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### 2014 REPORT OF THE KANSAS BIRD RECORD COMMITTEE

This report summarizes the activities of the Committee for the calendar year 2014. The Committee received 32 reports, of which 26 were evaluated, that comprised 23 species. All reports are archived in The University of Kansas Natural History Museum in Lawrence, Kansas.

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 not considered 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 Ornithologists' Union *Checklist of North American Birds*, Seventh Edition, 1998, updated through the 55th supplement, 2014, (*Auk* 131[4]: C5i-C5xv).

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(s) 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) associated with the observation along with a full citation of this report.

### RECORDS ACCEPTED

**Wood Stork** (*Mycteria americana*), 2014-18, adult, 23 June 2014, Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area, Unit G, Linn County, reported by Sue Newland, also observed by Carol Morgan and Betsy Harlan, documented by a photograph. **Eleventh state record.**

**Brown Pelican** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), 2014-06, juvenile, 20 April 2014, east side of Tuttle ponds, south of Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWPT) office and north of Willow Lake, flying back and forth across the Riley/Pottawatomie County line, reported by Brett Sandercock, also observed by Andrea MacCharles, documented with photographs. **Sixteenth state record.**

**White Ibis** (*Eudocimus albus*), 2014-29, juvenile, 11 September 2014, Pratt Hatchery Ponds, KDWPT headquarters, Pratt County, reported by Mike Rader, also observed by Mike Hassler, documented with photographs. **Seventeenth state record.**

**Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*), 2014-27, juvenile/immature, 20 August 2014, 55th and Hydraulic Rd. near Mulvane, Sumner County, reported by Andrew Miller, also observed by Leon Hicks, Bryant Miller, and Myron Miller, documented with photographs. **Tenth state record.**

**Ruff** (*Calidris pugnax*), 2014-24, non-breeding male, 27 July 2014, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Stafford County, reported by Barry Jones, documented with photographs. **Eleventh state record.**

**White-rumped Sandpiper** (*Calidris fuscicollis*), 2014-23, fourteen of unknown age and gender, 15 July 2014, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, NE 170th Street, north of Big Salt Marsh, Stafford County, reported by Barry Jones, also observed by Mary Pat Haddican and Mark Rogers. Unlike spring and early summer birds, this is a much rarer record in fall migration. Migrants from July onward should be documented.

**Little Gull** (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*), 2014-26, immature of unknown gender, 16 August 2014, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Stafford County, reported by Andrew Miller, also seen by m.ob., documented with photographs. **Twentieth state record.**

**Iceland Gull** (*Larus glaucooides kumlieni*), 2014-03, winter adult of unknown gender, 21 February 2014, Webster Reservoir, Rooks County, reported by Jonathan Vande Koppel, documented with photographs. **Eleventh state record.**

**Red-naped Sapsucker** (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*), 2014-09, adult female, 8 May 2014, Middle Spring, Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County, reported by Will Chatfield-Taylor, also seen by m.ob., documented with photographs. **Tenth state record.**

**Crested Caracara** (*Caracara cheriway*), 2014-28, of unknown age and gender, 1 September 2014, seven miles southwest of Coats, Barber County, reported by Mike Blair, also observed by Kaycie and Jason Ferrell, documented with a photograph. **Second state record.**

**Gray Flycatcher** (*Empidonax wrightii*), 2014-12, adult of unknown gender, 10 May 2014, Tunnerville Work Station, Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County, reported by Will Chatfield-Taylor, also seen by m.ob., documented with photographs. **Eighth state record.**

**Gray Vireo** (*Vireo vicinior*), 2014-10, adult of unknown gender, 10 May 2014, shelter belt in Elkhart, Morton County, reported by Will Chatfield-Taylor, also seen by m.ob., documented with photographs. **Second state record.**

**Painted Redstart** (*Myioborus pictus*), 2014-32, adult, 16 October 2014, Smoky Hill River South of Wilson, Ellsworth County, reported by Dave Klema, documented with a photograph. **Fourth state record.**

**Hepatic Tanager** (*Piranga flava*), 2014-11, male, 11 May 2014, Elkhart Cemetery, Morton County, reported by Will Chatfield-Taylor, also observed by Jeff Calhoun, documented with photographs. **Second state record. First with documentation and will be removed from the hypothetical list.**

**Hooded Oriole** (*Icterus cucullatus*), 2014-08a, adult male in breeding plumage, 30 April 2014, private residence, Lawrence, Douglas County, reported by Kathy McDowell, documented with photographs. Based on plumage this bird is from the eastern Mexican nominate subspecies. **First state record for Kansas and will be added to the KOS checklist.**

**Hooded Oriole** (*Icterus cucullatus*), 2014-08b, male in breeding plumage, 2 May 2014, private residence, Lawrence, Douglas County, reported by Will Chatfield-Taylor, also seen by m.ob., documented with photographs. This is the same bird as record 8a.

## RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

**Taiga Bean-Goose** (*Anser fabalis*), 2014-01, of unknown age and gender, 25 January 2014, Minooka Point, Wilson Lake, Russell County. Although members recognize this identification as a Bean Goose the question of provenance exists as is often the case with exotic waterfowl.

**Wilson's Plover** (*Charadrius wilsonia*), three of unknown age and gender, 10 July 2014, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Stafford County. The details provided did not eliminate other similar plover species.

**Slaty-backed Gull** (*Larus schistisagus*), adult in winter plumage of unknown gender, 2 February 2014, Cheney Reservoir, Reno County. The details and photographs did not eliminate other similar gull species.

**Cassin's Vireo** (*Vireo cassinii*), 2014-15, adult of unknown gender, 5 May 2014, Elkhart cemetery, Morton County, documented with photographs. The details and photographs did not eliminate the extremely similar Blue-headed Vireo.

**Cassin's Vireo** (*Vireo cassinii*), 2014-16, of unknown age and gender, 3 May 2014, Elkhart shelterbelt, Morton County, documented with photographs. The details and photographs did not eliminate the extremely similar Blue-headed Vireo.

**Cave Swallow** (*Petrochelidon fulva*), 2014-17, juvenile/immature of unknown gender, 21 June 2014, just east of Boicourt on the bridge over the river, Linn County. The details provided did not eliminate similar swallows.

**Cave Swallow** (*Petrochelidon fulva*), 2014-21, juvenile/immature, 21 June 2014, approximately five miles south of the LaCygne power plant, Linn County. The details and photograph did not eliminate the similar Cliff Swallow.

**Canyon Wren** (*Catherpes mexicanus*), 2014-19, adult of unknown gender, 26 March 2014, Point of Rocks in the Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County. The details provided did not eliminate other similar wren species.

**Swainson's Warbler** (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*), 2014-30, of unknown age and gender, 22 September 14, Overland Park, Johnson County. The details and photograph did not rule out similar looking species.

**Lesser Goldfinch** (*Spinus psaltria*), 2014-13, adult in definitive plumage, 18 May 2014, backyard thistle feeder, Pratt County. The details provided did not eliminate other similar species.

**Lesser Goldfinch** (*Spinus psaltria*), 2014-14, adult in definitive plumage, 12 May 2014, farmyard south of Wilson, near the Smoky Hill River, Russell County. The details provided did not eliminate other similar species.

Members of the KBRC voting on these records:

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