

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2006

1) **GRAY KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus dominicensis*): One, 23-24 May 2006, Salem, Dent Co. Found and documented by David Plank; also documented by Loretta McClure. FIRST STATE RECORD.

2) **FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna bicolor*): Two adults and two juveniles, 20 June 2006, Missouri Department of Transportation Wetland Mitigation site, Stoddard Co. Rob Meade (documentation), Buck Brooks, Melissa Scheperle, Keith McMullen. There are a few previous summer records of this species, but none with evidence of breeding. Based on this record, Fulvous Whistling-Duck is now listed as an accidental summer resident (i.e., a breeding bird).

3) **RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH** (*Sitta canadensis*): Male and female with two juveniles, 7-13 June 2006, Kansas City, Jackson Co. Nic Allen (documentation with photographs), Ted Allen. Accidental summer resident; this appears to be the second record for Missouri with evidence of nesting (first in 1955, also in Kansas City).

4) **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** (*Calidris bairdii*): One, 14 December, Big Lake State Park, Holt Co. Found and documented by Brad Jacobs (photographs); also observed by Andy Forbes. Second winter record for Missouri; extremely unusual in winter anywhere in North America.

5) **INCA DOVE** (*Columbina inca*): One, 6 February to 2 March 2006, Springfield Conservation Nature Center, Greene Co. Charley Burwick (documentation), Art Daniels (photographs), m.ob Also one, 12 April 2006, near Columbia, Boone Co. Sarah Pelc (documentation), Michael Pelc, Nancy Pelc, Leah Pelc. Fourth and fifth records for Missouri.

6) **SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** (*Elanoides forficatus*): One, probable juvenile, 10 August to at least 28 August 2006, vicinity of Busch CA, St. Charles Co. Found and documented by Charlene Malone (with photographs by Al Smith and Ron Goetz); also documented by David Easterla and photographed by m.ob. Casual transient and visitor; seventh modern record and first for the St. Louis area.

7) **BLACKPOLL WARBLER** (*Dendroica striata*): One, 23 October, Forest Park, St. Louis City. Found and documented by Sherry McCowan (photographs). Only the second documented fall record for Missouri, and the first with photographs. Currently considered accidental in fall.

8) **LONG-EARED OWL** (*Asio otus*): Nesting record; birds observed 1 March to 13 May 2006, Livingston Co. Steve Kinder (documentation with photographs), Noppodol Paothong (photographs), Brad Jacobs, Andy Forbes, Larry Lade. Two nests with a total of ten or more birds (adults plus young) were found in a privately-owned pine grove

where up to 15 Long-eared Owls had wintered for the preceding two or more years. Considered a casual summer resident in Missouri; most recent prior nesting evidence was in 1983.

9) **“AUDUBON’S” YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER** (*Dendroica coronata auduboni*): One, 25 November, Randolph Co. Found and documented by Joe Eades; also documented by Scott Schuette and observed by Josh Uffman. Apparently the seventh state record of this distinctive western subspecies.

10) **TOWNSEND’S SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes townsendi*): One, 14 March, Binder Lake, Cole Co. Found and documented by John Howland; also observed by Richard George. Accidental outside of northwestern Missouri.