

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2012

- 1) WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE** (*Contopus sordidulus*): One, 9 June to at least 3 July, Lake Lotawana, Jackson Co. Found and audio-recorded by Chris Hobbs, with Nicole Hobbs; also documented by Mark Robbins and Sandra Elbert. Definitive State Record of a species never previously recorded in Missouri.
- 2) HOARY REDPOLL** (*Acanthis hornemanni*): This species was previously considered Provisional but is now fully accepted, thanks to two records in 2012: (1) One, 22 December, Columbia, Boone Co. Bill Mees (documentation), Jeff Mees (photographs), Jan Mees, Alice Robinson. This is the Definitive State Record. (2) One, 27 December, Ferguson, St. Louis Co. Connie Alwood (documentation with photographs).
- 3) LESSER GOLDFINCH** (*Spinus psaltria*): Male, 18 January to 20 February, Humansville, Polk Co. Calvin Borntreger (documentation), Lester and Ervin Borntreger, Bill Baughman (photographs). Accidental transient and winter visitor; fourth state record.
- 4) LARK BUNTING** (*Calamospiza melanocorys*): Apparent first-spring male, 1 April, Taberville Prairie, St. Clair Co. Craig Hensley (documentation), Jenna Rhoades (photographs). Casual transient and winter visitor; fourteenth record (except for nesting records from northwest Missouri in the 1960's).
- 5) BROWN PELICAN** (*Pelicanus occidentalis*): Adult, 29 May and thereafter, Binder Lake, Cole Co. Ryan Douglas, Nicholas March, Kathleen Anderson, and Chris Barrigar (documentation with photographs); found by Richard George. Casual transient and summer visitor; eleventh state record. This Brown Pelican set a record for residency in Missouri: it was observed from 29 May on through the summer and fall, to 19 December.
- 6) AMERICAN AVOCET** (*Recurvirostra americana*): First winter record, 27 December 2012 to 21 January 2013, Winfield Slough, Lincoln Co. Found by Scott Schuette; documented with photographs by David Marjamaa.
- 7) BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER** (*Pluvialis squatarola*): First winter record, 22 December, Winfield Slough, Lincoln Co. Andrew Reago (documentation with photographs), Chrissy McClarren.
- 8) WOOD STORK** (*Mycteria americana*): Four immature birds, 10-24 July, Swan Lake NWR, Chariton Co. Steve Kinder (documentation with photographs); also documented by Kathleen Anderson, Ryan Douglas. Casual; seventh record since the 1930's.
- 9) SAY'S PHOEBE** (*Sayornis saya*): Casual transient and winter visitor; tenth and eleventh state records. (1) One, 1 January, Swan Lake NWR, Chariton Co. Steve Kinder (documentation), Larry Lade. (2) One, 17-27 March, Capital View Access, Callaway Co. Found and documented by Bill Clark; also documented by Edge Wade, Kathleen Anderson, Walter Wehtje, Ryan Douglas (with photographs).

10) SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*): One, 28 July, Clarence Cannon NWR, Pike Co. Joe Eades (documentation), David Becher, Bill Duncan. Casual transient and summer visitor; eleventh modern record.

SPECIAL MENTION: Also noteworthy, though not exactly a species, was the hybrid Red-naped x Yellow-bellied Sapsucker found in Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, 22-23 March 2012, by Bill Rudden, who passed away unexpectedly this summer. This represented only the latest of many unusual finds by Bill in his career as an inquisitive and thorough observer of birds.