

Ontario Bird Records Committee Report for 2014

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Introduction

This is the 33rd annual report of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (OBRC) of the Ontario Field Ornithologists. The OBRC reviews rare bird reports in Ontario based on documentation that has been submitted by the birding community and would cease to function without this effort and support. Species and subspecies evaluations are based on the Review Lists for Ontario, which can be found on the OFO website (www.ofo.ca). Any new species, subspecies, or first breeding records for Ontario are also reviewed. This report deals with the review of 187 records by the OBRC in 2014 of which 80% were accepted. All reports reviewed by the 2014 Committee will be added to the permanent file kept at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The members of the 2014 Committee were Brandon R. Holden (chair), Mike V.A. Burrell (non-voting secretary), Barbara N. Charlton (non-voting assistant to the secretary), Ross W. Wood, William J. Crins, Peter S. Burke, Mark Gawn, Ron Ridout and Bruce M. Di Labio (Figure 1). Mark K. Peck acted as Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) liaison for the OBRC.

Changes to the Checklist of Ontario Birds

No new species were added to the Ontario list, leaving the total at 490 species.

Changes to the Review Lists

This report is the first to utilize three review zones (Lowlands, Central and South). See Holden (2014) for more details on this change. Visit the OFO website (www.ofo.ca) or contact the secretary (obrc@ofo.ca) directly for the full review lists.



Figure 1: Ontario Bird Records Committee for 2014. Left to right (standing): Ron Ridout, Bruce M. Di Labio, Brandon R. Holden, Mark Gawn, William J. Crins. Left to right (sitting) Mike V.A. Burrell, Ross W. Wood, Barbara N. Charlton. Photo: Mark K. Peck.

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) is added to the Lowlands Review List following acceptance of the first record for the region, bringing the total number of species recorded in this review zone to 322.

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) and Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*) are added to the Central Review List following acceptance of the first records for the region bringing the total number of species recorded in this review zone to 380.

Beginning in 2015, reports of Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) in the South Review Zone are no longer requested, based on more than twenty records occurring in the previous five years. Reports prior to 2015 are still requested

for review. No new species were recorded in the South Review Zone, leaving the total species for this review zone at 480.

No changes were made to the Subspecies Review List or the list of species known to have bred, although the Eurasian Collared-Doves in Essex did construct a nest. Therefore, the total number of breeding species remains 292.

Listing of Records

For accepted records and records for which the identification was accepted but the origin is questionable, the following information is provided where known: year of occurrence, number of birds, the plumage and sex of each individual, dates of occurrence, location, names of contributors and OBRC file

number. All contributors who have provided reports are listed; if a contributor is also a finder of the bird(s), their name is underlined. Additional finders of the bird(s) are also listed where known, even if they did not provide any documentation for review. Place names in italics refer to the county, regional municipality or district in Ontario. For accepted records, the total number of records (including 2014 reports) is indicated in parentheses after the species name. Common and scientific names, as well as taxonomy, follow the seventh edition of the Check-list of North American Birds published by the American Ornithologists' Union (1998), along with its annual supplements published in *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, up to the 55th supplement (Chesser *et al.* 2014) inclusive.

Plumage terminology follows that of Humphrey and Parkes (1959). For a detailed explanation of plumage and molt terminology, see Pittaway (2000).

All records that were not accepted due either to insufficient evidence or questionable origin have been listed separately. Contributors of all "not accepted" records are notified in writing by the Committee. Reasons for the decision are explained, using information provided by voting members on their voting slips. Any "not accepted" record can be reconsidered by the OBRC if new or additional documentation is provided.

All documentation provided to the OBRC is permanently archived at the ROM. Researchers and other interested parties are welcome to examine any of this material evidence, by appointment. Please contact Mark Peck in writing at

Department of Natural History, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C6; or, alternatively, by email at markp@rom.on.ca or by telephone at 416-586-5523. Over the past several years, volunteers have been working on digitizing all of the documentation — if you would like to request digital copies or provide assistance with scanning please contact the secretary (obrc@ofo.ca).

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ACCEPTED RECORDS

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* Central and Lowlands only (13)

2014 – one, first basic, 13 July–4 August, Paskwachi Point, *Cochrane* (Timothy B. Lucas, Mark K. Peck, R. Doug McRae; 2014-158) – photos on file.

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope* Central and Lowlands only (72)

2014 – one, definitive alternate male, 12 May, Dinorwic Lake, *Kenora* (Ellen M. Riggins; 2014-043) – photos on file.
– one, definitive alternate male, 1 June, South Porcupine, *Cochrane* (Josh Janvrin, also found by Beth Janvrin; 2014-067) – photos on file.

Barrow's Goldeneye *Bucephala islandica* Central and Lowlands only (4)

2014 – one, definitive alternate male, 16 May, White River, *Algoma* (Alan Wormington; 2014-050) – photo on file.

Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica* Central only after 2014 (65)

2014 – one, definitive alternate, 17 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Timothy B. Lucas, Chris T. Heffernan, found by Jean Iron; 2014-132).
– one, definitive prebasic molt, 15-18 October, Oshawa, *Durham* (Elias J. Takacs, found by Daniel S. Kaczynski; 2014-155) – photos on file.
– one, juvenal, 15-23 October, Barrie, *Simcoe* (David E. Szmyr, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Amanda C. Guercio, Martha L. Miller, Andrew E. Keaveney, Barbara N. Charlton, J. Brett Fried; 2014-134) – photos on file.
– one, definitive prebasic molt, 19-22 October, Barrie, *Simcoe* (Amanda C. Guercio, Barbara N. Charlton, David I. Pryor, David E. Szmyr, J. Brett Fried, also found by Nigel J. Shaw; 2014-135) – photos on file.
– one, definitive prebasic molt, 20-22 October, Barrie, *Simcoe* (Barbara N. Charlton, J. Brett Fried, Andrew E. Keaveney; 2014-137).
– one, definitive prebasic molt, 20-24 October, Barrie, *Simcoe* (Barbara N. Charlton, J. Brett Fried, Andrew E. Keaveney; 2014-136) – photo on file.
– one, juvenal, 26 October, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Jeremy M. Bensette, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Alan Wormington; 2014-174) – photo on file.
– one, definitive prebasic molt, 9-10 November, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell, found by Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2014-173).
2002 – one, definitive basic, 2 February, Sault Ste. Marie, *Algoma* (Scott Terry, Brad Murphy; 2014-131).

It is hard to know whether the species is truly increasing in southern Ontario or observers are more efficient at finding and identifying the species. The upswing in records over the last decade is highlighted by the removal of this species from the southern Ontario review list. The presence of a minimum of four birds in Simcoe represents a high count for southern Ontario.

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* (45)

- 2014** – one, alternate, 29-30 April, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Joshua R. Bouman, Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2014-026) – photos on file.
- one, alternate, 20 May, Long Point (Hastings Drive), *Norfolk* (Denis Lepage, Joseph Gabriel; 2014-021) – photos on file.
 - one, alternate, 17 June-4 July, Fort Frances, *Rainy River* (Andrew D.J. Chepil, John E. van den Broeck, Michael S. Dawber, also found by Janet L. Fedoruk; 2014-068) – photos on file.
 - one, basic, 19 October, Bluff Island, *Rainy River* (Kurt G. Engrstrom, also found by Cade W. Roberts; 2014-127).
- 2013** – one, alternate, 9 May, Cochenour, *Kenora* (David S. New; 2014-122) – photos on file.
- one, alternate, 16 May, Thunder Bay (Mission Island), *Thunder Bay* (Geoffrey T. Gooding; 2014-074).

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasiliannus* (9)

- 2014** – one, 13 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Brandon R. Holden, also found by Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2014-040) – photos on file.
- one, alternate, 15-20 May, Rondeau Provincial Park (15 May), Erieau (17 May), Port Alma (20 May), *Chatham-Kent* (Reuven D. Martin, Chris T. Heffernan, Ross W. Wood; 2014-049) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenal, 30 September-1 October, Kettle Point, *Lambton* (Alfred H. Rider, Deryl D. Nethercott; 2014-177) – photo on file.

With eight of the nine provincial records occurring since 2011, this species continues a remarkable northward expansion. The *Lambton* record becomes the first Ontario record for Lake Huron.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* (12)

- 2014** – one, definitive basic, 9 November, Wolfe Island, *Frontenac* (Mark D. Read; 2014-133).

Least Bittern *Ixobrychus exilis* Central and Lowlands only (3)

- 2014** – one, male, 8 July, Pinewood, *Rainy River* (Darlene J.M. Salter; 2014-172).

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Central and Lowlands only (16)

- 2014** – one, definitive alternate, 22 May-21 June, Thunder Bay (22-26 May and 1-3 June), Lappe (31 May), Mary Harbour (21 June), *Thunder Bay* (Mary Ellen Adderley, Nicholas G. Escott, found by Dan N. Bascello; 2014-101) – photos on file.
- one, first basic, 26 August-19 October, Thunder Bay (26 August-11 September) and Murillo (12 September-19 October), *Thunder Bay* (Gary E. Marmounier, Bill Greaves, Glenn C. Stronks, Mary Ellen Adderley, Jeffrey N. Robinson; 2014-102) – photos on file.



Figure 2: Neotropic Cormorant at Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* on 13 May 2014. *Photo: Brandon R. Holden.*



Figure 3: Great Egret at Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* on 3 September 2014. *Photo: Jeffrey N. Robinson.*

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* (78)

2014 – one, definitive alternate, 1 May, Hillman Marsh, *Essex* (Robert H. Curry, also found by Glenda J. Slessor; 2014-167).

This is the first record since 2012, making 2013 only the second year (after 1997) in which this species has not been documented in Ontario since the Committee began.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* (38)

2014 – one, definitive alternate, 18 May, Wye Marsh, *Simcoe* (Catherine Lewis; 2014-060) – photos on file.

While this species has been nearly annual in the past, this is the first provincial record since 2006; marking the longest drought of records (almost eight years) since the OBRC began. Previously, the longest stretch without a record was just under three years from 1989 to 1992. This decline in occurrences in Ontario may be partially attributable to a moderate long-term decline through the species' southeastern USA range (Sauer *et al.* 2014).

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* Central and Lowlands only (11)

2014 – one, definitive alternate, 26 May, Thunder Bay (Mission Island), *Thunder Bay* (A. Gregg Kendall; 2014-081) – photo on file.

– one, definitive alternate, 29 May, Cloud Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Allan G. Harris; 2014-170).

– one, first alternate, 12-23 July, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (David S. New, Darlene J.M. Salter, Angela E. M. Massey; 2014-025) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate, 17 August, McGinnis Creek, *Rainy River* (David S. New; 2014-097) – photos on file.

With four records, 2014 was a banner year for this species; no more than one record had been previously recorded in a single year. However, it is unknown whether the increase in records corresponds to an increase in the species population.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* (46)

2014 – one, juvenal, 9 August-14 October, Etobicoke (Colonel Sam Smith Park), *Toronto* (Lech Jedral, David I. Pryor, Chris T. Heffernan, Dan J. MacNeal, Randy Barba, Stephen Smith, Reuven D. Martin, Jeremy L. Hatt, Sandra C. Hawkins, Bob Hawkins, Luc S. Fazio; 2014-087) – photos on file.

This individual was observed by hundreds of people over its extended stay.

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus* (8)

2014 – one, definitive alternate, 6 June, Bullock's Corners, *Hamilton* (Darlene Bourdeau, also found by David Clark; 2014-112).

– one, juvenal, 24 August-16 September, Napanee, *Lennox and Addington* (24, 26 August), Oshawa, *Durham* (11 September), Wheatley Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (14-16 September) (Mike V.A. Burrell, Elias J. Takacs, Chris T. Heffernan, David I. Pryor, Jeremy L. Hatt, Robert H. Curry, Kory J. Renaud, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Robert C. Lane; 2014-100) – photos on file.



Figure 4: Juvenal Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (right) with juvenal Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* (left) at Etobicoke, **Toronto** on 17 August 2014. Photo: Randy Barba.

- one, definitive basic, 24-26 September, Ridgeway, **Niagara** (24 September) and Mississauga (Ratray Marsh), **Peel** (26 September) (Dustin M. DeLange, Wayne E. Renaud, also found by Jay Sibbald, Chris Riou, Mike Gardener, Josh Gardener; 2014-117).

2014 was an exceptional year for this species in southern Ontario. Similar to previous records, none of the birds in 2014 lingered long at any one site. However, the juvenal bird at **Lennox and Addington**, **Durham** and **Chatham-Kent** was fairly cooperative as it was documented at widely separated locations by many different observers.

Given the rarity of the species and the fact that there was no large scale irruption into the northeast in fall 2014, as well as the fact that none of the records overlapped, the Committee decided that it would undertake a conservative approach, and combine the fall sightings into two records.



Figure 5: Juvenal White Ibis at Napanee, *Lennox and Addington* on 26 August 2014. Photo: *Elias J. Takacs*.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (67)

- 2014** – one, definitive alternate, 28 April-1 May, Goderich, *Huron* (Bonnie Fera, Deb Johnston, Doug Pedwell; 2014-017) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 2 May, Milton, *Halton* (Garth V. Riley, David I. Pryor, Leonard P. Manning; 2014-029) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive alternate, 20 July, Demorestville, *Prince Edward* (Tom M. Wheatley; 2014-086) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 3 September, Hamilton, *Hamilton* (Kevin A. McLaughlin, Barbara N. Charlton; 2014-104) – photo on file.

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chibi* (16)

- 2014** – one, definitive alternate, 28 April-1 May, Goderich, *Huron* (Bonnie Fera, Deb Johnston, Doug Pedwell; 2014-018) – photos on file.

This bird spent time with a Glossy Ibis (record 2014-017) allowing for excellent comparisons between these difficult to separate species.

Ibis species *Plegadis* spp. (67)

- 2014** – one, 24 April, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Matthew Danihel; 2014-160).
- one, first basic, 18 June, Point Anne, *Hastings* (Kenzo Dozono; 2014-149) – photo on file.
 - four, 19 August, Long Point (Old Cut), *Norfolk* (G.E. "Ted" Maddeford, also found by Pip Gullett, Heather McBrien; 2014-141).
 - one, 5 September, Ancaster, *Hamilton* (Robert G. Porter; 2014-187) – photos on file.

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* (50)

- 2014** – two, first basic, 11 May, Simcoe, *Norfolk* (Lynda M. Kosalle; 2014-075) – photos on file.
- one, first basic, 13-14 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (R. Douglas McRae, Barbara N. Charlton, Brandon R. Holden, Joshua R. Bouman; 2014-041) – photos on file.
 - one, first basic, 14 May, Wheatley, *Chatham-Kent* (Brandon R. Holden, also found by Barbara N. Charlton; 2014-047) – photo on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 14 May, Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* (Avery L. Bartels; 2014-140).
 - one, definitive basic, 19 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (James C. Biggar, also found by Jonathan M. Lea; 2014-146).
 - one, definitive basic, 24 May, Erie View, *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout; 2014-152).

With six records, 2014 is the best year yet for this species in the province. The two birds together in Norfolk represent a rare occurrence involving perched birds and may be the first record of two individuals within the same photograph. In addition to the records listed here, 2014 also saw the first provincial record and first provincial nesting record for Manitoba (Artuso and Koes *in press*), further establishing 2014 as a remarkable year for this species at the northern edge of its range.

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni* (64)

- 2014** – one, juvenal, light morph, 4 October, Port Elgin, *Bruce* (unknown finder; 2014-156) – photo on file.
- one, definitive basic, light morph, 22 October, Wheatley, *Chatham-Kent* (Paul D. Pratt, also found by Caroline Staddon; 2014-185).

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana* Central and Lowlands only (76)

- 2014** – one, definitive alternate male, 24 May, Gull Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Robert F. Foster; 2014-176) – photos on file.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata* Central and Lowlands only (20)

- 2014** – one, alternate, 22 May, Fort Frances, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2014-062) – photo on file.



Figure 6: Mississippi Kites at Simcoe, *Norfolk* on 11 May 2014. *Photo: Lynda M. Kosalle.*



Figure 7: Mew Gull (*brachyrhynchus*) at Pass Lake, *Thunder Bay* on 13 May 2014. *Photo: Gregory N. Stroud.*

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* (31)

1996 – one, definitive alternate, male, 26 May, Casselman, *Prescott and Russell* (Peter Browne, Paul B. Jones; 2014-138).

This record was previously reviewed by the Ottawa Field Naturalists Club rare birds committee; however, documentation was not forwarded to the OBRC until 2014.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* **Central and Lowlands only** (3)

2014 – one, alternate, 23 July, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Ross W. Wood, Ryan Burrell; 2014-183).

This is the first record for the Hudson Bay Lowlands and only the third outside of southern Ontario.

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* **Central and Lowlands only** (8)

2014 – one, juvenal, 2-9 August, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (Barbara N. Charlton, Christian A. Friis; 2014-119).

This is the earliest record on file for the Lowlands and may represent a record early fall migration date for the province.

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus* **Central only** (1)

2014 – one, definitive alternate, 19 May, New Liskeard, *Timiskaming* (Michael J. Werner, also found by Christopher A. Sukha; 2014-115) – photos on file.

An uncommon migrant throughout southern Ontario and known to nest sporadically in the Hudson Bay Lowlands, there are few known records from the Central Review Zone. As such, the 19 May record becomes the first record reviewed and accepted for the newly created Central Review Zone.

Mew Gull *Larus canus* (29)

2014 – one, *brachyrhynchus*, definitive alternate, 13 May, Pass Lake, *Thunder Bay* (Gregory N. Stroud; 2014-046) – photos on file.

This represents the first record outside of southern Ontario and, therefore, the first record for *Thunder Bay* and the Central Review Zone.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* **Central and Lowlands only** (18)

2014 – one, second basic, 30 May-4 June, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Jan Luit; 2014-085) – photo on file.

– one, third basic, 19 September, McCool, *Timiskaming* (Michael J. Werner; 2014-121) – photos on file.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (21)

2014 – one, definitive basic, 28 May, Clear Lake, *Peterborough* (Lew Knighton; 2014-065) – photos on file.

– one, definitive prebasic molt, 24 July-11 September, Gilchrist, *Simcoe* (Theresa L. Theakston; 2014-078) – photos on file.

– one, basic, 2 December, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Peter B. Hogenbirk, A. Geoffrey Carpentier; 2014-161).

- one, basic, 20 December, Erbsville, *Waterloo* (Mike V.A. Burrell, also found by Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Erica P. Barkley, Douglas J.A. Burrell; 2014-164).

2014/15 – two (but only one on 24 August), definitive basic, male and female, 24 August–14 May (at least), Leamington, *Essex* (Jeremy M. Bensette, Kory J. Renaud, Leonard P. Manning, Chris T. Heffernan, Kyle E. Holloway, Karl R. Overman, David I. Pryor, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, also found by Michelle L. Valliant; 2014-083) – photos on file.

Prior to 2014, the most records for this species in a single year was three in 2003, so the five in 2014 is exceptional for a species that has been slow to move northward into the province. This trend may speed up following the *Essex* birds constructing the first documented nest of this species, although there is no evidence yet produced to suggest they have actually laid eggs or raised young. It is quite possible that the two *Essex* birds were present since 2013 when two birds were seen nearby on 27 September 2013 (Holden 2014). The two *Essex* birds were still present at the time of writing this report (May 2015).

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (43)

2014 – one, definitive basic, 12 July, Nolalu, *Thunder Bay* (Murray MacDonald, also found by Rose MacDonald; 2014-107) – photos on file.

2013 – one, definitive basic, 3-9 May, Moosonee, *Cochrane* (Christina J. Nielsen; 2014-148) – photos on file.

Chuck-will's-widow *Antrostomus carolinensis* (31)

2014 – one, male, 17 May, Shirleys Bay, *Ottawa* (Jake Walker; 2014-147) – audio recording on file.

- one, male, 19 May–29 June, South Bay, *Prince Edward* (Luke H. Berg, Mike V.A. Burrell, Leonard P. Manning, David I. Pryor, Nathan G. Miller, Chris T. Heffernan, found by Michael W.P. Runtz, Geof H. Burbidge; 2014-057) – audio recordings on file.

- one, male, 27-28 May, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Janice J. Chard, Sue Poland; 2014-153) – audio recording on file.

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* (30)

2013 – one, definitive basic male, 1-4 September, *Durham*, Grey (Edna Pratt, Wallace Pratt; 2014-184) – photos on file.

- one, first basic male, mid-October–mid-November, Charlton, *Timiskaming* (Mark W. Milton, Serge M. Gendron, found by Joanne Gajda; 2014-099) – photos on file.

Gray Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii* (4)

2014 – one, definitive basic, 29-30 September, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Dayna L. LeClair, Chris Wagner, Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by Nancy Raginski, Shawn Sullivan, Emma Cushnie, Flor Henedez, Angela Caguazango; 2014-116) – photos on file.

This bird was captured, banded, and expertly documented leaving no doubt as to the identity of this rare western *Empidonax* flycatcher.



Figure 8: Gray Flycatcher at Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* on 29 September 2014. Photo: Dayna L. Leclair.

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* (16)

2014 – one, definitive basic, 18 May, Terrace Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Alan Wormington; 2014-051) – photos on file.

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens* (12)

2014 – one, 23-24 August, Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* (Timothy B. Lucas, Abbi MacDonald, also found by Joe Krawiec; 2014-123) – photos on file.

– one, basic, 18 November, Barrie, *Simcoe* (Darlene M. Deemert; 2014-139) – photos on file.

The *Norfolk* bird is the earliest fall migrant ever recorded in Ontario by almost a month; the previous earliest was 22 September 1998 (Dobos 1999). The *Simcoe* bird becomes the first Ontario record away from the Great Lakes.



Figure 9: Ash-throated Flycatcher at Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* on 24 August 2014.
Photo: Timothy B. Lucas.



Figure 10: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* on 11 May 2014.

Photo: Brandon R. Holden.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus* (71)

- 2014** – one, definitive alternate male, 9-11 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Brandon R. Holden, Joshua R. Bouman, Ken Behrens, Bruce M. Di Labio, Ben F. Di Labio, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Jeremy L. Hatt, unknown finder; 2014-033) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 17 June, Kingston, *Frontenac* (Amy Pearson; 2014-111).
 - one, definitive alternate female, 28 June, Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington* (Henrique J. Pacheco, also found by Deborah J.A. Pacheco; 2014-022) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive alternate male, 13 July, Cape Chin, *Bruce* (Richard P. Skevington, also found by Sharron Skevington; 2014-069).
 - one, basic, 15 September, Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington* (Lynn K. Fleming; 2014-125) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive prebasic female, 22-23 October, Gordon Lake, *Algoma* (T. Mark Oliver, also found by Wanda M. Oliver; 2014-128) – photos on file.
 - one, first basic, 1 November, Ottawa (Innis Point), *Ottawa* (Frédéric Bédard, found by Caillie Monrad; 2014-129) – photos on file.

It is possible that the *Frontenac* and two *Lennox and Addington* records all pertain to the same individual. Due to the time and distance between sightings, the relatively heavily birded area, and the conspicuous nature of the species involved, the Committee felt the records were best treated separately.

The total of seven records in 2014 is the highest number of records accepted in a single year to date.

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus* **Central and Lowlands only (12)**

2013 – one, definitive alternate, 26 May, Rosspoint, *Thunder Bay* (Alan Wormington; 2014-157) – photo on file.

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* **(18)**

2014 – one, *bellii*, basic, 26 April, London, *Middlesex* (William G. Lindley; 2014-010).

- one, *bellii*, definitive basic male, 10-11 May, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Jarmo V. Jalava, David I. Pryor, Chris Geraghty; 2014-036)
– photos on file.
- one, *bellii*, first basic male, 15-20 May, Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* (Avery L. Bartels, also found by Ariel Lenske; 2014-070) – photos on file.
- one, *bellii*, definitive basic male, 18 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Michael J. Nelson, Tom Mast, found by Thomas J. Preney; 2014-055)
– photos on file.

It was an unprecedented year in Ontario with four Bell's Vireo records. The *Middlesex* record becomes the first away from the Great Lakes.

Fish Crow *Corvus ossifragus* **(33)**

2014 – one, basic, 3 April, Guelph, *Wellington* (Mark H. Dorriesfield; 2014-003).

- one, basic, 20 April, Hamilton (Bayfront Park), *Hamilton* (Leonard P. Manning; 2014-013).
- one, basic, 18 May, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (Henrique J. Pacheco, also found by Deborah J.A. Pacheco, Jean Iron; 2014-054).
- one, basic, 1 December, Fort Erie, *Niagara* (Mark J. Patry, also found by Richard Collins, Hedrik Wachelka, Robert Vaillancourt; 2014-169).

This species continues its spread into Ontario through the Niagara Peninsula and the west end of Lake Ontario. The records listed above are only a portion of the reports of this species in 2014; as many Ontario birders have not submitted documentation. The Committee urges everyone who observes this species to take time to properly document their observations (particularly with audio recordings using phones) to ensure we have a complete history of this invasion. Despite this recent string of records, the Committee cautions that this is still a very rare species and identification is far from straight-forward, especially in spring and summer when American Crows can give a wide range of unfamiliar calls.

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina* **(3)**

2014 – one, definitive basic, 21 August, Long Point (Old Cut), *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie; 2014-098).

This becomes just the third provincial record and the second for southern Ontario, following closely on the heels of a bird at *Ottawa* in spring 2013 (Holden 2014).



Figure 11: Carolina Chickadee at Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* on 13 May 2013. *Photo: Brandon R. Holden.*

Carolina Chickadee *Poecile carolinensis* (2)

2013 – one, first basic, 12-15 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Hayden J. Bilty, Brandon R. Holden, David M. Bell, also found by R. Gordon Payne; 2014-088) – photos on file.

This is just the second provincial record of this species, with the first, a bird at Long Point, *Norfolk* on 18 May 1983 (James 1984). This bird was first photographed on 12 May, but it was not until the next day that observers identified it as a probable Carolina Chickadee and began documenting it extensively with photographs. The photographs showed a chickadee that ticked all the boxes for identification and was reviewed by experts familiar with the species and hybrids. The Committee felt the evidence was sufficient to eliminate the possibility of a hybrid. Given the species' close proximity to Ontario, south of Lake Erie (*i.e.* straight line distance from Findlay, Ohio, where the species is regular, to Ontario border of less than 100 km; eBird 2015) and its northward expansion (Taylor *et al.* 2014), it should be watched for, particularly in spring at Lake Erie migrant traps. See Holden and Bell (in press) for more information on this outstanding record.



Figure 12: Northern Wheatear at Navan, *Ottawa* on 21 September 2014. *Photo: Ken D. Ball.*



Figure 13: Smith's Longspur at Elmdale, *Essex* on 29 April 2014. *Photo: Kory J. Renaud.*

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* (37)

2014 – one, *leucorhoa*, first basic male, 20-22 September, Navan, *Ottawa* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Clifford F. Rostek, Chris T. Heffernan, Tom Devecseri, Gary Milks, Ken D. Ball, Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Richard Killeen, Ken Kittley; 2014-113) – photos, video on file.

This is the first record since 16 October 2010, when another individual was also observed in *Ottawa* (Wormington and Cranford 2011). Through the use of light level data loggers, Bairlein *et al.* (2012) recently confirmed that Northern Wheatears breeding in the eastern Canadian Arctic migrate eastward, across the Atlantic Ocean before moving south to winter in Africa; given this fact, it is perhaps not surprising that most Ontario records come from southeastern Ontario.

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi* (82)

2014 – one, first basic, 10 October, Port Stanley (Hawk Cliff), *Elgin* (Christopher T. Burris, Michel Poissant; 2014-130) – photos on file.

- one, basic, 19 October, Aylmer, *Elgin* (Mike Cowlard, also found by Nancy Douglas; 2014-180).
- one, definitive basic, 16-29 November, East Lake, *Prince Edward* (Mark D. Read, James R. Barber, found by Paul Kenny; 2014-145) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 23 November-7 December, Bailieboro, *Peterborough/Northumberland* (Luke H. Berg, found by Iain Rayner; 2014-142) – photos on file.

Smith's Longspur *Calcarius pictus* **Central and South only** (5)

2014 – seven, alternate males (6+) and female, 29 April-7 May, Elmdale, *Essex* (Kory J. Renaud, Ronald G. Tozer, J. Michael Tate, Paul D. Pratt, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Mark S. Field, Dan J. MacNeal, James R. Barber, Chris T. Heffernan, Nicole Richardson, Tim R. Arthur, Garth V. Riley, found by Jerry S. Ball; 2014-027) – photos, video on file.

In the last few years, birders in Ohio and Michigan have been successful at finding spring migrant Smith's Longspurs by identifying and searching suitable habitat (Brumfield and Whan 2012). It is entirely possible that, with a similar effort in extreme southwestern Ontario, this species may be found to be a rare but regular migrant, as well.

Kirtland's Warbler *Setophaga kirtlandii* (64)

2014 – one, first alternate male, 9 May, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Timothy B. Lucas, Chris Geraghty; 2014-035) – photo on file.

- one, first alternate female, 19 May, Port Rowan, *Norfolk* (Lou LeBlanc, also found by Cindy LeBlanc; 2014-059) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate male, 27 May-15 June, Starr Island, *Muskoka* (Thomas Jackman, also found by Lisa Hendrickson; 2014-020) – photos, audio on file.
- one, first alternate male, 28 May, Toronto Islands, *Toronto* (Gavin C. Platt, David D. Beadle, Lisa Paemurd, found by Jeff Harrison; 2014-063) – photos on file.

- one, definitive alternate male, 15 June, Rohallion, *Kawartha Lakes* (Robert H. Curry, John R. Carley; 2014-166) – photos on file.

Amazingly, none of the five 2014 records came from Point Pelee, where most of the previous 59 records have originated.

“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata auduboni* (15)

- 2014 – one, definitive alternate male, 28 April, London, *Middlesex* (Tim R. Arthur; 2014-016) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate female, 30 April-8 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Karl R. Overman, found by Lev A. Frid, Murray A. Shields; 2014-064) – photos on file.

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus* (8)

- 2014 – one, basic, 22 November, Whites, *Elgin* (Pat Hartwell-McLean; 2014-151) – photos on file.

Field Sparrow *Spizella pusilla* Central and Lowlands only (22)

- 2013 – one, alternate, 2 May, Neebing, *Thunder Bay* (Zachary B. Marchuk; 2014-034) – photos on file.

Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys* (31)

- 2014 – one, alternate female, 16 May, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Reuven D. Martin; 2014-082).
- one, first alternate male, 19 June-9 July, Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Chris T. Heffernan, David I. Pryor, Donald A. Sutherland, Elias J. Takacs, James R. Barber, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Luke H. Berg, Mark D. Read, Paul O’Toole, Tom Devcseri, Tom M. Wheatley, Leonard P. Manning, Kyle E. Holloway, found by Sherri Jensen; 2014-019) – photos, video on file.

The *Lennox and Addington* bird delighted hundreds of birders over its prolonged stay which was eclipsed only by the bird at Prince Edward Point, *Prince Edward* on 15 May-10 June 1995 (Dobos 1996).

Henslow’s Sparrow *Ammodramus henslowii* (37)

- 2014 – one, definitive alternate, 17-18 April, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Chris R. Gaffan, Jeremy L. Hatt, Mike V.A. Burrell, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2014-007) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 4 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Dwayne D. Murphy, Dan J. MacNeal, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2014-030) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 4 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (James R. Barber, unknown finder; 2014-031) – photo on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 11 May, Port Glasgow, *Elgin* (Stanley Caveney; 2014-039) – photos on file.



Figure 14: Lark Bunting at Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington* on 23 June 2014.
Photo: Joshua D. Vandermeulen.



Figure 15: Henslow's Sparrow at Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* on 18 April 2014. *Photo: Mike V.A. Burrell.*

- one, definitive alternate, 17 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Dominic A. Cormier, Kory J. Renaud, Jeremy M. Bensette; 2014-056) – photos on file.
- one, definitive alternate male, 25 June-14 July, Caledon, *Peel* (Matthew D. Ross, D.M. Lavigne, found by Neil P. Morris; 2014-023) – photos, audio on file.

2013 – one, basic, 23 September, Sarnia, *Lambton* (Eric B. Marcum; 2014-105) – photos on file.

2002 – one, basic, 17 September, Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington* (Michael Jaques, also found by Joyce Jaques; 2014-126).

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Central and Lowlands only (19)

2014 – one, first alternate male, 21-29 May, Johnsons Landing, *Thunder Bay* (Aarre A. Ertolahti; 2014-061) – photos on file.

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* (44)

2012 – one, basic female, 4 November, Dundas, *Hamilton* (Cheryl E. Edgecombe, also found by Rob Z. Dobos; 2014-168).

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* (97)

2014 – one, definitive basic female, 18-21 April, Mount Pleasant, *Perth* (Rita C. Christie, Leonard P. Manning, David I. Pryor, Mike V.A. Burrell, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Ron M. Christie; 2014-008) – photos on file.

- one, basic female, 8 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Brandon R. Holden also found by Eric W. Holden, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, James G. Burrell, G. Carol Gregory; 2014-032) – photos on file.

2009 – one, basic female, 28 April, Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* (Alexandre Ancil, also found by Hilde M. Johansen; 2014-108) – photo on file.

1975 – one, first basic male, 24 May, Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* (Michael J. Porter, Isabel Smaller, David J.T. Hussell, also found by Alex Steele, A. Vinson; 2014-124) – photo on file.

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena* (11)

2014 – one, alternate male, 18 May, Dorion, *Thunder Bay* (Susan J. Fagan, also found by Bruce Fagan; 2014-053) – photo on file.

- one, alternate male, 18 May, Shuniah, *Thunder Bay* (Reid S. Mason; 2014-182) – photo on file.
- one, alternate male, 29-30 May, Rosspport, *Thunder Bay* (H. Gordon Smith, also found by Joan Smith; 2014-084) – photo on file.

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* (38)

2014 – one, definitive alternate male, 23 April, Rockland, *Ottawa* (Carine Menard; 2014-012).

- one, definitive alternate male, 26-27 April, Huntsville, *Muskoka* (Lianne M. Atwood, Leonard P. Manning, David I. Pryor, Janice Hardy, T. Rick Stronks,

Chris T. Heffernan, also found by Ken R. Atwood, Ryan B. Atwood, Ryley K. Atwood; 2014-009) – photos on file.

- one, first alternate male, 27 May, Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* (Andy Robinson, Joe Krawiec; 2014-076) – photo on file.

2012 – one, definitive basic male, 21-28 October, Toronto, *Toronto* (Michel D'Angelo; 2014-002) – photos on file.

Dickcissel *Spiza americana* **Central and Lowlands only (29)**

2014 – one, definitive alternate male, 13-15 May, Johnsons Landing, *Thunder Bay* (Aarre A. Ertolahti; 2014-044) – photo on file.

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* **(8)**

2014 – one, definitive basic male, 26-28 November, North Bay, *Nipissing* (Renee J. Levesque, David E. Szmyr, Sandra L. Horvath, found by Vic Rizzo; 2014-144) – photos on file.

The timing of this record fits with an influx of Brambling in mid-November in North America with other sightings in Wyoming, California, Washington, and British Columbia (eBird 2015).



Figure 16: Brambling at North Bay, *Nipissing* on 26 November 2014. Photo: Renee J. Levesque.



Figure 17: "Hornemann's" Hoary Redpoll at Bala, *Muskoka* on 11 March 2009. *Photo: Eleanor Kee Wellman.*



Figure 18: Eurasian Tree Sparrow at Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* on 28 November 2014.
Photo: Sandra L. Horvath.

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte tephrocotis* (23)

2014/15 – one, *tephrocotis*, first basic female, 30 November-13 March, Gun Lake, *Kenora* (Alex Rheault, Pat Rheault; 2014-159) – photo on file.

2013/14 – one, *tephrocotis*, first basic female, 11 December-24 January, Kakabeka Falls, *Thunder Bay* (Cece Girard; 2014-071) – photos on file.

Ontario records of the *tephrocotis* subspecies outnumber *littoralis* records approximately 3:1

“Hornemann’s” Hoary Redpoll *Acanthis hornemanni hornemanni* (10)

2014 – one, first basic, 10 December, Bronte, *Halton* (Mark W. Jennings; 2014-179) – photos on file.

2013 – one, first basic, 14 January, Hilliardton, *Timiskaming* (Peter S. Burke, also found by Bruce Murphy, Jay Van der Gaast; 2014-175) – photos on file.

2009 – one, definitive basic male, 10-13 March, Bala, *Muskoka* (Eleanor Kee Wellman; 2014-150) – photos on file.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* (8)

2014 – one, definitive basic, 22 March, Pickering, *Durham* (John Booth; 2014-058) – photo on file.

– two, definitive basic, 18 May, Terrace Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Alan Wormington; 2014-052) – photos on file.

– one, definitive basic, 19 May, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Dayna L. LeClair, also found by Richard Dobbins, Mick J. Townsend; 2014-077) – photos on file.

2014/15 – one, definitive basic, 24 November-7 January, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (Craig Corcoran, Christopher J. Escott, Luc S. Fazio, Sandra L. Horvath, Kayo J. Roy, Bruce M. Di Labio, Ben F. Di Labio, Marcie L. Jacklin, found by Brianne Corcoran; 2014-143) – photos on file.

2014 was nothing short of exceptional for this species! The total number of records was doubled and the *Thunder Bay* record becomes the first outside of southern Ontario, as well as the first of multiple birds. Extralimital records were also recorded in 2014 for Manitoba, Minnesota, Michigan and New Jersey (eBird 2015).



Figure 19: Painted Bunting at Oakville, *Halton* showing damaged bill and abnormal (yellow-orange) breast colour on 19 December 2014. *Photo: Sue Barth.*



Figure 20: Specimen tray of adult male Painted Buntings at the ROM; the five specimens showing yellow-orange underparts in the top-left are noted as being held in captivity before death. *Photo: Barbara N. Charlton.*

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. Over time, some instances involve birds that have a high certainty of previous captive origin, whereas some records placed in this category have caused considerable debate among past voting members. If new evidence suggesting wild origin becomes available, such reports may be reconsidered by the OBRC.

2014/15 – Painted Bunting, one, definitive basic male, 14 December-19 February, Oakville, *Halton* (Heather E. Burrow, Leonard P. Manning, Mike D. Williamson, James Watt, Sue Barth, Luc S. Fazio, Michael J. Hatton, Mike A. Veltri, Frank G. Horvath, Sandra L. Horvath, found by Heather E. Burrow; 2014-154) – photos, videos on file.

Occurrences of this species are normally accepted as naturally occurring, as the vagrancy pattern in North America is well known (Mlodinow and Hamilton 2005). However, this particular record caused considerable debate. Of particular concern was the damaged bill when the bird first appeared, a condition associated with birds kept in cages. In addition, the breast colour was quite yellow-orange, rather than red, indicating dietary stress; an internet search revealed that about 1% of wild birds show orange-red underparts but none approaching this colouration; in addition, all specimens with this plumage anomaly on file at the ROM were labelled as captive birds.

- European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), one, basic, early-February-18 March, Smooth Rock Falls, *Cochrane* (Bobbie Hebert, found by Paul Hebert, Bobbie Hebert; 2014-096) – photos on file.

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 or simply lacking enough detail to properly describe the individual. In many cases, OBRC members felt that the species being described was likely correctly identified by the observer. However, the report received for voting was simply too limited for acceptance. These circumstances sometimes arise from unavoidable situations such as poor viewing conditions or brevity of observation.

- 2014**
- Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*), one, 24 May, Presqu'ile Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (2014-011).
 - Pacific Loon, one, 1 March, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (2014-001).
 - Little Blue Heron, one, 20 May, Stouffville, *York* (2014-089).
 - Mississippi Kite, one, 11-21 July, Mount Pleasant, *Lennox and Addington* and Kingston, *Frontenac* (2014-095).
 - Mississippi Kite, one, 24 August, Windfall, *Essex* (2014-114) – photos on file.
 - Mew Gull, one, 29 March, Queenston, *Niagara* (2014-006).

- Mew Gull, one, 30 March, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (2014-005) – photo on file.
- California Gull (*Larus californicus*), one, 30 March, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (2014-004) – photo on file.
- Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*), twelve, 15-18 May, Kettle Point, *Lambton* (2014-048) – photos on file.
- Arctic Tern, one, 26 May, Britannia, *Ottawa* (2014-094) – photo on file.
- Arctic Tern, one, 31 August, Pinery Provincial Park, *Lambton* (2014-103).
- Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*), two, 5 August, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (2014-092).
- Eurasian Collared-Dove, one, 29 May-2 June, Moonbeam, *Cochrane* (2014-024) – photos on file.
- Eurasian Collared-Dove, one, 18 August, Etobicoke (Colonel Sam Smith Park), *Toronto* (2014-091).
- Black Swift (*Cypseloides niger*), two, 13 July, Toronto (High Park), *Toronto* (2014-178).
- Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*), one, 17 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2014-066) – photo on file.
- Bell's Vireo, one, 10 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2014-093).
- Bell's Vireo, one, 10 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2014-171).
- Black-whiskered Vireo (*Vireo altiloquus*), one, 10 May, Windham Centre, *Norfolk* (2014-038) – photos on file.
- Fish Crow, one, 19 April, Toronto Islands, *Toronto* (2014-028).
- Fish Crow, two, 26 April, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (2014-014).
- Fish Crow, one, 1-18 July, Gorrie, *Huron* (2014-090).
- Fish Crow, one, 20 September, Chippawa, *Niagara* (2014-120) – photos on file.
- Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*), one, 18 December, Woodbridge, *York* (2014-163).
- Mountain Bluebird, one, 11 May, Burlington, *Halton* (2014-037).
- Townsend's Solitaire, one, 29 December, Newmarket, *York* (2014-165).
- Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*), one, 31 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2014-181) – photos on file.
- “Black-backed” White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba lugens*), one, 7 May, Puslinch, *Wellington* (2014-080) – photos on file.
- Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*), one, 18 April, Etobicoke (Colonel Sam Smith Park), *Toronto* (2014-015).
- Henslow's Sparrow, one, 14 September, Sarnia, *Lambton* (2014-106) – photo on file.
- Blue Grosbeak, one, 11-16 May, Schreiber, *Thunder Bay* (2014-186).
- Blue Grosbeak, one, 12 May, Brookville, *Halton* (2014-045).
- Lazuli Bunting, one, 13 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2014-042) – photos on file.

- 2013** – Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*), thirteen, 2-5 May, Neebing, *Thunder Bay* (2014-073).
 – Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*), one, 10 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2014-079) – photos on file.
- 2012** – Bicknell's Thrush, one, 10 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2014-162) – photos on file.

Corrections/Updates to Previous OBRC Reports

2013 report (*Ontario Birds* 32: 54-81)

Under Smew (2012) change “(Ron Ridout, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2012-024)” to “(Ron Ridout, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Stuart A. Mackenzie; 2012-024)”.

Under Kirtland's Warbler change “(Eric W. Holden, Brandon R. Holden; 2013-026)” to “(Eric W. Holden, Brandon R. Holden, Jeremy L. Hatt; 2013-026)”.

Under Kirtland's Warbler change “(Barbara N. Charlton, David M. Bell, Brandon R. Holden; 2013-028)” to “(Barbara N. Charlton, David M. Bell, Brandon R. Holden, Jeremy L. Hatt; 2013-028)”.

Under Blue Grosbeak change “(Paul D. Pratt, found by Tom Preney; 2013-042)” to “(Paul D. Pratt, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Tom Preney; 2013-042)”.

Under Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch change the year of the Red Lake sighting from 2013 to 2012.

Under Mute Swan, change the number of accepted records to 11.

Under Brown Pelican, change the number of accepted records to 11.

Under Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, change “(Maureen McEwan, Dan Bone, also found by Lloyd McEwan; 2013-057)” to “(Maureen McEwan, also found by Lloyd McEwan; 2013-057)”.

Under Swallow-tailed Kite, change “29 April and 2-3 May, Chatham, *Chatham-Kent* (Apr 29), and Port Alma, *Chatham-Kent* to Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (4 May)” to “29 April-4 May, Chatham, *Chatham-Kent* (29 April), and Port Alma, *Chatham-Kent* to Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (4 May)”.

Under Piping Plover, change “(John Brett, Denby Sadler, Adam Timpf; 2013-112)” to “(Denby Sadler, Adam Timpf, found by Stuart A. Mackenzie; 2013-112)”.

Under Piping Plover, add the following entries:

- 2013** – our, definitive alternate male and female, 2 juvenals, summer, Sauble Beach, *Bruce*, (Joanne Redwood, unknown finder; 2013-116) – photos on file.
 – six, definitive alternate male and female, 4 juvenals, summer, Sauble Beach, *Bruce* (Joanne Redwood, unknown finder; 2013-117) – photos on file.

- 2012 – six, definitive alternate male and female, 4 juvenal, summer 2012, Sauble Beach, *Bruce* (Joanne Redwood, unknown finder; 2013-113) – photos on file.
- two, definitive alternate male and female, summer 2012, Sauble Beach, *Bruce* (Joanne Redwood, unknown finder; 2013-114) – photos on file.
- three, definitive alternate male and female, plus unknown sex, summer 2012, Wasaga Beach, *Simcoe* (Jeremy L. Hatt, unknown finder; 2013-115) – photos on file.

Under Piping Plover, change the number of accepted records to 89.

Under Elegant Tern, change “21-22 and 24 November” to “20-24 November”.

Under Black-throated Gray Warbler, change “(Doug Zavitz, Chris Leys, also found by Sharie Zavitz, Jennifer Zavitz; 2013-152)” to “(Doug Zavitz, also found by Sharie Zavitz, Jennifer Zavitz; 2013-152)”.

Under Common Eider, change last date to 23 December.

Under Swainson's Hawk, change the number of accepted records to 62.

1995 report (*Ontario Birds* 32: 54-81)

Under Tufted Duck, change the last date of the *Lambton* record to 30 January.



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