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### 2010 REPORT OF THE KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

This report summarizes the activities of the Committee for the calendar year 2010. The Committee received 17 observation reports in 2010, recording the occurrence of 16 different species. Of this total, 13 records were circulated for consideration. All reports, whether circulated to the Committee or not, are archived in The University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

Record submissions are assigned a sequential number in the order in which they are received, with the year of receipt as a prefix. Not all submissions that receive a number are circulated. Birds are listed in phylogenetic order under each of two categories: Records Accepted and Records Not Accepted. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the American Ornithologist' Union *Checklist of North American Birds*, Seventh Edition, 1998, updated through the 51st supplement, 2010, (Auk 127[3]: 726-744).

After the English and scientific name follows the KBRC record number, the number of individuals seen, with age or plumage notes; date(s) of observation; locality, including county; observer(s), with those documenting the record listed first; supporting physical evidence, if any, received by the committee; and finally, comments and notes on changes to the species status on the Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS) checklist. Records that were not accepted by the Committee have the observer' names omitted, and a brief explanation of the reasoning behind that decision.

Authors, when citing KBRC records from this report, are encouraged to give credit to the observer(s) of the record that submitted the report along with the citation of this report. Preferred citation: Land, M. E. 2011. 2010 Report of the Kansas Bird Records Committee. Kansas Ornithological Society Bulletin 62(2):21-22.

#### Records accepted

**Eurasian Wigeon** (*Anas penelope*), 2010-05, one adult male in alternate plumage, 7 March 2010, LaFarge Sandpit, Wichita (Sedgwick County), reported by Larry Londagin. **Eighth state record.**

**Magnificent Frigatebird** (*Fregata magnificens*), 2010-17, one adult male, 14 September 2010, Clinton Lake dam (Douglas County), reported by Michael J Andersen, also seen by Peter Hosner and Jonathan King; documented by numerous photographs. **Sixth state record.**

**Brown Pelican** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), 2010-09, one alternate plumaged adult of unknown gender, 12 May 2010, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (Stafford County), reported by Barry

Jones, originally reported by John and Edra Mitchell; documented by one photograph.

**Thirteenth state Record.**

**Brown Pelican** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), 2010-12, two of unknown gender and age, 29 June 2010, Pony Creek Lake (Brown County), reported by Rosella Royer. One of the pelicans landed on the lake at the time of the sighting and remained until 5 July 2010; documented by one photograph. **Fourteenth state record.**

**Great Black-backed Gull** (*Larus marinus*), 2010-06, one immature/juvenile of unknown gender, 13 March 2010, Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area (Barton County), reported by Kevin Groeneweg, also seen by Cheryl Miller and Jeff Calhoun. **Twelfth state record.**

**Black-chinned Hummingbird** (*Archilochus alexandri*), 2010-08, one adult male in alternate plumage, 10 May 2010, Great Bend backyard (Barton County), reported by Karole Erikson and Jay Miller; documented by one photograph. **Tenth state record.**

**Anna's Hummingbird** (*Calypte anna*), 2010-15, one adult female, 3 September 2010, Garden City yard of Tom and Sara Shane (Finney County), reported by Dave Williams, originally reported on 31 August by Tom Shane, observed by many observers on 6 September 2010; documented by photographs. **Eighth state record.**

**Plumbeous Vireo** (*Vireo plumbeus*), 2010-10, three of unknown age and gender, 10-11 May 2010, Elkhart shelterbelt 10 May, cemetery and Tunnerville Work Station 11 May (Morton County), reported by David Wiggins. The 11 May birds also observed by Ted Cable; documented by photographs.

**Swainson's Warbler** (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*), 2010-03, one of unknown age and gender, 5 May 2009, Garden City backyard, (Finney County), reported by Marie Osterbuhr; documented by photographs. **Eighth state record.**

**Chipping Sparrow** (*Spizella passerina*), 2010-04, one adult of unknown age in basic plumage, 28 January 2010, University of Kansas Campus (Douglas County), reported by Jonathan King.

**Records not accepted**

**Anhinga** (*Anhinga anhinga*), 2010-07, one adult female in basic plumage, 1 April 2010, north of Bushton (Ellsworth County). A sighting of short duration with insufficient details provided to separate from a cormorant.

**White-eared Hummingbird** (*Basilinna leucotis*), 2010-14, one adult female, 3 September 2005, Wichita backyard (Sedgwick County). A photo obtained of a distant hummingbird became so grainy and blurry upon enlargement that the Committee felt it could not accept this potential first state record based on the photograph obtained. The written report is mainly based on interpretation of the photograph and does not eliminate all other possibilities.

**Lesser Goldfinch** (*Carduelis psaltria*), 2010-01, one adult, 2 January 2010, about four miles northwest of Medicine Lodge (Barber County). A short duration of the sighting and insufficient details to separate from similar species.

Members of the KBRC voting on these records:

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Michael J Andersen

Doris Burnett

Kevin Groeneweg

Mark Land (secretary)

Aaron Mitchell (alternate)

Mark Robbins

John Schukman

Max Thompson (chair)

### **CORRECTIONS**

In the 2009 KBRC Annual Report published in the KOS Bulletin (Land, 2011, 61 [2]:21-24) the Mew Gull reports are corrected as follows; 2009-04 is the **ninth state record**, 2009-19 is the **tenth state record**, and 2009-31 is the **eleventh state record**. These were listed as the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth state records.

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