

# Ontario Bird Records Committee Report for 2012

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## **Introduction**

The Ontario Bird Records Committee (OBRC) evaluates documentation it receives of any record of a species or recognizable form that is on the Review Lists for Ontario (see [www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca)). In addition, it reviews documentation relating to new species, new subspecies and new breeding species for the province. This, the 31st annual report, details the results of the adjudication of 175 records by the OBRC during 2012, of which the identification of 152 (86.9%) were accepted.

A total of 142 observers submitted documentation for review by the 2012 OBRC. Written reports were often accompanied by photographs, field notes and sketches. The trend towards submission of photographic evidence only, with little or no supporting written evidence, is

an on-going concern. This makes it much more difficult for the OBRC to compile dates of occurrence and other required information. In addition, many details and circumstances associated with an observation, such as behaviour, comparisons to nearby birds and vocalizations, cannot be determined from photographic evidence alone. As such, we urge observers to submit written reports along with their images submitted to the OBRC. For those submitting photos to the Ontario Field Ornithologists' (OFO) website, please send the same photos, along with written documentation, directly to the current OBRC Secretary. With that being said, the OBRC reserves the right to use, as evidence, photographs that have been posted on the OFO website. Guidance regarding



Figure 1: Ontario Bird Records Committee for 2012. Left to right (standing): Doug McRae, Mark Gawn, Brandon Holden, Don Sutherland, Peter Burke, Mark Cranford, Mark Gawn, left to right (sitting): Mike Burrell, Ken Burrell, not present: Alan Wormington. Photo: Mark K. Peck.

the documentation of rare birds can be found on the OBRC page of the OFO website ([www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca)).

The members of the 2012 OBRC were Brandon R. Holden (Chair), Mark H. Cranford (non-voting Secretary), Alan Wormington (non-voting Assistant to the Secretary), Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Mike V.A. Burrell, Peter S. Burke, Mark Gawn, R. Douglas McRae and Donald A. Sutherland (Figure 1). Mark K. Peck acted as Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) liaison for the OBRC.

### Changes to the Checklist of Ontario Birds

Thick-billed Kingbird (*Tyrannus crassirostris*) is added to the Ontario list, bringing the total to 488 species. Hoary Redpoll is added as a new breeding species for Ontario, bringing the total in this category to 292 species.

### Changes to the Ontario Review List

Thick-billed Kingbird is added to the Review List for southern Ontario.

### Listing of Records

In the following species accounts, the total number of accepted records to date is indicated by a single number in parentheses. Accepted records are arranged taxonomically by their English and scientific names following the Seventh Edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds (AOU 1998) and subsequent supplements (42nd to 53rd; <http://www.aou.org/checklist/north/print.php>). Date(s) of occurrence, number of birds, sex, plumage and location are provided when known. Place names in italics refer to a county, regional municipality or district in Ontario; they also appear in colour.

Records published here of critically rare breeding birds in Ontario may have specific locality information suppressed. The plumage terminology used here follows that of Humphrey and Parkes (1959). For a detailed explanation of plumage and moult terminology, see Pittaway (2000). Complementing the Humphrey and Parkes plumage designation, an age designation in parentheses is used where appropriate. The names of all contributors who provided documentation in the form of a specimen, photograph, video, sound recording or written description of the bird in the field are listed, while those contributors who are known to have discovered the bird(s) are also underlined. Additional discoverers of the bird are also listed (if known), even if they did not submit documentation. The OBRC file number is shown in parentheses at the end of each record.

The OBRC attempts to verify documented information prior to the acceptance and publication of a record, but occasionally inaccuracies will occur. Anyone with pertinent information that would correct or strengthen a published record, such as date(s) of occurrence, number of birds, plumages, location, discoverers, etc., is urged to communicate this to the Secretary.

All records that were not accepted because of insufficient evidence or questionable origin are listed separately. Contributors of all “insufficient evidence” and “origin uncertain” reports receive a letter from the Chairperson explaining the reasons for the decision; copies of the comments written by voting members

are available upon request. An “insufficient evidence” report can be reconsidered by the OBRC if there becomes available new and substantial evidence that might reverse the decision.

All reports submitted to the OBRC are kept on permanent file at the ROM. Researchers and other interested individuals are welcome to examine any of the filed reports at the ROM, by appointment only. Please contact Mark K. Peck, Department of Natural History, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen’s Park, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C6 (e-mail: markp@rom.on.ca or telephone 416-586-5523).

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## ACCEPTED RECORDS

### Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera* (16)

- 2012 – one, male, definitive basic (adult), 17 November, Long Point (Big Rice Bay), *Norfolk* (Sandor Kocsis; 2012-122) – photo on file.

### “Eurasian” Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca crecca* (6)

- 2012 – one, male, definitive basic (adult), 28 March – 9 April, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (Brandon R. Holden; 2012-067).  
1990 – one, male, definitive basic (adult), 27 March – 6 April, Long Point (Old Cut), *Norfolk* (Arun K. Bose, Jeffrey H. Skevington; 2012-008).

### Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* North Only (25)

- 2012 – one, female, definitive basic (adult) or first basic (immature), 26 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-115).  
– one, female, definitive basic (adult) or first basic (immature), 30 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-134).

### Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica* South Only (52)

- 2012 – one, prebasic molt (adult), 27 October–1 November, Oshawa, *Durham* (Mark Patry, Gavin C. Platt; 2012-129) – photos on file.  
– one, basic, 26 December, Stoney Creek, *Hamilton* (Brandon R. Holden; 2012-095).  
2011 – one, basic, 3 December, Prince Edward Point, *Prince Edward* (Bruce E. Ripley; 2012-013) .

### Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* North Only (21)

- 2012 – one, definitive alternate (adult), 31 May – 2 June, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, found by Tyler L. Hoar; 2012-100) – photo on file.  
– one, definitive alternate (adult), 13 June, Wawa, *Algoma* (Jeremy L. Hatt, also found by Mark S. Field; 2012-065) – photo on file.

### Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* (37)

- 2012 – one, alternate, 24 April, Oshawa, *Durham* (Margaret J.C. Bain, Daniel S. Kaczynski, found by John A. Houston; 2012-033) – photos on file.  
– one, alternate, 24-25 April, Van Wagners Beach, *Hamilton* (David M. Bell, Barbara N. Charlton, Mark S. Field, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Robert Z. Dobos; 2012-032) – photos on file.  
– one, 6-8 October, Batchawana Bay, *Algoma* (David M. Bell, found by Tyler L. Hoar; 2012-104).  
– one, 16-28 October, Ottawa (Deschênes Rapids), *Ottawa* (Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Jean Dubois; 2012-172) – photos on file.

### **Northern Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis* (13)

**2012** – one, light morph, 29 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Alan Wormington; 2012-132) – photo on file.

Southern James Bay in late fall appears to be by far the best location for observing this species in Ontario, with 7 of the 13 accepted records coming from this region (and time of year), despite minimal coverage.

### **Shearwater species** *Puffinus spp.* (1)

**2012** – one, 3 November, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington; 2012-140). Description was accepted as that of a shearwater, however, given the distance over which the observation occurred specific identification was not made.

### **Wilson's Storm-Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus* (7)

**2012** – one, 30 October, Van Wagners Beach, *Hamilton* (Robert Z. Dobos, Brandon R. Holden, Robert Curry; 2012-110).

Remnants of Hurricane Sandy in lakes Ontario and Erie during 30 October–1 November created exceptionally favourable conditions to the inland deposition/displacement of many pelagic species.

### **Leach's Storm-Petrel** *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* (5)

**2012** – one, 30 October, Thickson Point, *Durham* (Glenn Coady; 2012-175).

– one, 30 October, Van Wagners Beach, *Hamilton* (David R. Don, Brandon R. Holden, David M. Bell, Cheryl E. Edgcombe, Robert Curry; 2012-108) – photos on file.

This species was widely displaced inland by Hurricane Sandy in the eastern United States. The storm became an extra-tropical cyclone just one hour before landfall in Brigantine, New Jersey, at 2000 EDT on 29 October 2012. The system had the largest wind field ever recorded for a Hurricane, with an 1850km diameter of tropical storm force winds at peak size early on the 29th. It is postulated these birds in Ontario are attributed to the intense onshore winds coming straight from the New England region directly into Lake Ontario at the times of observation.

### **Storm-Petrel species** *Oceanodroma spp.* (4)

**2012** – one, 30 October, Van Wagners Beach, *Hamilton* (Brandon R. Holden; 2012-109).

Also attributed to the Hurricane Sandy event, this record was submitted as a Leach's Storm-Petrel yet it was deemed that distance and duration of observation left doubt to a positive identification to species level

### **Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* (4)

**2012** – one, juvenal, 30 June – 4 July, Port Glasgow, *Elgin* (June 30), Clearville, *Chatham-Kent* (1-2 July and 4 July), Rondeau Provincial Park/Rondeau Bay, *Chatham-Kent* (2-3 July), Shrewsbury (3 July), David A. Martin, Sandra D. Leys, Alan Wormington, Richard B. McArthur, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Barbara N. Charlton, Mark S. Field, found by D. Graham Decow, Dan Clark; 2012-111) – photos on file.

- one, juvenal, 7 September, Long Point (townsite), *Norfolk* (Ross W. Wood; 2012-116).

The *Elgin/Chatham-Kent* individual was exceptional for the species, insofar as it remained in a relatively confined area allowing observation by many observers (as attested by the number of listed observers). The 7 September record at Long Point could be a result of Hurricane Isaac, a large and slow moving hurricane that affected the Gulf Coast of the United States for several days in late August, before moving northwards.

**Frigatebird species *Fregata spp.* (4)**

- 2012** – one, male, definitive basic (adult), 23 and 25 August, Ipperwash Beach, *Lambton* (23 August) and Tobermory, *Bruce* (25 August) (Daved S. Read, Michael S. Jaworski, also found by Beth Read; 2012-114) – photo on file.

The OBRC was unable to assign this record to species given the difficulties in separating adult male Magnificent and Great Frigatebird, *F. minor*.

**Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus* (45)**

- 2012** – one, definitive basic (adult), 23 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Alan Wormington; 2012-131).

This record represents the second record for northern Ontario. The first, an immature, 29 October 1981, was also observed at Netitishi Point (James 1983).



Figure 2: Immature Magnificent Frigatebird 2 July 2012 Clearville, *Chatham-Kent*. Photo: Sandra D. Leys

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (4)

- 2012 – one, definitive alternate (adult), 16 May, Pelee Island (Fish Point), *Essex* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2012-050).

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* (9)

- 2012 – one, juvenal, 24-25 August, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (24 August), Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (24 August) and Long Point (Bluff Bar), *Norfolk* (25 August) (Richard B. McArthur, Pierre Verfaillie, found by Kevin J. McMullan, Vincent Leoux; 2012-150).

After the Ontario observations, this Brown Pelican was then seen on 27 August at Buffalo, New York, where it was confirmed as a juvenile (Pawlicki 2012). Perhaps it was the same bird that later appeared along the Lake Erie shoreline in Ohio on both 3 September and 8 October; however, these subsequent observations could just as easily have pertained to yet another juvenile Brown Pelican that had been present in Ohio about 120 km inland from Lake Erie at Atwood Lake, *Carroll*, where it was present from 24-30 August (Ohio Bird Records Committee, *pers. comm.*).

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* (77)

- 2012 – one, definitive basic (adult), 23 May, Lighthouse Cove, *Essex/Chatham-Kent* (Ross W. Wood; 2012-084).  
– one, juvenal, 23 July – 8 August, Holiday Beach Conservation Area, *Essex* (D. Vaughn Weseloh, Jeremy L. Hatt, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Kory J. Renaud; 2012-159) – photos on file.  
– one, juvenal, 29 July – 14 August, Stromness, *Haldimand* (Douglas Happ, Wilf Podolak, also found by Mike Zebehazy, Holly Sweeney, Mike Buccieri; 2012-074) – photos on file.
- 2010 – one, definitive basic (adult), 27 July – 1 August, London, *Middlesex* (Leonard Manning, found by Jacklyn Goodwillie; 2012-072)

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* North Only (6)

- 2012 – one, adult, 22 June, Emo (12 km NNW of), *Rainy River* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Dominic A. Cormier 2012-068).

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* (44)

- 2012 – one, definitive basic (adult), 12 September, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-113).

**White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus* (5)

- 2012 – two, first alternate (immature), 11 May, Long Point (Old Cut), *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by Fanny Senez-Gagnon, 2012-082).

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* (60)

- 2012 – one, definitive alternate (adult), 27-30 March, Port Rowan, *Norfolk* (Vicki Medeiros, Ron Ridout; 2012-071) – photos on file.



Figure 3: First basic Little Blue Heron 12-14 August Stromness, *Halimand*. Photo: *Wilf Podolak*

Figure 4: White-faced Ibis (adults) Holiday Beach Conservation Area, *Essex* on 9 September. Photo: *Jason Croft*





### **White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chibi* (14)

- 2012** – one, definitive alternate (adult), 11 May, St. Clair National Wildlife Area, *Chatham-Kent* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Mark S. Field, Frank A. Pinilla, also found by Andrew E. Keaveney, Robert V. Pinilla; 2012-035).
- two, definitive alternate (adult); first alternate (immature), 3 June, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (Alan Wormington; 2012-061) – photos on file.
- four, definitive prebasicmolt (adults), 9 September, Holiday Beach Conservation Area, *Essex* (Jason Craft, Todd R. Pepper; 2012-124) – photo on file.

Before and after the observation at Holiday Beach Conservation Area, these four birds were present at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Michigan, where they were present from 2-16 September, with one bird remaining to 28 September (Adam M. Byrne, *pers. comm.*); the two locations are about 12 km apart.

### **Ibis species** *Plegadis spp.* (60)

- 2012** – one, 23 March, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (R. Douglas McRae, also found by Rory MacKay; 2012-026).

This is the earliest *Plegadis* ibis ever recorded in Ontario.

### **Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* **North Only after 2011** (76)

- 2011/12** – up to six (maximum count), 19 October – 13 March, Queenston, *Niagara* (Gavin C. Platt, found by James M. Pawlicki, William W. Watson; 2012-043).

The birds at Queenston slowly built up in numbers as the season progressed, with the following maximum counts in sequential order of first appearance: one (19 October), three (12 November), four (24 November), five (27 November — but seen flying over the New York side) and six (13 March).

### **Mississippi Kite** *Ictinia mississippiensis* (43)

- 2012** – one, first prebasic molt (immature), 22 May, Long Point (Old Cut), *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by William F. Read, Ted Gent, Paula Gent, Hugh B. McArthur, Ted Maddeford; 2012-083) .
- one, definitive basic (adult), 28 May, Port Rowan, *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout, also found by Jon D. McCracken; 2012-090).

### **Swainson's Hawk** *Buteo swainsoni* (60)

- 2012** – one, light morph, definitive basic (adult), 6 May, Cabot Head, *Bruce* (Martin S. Scott; 2012-037) .
- one, intermediate morph, juvenal, 28 October, Holiday Beach Conservation Area, *Essex* (Todd R. Pepper, Peter Gottschling, David R. Stimac; 2012-125) – photos on file.
- one, juvenal, 4 November, Port Stanley, *Elgin* (Jesse J. Pakkala, also found by Ross W. Wood; 2012-155).
- 2011** – one, light morph, first basic (immature), 28 April - 28 May, Long Point (Courtright Ridge), *Norfolk* (Janice J. Chard, also found by Jeff Siddal; 2012-146) – photos on file.



Figure 5: “Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk Moosonee, *Cochrane* on 29 September. Photo: Alan Wormington

- one, 8 May, Presqu’île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (Frederick M. Helleiner, also found by Lois K. Helleiner; 2012-147).

**“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis harlani* (2)**

- 2012** – one, light morph, definitive basic (adult), 29 September, Moosonee, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Mark W. Jennings; 2012-107) – photos on file.

This record is the first for northern Ontario and only the second record accepted by the OBRC (Dobos 1997).

**Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus* (76)**

- 2012** – one, female, definitive alternate (adult), 22-23 April, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout, found by Lucia Turkocova; 2012-098)  
– photo on file.
- one, male, alternate, 15-18 May, Presqu’île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (R. Douglas McRae, Paul R. O’Toole, also found by Sarah A.E. Petrasek; 2012-049) – photo on file.
  - one, male, alternate, 22-25 May, Markham, *York* (Stan G. Long, Jean Iron; 2012-069) – photos on file.



Figure 6: “White-rumped” Whimbrel Etobicoke, *Toronto* on 22 May. Photo: David J. Milsom

**“White-rumped” Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* (2)**

**2012** – one, 22 May, Etobicoke (Colonel Samuel Smith Park), *Toronto* (David J. Milsom, also found by Wayne E. Renaud, Tim McCarthy; 2012-053) – photos on file.

This exceptional rarity was clearly the claimed recognizable form; however, the OBRC and the observers were unable to determine which ‘white-rumped’ subspecies (*N. p. variegatus* or *N. p. phaeopus*) was involved (Matt T. Heindel *pers. comm.*).

**Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* (30)**

**2012** – one, definitive alternate (adult), 25-27 May, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Cherise A. Charron, Alan Wormington, found by Dean J. Ware; 2012-054) – photos on file.

**Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* North Only (7)**

**2012** – two, first basic (immature), 30 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Alan Wormington; 2012-133).

**Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (31)**

**2012** – one, juvenal, 15 December, Lake Madawaska, *Renfrew/Lanark/Ottawa* (Michael W.P. Runtz, Richard Collins, Bruce M. Di Labio, Ben F. Di Labio; 2012-171) – photos on file.

**Ross’s Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* (11)**

**2012** – one, basic (adult) 1 November, Waverly Beach, *Niagara* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Brandon R. Holden, also found by Mike V.A. Burrell, Ross W. Wood; 2012-121).



Figure 7:  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Hillman Marsh, *Essex*  
on 27 May.  
*Photo: Cherise A.  
Charron*



Figure 8: First Basic Ivory Gull Lake Madawaska, *Renfrew* on 15 December. *Photo: Michael W.P. Runtz*

This record, likely another storm blown bird associated with Hurricane Sandy, was potentially pulled south with the intense north winds associated with this system. Another definitive basic individual was seen on 30 October at Cayuga Lake in upstate New York (eBird 2013).

### **Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* North Only after 1993 (84)**

**2012** – one, first alternate (immature), 17-20 August (but not observed between these dates), Paskwachi Point, *Cochrane* (Ross W. Wood, also found by Barbara N. Charlton, Jean Iron, Ross Trapper; 2012-166).

This is the third accepted record for northern Ontario. All records are from southern James Bay.



Figure 9: California Gull in Second Pre-basic Molt Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* on 17 August.

Photo: David M. Bell

### Mew Gull *Larus canus* (28)

- 2012** – one, definitive basic (adult), 1 March, Cobourg, *Northumberland* (Margaret J.C. Bain, Sherwood I.A. McLernon, found by Roger E. Frost; 2012-022) – photos on file.
- one, *brachyrhynchus*, definitive basic (adult), 27 September, Sault Ste. Marie, *Algoma* (Kirk W. Zufelt; 2012-118).
- one, *brachyrhynchus*, juvenal, 28 September – 19 October, Sault Ste. Marie, *Algoma* (Kirk W. Zufelt, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Alan Wormington; 2012-119) – photos on file.

At Sault Ste. Marie, the juvenal bird was present at the local landfill until 11 October, and then seen once on 19 October along the city waterfront (St. Mary's River).

### California Gull *Larus californicus* (63)

- 2012** – one, definitive basic (adult), 29 January – 20 February, Niagara Falls (Adam Beck Overlook), *Niagara* (James M. Pawlicki, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, W. Bradley Carlson, Gavin C. Platt, found by David D. Beadle, Paul N. Prior, Michael H. King; 2012-020) – photos on file.
- one, first alternate (immature), 18-19 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Jean Iron, Jeremy L. Hatt; 2012-086) – photos on file.
- one, second basic (immature), 17 August, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (David M. Bell, James Kennerley, also found by Matt K. Slaymaker, Reid Hildebrandt; 2012-157) – photos on file.



Figure 10: Slaty-backed Gull Sault Ste. Marie, *Algoma* 12 January. Photo: Kirk W. Zufelt

### Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* North Only (12)

- 2012** – one, definitive alternative (adult), 12 June, Pukaskwa National Park (Pic River mouth), *Thunder Bay* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Mark S. Field; 2012-064) – photos and video on file.
- one, juvenal/first basic (immature), 30 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-135).
- one, juvenal/first basic (immature), 30 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-136) – photos on file.

The two birds on the same day at Netitishi Point are considered different records, since they migrated past this location at different times and thus were never seen together.

### Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* (11)

- 2012** – one, definitive basic (adult), 12 January, Sault Ste. Marie, *Algoma* (Kirk W. Zufelt; 2012-014) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic (adult), 30 December, Niagara Falls, *Niagara* (Willie C. D’Anna, Jean Iron, Ronald J. Pittaway, also found by Kim Hartquist, Betsy Potter, Ross E. Harris, Celeste Morien, Declan M. Troy; 2012-165) – photos on file.
- 2005** – one, definitive basic (adult), 11 December, Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* (Stephen R. Charbonneau, Blake A. Mann; 2012-130) – photo on file.

The bird at Niagara Falls on 30 December 2012 was later seen at the Lewiston Reservoir, New York, on 26 January 2013 (James M. Pawlicki, *pers. comm.*); the two locations are about 10 km apart.



Figure 11: Band-tailed Pigeon Bracebridge, *Muskoka* on 4 February. Photo: Allan J.S. Sinclair

**Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus* North Only (37)**

- 2012** – one, intermediate or dark morph, juvenal, 30 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-137).  
 – one, intermediate or dark morph, juvenal, 30 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-138)  
 – photos on file.

The two birds on the same day are considered different records, since they migrated past this location at different times and thus were never seen together.

**Razorbill *Alca torda* (11)**

- 2012** – one, definitive basic (adult), 30 October, Thickson Point, *Durham* (Glenn Coady; 2012-176).

It is likely this individual was directly attributed to the Hurricane Sandy event.

**Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* (12)**

- 2012** – one, first prebasic molt (immature), 4-6 February, Bracebridge, *Muskoka* (Allan J.S. Sinclair, David M. Bell, Mike V. A. Burrell, Jean Iron, Stuart A. Mackenzie, Ronald J. Pittaway, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-019)  
 – photos on file.

**White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (39)**

- 2012** – one, male, definitive basic (adult), 15 January – 23 March, North Bay, *Nipissing* (Peter Mladen, Mary-Ann Saltstone, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Martin J. Parker, M. Katherine Parker, Alan Wormington, Gavin C. Platt; 2012-017) – photos on file.
- one, 15 November, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by Matt K. Slaymaker; 2012-092) – photo on file.

The bird at North Bay is the first winter record for Ontario.

**Barn Owl *Tyto alba* (10)**

- 2012** – one, definitive basic (adult), 21-25 June, *Haldimand* (Stuart A. Mackenzie; 2012-089).
- 2010** – one, 16 October, Rockway, *Niagara* (Glenn Coady; 2012-173).

**Chuck-will's-widow *Antrostomus carolinensis* (25)**

- 2012** – one, male, 3 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Jacqueline Goldstein; 2012-045).
- one, male, 3 May, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout, also found by Stuart A. Mackenzie, Dayna L. LeClair; 2012-087).

**Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* (28)**

- 2012** – one, male, definitive basic (adult), 25-26 July, Loon Lake, *Thunder Bay* (Gord Pinner; 2012-075) – photos on file.
- one, male, definitive basic (adult), 4 August, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (William D. Gilmour; 2012-076).
- one, male, definitive basic (adult), 5-8 August, Kama Point, *Thunder Bay* (Margaret A. Evans; 2012-156) – photos on file.



Figure 12: Rufous Hummingbird Bowmanville, *Durham* 3 November. Photo: Glenn Coady



- one, female, definitive prebasic molt (adult), 11 August – 8 November, Bowmanville, *Durham* (Cheryl O'Donnell, Glenn Coady, also found by Steven Cuss, 2012-151) – photos on file.

- 2011** – one, first basic (immature), 28 September–24 December, Eganville, *Renfrew* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, found by Dennis Peterson, Lorna Peterson; 2012-007) – photos and video on file.

The age and sex of the bird at Bowmanville was determined by Cindy Cartwright, who caught, banded and released the bird on 4 November.

### Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* (14)

- 2012** – one, 22 April, Kirkfield (Carden Alvar), *Kawartha Lakes* (Margaret J.C. Bain, Hugh G. Currie, found by Maris P. Apse; 2012-030).

### Thick-billed Kingbird *Tyrannus crassirostris* (1)

- 2012** – one, female, definitive alternate (adult), 28-31 August, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (William D. Gilmour, Richard E. Lauzon, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, David M. Bell, Ben F. Di Labio, Bruce M. Di Labio, Luc S. Fazio, Frank G. Horvath, Sandra L. Horvath, Alan Wormington, Greg Piasetzki, Michael D. Williamson; 2012-158) – photos on file.

This exceptional rarity is the first for Ontario and second for Canada (Campbell *et al.* 1997:536), and first record east of the Mississippi River. The species has been increasing its numbers in southern Arizona and New Mexico since its first nesting north of the Mexico border in 1958 (Lowther 2002).

### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannusforficatus* (64)

- 2012** – one, male, definitive alternate (adult), 14-17 April, Demorestville, *Prince Edward* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Barbara N. Charlton, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Paul R. O'Toole, found by Marlene Bulpit; 2012-029) – photos on file.
- one, 20 April, Falkland, *Brant* (Stuart A. Mackenzie; 2012-081).
  - one, 20 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (J. Bruce Falls, also found by E. Ann Falls; 2012-051).
  - one, definitive alternate (adult), 6 June, Carp, *Ottawa* (Lynda C. Bennett, Ben F. Di Labio, also found by Georgina H. Doe; 2012-112) – photos on file.
  - one, male, first basic (immature), 2-4 October, Fauquier, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Mark W. Jennings; 2012-120) – photos on file.

### Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* (9)

- 2012** – one, nominate *savana*, male, second prebasic molt (immature), 17-18 April, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, Mick J. Townsend, also found by Fernando Daz, Richard Dobbins, Matt Iles, Oliver Slessor, Ross W. Wood; 2012-077) – photos on file.

This is the earliest Fork-tailed Flycatcher to be recorded in Ontario.



Figure 13: Thick-billed Kingbird Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* 29 August. Photo: Alan Wormington



Figure 14: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher Demorestville, *Prince Edward* 16 April. Photo: Paul R. O'Toole



Figure 15: Fork-tailed Flycatcher Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* 17 April. Photo: Mick J. Townsend



Figure 16: Bell's Vireo (left) with Warbling Vireo (right) Long Point (Breakwater), Norfolk 26 April 2011.  
 Photo Janice J. Chard

**Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* (14)**

- 2012** – one, nominate *bellii*, 21 April, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Stephen T. Pike, David M. Bell, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by John A. Baker, Michael A. Baker; 2012-160) – photos on file.
- 2011** – one, nominate *bellii*, first basic, 26-28 May, Long Point (Courtright Ridge), *Norfolk* (Janice J. Chard, also found by Eleanor Page; 2012-169) – photos on file.

The bird at Point Pelee is the earliest spring migrant of the species to be found in Ontario.

**Fish Crow *Corvus ossifragus* (22)**

- 2012** – up to five (maximum count), 15 January–26 February, Fort Erie, *Niagara* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Andrew E. Keaveney, David M. Bell, John Nishikawa, Greg Stuart, A. Geoffrey Carpentier, Kayo J. Roy, William W. Watson; 2012-016) – photos and audio on file.
- two, 14 March – 29 July, Bronte, *Halton* (David R. Don, Barbara N. Charlton, Mark H. Cranford; 2012-025) – photo on file.
- two, 26 March – 13 April, Guelph, *Wellington* (Erika K. Hentsch, Reuven D. Martin, David M. Bell; 2012-027).
- one, 4-5 May, Thickson Point, *Durham* (Glenn Coady, also found by Murielle Lecerf; 2012-174).
- one, 7 May, Turkey Point, *Norfolk* (David M. Bell; 2012-085).



Figure 17: Carolina Wren Moosonee, Cochrane 30 September. Photo: Alan Wormington

The unprecedented widespread occurrences at non-traditional locations, away from western Lake Erie, indicates that the above birds presumably originated from the north-eastern part of the species' range, and entered Ontario via upstate New York. It is generally assumed that previous records for the province have originated from the Mississippi River Valley. At Fort Erie it was impossible to determine how many Fish Crows were actually present, since varying numbers were found on various dates and birds were always amongst large flocks of American Crows; a maximum count of five birds was attained on 25 January (multiple observers).

**Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus* North Only (6)**

**2012** – one, male, 14-20 August (but not observed between these dates), Marathon, *Thunder Bay* (Michael T. Butler, also found by Martha L. Allen; 2012-078) – audio on file.

– one, male, first prebasicmolt (immature), 30 September, Moosonee, *Cochrane* (Alan Wormington, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Mark W. Jennings; 2012-079) – photos on file.

**2012/13** – one, 10 November – 6 January, Michipicoten River (Village), *Algoma* (James M. Oleynik, Bob Elliott; 2012-080) – photos on file.

The bird at Moosonee is to date the mostly northerly occurrence in Ontario. These records are the first documented for this species in northern Ontario since 1990 (cf. Curry 1991).



Figure 18: Mountain Bluebird Shetland, *Lambton* 22 January. Photo: Denise Carbonneau Dykema

**Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides* (39)**

- 2012** – one, female, basic, 1 January – 5 February, Puslinch, *Wellington* (Brian C. Husband, Mike V.A. Burrell, Peter Caufield, Brandon R. Holden, Sandra L. Horvath, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Gavin C. Platt, David M. Bell, also found by John A. Gerrath, Paul H. Kron; 2012-001) – photos on file.
- one, male, first basic (immature), 16 January – 19 February, Shetland, *Lambton* (Blake A. Mann, Denise Charbonneau Dykema, Frank G. Horvath, Sandra L. Horvath, Alan Wormington, found by J. Peter Chapman; 2012-002) – photos on file.
- one, female, first basic (immature), 12 February – 4 March, Prince Edward Point, *Prince Edward* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Paul R. O’Toole, found by Kathy E. Felkar, Michael R. Burge; 2012-003) – photos on file.
- one, male, first basic (immature), 15 December, Kingsville, *Essex* (Alan Wormington, also found by Richard P. Carr; 2012-170) – photos on file.

**Townsend’s Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi* South Only After 2000 (75)**

- 2012** – one, first basic (immature), 9 November, Bernard Lake, *Parry Sound* (Donald R. Norman, also found by John Norman; 2012-096) – photo on file.
- one, first basic (immature), 9 November, Toronto (Tommy Tompson Park), *Toronto* (Amanda C. Guercio, also found by Paul Xamin, Charlotte England, Bronwyn Dalziel; 2012-097) – photos on file.
- one, first basic (immature), 18 November, Bells Corners, *Ottawa* (Wilson Hum; 2012-153) – photo on file.
- 2011** – one, 17 December, Aurora, *York* (R. Bruce Brydon; 2012-163).

**Sage Thrasher** *Oreoscoptes montanus* (17)

- 2012 – one, 30 September – 1 October, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by Matt K. Slaymaker, Teresa Montras, Ted Gent, Eric Demers, Natalie Tripp, Sarah Nagl, Dominic A. Cormier; 2012-103) – photos on file.

**Kirtland's Warbler** *Setophaga kirtlandii* (54)

- 2012 – one, male, alternate, 5 May, Stoney Creek, *Hamilton* (Cheryl E. Edgecombe, Mike A. Veltri, Cathy Giancarlo, found by Ken Williams; 2012-046) – photos on file.  
– one, male, alternate, 26 May, Kirkfield (Carden Alvar), *Kawartha Lakes* (Sean Smith, Martin J. Parker, Dan Q. Bone, Matthew C. Tobey; 2012-057) – photo and audio on file.  
– one, male, alternate, 28 May, Goshen, *Huron* (Peter A. Read, also found by Scott A. Martin, Satu Pernanon, Shelly Lohnes; 2012-060).

**“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata auduboni* (13)

- 2012 – one, male, alternate, 25 April, Mississauga, *Peel* (Jo-Anne M. Woodbridge; 2012-034).  
2012/13 – one, basic, 1 December – 6 January, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Alan Moon, Nicholas G. Escott; 2012-088) – photos on file.  
The Thunder Bay individual is the first accepted record of this form for northern Ontario.

**Field Sparrow** *Spizella pusilla* North Only (20)

- 2012 – one, male, first alternate, 24 May, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (John M. Woodcock, also found by Aya Y. Mizoi, Danielle L. Aube, Patrick J. Turgeon; 2012-148) – photos on file.

**Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus* Before 2012 (97)

- 2011 – one, 26 September, Bronte, *Halton* (Mark W. Jennings; 2012-010) – photo on file.

**Grasshopper Sparrow** *Ammodramus savannarum* North Only (6)

- 2012 – one, 26 May, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Aya Y. Mizoi, also found by John M. Woodcock, Danielle L. Aube, Patrick J. Turgeon; 2012-149) – photo on file.

**Henslow's Sparrow** *Ammodramus henslowii* (28)

- 2012 – one, alternate, 27 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Willam G. Lamond, Alan Wormington, Kevin A. McLaughlin; 2012-059) – photo on file.  
– two, male, alternate, 9 June, Kirkfield (Carden Alvar), *Kawartha Lakes* (Ken Vogan, also found by Bridget Vogan, David Weare; 2012-062).  
– one, male, alternate, 26 June – 16 July, Tehkummah, *Manitoulin* (John G. Lemon, Stephen J. Thorpe, found by Rodney C. Thompson, Christopher T. Bell; 2012-168).

**Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla* (14)**

**2012** – one, first basic (immature), 12 February – 17 March, Vanier, *Ottawa* (Christopher C. Allaway, Stuart A. Mackenzie, Gavin C. Platt; 2012-005) – photos on file.

**“Oregon” Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis oregonus* group After 2011 (3)**

**2012** – one, basic, 22 January, Staples, *Essex* (Marianne Reid-Balkwill; also found by Aaron J. Balkwill, Rosemary Reid; 2012-128) – photos on file.

– one, male, 11–12 October, Port Perry, *Durham* (A. Geoffrey Carpentier; 2012-105).

**2012/13** – one, basic, 28 December – 17 March, Staples, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt; 2012-164) – photos on file.

**Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* North Only (17)**

**2012** – one, female, first alternate, 16 May, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (John J. Schelling; 2012-066) – photos on file.

– one, female, definitive alternate (adult), 26–30 May, Longlac, *Thunder Bay* (Gary S. Selinger; 2012-058) – photos on file.

The bird at Longlac is the most northerly yet recorded in Ontario.

**Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* (42)**

**2012** – one, male, first alternate, 19–29 April, Stokes Bay, *Bruce* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Barbara N. Charlton, found by Jeremy Thorn, Elizabeth Thorn; 2012-042) – photos on file.

– one, female, first basic (immature), 16–30 December, Oshawa, *Durham* (Otto Peter, Gabriel Smith, Brendan P. Boyd, also found by Jim McKnight; 2012-177) – photos on file; specimen (skin) in ROM: #160332.

The bird at Stokes Bay on 19–29 April 2012 is the earliest spring migrant of the species to be recorded in Ontario. The bird at Oshawa (found dead) was collected on 2 January 2013.

**Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* (88)**

**2012** – one, male, definitive alternate (adult), 9–10 May, Macdiarmid, *Thunder Bay* (Harold Michon, also found by Agnes Michon; 2012-038) – photo on file.

– one, male, definitive alternate (adult), 10–11 May, Goderich, *Huron* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by David Lavigne; 2012-047) – photos on file.

– one, male, definitive alternate (adult), 11 May, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (David G. Bree; 2012-039) – photos on file.

– one, male, first alternate, 20 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Alan Wormington, Adam C. Pinch, also found by Christopher A. Law; 2012-063).

– one, first alternate male, 22 May, Algonquin Provincial Park (Odenback), *Nipissing* (Jeffrey H. Skevington; 2012-052) – photos and video on file.



Figure 19: Western Tanager Stokes Bay, *Bruce* 29 April. *Photo: Joshua D. Vandermeulen*



Figure 20: Blue Grosbeak Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* 11 May. *Photo: David L. Bree*



### Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* (33)

- 2012** – one, male, definitive alternate (adult), 12-14 May, Orient Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Laurie McCollum, also found by Sharryn D. McCollum; 2012-048)  
– photo on file.
- 2007** – one, male, first alternate, 20 May, Scarborough, *Toronto* (unknown collector; 2012-179) – specimen (skin) in ROM: #160321.

The 2007 bird was recovered as a collision casualty from an office tower in Scarborough by volunteers from the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) and the specimen was recently identified and added to the permanent collections at the Royal Ontario Museum.

### Dickcissel *Spiza americana* North Only (27)

- 2012** – one, male, definitive alternate (adult), 11 June, Rainy River (Wilson Creek Road), *Rainy River* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Mark S. Field; 2012-141) – photos on file.
- three, male, alternate (two) and female, alternate (one), 12 June – 4 July Rainy River (4 km ESE of), *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Tyler L. Hoar; 2012-142) – photos on file.
  - four, male, alternate (three) and female, alternate (one), 17 June –14 July, Rainy River (2 km NNW of), *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Dan E. Lee; 2012-143) – photos on file.
  - three, male, alternate (two) and female, alternate (one), 21 June –10 July, Burriss, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, Tyler L. Hoar; 2012-144)  
– photos on file.
  - one, male, alternate, 24 June, Stratton, *Rainy River* (Tyler L. Hoar; 2012-178)  
– photos on file.
  - one, male, alternate, 29 June –1 July, Emo (6.5 km N of), *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, found by Allan G. Harris; 2012-145) – photos on file.

The 2012 irruption of Dickcissels into western Rainy River District was a remarkable event, likely linked to the ongoing drought throughout the midwestern United States.



Figure 21: Dickcissel carrying food Rainy River, *Rainy River* 14 July. Photo: Michael S. Dawber

Figure 22: Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch  
MacDiarmid, *Thunder Bay* 27 January.

Photo: Joshua D. Vandermeulen



### Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch

#### *Leucosticte tephrocotis* (20)

- 2012** – one, male, definitive basic (adult), *littoralis*, 4-5 January, Geraldton, *Thunder Bay* (Terry Saindon; 2012-018) – photo on file.
- one, male, definitive basic (adult), nominate *tephrocotis*, 10 January – 9 February, Macdiarmid, *Thunder Bay* (Harold Michon, Gregory N. Stroud, Barbara N. Charlton, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Jeremy L. Hatt, also found by Agnes Michon; 2012-015) – photos on file.
- one, male, definitive basic (adult), nominate *tephrocotis*, 24 January – 23 February, Rosspoint, *Thunder Bay* (Marco Tremblay, H. Gordon Smith; 2012-031) – photos on file.

These three observations bring the total number of accepted records of this species in Ontario in the past 10 years to 12. Adjacent states have also experienced a pronounced increase in extralimital sightings, with records (in the past ten years) for New York (first state record in 2011), Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota (eBird 2013). This species has experienced a pronounced increase in vagrancy throughout eastern North America in recent years. It is interesting to note that individuals from both the *tephrocotis* and *littoralis* subspecies have been involved in recent extralimital records.

### Hoary Redpoll *Acanthis hornemanni*

- 2004** – one nest (pair + 4 eggs), 28 June–3 July, Oosteguanako Creek, *Kenora* (Peter S. Burke, found by Jon D. McCracken; 2012-127a).
- one nest (pair + 4 eggs), 29 June–5 July, Oosteguanako Creek, *Kenora* (Colin D. Jones, Peter S. Burke; 2012-127b) – photos on file.
- one nest (pair + 3 young), 6-7 July, Oosteguanako Creek, *Kenora* (Peter S. Burke, Colin D. Jones; 2012-127c) – photos on file.

Location is the Hudson Bay shoreline, about 6-8 km south of West Pen Island. These records represent first confirmed breeding for Hoary Redpoll in Ontario (Burke *et al.*, *in prep.*).

### “Hornemann’s” Hoary Redpoll *Acanthis hornemanni hornemanni* (4)

- 2012** – five, 18 February, Matheson, *Cochrane* (Brandon R. Holden; 2012-011) – photos on file.
- 2011** – one, 2 November, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Brandon R. Holden, also found by Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Mike V.A. Burrell, Barbara N. Charlton; 2012-012) – photos on file.

## Not Accepted Records: Identification Accepted, Origin Questionable

Birds in this category are considered by the OBRC to be correctly identified, but their origin is questionable. These birds may have escaped or may have been released from captivity. However, if new evidence suggesting wild origin becomes available, such reports may be reconsidered by the OBRC.

- 2012** – European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), one, definitive basic (adult), 2 January, London, *Middlesex* (Laura Dindia, also found by Marilyn Morton; 2012-126) – photos on file.
- European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), one, basic, 9 December, Kapuskasing, *Cochrane* (Stanley Plaskett; 2012-154) – photos on file.

This species is routinely raised in captivity and is occasionally released to the wild. There is no evidence of breeding or long term survival in the province to date.

## Not Accepted Records: Insufficient Evidence

The documentation received for the following reports generally was found not to be detailed enough to eliminate similar species unequivocally. In many cases, OBRC members felt that the species being described was likely correctly identified, but that the details provided in the report, perhaps due to factors such as the conditions during the observation, were insufficient. It should be noted that any of these reports may be re-submitted if additional documentation becomes available.

- 2012** – Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*), one, 19 April, Scugog Point, *Durham* (2012-041).
- “Eurasian” Green-winged Teal, one, 8 April, Port Royal, *Norfolk* (2012-162).
- Smew (*Mergellus albellus*), one, 6 March, Whitby, *Durham* (2012-023).
- Pacific Loon, one, 22 September, Marentette Beach, *Essex* (2012-117).
- Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), one, 1 November, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (2012-139).
- Little Blue Heron, one, 11 May, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (2012-040).
- Little Blue Heron, one, 4 July, North Gower, *Ottawa* (2012-073).
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, one, 23 July, Scarborough, *Toronto* (2012-070).
- Swainson’s Hawk, one, 23 September, Port Rowan, *Norfolk* (2012-094).
- Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*), two, 25 May, MacTier, *Parry Sound* (2012-055).
- Piping Plover, one, 2 May, Long Point (Bluff Bar), *Norfolk* (2012-091).
- “White-rumped” Whimbrel, one, 31 August, Van Wagners Beach, *Hamilton* (2012-101).
- Slaty-backed Gull, one, 26-28 February, Owen Sound, *Grey* (2012-021).
- Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*), one, 2 November, Port Weller, *Niagara* (2012-152).
- Dovekie (*Alle alle*), one, 19 November, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (2012-093).
- Band-tailed Pigeon, one, 2 April, Milton, *Halton* (2012-028).
- Bell’s Vireo, one, 26 May, St. Thomas, *Elgin* (2012-056).

- Townsend’s Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*), one, 3 May, Wheatley Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (2012-036).
  - “Pink-sided” Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis mearnsi*), one, 18 March, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (2012-044).
  - Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*), one, 16 August, Wellandport, *Niagara* (2012-123).
- 2011**
- Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), one, 7-9 September, South Porcupine, *Cochrane* (2012-004).
  - Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*), one, 19 May, Hare Island, *Thunder Bay* (2012-006).
- 2010**
- Lark Sparrow, one, 1 June, Kincardine, *Bruce* (2012-009).

## Corrections/Updates to Previous OBRC Reports

### 2011 Report (Ontario Birds 30:106-148):

- under Blue Grosbeak, change number of accepted records from 84 to 83.
- under Hummingbird species *Selasphorus*, change number of accepted records from 12 to 11.

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