

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2002

1) CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD (*Stellula calliope*): immature male, present mid-October to at least November 8, 2002, at the home of Harold and Kathleen Anderson, Columbia, Boone Co. Banded, measured, and documented in detail by Troy Gordon; photographs by Troy Gordon, Janine Gordon, and Jim Rathert; also documented by Bill Goodge, Paul McKenzie, and Chris Snook. First state record. Picture courtesy of Jim Rathert.

2) COMMON POORWILL (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*): found by Barbara Kluepfel in her yard in Kansas City, Jackson County, 18 April 2002; kept in rehabilitation, identified as a Common Poorwill by Mark Robbins in October; documentation includes photographs. First confirmed state record; formerly hypothetical based on one probably-valid observation from 1945; other previous reports are doubtful.

3) BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*): one, 25 May 2002, Prairie State Park, Barton Co. Found by Steve Kinder (documentation), Raun Obermann, Seth Cole. Accidental transient; fourth state record.

4) CLARK'S NUTCRACKER (*Nucifraga columbiana*): one, 21 December through at least 23 December, 2002, Busch Conservation Area, St. Charles Co. Found and documented by Rich Kostecke; also documented by Bill Rowe and Randy Korotev (with photographs) and Michael Grant. First record for the St. Louis area; sixth record for Missouri, and first since 1972. Picture courtesy of Mike Grant.

5) BROWN PELICAN (*Pelecanus occidentalis*): one, 19-24 August, 2002, Schell-Osage Conservation Area, Vernon Co. Found by Lester Pannell (documentation) and Charlene Pannell; also documented by Jean Leonatti. Sixth state record, and third since 1950.

6) SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularia*): one, 5 January 2002, Smithville Lake, Clay Co. Jo Ann Eldridge (documentation), John Harter, Jim Zellmer. First winter record.

7) RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Archilochus colubris*): immature female, present 9-15 December, 2002, at the home of Martha Jolly, near Columbia, Boone Co. Banded, measured, and documented by Troy Gordon (with photographs by Janine Gordon). First winter record. Picture courtesy of Janine Gordon.

8) SAY'S PHOEBE (*Sayornis saya*): one, 14 December 2002, Four Rivers Conservation Area, Vernon Co. Mark Robbins (documentation with photograph), Roger McNeill. Seventh state record.

9) RUFF (*Philomachus pugnax*): female, 24 May 2002, Lake Contrary, Buchanan Co. Documented by Larry Lade, Tom Nagle, and John Rushin (photographs by Rushin). Thirteenth state record.

10) PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*): adult male, 8 June to 8 August 2002, Katy Trail State Park, St. Charles Co. Found and documented by Theresa Wojtanowski; also documented by Jim Malone & Bill Rowe (photographs). Accidental in eastern Missouri.

Note: The committee was unable to include a record of a Eurasian stint, found on 28 July 2002 at Lake Contrary by Larry Lade and photographed by several observers, because it could not be identified to species. Divided opinions from several expert outside reviewers left it uncertain whether this bird was a Red-necked Stint, a Little Stint, or possibly a hybrid. In any case, it was a remarkable record. For the complexities of trying to identify this bird, see the annual "MBRC News" article in the December 2003 issue of *The Bluebird*. Similarly, another likely Eurasian stint, seen on 20 July 2002 at Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area by Bill Reeves, was also submitted to the reviewers and remained unconfirmed.