

## REPORT OF THE TENNESSEE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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This report describes the actions taken by the Tennessee Bird Records Committee of the Tennessee Ornithological Society from the summer of 2000 to the summer of 2001. Committee members and alternates who served during this period were Kevin Calhoon (secretary), Paul Hertzfel, Audrey Hoff (alternate), Dick Preston, Chris Sloan, Rick Knight, and Mark Greene.

Acceptance criteria remained the same throughout the year. A species is placed on the confirmed list based upon either (a) extant, verified specimen, photograph, or sound recording, each accompanied by written details, or (b) satisfactory written documentation of three independent sight records, or satisfactory written documentation of three independent observers of the same bird. Without these levels of documentation a species is placed on the Provisional List based on one or two sight records with satisfactory written documentation. Acceptance to either list required unanimous or one dissenting vote of the committee.

This report contains eight records of four species accepted and four species which were not.

### RECORDS ACCEPTED

**Harlequin Duck** (*Histrionicus histrionicus*): Written documentation of a single bird seen from Chilhowee Lake in Blount County, on 10 February 2000 was accepted. This becomes the second Tennessee record, with this species already on the confirmed list.

**Yellow-billed Loon** (*Gavia adamsii*): Written documentation from two observers of a single bird on Watauga Lake, Carter County, on 30 November 1999 was accepted. This becomes the second Tennessee record, with this species already on the confirmed list.

**Variiegated Flycatcher** (*Emphidonomus varius*): Photographs and written documentation of a single bird near Reelfoot Lake, Obion County, on 13 May 1984 (Field Notes ) was accepted. This becomes the first Tennessee record and was added to the confirmed list.

**Ross's Goose** (*Chen rossii*): Written documentation of a single bird seen at Britton Ford WMA, Henry County, on 18 March 2000 was accepted. This species is already on the confirmed list.

### RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** (*Passer montanus*): Written documentation of a single bird seen in Shelby County, on 25 April 1998 was not accepted (3-3) because of insufficient details to determine specific species.

**Green Violet-ear** (*Colibri thalassinus*): Written documentation of a single bird seen in Oakland, Fayette County, on 10 October 1999 was not accepted (3-3) because of insufficient details to determine specific species.

**Yellow-billed Loon** (*Gavia adamsii*): Written documentation of a single bird seen on Watauga Lake, Carter County, on 19 April 2000 was rejected (0-6) because of insufficient details to determine specific species.

**Brown Pelican** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*): Written documentation of thirty-nine birds seen over Washout Lake, Lake county, on 23 November 1999 was rejected (0-6) because of insufficient details to determine specific species.

#### OBSERVERS

The following observers submitted documentation and/or photographs to the committee: Theresa Graham, Margaret Mann, Howard P. Langridge, Don Manning, Wintfred L. Smith, Michael Todd, and David F. Vogt. The committee wishes to thank everyone who took time to contribute documentation.