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Little Gull with Bonaparte's Gulls, Timiskaming , May 2015.

*Photo: Michael J. Werner.*

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## Introduction

This is the 34th annual report of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (OBRC) of the Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO). The OBRC reviews rare bird reports in Ontario based on documentation that has been submitted by the birding community. Species and subspecies evaluations are based on the Review Lists for Ontario, which can be found on the OFO website ([www.ofo.ca](http://www.ofo.ca)). Any new species, subspecies or first breeding records for Ontario are also reviewed. This report deals with the review of 172 records received by the OBRC in 2015 of which 143 (83%) were accepted. All reports reviewed by the 2015 Committee will be added to the permanent file kept at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM).

The members of the 2015 Committee were Kenneth G.D. Burrell (chair), Mike V.A. Burrell (non-voting secretary), Barbara N. Charlton (non-voting assistant to the secretary), William J. Crins, Bruce M. Di Labio, Brandon R. Holden, Timothy B. Lucas, Ron Ridout and Ross W. Wood (Figure 1). Mark K. Peck acted as the ROM liaison for the OBRC.

## Changes to the Checklist of Ontario Birds

Remarkably, four new species were added to the Ontario list, bringing the total to 494 species. These species were Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Eurasian Dotterel (*Charadrius morinellus*) and Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*). This is the most species added in a single year since the 1995 report when five species were added (Dobos 1996).

## Changes to the Review Lists

Beginning with the 2014 report (Burrell and Charlton 2015), the OBRC split the province into three review zones. See Holden (2014) for more details on this change.

Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*) is added to the Lowlands Review List following acceptance of the first record for the region; this addition on top of previously omitted species brings the total number of species recorded in this review zone to 331.

No new species were added to the Central Review List, leaving the total number of species recorded in this review zone at 382.



Figure 1: Ontario Bird Records Committee for 2015. Left to right (standing): Brandon R. Holden, William J. Crins, Bruce M. Di Labio, Barbara N. Charlton, Ron Ridout. Left to right (sitting) Timothy B. Lucas, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Ross W. Wood, Mike V.A. Burrell. Photo: Mark K. Peck.

Beginning in 2016, reports of Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*) in the South Review Zone are no longer requested, based on more than twenty records occurring in the previous five years. Reports prior to 2016 are still requested for review. Also, beginning in 2016, reports of Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) and Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) in the South Review Zone are now requested for review, as both species have occurred fewer than twenty times in the previous five years. All four species new to Ontario, listed above, were recorded in the South Review Zone, bringing the total species recorded in this review zone to 484. No changes were made to the Subspecies Review List or the list of species known to have bred, leaving the total number of breeding species at 290.

### 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 and dates of occurrence, location, number of birds, the plumage and sex of each individual, names of contributors and OBRC file number. For accepted records, the total number of records for the province (including 2015 reports) is indicated in parentheses after the species name. 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 documentation for review. Place names in italics refer to the county, regional municipality or district in Ontario.

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 56th supplement (Chesser *et al.* 2015) 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 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@ofoc.ca).



### Acknowledgements

The OBRC appreciates the efforts of the 164 observers who took the time to submit documentation of rare birds for consideration by the 2015 Committee. We also thank the following people who assisted the Committee in the acquisition of additional data and other material evidence that supplemented the information submitted directly by observers and Committee members, or by providing expert opinions on material evidence submitted to the Committee: David M. Bell, Peter S. Burke, Glenn Coady, Christian A. Friis, Alvaro P. Jaramillo, Lee Jones, Tony Leukering, Stuart A. Mackenzie, Steve Mlodinow, Willy Perez, Peter Pyle, Brian D. Ratcliff, Lynne Richardson, Jon P. Ruddy, Jeff H. Skevington and Kerrie Wilcox.



Figure 2: Pink-footed Goose with Snow Geese at Tayside, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry on 31 October 2015. Photo: Jacques M. Bouvier.

### Accepted Records

#### **Pink-footed Goose** *Anser brachyrhynchus* (1)

**2015** – one, definitive basic, 30 October-26 December, Tayside, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (Jacques M. Bouvier, Christopher J. Escott, Jeremy L. Hatt, David I. Pryor, David E. Szmyr, J. Michael Tate, Bruce M. Di Labio; 2015-099) – photos on file.

This species has been expected in the province for at least the past decade, as a pattern has developed in the states and provinces in the Atlantic Flyway (Sherony 2008).

#### **Greater White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons* Lowlands only (62)

**2012** – one, definitive basic, 11 September, Longridge Point, Cochrane (Mark S. Field, Jeremy L. Hatt, Greg Stuart; 2015-148) – photos on file.

#### **Mute Swan** *Cygnus olor* Central and Lowlands only (14)

**2014** – two, second basic, 16-25 August, Northbluff Point, Cochrane (R. Douglas McRae, also found by Janine M. McManus; 2015-036) – photos on file.

**“Bewick’s” Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus bewickii* (2)**

**2015** – one, definitive basic, 14-15 March, north of Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Richard P. Carr; 2015-022)  
– photos on file.

**Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope* Central and Lowlands Only (73)**

**2015** – one, definitive alternate male, 2-24 May, Moonbeam, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Filion, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by André F. Filion, Bibiane G. Filion; 2015-025) – photos on file.

**Mottled Duck *Anas fulvigula* (2)**

**2014** – one, basic, 19-24 May, Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Jarmo V. Jalava, also found by Alan Wormington, Jeremy M. Bensette, Rick Mayos; 2015-066)  
– photos on file.

This is only the second record of this species in the province, the first occurring 1 May-6 June 2008 also at Hillman Marsh (Richards 2009).

**“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal *Anas fulvigula* (7)**

**2015** – one, definitive alternate male, 19-20 April, Lindenwood, *Grey* (Jerry R. Walsh, J. Patrick Walsh; 2015-003) – photos on file.

**Common Eider *Somateria mollissima* (24)**

**2012** – one, basic female, 11 November, Lions Head, *Bruce* (Robert N. Taylor, also found by Anne-Marie Benedict; 2015-131) – photos on file.



Figure 3: Smew at Cornwall, *Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry* on 14 December 2015. Photo: Jacques M. Bouvier.

**Smew *Mergellus albellus* (5)**

**2015** – one, basic female, 13-28 December, Cornwall (13-14 December) and Ault Island (19-28 December), *Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry* (Jacob K. Bruxer, Jacques M. Bouvier, J. Michael Tate, Bruce M. Di Labio; 2015-163)  
– photos on file.

The fact that another female-type Smew was reported on the St. Lawrence River at Lisbon Beach in St. Lawrence County, New York, on 16 February 2013 (about 35 kilometres west of the 2015 sightings) (eBird 2016) strongly suggests that this is the same bird, returning to the same general area to winter.

**Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* (46)**

**2015** – one, definitive alternate, 5-8 September, Etobicoke (Colonel Sam Smith Park), *Toronto* (James H. Watt, also found by Patricia Kluge; 2015-120).

A Western Grebe has appeared in the west end of Lake Ontario each spring since 2006 (with the exception of 2008 and 2014), strongly suggesting a returning bird each year.

### **Northern Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis* (16)

- 2015** – one, definitive basic, light morph, 10 December, Nepean, *Ottawa* (Jon P. Ruddy, J. Michael Tate, Bruce M. Di Labio; 2015-155) – photos on file.  
– one, definitive basic, light morph, 31 December, Kanata, *Ottawa* (Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Bethany Seaman; 2015-156) – photos on file.

It is interesting to speculate that the warm, late fall, followed by rapid cooling and freezing of James Bay in December played a role in forcing these birds (and other waterbirds) abruptly out of James Bay and over land in search of open water. The second bird was found injured on land and taken to the Wild Bird Care Clinic in Ottawa; it was subsequently transferred to a facility in Nova Scotia.

### **Northern Gannet** *Morus bassanus* (47)

- 2015** – one, basic, 27 September, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Alan Wormington, Kory J. Renaud and Jeremy M. Bensette; 2015-085).

This is just the third record from the Lowlands, although it is the second since 2008; it is interesting to speculate that climate change and the opening of the Northwest Passage is spurring these birds to wander more widely into the Arctic Ocean before they eventually end up at the south end of James Bay.

### **Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (13)

- 2015** – one, definitive alternate, 31 March-9 April (not seen 1 or 8 April), Stoney Creek (31 March and 2-3 April) and Hamilton (31 March and 2-7 and 9 April), *Hamilton* (Brandon R. Holden, Barbara N. Charlton, J. Brett Fried; 2015-015) – photos on file.  
– one, definitive alternate, 13 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Garth V. Riley; 2015-067) – photo on file.  
– one, definitive alternate, 22 May, Mississauga, *Peel* and Etobicoke, *Toronto* (Andrew E. Keaveney; 2015-143).  
– one, definitive alternate, 25 June-4 July, Toronto (Sunnyside Beach), *Toronto* (Mark S. Field, David E. Szymr, found by Patrick Stepien-Scanlon; 2015-098) – photos on file.

With no overlap in dates, and similar plumage, the three Lake Ontario records could all pertain to the same individual. However, it is impossible to say for sure as this species has increased to the point where there are now the same number of records as for Great Cormorant.

### **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* (13)

- 2015** – one, definitive alternate, 4-15 May, Prince Edward Point (4 and 15 May), *Prince Edward* and Amherst Island (12 May), *Lennox and Addington* (Kurt Hennige, found by David Okines; 2015-027).



Figure 4: Little Egret at Carp, *Ottawa* on 2 June 2015. Photo: Jacques M. Bouvier.

### Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* 1)

2015 – one, definitive alternate, 2 June-13 July, Carp (2-3 June), Kanata (7-8 June), Manotick (17 and 20 June), Nepean (24 and 28 June-4 July, 7 and 10 July), Britannia (24-29 June, 13 July), *Ottawa* (Ben F. Di Labio, Mark Gawn, J. Michael Tate, Mike V.A. Burrell, David I. Pryor, David E. Szmyr, Bruce M. Di Labio, A. Geoffrey Carpentier, Jacques M. Bouvier; 2015-096) – videos, photos on file.

A first record for the province; this bird caused a lot of frustration for the Ontario birding community as it was hard to pin down and constantly changed its daily patterns. It was enjoyed by many, thanks to the remarkable work of the Ottawa birding community tracking and reporting its presence regularly.

### Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* (40)

2015 – one, definitive basic, 11-24 April (not seen 12-16 April), Leamington (11 April), Sturgeon Creek (11 April), and Holiday Beach Conservation Area (17-24), *Essex* (Evelyne Perreault, Kory J. Renaud, J. Michael Tate, found by Jeremy M. Bensette, Emma Buck; 2015-006) – photos on file.

– one, definitive basic, 27 April-1 May, Collingwood, *Simcoe* (Jennifer F. Kesikilya; 2015-070) – photo on file.

### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* (49)

2015 – one, definitive basic, 23 May-6 June, Huntley, *Ottawa* (Bruce M. Di Labio, J. Michael Tate, David E. Szmyr, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Mary Connolly; 2015-075) – photos on file.

– one, juvenal, 7 August, Hamilton (Van Wagner's Beach), *Hamilton* (Ann M. Porter; 2015-129) – photos on file.

2000 – one, definitive basic, 12 May, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Blake A. Mann; 2015-130).

### Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (73)

2015 – one, definitive alternate, 28 April, Milton, *Halton* (David I. Pryor; 2015-011) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate, 30 April-5 May, Whitby, *Durham* (M.C. Coburn, Michael D. Williamson, A. Geoffrey Carpentier, found by Brandon M. McWalters; 2015-018) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate, 12-17 (not seen 13-16 May) May, Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, *Essex* (Tim R. Arthur, Tim Dawson, Lesley Dawson,



David E. Szmyr, Barbara N. Charlton, found by Jeremy M. Bensette; 2015-044) – photos on file.

- two, alternate, 14-15 May, Blenheim, *Chatham-Kent* (Reuven D. Martin; 2015-041) – photo on file.
- one, definitive alternate, 17-19 May, Brighton, *Northumberland* (James R.D. Barber, found by John Cree; 2015-042) – photo on file.
- ten, definitive alternate, 18-19 May, Little Current, *Manitoulin* (Don Brisbois, found by Rodney C. Thompson; 2015-045) – photos on file.

### **White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chibi* (21)

- 2015** – one, definitive alternate, 11 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* and Blenheim, *Chatham-Kent* (Brandon R. Holden, Timothy B. Lucas, Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2015-048) – photos on file.
- two, definitive alternate, 14-23 May, Port Royal, *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout, Leonard P. Manning, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, David E. Szmyr, found by Ted Gent and Paula Gent; 2015-047) – photos on file.
  - one, definitive alternate, 1-3 June, Whitby (Cranberry Marsh), *Durham* (A. Geoffrey Carpentier, Charmaine Anderson, unknown finder; 2015-166) – photo on file.
  - one, 2 June, Cumberland, *Ottawa* (J. Michael Tate, found by Gregory Zbitnew; 2015-128) – photos on file.
  - one, basic, 3 November, Tiny Marsh, *Simcoe* (Barbara L. Crawford; 2015-093) – photos on file.

The Pelee/Blenheim bird was seen 9.5 hours apart, first flying over the tip of Point Pelee, then circling the Blenheim Sewage Lagoons, approximately 60km away. Plumage details allowed the Committee to be confident the same bird was involved in both sightings.



Figure 5: White-faced Ibises at Port Royal, *Norfolk* on 15 May 2015. *Photo: Ron Ridout.*

**Ibis species *Plegadis* spp. (72)**

- 2015** – one, alternate, 15-17 May, Tiny Marsh, *Simcoe* (Ken MacDonald, found by Judy Frey; 2015-046) – photo on file.
- one, alternate, 28 May, Melancthon, *Dufferin* (Dan J. MacNeal; 2015-043) – photos on file.
  - one, alternate, 15 June, St. Clair National Wildlife Area, *Chatham-Kent* (Stephen R. Charbonneau; 2015-106) – photo on file.
  - one, first basic, 6-8 October, Elmdale, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, found by J. Michael Tate; 2015-105) – photo on file.
  - one, basic, 12-16 November, Oshawa Second Marsh, *Durham* (Tyler L. Hoar, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2015-165) – photos on file.

It was an incredible year for *Plegadis* ibises with sixteen reports between the two species. The previous high was 10 (4 Glossy, 2 White-faced, 4 unidentified) in 2011 (Cranford 2012).

**Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Central and Lowlands only after 2011 (77)**

- 2009** – one, basic, 12 October, St. Marys, *Perth* (Eric Jeffery, also found by Liz Jeffery; 2015-079).

**Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* (55)**

- 2015** – one, first basic, 15-16 May, Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, *Essex* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell, David I. Pryor, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, David E. Szmyr, also found by Adam P. Timpf; 2015-065) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic male, 22 May, Brantford, *Brant* (William G. Lamond, Sarah Lamond; 2015-062) – photo on file.
  - one, first basic, 23-24 May, Clarke's Corners, *Bruce* (Alfred Raab, Mark H. Cranford, Michael T. Butler; 2015-063) – photos on file.
  - one, definitive basic, 23 May, London, *Middlesex* (Ian Platt, also found by Joan Taylor; 2015-150).
- 2014** – one, definitive basic, 18 May, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Jacob Schumann; 2015-097) – photo on file.



Figure 6: Mississippi Kite at Hillman Marsh, Essex on 16 May 2015.  
Photo: Jacques M. Bouvier

**Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni* (65)**

- 2015** – one, juvenal, 13 September, Holiday Beach Conservation Area, *Essex* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Jeremy M. Bensette, also found by James G. Burrell, Mike V.A. Burrell; 2015-114) – photo on file.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinicus* (18)

2015 – one, first basic, 23 October, South Parry, *Parry Sound* (Robert S. H. Mansfield, Robert G. Wilson, also found by Joyce Mansfield; 2015-108) – photos on file.

The timing of this record fits perfectly with previous records in the province, fall accounting for two-thirds (12) of all records. Farnsworth *et al.* (2015) recently summarized the vagrancy patterns of this species and the Ontario pattern is consistent with elsewhere outside of its core range.

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* (18)

2015 – two, alternate male and female, 9 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Ashley P. Baines; 2015-125) – photos on file.

**Wilson's Plover** *Charadrius wilsonia* (5)

2015 – one, alternate female, 27-29 May, Toronto Islands, *Toronto* (Gavin C. Platt, Mike V.A. Burrell, David E. Szmyr, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Charmaine Anderson, Dominik Halas, found by Glenn Coody; 2015-074)  
– photos on file.



Figure 7: Wilson's Plover at Toronto Islands, *Toronto* on 29 May 2015. *Photo: Dominik Halas.*



Figure 8: Eurasian Dotterel at Oliphant, Bruce on 3 October 2015. Photo: Michael T. Butler.



Figure 9: Little Gull with Bonaparte's Gulls at New Liskeard, Timiskaming on 14 May 2015. Photo: Michael J. Werner.

**Eurasian Dotterel** *Charadrius morinellus* (1)

2015 – one, juvenal, 3 October, Oliphant, *Bruce* (Michael T. Butler; 2015-132)  
– photos on file.

One of the most unexpected firsts for the province in some time; Howell *et al.* (2014) lists no eastern North American records and only a handful from the Pacific Coast away from Alaska. Even Iceland has only three records (Howell *et al.* 2014), highlighting the low probability of this species showing up in Ontario.

**Purple Sandpiper** *Calidris maritima* Central only after 1985 (65)

2012 – one, first basic, 29 April, Barr Island, *Thunder Bay* (Michael T. Butler, also found by Martha L. Allen, Christine Drake and Kyle Drake; 2015-157)  
– photos on file.

**Dovekie** *Alle alle* (5)

2015 – one, basic, 30 November, Bronte, *Halton* (Robert S. Secord; 2015-133)  
– photos on file.

**Black-legged Kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla* Central and Lowlands only (9)

2014 – one, juvenal, 28 September, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D Vandermeulen, also found by Kory J. Renaud; 2015-082).

**Sabine's Gull** *Xema sabini* Central and Lowlands only (1)

2015 – one, juvenal, 25 August, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by Adam P. Timpf, Kyle Marsh; 2015-158).

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

2015 – one, definitive alternate, 13-24 May, New Liskeard, *Timiskaming* (Michael J. Werner; 2015-057) – photos on file.

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla* Central and Lowlands only (85)

2015 – one, second basic, 9 August, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Christian A. Friis, Niamh M. McHugh, also found by Lindsay Barden; 2015-149) – photos, video on file.

**California Gull** *Larus californicus* (66)

2015 – one, second alternate, 4-12 May, Leamington (4 May) and Point Pelee National Park (12 May), *Essex* (Eric W. Holden, Brandon R. Holden; 2015-028)  
– photos on file.

Plumage details allowed the OBRC to be confident the same bird was involved in both sightings.



Figure 10: California Gull at Point Pelee National Park, Essex on 12 May 2015. *Photo: Brandon R. Holden.*



Figure 11: Kelp Gull at Mohawk Island, *Haldimand* on 12 July 2013. *Photo: Denby Sadler.*

**Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* (2)**

**2013** – one, definitive alternate, 12 July, Mohawk Island, *Haldimand* (Dave Moore, Denby Sadler; 2015-140) – photos on file.

**2012** – one, definitive prebasic molt, 7-9 September, Wheatley, *Chatham-Kent* (Alan Wormington; 2015-061) – photos on file.

It seems highly probable that these sightings pertain to a single bird “stuck” on Lake Erie. These records constitute the first and second accepted records of this southern hemisphere species for the province.

**Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea* South and Central only (22)**

**2015** – five, definitive alternate, 26 May-1 June, Britannia, *Ottawa* (Mark Gawn, also found by Mark J. Patry; 2015-076) .

**2013** – one, definitive alternate, 23 May, Wawa, *Algoma* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2015-078).

The *Algoma* record represents the first record for the Central Review Zone.

**Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina* (4)**

**2015** – one, first basic female, 8-9 November, Sioux Lookout, *Kenora* (Edith M. Burkholder, E. Merle Burkholder; 2015-100) – photos on file.

This is just the fourth record for the province, with two others occurring in the Central Zone (Wormington 1987, Crins 2003) and one from the South (Richards 2009). This year’s record coincided with several extralimital reports in the midwestern United States (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana) (eBird 2016).



Figure 12: Common Ground-Dove at Sioux Lookout, *Kenora* on 8 November 2015. Photo: E. Merle Burkholder.

**White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (47)**

- 2015** – one, definitive basic, 13 January, Beachburg, *Renfrew* (Bev M. Moses; 2015-001) – photos on file.
- one, basic, 22 May, Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* (Stuart A. Mackenzie, also found by Laura Mackenzie; 2015-172).
  - one, definitive basic male, 25 May–4 July, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Richard B. McArthur, Stephen R. Charbonneau, P. Allen Woodliffe; 2015-073) – photos on file.
  - one, first basic, 18–30 October, Johnsons Landing, *Thunder Bay* (Aarre A. Ertolahti; 2015-167) – photo on file.

This species' pattern of vagrancy in the province in recent years continues, with 41 of the 47 records occurring since 2000.

**Black-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* Lowlands only (1)**

- 2015** – one, definitive basic, 8–12 August, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Christian A. Friis, Barbara N. Charlton, Niamh M. McHugh, Veronique Drolet-Gratton, Lindsay J. Barden; 2015-134) – photos on file.

This is the first record of this species reviewed for the Lowlands Review Zone.

**Barn Owl *Tyto alba* (12)**

- 2015** – one, first basic male, 2 October, Windsor, *Essex* (Thomas J. Preney, found by Phil Roberts; 2015-080) – photos on file.
- one, 18 October, Mirage Lake, *Thunder Bay* (Elijah M. LaForrest, also found by Hugh D. LaForrest; 2015-081) – photo on file.

The *Thunder Bay* sighting is incredible in that it represents the farthest north record for the province, as it is approximately 115 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* where the previous record from the Central Review Zone was found on 30 November 2005 (Crins 2006).

**Chuck-will's-widow *Antrostomus carolinensis* (34)**

- 2015** – one, basic female, 10 May, Oakville (Shell Park), *Halton* (David R. Don, Cheryl E. Edgecombe; 2015-087) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic female, 15 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Joshua R. Bouman, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Jeremy L. Hatt, David E. Szmyr, Bruce M. Di Labio, unknown finder; 2015-035) – photos on file.
  - one, definitive basic male, 17 May–4 July, South Bay, *Prince Edward* (David Okines, David I. Pryor, found by Peter R. Fuller; 2015-034) – photos, audio on file.

The *Prince Edward* bird marks the third consecutive year a singing male has been observed at this location (Holden 2014, Burrell and Charlton 2015), strongly suggesting it is the same bird returning each year. It was captured and banded in 2015 by Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory staff.





Figure 13: Black-billed Cuckoo at Longridge Point, *Cochrane* on 12 August 2015. Photo: Barbara N. Charlton.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will *Antrostomus vociferous* Lowlands only (1)**

2015 – one, alternate male, 30 July, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (Walter Wehtje; 2015-169).

**Swift species *Chaetura* sp. Lowlands only (1)**

2012 – one, basic, 4 September, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Mark S. Field, Jeremy L. Hatt; 2015-151).

At the time of observation, Chimney Swift was not a reviewable species in the old “North” review zone. The details provided by the observers were excellent, but the difficulty of separating out of range small swifts precluded the OBRC from accepting the specific identification for this record. There was no doubt, however, that a small, *Chaetura* swift was observed.

**Say's Phoebe** *Sayornis saya* (18)

- 2015 – one, basic, 26 April, Johnsons Landing, *Thunder Bay* (Aarre A. Ertolahti; 2015-012) – photos on file.
- one, basic, 17 September, Blenheim, *Chatham-Kent* (James T. Burk, Blake A. Mann, Jeremy L. Hatt, P. Allen Woodliffe, Barbara N. Charlton; 2015-109) – photos on file.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* (6)

- 2014/15 – one, first basic male, 18 December-1 January, West Becher, *Chatham-Kent* (Blake A. Mann, Jeremy L. Hatt, P. Allen Woodliffe, Barbara N. Charlton, found by Larry F. Cornelis; 2015-161) – photos on file.

A crowd favourite of 2015! This was the first record in Ontario since 2010 (Wormington and Cranford 2011), but the first to stay more than a day since 1994 (Pittaway 1995), resulting in many Ontario birders adding this sought-after species to their lists.

**Tropical/Couch's Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus/couchii* (2)

- 2015 – one, 27 June, Upper Duck Island, *Ottawa* (David G. White; 2015-119) – photos on file.

Another great record from 2015; this is the second report of this species pair for the province, with the first at Hurkett, *Thunder Bay*, 27 September 1998 (Dobos 1999). Ontario's only confirmed record of either species was a Tropical Kingbird observed at Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* 26 October-30 November 2002 (Crins 2003).

**Cassin's Kingbird** *Tyrannus vociferans* (4)

- 2015 – one, basic female, 9 June, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout, found by Taylor M. Brown; 2015-086) – photos on file.

The photographs of this bird represent the first of a live individual in Ontario.

**Western Kingbird** *Tyrannus verticalis* **Lowlands only after 1997** (76)

- 2015 – one, basic, 1 November, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Alan Wormington; 2015-127) – photos on file.

**Gray Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis* (8)

- 2015 – one, first basic, 26-29 May, Elmdale, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Jeremy M. Bensette; 2015-049) – photos on file.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus forficatus* (75)

- 2015 – one, alternate, 3 May, Atikokan, *Rainy River* (Bill and Nancy Fotheringham; 2015-171) – photo on file.
- one, first alternate female, 10 May, Dorion, *Thunder Bay* (Norma J. Maurice, also found by Marcel J. Maurice; 2015-059) – photo on file.
- one, definitive alternate male, 18 May, North Bay, *Nipissing* (Brent T. Turcotte, Dave Radcliffe; 2015-060) – photos on file.
- one, alternate, 22 June, Frog Creek, *Kenora* (Michael S. Dawber; 2015-111) – photo on file.



Figure 14: Vermilion Flycatcher at West Becher, Chatham-Kent on 27 December 2015.  
*Photo: P. Allen Woodliffe.*



Figure 15: Cassin's Kingbird at the eastern tip of Long Point, Norfolk on 9 June 2015. *Photo: Ron Ridout.*



Figure 16: Gray Kingbird at Elmdale, Essex on 26 May 2015. Photo: Jeremy L. Hatt.

**Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia* South and Lowlands only (6)**

**2013-16** – one, definitive basic, fall 2013-22 April 2016 (at least), Echo Lake, *Algoma* (David I. Pryor, found by Alex and Carol Jurich; 2015-144) – photo on file.

The OBRC has always struggled in dealing with the provenance of reports of this species away from the species range in northwestern Ontario. As such, there are only six accepted records (with nine listed as origin uncertain). The Committee felt this bird should be considered wild as it showed up in the fall, after a bird was seen at Whitefish Point, Michigan, the preceding spring (eBird 2016). The location is also considerably closer to a breeding population than reports from southern Ontario.

**Clark's Nutcracker *Nucifraga columbiana* (5)**

**2015** – one, basic, 25 September, Kenora, *Kenora* (Christopher J.S. Martin; 2015-088) – photos, video on file.

Another great record from 2015; video obtained of this individual represents the first such evidence recorded in the province.

**Fish Crow *Corvus ossifragus* Central and Lowlands only after 2015 (42)**

**2015/16** – four, basic, 15 November-27 March, Fort Erie, *Niagara* (Nathan G. Miller, Garth V. Riley; 2015-152) – video on file.

**2015** – two, basic, 25 January-1 March, Fort Erie, *Niagara* (David I. Pryor, David E. Szymr, found by Andrew Don, Claude King; 2015-023) – photos, video on file.

- one, basic, 26 January, Waterloo, *Waterloo* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2015-002).
- seven (one on 12 March, seven on 5-25 April, two on 17 May), basic, 12 March-17 May, St. Catharines, *Niagara* (Philip J. Downey, J. Brett Fried, Erika K. Hentsch, Leonard P. Manning, Richard D. Poort, Jacques M. Bouvier; 2015-007) – photos, video on file.
- one, basic, 12 April, Camelot Beach, *Niagara* (Phil M. Lameira; 2015-024).
- one, basic, 9 May, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Frank A. Pinilla, also found by Robert V. Pinilla; 2015-091).
- one, basic, 10 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Jeremy M. Bensette, Jeremy L. Hatt; 2015-038) – audio on file.
- one, basic, 17 May, Stoney Creek, *Hamilton* (Brandon R. Holden, also found by Melissa Cameron; 2015-039) – photos on file.
- one, basic, 26 November, Oungah, *Chatham-Kent* (Patrick W. Deacon; 2015-147).

This species has shown no signs of altering its trajectory as a quickly expanding species into southwestern Ontario. Nine accepted records in 2015, make for 25 since 2012 when the “invasion” began. As such, the OBRC no longer requests documentation for this species when observed in the south. The Committee urges Ontario birders to continue documenting sightings with audio/video and to submit any nesting records to the OBRC.

#### **Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina* (4)

- 2014** – one, definitive alternate, 14 August, Port Burwell, *Elgin* (Aaron B. Allenson; 2015-170).

#### **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Poliptila caerulea* **Central and Lowlands only** (20)

- 2014** – one, first basic, 30 September-2 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Kory J. Renaud, Jeremy M. Bensette; 2015-083) – photos on file.
- one, first basic, 2 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Kory J. Renaud; 2015-084) – photo on file.

#### **Mountain Bluebird** *Sialia currucoides* (41)

- 2015** – one, first basic female, 26 November-12 December, Whitby (Cranberry Marsh), *Durham* (Gray A.E. Carlin, Steven P.C. Pigeon, David E. Szmyr, David I. Pryor, A. Geoffrey Carpentier, Dominik Halas; 2015-154) – photos on file.
- one, first basic female, 28 November-28 December, Twin Elm (28-30 November) and Goodstown (11-28 December), *Ottawa* (J. Michael Tate, Mark Gawn, Jon P. Ruddy, Jacques M. Bouvier, Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Peter J. Blancher; 2015-153) – photos on file.

A single bird was believed to be involved in both sightings in *Ottawa* due to the close proximity of sightings, plumage features, and non-overlapping dates. Amazingly, the same observer found the bird at both locations!



Figure 17: Townsend's Solitaire at Netitishi Point, Cochrane on 31 October 2013. *Photo: Eleanor Kee Wellman.*



Figure 18: Sage Thrasher at Sauble Beach, Bruce on 23 June 2015. *Photo: Robert N. Taylor.*



Figure 19: Swainson's Warbler at Leslie Street Spit, Toronto on 18 May 2015. Photo: David E. Szmyr.



Figure 20: Prairie Warbler at Longridge Point, Cochrane on 27 August 2015. Photo: Walter Wehje.

**Townsend's Solitaire** *Myadestes townsendi* **South and Lowlands only after 2000 (82)**

- 2015** – one, first basic, 30 September, Algonquin Provincial Park, *Nipissing* (Tom Chatterton, also found by Jennifer A. Chatterton; 2015-117) – photo on file.
- one, basic, 19 October, Etobicoke (Colonel Sam Smith Park), *Toronto* (David I. Pryor; 2015-116) – photo on file.
  - one, first basic, 23 October, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (J. Brett Fried, Erika K. Hentsch, found by Liam Curson; 2015-123) – photo on file.
  - one, first basic, 1 November, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Garry T. Sadler; 2015-118) – photos on file.
  - one, basic male, 22 December, Point Petre, *Prince Edward* (Barbara N. Charlton, also found by Tyler L. Hoar, Dan Riley, John Foster; 2015-164).
- 2013** – one, first basic, 31 October, Netitishi Point, *Cochrane* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, also found by Alan Wormington; 2015-115) – photos on file.
- The *Cochrane* bird represents the first record for the Lowlands.

**Sage Thrasher** *Oreoscoptes montanus* **(18)**

- 2015** – one, first basic, 23 June, Sauble Beach, *Bruce* (Robert N. Taylor, also found by Claude King, Linda Fraser Waldmann; 2015-121) – photos on file.

**Swainson's Warbler** *Limnothlypis swainsonii* **(11)**

- 2015** – one, basic, 18 May, Leslie Street Spit, *Toronto* (Paul N. Prior, Tyler L. Hoar, David I. Pryor, Richard D. Poort, Owen Strickland, David E. Szmyr; 2015-069) – photos on file.

**Kirtland's Warbler** *Setophaga kirtlandii* **(68)**

- 2015** – one, first alternate female, 10-14 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Timothy B. Lucas, Bruce M. Di Labio, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by unknown finder; 2015-055) – photos on file.
- one, alternate female, 11-15 May, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Richard E. Lauzon, found by unknown finder; 2015-056) – photos on file.
  - one, alternate male, 13 May, Inverhuron Provincial Park, *Bruce* (Douglas R. Martin, Merri-Lee Metzger, Bruce Edmunds; 2015-054) – photos on file.
  - one, alternate male, 7-13 July, Starr Island, *Muskoka* (Thomas F. Jackman; 2015-095) – audio, photo on file.

The *Muskoka* record presumably pertains to the same individual male that maintained a territory at the same site during summer 2014 (Burrell and Charlton 2015).

**"Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata auduboni* **(16)**

- 2015** – one, definitive alternate female, 26-28 April, Sarnia, *Lambton* (Joshua R. Bouman, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Michael P.J. Bouman; 2015-013) – photo on file.



**Prairie Warbler *Setophaga discolor* Central and Lowlands only (5)**

**2015** – one, first basic male, 27 August, Longridge Point, *Cochrane* (Walter Wehtje, also found by Abbygail Satara; 2015-107) – photos on file.

This is the first record for the Lowlands and only the fifth outside of southern Ontario. It is approximately 400 kilometres further north than the previous northernmost record in Ontario.

**Field Sparrow *Spizella pusilla* Central and Lowlands only (23)**

**2015** – one, first basic, 11 October, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (Lena I. Ware, also found by Cody A. Rowe; 2015-089) – photo on file.

**Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys* (33)**

**2015** – one, first alternate male, 23 May, Kirkwall, *Hamilton* (Howard S. Shapiro, Brian Gibson, David I. Pryor, Dominik Halas, Barbara N. Charlton; 2015-050) – photos on file.

**2014** – one, first basic, 13 September, Long Point (Breakwater), *Norfolk* (Matt T. Timpf, also found by Nancy M. Raginski; 2015-112) – photos on file.

The *Norfolk* bird represents the first fall migrant for the province since an adult female was observed at Long Point Provincial Park, *Norfolk* on 7 September 1992 (Bain 1993).

**Henslow's Sparrow *Ammodramus henslowii* (45)**

**2015** – one, alternate, 17-19 April, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Blake A. Mann, found by Kory J. Renaud, Sarah Renaud; 2015-010) – photo on file.

– one, alternate, 21-24 April, Port Glasgow, *Elgin* (Chris C. Leys, found by Stanley Caveney; 2015-016) – photo on file.

– one, alternate, 4 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Mike V.A. Burrell, also found by Barbara N. Charlton, Bruce M. Di Labio; 2015-029).

– one, alternate, 5 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Bryan Teat, Dan Riley, found by Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Richard Pope; 2015-030) – photos on file.

– one, alternate, 11 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Eric W. Holden; 2015-052) – photos on file.

– two, alternate males, 14-16 May, Harrow, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, David E. Szmyr, found by Dean J. Ware; 2015-051) – photos, audio on file.

– one, alternate, 20 May, Wheatley, *Chatham-Kent* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2015-053).

**1997** – one, alternate, 3 May, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Blake A. Mann, also found by P. Allen Woodliffe; 2015-094).

This year's seven records is the most for this species in the province since the OBRC began reviewing records.



Figure 21: Pink-sided Dark-eyed Junco at Southworth, *Kenora* on 30 December 2015.

Photo: *Ellen M. Riggins*.

**“Pink-sided” Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis mearnsi* (5)**

**2015/16** – one, basic male, 21 November-26 March, Southworth, *Kenora* (*Ellen M. Riggins*; 2015-124) – photos on file.

**Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Central and Lowlands only (20)**

**2015** – one, first alternate female, 9-10 May, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (*Bill Greaves*, found by *Fritz Fischer*; 2015-160) – photo on file.

**Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea* Lowlands only (1)**

**2015** – one, definitive alternate male, 13-21 June, Polar Bear Provincial Park (Burntpoint Creek research site), *Kenora* (*Tim M. Haan*; 2015-110) – photos on file.

At over 55 degrees north, this becomes the most northerly record for the province, and quite possibly one of the most northerly in the world. This bird was more than 600 km north of the most northerly breeding record detected on the second Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (*McLaren* 2007).

**Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* (46)**

**2015** – one, first alternate male, 5 May, Dorion, *Thunder Bay* (*Norma J. Maurice*; 2015-031) – photos on file.  
 – one, definitive alternate male, 15 May, Manitouwadge, *Thunder Bay* (*Tammie B. Hache*; 2015-072) – photos on file.

**Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea* (98)

- 2014 – one, first alternate male, 11-16 May, Schreiber, *Thunder Bay* (Linda J. Collinson, Jason Nesbitt; 2015-126) – photos on file.

**Painted Bunting** *Passerina ciris* (40)

- 2015 – one, definitive alternate male, 11-13 May, Amherst Island, *Lennox and Addington* (Ann W. Adams, Kurt J. Hennige, Mark D. Read, also found by John Adams; 2015-058) – photos on file.
- 2003 – one, definitive alternate male, 12-13 May, Ashton, *Lanark* (James Akers, Patty Akers; 2015-071) – photo on file.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* **Lowlands only** (1)

- 2014 – one, first basic male, 25 August, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (R. Douglas McRae, also found by Janine McManus; 2015-008) – photos on file.

**Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus* **Lowlands only** (1)

- 2014 – one, basic female, 30 June, Polar Bear Provincial Park (Burntpoint Creek research site), *Kenora* (R. Douglas McRae, also found by Lisa Pollock, Kim Bennett; 2015-009) – photos on file.

This is another exceptional record for the Lowlands.

**Bullock's Oriole** *Icterus bullockii* (7)

- 2015/16 – one, first basic female, 28 November-5 January, Pakenham, *Lanark* (Mark Gawn, J. Michael Tate, Jacques M. Bouvier, Bruce M. Di Labio, David E. Szymr, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Raymond P. Holland, Richard Waters; 2015-136) – photos on file.

This bird caused considerable debate and excitement among Ontario birders. Consensus among the Committee and outside experts was that the bird's plumage was consistent with Bullock's Oriole. However, mtDNA results indicated it contained some Baltimore Oriole maternal genes. The specific identification was clarified once nuclear DNA analysis showed that it was indeed a match for Bullock's Oriole. The bird survived in the wild until 5 January, at which point it was reported to be very lethargic and was captured and taken to the Wild Bird Care Centre in Ottawa; there it was successfully rehabilitated and at the time of writing was scheduled to be transported west and released.

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** *Leucosticte tephrocotis* (24)

- 2015 – one, *tephrocotis*, basic male, 14 December, Atikokan, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, David H. Elder; 2015-139) – photo on file.

**"Hornemann's" Hoary Redpoll** *Acanthis hornemanni hornemanni* (11)

- 2015 – one, basic male, 3 February-18 March, South Porcupine, *Cochrane* (Roxane Filion; 2015-019) – photos on file.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* (11)**

- 2015/16**– one, basic, 24 November-15 February, Stokes Bay, *Bruce* (Michael T. Butler, found by Elizabeth and Jeremy Thorn; 2015-138) – photo on file.
- 2015** – one, basic, 20-21 April, Dryden, *Kenora* (Owen B. Vaughan, also found by Angelica M. Vaughan; 2015-004) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 8 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Brandon R. Holden, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, David E. Szmyr, Jacques M. Bouvier; 2015-037) – photos on file.

It was another exceptional year for this species in the province; adding the three records in 2015 to the four in 2014 (Burrell and Charlton 2015) makes for 64% of the total records in the past two years alone.

**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.

- 2015** – Graylag Goose (*Anser anser*), one, 29 March, Minesing, *Simcoe* (Justin F.B. Peter, Charlotte J. England, also found by Nigel J. Shaw; 2015-005) – photos on file.
- Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*), two, basic, 3-4 May, Mohrs Corner, *Ottawa* (Gary Milks, Arnie Simpson, Jamie Spence, Lacey Dolan, found by Richard Waters, Raymond P. Holland; 2015-026) – photos on file.
- While the vagrancy of Barnacle Geese is now well documented in northeastern North America (Sherony 2008), the OBRC continues to struggle with the wild status of this species in the province due to its abundance in private collections/farms. This record ticked many boxes in favour of being considered wild (e.g., timing, location) but unfortunately the OBRC did not receive any additional details describing the circumstances of the observations or the behaviour of the birds in question. Should this information be forthcoming the Committee could reconsider this record.
- Gambell's Quail (*Callipepla gambelii*), one, definitive basic male, 18 July, Grass Lake, *Waterloo* (Gavin T. McKinnon, also found by Donald T. McKinnon; 2015-092) – audio, photos on file.
- 2006** – European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*), one, basic, 8-9 May, Donald, *Haliburton* (Thom Lambert, Edward B. Poropat; 2015-141) – sketch 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 but 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.

- 2015** – Mute Swan, three, 31 March, Dobie, *Rainy River* (2015-021) – photos on file.
- Mississippi Kite, one, 13 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2015-162).
  - Mississippi Kite, one, 26 May, Dundas, *Hamilton* (2015-064).
  - Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), one, 21 August, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (2015-145).
  - Cooper's Hawk, one, 27 August, Northbluff Point, *Cochrane* (2015-146).
  - Swainson's Hawk, one, 25 April, Grimsby, *Niagara* (2015-014).
  - Swainson's Hawk, one, 19 October, Wingle, *Renfrew* (2015-159).
  - Swainson's Hawk, one, 11 November, Toronto, *Toronto* (2015-122).
  - California Gull, one, 29 November, Niagara Falls, *Niagara* (2015-137) – photos on file.
  - Arctic Tern, one, 4 October, Barrie, *Simcoe* (2015-077).
  - Selasphorus Hummingbird (*Selasphorus* sp.), one, 12 April 2015, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (2015-020).
  - Selasphorus Hummingbird, one, 24 May, Algonquin Provincial Park (Canoe Lake), *Nipissing* (2015-068).
  - Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*), one, 16-19 September, Cobourg, *Northumberland* (2015-113).
  - Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*), one, 28 May, Ottawa (Innis Point), *Ottawa* (2015-040).
  - Fish Crow, one, 25 April, Oakville, *Halton* (2015-017).
  - “Audubon's” Yellow-rumped Warbler, one, 1 October, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2015-168).
  - Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), one, 11 October, Thunder Cape, *Thunder Bay* (2015-090).
  - “Pink-sided” Dark-eyed Junco, one, 7 October, Oustic, *Wellington* (2015-104) – photos on file.
  - Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*), one, 6 May, Sandford, *Durham* (2015-032).
  - Blue Grosbeak, one, 18 May, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (2015-033) – photos on file.
  - Bullock's Oriole, one, 25 November-5 December, Brighton, *Northumberland* (2015-135) – photos on file.

- 2014** – Fish Crow, one, 20 May, St. Catharines, *Niagara* (2015-103).  
**2013** – Fish Crow, one, 6 May, Port Weller, *Niagara* (2015-101).  
**2012** – Fish Crow, four, 9 February, Port Weller, *Niagara* (2015-102).  
 – “Hornemann’s” Hoary Redpoll, one, 26 January-9 February, Macdiarmid, *Thunder Bay* (2015-142) – photos on file.

### Corrections/Updates to Previous OBRC Reports

#### 2014 report (*Ontario Birds* 33:50-81)

Under Eurasian Collared-Dove change “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” to “Jeremy M. Bensette, Jeremy L. Hatt, 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” and update the last date to 28 August 2015.

Under Rufous Hummingbird change “*Durham, Grey*” to “*Durham, Grey*”

Under Scissor-tailed Flycatcher change “unknown finder” to “John Haselmayer” and change “T. Mark Oliver, also found by Wanda M. Oliver” to “T. Mark Olivier, also found by Wanda M. Olivier”

Under Blue Grosbeak change “Mike V.A. Burrell, Brandon R. Holden also found by Eric W. Holden, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, James G. Burrell, G. Carol Gregory” to “Mike V.A. Burrell, Brandon R. Holden also found by Eric W. Holden, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, James G. Burrell, G. Carol Gregory”

Under Painted Bunting (origin questionable) change “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” to “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”

Under European Goldfinch (origin questionable) change “Bobbie Hebert, found by Paul Hebert, Bobbie Hebert” to “Bobbie Hebert, also found by Paul Hebert”

#### 2001 report (*Ontario Birds* 20:54-74)

Under Sprague’s Pipit, change “Donald A. Sutherland, William J. Crins, also found by Martyn E. Obbard, Michael J. Oldham, Pamela O” to “Donald A. Sutherland, William J. Crins, also found by Martyn E. Obbard”

#### 1983 report (*Ontario Birds* 2:53-65)

Under Northern Wheatear, change the last date of the 1978 record to 16 October.

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