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### **2019 REPORT OF THE KANSAS BIRD RECORD COMMITTEE**

This report summarizes the activities of the Committee for the calendar year 2019. The Committee received 36 reports, of which 33 were evaluated, recording the occurrence of 34 different birds. All reports are archived by the Kansas Bird Records Committee and are available for review upon request. *Two records are still under review and are not included in this report.*

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 Ornithological Society's (AOS) Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (American Ornithologists' Union. 1998. Check-list of North American Birds: The Species of Birds of North America from the Arctic through Panama, Including the West Indies and Hawaiian Islands. American Ornithologists' Union, Washington, D.C.), updated through the 60th Supplement (Chesser, R.T., K.J. Burns, C. Cicero, J.L. Dunn, A.W. Kratter, I.J. Lovette, P.C. Rasmussen, J.V. Remsen, Jr., D.F. Stotz, and K. Winkler. 2019. Sixtieth Supplement to the American Ornithological Society's *Check-list of North American Birds*. The Auk, Volume 136, Issue 3, 1 July 2019, ukz042 <https://doi.org/10.1093/auk/ukz042>).

After the English and scientific name, the following, if available, are provided: KBRC record number; the number of individuals seen, with sex, 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

**Taiga Bean Goose/Tundra Bean Goose**, (*Anser fabalis*/*Anser serrirostris*), 2014-01, one unknown age, 25 January 2014, Minooka Point, Wilson Lake, Russell County, reported by Robert Penner and Mike Rader, submitted with drawing. This record was originally submitted as a Taiga Bean Goose and not accepted by the KBRC based on insufficient details to separate it from Tundra Bean Goose. Upon re-evaluation by the KBRC it was felt that the record should be accepted at the Taiga Bean Goose (*Anser fabalis*)/Tundra Bean Goose (*Anser serrirostris*) complex level as sufficient details were submitted to confirm that it was one of the two species based on visual description, call description, and the drawing by Penner. **This is the first record of this species complex that will be listed as hypothetical. However, since it wasn't accepted at the "species" level, neither species will be added to the KOS Check-list at this time.**

**Eurasian Wigeon** (*Mareca penelope*), 2019-06, one adult male, 8 March 2019, sandpit along Road T, Kearny County, reported by David Tønnessen. Documented with photographs. **Tenth state record, first with documentation and will be removed from the hypothetical list.**



**Figure 1. Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*) observed at a sandpit in Kearny County, Kansas, on 8 March 2019. Photograph courtesy of David Tønnessen.**

**Anna's Hummingbird** (*Calypte anna*), 2019-20, one sub-adult male, 24 August 2019 through late October 2019 seen at multiple nearby residences in Russell and Ellsworth Counties and one sub-adult female, 31 October 2019 through 12 November 2019 at a residence in Ellsworth County, reported by Mike Rader, also seen by Dave Klema, Maudie and Don Novotny and Kyle Goldwater and many other observers. Documented with photographs. **Ninth and tenth state records.**



**Figure 2. Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) observed southwest of Wilson in Russell County, Kansas, on 11 October 2019. Photograph courtesy of David Klema.**

**Long-tailed Jaeger** (*Stercorarius longicaudus*), 2019-34, one immature, 2 September 2019, Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, Pool 1A, Barton County, reported by Malcolm Gold and seen by many other observers. Documented with photographs. **Seventh state record.**

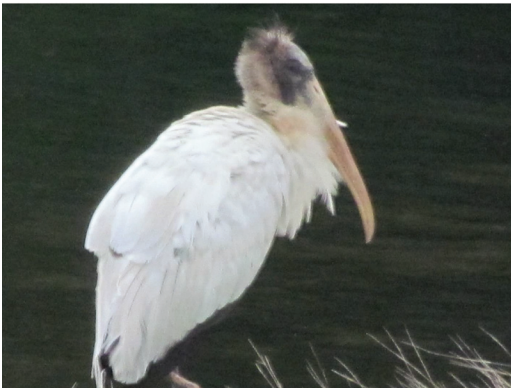
**Long-tailed Jaeger** (*Stercorarius longicaudus*), 2019-22, one adult and one immature, 5 September 2019 to 7 September 2019, El Dorado Reservoir, Butler County, reported by Tom Ewert, Curt VanBoening, and Dee Dunlap. Documented with photographs. **Eighth state record.**



**Figure 3. Long-tailed Jaegers** (*Stercorarius longicaudus*), adult on left, juvenile on right, observed at El Dorado State Lake in Butler County, Kansas, on 7 September 2019. Photograph courtesy of Tom Ewert.

**Arctic Tern** (*Sterna paradisaea*), 2019-27, one adult, 22 September 2019, Cheney State Park, East Shore, Marina, Reno County reported by Pete Janzen. **Fourth state record.**

**Wood Stork** (*Mycteria americana*), 2019-03, one immature, 27 March 2019 to 28 March 2019, pond in housing subdivision in Lindsborg, McPherson County, reported by Dave Duncan, also seen by Jodi and Hope Duncan. Documented with photographs. **Twelfth state record.**



**Figure 4. Immature Wood Stork** (*Mycteria americana*) observed in Lindsborg, McPherson County, Kansas, on 27 March 2019. Photograph courtesy of Dave Duncan.

**Black Vulture** (*Coragyps atratus*), 2019-04, one adult, 2 April 2019, Clinton Lake Dam, Douglas County, reported by Debra McKee and Mark Pheasant.

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** (*Picoides scalaris*), 2019-15, one adult male, 6 July 2019, along Forest City Road north of Hwy 160, Barber County, reported by Jeff Calhoun, also seen by Henry Armknecht. Documented with photographs.



**Figure 5. Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides scalaris*) observed along Forest City Road, Barber County, Kansas, on 6 July 2019. Photograph courtesy of Jeff Calhoun.**

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** (*Picoides scalaris*), 2019-16, one adult male, 8 August 2019, Bear Creek near the Colorado State Line, Stanton County, reported by Jeff Calhoun, also seen by Henry Armknecht. Documented with photographs.

**Hammond's Flycatcher** (*Empidonax hammondi*), 2019-25, one adult, 14 September 2019, shelterbelt north of Elkhart Cemetery, Morton County, reported by Andrew Miller. Documented with photographs.

**Cassin's Vireo** (*Vireo cassinii*), 2019-21, one immature, 30 August 2019, Hamilton State Fishing Lake, Hamilton County, reported by Malcolm Gold. Documented with photographs.



**Figure 6. Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*) observed at Hamilton State Fishing Lake in Hamilton County, Kansas, on 30 August 2020. Photograph courtesy of Malcolm Gold.**

**Cassin's Vireo** (*Vireo cassinii*), 2019-35, one unknown age, 31 August 2019, shelterbelt north of Elkhart Cemetery, Morton County, reported by Malcolm Gold, also seen by Dan Broers, Jeff Calhoun, Kathy Carroll, and Tom Ewert. Documented with photographs.

**Plumbeous Vireo** (*Vireo plumbeus*), 2019-36, one unknown age, 31 August 2019, shelterbelt north of Elkhart Cemetery, Morton County, reported by Malcolm Gold, also seen by Dan Broers, Jeff Calhoun, Kathy Carroll, and Tom Ewert. Documented with photographs.

**Chihuahuan Raven** (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), 2019-19, two unknown age, 25 July 2018, five miles east of Hugoton, Stevens County, reported by Jeff Calhoun, also seen by Malcolm Gold. Documented with photographs.

**Chihuahuan Raven** (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), 2019-17, three unknown age, 8 August 2019, southwest Hamilton County, reported by Jeff Calhoun, also seen by Henry Armknecht. Documented with photographs.

**Chihuahuan Raven** (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), 2019-33, two unknown age, 1 September 2019, northeast of Johnson City, Hamilton County, reported by Malcolm Gold.

**Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*), 2019-31, two unknown age, 1 September 2019, five miles east of the Colorado State Line and 6 miles south of US 160 Highway, Stanton County, reported by Malcolm Gold.

**Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*), 2019-32, six unknown age, 1 September 2019, twelve miles west and 12 miles north of Johnson City, Hamilton County, reported by Malcolm Gold.

**Cave Swallow** (*Petrochelidon fulva*), 2019-10, one unknown age, 24 May 2019, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Stafford County, reported by Barry Jones. Documented with photographs. **Twelfth state record.**



**Figure 7. Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) observed at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in Stafford County, Kansas, on 24 May 2019. Photograph courtesy of Barry Jones.**

**Bushtit** (*Psaltriparus minimus*), 2019-12, three adults, 15 December 2018, Lake Scott State Park, Scott County, reported by Jeff Calhoun, also seen by Kurt Meier, Abby Athen, and Brittany Smith.

**Bushtit** (*Psaltriparus minimus*), 2019-29, one adult, three immature, three unknown, 23 November 2019, Lake Scott State Park, Scott County, reported by Kathy Carroll, also seen by Malcolm Gold and Micky Louis.

**Curve-billed Thrasher** (*Toxostoma curvirostre*), 2019-13, one adult, 22 June 2019, 2½ miles southeast of Saint Francis, Cheyenne County, reported by Mark Keller. Documented with photographs.

**Canyon Towhee** (*Melospiza fusca*), 2019-26, one unknown age, 1 September 2019, near Point of Rocks, Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County, reported by Kathy Carroll, also seen by Diane Persons. Documented with photographs. **Fifth state record.**

**Blue-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora cyanoptera*), 2019-14, one adult male, 7 May 2018, storm water runoff ponds, Hugoton, Stevens County, reported by Kevin Groeneweg. Documented with photographs.



**Figure 8. Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora cyanoptera*) observed at Hugoton in Stevens County, Kansas, on 7 May 2018. Photograph courtesy of Kevin Groeneweg.**

**Connecticut Warbler** (*Oporonis agilis*), 2019-08, one adult, 9 May 2019 to 11 May 2019, in the town of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, reported by Dave Klema, also seen by Roger Schultz and Scott Seltman. Documented with photographs. **Twelfth state record.**



**Figure 9. Connecticut Warbler (*Oporonis agilis*) observed at Ellsworth in Ellsworth County, Kansas, on 11 May 2019. Photograph courtesy of Dave Klema.**

## RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

**Bar-headed Goose** (*Anser indicus*), 2019-07, one adult, 20 April 2019, Neosho Wildlife Area, Neosho County. Identification of the bird was not in question. The record was not accepted due to unknown provenance of the bird. Bar-headed Goose is not on the American Ornithologists Society checklist of North American Birds. Even though this bird is routinely kept by zoos and waterfowl fanciers, the bird appeared fairly wild and the KBRC requested that this sighting be submitted so that a record of its occurrence could be maintained. Bar-headed Goose breeds in central Asia and winters in southern Asia. A feral population is apparently well established in northern Europe.

**Common Ground Dove** (*Columbina passerina*), 2019-01, one unknown age, 27 April 2014, rural Allen County. Insufficient details to separate from other dove species.

**Cassin's Vireo** (*Vireo cassinii*), 2019-18, 21 May 2019, one adult, Ford County State Fishing Lake, Ford County. Insufficient details to separate from Blue-headed Vireo.

**Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*), 2019-30, 30 August 2019, one unknown age, Cimarron National Grasslands north of Elkhart, Morton County. Insufficient details to separate from Chihuahuan Raven.

**Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*), 2019-23, 31 August 2019, two unknown age, Middle Springs area of Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County. Insufficient details to separate from Chihuahuan Raven.

**Bicknell's Thrush** (*Catharus bicknelli*), 2019-11, 16 May 2019, one adult, River Pond State Park, Manhattan, Riley County. Insufficient details to confirm identity of a species significantly out of range which has a well-documented limited range and virtually no vagrancy west of the Appalachian Mountains.

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