

**MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE**  
**TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2017**

- 1) **CRESTED CARACARA** (*Caracara cheriway*): One, age uncertain, 20 September 2017, along Mississippi River, Pemiscot Co. Mark Greene (documentation with photographs), Michael Todd (documentation). Accidental transient; second record.
- 2) **BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*): Two unusual records: (1) Six birds, 10 August to 1 October 2017, near Otter Slough CA, Stoddard Co. Documentation of two adults and four hatched young, with photographs by landowner; submitted by Sarah Kendrick, Missouri Department of Conservation. Accidental summer resident; second nesting record for Missouri. (2) Six birds, 14-27 December 2017, RMBS. Mike Thelen (documentation for the winter season). This group, originally two adults and eight juveniles when first discovered at Riverlands on 26 September, was seen frequently by many observers but decreased to one adult and five juveniles by December. The last observation was on 27 December, just before an extreme cold snap. This species was previously considered of only provisional occurrence in winter, due to uncertain provenance of a 1985 record; this is the first winter record of birds that seemed clearly of wild provenance.
- 3) **WOOD STORK** (*Mycteria americana*): Two records: (1) Immature, 29 July 2017, Schell Osage CA, Vernon Co. Ricky Hostetler (documentation with photographs). (2) Immature, 4 September 2017, Hornersville Swamp CA, Dunklin Co. Timothy Jones (documentation with photographs). Casual summer visitor; seventh and eighth recent records (past 25 years).
- 4) **WESTERN TANAGER** (*Piranga ludoviciana*): Adult male, 4 May 2017, Saint Joseph, Buchanan Co. Tom Nagel. Casual spring transient; eighth record for that season.
- 5) **HORNED GREBE** (*Podiceps auritus*): One, alternate plumage, 11 June to 5 July 2017, Table Rock Lake, Taney Co. Cody Smith (documentation with photographs). First summer record.
- 6) **LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** (*Larus fuscus*): One, apparently third-cycle, 26 July 2017, Columbia Bottom CA, St. Louis Co. Mike Thelen (documentation with photographs). Accidental in summer; third record for that season.
- 7) **BLUE-HEADED VIREO** (*Vireo solitarius*): One, 24 January 2017, Dunklin Co. Tim Jones (documentation with photographs). Accidental in winter; fourth record for that season.
- 8) **BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER** (*Polioptila caerulea*): One, 23 December 2017, Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery, Taney Co. Greg Swick (documentation with photographs). Accidental in winter; fourth record for that season.
- 9) **BLACKPOLL WARBLER** (*Setophaga striata*): One, 24 September 2017, Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Miller Co. Kelly McKay (documentation), Annie Hartley. Accidental in fall; fourth documented record.
- 10) **ROCK WREN** (*Salpinctes obsoletus*): One, 4-29 October 2017, Mark Twain Lake, Ralls Co. Ashley Casey & Cory Gregory (documentation with photographs), Tony Elliott (documentation). Casual transient; tenth record during migration seasons.