

# MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2009

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) GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes aurifrons*): Female, 12-24 April 2009, at a feeder in New Franklin, Howard Co. Documented with photographs by homeowner Don Baldrige. First state record.

**1) FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (*Tyrannus savana*): Immature, 26-28 April 2009, near Muskrat Lake, Buchanan Co. Found and documented by Connie Thompson (photographs) with Gary Thompson; also documented and photographed by Linda Williams and others. First state record.

**1) MOTTLED DUCK** (*Anas fulvigula*): Male, 2 June to 16 July 2009, near Otter Slough Conservation Area, Stoddard Co. Found by POaul McKenzie, Brad Jacobs, and Mark Robbins; documented by McKenzie and also by Bill Reeves; photographed by Jacobs and also by Josh Uffman. First state record. A second Mottled Duck was shot by a hunter on 20 November 2009 at Bob Brown Conservation Area; the specimen was preserved, prepared, and deposited at the University of Missouri.

**4) BLACK-THROATED SPARROW** (*Amphispiza bilineata*): Adult, 5 December 2009 to 16 January 2010, Andrew Co. Found by Dean Rush at his home; documented by Larry Lade, Kathleen Anderson, and Jack Hilsabeck (photographs). Accidental transient; second state record.

**5) COMMON POORWILL** (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*): One, 21-22 November 2009, near Maitland, Holt Co. Stunned by flying into car driven by Brandon Shields; documented with photographs by David Easterla. Accidental transient; third state record.

**6) CLARK'S GREBE** (*Aechmophorus clarkii*): One bird, 4-14 November 2009, Smithville Lake, Clay Co. Documented by Kristi Mayo and Al Smith (with photographs). Casual transient; fifth state record.

**7) BROWN PELICAN** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*): Seventh and eighth state records of this casual species: (1) Immature, 18 February to 3 March 2009, Lake of the Ozarks, Camden Co. Documented by Andy Kline and photographed by Connie Turek. First winter record. (2) Immature, 11 May to at least 18 July 2009, Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, St. Charles Co. (and adjacent areas). Found by Bill Rudden; documented by Josh Uffman with photographs.

**8) FERRUGINOUS HAWK** (*Buteo regalis*): Juvenile, 16 February 2009, Prairie Home Conservation Area, Cooper Co. Found, documented, and photographed by Jonathan Pons. Accidental in winter.

**9) ANHINGA** (*Anhinga anhinga*): 15 birds, 25 April 2009, over Big Oak Tree State Park, Mississippi Co. Observed and documented by Eric Gyllenhaal, with photographs by Ethan Gyllenhaal. Largest number seen in Missouri in modern times.

**10) SUMMER TANAGER** (*Piranga rubra*): Female, 25 December 2009, Town & Country, St. Louis Co. Found and documented by Chandler Kennedy at home feeder. Accidental in winter.