

Minutes of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee: Meeting on 23 July 2022

Present: Geoff Williamson (Secretary), Bob Hughes (alternate), Davida Kalina, Walter Marcisz, Paul Sweet (Vice Secretary), Terry Walsh, Kyle Wiktor

Absent: Adam Sell

This meeting of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (the "Committee") was called to order at 9:22 AM at the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois. There being seven voting members present, quorum was met to transact business.

IORC record 2021-084 (White-winged Crossbill) was discussed, in preparation for the record's 4th circulation.

IORC record 2015-071 (Eurasian Wigeon) was discussed, in preparation for the record's 1st circulation. During the discussion, the Committee examined specimens of American Wigeon and Eurasian Wigeon from the Field Museum's collection. Terry Walsh provided web links to identification articles for this pair of species that he found helpful.

IORC record 2017-087 (Lazuli Bunting) was discussed, in preparation for the record's 1st circulation. During the discussion, the Committee examined specimens of Indigo Bunting and Lazuli Bunting from the Field Museum's collection.

IORC record 2018-078 (Red-naped Sapsucker) was discussed, in preparation for the record's 1st circulation. During the discussion, the Committee examined specimens of Red-naped Sapsucker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker from the Field Museum's collection.

IORC record 2020-117 (Townsend's Warbler) was discussed, in preparation for the record's 1st circulation. During the discussion, the Committee examined specimens of Black-throated Green Warbler and Townsend's Warbler from the Field Museum's collection.

IORC record 2021-060 (Small-billed Elaenia) was discussed, in preparation for the record's 1st circulation. During the discussion, the Committee examined specimens of Small-billed Elaenia, White-crested Elaenia, and Large Elaenia from the Field Museum's collection.

The Committee reviewed the processes being applied in selecting and circulating records represented only by eBird checklists.

The Committee discussed approaches to handling the eBird checklists which include Eurasian Collared-Dove observations from dates prior to the first accepted IORC record. Currently there are seven such checklists, none of which include reviewable evidence. The Committee recommends to inform the group of Illinois eBird reviewers about these observations and to suggest to that group that such Eurasian Collared-Dove records require appropriate evidence in order to be included in the public section of the

eBird database. After an appropriate time to allow action by the eBird reviewers, the IORC Secretary should then revisit these checklists to see if any of the observations remain in the public section.

The Committee discussed the recruitment of new IORC members, given that two members' terms expire at the end of the year, and neither is eligible to serve another consecutive term.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.