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### **2022 REPORT OF THE KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE**

This report summarizes the activities of the Committee for the calendar year 2022. The Committee received 36 reports, recording the occurrence of 35 different birds, of which 34 were evaluated. All reports are archived by the Kansas Bird Records Committee and are available for review upon request.

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 Check-list of North American Birds, 7th 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. Check-list of North American Birds (online). American Ornithological Society.

<https://checklist.americanornithology.org/>), updated through the 63rd Supplement (Chesser, R. T., S. M. Billerman, K. J. Burns, C. Cicero, J. L. Dunn, B. E. Hernández-Baños, R. A. Jiménez, A. W. Kratter, N. A. Mason, P. C. Rasmussen, J. V. Remsen, Jr., D. F. Stotz, and K. Winker. 2022. *Ornithology*, Volume 139, Issue 3, 7 July 2022, ukac020, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ornithology/ukac020>).

After the English and scientific name, the following, if available, are provided: KBRC record number; the number of individuals seen, with age, sex 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 a brief explanation of the rationale behind that decision, and observer(s) names are omitted.

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

**Mottled Duck** (*Anas fulvigula*), 2022-35, unknown age or sex, 16 September 2022, at Neosho Wildlife Area, Neosho County, by Andrew Burnett. Documented with photographs and video.

**Mexican Violetear** (*Colibri thalassinus*), 2022-10, adult, 24 – 29 June 2022, at a rural residence near Baldwin City, Douglas County, by Roger Boyd. Documented with photographs (Fig. 1). **Second state record.**



**Figure 1. Mexican Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*), observed on 29 June 2022, at a rural residence near Baldwin City, Douglas County. Photograph courtesy of Nick Pumphrey.**

**Anna's Hummingbird** (*Calypte anna*), 2022-25, immature male, 18 – 22 October 2022, in Garden City, Finney County, by Sara Shane. Documented with photographs (Fig. 2). **Thirteenth state record.**



**Figure 2. Immature male, Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*), observed on 18 October 2022, at a residence in Garden City, Finney County. Photograph courtesy of Sara Shane.**

**Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*)**, 2022-12, adult male, 20 – 24 May 2022, at a rural residence northeast of Wakefield, Clay County, by Stacey Burfict. Documented with photographs. **Fifth state record.**

**Limpkin (*Aramus guarana*)**, 2022-09, adult, 4 June 2022, along a county road west of DeSoto High School, Johnson County, by Scott and Janie Widman. Documented with photographs and video. **This is the first record of this species in Kansas and will be added to the KOS Check-list.**

**Limpkin (*Aramus guarana*)**, 2022-04, adult, 6 June 2022, at Marais des Cygnes Unit G, Linn County, by Logan Kahle and Kathy Carroll and many other observers. Documented with photographs. **Second state record.**

**Limpkin (*Aramus guarana*)**, 2022-13, adult, 22 June 2022, along the Neosho River near Emporia, Lyon County, by Connor Hauff. Documented with photographs. **Third State record.**

**Limpkin (*Aramus guarana*)**, 2022-14, adult, 24 June 2022, near the Jacobs Creek Crossing area of upper John Redmond Reservoir, Coffey County, by Bob Culbertson. Documented with photographs. **Fourth state record.**

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarauna*), 2022-11, adult, 3 July 2022, Pool 2 of Neosho Wildlife Area, Neosho County, by Chad Gardner, also seen by Andrew Burnett. Documented with photographs. **Fifth state record.**

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarauna*), 2022-19, adult, 14 August 2022, near the Blue Door Cabin airbnb near Chanute, Neosho County, reported by Bonnie Ashing and Clara Corn. Documented with photographs. **Sixth state record.**

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarauna*), 2022-20, adult, 22 August 2022, near the east end of the River Pond area below Tuttle Creek Dam, Pottawatomie and Riley Counties, by Dave Rintoul. Documented with photographs. **Seventh state record.**

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarauna*), 2022-21, adult, 10 September 2022, at Wilderness Park, Pittsburg, Crawford County, by Alex Marine, Mary Marine, and Andrew George. Documented with photographs (Fig. 3). **Eighth state record.**



**Figure 3.** Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*), observed on 10 September 2022, at Wilderness Park, Pittsburg, Crawford County. Photograph courtesy of Alex Marine.

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarauna*), 2022-31, adult, 25 September – 1 October 2022, at Shawnee Mission Park, Johnson County, by Rosanna Munoz. Documented with photographs. **Ninth state record.**

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarauna*), 2022-32, adult, 24 October – 15 November 2022, at Heritage Lake, Heritage Park, Olathe, Johnson County by George Chiu. Documented with photographs. **Tenth state record.**

**Short-billed Gull** (*Larus brachyrhynchus*), 2022-29, first cycle, 3 December 2022, at John Redmond Reservoir, Coffey County by Mark Land, also seen by Matt Gearheart, Malcolm Gold, Sherry Leonardo, Eric Dyck, and Eileen Land. Documented with photographs (Fig. 4). **Fifteenth state record.**



**Figure 4. Short-billed Gull (*Larus brachyrhynchus*), observed on 3 December 2022, at John Redmond Reservoir, Coffey County. Photograph courtesy of Mark Land.**

**Anhinga** (*Anhinga anhinga*), 2022-03, 2 adults, unknown sex, 13 May 2022, at an oxbow lake near Chetopa, Cherokee County, by Chad Gardner. Documented with photographs.

**Anhinga** (*Anhinga anhinga*), 2022-07, adult female, 14 June 2022, at a swampy area east of Every service lake southeast of Parsons, Labette County by Chad Gardner, also seen by Andrew Burnett. Documented with photographs (Fig. 5).



**Figure 5. Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*), observed on 14 June 2022, southeast of Parsons, Labette County. Photograph courtesy of Andrew Burnett.**

**White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)**, 2022-06, adult, 10 - 11 June 2022, in Maneuver Area O on Ft. Riley Military Reservation, Riley County, by Brian Monser, also seen by Jaye and Chuck Otte. Documented with photographs. **Eighth state record.**

**Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)**, 2022-17, adult, 28 August 2022, near US-36 highway in western Washington County, by Arthur Green.

**Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*)**, 2022-05, adult, 22 June 2022, south of Cassoday, Butler County, by Greg Swick, also seen by Martha Swick. Documented with photographs. **Third state record.**

**Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)**, 2022-34, adult, 11 December 2022, along a county road near Eudora, Douglas County, by Dan Broers. Documented with photographs and video. A very late record and far northeast in the state.

**Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*)**, 2022-23, unknown age, 11 September 2022, at Middle Spring, Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County, by Mark Nolen. Documented with photographs and video. **Twelfth state record.**

**Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*)**, 2022-27, adult, 29 October 2022, at a rural residence near Norton, Norton County, by Darrell Skrdlant. Documented with photographs.

**Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*)**, 2022-28, adult, 10 November 2022, at a rural residence near St. John, Stafford County, by Jacob Christiansen. Documented with photographs.

**Chihuahuan Raven** (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), 2022-16, 2 unknown age, 14 October 2021, on Road 2 near the Colorado State Line, Morton County, by Malcolm Gold, also seen by Kathy Carroll and Micky Louis. Documented with photographs.

**Chihuahuan Raven** (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), 2022-15, 4 unknown age, 23 December 2021, at Hamilton County State Fishing Lake, Hamilton County, by Henry Castro-Miller.

**Common Raven** (*Corvus corax*), 2022-22, 5 unknown age, 14 October 2021, on Road 2 near the Colorado State Line, Morton County, by Malcolm Gold, also seen by Kathy Carroll and Micky Louis. Documented with photographs.

**Sage Thrasher** (*Oreoscoptes montanus*), 2022-26, unknown age, 22 October 2022, at Northeast Sedgwick County Park, Sedgwick County, by Mark Nolen, also seen by participants on the Wichita Audubon Field Trip. Documented with photographs.

**Scott's Oriole** (*Icterus parisorum*), 2022-33, immature male, 5 December 2022 – April 8, 2023, at a residence in Overland Park, Johnson County, by Steven Case, also seen by many other observers. Documented with photographs (Fig. 6). **Third state record.**



**Figure 6. Immature male Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*), observed on 12 December 2022, at a residence in Overland Park, Johnson County. Photography courtesy of Malcolm Gold.**

**Connecticut Warbler** (*Oporonis agilis*), 2022-02, adult male, 11 May 2022, at Heritage Park, Olathe, Johnson County, by George Chiu. Documented with audio. **Fifteenth state record.**

**Connecticut Warbler** (*Oporonis agilis*), 2022-08, adult male, 21–22 May 2022, at Kaw River State Park, Topeka, Shawnee County, by Logan M. Smith, also heard by several other observers. Documented with audio. **Sixteenth state record.**

**Hepatic Tanager** (*Piranga flava*), 2022-30, adult female, 1 June 2022, Finnup Park/Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, Finney County, by Nick Tepper and Logan Kahle. Documented with photographs. **Third state record.**

## RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

**Arctic Tern** (*Sterna paradisaea*), 2022-01, adult, 30 May 2021, at Waconda Lake, Mitchell County. Insufficient details to separate this bird from similar *Sterna* species.

**Carolina Chickadee** (*Poecile carolinensis*), 2022-18, adult, 6 September 2022, alongside a rural road in Shawnee County. Insufficient details to separate this bird from Black-capped Chickadee.

Members of the KBRC voting on these records:

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Kevin Groeneweg  
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