

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2014

- 1) **WILSON'S PLOVER** (*Charadrius wilsonia*): Female-plumaged bird, 4 May 2014, Riverlands. Found and documented by Larry Beeson; also documented by Charlene and James Malone and by Allen Smith (with photographs). Accidental transient; second state record of this southern coastal species.
- 2) **CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD** (*Selasphorus calliope*): Immature male, 12-29 November 2014, Swick residence, Ozark, Christian Co. Found and documented by Greg Swick (with photographs); also documented by Allen Smith (with photographs) and banded by Sarah Driver. Accidental transient; second state record.
- 3) **FERRUGINOUS HAWK** (*Buteo regalis*): Juvenile, 29 January 2014, along Mississippi River, New Madrid Co. Mark Greene (documentation with photographs). Transient and winter visitor, accidental in eastern Missouri. The photograph submitted showed several key characters; together with the description, they distinguished this species from Red-tailed and Rough-legged Hawks, with which it is easily confused.
- 4) **WHOOPING CRANE** (*Grus americana*): Adult and immature, 15 November 2014, Stockton Lake, Polk Co. David Blevins. Casual transient. Correspondence with Eva Szyzkoski of the International Crane Foundation established that the birds did not come from the experimental population established in Wisconsin, and therefore must have come from the wild population that migrates from Canada to the Texas coast.
- 5) **LESSER GOLDFINCH** (*Spinus psaltria*): Green-backed adult male, 15 February to 23 March, Berg residence, Stone Co. Greg Samuel (documentation), Emily Berg (photographs). Casual transient and winter visitor.
- 6) **MOTTLED DUCK** (*Anas fulvigula*): Two records: (1) One, 22-30 May 2014, near Hornersville Swamp CA, Dunklin Co. Timothy Jones (documentation with photographs). This species was previously listed as an accidental transient and summer visitor, with four records; this record, the fifth, moves it to "casual" status. (2) Male, 11 November 2014, SCNWR. Michael Stewart (documentation with photographs). Sixth state record. In both cases, photographs showed sufficient detail to eliminate a Mallard x Mottled Duck hybrid.
- 7) **INCA DOVE** (*Columbina inca*): Two records: (1) Two, early December 2013 through 4 January 2014, then one until 5 February 2014, Buffalo, Dallas Co. Greg Samuel and Greg Swick (documentation with photographs). First reported by Lester and Paul Hostetler. (2) Also one, 31 December 2014 to 7 January 2015, Cowell residence, Holden, Johnson Co. Found by Dan Cowell (photographs) and Varick Cowell; also documented by Steve and Debbie Martin. Casual transient and winter visitor.
- 8) **WOOD STORK** (*Mycteria americana*): Two immatures, at least 8 June to 1 August 2014, Four Rivers CA, Vernon Co. Chris Daniel and Steve Martin (documentation

with photographs). Casual summer visitor. Initial reports were of one bird, but the number reported rose to 2 by at least 27 June.

- 9) **PACIFIC LOON** (*Gavia pacifica*): Immature, or adult in non-breeding aspect, 15-18 June 2014, Stockton Lake, Dade Co. Found by Tim Barksdale; documented with photographs by Steve Martin and Greg Swick. Accidental as a summer visitor.
- 10) **TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes townsendi*): One, 2-10 February 2014, Young CA, Jefferson Co. Found and documented by Joshua Uffman (with photographs); also documented by Jim Malone (with photographs). Winter visitor, accidental outside of northwest Missouri (fourth such record).