

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2015

- 1) **IVORY GULL** (*Pagophila eburnea*): Adult, 2-9 January 2015, Marion Co., across Mississippi River from Quincy, Illinois. Brad Jacobs and Peter Kondrashov (documentation with photographs), Pat Lueders, Jean Leonatti, and Steve and Debbie Martin (documentation), and Allen Smith and Christian Hagenlocher (photographs). Definitive (and first) State Record. This bird, found by an Illinois birder, was observed by hundreds during its stay as it moved around from one side of the river to the other.
- 2) **CRESTED CARACARA** (*Caracara cheriway*): Adult, 7 December 2015, Neosho, Newton Co. Sarah Cook, Becky Wylie (documentation with photographs), Mike Wylie. Definitive (and first) State Record. This species has recently shown a pattern of vagrancy away from its core Texas range, east and north into Louisiana, Kansas, and other states. There was no evidence that this individual might have escaped from captivity.
- 3) **TOWNSEND'S WARBLER** (*Setophaga townsendi*): Immature female, 9 October 2015, Missouri Western State University, Buchanan Co. Larry Lade, Daniel Robertson (documentation with photographs), Jack Hilsabeck (documentation). Definitive (and first) State Record. This bird was captured and banded during a banding operation conducted by the three documenters. An outside reviewer, Kimball Garrett, examined the photographs and found no evidence of hybridization with Hermit or Black-throated Green Warblers.
- 4) **HOARY REDPOLL** (*Acanthis hornemanni*): One, probably first-cycle of undetermined sex, 23 January to 14 February 2015, Cuculich residence, Brashear, Adair Co. Frankie Cuculich, Tony Elliott, Peter Kondrashov, Josh Uffman (documentation with photographs), Paul McKenzie (documentation). Accidental winter visitant; third accepted record.
- 5) **INCA DOVE** (*Columbina inca*): Nesting pair, October-November 2015, S. Troyer property near Metz, Vernon Co. Brad Jacobs (documentation with photographs). This was the first nesting attempt of this casual species in Missouri; one young hatched but died of exposure to cold.
- 6) **SWAINSON'S HAWK** (*Buteo swainsoni*): (1) Juvenile, at least 1-12 December 2015, Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge, Pike Co. Robert Mustell (documentation with photographs), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel (additional observations, with photograph by Cory Alger). By far the latest record for Missouri, and unusual nationally. (2) Adult, 22 June 2015, Boeuf Creek, Franklin Co. Jack Foreman (documentation with photographs), Shirley Foreman, Peyton Foreman. First summer record for eastern Missouri.

- 7) **ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Calypte anna*): Probable adult female, 31 October to 19 November 2015, Horan Farm, Franklin Co. Daniel Burke (documentation with photographs). Casual fall transient; sixth record.
- 8) **MOTTLED DUCK** (*Anas fulvigula*): Female, 9-10 May 2015, Eagle Bluffs CA, Boone Co. Chris Barrigar (documentation with photographs). Casual transient and summer visitant; eighth state record.
- 9) **ROCK WREN** (*Salpinctes obsoletus*): One, 9 November to at least 30 January 2016, near Aldrich, Polk Co. Steve and Debbie Martin, Bryan Prather, Diane Bricmont, Peter Kondrashov (documentation with photographs). Casual transient; ninth record.
- 10) **SWAINSON'S WARBLER** (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*): One, 28-30 May 2015, Hidden Valley Natural Area, Kansas City, Clay Co. Linda Williams (documentation with photographs). Casual transient away from extreme southern Missouri.