

MISSOURI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
TOP TEN SPECIES FOR 2018

- 1) **DARK-EYED ("PINK-SIDED") JUNCO** (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*): One, 14 January to 28 February 2018, Culver residence, Peculiar, Cass Co. Ginny Culver (documentation with photographs). This is the first documented and accepted record for Missouri of this subspecies, which breeds in Montana, eastern Idaho, and northwestern Wyoming. The close, well-lit photographs clearly showed the characters of *mearnsi* and ruled out intergrades with other subspecies, as confirmed by Van Remsen of Louisiana State University and Kimberly Smith of the University of Arkansas. For more details about this record, see McKenzie and Culver, "First Documented Record for Pink-sided Junco (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*) in Missouri," *The Bluebird*, 85 (2): 55-59.
- 2) **CAVE SWALLOW** (*Petrochelidon fulva*): Immature, 14-19 July 2018, rural Bates Co. Brad Jacobs, Pete Monacell, Kendell Loyd (documentation with photographs), Paul McKenzie, Steve and Debbie Martin (documentation), Ricky Hostetler. Accidental transient and summer visitant; second record. Photographs of this bird were sent to Tony Leukering for outside review, and he endorsed it as a Cave Swallow.
- 3) **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE** (*Icterus bullockii*): First-year male, 6 May 2017, Joplin, Newton Co. Amy Watts (documentation with photographs). Accidental transient and winter visitant; second record.
- 4) **GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW** (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*): Immature, 3-16 March 2018, Bunch Hollow CA, Carroll Co. Josh Uffman, Kendell Loyd (documentation with photographs), Tim Barksdale. Accidental transient and winter visitant; as the fifth record, this moves the species' status to "casual."
- 5) **WHITE-TAILED KITE** (*Elanus leucurus*): One, 2-3 and 18 April 2018, at locations not very far apart in Cedar and Dade Cos. Brad Jacobs, David Blevins (documentation with photographs), Lisa Berger (documentation), Derek Kempf, Paul McKenzie, Charlie Burwick, Kendell Loyd, Steve and Debbie Martin. Accidental transient and summer visitant; as the fifth record, this moves the species' status to "casual." While the observations were two weeks apart, the fairly close proximity of the locations and the photographs by Jacobs on 3 April and Blevins on 18 April support the presumption that the same individual was observed.
- 6) **MOTTLED DUCK** (*Anas fulvigula*): Adult, apparently male, at least 20-31 May 2018, Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge. Mark Robbins, Steve and Debbie Martin, Kendell Loyd (documentation with photographs). Casual transient and summer visitant; eighth record.
- 7) **GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE** (*Pipilo chlorurus*): One, 21-28 April 2018, near Bolivar, Dallas Co. Lisa Berger, Kendell Loyd (documentation with photographs), Micah

Swartzentruber, Charley Burwick, Becky Swearingen, Brad Jacobs, Paul McKenzie.
Casual transient and winter visitant; ninth record.

8) WESTERN TANAGER (*Piranga ludoviciana*): Adult male, 22-23 April 2018, Keeler residence, Belton, Cass Co. Ron Keeler (photographs); documentation conveyed by Mary Nemecek. Casual transient; tenth record (there is also a single winter record, for a total of eleven).

9) INCA DOVE (*Columbina inca*): One found dead (KU 133475), 15 January 2018, Chilhowee, Henry Co. Tony Elliott for the Missouri Department of Conservation (documentation with photographs of specimen). Casual transient and winter visitant; this is the tenth record (there is also a single nesting record, for a total of eleven).

10) BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (*Mniotilta varia*): Female, 13-15 December 2018, Carondelet Park, St. Louis City. Chrissy McClarren (documentation with photographs). Second December record, the latest for fall and the first for winter (defined as 14 December to 20 February).