

14, Downy Woodpecker 6, Hairy Woodpecker 2, Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 8, Pileated Woodpecker 3, Eastern Wood-Pewee 5, Great Crested Flycatcher 2, Horned Lark 2, Tree Swallow 8, Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1, Blue Jay 27, American Crow 54, Fish Crow 2, Carolina Chickadee 16, Tufted Titmouse 18, White-breasted Nuthatch 1, Brown-headed Nuthatch 13, Carolina Wren 42, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 4, Eastern Bluebird 18, Swainson's Thrush 10, Wood Thrush 1, American Robin 9, Gray Catbird 7, Northern Mockingbird 27, Brown Thrasher 7, Loggerhead Shrike 1, European Starling 37, White-eyed Vireo 9, Yellow-throated Vireo 2, Red-eyed Vireo 2, Northern Parula 3, Chestnut-sided Warbler 1, Magnolia Warbler 2, Pine Warbler 18, American Redstart 5, Common Yellowthroat 4, Hooded Warbler 3, Summer Tanager 4, Northern Cardinal 49, Rufous-sided Towhee 15, Common Grackle 7, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, House Finch 26, American Goldfinch 1, House Sparrow 7.

Total: 63 species; 742 individuals.

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Report of the North Carolina Bird Records Committee 1995

This report enumerates the decisions of the Carolina Bird Club's North Carolina Bird Records Committee during 1995.

Accepted as Valid. The reported identification is judged to be accurate and the bird is judged to be of wild origin. Photographs, tape recordings, and written descriptions of all accepted records have been deposited in the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*). One in winter plumage was photographed by Steve Dinsmore at Wrightsville Beach on 14 February 1995. This is the third accepted record of the species for North Carolina. The species is already on the Official List.

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Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*). An individual was found dead, and subsequently photographed, by Simon Thompson far

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taken by Robert Anderson, Ned Brinkley, and Roger McNeill. This is the third accepted record for the state. The species is already on the Official List, based on a photograph of a Wheatear taken at Avon in 1987.

Northern Shrike (Lanius excubitor). An immature was seen by Wayne Irvin and Ken Knapp along the north dike of North Pond at Pea Island on 29 December 1994. This is the fourth record for North Carolina, but the first in approximately 25 years. The species is already on the Official List.

Black-whiskered Vireo (Vireo altiloquus). One was observed in Beaufort on 6 May 1995 by Trip Dennis. This is the fourth accepted record for the state; the species is already on the Official List.

Black-throated Gray Warbler (Dendroica nigrescens). Trip Dennis found a female at the Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington on 31 January 1995, and it was seen by other birders in early February. The Committee accepted descriptions provided by Harry LeGrand and Dennis. This is the third accepted sight record for the state, and thus the species is elevated from the Provisional List to the Official List. A photograph or specimen would be helpful to further document the species.

Kirtland's Warbler (Dendroica kirtlandii). A female was seen by Charles (Will) Cook, Chris Eley, and three other birders along the Blue Ridge Parkway near Haywood Gap (Milepost 426.2) on 20 May 1995. The Committee accepted descriptions provided by Cook and Eley. This is the second accepted sight record for the state, keeping the species on the Provisional List.

Kirtland's Warbler. A bird believed to be an immature was found along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Wilkes County near Milepost 235 on 24 September by Will Cook. The bird was observed by five members of the N.C. Bird Records Committee, plus many other observers, on the following day. This is the third accepted sight record for the state of Kirtland's Warbler, and the species is hereby elevated from the Provisional List to the Official List. No tangible documentation, such as a photograph or specimen, is available for the state.

Unresolved. Further consideration by the Committee is needed.

Yellow-legged Gull (Larus cachinnans). Voting on a report of an adult, along with photographs, from the coast during late winter 1995 was tabled by the Committee because of the lack of experience of Committee members with the full species, its various subspecies, and hybrids of other species of gulls. There were a number of reports of "Yellow-legged Gulls" from the coast during early 1995, but only the above record was considered for voting in 1995. A more thorough literature review by Committee members, and perhaps outside review of the reports by European birders, are warranted before any decisions can be made on this species' status on

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