

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2005

- 1) **YELLOW-BILLED LOON** (*Gavia adamsii*): One, 25 November 2005, Thomas Hill Reservoir, Macon Co. Found and documented with photographs by Josh Uffman. Accidental; about the fourth report for the state and probably the second individual.
- 2) **BLACK RAIL** (*Laterallus jamaicensis*): One, 9 October 2005, Swan Lake NWR, Chariton Co. Heard and documented by Terry McNeely; also heard by Dena and Marissa McNeely. About the twelfth state record, the third for fall, and the first in the past twenty years.
- 3) **BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE** (*Pica hudsonicus*): One, 8 December 2005, Maryville, Nodaway Co. Seen and documented by Jane Dawson. Accidental in winter.
- 4) **SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** (*Elanoides forficatus*): One, 13-14 June 2005, El Dorado Springs, Cedar Co. Documented by Jan Neale; also seen by Bill Neale and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gant. Casual; sixth modern record.
- 5) **BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*): Six, 11 May 2005, Springfield, Greene Co. Documented by David Blevins; also seen by Dorothy Thurman, Ruby Ball, Jan Horton, and Dwaine House. Casual transient; seventh state record.
- 6) **BLACKPOLL WARBLER** (*Dendroica striatus*): One, 2 October 2005, Tower Grove Park, St. Louis City. Found and documented by Joe Eades. Presently considered accidental and hypothetical in fall, since there is no physical evidence of its occurrence then (no photograph or specimen), nor has there ever been a written description of one. There are a few credible pre-1988 sight records by experienced birders, but this is the first since 1988 and the first record ever to be documented.
- 7) **TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes townsendi*): One, 31 December 2005 into February 2006, Kirkwood, St. Louis Co. Found and documented by Anne McCormack. First record for eastern Missouri.
- 8) **SWAINSON'S WARBLER** (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*): One, at least 10-11 July 2005, Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Center, Liberty, Clay Co. Documented by Craig Hensley and Terry Swope and photographed by Linda Williams. First summer occurrence outside normal breeding range in far southern Missouri.
- 9) **SPRAGUE'S PIPIT** (*Anthus spragueii*): One, 3 May 2005, near Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, St. Charles Co. Found and documented by Steve Mitten. Accidental in eastern Missouri; second modern record for the St. Louis area.
- 10) **SANDHILL CRANE** (*Grus canadensis*): One, 4 June 2005, B.K. Leach

Conservation Area, Lincoln Co. Documented by Mike Thelen; also seen by Brian Loges, Mary Smidt, and Dan Curran. Accidental in summer.