

Ontario Bird Records Committee Report for 2020

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Introduction

This is the 39th annual report of the Ontario Bird Records Committee (hereinafter ‘OBRC’ or ‘Committee’) of the Ontario Field Ornithologists (OFO). The OBRC reviews rare bird reports in Ontario based on documentation 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). All new species, subspecies or first breeding records for Ontario are also reviewed. This report deals with the review of 195 records by the OBRC in 2020, of which 165 (85%) were accepted. All reports reviewed by the 2020 Committee will be added to the permanent file kept at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM).

The members of the 2020 Committee were Amanda C. Guercio (chair), Daniel J. Riley (non-voting secretary), Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Mike V.A. Burrell (voting member and archivist), Barbara N. Charlton (voting member and assistant to the secretary), Reuven D. Martin,

Mark D. Read and Adam P. Timpf. Mark K. Peck acted as the ROM liaison for the OBRC.

Changes to the Checklist of Ontario Birds

Two new species, Tundra Bean-Goose (*Anser serrirostris*) and Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) were added to the Ontario list, bringing the total to 503 species.

Changes to the Review Lists

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

At the 2020 AGM, the members of the OBRC voted unanimously to amend the guidelines employed to determine what species should be considered reviewable in the South Review Zone. The amended guidelines recommend that species should be considered reviewable if they are recorded in the South Review Zone less than: 20 times per five-year period, 30 times per ten-year period, or

40 records per twenty-year period. For any irruptive species that exceed these totals in a single year, they must be recorded in at least three of the five years in the period.

No species were added to the Lowlands Review List; the total number of species recorded in this review zone remains at 331.

Beginning in 2021, reports of Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) and Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) in the Central Review Zone are no longer requested. Reports of these species prior to 2021 are still requested for review. King Eider is added to the Central Review List following acceptance of the first record for the region, bringing the total number of species recorded in this review zone to 387.

Beginning in 2021, and based on the amended guidelines for reviewable species in the South Review Zone, reports of Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*), Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*), Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*), Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*), Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*), Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*), Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) and Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*) are no longer requested. Reports for these species are still requested as follows:

- Western Grebe (pre 2021)
- Ruff (2014-2020)
- Western Sandpiper (2017-2020)
- Mississippi Kite (pre 2021)
- Western Kingbird (pre 1998 and 2017-2020)
- Cave Swallow (pre 2010 and 2016-2020)

- Henslow's Sparrow (1993-2020)
- Blue Grosbeak (pre 2021)

Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*), Tundra Bean-Goose and Glaucous-winged Gull were recorded for the first time in the south review zone, which brings the total number of species recorded here to 494.

No changes were made to the subspecies review list.

Listing of Records

For accepted records and records for which the identification was accepted but origin is questionable, the following information is provided where known: year and date(s) of occurrence, location, number of birds, 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 2020 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), where known, are also listed 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 61st supplement (Chesser *et al.* 2020) inclusive. Plumage terminology uses the modified Humphrey and Parkes (1959) system following Howell (2010).

All records that were not accepted due to either 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 digitally archived with hard copies archived at the ROM. Researchers and other interested parties are welcome to examine this material by contacting the OBRC Secretary: obrcsecretary@gmail.com.

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Figure 1. Tundra Bean-Goose at Canaan, *Prescott and Russell* on 18 November 2020.

Photo: John Schmelefske

Accepted Records

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (13)

- 2020** – two, definitive basic, 25-26 June, Blenheim, *Chatham-Kent* (Scott McGuigan, Stephen R. Charbonneau, Keith J. Burk; 2020-009) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 10-11 September, Kingsville, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Logan Moynahan; 2020-022) – photos on file.

Tundra Bean-Goose *Anser serrirostris* (1)

- 2020** – one, *rossicus*, definitive basic, 8-22 November, French Hill and Cumberland, Ottawa and Canaan, *Prescott and Russell* (Michel Gosselin, Jeffrey H. Skevington, Norbert Hache, Bree Tucker, Christopher J. Escott, Jean Iron, John Schmelefske, Bill Bowman, Luc S. Fazio, found by Rodolphe Dubois; 2020-155) – photos on file.

An exceptional addition to the Ontario checklist, this individual sparked considerable debate on which species and subspecies of Bean-Goose it represented. After consultation with a number of experts it was determined to be a Tundra Bean-Goose of the *rossicus* subspecies. The *rossicus* subspecies breeds in northern Russia and Siberia and winters in western and central Europe (Carboneras and Kirwan 2020). This individual was first observed in Gatineau, Quebec, on 8 November 2020 and very likely the same individual again in spring 2021 in the northeastern USA (eBird 2021).

Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* (5)

- 2020** – one, basic, 1 April, Franklins Corners, *Prescott and Russell* (Gerard Phillips, also found by Stew Hamill; 2020-079) – photos on file.

This bird is the fifth record for Ontario since this species was first documented in 2015 (Burrell and Charlton 2016).

Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis* (7)

- 2020** – one, basic, 24-25 March, Aylmer, *Elgin* (Leanne A. Greaves, Dan J. MacNeal, also found by Brendon Samuels; 2020-003) – photos on file.
- one, basic, 10-25 September, Mitchell, *Perth* (Stephen J. Thorpe, Garry T. Sadler, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Lucy Jorna; 2020-005) – photos on file.
 - one, basic, 4 October-22 November, Ottawa and Cumberland, Ottawa and Canaan, *Prescott and Russell* (J. Michael Tate, Paul Lagasi, Mathew L. Osborne, Luc S. Fazio, found by Vincent Fyson; 2020-201) – photos on file.
 - one, basic, 22-28 November, Twin Elm, *Ottawa* (J. Michael Tate; 2020-202).

2020 was an exceptional year for Barnacle Goose in Ontario with the fourth through seventh records found in the province. This species is often difficult for the OBRC to review as it is frequently kept in captivity. Burrell (2017) summarized the status of this species in Ontario and eastern North America, each of the four records listed here fit well into the species' established pattern of vagrancy for wild birds. It is possible there were more than two individuals involved in the fall *Ottawa/Prescott and Russell* records, but the Committee stuck to the conservative approach when evaluating the multiple sightings.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* Central and Lowlands only (21)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic, 26 September-24 October, Earlington, *Timiskaming* (Kenneth G.D. Burrell; 2020-162) – photos on file.
– one, definitive basic, 23 October-7 November, Pic River, *Thunder Bay* (Christine C. Drake, found by Daniel Michano; 2020-067) – photo on file.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* (20)

- 2020** – two, definitive basic male and female, 1 May, Kincardine, *Bruce* (James A. Turland; 2020-039) – photos on file.

This record marks the fifth time a male and female pair of this species has been documented in Ontario.

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) *Anas crecca crecca* (11)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic male, 30 March-3 April, Port Franks, *Lambton* (James M. Holdsworth, Quinten F.R. Wiegersma; 2020-043) – photos on file.

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* (33)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic male, 9-12 May, Powassan, *Parry Sound* (Craig P. Evans, Makenzie R.A. Soden, Dale S.G. Wenger; 2020-115) – photos on file.

This is the first record of this species for *Parry Sound*.

King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* Central only (1)

- 2020** – one, formative male, 7-8 November, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (James R.D. Barber, also found by Nicholas G. Escott and Mirabai Alexander; 2020-057) – photos on file.

This bird is the first record of King Eider in the Central Review Zone.

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* Central and Lowlands only (36)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic male, 20-27 May, Duluth Junction, *Rainy River* (Andrew D.J. Chepil, Michael S. Dawber, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2020-056) – photos on file.

Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* Central and Lowlands only after 2020 (61)

- 2020** – one, alternate, 4-8 March, Niagara-on-the-Lake, *Niagara* (Liz Cormack, Barbara N. Charlton; 2020-119) – photos on file.
– one, definitive alternate, 10 April, Port Credit, *Peel* (Mike R. Norton, Luc S. Fazio; 2020-120) – photos on file.
– one, basic, 1 September-6 October, Mississauga, *Peel* (Christopher Boccia, Dan J. MacNeal, James H. Watt, Luc S. Fazio, also found by James Boccia; 2020-121) – photos on file.
– one, basic, 12-13 October, Stoney Creek, *Hamilton* (Mark J. Patry, Richard D. Poort, also found by Mourad Jabra; 2020-118) – photos on file.
– one, definitive basic, 14-18 November, Ipperwash Beach, *Lambton* (James M. Holdsworth, also found by Mary Holdsworth; 2020-173) – photos on file.



Figure 2. Harlequin Duck at Duluth Junction, *Rainy River* on 25 May 2020. Photo: Joshua D. Vandermeulen

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. Of the 61 records of Western Grebe in Ontario, 30 have occurred in the last decade. Western Grebe has been recorded 42 times in the South Review Zone during a twenty-year period. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Western Grebe from the South Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Western Grebe for the South Review Zone prior to 2021, as well for the Central Review Zone in all years.

Chuck-will's-widow *Antrostomus carolinensis* (44)

2013 – one, basic male, 4 May, Dorland, *Oxford* (James M. Holdsworth; 2020-035) – audio on file.

2020 – one, definitive basic male, 14 May-14 July, South Bay, *Prince Edward* (Mike V.A. Burrell, Bruce M. Di Labio, Rob Palin, found by Peter B. Hogenbirk; 2020-033) – audio on file.

– one, male, 22 May, St. Williams, *Norfolk* (Ron Ridout, also found by Anne-Marie Ridout; 2020-153) – video on file.

The *Prince Edward* record marks the eighth consecutive year a singing male has been observed at the South Bay location (Holden 2014, Burrell and Charlton 2015 and 2016, Burrell *et al.* 2017, 2018 and 2019, Riley *et al.* 2020), strongly suggesting that the same individual is returning each year.

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* (32)

2020 – one, definitive basic male, 31 August-7 September, Whitefish Lake, *Thunder Bay* (Christine E. Syroid; 2020-090) – photos on file.

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus/sasin* (1)

2020 – one, male, 21 May 2020, Kingston, *Frontenac* (Maureen E. Sly; 2020-089).

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Central and Lowlands only (3)

2020 – one, juvenal, 4 August-25 September, Hilliardton Marsh, *Timiskaming* (Jay P. Solanski, Todd R. Hagedorn; 2020-042) – photos on file.

This bird represents the third record for the Central Review Zone. The second record for this species also came from Hilliardton Marsh, *Timiskaming* (Roy 2000).

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* (24)

2020 – one, juvenal, 25 August-12 September, Blenheim, *Chatham-Kent* (Stephen R. Charbonneau, Blake A. Mann, Garry T. Sadler, P. Allen Woodliffe, Quinten F.R. Wiegiersma, Jeremy L. Hatt, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2020-082) – photos on file.

Black-necked Stilt *Recurvirostra americana* (27)

2020 – one, definitive alternate male, 8-19 April, Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, *Essex* (Garry T. Sadler, Blake A. Mann, found by Chris C. Leys; 2020-015) – photos on file.

– three, definitive alternate male (1) and female (2), 3 May, Hillman Marsh Conservation Area, *Essex* (James T. Burk, also found by Keith J. Burk and Jeremy Bensette; 2020-016) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate male, 6-8 May, Sombra, *Lambton* (Blake A. Mann, found by Edward Lavender; 2020-014) – photos on file.

– four, 9-19 September, Elmdale, *Essex* (Blake A. Mann, found by Dean J. Ware; 2020-017) – photos on file.

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus* Central after 2001 only (92)

2020 – one, alternate, 15 May, Lake Superior Provincial Park (Noisy Creek), *Algoma* (Carol Dersch; 2020-080) – photos on file.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax* South 2014-2020 only (21)

2020 – one, definitive alternate male, 3-16 May, Erie View, *Norfolk* (Adam P. Timpf, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, J. Brett Fried, Mark A. Conboy; 2020-085) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate male, 7-13 May, Thedford, *Lambton* (James M. Holdsworth, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Matt C. Parsons, Quinten F.R. Wiegiersma; 2020-087) – photos on file.

– one, definitive alternate male, 9 July, Strathroy, *Middlesex* (William G. Lindley, Quinten F.R. Wiegiersma, Estela Quinero-Weldon, Laure W. Neish; 2020-084) – photos on file.

After several years with very few reports of Ruff in Ontario (prompting its addition to the South Review List in 2013), this species has experienced a resurgence with 16 records in the last four years. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Ruff from the South Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Ruff for the South Review Zone between 2014 and 2020, as well for the Central and Lowlands Review Zones in all years.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* South 2017-2020 only (19)

- 2020** – one, definitive pre-basic molt, 30 July-1 August, Hamilton Beach, *Hamilton* (Richard D. Poort, Robert H. Curry; 2020-129) – photos on file.
- one, first basic, 16-18 August, Essex, *Essex* (Jeremy L. Hatt, Cameron K. Chevalier, Garry T. Sadler; 2020-127) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenal, 28-29 August, Christies Corner, *Hamilton* (James Lees, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Mourad Jabra; 2020-128) – photos on file.
 - one, first pre-basic molt, 29 August, Port Weller East, *Niagara* (Mourad Jabra, also found by Mike R. Norton, Rob Palin; 2020-130) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenal, 14 September, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (Kurt J. Hennige; 2020-131) – photos on file.

Western Sandpiper was placed on the South Review List beginning in 2017; in the subsequent four years there have been 16 records in the review zone. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Western Sandpiper from the South Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Western Sandpiper for the South Review Zone between 2017 and 2020, as well for the Central and Lowlands Review Zones.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* South after 2015 only (10)

- 2020** – one, definitive alternate, 10 June, Burlington, *Halton* (Mark W. Jennings; 2020-013) – photos on file.
- one, first basic, 16 September, Turkey Point, *Norfolk* (J. Brett Fried; 2020-151).
 - one, definitive basic, 23 October, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Stephen R. Charbonneau, Garry T. Sadler, Blake A. Mann, P. Allen Woodliffe; 2020-012) – photos on file.

These individuals mark the eighth, ninth and tenth observations of Black-headed Gull since its addition to the OBRC South Review List (Burrell and Charlton 2016).

Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus* Central only (5)

- 2020** – one, definitive alternate, 28 May 2020, Hurkett, *Thunder Bay* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2020-060).

This record is just the fifth for the Central Review Zone, all five records have occurred in the last decade.



Figure 3. Mew Gull at Tutella Heights, *Brant* on 26 November 2020. Photo: Andrew Mactavish

Mew Gull *Larus canus* (33)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic, 23-24 November, Niagara Falls, *Niagara* (Marcie L. Jacklin, found by Jamie Spence; 2020-176) – photos on file.
- one, *canus/henei/kamtschatschensis*, definitive basic, 24 November-2 December, Tutella Heights, *Brant* (Sarah E. Lamond, Jean Iron, Ronald J. Pittaway, Andrew Mactavish, Timothy B. Lucas, Luke H. Berg, Michael H. King; 2020-158) – photos on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 26 November, Hamilton, *Hamilton* (Alvan D. Buckley; 2020-159) – photos and video on file.

The three individuals observed in 2020 tie 2012 for the most Mew Gulls observed in any one year in Ontario.

California Gull *Larus californicus* (70)

- 2004** – one, definitive basic, 31 October-12 December, Niagara Falls (Adam Beck), *Niagara* (Jay McGowan, found by Christopher T. Burriss; 2020-024) – photos on file.
- 2019** – one, first basic, 22 December, Corunna, *Lambton* (Josh R. Bouman; 2020-025) – photos on file.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* Central pre-2017 and Lowlands only (24)

- 2016** – one, third alternate, 14 May, Porcupine, *Cochrane* (Pierre A. Noel; 2020-058) – photo on file.

Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* (28)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic, 27 November-4 December, Roxborough, *Muskoka* (Reagan C. Goodyear, David L. Goodyear, Dale S.G. Wenger; 2020-166) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic, 19 December, Thorold, *Niagara* (Ryan Griffiths; 2020-167) – photos on file.

- 2020/2021** – one, definitive basic, 21 September-1 February, Lakeview, *Peel* and Toronto (Sunnyside Beach), *Toronto* (Luc S. Fazio, Jean Iron, Dominik Halas, Amanda C. Guercio; 2020-096) – photos and video on file.
- one, definitive basic, 5 December-24 January, Barrie, *Simcoe* (Ben F. Freeman, Anthony Glenesk, David E. Szmyr; 2020-168) – photos on file.

Records of this species in Ontario have been steadily increasing since the first individual was documented at the Niagara River, *Niagara* in 1992 (Bain 1993). The four records in 2020 represent the most in a single year in Ontario. The bird observed at Lakeview, *Peel* stayed for an incredible 134 days, the longest stay documented for this species in Ontario.

Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens* (1)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic, 18 December, Sault St. Marie, *Algoma* (Kirk W. Zufelt, Stan V. Phippen; 2020-148) – photos on file.

A long anticipated first record for Ontario and well documented bird. This Glaucous-winged Gull was unfortunately a one-day wonder and was only seen by a handful of birders on 18 December 2020.

Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus* (7)

- 2020** – one, first basic, 8 September, Van Wagners Beach, *Hamilton* (Richard D. Poort, Robert Z. Dobos; 2020-098).



Figure 4. Glaucous-winged Gull at Sault St. Marie, *Algoma* on 18 December 2020. Photo: Kirk W. Zufelt

The seventh record for Ontario and first since 2005. This individual was observed on an exceptional day of lake watching that resulted in a long staying Brown Booby (2020-019) also found along the Hamilton waterfront.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* Central and Lowlands only (2)

2020 – one, definitive alternate, 14 May, Fort Frances, *Rainy River* (Nathan F.P. Hood; 2020-147) – photos on file.

The bird represents just the second documented record for the Central Review Zone.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* (7)

2020 – one, basic female, 31 September, Ennismore, *Peterborough* (Matthew E. Garvin; 2020-064) – photo on file.

- one, basic female, 4-5 November, Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* and Leamington, Essex (Garry T. Sadler, James T. Burk, Stephen R. Charbonneau, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by John McGuigan; 2020-063) – photos on file.

An exceptional year for Magnificent Frigatebird, the two individuals observed in 2020 mark the sixth and seventh records of the species in Ontario.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* (2)

2020 – one, immature, 24 August-28 October, Port Darlington, *Durham*, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), Toronto and Hamilton, *Hamilton* (Brendan P. Boyd, John Brett, Meaghan N. Tearle, Nathan F.P. Hood, Dan J. MacNeal, Luc S. Fazio; 2020-019) – sketch, photos and video on file.

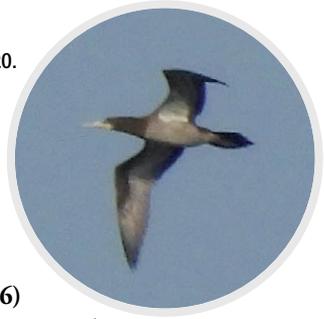


Figure 5. Magnificent Frigatebird at Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* on 4 November 2020. *Photo: Garry T. Sadler*

Figure 6. Brown Booby at Hamilton, *Hamilton* on 8 September 2020.

Photo: Mourad Jabra

An amazing second record for the province, this bird remained along the northern Lake Ontario shoreline for 66 days, allowing it to be seen by many birders and documented in *Durham*, *Toronto* and *Hamilton*.



Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (26)

- 2020** – one, 7 April, Erindale, *Peel* (Reuven D. Martin; 2020-072).
– one, alternate, 11 April, Spry, *Bruce* (Anthony B. Vanderheyden; 2020-069)
– photos on file.
– one, definitive alternate, 8-23 May, Brantford, *Brant* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Garth V. Riley, found by William G. Lamond; 2020-068) – photos on file.
– two, definitive basic, 14-18 September, Westdale, *Hamilton* (Alvan D. Buckley; 2020-071) – photos on file.

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* (20)

- 2020** – one, 28 May, Long Point (Tip), *Norfolk* (Mark A. Conboy, Matt T. Timpf; 2020-146).
– one, second pre-basic molt, 1-5 September, Mallorytown, *Leeds and Grenville* (Kurt J. Hennige, Jeffrey H. Skevington, Bruce M. Di Labio, found by Glenn Seeholzer; 2020-020) – photos on file.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Central and Lowlands only (26)

- 2020** – one, alternate, 21 May, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-053) – photos on file.
– two, definitive alternate, 24 May, Earleton, *Timiskaming* (Michael J. Werner, Serge M. Gendron, Mark W. Milton; 2020-177) – photos on file.
– one, 13 August, Stratton, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-052) – photos on file.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* (46)

- 2012** – one, definitive alternate, 26 April, Colemans, *Niagara* (Ryan Griffiths; 2020-110) – photos on file.
2017 – one, definitive alternate, 13 May, Aylesworth, *Frontenac* (Dave Fram; 2020-111) – photos on file.
2020 – one, definitive alternate, 17 April, Orleans, *Ottawa* (Tricia Erickson, found by Jeanette I. Strudwick; 2020-112) – photos on file.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* Central and Lowlands only (15)

- 2020** – one, definitive alternate, 26 May, Hilliardton, *Timiskaming* (Bruce D. Murphy, also found by Christopher A. Sukha; 2020-154) – photo on file.
– one, definitive alternate, 27 June, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (A. Gregg Kendall; 2020-054) – photos on file.



Figure 7. Tricolored Heron at Aylesworth, Frontenac on 13 May 2017. Photo: Dave Fram

Yellow-crowned Night-heron *Nycticorax violacea* (62)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic, 17-23 April, Murray Hill, *Peterborough* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, found by Jalynn Riches; 2020-140) – photos on file.
- one, juvenal, 20-30 July, Napanee, *Lennox and Addington* (Marilyn F. Kendall, found by Laura Moore; 2020-139) – photos on file.
 - one, juvenal, 22 September, St. Thomas, *Elgin* (Damian J. Gorman; 2020-138) – photos on file.

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chibi* (28)

- 2020** – one, definitive alternate, 3 May, Elmdale, *Essex* (Blake A. Mann, James T. Burk, found by Richard P. Carr; 2020-135) – photos on file.
- two, definitive alternate, 21 June, Keith McLean Conservation Area, *Chatham-Kent* (Garry T. Sadler, Keith J. Burk, found by Janet Ferris; 2020-134) – photos on file.

Figure 8. Swallow-tailed Kite at Luther Marsh Conservation Area, Dufferin on 4 August 2020. Photo Garry T. Sadler

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

South before 2012 only (78)

2011 – three, basic, 23 April, Dorland, *Oxford* (James M. Holdsworth; 2020-008).

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* (25)

2020 – one, 28 April, Haliburton, *Haliburton* (Matthew J.R. Smith; 2020-104).

- one, 23 July-15 August, Luther Marsh Conservation Area, *Dufferin* (Tracy Muller, Peter R. Landry, Dan J. MacNeal, Frank G. Horvath, Sandra Horvath, Garry T. Sadler, Christopher J. Escott, Todd R. Hagedorn, Luc S. Fazio; 2020-103) – photos on file.
- one, 14 August, Espanola, *Sudbury* (Sherry A. Brunne; 2020-107) – photos on file.
- one, 5-9 September, Point Pelee National Park, Sturgeon Creek and north of Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Blake A. Mann, found by Alexandra Annibale; 2020-106) – photo on file.

2020 was an incredible year for Swallow-tailed Kites in Ontario with first records for *Haliburton* and *Dufferin*. These four records also represent the most Swallow-tailed Kites observed in a single year in the province.

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* South before 2021 only (67)

2020 – one, first pre-basic molt, 30-31 May 2020, Rondeau Provincial Park, Erieau and Port Crewe, *Chatham-Kent* (James T. Burk, Josh R. Bouman, also found by Keith J. Burk; 2020-160) – photos on file.

- one, formative, 3 June, Mar, *Bruce* (Kiah R. Jasper; 2020-065).

Mississippi Kite has been recorded an impressive 41 times within the South Review Zone during a twenty-year period. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Mississippi Kite from the South Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Mississippi Kite for the South Review Zone prior to 2021 and all reports elsewhere in the province for all years.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba* South after 1990 only (14)

2020 – one, 12 November, Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* (David Pryor, Daniel J. Riley, Bruce M. Di Labio, Benjamin F. Di Labio, R. Douglas McRae, found by William D. Gilmour, Maureen Riggs, Ian R. Shanahan; 2020-036) – photos on file.

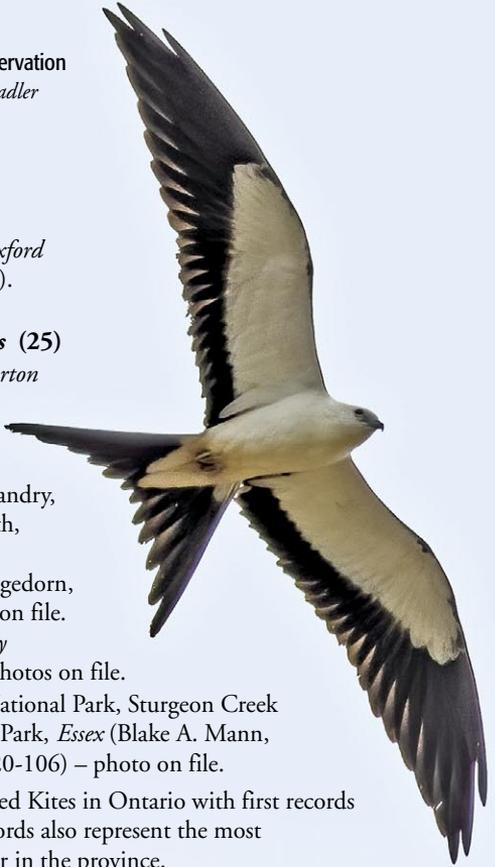




Figure 9. Barn Owl at Presqu'île Provincial Park, *Northumberland* on 12 November 2020.
Photo: Bruce M. Di Labio



Figure 10. Variegated Flycatcher at Brooklin, *Durham* on 16 November 2020. *Photo: Amanda C. Guercio*

Lewis's Woodpecker *Melanerpes lewis* (13)

1980 – one, basic, 30 June, Poplar Hill First Nation, *Kenora* (Merle Nisly; 2020-059).

This record is just the second occurrence of the species in Ontario at the time of the observation.

Variegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius* (2)

2020 – one, 13-17 November, Brooklin, *Durham* (Dan J. MacNeal, Christopher J. Escott, Lucas J. Foerster, Michael D. Williamson, Bruce M. Di Labio, Benjamin F. Di Labio, Luc S. Fazio, found by Janet Junker-Lafond; 2020-172) – photos on file.

The bird of the year! Remarkably this record is the second occurrence of this austral vagrant in Ontario; the first was observed on the Toronto Islands between 7 October and 6 November 1993 (Bain 1993). It is also just the eighth record of the species in North America. This individual was first posted to social media where it was quickly identified as a Variegated Flycatcher. On the morning of 16 November 2020, it was relocated and remained at this location until the following day. During these two days it was seen by hundreds of birders.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* (3)

2020 – one, formative, 7 November, Sherwood, *Algoma* (Antony V. Ward, W. Carter Dorscht, Jane Smith; 2020-114) – photos on file.



Figure 11. Tropical Kingbird at Sherwood, *Algoma* on 7 November 2020. Photo: W. Carter Dorscht

This bird represents the third record for the province and the first record for *Algoma*. Excellent photographs, video and documentation proved indispensable in confirming the identification of this individual from the very similar Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*).

Couch's/Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii/melancholicus* (4)

2020 – one, 6 May, Tatlock, *Lanark* (Denis Gallant; 2020-113) – photos on file.

A well-documented and photographed record, the Committee felt that Couch's Kingbird could not be ruled out. This excellent observation marks the fourth such record for Ontario.

Cassin's/Western Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans/verticalis* (1)

2020 – one, 22 August 2020, Darlington, *Durham* (Donald N. Docherty, Gray A.E. Carlin; 2020-174).

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis* Central before 1998 only, south before 1998 and 2017-2020 only (98)

2020 – seven, juvenal (5) and definitive basic (2), 28 June-31 July, Sable Islands, *Rainy River* (Robert D. Saunders; 2020-125) – photos on file.

- one, formative, 30-31 August, Drummond Centre, *Lanark* (Jon P. Ruddy, Jeffrey H. Skevington, J. Michael Tate, Michelle A. Martin; 2020-122) – photos on file.
- one, 10 September, Long Point (Old Cut), *Norfolk* (Amanda Bichel; 2020-123).

- one, formative, 11 September, Etobicoke (Colonel Sam Smith Park), *Toronto* (Cecilia M. Verkley; 2020-126) – photos on file.

Although this species was removed from the Central Review List in 1998, the *Rainy River* record listed above (2020-125) was reviewed and included in this summary since it represents just the fifth confirmed breeding record of this species in Ontario and first since 2001 (Peck 2001). An adult was observed feeding a juvenal bird on three separate occasions by the finder, Robert D. Saunders.

Western Kingbird was placed back on the South Review List beginning in 2017; in the subsequent four years there have been 21 records in the review zone. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Western Kingbird from the South Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Western Kingbird for the South Review Zone before 1998 and between 2017 and 2020, as well for the Lowlands Review Zone in all years.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus* (81)

- 2020** – one, definitive alternate female, 1-3 May, Port Glasgow, *Elgin* (Donald N. Pye, Ryan A.C. Leys, Garry T. Sadler, Max Segler, Quinten F.R. Wieggersma, Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2020-095) – photos on file.

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* (32)

- 2020** – one, alternate, 25 April, Dundalk, *Grey* (Dan J. MacNeal; 2020-093) – photos and video on file.
- one, formative, 10 September, Knudsens Corner, *Thunder Bay* (Christine V. Johnston, also found by Patrick J. Johnston; 2020-094) – photo on file.
 - one, definitive basic, 5 October, Algonquin Provincial Park (Odenback), *Nipissing* (Jeffery H. Skevington, Amanda C. Guercio, Michael W.P. Runtz, also found by Dawn Sherman, Lev A. Frid, Britta Gerwin; 2020-092) – photos on file.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* (10)

- 2020** – one, definitive alternate male, 1-2 June, MacLennan, *Algoma* (Jane Smith, Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Trent Massey, Samuel D. Phaneuf, Stan V. Phippen, Donald B. Lyons; 2020-116) – photos on file.

This stunning definitive alternate male Vermilion Flycatcher is the first record of the species for *Algoma*.

Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus* Central and Lowlands only (15)

- 2020** – one, definitive basic, 22 May, Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, *Thunder Bay* (Joshua D. Vandermeulen; 2020-062) – photos on file.

Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* (23)

- 2020** – one, formative, 30 October, Point Pelee National Park, *Essex* (Cherise Charron; 2020-021) – photos on file.

Figure 12. Vermilion Flycatcher at MacLennan, Algoma on 2 June 2020.

Photo: Joshua D. Vandermeulen



Figure 13. Plumbeous Vireo at Point Pelee National Park, Essex on 3 October 2020. Photo: Jameson Nagle

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus* (3)

2020 – one, basic, 3-4 October, Point Pelee National Park, Essex (Jameson Nagle; 2020-081) – photos on file.

The third record of the species overall and second record for Point Pelee National Park, Essex; this is also the first fall record for Plumbeous Vireo in Ontario.

Cave Swallow *Petrochelidon fulva* South before 2010 and 2016-2020 only (75)

2020 – two, pre-formative molt, 29 October, Blenheim, *Chatham-Kent*

(Stephen R. Charbonneau, Paul D. Pratt; 2020-029) – photos on file.

– one, pre-formative molt, 31 October-2 November, Point Pelee National Park, Essex (James T. Burk, Blake A. Mann, Jeremy L. Hatt, found by Jeremy M. Bensette; 2020-030) – photos on file.

– one, pre-formative molt, 10 November, St Joseph, *Huron* (Dana M. Latour, also found by Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Brandon R. Holden; 2020-031) – photos on file.

Cave Swallow was placed back on the South Review List beginning in 2016; in the subsequent five years there have been 12 records. The species has been recorded 58 times in the South Review Zone during a twenty-year period. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Cave Swallow from the South Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Cave Swallow for the South Review Zone before 2010 and between 2016 and 2020 and any records from the Central and Lowlands review zones.

Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus*

Central before 2021 and Lowlands only (15)

- 2020 – one, definitive basic male, 13-14 August, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (Wayne R. Capri, also found by Nancy Goodridge; 2020-027) – photos on file.
- one, definitive basic male, 13 August, Thunder Bay, *Thunder Bay* (Sarah A. Ferguson; 2020-028) – audio and video on file.
 - one, formative, 3 September-4 November, Hilliardton Marsh, *Timiskaming* (Bruce M. Murphy, Michael Leahy; 2020-034) – photos on file.
 - one, basic, 15 October-5 November, Opishung Lake, *Cochrane* (Keith J. Stolz, Suzanne A. Stolz; 2020-026) – photos on file.

Records of Carolina Wren have been increasing steadily in the Central Review Zone since 2012. In the last five years, the species has been documented a total of nine times. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Carolina Wren from the Central Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Carolina Wren for the Central Review Zone before 2021.

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* (41)

- 2020 – one, 17 September, Algonquin Provincial Park (Costello Creek), *Nipissing* (Kelly Balkom; 2020-073) – photo on file.
- one, formative, 18-30 September, South Porcupine, *Cochrane* (Roxane D. Fillion, Barbara N. Charlton, also found by Gary T. Dowe; 2020-074) – photos on file.
 - one, formative, 26-30 September, Maryhill, *Wellington* (Jay P. Solanski, Dan J. MacNeal, Charmaine M. Anderson, Todd R. Hagedorn; 2020-075) – photos on file.

An impressive year for Northern Wheatear in Ontario, these three records include the first record for *Wellington*.

Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides* (50)

- 2020 – one, definitive basic female, 6-19 January, Atha Road, *Durham* (Charmaine M. Anderson, Luc S. Fazio; 2020-066) – photos on file.
- one, male, 9 November, St. Joseph, *Huron* (Anonymous contributor; 2020-179) – photos on file.

Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi* South before 2017 only (93)

- 2008 – one, 10 January, Clearville, *Chatham-Kent* and *Elgin* (James M. Holdsworth; 2020-109) – photos on file.

Sage Thrasher *Oreoscoptes montanus* (19)

- 2020 – one, alternate, 18 June, Burnt Lands Provincial Park, *Ottawa* (Jan Huus; 2020-091) – photos on file.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* (25)

- 2020 – one, basic, 29-30 May, Clay Hills, *Bruce* (Jarmo V. Jalava, found by (Miptoon) Anthony Chegahno; 2020-044) – photos on file.

Figure 14. Northern Wheatear at Maryhill,
Wellington on 26 September 2020.
Photo: Jay P. Solanki



Figure 15. Sage Thrasher at Burnt Lands
Provincial Park, Ottawa on 18 June 2020.
Photo: Jan Huus



Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte tephrocotis* (29)

- 2020 – one, *tephrocotis*, definitive basic male, 19 January-9 March, Dryden, *Kenora* (Wendy M. Tibbs; 2020-047) – photos on file.
- one, *tephrocotis*, definitive basic male, 5 March, Red Lake, *Kenora* (Makail Johannesson; 2020-048) – photos on file.
 - one, *tephrocotis*, definitive basic male, 16-20 November, Marathon, *Thunder Bay* (Alexis Delray; 2020-049) – photos on file.

Grasshopper Sparrow *Amphispiza bilineata* Central and Lowlands only (10)

- 2020 – one, alternate male, 28 June, Nelles, *Rainy River* (Barbara N. Charlton, also found by Nicole Richardson; 2020-046) – photo on file.
- one, alternate male, 29 June, Sleeman, *Rainy River* (Barbara N. Charlton, also found by Nicole Richardson; 2020-045) – photo on file.

These two records are the ninth and tenth records for the Central Review Zone and the first records for *Rainy River*.

Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed) *Junco hyemalis caniceps* (6)

- 2020 – one, definitive basic male, 26 February, McCrackins Beach, *Kawartha Lakes* (Teresa M. Boyle-Middleton; 2020-050) – photo on file.

This well photographed bird is the just the sixth record of the subspecies for Ontario and a first for *Kawartha Lakes*.

Figure 16. Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch at Marathon, *Thunder Bay* on 16 November 2020. *Photo: Alexis Delray*



Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla* (17)

2020/21 – one, formative, 1 December-13 March, Sioux Lookout, *Kenora* (Laurel A. Wood; 2020-149) – photos on file.

Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus* (9)

2019/20 – one, definitive basic, mid-December-7 April, Abiwin, *Rainy River* (Judy A. Warren, David H. Elder; 2020-055) – photos on file.

The ninth record of this species in Ontario.

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus* (34)

2020 – one, alternate male, 17 May, Rondeau Provincial Park, *Chatham-Kent* (Reuven D. Martin, Blake A. Mann, also found by Emily Beacock; 2020-099) – photo on file.

– one, formative female, 2-25 November, Elder Mills, *York* (Rita Bauer, also found by Eric Bauer; 2020-170) – photos and video on file.

– one, formative male, 17 November, Barrie, *Simcoe* (Victoria L. Evans, also found by Gryffin E. Connell, Joe J. Connell; 2020-169) – photo on file.

Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* Lowlands only (7)

2020 – one, first alternate male, 31 May, Moosonee, *Cochrane* (Terry Chakasim; 2020-141) – photos on file.

The record is the seventh documented occurrence of Yellow-headed Blackbird in the Lowlands Review Zone.

Figure 17. Grasshopper Sparrow at Nelles, *Rainy River* on 28 June 2020. Photo: Barbara N. Charlton



Figure 18. Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed) at McCrackins Beach, Kawartha Lakes on 26 February 2020.

Photo: Teresa M. Boyle-Middleton



Figure 19. Bullock's Oriole at Timmins, Cochrane on 23 May 2020. Photo: Sarah A. Janson

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockii* (10)

2020 – one, definitive alternate male, 23-24 May, Timmins, *Cochrane* (Sarah A. Janson, Roxane D. Filion, also found by Graham F. Janson; 2020-023) – photos on file.

This stunning definitive alternate male is the tenth provincial record of the species. It also continues the streak of Bullock's Oriole being found in the Central Review Zone in late May, with three individuals observed in the last three years between 20 and 24 May.

Scott's Oriole *Icterus parisorum* (2)

2020 – one, definitive basic male, 11 November-31 December, Louise, *Grey* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, Alexander Skevington, found by Linda Kaufman; 2020-165) – photos on file.

An incredible second record of Scott's Oriole for Ontario, unfortunately it is presumed to have died before it could be widely enjoyed by birders from around the province. Fortunately, excellent photographs were captured allowing its identification to be confirmed.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) *Setophaga coronata auduboni* (24)

2020 – one, first alternate male, 20 May, Markham, *York* (Jax B. Nasimok; 2020-143) – photos on file.

Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens* (25)

2020 – one, formative male, 19-26 November, The Beaches, *Toronto* (Amanda C. Guercio, Glenn C. Stronks, Luc S. Fazio, found by Sean Hurley-Hart; 2020-038) – photos and video on file.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Central and Lowlands only (33)

2020 – one, alternate female, 30 May-1 June, South Gillies, *Thunder Bay* (Shannon L. Vanlenthe, also found by Samuel I. Vanlenthe; 2020-101) – photos on file.

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* (59)

2020 – one, definitive alternate male, 11-12 May, Wawa, *Algoma* (Mary E. Douchamie; 2020-133) – photos on file.
– one, definitive alternate female, 17-20 May, Cambridge, *Waterloo* (J. Brett Fried, found by Liz McMahon; 2020-132) – photo on file.

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus* (9)

2020/21 – one, formative male, 15 October-1 January, Garson, *Greater Sudbury* (Kevin Bryanton; 2020-011) – photos on file.
– one, formative male, 12 November-12 February, Batchawana, *Algoma* (William E. Van Atte, W. Carter Dorscht; 2020-037) – photos on file.

The eighth and ninth record of Black-headed Grosbeak in Ontario, these sightings also represent firsts for *Greater Sudbury* and *Algoma*.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* South before 2021 only (112)

2020 – one, definitive alternate male, 28-30 April, Deer Bay, *Peterborough* (Stephan Ragaz; 2020-152) – photos on file.

Blue Grosbeak has been recorded from the South Review Zone 48 times during a twenty-year period. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Blue Grosbeak from the South Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Blue Grosbeak for the South Review Zone prior to 2021.

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* (53)

2020 – one, definitive alternate male, 4 May, Arden, *Frontenac* (Monty Fergus; 2020-077) – photos on file.
– one, alternate, 9 May, Mar, *Bruce* (Jarmo V. Jalava; 2020-076) – photos on file.
– one, definitive alternate male, 15-23 May, Manitowaning, *Manitoulin* (Jan MacMurray; 2020-078) – photos on file.
– one, definitive alternate male, 3-4 June, Sprucewood, *Thunder Bay* (Kathy F. Johnston; 2020-163) – photos on file.

Dickcissel *Spiza americana* Central and Lowlands only (56)

2020 – five, alternate males (3) and females (2), 11 June-11 August, Moose Hill, *Thunder Bay* (Barbara N. Charlton, found by Alba Tropea; 2020-196) – photos on file.

Figure 20. Scott's Oriole at Louise,
Grey on 29 December 2020.
Photo: Alexander Skevington



Figure 21. Dickcissel at Wood, *Rainy River*
on 27 June 2020. *Photo: Michael S. Dawber*

- three, alternate males, 16 June-9 July, Pinewood, *Rainy River* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, also found by Vincent Fyson; 2020-189) – photos on file.
- six, alternate males (4) and females (2), 16 June-14 July, Wood, *Rainy River* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, Michael S. Dawber, also found by Vincent Fyson; 2020-193) – photos on file.
- four, alternate males, 17 June-15 July, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, Barbara N. Charlton, also found by Vincent Fyson; 2020-182) – photo on file.
- four, alternate males (3) and female (1), 17-27 June, Lake Wasaw, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-183) – photos on file.
- one, alternate male, 17 June, Shenston, *Rainy River* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, also found by Vincent Fyson; 2020-187).
- two, alternate males, 17 June, Pinewood, *Rainy River* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, also found by Vincent Fyson; 2020-188).
- three, alternate males, 17 June-2 July, Pinewood, *Rainy River* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, Michael S. Dawber, also found by Vincent Fyson; 2020-190) – photo and audio on file.
- ten, alternate males (8) and females (2), 18 June-15 July, Pinewood, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, Barbara N. Charlton, found by Lev A. Frid, Amanda C. Guercio; 2020-191) – photos and audio on file.
- one, alternate male, 19 June, Duluth Junction, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-181) – photo and audio on file.
- four, alternate males, 19-27 June, Burris, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-184) – photos on file.
- two, alternate males, 20 June, Shenston, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-185) – photo and audio on file.
- four, alternate males, 20 June, Rainy River, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-192) – photo on file.
- six, alternate males (4) and females (2), 21 June-1 July, Wood, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber, Barbara N. Charlton, found by Stephen R. Charbonneau; 2020-194) – photos on file.
- four, alternate males (3) and female (1), 25 June-7 July, Sleeman, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-200) – photo and audio on file.
- two, alternate male and female, 30 June, Dearlock, *Rainy River* (Barbara N. Charlton; 2020-186) – photos on file.
- two, alternate male and female, 2 July, Black Hawk, *Rainy River* (Brian Ratcliff; 2020-198) – photo on file.
- two, alternate males, 2 July, Black Hawk, *Rainy River* (Brian Ratcliff; 2020-199) – photo on file.
- four, alternate males, 6 July, Fort Frances, *Rainy River* (Michael S. Dawber; 2020-197) – photo and audio on file.
- two, alternate males, mid-June-4 July, Dryden, *Kenora* (Makail Johannesson, found by unknown finder; 2020-195) – photo on file.

An unprecedented year for Dickcissel in the Central Review Zone resulted in a total of 20 records comprising 71 individuals. Records of this species in the Central Review Zone have been increasing consistently over the last decade. As a result, the OBRC voted unanimously to remove Dickcissel from the Central Review List. The OBRC continues to request reports of Dickcissel for the Central Review Zone prior to 2021.

Not Accepted Records: Identification Accepted, Origin Questionable

Birds in this category are considered by the OBRC to be correctly identified; however, their origin is questionable. Over time, some instances of birds in this category 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

2020

- Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*), one, definitive basic, 28 May-5 August, Ottawa, *Ottawa* (Jeffrey H. Skevington, Langis Sirois, Paul Lagasi, J. Michael Tate, Michelle A. Martin, Beverley A. Scott, Kenneth Broten, found by Jeffrey McLaren; 2020-004) – photos on file.

This bird was well-documented and seen by many birders. The timing of its arrival, extremely long stay and locations of observation are not indicative of a wild bird, as described by Burrell (2017). Based on these factors it was determined that provenance of this individual was in doubt.

Not Accepted Records: Insufficient Evidence

The documentation received for the following reports was generally found not detailed enough to eliminate similar species unequivocally or simply lacked 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 too limited for acceptance, based on the established standards of the OBRC. These circumstances sometimes arise from unavoidable situations such as poor viewing conditions or brevity of observation.

2008

- Thick-billed Kingbird (*Tyrannus crassirostris*), one, 6 September, South Baymouth, *Manitoulin* (2020-157).

2012

- Spotted Towhee, one, 20 May, Kleinburg, *York* (2020-175).

2013

- Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*), one, 11 November, Pinery Provincial Park, *Lambton* (2020-144).

2019

- Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*), one, 29 May, Oshawa, *Durham* (2020-010)
– photo on file.
- Rufous Hummingbird, one, 25-29 October, Grenfell, *Simcoe* (2020-088)
– photos on file.

2020

- Cinnamon Teal, one, 31 August, Toronto (Tommy Thompson Park), *Toronto* (2020-040) – photos on file.
- Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*), one, 17 October, Wicklow, *Northumberland* (2020-041).
- Western Grebe, one, 26 October, Espanola, *Sudbury* (2020-117).
- Black Swift (*Cypseloides niger*), one, 19 May, Erieau, *Chatham-Kent* (2020-145).
- Ruff, one, 9 July, Cochenour, *Kenora* (2020-083) – photos on file.
- Slaty-backed Gull, one, 17 November, Regent Park, *Toronto* (2020-097)
– photo on file.

- Storm-Petrel sp. (*Oceanitidae/Hydrobatidae*), one, 4 September, Wahneke-waning Beach, *Simcoe* (2020-100).
- Magnificent Frigatebird, one, 10 September, Port Credit, *Peel* (2020-156).
- Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*), one, 14 September, Whaley's Corners, *Halton* (2020-001).
- Neotropic Cormorant, one, 26 August, Van Wagner's Beach, *Hamilton* (2020-070) – photos on file.
- Neotropic Cormorant, one, 15 September, Renwick, *Chatham-Kent* (2020-180) – photos on file.
- Swallow-tailed Kite, one, 21 August, Sunset Beach, *Huron* (2020-105).
- Mississippi Kite, one, 13 May, London, *Middlesex* (2020-178) – photos on file.
- Mississippi Kite, one, 30 May, Long Point, *Norfolk* (2020-161).
- Barn Owl, one, 1 January, King's Forest, *Hamilton* (2020-002).
- Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*), one, 6 May, Gilford Beach, *Simcoe* (2020-137).
- Loggerhead Shrike, one, 31 May-19 June, Hume, *Thunder Bay* (2020-061).
- Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*), one, 18 May, Grimsby, *Niagara* (2020-006) – photos on file.
- Bicknell's Thrush, one, 18 September, Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area, *Prince Edward* (2020-007) – photos on file.
- Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*), one, 24 February, Timmins, *Cochrane* (2020-018).
- Chestnut-collared Longspur (*Calcarius ornatus*), one, 29 February, Morrish, *Northumberland* (2020-032).
- Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed), four, 14-20 April, *Waterloo*, (2020-051) – photo on file.
- Green-tailed Towhee, one, 16 November, London, *Middlesex* (2020-108).

Corrections/Updates to Previous OBRC Reports

2019 Report (Ontario Birds 38:53-82)

- Under Western/Clark's Grebe (2019-129) the date for the record should be updated to "29 September 2019" and no photos should be listed as on file.
- Under Chuck-will's-widow (2019-011) Jeremy L. Hatt should be added to the list of contributors.
- Under Neotropic Cormorant (2019-105) Jeremy L. Hatt should be added to the list of contributors and Brandon R. Holden should be listed as the finder.
- Under Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (2019-040) the first date for the record should be updated to "18 July 2019".

2018 Report (Ontario Birds 37:52-83)

- Under Arctic Tern (2018-006) Dominik Halas should be listed as a contributor as well as the finder, the updated list of names should read "Dominik Halas, Robert H. Curry, Sarah E. Lamond".

1989 Report (Ontario Birds 8:5-33)

- Under Sandwich Tern (14-25 June) the listing of names should be updated to "James M. Richards, Ian Richards, Bruno Kern, Alan Wormington".

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