# SEVENTEENTH REPORT

## of the

## PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

## January 2010

## Nick Pulcinella for the Committee

The Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee (hereafter PORC or the committee) evaluates and archives documentation it receives of any species or recognizable form that is on the Review List for Pennsylvania. In addition it reviews documentation for new species or new subspecies for the state. This report covers 42 records of 32 species. The 34 records accepted represent an acceptance rate of 81%. Reports were received from 21 counties.

Highlights in this report include the first record for Slaty-backed Gull, the third record for Brown Pelican, and the fifth records for Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and Long-tailed Jaeger. The addition of Slaty-backed Gull brings the state total to 413 species (Pulcinella 2006).

PORC encourages observers to document their sightings with photographs, videos or sound recordings when possible, but the committee also urges observers to submit accompaning written documentation. There is little doubt that the advances in digital photography have contributed to the high acceptance rate, but, each year there are at least two or three "photo only" reports that are but accepted but which would have benefitted from a supporting written report. Supporting written documentation may add details such as missing field marks or behavior notes that are not captured in some photos. The Committee continues to emphasize that the primary point of any documentation of a rare bird should be a detailed written description. There are several well written articles on documenting rare birds and observers are encouraged to consult the Committee's web pages at <a href="http://www.pabirds.org">http://www.pabirds.org</a>, Dittman and Lasley 1992, and PORC 2000.

The Committee would like to emphasize the importance of submitting documentation directly to PORC. It should not be assumed that reports posted to online discussion groups (listservs, blogs), including written details and photographs, have been discovered by PORC, or that they are understood as documentation of a rarity.

Documentation can be submitted to Nick Pulcinella, PORC Secretary, 613 Howard Road, West Chester, PA 19380, <nickpulcinella@verizon.net>.

#### **Committee News**

The Committee membership and year of term expiration during this report period consisted of Ben Coulter (2010), Al Guarente (2012) (chair), Jonathan Heller (2011), Tom Johnson (2012), Geoff Malosh (2012), Cameron Rutt (2011) and Rick Wiltraut (2010). Nick Pulcinella (2010) is the nonvoting secretary. Recent member, Eric Witmer, also voted on some records in this report. During this report period, Cameron Rutt took a temporary leave to assist with ornithological research overseas and was replaced by Kevin Fryberger. The committee wishes to thank Kevin for his assistance and contribution during this period.

At the committee's September 2009 meeting, Al Guarente, Geoff Malosh and Tom Johnson were re-elected to additional three-year terms. Al Guarente was elected chair for an additional year and Nick Pulcinella was re-elected

non-voting Secretary for an additional one year term.

The Committee has a presence on the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology web site at www.pabirds.org where PORC's pages include the Official State List, the Review List of species requiring documentation, tips for improving documentation of rarities, and a documentation form that can be downloaded. The site also contains information regarding the functions of the Committee.



Image 1. Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee members at the 2009 annual meeting. From left to right: Al Guarente, Geoff Malosh, Ben Coulter, Rick Wiltraut, Jonathan Heller, Tom Johnson. Not pictured: Cameron Rutt. (*Nick Pulcinella*)

#### Classification of Records

Class I: An accepted record based on an existing identifiable specimen, a diagnostic photograph or a diagnostic recording. Abbreviations are (p) photograph, (r) sound recording, (a) audiotape, (v) videotape, (s) specimen.

Class II: An accepted sight record documented independently by two or more observers.

Class III: An accepted sight record documented by one observer.

## Format of this Report

The records are arranged taxonomically following the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds (AOU 1998) and supplements. The number in parentheses after the species name represents the number of accepted records, including those in this report, since the establishment of PORC in 1989. A (+) signifies the existence of accepted records prior to the formation of PORC. Each accepted record includes the locality, county, and date(s) when known. In many cases, dates are taken from the seasonal reports published in *Pennsylvania Birds*. Enclosed in parentheses following the date are the name(s) of the observer(s) responsible for finding and/or identifying the bird, if known, followed by a semicolon, then the names of those who submitted documentation (in alphabetical order).

Following the list of observers is the record's classification and the PORC record number. This is followed by the Committee's vote tally for each record. All photographs, video and sound recordings are currently being held with the Secretary. An (\*) after a species name indicates that the species is no longer on the PORC review list.

Abbreviations: CBC – Christmas Bird Count; NAB – North American Birds; NWR – National Wildlife Refuge; PB – Pennsylvania Birds; Res. – Reservoir; SGL – State Game Lands; S.P. – State Park; Twp. – Township, WMA – Wildlife Management Area.

#### ACCEPTED RECORDS

# Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna autumnalis) (5)

An adult at Pymatuning WMA, Crawford, 31 August -8 October 2008. (Kevin Jacobs; Lee Reiners, m.obs; Class I-P; 102-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:224 and NAB V63:186. This bird was initially caught in a waterfowl trap used for duck banding. It remained in the area for several weeks and was reportedly shot by a hunter.

## Barnacle Goose (Branta leucopsis) (9)

One at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks* 27 December 2006. (Steve Kacir; Class III; 115-01-2006). 6/0. This individual was not noted to be banded and was travelling with a large flock of Canada Geese during the time of the observation.

#### Harlequin Duck (Histrionicus histrionicus) (16+)

A first-winter male was in Warren, Warren, 2-6 February 2008. (Cara Farr and Derek Farr: John Fedak (p), et al., Class I-P; 149-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:43. Another first-winter male was in New Brighton, Beaver, 28 February – 4 March 2008. (Mark Vass; Mike Fialkovich (p), Geoff Malosh (p), m.obs; Class I-P; 149-02-2008.) 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:43 and NAB V62:237. The Beaver bird was a first county record and the bird in Warren was a second county record.



Image 2. Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*). Originally banded as a nestling on an island in the Chesapeake Bay, MD 15 July 2008, this bird was discovered dead along the shore of Raystown Lake, *Huntingdon* 5 November 2008 for a third Pennsylvania record. (*E. Wallner-Pendelton*)

# Brown Pelican (Pelecanus occidentalis) (3)

One immature found dead at 5 Raystown Lake, Huntingdon,

5 November 2008. (Eva Wallner-Pendeleton (p); Class I-P; 067-01-2008). 7/0. Interestingly, this bird was banded. P.O.R.C. was able to contact the bander, John Weske, who reports that this bird was among the 207 Brown Pelican chicks banded 15 July 2008 on the middle portion of Holland Island, *Dorchester*, MD. This is their first recovery from PA. The banders also reported an additional recovery from this same group from ME. P.O.R.C. thanks Greg Grove for bringing this report to its attention. Photo published in PB V22:224 and NAB V63:75.

#### **Tricolored Heron** (Egretta tricolor) (5+)

One adult at John Heinz NWR, *Philadelphia* 22 July 2008. (Todd Fellenbaum (p); m.obs; Class I-P; 087-01-2008). 7/0. There were at least three other reports of this species at John Heinz NWR during 2008, but this was the only one documented. Photo published in PB V22:165.



Image 3. Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*). This adult was photographed at John Heinz NWR, **Philadelphia**, 22 July 2008 (*Todd Fellenbaum*). This one of at least three reported at the refuge during 2008.

#### White Ibis (Eudocimus albus) (14+)

An immature was on the Conejohela Flats, Lancaster. 10–16 July 2008 (Bob Shutsky; Devin Bosler (p), et al; Class I-P; 093-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:166. An immature was at Middle Creek WMA, Lancaster. 17–22 July 2008, (Barry Bell; Pam Fisher, Jeff Hopkins, Geoff Malosh (p), m.obs; Class I-P; 093-02-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:166. Another immature was at Marsh Creek, Adams, 31 July – 2 August 2008 (Mike Weible (p); Bob Moul (p), et al.; Class I-P; 093-03-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:166. All three birds fell nicely into the mid-summer occurrence pattern for this species.

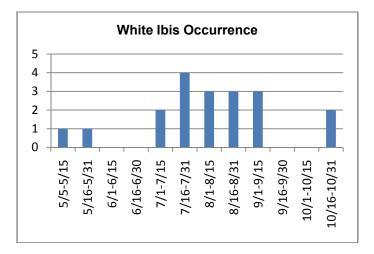
#### Swallow-tailed Kite (Elanoides forficatus) (10+)

One was seen gracefully soaring and gliding over a rural area just west of Chambersburg, *Franklin*, 20 September 2007. (Bill Gerke; Class III; 168-01-2008). 6/1. This is another in the increasing number of fall reports.

## Mississippi Kite (Ictinia mississippiensis) (19+)

A very early individual was observed passing Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, *Berks*, 26 March 2008. (Arlene Koch, Denise Peters; Class III; 171-01-2008). 7/0. There were at least 10 reports of this species without supporting documentation listed in the Birds of Note section of Pennsylvania Birds for 2008. Documentation on any of these

sightings is welcomed.



## Black-necked Stilt (Himantopus mexicanus) (10+)

Two were present at Van Sciver Lake, *Bucks*, 16 May 2008 a first county record. (Devich Farbotnik (p); Class I-P; 268-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:108. Mid-May continues to be the best time to look for this species as most records have occurred 5/10–5/22.

## Red Phalarope (Phalaropus fulicaria) (15+)

An immature was at Greencove Wetlands, Washington, 11 September 2007 was a first county record. (John Boback; Class III; 331-01-2007). 5/2, 7/0. Another immature was at Keystone Res., Westmoreland, 21 September 2007. (Tim Vechter (p); Class I-P; 331-02-2007). 7/0. Photo published in PB V21:190.



Image 4. Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*). The remnants of Tropical Strom Hanna grounded very few birds in Pennsylvania, but this bird was special find at Van Sciver Lake, *Bucks*, 6-7 September 2008 (*Devich Farbotnik*).

## Long-tailed Jaeger (Stercorarius longicaudus) (5)

One of the very few rare birds grounded by Tropical Storm Hanna, this bird was at Van Sciver Lake, Bucks, 6–7 September 2008 (Devich Farbotnik (p); Class I-P; 334-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22 (4) cover.

#### Sabine's Gull (Xema sabini) (18+)

One juvenile at Moraine S.P. *Butler*, 12 September 2008 during a heavy rainstorm preceding the passage of the remnants of Hurricane Ike was a first county record. (Debbie

Darney; Geoff Malosh, et al.; Class I-P; 360-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:216. For further details surrounding the sighting see Malosh 2008.



Image 5. Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*). This very cooperative adult thrilled many western Pennsylvania birders during its stay at Moraine S.P., *Butler*, 27 November-5 December 2008. Photographed here 29 November (*Steve Gosser*).

#### Black-headed Gull (Larus ridibundus) (21+)

One was working the Susquehanna River near Marysville, *Dauphin*, 16-26 March 2008, (Ramsey Koury, Cameron Rutt; Jerry McWilliams (p), m.obs; Class I-P; 340-01-2008). 7/0. This species continues to be nearly annual at this location. There may have been up to three birds observed here during from mid-March through mid-April. One adult was at Moraine S.P., *Butler*, 27 November – 5 December 2008. (Dave Darney, Deb Darney; Steve Gosser (p), Malcom Harter (p), m.obs; Class I-P; 340-02-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:226.

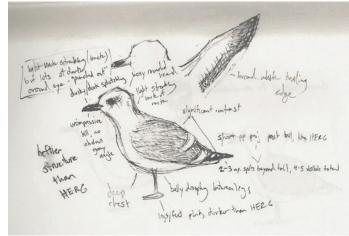


Image 6: Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*). Field sketch of an adult at the Tullytown Landfill, *Bucks*. 21 December 2007 (*Tom Johnson*). Sightings of this species continue to increase in North America and the northeast in general. This sighting established a first Pennsylvania record.

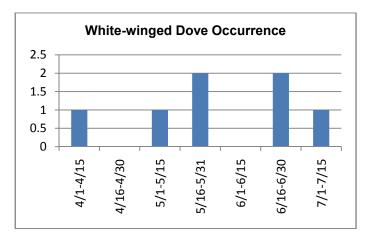
## Slaty-backed Gull (Larus schistisagus) (1)

An adult at the Tullytown Landfill, Bucks, 21 December 2007-16 January 2008 established a first state record. (Tom Johnson (p); Devon Bosler, Justin Bosler, Devich Farbotnik (p), et al.; Class I-P; 351-01-2007). 7/0. Gulling at Tullytown can be both an exciting and frustrating experience because of

the sheer numbers of gulls one is required to sift through in order to be rewarded with an unusual species. The committee was appreciative with the level of detail submitted to support the identification. Sightings of this species in the northeast have increased annually and gull watchers have eagerly anticipated its discovery in PA. This same individual was more than likely seen at other locations in the northeast (Johnson 2008). Photos published in PB V22:2.

#### Royal Tern (Sterna maxima) (4+)

One adult observed on the Delaware River, *Bucks*, 12 July 2008. (Devich Farbotnik (p); Class I-P; 364-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:169. This second county record probably involved a post-breeding bird dispersing north and was one of the few Pennsylvania records of this species that was not the result of a tropical storm.



#### White-winged Dove (Zenaida asiatica) (8)

One observed sitting on telephone wires at the Old York County Landfill, *York*, 22 June 2008. (Randy Phillips; Class III; 413-01-2008). 6/1. This sighting fits into the late spring early summer pattern of previous reports. There was also an undocumented report, thought to be reliable, from *Berks* 6/21/2008 published in PB V22:174.



Image 7: Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*). This adult photographed near Milton *Northumberland* 12 July 2008 (*Lauri Shaffer*), was one of the few July records for Pennsylvania.

## Western Kingbird (Tyrannus verticalis) (19+)

One in Milton, Northumberland, 1–3 July 2008. (John Fedak, Lauri Shafer (p); Class I-P; 557-01-2008). 7/0. Photo

published in PB V22:170. Surprisingly, this is the third accepted July record for this species.

## Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (Tyrannus forficatus) (7+)

One working the rural area of Saltsburg, *Westmoreland*, 4 May 2008. (Karen DeSantis (p); Class I-P; 561-02-2008). 7/0. Photograph published in PB V22:94. (DeSantis 2008). Previous May reports occurred between May 1 and May 9.

#### Cave Swallow (Petrochelidon fulva) (10)

One found moribund near Homer City, Indiana, 10 November 2008 provided a first county record. (Margaret Higbee (p); Class I-P; 576-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:228. Three were at the Northeast Water Treatment Plant in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, 11 November - 17 December 2008. (Frank Windfelder; Jeffrey Davis (p), Al Guarente, Tom Johnson (p), Sandra Keller (p), Mike Logan (p), T&L McDonald (p), Eric Witmer (p), Matt Wlasiewski (p), m.obs; Class I-P; 576-02-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:215, 228 and NAB V63:78. (Windfelder 2008). This species has been frustratingly difficult to see for the Pennsylvania birding community. Outside of a single bird that was present in Chester 24-25 October 2004, all previous reports have been of single individuals or a few birds noted briefly in flight during their near annual late fall passage through northeastern North America. The Philadelphia birds provided the first real opportunity for many Pennsylvania observers to study this species for prolonged periods at relatively close range.



Image 8: Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*). These three cooperative birds were present at the Northeast Water Treatment Plant, *Philadelphia*, 11 November – 17 December 2008 much to the delight of numerous observers. Photographed here 29 November 2008 (*Mike Logan*).

# Townsend's Solitaire (Myadestes townsendi) (9+)

One was at the Blue Ridge Country Club, *Carbon*, 13–15 April 2008. (Richard Rehrig (p), Arlene Koch, Dustin Welch (p), et al. Class I-P; 650-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:111.

## Summer Tanager (Piranga rubra) (19+)

A first-spring male visited a feeder in Greene Twp., *Erie*, 17-19 May 2008. (Bob and Pam Zelenek (p); Jerry McWilliams; Class I-P; 780-01-2008). 7/0. Another was at a feeder in Hartstown, *Crawford*, 23 November – 28 December 2008, providing a new late date for Pennsylvania. (Chester Mills; Suzanne Butcher (p), et al; Class I-P; 780-02-2008). 7/0. This

was a remarkable year for Summer Tanagers with 18 reports published in *Pennsylvania Birds*, on the downside; only the two above were documented.



Image 9: Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*). This first-spring male visited a feeder in Greene Twp., *Erie*, 17-19 May 2008, photographed here 17 May (*Pam Zelenek*).

## Western Tanager (Piranga ludoviciana) (7+)

A female was noted at John Heinz NWR, *Philadelphia/Delaware*, 13–15 April 2008. (Dick Eales; Chuck Berthoud, Tom Johnson (p), m.obs; Class I-P; 782-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:113. This is one of a very few spring records for Pennsylvania.



Image 10. Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (*Junco hyemalis*). Reports of this western race are nearly annual in Pennsylvania but very few are documented as well as this male, which visited a feeder in Harborcreek, *Erie*, 17-23 November 2008, photographed here 17 November (*Michelle Franz*).

Golden-crowned Sparrow (Zonotrichia atricapilla) (2+) One seen and heard in Emmaus, Lehigh, 9 May 2007. (Barbara Burwell; Class III; 837-01-2007). 6/1. The written documentation included a noteworthy fields sketch.

# White-crowned (Gambel's) Sparrow (Zonotrichia leucophrysi) (8+)

One was present at PeaceValley Park, *Bucks*, 7–8 March 2008. (August Mirabella, Howard Eskin (p), et al; Class I-P; 838a-01-2008). 6/1. Photo published in PB V22:113. This is one of the few documented outside Presque Isle S.P., *Erie*, where at least 5 have been previously documented.

#### Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (Junco hyemalis) (6+)

A male was a feeder in Harborcreek, *Erie*, 17–23 November 2008. (Michelle Franz (p); Class I-P; 840a-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:229. This western race is proving to be nearly annual in the state.

## Hoary Redpoll (Carduelis hornemanni) (9+)

One was visiting a feeder at Bushy Run Battlefield Historic Site, Westmoreland, 16 January – 12 February 2008. (Mark McConaughy (p); Geoff Malosh (p), T. Roberts, et al.; Class I-P; 887-01-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:50 and NAB V62:241. Another was at a feeder in Franklin Twp., Susquehanna, 18 February-7 March 2008. (Herb Flavell (p); Class I-P; 887-02-2008). 7/0. Photo published in PB V22:50. The 2008-2009 will be remembered for a major irruption of Common Redpolls and both of the reports above were of birds found within large flocks of Common Redpolls.

RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED, identification not established (Votes are listed as for/against. A vote of 6/1 or 7/0 is required for acceptance). A number of factors contribute to a report being denied acceptance. It is very rare for a report not to be accepted because the bird was obviously misidentified. More commonly, a report is not accepted because the documentation submitted was incomplete, insufficient or too vague to properly identify the reported occurrence while eliminating all other similar species. The Committee again stresses the importance of taking field notes either while the bird is under study or immediately afterwards. It is worth noting that written reports prepared entirely from memory weeks, months, or years after the sighting are rarely voted on favorably. The non-acceptance of any report reflects the opinion of the committee that the documentation, as submitted, did not meet the meticulous standards needed for adding the report to the official historical record. If the committee is unsure of a specific report, it prefers to err conservatively and not accept a good record rather then endorse a bad one. It is important to note that non-acceptance by no means indicates that PORC or any of its members feel the record did not occur as reported. All records, whether accepted or not, remain on file and can be re-submitted for review if additional material is presented.

## Anhinga (Anhinga anhinga)

Three birds soaring over Hawk Mountain Sanctuary *Berks*, 28 August 2007. Class IV-A, 074-02-2007. 5/2, 4/3. One observed in flight over Doylestown *Bucks*, 7 September 2008. Class IV-A. 074-01-2008. 3/4. Both sightings may well have been correct, but the written descriptions fell short of positive identifications.

## Barnacle Goose (Branta leucopsis)

Walker Lake, *Snyder*, 14 March 2008. Class IV-B 115-01-2008. 1/5. The written description mentioned only a bird in flight and did not adequately eliminate other species.

## Wilson's Plover(Charadrius wilsonia)

Presque Isle S.P., *Erie* 26 April 2008. Class IV-A, 258-01-2008. 5/2, 3/4. This report went two rounds but most members agreed the documentation fell short of convincing for such a rarity.

# $\textbf{Mew Gull } (Larus \ canus)$

One at Tullytown, *Bucks* 27 December 2007. Class IV-B, 344-01-2007. 1/5. This may have been a correct identification, but

the photos and video submitted were far from definitive. No written details were submitted to support the identification.

#### Chuck-will's widow (Caprimulgus carolinensis)

Tamaqua, *Schuylkill* 13 May 2008 Class IV-A 463-01-2008. 4/3, 5/2. The report is probably correct but the documentation was not conclusive.

#### Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius)

Upper Tulpehocken Twp., *Berks*, 7 January 2008. Class IV-A 666-01-2008. 5/2, 5/2. This report went two rounds and even though most members thought the report was correct the documentation was missing some key features for full acceptance.

### Black-headed Grosbeak (Pheucticus melanocephalus)

Hummelstown, *Dauphin*, 3-6 May 2008. Class IV-A, 788-01-2008. 2/5. This second hand report was suggestive of this species but did not contain enough information to adequately rule out a first-year male Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*).

## Tricolored Blackbird (Agelaius tricolor)

One in Franklin Twp., *Susquehanna*, 11 April 2008. Class IV-C, 855-01-2008. 0/7. Photos and written description indicate a Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*).

#### Hoary Redpoll (Carduelis hornemanni)

Harrisburg, *Dauphin* 29 March – 7 April 2008. Class IV-B 887-03-2008. 4/3, 1/6. This report went two rounds with a majority feeling the photos and written documentation were not sufficient to identify the bird(s) to this species.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

A list of sightings from 2008 published in *Pennsylvania Birds*, for which **no** documentation was submitted to PORC, follows. We welcome submission of any documentation on these birds.

Green-winged (Eurasian) Teal, one, Penn-Warner Tract, Bucks, 20 December. Harlequin Duck, one, no location given, Warren CBC, 20 December. Barrow's Goldeneye, one, Gifford Pinchot S.P., York, 11 March. Clark's Grebe, one, Blue Marsh Lake, Berks, 7 May; one, Lake Pymatuning, Crawford, 23 March. Anhinga, one, Hawk Mt. Sanctuary, Berks, 10 September; three, Hawk Mt. Sanctuary, Berks, 20 September; one, Hawk Mt Sanctuary, Berks, 17 October. 10/17; two, Struble Lake, Chester, 5 May; one, Rose Tree Park Hawkwatch, Delaware, 12 April; one, Second Mountain Hawkwatch, Lebanon, 13 October and 17 October. Tricolored Heron, one, John Heinz N.W.R., Philadelphia, 1 April; one, John Heinz N.W.R., Philadelphia, 2-5 August. Mississippi Kite, one, Hawk Mt. Sanctuary, Berks, 7 September; one, Bern Twp., Berks, 6 October; one, SGL 157, Bucks, 13 April and 24 May; one, Paxtang, Dauphin, 18 April; one, Juniata River, Juniata, 4 July; one SGL 145, Lancaster, 13 April; one, Rapho Twp., Lebanon, 13 April; one, North Whitehall Twp., Lehigh, 7 May; one, Little Gap, Northampton, 2 September. Gyrfalcon, one, Little Gap, Northampton, 26 November. Prairie Falcon, one, Mud Level Road, Cumberland, 10 March. Yellow Rail, one, Geneva Marsh, Crawford, 28 May. King Rail, breeding season, no date or location, Butler. Thayer's Gull, one, Tullytown, Bucks, 19 January; one Nockamixon S.P., Bucks,

20 January; two, Penn-Warner Tract, Bucks, 20 December; two, Erie CBC, Erie, 20 December. White-winged Dove, one, Reading, Berks, 21 June. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, one, Kempton, Berks, 14 May; one, Eckville, Berks, 23 May. **Loggerhead Shrike**, one, Freedom Twp., Adams, 1 March; one, Perkasie, Bucks, 5 May; one, Woodcock Lake, Crawford, 10 October; one, Walker Road, Franklin, 4 May. Northern Wheatear, one, South Avis, Clinton, 1 March. Bohemian Waxwing, one, Hawk Mt. Sanctuary, Berks, 21 September. Swainson's Warbler, one, SGL 106, Berks, 3 May. Summer **Tanager**, two, Boston, Allegheny, 6 May; two, Frick Park, Allegheny, 29 June; one, Moon Twp, Allegheny, 18 August; one, no location given, Bedford, 10 May; one, Elk Hill Road, Cumberland, 27 July; one, Swarthmore College, Delaware, 4 May; one, Presque Isle S.P., Erie, 24-25 May; one, Chickies Rock County Park, Lancaster, 10 May; one, Marshall Creek, Monroe, 7 May; one, Upper Merion, Montgomery, 10 May; one, Buttermilk Hill Sanctuary, Venago, 14 May; one, Franklin, Venango, 24 May, one, no location given, Venago, 4 June; one, North Strabane, Washington, 7 May; one, Bentleyville, Washington, 20 August-2 September. Lark Sparrow, one, Meadville, Crawford, 23-26 March. Darkeyed (Oregon) Junco, one, Butler CBC, Butler, 20 December; one Delmont, Westmoreland, 29 October. Painted Bunting, one, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, 18 May. Pine Grosbeak, nine, Chambersburg CBC, Franklin, December.

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