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2013 REPORT OF THE KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

This report summarizes the activities of the Committee for the calendar year 2013. The Committee received 25 reports, of which 20 were evaluated, that comprised 18 species. All reports are archived in The University of Kansas Natural History Museum, Lawrence, KS.

Submissions are assigned a sequential number in the order in which they are received, with the year of receipt as a prefix. Submissions that are not on the review list or extraordinary may not be circulated to the Committee. 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 54th supplement 2013 (Auk 130(3): 558-571).

After the English and scientific name the following, if available, are provided: KBRC record number, the number of individuals seen, with age or plumage notes; date(s) of observation; locality; observer(s), with those documenting the record listed first; supporting physical evidence; and finally, pertinent comments on changes to the species status on the Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS) checklist. Records that were not accepted by the Committee have observer' names omitted, with a brief explanation of the rationale 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.

RECORDS ACCEPTED

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*), 2013-22, juvenile/immature, 6 November 2013, Big Salt Marsh, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Stafford County, reported by Jonathan Lautenbach. **Tenth state record.**

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*), 2013-01, immature of unknown gender, 5 November 2011, Clinton Reservoir, Douglas County, reported by Jon King. **Seventeenth state record.**

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*), 2013-17, immature of unknown gender, 13 September 2013, Webster Reservoir, Rooks County, reported by Jonathan Vande Koppel, **Nineteenth state record.**

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*), 2013-10, winter adult, 12 March 2013, in the Big Ditch drainage, between the towns of Derby and Haysville, Sedgwick County, reported by Jeff Calhoun, documented with photographs. **Twelfth State record.**

Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides kumlieni*), 2013-06, winter adult of unknown gender, 2 February 2013, Kansas River at Nelson Island, Johnson/Wyandotte County, reported by Jeff Witters. Documented with photographs (Figures 1 and 2) by Jeff Witters and David Seibel indicating the subspecies *kumlieni*. **Tenth state record.**



Figure 1. Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides kumlieni*) with Ring-billed Gulls (*Larus delawarensis*) at Mill Creek Streamway Park (Nelson Island), Shawnee, Johnson County, Kansas, 2 February 2013. © David Seibel, BirdsInFocus.com. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



Figure 2. Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides kumlieni*), in flight showing wing pattern consistent with this race, with Ring-billed Gulls (*Larus delawarensis*) at Mill Creek Streamway Park (Nelson Island), Shawnee, Johnson County, Kansas, 2 February 2013. © David Seibel, BirdsInFocus.com. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*), 2013-07, 2 February 2013, third/fourth winter of unknown gender, Bloomington Park, Clinton Reservoir, Douglas County, reported by Mark Land, documented with photographs (Figure 3). **Fourteenth state record.**



Figure 3. Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) with Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) at Clinton Lake, old marina in Bloomington Park East, Douglas County, Kansas, 2 February 2013. © David Seibel, BirdsInFocus.com. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*), 2013-23, 21 December 2013, first winter of unknown gender, Lake Quivira, Johnson County, reported by Mark Land, also observed by Matt Gearheart, documented with photographs by Gearheart. **Fifteenth state record.**

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*), 2013-14, adult of unknown gender, 7 July 2013, Dighton water treatment ponds, Lane County, reported by Kevin Groeneweg, documented with a photograph. **Tenth state record.**

Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*), 2013-18, unknown age and gender, 25 September 2013, Tunnerville Work Center, Cimarron National Grassland, Morton County, reported by Nick Varvel, documented with photographs by Jonathan Vande Kopple. **Seventh state record.**

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*), 2013-19, adult of unknown gender, 29 September 2013, McPherson State Fishing Lake, McPherson County, reported by Mark Land, documented by photographs (Figure 4). First reported on September 15th it was last reported on November 24th and seen by many observers during its stay. **Second state record.**



Figure 4. Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) at McPherson State Fishing Lake, McPherson County, Kansas, 29 September 2013. © Mark Land. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*), 2013-24, adult male in transitional light morph plumage, 15 December 2013, three miles north of Baldwin City, Douglas County, reported by William Busby.

RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*), 2013-21, juvenile/immature male, 1 November 2013, Scott State Lake, Scott County, the photos and details provided could not eliminate a Ring-necked Duck (*A. collaris*).

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*), 2013-20, juvenile female, 13 October 2013, Big Salt Marsh, Quivira NWR, Stafford County. The details and photos provided did not eliminate other *Calidris* sandpipers that could be confused with a Ruff.

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*), 2013-02, immature of unknown gender, 2 February 2012, Perry Reservoir, Jefferson County. The details provided did not eliminate other similar gulls.

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*), 2013-08, immature of unknown gender, 4 September 1995, Quivira NWR, Big Salt Marsh along NE 170 St., Stafford County. The details provided did not eliminate other similar gulls.

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*), 2013-05, winter adult of unknown gender, 12 January 2013, Winfield City Lake, Cowley County. The details provided did not eliminate other large dark backed gulls.

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*), 2013-9, adult of unknown gender, 17 February 2014, approximately two miles north of Princeton on highway 59 south, Franklin County. The brief duration of the sighting and the details provided did not eliminate other potential species.

Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*), 2013-16, unknown gender and age, 1 September 2013, Elkhart Cemetery, Morton County. The details necessary to eliminate other *Empidonax* flycatchers were not noted on this bird.

Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*), 2013-11, unknown age and gender, 9 September 1997, Lucas Park Recreation Area along Sand Road, Russell County. Details provided are minimal for a sixteen-year-old sighting with no field notes.

Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*), 2013-15, adult female, 14 July 2013, back yard in Olathe, Johnson County. The details provided do not eliminate other small bunting type birds that could create confusion. Provenance was also considered.

Members of the KBRC voting on these records:

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