

THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR RECORDS SUBMITTED IN 1987 (PART II)

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This report contains the second half of the records acted upon by the CFO Records Committee in 1987. The first half of the report appeared in Vol. 23, No. 1, p. 13-17 of the C.F.O. Journal. The members of the Committee were: William Winston Brockner (Evergreen), Mark Janos (La Junta), William Maynard (Colorado Springs), Duane Nelson (Golden), David Silverman (Rye) and Richard Stransky (Durango).

Records reviewed by the Committee receive an A, B or C designation, according to a majority vote by the Committee. An A designation supports the identification; a B record is considered a misidentification; a C record is regarded as incomplete. All records are given a permanent file number, e.g. 1-87-1. The numbers represent the family code number, the year the report was received, and the chronological record number. The family code numbers do not reflect recent changes in the A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds. The Committee desires documentation of those species that have occurred rarely in the state, those species previously unrecorded in the state, and unusual or new breeding records in the state.

## PART 1

## Class A Records

Red-throated Loon (Gavia stellata) 1-87-106. A winter-plumaged bird was seen at Lower Latham Reservoir (Weld County) on 4 November 1984 by Jerry Cairo. This is the tenth state record and the first record for Latilong 5 (Greeley).

Tricolored Heron (Egretta tricolor) 5-87-3. An adult in breeding plumage was seen at Lake Meredith (Crowley County) on 5 September 1987 by Dan Bridges and Mark Janos.

Tricolored Heron (Egretta tricolor) 5-87-77. Jerry Cairo saw an immature bird on 8 September 1985 at Lower Latham Reservoir (Weld County).

Parasitic Jaeger (Stercorarius parasiticus) 22-87-26. Mark Janos saw a dark-plumaged juvenile at Jumbo Reservoir (Logan County) on 6 September 1985.

Northern Saw-whet Owl (Aegolius acadicus) 28-87-103. On the Colorado Springs Christmas Bird Count on 20 December 1986, Virginia and John Maynard found two adults in Manitou Springs (El Paso County).

Black Swift (Cypseloides niger) 30-87-44. Five birds were seen by Michael Carter at Barr Lake State Park (Adams County) on 12 July 1987.

Black Swift (Cypseloides niger) 30-87-45. A flock of birds was seen by Chuck LaRue west of Nucla (Montrose County) on 10 July 1987.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus varius) 33-87-50. Dan Bridges saw a female on 26 September 1987 at Hale Ponds near Hale (Yuma County).

Say's Phoebe (Sayornis saya) 34-87-101. An adult was seen by Dorothy Lippincott on 20 December 1986 in Colorado Springs (El Paso County). This was on the Colorado Springs Christmas Bird Count and is very late for this species.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (Tyrannus forficatus) 34-87-52. An adult male was seen near Laporte (Larimer County) on 19 September 1987 by Bobbie DeMuth. Identifiable photographs were obtained and submitted.

Gray-checked Thrush (Catharus minimus) 44-87-56. Jerry Cairo saw an adult near Hale (Yuma County) on 12 May 1986.

Wood Thrush (Hylocichla mustelina) 44-87-58. Dan Bridges saw an adult in breeding plumage on 17 May 1987 at Bonny Reservoir (Yuma County).

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius) 44-87-59. A male in winter plumage was seen intermittently between 13 December 1986 and 21 February 1987 at a feeder in Beulah (Pueblo County) by Neva Jo Haver. An excellent photograph was obtained and submitted.

Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos) 43-87-60. Vic Zerbi saw an adult in Glenwood Springs (Garfield County) on 27 December 1986. This unusual winter west slope observation was on the Roaring Fork Christmas Bird Count.

Brown Thrasher (Toxostoma rufum) 43-87-63. An adult was seen in the middle of September 1984 in Buena Vista (Chaffee County) by Dorothy and Donald Roeske.

Brown Thrasher (Toxostoma rufum) 43-87-102. Cindy Lippincott saw an adult on the Colorado Springs Christmas Bird Count on 20 December 1986 in Colorado Springs (El Paso County).

Curve-billed Thrasher (Toxostoma curvirostre) 43-87-61. An adult was seen at the Pawnee Buttes (Weld County) on 21 July 1985 by Jerry Cairo.

Phainopepla (Phainopepla nitens) 48-87-64. An adult female was seen on 20, 28 and 29 June 1986 in Ignacio (La Plata County) by Caroline Shryock and Lorita Mansfield. This is the sixth state record.

Yellow-throated Vireo (Vireo flavifrons) 51-87-65. An adult was seen on 28 September 1987 by Dan Bridges at Horsetooth Reservoir (Larimer County).

Philadelphia Vireo (Vireo philadelphicus) 51-87-93. Jerry Cairo saw an immature at Muir Springs near Fort Morgan (Morgan County) on 19 October 1985. This is the first record for Latilong 6 (Sterling).

Blue-winged Warbler (Vermivora pinus) 52-87-67. A singing male in breeding plumage was observed by Hope Leighton on 4 June 1987 and by Peter Gent on 6 June 1987 five miles south of Boulder (Boulder County).

Brewster's Warbler (Vermivora pinus x chrysoptera) 52-87-69. Toni Brevillier and Hugh Kingery found a male of this hybrid at Hanna Ranch south of Fountain (El Paso County) on 21 May 1987.

Chestnut-sided Warbler (Dendroica pensylvanica) 52-87-70. David Jasper saw a male on 16 and 18 June 1987 in Radium (Grand County).

Black-throated Blue Warbler (Dendroica caerulescens) 52-87-73. A male and two females were seen by Ruby Ebright on 3, 4 and 8 October 1987 in Salida (Chaffee County).

Black-throated Blue Warbler (Dendroica caerulescens) 52-87-76. A male in breeding plumage was seen at Crow Valley Park near Briggsdale (Weld County) on 23 May 1987 by Deborah Parete and Ivan Getting.

Yellow-throated Warbler (Dendroica dominica) 52-87-78. One in breeding plumage was seen in Boulder (Boulder County) on 3 and 5 May 1987 by Peter Gent.

Kentucky Warbler (Oporornis formosus) 52-87-68. A male in breeding plumage was seen by Peter Gent in Boulder (Boulder County) on 30 May 1987.

Hooded Warbler (Wilsonia citrina) 52-87-71. David Leatherman saw a male on 4 and 5 June 1986 in LaPorte (Larimer County). An excellent photograph was obtained and submitted.

Canada Warbler (Wilsonia canadensis) 52-87-105. David Hallock saw a male in Nederland (Boulder County) on 24 June and 1 and 11 July 1987.

Summer Tanager (Piranga rubra) 55-87-83. A first year male was seen by Dan Bridges on 13 May 1987 in Pueblo (Pueblo County).

Summer Tanager (Piranga rubra) 55-87-85. An adult female was seen at Hanna Ranch south of Fountain (El Paso County) on 17 May 1986 by Jerry Cairo.

Scarlet Tanager (Piranga olivacea) 55-87-84. An adult female was seen by Jerry Cairo at Tamarack Ranch near Crook (Logan County) on 14 May 1986.

Field Sparrow (Spizella pusilla) 56-87-86. On the Roaring Fork Christmas Bird Count, an adult was seen at a feeder in Glenwood Springs (Garfield County) on 27 December 1986 by Vic Zerbi. Mark Janos also saw this bird on 18 January 1987. Excellent photographs were obtained and submitted.

Sage Sparrow (Amphispiza belli) 56-87-107. An early observation on 31 March 1985 was made by John Rawinski at Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge (Rio Grande County).

Swamp Sparrow (Melospiza georgiana) 56-87-62. Mark Janos saw an immature at Hart's Basin near Eckert (Delta County) on 16 November 1987. This species is unusual on the west slope.

Swamp Sparrow (Melospiza georgiana) 56-87-89. One in basic plumage was seen by Chuck LaRue on 8 October 1987 just west of Nucla (Montrose County).

Swamp Sparrow (Melospiza georgiana) 56-87-90. An immature was seen at Escalante Wildlife Area near Delta (Delta County) on 16 and 17 October 1987 by Mark Janos.

White-throated Sparrow (Zonotrichia albicollis) 56-87-92. An adult was seen at Crow Valley Campground near Briggsdale (Weld County) on 23 May 1987 by Deborah Parete and Ivan Getting.

Great-tailed Grackle (Quiscalus mexicanus) 54-87-79. Beth Dillon saw an adult male on 31 May 1986 at Two Buttes (Baca County).

Great-tailed Grackle (Quiscalus mexicanus) 54-87-80. Breeding was documented in Walsh City Park (Baca County) during August 1986. Beth Dillon saw at least one male and seven females and obtained several excellent photographs. This is the first documented breeding in Latilong 28 (Springfield).

Great-tailed Grackle (Quiscalus mexicanus) 54-87-81. Breeding was documented in Salida (Chaffee County) during May and June 1987 by Ruby Ebright.

Great-tailed Grackle (Quiscalus mexicanus) 54-87-82. Coen Dexter saw a pair at Highline Reservoir near Loma (Mesa County) between 9 May and 14 June 1987.

Great-tailed Grackle (Quiscalus mexicanus) 54-87-98. One was seen near Lamar (Prowers County) on 16 March 1987 by Toni Brevillier. This species continues the rapid expansion of its range into Colorado.

Lesser Goldfinch (Carduelis psaltria) 56-87-95. On the Roaring Fork Christmas Bird Count on 27 December 1986, Vic Zerbi saw an

adult female in Glenwood Springs (Garfield County). Mark Janos saw this bird on 18 January 1987.

## PART 2

## Class B and C Records

American Black Duck (Anas rubripes) 8-87-97. The Committee felt that the description of this bird seen near Boyd Lake (Larimer County) on 18 March 1986 was too brief.

Gyr Falcon (Falco rusticolus) 12-87-10. The Committee split on this observation of a dark phase bird seen at Jumbo Reservoir (Sedgwick County) on 4 December 1986.

Gyr Falcon (Falco rusticolus) 12-87-12. The description of this white bird north of Longmont (Boulder County) on 20 January 1987 did not rule out other light-colored falcons and hawks.

Black Rail (Laterallus jamaicensis) 17-87-14. The Committee thought that the description of two birds at Shackle Reservoir near Fort Collins (Larimer County) on 19 September 1987 did not adequately rule out immatures of other rail species.

Common Poorwill (Phalaenoptilus nuttallii) 29-87-40. The Committee felt that the description of a very brief sighting of three birds near Boulder (Boulder County) on 28 February 1987 was not detailed enough.

Black Phoebe (Sayornis nigricans) 34-87-96. The Committee thought the description of this bird near Adobe Creek Reservoir (Bent County) on 15 March 1987 was too brief.

Red-eyed Vireo (Vireo olivaceus) 51-97-66. The description of a bird near Nucla (Montrose County) on 9 and 10 October 1987 did not eliminate Tennessee Warbler.

Blue-winged Warbler (Vermivora pinus) 52-87-75. The Committee was unconvinced by the description of a female at Chatfield Reservoir (Jefferson County) on 15 May 1987.

Black-throated Blue Warbler (Dendroica caerulescens) 52-87-72. The report did not give the sex of this bird seen near Nucla (Montrose County) on 9 October 1987.

Black-headed Grosbeak (Pheucticus melanocephalus) 56-87-100. The Committee decided against this very brief report of two males on 20 December 1986.

Dickcissel (Spiza americana) 56-87-88. The Committee thought that the description of a female near Nucla (Montrose County) on 8 October 1987 was too brief.

Brambling (Fringilla montifringilla) 56-87-87. The Committee felt that the description was too brief and the photographs unclear of this bird seen in Salida (Chaffee County) on 26 February and 12 March 1987.

Purple Finch (Carpodacus purpureus) 56-87-94. The Committee was unconvinced by the description of a brief observation of two females near Holly (Prowers County) on 13 March 1987.

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