

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2001

- 1) DARK-EYED GRAY-HEADED JUNCO** (*Junco hyemalis caniceps*): one, 6 December, 2000, to April, 2001, Polk Co. Cathie Foster (including photographs). First documented and accepted record of this Rocky Mountain subspecies, which is likely to be given full species status eventually.
- 2) GYRFALCON** (*Falco rusticolus*): immature female, 22 November, Holt Co. Found and documented by David Scarbrough (including photographs); also photographed by David Easterla (see his article in *The Bluebird*, June, 2001). Actually the fourth Missouri record, but the first to meet all criteria for an official first state record.
- 3) ROSEATE SPOONBILL** (*Ajaia ajaja*): one, first observed 17 July, Ray County. First observed by Heather Lambert-Doherty; documented by Steve Kinder (including photographs) and Paul McKenzie. Third state record.
- 4) SNOWY PLOVER** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*): one, 22-23 April, Little Creve Coeur Lake, St. Louis Co. Michael Thelen; also documented by Jim Malone (including photographs) and Paul Johnson (including photographs). First record for eastern corridor of counties in Missouri.
- 5) LITTLE GULL** (*Larus minutus*): Two juveniles, 29 September into October, Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, St. Charles Co. One first observed by David Becher; one documented by Bill Rowe and both by Edge Wade; one also videotaped by Jim Ziebol. The two birds were seen both separately and together at one time or another. Collectively, they are the ninth state record.
- 6) WHITE-WINGED DOVE** (*Zenaida asiatica*): One, 10-12 August, Boone Co. John Schulz (including photographs). Tenth state record.
- 7) RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** (*Buteo lineatus*): Two adults and two juveniles, 30 June and 5 July, Atchison Co. David Easterla (documentation), Jack Hilsabeck. First breeding record in 30 years for northwest Missouri, where very rare. See article by Easterla in *The Bluebird*, September 2000.
- 8) SABINE'S GULL** (*Xema sabinii*): Several birds, 24 September to mid-October, Riverlands, St. Charles Co. First observed by Jeff Lundt (2); documented by Bill Rowe, Mike Thelen, and Edge Wade. In various combinations, a minimum of four birds (three juveniles and one adult) were seen during this period, and possibly more. Collectively, about the tenth state record.
- 9) AMERICAN BITTERN** (*Botaurus lentiginosus*): One, 13 February, Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area, Boone Co. Sandra Elbert, Bonnie Heidy, Susan Hazelwood, Jean Leonatti, et al. Accidental in winter.

10) WHITE IBIS (*Eudocimus albus*): One immature, 24 May, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, Stoddard Co. Bill Eddleman. Fifteenth state record.