

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2003

- 1) SCARLET TANAGER** (*Piranga olivacea*): Male, 19 December 2003 to 7 January 2004, near Savannah, Andrew Co. Observed and documented at his home feeder by Dr. R. F. Claxton (photograph). A remarkable first winter record of a species that normally winters in South America.
- 2) AMERICAN REDSTART** (*Setophaga ruticilla*): Female, 27 December 2003, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, Stoddard Co. Found and documented by Jude Vickery (photographs). First winter record of a species that winters primarily south of the United States, although some remain in southern Florida and Texas.
- 3) RUDDY DUCK** (*Oxyura jamaicensis*): Nest found, 17 June 2003, Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Holt County. Ronald Bell, Francis Durbian. Although the nest was apparently abandoned later and no young were hatched, this is the first documented nesting of Ruddy Ducks in Missouri. See article in *The Bluebird*, vol. 17, no.1 (March 2004).
- 4) SUMMER TANAGER** (*Piranga rubra*): Female, 12 December 2003, near Republic, Greene Co. Observed and documented by Dorothy Thurman (photograph). Second-latest record for Missouri.
- 5) OVENBIRD** (*Seiurus aurocapillus*): Male, found dead 13 December 2003 in Ashland, Boone Co., by Kay Palmer. First winter record (or latest fall record) for Missouri.
- 6) HOODED WARBLER** (*Wilsonia citrina*): Pair, 8 July 2003, Brickyard Hill Conservation Area, Atchison Co. David Easterla (documentation), Tommie Rogers. This observation of a male and female together constitutes indirect evidence of breeding—the first such record for northwestern Missouri. See article in *The Bluebird*, Vol. 70, #3 (September 2003).
- 7) ROSEATE SPOONBILL** (*Platalea ajaja*): Apparent immature, 30 June to 2 July 2003, Boone Co. Discovered by Emily Steffans; documented by her and by Lee Schiffel. Accidental summer visitor; fourth state record.
- 8) BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*): Two, 26 April 2003, Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Holt Co. Documented by David Easterla (with photographs) and Brad Jacobs; also seen by m.ob. Casual transient; fifth state record.
- 9) FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna bicolor*): Birds seen on various dates between 29 June and 17 October 2003, with a maximum of 21 on 11 October, in “Dexter rice fields,” Stoddard Co. Found and documented by Joe Eades; also documented by Josh Uffman and Jim and Charlene Malone (photographs). Casual

transient and summer visitor, with about eight previous records. These were by far the most birds ever found in Missouri, remaining over the longest interval of time.

10) ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*): Apparent adult male, 3 May 2003, Platte Co. Roger McNeill (documentation), Charles Andersen, Mike Radar. Originally a summer resident of the Bootheel lowlands, this species disappeared by the early twentieth century and has been only casual in Missouri in recent decades. This appears to be the twelfth modern record and the only record from the northwestern quadrant of the state.