

## 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 fall of 1998 to the fall of 1999. Committee members and alternates who served during this period were Kevin Calhoon (secretary), Paul Hertzell, Dollyann Myers (alternate), Dick Preston, Chris Sloan, Rick Knight, and Linda Northrop, who resigned during the period and was replaced by Mark Greene. Rick Knight was chosen as the sixth full member to fill the new position created by the committee expansion, as directed by the amended resolution at the 1998 TOS spring meeting.

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 requires no more than one dissenting vote of the committee, as directed by the amended resolution at the 1998 TOS spring meeting. This report contains six records of four species accepted and two species which were not.

### RECORDS ACCEPTED

**Swainson's Hawk** (*Buteo swainsoni*): Written documentation of a single bird seen from the Soddy Mountain hawk watch site in Hamilton county, on 11 April 1998 (Hall 1998) was accepted. This becomes the second accepted written documentation by a single observer of Swainson's Hawk, and it will remain on the Provisional List.

**McCown's Longspur** (*Calcarius mccownii*): Written documentation from two observers of a single bird at Pace Point, Henry County, on 28 November 1998 was accepted. This becomes the first record for the state, and it will be placed on the Provisional List.

**Iceland Gull** (*Larus glaucooides*): Photographs and written documentation of a first winter bird at Kentucky Lake, Benton county, on 7 March 1998 (Cardiff 1998) was accepted. This becomes the second state record, with the species already on the confirmed list.

**Black-chinned Hummingbird** (*Archilochus alexandri*): Photographs and written documentation for a single adult female banded at Brentwood, Williamson County on 3 December 1998 (Stedman 1998) was accepted. This becomes the third state record, with the species already on the confirmed list.

## RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

**White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*): Written documentation of a single bird seen in Shelby County, on 25 April 1998 was not accepted (4-2) because of insufficient details to determine specific species.

**Northern Gannet** (*Morus bassanus*): Written documentation of a single bird seen on Woods Reservoir in Franklin County, on 20 December 1996 was not accepted (0-6) because of insufficient details to determine specific species.

## OBSERVERS

This is a list of observers who submitted documentation and/or photographs to the committee: Kevin A. Calhoon, Gilbert A. Foster, Mark A. Greene, William G. Haley, Gerry Papachristou, Chris A. Sloan, Dan N. Williams, and Jeff R. Wilson. The committee wishes to thank everyone who took time to contribute documentation.

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