

Secretary's Report: for meeting of 24 February 2019

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Here is a summary of the work of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) during 2018. Please note that that summary may not be all inclusive. Individuals are encouraged to consult as well the minutes of IORC meetings.

- At its meeting on 18 February 2018, IORC made the following changes to the Review List.
 - Remove Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.
- The 22nd report of IORC is completed and ready for submission for publication in *Meadowlark* except for clarification of whether the Field Museum received a specimen of the Barn Owl associated with record 2014-057. This report covers records concluded during 2016.
- The 21st report of IORC was published in *Meadowlark* vol. 25 no. 2. Electronic versions of the 20th and 21st reports are not yet available for linking from the IORC section of the IOS web page.
- In 2018, IORC circulated 87 records.
 - Of the 67 first circulations of records, 55 were accepted based on physical evidence, five were accepted based on written documentation, nine were rejected based on identification, and eight were moved to a second circulation.
 - Of the 10 second circulations of records, six were rejected based on identification, and four were moved to a third circulation.
 - Of the four third circulation of records, one was accepted based on physical evidence, one was accepted based on written documentation, and two were moved to a fourth circulation (pending discussion at an IORC meeting).
 - Of the four fourth circulations of records, one was accepted based on physical evidence, one was accepted based on written documentation, one was rejected but accepted as a species pair on the basis of physical evidence, and one was rejected based on identification.
 - Two records considered the occurrence of breeding, with both in their first circulation. Each of these was accepted based on physical evidence.
- The status of the IORC online database at <http://empty-sunset-8541.herokuapp.com/> remains unchanged since the last secretary's report. Information from the first 18 IORC reports has been entered into the database. Data entry from reports 1 through 17 have double-checked with most errors corrected, data from the 18th report has been checked but errors have not been corrected, and data from the 19th, 20th, and 21st reports have not yet been entered.
- The Official Illinois State List of Birds (published online at <http://www.illinoisbirds.org/the-birds-of-illinois/>) is up to date with the present AOS taxonomy (through 7th edition on the check-list and through the 59th supplement published in June 2018). Status of species remains to be updated.

On and after the meeting of 18 February 2018, the results of concluded circulations are as follows.

From the circulation of 1 April 2018:

- **Record 1994-056**

This was the fourth circulation of a record of one Cassin's Vireo during 3-5 May 1994, Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on written documentation with a vote tally of one A-S(2), four A-S(1), one A-S, and one U-I. This is a first state record of the species. The record number was adjusted from 1994-T-001 to 1994-056.

- **Record 2012-039**

This was the fourth circulation of a record of one Red-naped Sapsucker during 5-6 April 2012 at Wadsworth Wetlands Forest Preserve, Lake County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence with a vote tally of five A-E(photo), one A-E, and one U-I. This is a first state record of the species.

- **Record 2016-063**

This was the fourth circulation of a record of two Swallow-tailed Kites on 20 August 2016 in New Douglas, Madison County. The result was rejection of the record with a vote tally of two A-S(1), two A-S, and three U-I.

- **Record 2016-069**

This was the fourth circulation of a record of one Brown-headed Nuthatch on 9 September 2016 at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Cook County. The result was rejection of the record with a vote tally of two A-E(photo), one A-E, and four U-I. The record was accepted as Pygmy/Brown-headed Nuthatch by unanimous vote of seven A-E.

From the circulation of 29 May 2018:

- **Record 1994-037**

This was the second circulation of a record of one Ash-throated Flycatcher on 4 September 1994 at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was to move the record to a third circulation, with a vote tally of four A-S(1), one A-S, and two U-I.

- **Record 1995-024**

This was the second circulation of a record of two Anhingas on 28 April 1995 at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of five U-I and two A-S(1).

- **Record 2004-073**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Gyrfalcon on 28 November 2004 at Singing Woods Nature Preserve, Peoria, Peoria County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of six U-I and one A-S.

- **Record 2015-070**

This was the first circulation of a breeding record of Mute Swan involving two adults and three cygnets collectively during 18 May to 30 October 2015 in Edwardsville, Madison County. The

result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence with a vote tally of four A-E(photo), one A-S(2), one A-S(1), and one U-O.

- **Record 2016-105**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Burrowing Owl during 20 April to 14 May 2016 on the south side of the Champaign/Douglas County line in Douglas County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2017-030**

This was the third circulation of a record of one Swallow-tailed Kite on 27 July 2017 in Simpson, Pope County. The result was to move the record to a fourth circulation, with a vote tally of four A-S(1), one A-S, and two U-I.

- **Record 2017-043**

This was the second circulation of a record of one Tricolored Heron on 8 July 2017 at Pine Dunes Forest Preserve, Lake County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of five U-I and two A-S(1).

- **Record 2017-051**

This was the second circulation of a record of one White-faced Ibis during 21-22 October 2017 at Hegewisch Marsh, Chicago, Cook County. The result was to move the record to a third circulation, with a vote tally of four A-E(photo), one A-S(1), and two U-I.

- **Record 2017-054**

This was the second circulation of a record of one Ruff on 14 May 2017 at Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Putnam County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of five U-I and two A-S(1).

- **Record 2017-058**

This was the second circulation of a record of one Yellow Palm Warbler on 6 November 2017 in Chicago's Lincoln Park, Cook County. The result was to move the record to a third circulation, with a vote tally of five A-E(photo) and two U-I.

- **Record 2017-060**

This was the second circulation of a record of one Anhinga on 19 November 2017 at Chicago's Douglas Park, Cook County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of four U-I, two A-S(1), and one A-S.

- **Record 2017-065**

This was the first circulation of a record of one to two Townsend's Solitaires during 15 December 2017 to 28 January 2018 at the Lost Mound Unit of Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge in JoDaviess County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2017-066**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Anhinga on 15 April 2017 at Ft. Massac State Park, Massac County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of three A-S(1), two A-S, and two U-I.

- **Record 2017-067**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Mottled Duck on 26 August 2017 at Rend Lake

Wildlife Management Area, Jefferson County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of one A-E(photo), two A-S(1), one A-S, and three U-I.

- **Record 2017-068**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Neotropic Cormorant on 28 April 2017 at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Williamson County. The result was acceptance of the record based on written documentation, with a vote tally of five A-S(1), one A-S, and one U-I.

- **Record 2017-069**

This was the first circulation of a record of two Barn Owls during 2-15 December 2017 near Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, Putnam County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2017-070**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Pomarine Jaeger on 3 November 2017 at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of four U-I, two A-S(1), and one A-S. This record is accepted as an occurrence of jaeger sp.

- **Record 2017-071**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Black Rail on 29 November 2017 at Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve, Hopkins Park, Kankakee County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of four A-S(1) and three U-I.

- **Record 2017-072**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Prairie Falcon during 10-12 December 2017 east of Mt. Erie, Wayne County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2017-073**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Eastern Phoebe on 20 December 2017 near Windsor, Mercer County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2017-074**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Bullock's Oriole on 22 November 2017 in Glencoe, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2017-075**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Barn Owl on 17 December 2017 at the McCormick Bird Sanctuary, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2017-076**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Hoary Redpoll during 2 December 2017 to 14 January 2018 at Park No. 566, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one A-S(1).

- **Record 2018-001**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Slaty-backed Gull during 4-10 January 2018 in

southeast Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-002**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Hoary Redpoll on 20 January 2018 at Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, Cook County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of five A-E(photo) and two U-I.

- **Record 2018-003**

This was the first circulation of a record of one White-tailed Tropicbird on 2 January 2018 along the Mississippi River in St. Clair County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of seven U-I.

- **Record 2018-004**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Prairie Falcon on 1 January 2018 southwest of Jamestown, Clinton County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one A-S(1).

- **Record 2018-005**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Barrow's Goldeneye during 9 January to 3 February 2018 on the Rapids City riverfront, Rock Island County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-006**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Gyrfalcon on 17 January 2018 at Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one U-I.

- **Record 2018-007**

This was the first circulation of a record of one California Gull on 14 January 2018 at Alton, Madison County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one U-O.

- **Record 2018-008**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Hoary Redpoll on 10 February 2018 at the Skokie Lagoons, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one A-S(1).

- **Record 2018-009**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Hoary Redpoll during 29 January to 21 February 2018 in New Berlin, Sangamon County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-010**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Black Vulture on 24 February 2018 in Homer Lake, Champaign County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-012**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Brown Pelican on 25 February 2018 in Marshall

County. The result was acceptance of the record based on written documentation, with a vote tally of four A-S(1), two A-S, and one U-I.

- **Record 2018-013**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Hoary Redpoll during 13-26 January 2018 in Elburn, Kane County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-014**

This was the first circulation of a record of one White-winged Dove during 18-21 April 2018 in Minonk, Woodford County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-015**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Swallow-tailed Kite on 25 April 2018 at Mermet Lake, Massac County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of seven U-I.

- **Record 2018-016**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Plumbeous Vireo on 2 May 2018 in Bolingbrook, Will County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo). This is the first accepted record of this species.

- **Record 2018-017**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Great-tailed Grackle on 5 May 2018 in Essex, Kankakee County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one A-S(1).

- **Record 2018-018**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Western Tanager during 4-5 May 2018 in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

From the circulation of 29 September 2018:

- **Record 1990-025**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Plumbeous Vireo on 30 April 1990 at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on written documentation, with a vote tally of six A-S(1) and one U-I.

- **Record 1994-037**

This was the third circulation of a record of one Ash-throated Flycatcher on 4 September 1994 at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on written documentation, with a vote tally of six A-S(1) and one U-I.

- **Record 2000-083**

This was the first circulation of a record of one Cassin's Vireo during 31 August to 1 September 2000 at Washington Park in Springfield, Sangamon County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of one A-E(photo), three A-S(2), and three U-I.

- **Record 2000-084**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Cassin's Vireo on 18 May 2000 at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, DuPage County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of three A-S(1) and four U-I.
- **Record 2002-052**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Cassin's Vireo on 12 July 2002 at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, DuPage County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of seven U-I.
- **Record 2011-038**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Swainson's Warbler during 28 May to 17 June 2011 in Thebes, Alexander County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one A-E(audio).
- **Record 2013-065**
This was the first circulation of a resubmission of a record of one Mottled Duck on 29 October 2013, 16 November 2013, and 28 April 2014 at Sangchris Lake State Park, Sangamon County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of two A-E(photo), two A-S(1), and three U-I.
- **Record 2013-081**
This was the first circulation of a breeding record of Northern Saw-whet Owl based on evidence from 2 July 2013 in Hoffman Estates, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2017-051**
This was the third circulation of a record of one White-faced Ibis during 21-22 October 2017 at Hegewisch Marsh, Chicago, Cook County. The result was to move the record to a fourth circulation, with a vote tally of three A-E(photo), two A-S(2), and two U-I.
- **Record 2017-058**
This was the third circulation of a record of a Yellow Palm Warbler on 6 November 2017 at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one U-I.
- **Record 2017-066**
This was the second circulation of a record of one Anhinga on 15 April 2017 at Ft. Massac State Park, Massac County. The result was to move the record to a third circulation, with a vote tally of four A-S(1) and three U-I.
- **Record 2017-067**
This was the second circulation of a record of one Mottled Duck on 26 August 2017 at Rend Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jefferson County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of one A-S(1) and six U-I.
- **Record 2017-071**
This was the second circulation of a record of one Black Rail on 29 November 2017 at Pembroke Savanna Nature Preserve, Hopkins Park, Kankakee County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of two A-S(1) and five U-I.

- **Record 2017-077**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Black Vulture during 28-30 November 2017 in Congerville, Woodford County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2017-078**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Parasitic Jaeger on 1 September 2017 at Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one A-S(1).
- **Record 2018-002**
This was the second circulation of a record of one Hoary Redpoll during 20-28 January 2018 at Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-019**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Townsend's Solitaire on 23 May 2018 at Somme Woods Forest Preserve, Cook County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of five A-S(1) and two U-I.
- **Record 2018-020**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Western Tanager during 10-12 April 2018 in Springfield, Sangamon County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-021**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Brown Pelican during 27-29 April 2018 at East Fork Lake, Richland County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-022**
This was the first circulation of a record of one White-winged Dove on 5 May 2018 in Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on written documentation, with a vote tally of seven A-S(1).
- **Record 2018-023**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Snowy Owl during 31 May to 6 June 2018 near Manhattan and Homer Glen, Will County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-024**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Barn Owl during 7-8 June 2018 at Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-025**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Neotropic Cormorant during 2 June to 12 July 2018 at Horseshoe Lake, Madison County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-026**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Mottled Duck during 23-30 March 2018 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of three A-E(photo) and four U-I.
- **Record 2018-027**
This was the first circulation of a record of one White-winged Dove on 25 April 2018 in Clinton County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-028**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Neotropic Cormorant during 23-26 May 2018 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-029**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Painted Bunting during 6 May to 2 June 2018 at East St. Louis, Madison County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-030**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Swallow-tailed Kite on 22 April 2018 in Greeneville, Bond County. The result was to move the record to a second circulation, with a vote tally of four A-S(1) and three U-I.
- **Record 2018-031**
This was the first circulation of a record of two Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks on 5 May 2018 at Canton, Fulton County. The result was to accept the record on the basis of written documentation, with a vote tally of seven A-S(1).
- **Record 2018-032**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Black-bellied Whistling-Duck on 10 May 2018 at Henry de Tonty Woods Forest Preserve, Willow Springs, Cook County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of three A-S(1) and four U-I.
- **Record 2018-033**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Little Gull during 10-14 April 2018 at Lake Springfield, Sangamon County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(photo) and one U-I.
- **Record 2018-034**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Mountain Bluebird during 8-10 April 2018 at Spoon Lake, Knox County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-035**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Tufted Duck during 20-21 April 2018 at Spunky Bottoms, Brown County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).

- **Record 2018-036**
This was the first circulation of a record of at least four Anhingas during 21 June to 30 August 2018 at Cache River State Natural Area, Johnson County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-037**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Brown Pelican on 1 July 2018 at Newton Lake, Jasper County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-038**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Black Vulture on 14 July 2018 at Sam Dale Lake Conservation Area, Wayne County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-039**
This was the first circulation of a record of one White Ibis during 11-23 July 2018 at Kaskaskia Island, Randolph County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-040**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Neotropic Cormorant during 10 July to 17 August 2018 in Roselle, DuPage County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-041**
This was the first circulation of a record of two Neotropic Cormorants on 17 August 2018 at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve, DuPage County. The result was rejection of the record based on identification, with a vote tally of three A-E(photo) and four U-I.
- **Record 2018-042**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Roseate Spoonbill during 19 July to 20 August 2018 at Rend Lake, Jefferson County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-043**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Black Rail on 16 June 2018 at Orland Grassland South Forest Preserve, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on audio evidence, with a vote tally of six A-E(audio) and one U-I.
- **Record 2018-044**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Long-tailed Jaeger on 8 September 2018 at Gillson Park, Wilmette, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).
- **Record 2018-045**
This was the first circulation of a record of one Long-tailed Jaeger on 8 September 2018 at Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. The result was acceptance of the record based on photographic evidence, with a vote tally of seven A-E(photo).