

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2008

The first three records were deemed equally noteworthy, each representing a first state record, so they are listed as tied for #1. Order of listing is chronological.

1) MEW GULL (*Larus canus*): First-cycle bird, 20 April 2008, Smithville Lake, Clay and Clinton Counties. Found and documented by Doug Willis; also documented by Linda Williams (photographs), David Easterla, and Jack Hilsabeck. First state record.

1) BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus platycercus*): Adult male, 13-16 June 2008, home of Bill Reeves, Farmington, St. Francois Co. Found and documented by Bill Reeves (photographs by Debra Reeves); also documented by Paul Bauer (photographs) and Lanny Chambers (banding and photographs). First state record.

1) ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus sasin*): Immature male, 27 November 2008, home of Lanny Chambers, Fenton, St. Louis Co. Found and documented by Lanny Chambers (banding, measurements, and photographs by Linda Chambers). First state record.

4) CURLEW SANDPIPER (*Calidris ferruginea*): One, molting into alternate plumage, 26 April 2008, Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Holt Co. Found and documented by Doug Willis; also documented by Tommie Rogers (photographs), Neal Young (photographs), and Jack Hilsabeck. Accidental transient; second state record.

5) WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus*): One 3 May 2008, Columbia Bottom CA, St. Louis Co. Documented by Dick Coles, Bill Rowe, and John Solodar. Accidental transient and summer visitor; fourth state record. Previously listed as hypothetical, based on three accepted records by single observers with no physical evidence.

6) BLACK RAIL (*Laterallus jamaicensis*): At least two birds, 3-13 May 2008, Bloomfield, Stoddard Co. Found and documented (with recording) by Chris Barrigar; also documented by Bill Reeves and Bob Lewis. Casual transient.

7) LONG-BILLED CURLEW (*Numenius americanus*): Two records of this transient, casual in western Missouri: (1) One bird, 14 April 2008, Squaw Creek. Found and documented by Doug Willis. (2) Ten birds, 4 April 2008, rural Dade Co. Found and documented by Charles Burwick (with photographs). Apparently the highest count since about 1900.

8) SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*): Adult, 5 September 2008, near Wyatt, Mississippi Co. Found by Mark Monroe and documented by Brainard Palmer-Ball (photographs by both of them and Eddie Huber). Eighth modern record.

9) ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*Platalea ajaja*): Two records of this casual summer visitor: (1) Adult, 1 September 2008, Otter Slough CA, Stoddard Co. Found and documented by Chris Barrigar. Eighth state record. (2) Four immatures, 11 September 2008, Grand Tower Island, Perry Co. Found and documented by Rhonda Rothrock, with Mary McCarthy. Ninth state record, and the most individuals ever found at one time.

10) CINNAMON TEAL (*Anas cyanoptera*): Male, 11 January 2008, near Otter Slough CA, Stoddard Co. Found and documented by Chris Barrigar. Accidental in winter.