Hart's Basin (Delta County). This is the first record for Latilong 16.

Snowy Plover (Charadrius alexandrinus) 18-87-38. A male in alternate plumage was seen at the Delta Sewage Ponds in Delta County on 13-14 April 1986 by Mark Janos and Coen Dexter (Latilong 15).

Hudsonian Godwit (Limosa haemastica) 19-87-23. David Leatherman reported 1 in alternate plumage from a farm pond near Severance in Weld County on 5 May 1987 (Latilong 5). According to Leatherman, Kevin Cook saw 2 of this species at this location earlier the same day. One of the birds seen by Cook was reported to be in basic plumage. Fourteenth state record.

Western Sandpiper (Calidris mauri) 19-87-21. Two very early arriving migrants were seen by Mark Janos on 22 March 1984 at Hart's Basin near Eckert, in Delta County (Latilong 16).

Dunlin (Calidris alpina) 19-87-20. Twelve birds, in alternate or prealternate molt, were seen by John Rawinski on 20 April 1986 at

San Luis Lake near Mosca in Alamosa County. This is the first record for Latilong 25.

Short-billed Dowitcher (Limnodromus griseus) 19-97-22. Mark Janos reported 1 in juvenal plumage from Cheraw Reservoir in Otero County (Latilong 20) on 5 September 1987.

Parasitic Jaeger (Stercorarius parasiticus) 22-87-27. Charles Duncan reported a non-adult dark phase bird from Antero Reservoir, Park County on 30 August 1987 (Latilongs 11 and 18).

Laughing Gull (Larus atricilla) 23-87-29. A second-winter bird was seen on 6 September 1987 at Lake Meredith, Crowley County (Latilong 20) by Mark Janos.

Thayer's Gull (Larus thayeri) 23-87-28. Mark Janos reported one from Sweitzer Lake State Recreation Area in Delta County on 8 December 1986. This is the first record in Latilong 15.

Caspian Tern (Sterna caspia) 23-87-31. Jerry Cairo reported 1 in alternate plumage at Jumbo Reservoir near Crook (Latilong 7) on 13 May 1987. Jumbo Reservoir straddles Sedgwick and Logan Counties.

Caspian Tern (Sterna caspia) 23-87-32. One was seen on 26 May 1987 by Dan Bridges at Cherry Creek Reservoir in Arapahoe County (Latilong 12).

Boreal Owl (Aegolius funereus) 28-87-33. Larry Sanders found 1 on 25 April 1987 east of Echo Lake Lodge near Idaho Springs in Clear Creek County (Latilong 11) at an elevation of approximately 10,500'.

Boreal Owl (Aegolius funereus) 28-87-34. A calling bird was seen by Mark Masteller on 20 February 1987 east of Breckenridge, off Boreas Pass Road in Summit County, elevation 10,300' (Latilong 11).

Whip-poor-will (Caprimulgus vociferus) 29-87-41. One was seen by Dan Bridges on 27 September 1987 at the South Platte River downstream from Wayside Park, east of Julesburg in Sedgwick County. This is the first record for Latilong 7 and the 4th state record.

Black Swift (Cypseloides niger) 30-87-43. Ivan Getting saw 5 on

the plains in Longmont, Boulder County (Latilong 4) on 9 June 1987. This is about 22 miles east of where Black Swifts regularly nest at Ouzel Falls in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Chimney Swift (Chaetura pelagica) 30-87-42. There are few records of this species from western Colorado, and this one is the first from Latilong 15. On 29 August 1987, Mark Janos saw 3 in Delta, Delta County. Identification was made by the swifts' twittering calls.

Chaetura sp. 30-87-46. Chuck LaRue saw 2 Chaetura sp. swifts in Nucla, Montrose County (Latilong 15) on 27 May 1987. No calls were heard during the observation. This is the first record for a Chaetura sp. swift from this latilong.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus varius) 33-87-4. A bird in first basic plumage was seen by Mark Janos on 20-24 November 1987 at Sweitzer Lake State Recreation Area in Delta County (Latilong 15).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus varius) 33-87-8. Mark Janos saw a first basic bird at Highline Reservoir in Mesa County (Latilong 8) on 29 October 1987.

Black Phoebe (Sayornis nigricans) 34-87-51. Mark Yaeger and Peter Gent reported an adult female with a nest with 2 eggs on a protected cliff about 3.5' above the water in Peck Cove, Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County (Latilong 19). The bird was seen 7-26 June 1987. This is the third nesting record for this species in Colorado. The first nest was reported in Latilong 19 in 1972.

Vermilion Flycatcher (Pyrocephalus rubinus) 34-87-53. Robert Cohen found a male in breeding plumage on 4 April 1987 in Rollinsville, in Gilpin County (Latilong 11).

Field Sparrow (Spizella pusilla) 56-87-39. One seen on 13 November 1987 at Sweitzer Lake State Recreation Area in Delta County by Mark Janos. This sighting was the first record for Latilong 15.

PART 2 Class B and C Records:

Gyr Falcon (Falco rusticolus) 12-87-11. The Committee felt that

the description of the raptor seen in October 1986 in Weld County was too brief.

Common Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus) 17-87-18. The report of a bird described from Adams County on 14 May 1987 was determined by the Committee to contain insufficient details.

Whip-poor-will (Caprimulgus vociferus) 29-87-37. Most of the Committee felt that the observer most likely is describing a Whip-poor-will, however the report lacks details, particularly those of the tail, that would eliminate other species. This bird was seen at Crow Valley Campground near Briggsdale, 17 May 1987 in Weld County.

Magnificent Hummingbird (Eugenes fulgens) 31-87-47. The Committee felt that the details provided in this report were insufficient to rule out Blue-throated Hummingbird. Seen near Buena Vista 30 June 1986 in Chaffee County.

Magnificent Hummingbird (Eugenes fulgens) 31-87-49. This report seems to describe a Blue-throated Hummingbird seen in Upper Blanco Basin, in Archuleta County, from 30 May to 21 June 1987.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (Tyrannus forficatus) 34-87-54. The Committee felt that this report did not provide an adequate description of the bird seen in Larimer County on 27 May 1987.

Purple Martin (Progne subis) 36-87-55. The Committee felt that this report did not provide an adequate description of the bird seen in Montrose County on 27 May 1987.

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REFERENCES CITED:

Gent, P. 1987. The CFO Checklist of Colorado Birds. C.F.O. Journal 21:50-58.

ERRATA:

The following corrections to the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Records Committee Report for records submitted in 1986 (C.F.O. Journal 22:85-90) should be noted:

- a) Page 87. The file number for Red Knot should be 19-86-47.
- b) Page 88. The file number for Mourning Warbler should be 52-86-21.
- c) Page 89. The file number for Kentucky Warbler should be 52-86-12.
- d) Page 89. The record (55-86-49) by Dan Bridges at Chatfield State Recreation Area, Jefferson County was of a male Summer Tanager (Piranga rubra), not Scarlet Tanager.