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Our first editorial to Colorado Field Ornithologists is a plea for field ornithology.

We think that our organization should live up to its name. Field ornithology has several aspects, only two of which the organization has succeeded in implementing. Due to Jack Reddall's persistent and dedicated efforts, Colorado has a Rare Birds Review committee second to none. (Our California member, Van Remsen, ranks it ahead of its California counterpart). Our field trips, largely encouraged by President Dave Griffiths, have been enjoyable, and abetted communication among our members.

We see the function of the CFO Journal as one of reporting, as on trends and ornithological events, field trips, notable observations, and augmenting the abbreviated summaries in American Birds; of assisting field identification techniques, field marks, and field activities; of providing status reports on various birds and groups of birds in Colorado; of promoting studies of bird associations and populations; of boosting field ornithology.

Field ornithology consists of lots more than merely seeing rare birds. For example--Louise Hering, for 20 years, has studied a ponderosa pine plot on Enchanted Mesa south of Boulder. She has published breeding bird and winter bird censuses of American birds--and walked her study area weekly perhaps 1000 times. By herself, she has made a huge contribution to Colorado field ornithology.

The Christmas Bird counts, when conducted year after year, provide a basis for statistical study of bird populations. They involve practically every active bird watcher in the state, and offers both fun and good quantitative data.

Similarly, many field trips buttress our knowledge. Field trips of the Denver Field Ornithologists, conducted monthly to the same place for substantial periods of time, give continuing information about the birds of a particular place or habitat. Examples would be Don Thatcher's Red Rocks treks, Nancy Hurley's Pawnee Grasslands forays, Sadie Morrison's Bear Creek trips, and the Barr Lake trips.

In the past 10 years, birders active in Pueblo, Durango, Grand Junction have developed substantial amounts of information about the distribution of birds in those unknown avian communities.

The DFO began, five years ago, an Annual Fall count--which we would encourage other groups to emulate. Denver sends out parties into half a dozen different territories, like a Christmas count but without the limitation of a fifteen mile circle. It does not use its Christmas count circle, but rather goes to the area northeast of the city which has Barr, Horse Creek, Prospect, and Banner Lakes, and the Mile High duck ponds. (In the fall, this area contains far more water-related migrants--ducks and shorebirds--than the Christmas count circle). Continuing efforts like this offer a reasonable statistical

base for study of migration trends.

Planners at Barr Lake State Park and Chatfield Recreation Area have used records of field trips, breeding bird studies and the like, in their plans for development. Census information has supported wildlife information in Environmental Impact Statements. These are bodies of usable data gathered through field ornithology.

The Letters to the Editor section in this issue has a letter from Mike Schultz, commenting on field reports; we agree with the criticism, if not with the specific solution. A list of species seen on a given day, with no more, offers nothing to ornithology. It probably denotes a pleasant day in the field, but not much more.

The gist of all this: Continuity breeds substance.

-Hugh Kingery-

A SUMMARY OF WARBLERS IN COLORADO - FALL 1974

by

Steve Larson

A very mild season contributed to one of the best migrations of warblers to hit the state in recent years. Status of several species considered rare and very rare will undoubtedly have to be reconsidered. A few species set new late records for the eastern plains in Colorado. This can again be attributed to the mild weather. Some birds even remained to be seen on Christmas counts and into January and February of 1975!

Major frontal activity for the period August 1st to November 30th came with cold fronts on 9-11, 9-19, 9-27, 10-11, 10-22, 11-2, and 11-15. Several weaker fronts came through between the major air masses. Precipitation and temperatures were near normal in most areas of the state.

About ten species can be considered regular nesters or migrants in Colorado. Of interest were the high number of Townsend's Warblers in September. A bird of this species was found on the Boulder Christmas Count 12-15. One Yellow-rumped Warbler lingered at Waterton until January 8, 1975 (MOS), and one to three stayed at Boulder at least to the end of February (m.ob.). An unusually-placed Black-throated Gray Warbler was one at Eldora 10-16 to 18.

Seven species categorized as "rare" in the 1965 Colorado checklist were observed. Black-and-white Warblers were seen at Colorado Springs

9-1 (EW), one at Crow Valley Park 10-3 (BW), and one at Prewitt Reservoir 10-27 (D.F.O. trip). This bird probably moves through in small numbers every fall. Tennessee Warblers put in a good appearance this season. Birds were seen at Waterton 8-24 (JC), three 9-15 in Summit County (D.F.O. trip), three birds 9-28 and two 9-29 at Colorado Springs (BM), and one 10-25 on the University of Colorado campus (SL, ND). This latter bird was a new late date for the Denver area. Nashville Warblers were seen throughout Eastern Colorado. Pueblo had birds 9-15, 21, and 22 (DG). At least three birds were present on the C.U. campus 9-12 to 10-31 (m.ob.). One was reported from Sawhill Ponds 9-21 (BB), two 9-22 at Waterton (JR), one 9-25 at Longmont (AC), one 9-25 at Aurora (MOS), one 9-28 at Ken Caryl Ranch (D.F.O. trip), one 9-29 at Fort Morgan (JR), two 10-12 at Longmont (AC), two 10-20 at Waterton (HK), and one 10-27 at Prewitt Reservoir (D.F.O. trip). A very late bird was reported from Boulder 11-30 (TV). Many of these sightings occur after the average October 11 departure date (Holt) and one later than the October 31 extreme departure date. These birds also seem to be regular migrants in Colorado. Magnolia Warblers were reported from many locations around the state. One bird was banded west of Longmont 9-19 (AC). One was seen at Dye Reservoir 9-21 (DG, SL), one 9-28 C.U. campus (m.ob.), one 10-18 in Lakewood (JC), one 10-20 to 23 C.U. campus (m.ob.), one 10-27 at Prewitt Reservoir (D.F.O. trip), and three in the Clear Creek Green Belt 11-2 (PR). Chestnut-sided Warblers were seen at Waterton 9-22 (BA), 9-24 at Aurora (MOS), at

Lakewood 9-29 (JC), and a new late date of 10-9 at Boulder (AM). Blackpoll Warblers were found at Kossler Lake in the foothills west of Boulder, 8-30 (GW, OC) and Aurora 9-30 and 10-19 (MOS). Palm Warblers were at Longmont 9-17 (banded) and two seen 10-23 (AC). One was at Dye Reservoir 9-21 (DG, SL), one southeast of Denver 10-4, and one at Barr Lake 10-19 (BA). A late bird was seen at Boulder 11-6 (KN).

Many of the warblers considered very rare in Colorado put in good appearances this past fall. A Golden-winged Warbler 9-28 on the C.U. campus at Boulder was only the second fall record for this species (SL, ND, BB, CC). A Cape May Warbler seen at Waterton 11-20 (MOS) and 11-23 (UK, HK), was a first fall record for the state. Black-throated Blue Warblers put on a spectacular show with birds at Horse Creek Reservoir 9-14 (Fall count), Sawhill Ponds 9-21 (BB), Pueblo 9-22 (DG), two on 9-22 at Colorado Springs (BM), one 9-28 on C.U. campus (SL, BB, ND, CC), one 10-6 at Jackson Reservoir (BA), one at Colorado Springs 10-13 (BM), one at Barr Lake 10-19 (BA), and one on the C.U. campus 10-20 to 23 (m.ob). A female was banded 10-23 (AC). Single birds were also seen at Prewitt Reservoir 10-27 (D.F.O. trip), along Boulder Creek 11-10 to 12 (m.ob.), and in Aurora 11-22 and 24 (MOS). All in all a pretty good show for a "very rare" species! Cheyenne, Wyoming also got in on this irruption with a male 10-2 to 3. Black-throated Green Warblers were almost as "common" as the Black-throated Blues! The first was a bird at Pueblo 9-7 (VT). This species seemed to peak, if a bird of "very rare" status can have a peak, on October 25 with

six at Boulder (BW, ND, SL) and four at Pueblo on the same date (DS). The last was seen at Waterton 11-2 (D.F.O. trip). Two Blackburnian Warblers were seen on the C.U. campus 10-20 (SL) and 10-29 (BB). These birds constituted the second and third fall records for Colorado. Bay-breasted Warblers set late records in Colorado this fall. Birds were seen in Lakewood 9-28 to 29 (JC), Evergreen 10-6 (WB), Prewitt Reservoir 10-27 (D.F.O. trip), Boulder 11-2 (SL, JR, BW, BA), and again in Boulder 11-9 to 12 (m.ob.). The latter bird set a new late record for the state.

The best warbler of the season was a Painted Redstart discovered along the Big Thompson River west of Loveland 10-16 (LM). It stayed until 10-22 and was seen by many observers. Photographs were taken by several to help document the fifth record of this species in Colorado.

Documentation for all exceptional species mentioned is on file with Jack Reddall, chairman of the Colorado Field Ornithologists Records Committee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I enjoyed reading the Pueblo, Pawnee, and Durango field trip reports in the September-December 1974 Colorado Field Ornithologist. However, I was a bit dismayed by the conflict in reporting styles. The report from the Pawnee Grasslands was full of good information and left an accurate picture of what the bird life of that area was in July 1974. All birds, both common and rare, were counted and comments were provided as needed. On the other hand, the Pueblo and Durango reports were merely lists of species, which were fun for me to read, sitting so far from my favorite Colorado birding haunts, but they contained little or no ornithological value.

I would like to make some suggestions on how more complete reports can easily be accomplished. In the case of the Pawnee report mentioned above, one party made a trip through a relatively homogeneous habitat. A simple outline of the route was sufficient to lend meaning to the report. But how can a massive invasion of bird watchers through an area of varied habitat be simply and completely reported? First of all, every group should have one person responsible for writing down all birds seen. In the case of abundant species, estimates of numbers should be agreed upon periodically throughout the day by the more experienced observers in the party. When the reports of the various parties' lists are compiled, the introductory remarks should describe all habitats covered and assign a letter to each. An example for a report on the Colorado Springs area might read:

Localities covered:

- A. Plains to the east, including Johnson Reservoir and small lakes.
- B. Monument and Fountain Creek bottoms (deciduous).
- C. Pinyon-Juniper foot hills.
- D. Transition Zone on Pikes Peak.

Then following each species on the list there would be a letter indicating the area where the bird was seen, followed by the number of individuals. An example on our hypothetical Colorado Springs trip might read:

Scrub Jay C-5
Mountain Chickadee C-3, D-10
Worm-eating Warbler B-1 (seen by 5 observers in Monument Park, all field marks).

This tells the reader that there were five Scrub Jays seen in the Pinyon-Juniper, three Mountain Chickadees in the Pinyon-Juniper, and

ten in the transition, and that five people had a good look at a rare warbler in Monument Valley Park.

I think the value of such consistent detailed reports is obvious. Could you imagine what the volumes of American Birds would be like if they contained only lists of species and not how many and where they were seen? Let us keep organization in the Colorado Field Ornithologists, not the Colorado Bird Listers.

-Michael P. Schultz-

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Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed Allegra Collister's article on "Birds and Bats in Mexico" in the September-December issue. It was a well-written review of an outstanding birding trip.

I'd like to call to the attention of CFO members the classes on "Birds of San Blas, Mexico" sponsored by the Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory of California. I attended one of these classes in November, 1974 and can recommend them highly. San Blas is on the Pacific Coast about 200 miles south of Mazatlan and offers a variety of habitats within 15 minutes drive - jungle, thorn forest, mangrove swamps, grassland, rivers, beach, and ocean.

Each class included 7 days of intensive birding (7 to 8 hours each day) under the leadership of well-prepared naturalists. Our group of 12 people collectively saw a total of 225 species. I saw about 180 species, of which half were life birds, so it was an exciting week for me.

Participants stay in local, inexpensive hotels. Breakfast and lunch are included in the fee charged by PRBO; hotel room, dinner, and transportation from the States to Mazatlan are in addition.

For further information, CFO members can write to the Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory, Box 442, Bolinas, California 94924 or give me a call at 449-6227 (evenings) - I'd enjoy telling more about the classes.

-Libby Goodwin-

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Editor:

Please refer to my letter of December 18, 1973 relating to a bird count in the Yuma, Colorado area, made on December 13, 1973.

The count was repeated this year on December 12, 1974. The party consisted of Mr. Charles A. Green and myself. We observed the following birds:

- 2 Ferruginous Hawks
- 7 Roughleg Hawks
- 3 Marsh Hawks
- 5 Prairie Falcons
- 9 Pheasants
- 38 Meadow Larks
- 810 Horned Larks
- 25 House Sparrows
- 10 Tree Sparrows

We were in the area 7½ hours and traversed 93 miles. The day was mild, partly cloudy and windy. The area was free of snow and very dry. The Golden Eagle was not seen during the count but Mr. Green hunted previously in the area and believes that there are at least three of them around. A local resident has also seen them. The impressions gained by Mr. Green during several hunting trips in the area this year are that pheasant numbers are definitely down. Meadowlark numbers are up and that prairie falcon numbers are strongly up.

-Robert E. Glover-

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COLORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS -- 1974

Colorado birders put out more effort than ever before in their Christmas counts. The lingering fall reflected in the record totals, and some of the less hardy appearances. There follows a summary of highlights of the counts, unfortunately incomplete because of insufficient information furnished to C.F.O. or D.F.O. Full reports will appear in April, 1975 American Birds.

PLAINS COUNTS

Nunn: Dec. 26: 46 party-hours; 21 species, 8339 individuals. 50 Falconiformes, including 16 Golden Eagles; 7771 Horned Larks; 9 Gray-crowned Rosy Finches.

Weldona: Dec. 23; 8 party-hours; 32 species, 2950 individuals. 150 American Robins, 45 Cedar Waxwings.

Bonny Reservoir: Dec. 28; 38 party-hours; 56 species, 25,814 individuals. 38 Falconiformes, including 4 Prairie Falcons; 3 Red-bellied Woodpeckers; 9 Long-billed Marsh Wrens.

PIEDMONT CITIES

Fort Collins: Dec. 14; 97 party-hours; 84 species, 26,795 individuals. 3 Goshawks; 200 Com. Flickers; 45 Red-breasted Nuthatches; 50 Pygmy Nuthatches; 1 Mockingbird.

Longmont: Dec. 14; 107 party-hours; 84 species, ___ individuals. 55 Am. Kestrels.

Boulder: Dec. 15; 284 party-hours; 108 species, 35,872 individuals. 103 Falconiformes, including 21 Red-tails, 11 Prairie Falcons, and 25 Am. Kestrels; 1 Red-shouldered Hawk; 1001 Mountain Chickadees; 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler; 1 Townsend's Warbler; 2 W. Bluebirds; 71 Brown Creepers. (Count includes House Wren observation, rejected by C.F.O. Records Committee).

Denver: Dec. 14; 216 party-hours; 107 species, 20,575 individuals. 1 Blue-winged Teal; 19 Virginia Rails; 4 Soras; 2 W. Bluebirds; 1050 Black-billed Magpies. (Count includes Mute Swan, rejected by C.F.O. Records Committee as a wild species in Colorado).

Colorado Springs: Dec. ___; 106 party-hours; 82 species, ___ individuals. 2 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers; 3 Yellow-rumped Warblers; 1 Com. Redpoll.

Pueblo: Dec. 21; 133 party-hours; 68 species, 15,125 individuals. 70 Falconiformes; 1 Virginia Rail; 5 Loggerhead Shrikes; 1 Swamp Sparrow.

MOUNTAIN AREAS

Rocky Mt. Nat'l Park: Dec. 21; 90 party-hours; 41 species, 1583 individuals.
2 Mourning Doves; 1 Blue Jay; 44 Dippers; 5 White-winged Crossbills.

Evergreen: Dec. 28; 106 party-hours; 49 species, 4848 individuals.
786 Mountain Chickadees; 1 Loggerhead Shrike; 296 Red Crossbills; 1 Fox Sparrow.

Pikes Peak: Dec. 31; 83 party-hours; 46 species, 3666 individuals.
3 Goshawks; 82 Pine Grosbeaks.

Black Forest: Dec. 22; 18 party-hours; 47 species, _____ individuals.
1 Red-bellied Woodpecker; 2 Com. Bush-tits; 1 Brewer's Blackbird.

LaVeta: Dec. 15; 32 party-hours; 32 species, 782 individuals.
1 Mockingbird; 1 Rusty Blackbird.

Lake Isabel: Dec. 28; 24 party-hours; 40 species, 1171 individuals.
8 Lewis' Woodpecker; 1 Fox Sparrow.

Gunnison: Dec. ____; 30 party-hours; 36 species, _____ individuals.
2 Shorteared Owls; 1 Long-eared Owl; 41 Dippers.

WESTERN SLOPE

Hotchkiss: Dec. ____; 9 party-hours; 63 species, _____ individuals.
17 Long-eared Owls (roosting in one tree); 1 Say's Phoebe; 1 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

Grand Junction: Dec. 15; 70 party-hours; 70 species, 20,883 individuals
2 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers; 16 Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Durango: Dec. 28; 36 party-hours; 51 species, 3014 individuals.
40 Falconiformes, including 5 Golden and 9 Bald Eagles.

Monte Vista: no data.

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY

Dr. Robert J. Niedrach

Colorado Ornithology lost a valuable contributor when Dr. Robert Niedrach, a staff member of the Denver Museum for nearly 60 years, died of heart failure in the Museum parking lot July 17, 1974.

Bob, was born November 9, 1889 in Hudson County, New Jersey, and spent many of his boyhood days in the Hackensack meadows of New Jersey, studying the water birds of the area. He was acquainted with many of the naturalists of nearby museums and soon became skilled in taxidermy, mounting specimens given him by sportsmen.

Having a desire to travel, he came to Denver in 1910 and became associated with staff members of the Colorado Museum of Natural History and in 1912 joined the staff as assistant to Frederick C. Lincoln, Curator of Birds. He served in the army during World War I and returned to the Museum where for more than half a century he served his community. At the time of his retirement in 1970, he was the Museum's Assistant Director.

Through the years Niedrach became one of the finest field naturalists of the country, his all-around knowledge of the plant and animal life of Colorado prairies and mountains exceeding that of any other naturalist- through actual study in the field. In recognition of his exceptional gifts and achievements he was conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Colorado.

Fortunately Bob had an understanding wife, the former Alice Nicholas Davies, whom he married March 26, 1918, and who patiently cooperated in his desire to do extensive field work. Through the years he spent all his spare time investigating the life history of various species of animals, being particularly interested in birds. He was able to identify Colorado birds by their calls and was especially adept at finding nests. Often he took Boy Scouts and interested adults with him, giving them an opportunity to become acquainted with some of the wonders of our own state.

Through his knowledge of the ecology of terrain from prairies to mountain tops, he was responsible for the foregrounds of fine habitat groups in the Museum-now called the Denver Museum of Natural History in recognition of the fact that the institution so beautifully located in City Park is financed by the City and County of Denver.

The unique Walter C. Mead Ecological Hall with all backgrounds painted by the late Waldo Love and all foregrounds Niedrach's responsibility is probably the highlight of his display endeavors. Through constant field work he was thoroughly acquainted with the plant life of all the Life Zones of Colorado and hence the accuracy of his installations.

His work took him to neighboring states, and being such an able field man it is natural that through the years he traveled and collected specimens in many interesting areas of the United States and in foreign

fields. He collected and supervised the installation of the beautiful cloud forest group from Guatemala, the bird group from Isabela Island off Baja California; he collected in the Hawaiians, on Midway Island in the North Pacific, and on equatorial Canton Island south of Honolulu; he preserved the plant life and supervised the installations of the Tree Fern Forest display, the tropical Queensland and Red Centre groups of Australia.

It was my privilege to be associated with Bob Niedrach since 1922, a period of 52 years, during which time I was the beneficiary of his extensive knowledge and his willingness to share his experiences with others. He had a most remarkable memory and could recall names of people and details of incidents regarding our field work together through the years. He was co-author of many natural history publications, the most extensive being our two-volume Birds of Colorado (1965, 1175 pp., illustrated with 124 plates by 23 artists, depicting in full color 420 of the 439 species of birds recorded from Colorado and many photographs made in the field by the authors and others).

The Trustees of the Museum have placed a plaque in the Walter D. Mead Hall which reads:

"The beautiful foregrounds in this ecological hall as well as many other natural history exhibits in this Museum were prepared and installed under the supervision of

Dr. Robert J. Niedrach

He came to the Museum as a young man in 1913 and retired in 1970. During this time he established himself as one of the leading ecologists and ornithologists of the twentieth century.
The Board of Trustees

May, 1971"

-A.M.B.-

GENERAL NOTES

C.F.O. Field Trip, February 22, 1975

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February 22, 1975, the C.F.O. Cripple Creek field trip went from Colorado Springs to the home of Nona Stodart, who feeds the Rosy Finches. We saw a huge flock of about 400 Rosy Finches flying around high over her house before coming down to feed. They usually all try to settle in one tall spruce tree beside the house and then gradually come down in small groups until the ground below the tree, as well as a couple of feeders and boxes beside the tree, are covered with birds.

We were able to get quite close to take pictures and also to observe them more closely through a window from inside the house. They were 2:1 Gray-crowned to Brown-capped, with about 20 of the Black variety. The latter are especially striking in appearance with their charcoal black contrasted with the Rosy-pink of the scapulars and rump. We also saw three of four of the sub-species Hepburn.

On other occasions when I have seen the Rosy Finches there, the Gray-crowned predominated to a greater degree over the Brown-capped.

Her house is the highest one on that particular slope. When asked where the birds roost for the night, she waved her arm toward the opposite much higher slope to the north which is covered with abandoned mines, mine shafts, and prospect holes and said, "They come in from over there very early in the morning, at daybreak, fly quite high over the house before they come down." They also return to roost for the night at an early hour in the afternoon. They arrive in the Goldfield area the latter part of November and leave for their nesting areas the latter part of April.

-Helen B. Thurlow-

MISSISSIPPI KITE - Denver

John and Joyce Cooper report seeing a Mississippi Kite August 31, 1974 along Bear Creek near Kipling Street. The Kite was first seen about 8:00 a.m. in flight above the creek about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to our west. Through 10x50 binoculars, the bird appeared slender-winged, nondescript gray with streaked underparts and conspicuous white head. It was distinctly, but not much, larger than a Sparrow Hawk which dive-bombed it a few times. We watched the kite off and on for more than an hour, during which time it flew closer to us and occupied for different perches, on each of which it was bedeviled by magpies. (The magpies were considerably longer but slightly smaller-bodied than the kite).

One of the perches was on a dead limb only 40 or 50 yards away in bright sunshine coming about 90 degrees from our line of sight. Details observed on this perch with our 25x60 telescope include: Head white with short black line through eye, faint gray ear patch, and dark speckles on crown. Bill blue-gray, hooked, probably smaller in proportion to size of bird than in most hawks. Eyes (iris) brown. Back and closed wings dark gray mottled with white. Tail black, without bars, almost square-tipped, evidently recently molted as feathers of unequal length. Breast and belly white with brown (not gray) streaks.

The size and field marks indicate to us that the bird is an immature Mississippi Kite passing into mature plumage (tail most evident transitional feature). Our only previous experience with this species is a mature bird well seen several years ago in New Mexico. The Bear Creek sighting, the first reported in the Denver area, together with other recent sightings in Colorado support the view that the species is increasing and expanding its range in the United States.

-John Cooper-

LITTLE GULL - First Colorado Record

On November 2, 1974, Jack Redall and I identified an adult Little Gull (Larus minutus) at Union Reservoir, east of Longmont, Colorado. This bird was subsequently seen by many Colorado birders until November 11, 1975. This ten-day stopover also corresponded to the duration of stay by the accompanying Bonaparte's Gulls (Larus philadelphus) which numbered 45-50 birds that day but peaked later at approximately 100 birds by November 7. The disappearance of the Little Gull corresponded with the departure of Bonaparte's Gulls (only two still present on November 12).

The following description (mine) taken from direct observation was submitted to the C.F.O. Official Records Committee who accepted the bird as the first state record.

- Size: A very small gull. When resting on shore, it was fully 2-2½ inches smaller than a Bonaparte's Gull two feet away.
- Wings: When flying, as seen from below, blackish primaries and secondaries. Underwing coverts lighter, seen as grayish-black. From above, wings uniformly pearly gray, with no black tips in primaries. Thin white border on trailing edge.
- Head: Blackish ear patch suffused into dark of winter hood. Crown, nape and neck sooty gray (strongest between crown and nape). White forehead.
- Tail: Entirely white, slightly rounded.
- Bill: Blackish.
- Feet: Reddish-orange.
- Behavior: Gull observed foraging buoyantly over the water. It occasionally would alight on the water, whereupon it consistently held up its wings, (tips pointing upward) fully displaying its dark underwings.

A more detailed look into the occurrences by this species in the west is in preparation for publication in Western Birds. The following is a brief summary which explains why Colorado in particular as well as other western states might expect to see further occurrences of this species.

Within its home range in the eastern hemisphere, the fall migratory pattern brings the species westward across Europe, then southward upon reaching coastal Europe. This distance and direction is comparable to that of a similar overland flight across North America from the Great Lakes area to the Pacific Ocean.

Since 1962, Little Gull has been a breeding species (albeit intermittently) nesting generally in the Great Lakes area. There are now numerous sight records from areas west of the Great Lakes including, among others, British Columbia (2); Washington (3-4); California (4); and, directly north of Colorado, Saskatchewan (3).

The numerous Pacific coastal records point out the established "barrier effect" of the ocean on concentrating east to west migrants coastally. Eastern Colorado has a similar "barrier effect" in the form of the Rocky Mountains.

I predict that if this species continues to colonize eastern North America, then eastern Colorado (like the Pacific Coast regions) might expect to see further occurrences of this increasingly less rare western fall migrant among fall migrating Bonaparte's Gulls.

-Bruce Webb-

REPORTS FROM CFO OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
By Jack Reddall, Chairman

REPORTS OF THREE SPECIES NEW TO THE STATE

LITTLE GULL - - - - Larus minutus

The CFO Official Records Committee has completed its review of the written documentation and color photographic evidence to support the report of a Little Gull at Union Reservoir, Weld County, from November 2, 1974 through at least November 10, 1974. Based upon the documentation submitted, the Committee ruled to accept this report and approved the addition of the Little Gull to the Official State List of the Birds of Colorado. This bird was first observed and identified on November 2, 1974 by Bruce Webb of Boulder and Jack Reddall of Englewood. It was subsequently seen by many other Colorado observers. Written documentation was supplied by Bruce Webb, Jack Reddall, Robert Andrews, Jeanne Conry, Marca DeWoskin, Harold Holt and Steve Larson. Harold Holt was able to obtain three recognizable color photographs which clearly show the basic field marks. All documentation and photographs are on file with the Official Records Committee.

The bird was first located about noon by Jack Reddall while he was scanning a rather large flock of Bonaparte's Gulls which were circling over Union Reservoir about one-half mile or so from shore. The small size, tern-like flight and prominent blackish underwings immediately caught his attention. At first, Reddall suspected a Black-headed Gull (Larus ridibundus). He called Bruce Webb's attention to the bird and Webb promptly pronounced it as a Little Gull. Others in the party (Robert Andrews, Jeanne Conry and Steve Larson) were soon able to locate it as the bird continued to circle over the reservoir.

Webb has quoted his field notes in the preceding note.

Reddall submitted the following details:

"Flight was swift, quick wing-beats which were noticeably tern-like. It wheeled and turned never rising more than 100 feet or so above the surface of the water. Occasionally after wheeling in flight, it

would hover several feet above the water much as terns do."

"Extremely small sized gull, possibly 10 or 11 inches. Noticeably smaller than nearby Bonaparte's Gulls, particularly noted when at rest. Bill small, pointed, black. Forehead, chin and throat, white. Top of head dark, (grayish-brown) and along hindneck. Prominent ear-patch."

"Rest of underparts were white. Tail, all white, rounded. Upperwings (which were slightly round at tips) were light gray with an obvious white trailing edge. There was no black in the wing-tips. Underwings were very dark, black in the primaries and secondaries and very dark gray in linings. The black underwings were very conspicuous when bird was in flight."

All similarly appearing species were satisfactorily eliminated.

(Editor's Note--The Fall of 1974 saw Little Gullsspread our from their customary haunts along the East Coast and the Great Lakes. According to the February 1975 issue of American Birds, Little Gulls were sighted at East locations of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia; Little Creek refuge, Delaware; Long Island; and at the Great Lakes ports of Rochester and Niagara Falls, N.Y.: Cleveland, St. Joseph, Michigan, and Milwaukee. Single out of range birds occurred in Coffee County, Kansas on November 3-4; at Whidbey Island, Washington, September 2; and at Victoria, British Columbia October 31 and November 7; and at Everett, Washington, October 5, and November 7, with two birds there November 8.).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE - - - - Icterus parisorum

Written documentation has been received by the CFO Official Records Committee covering the occurrence of a possible pair of Scott's Orioles in the vicinity of McCoy (along Rock Creek about one mile north of the Colorado River near the Eagle County line) on May 12, 1973. Following a thorough review of this report, the Records Committee ruled not to accept this record as the first occurrence in Colorado for the Scott's Oriole.

Chairman's comments: The Records Committee deliberated long and hard over whether or not to accept this report. Some members were inclined to vote favorably on acceptance. Other members felt that the report lacked sufficient details covering key field marks and voted to disallow it. Following two rounds of review and consideration, the report was ultimately voted down due to:

- 1) The very brief viewing time and a partially obstructed view of the birds.
 - 2) The lack of sufficient details describing field marks.
- This is a species which eventually will safely be recorded in our state, most probably from the Western Slope. All Colorado field observers are urged to be aware of this possibility when birding in the western counties.

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ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD - - - Selasphorus sasin

The CFO Official Records Committee has reviewed written reports and photographic evidence to support the occurrence of an Allen's Hummingbird at Gunnison, Gunnison County, from August through mid-September 1974. The Records Committee felt that the documentation submitted did not clearly establish the presence of this difficult-to-identify hummingbird in the Gunnison area and ruled that it should not be accepted as a first record for Colorado.

Chairman's comments: Although the observers were able to procure a fairly good color photograph of the Gunnison bird, the Records Committee ruled that it did not provide conclusive evidence necessary to establish this as a "first" for our state. The photograph clearly depicted a solid green back, but due to the angle from which the picture was taken, no definitive marks surrounding the tail could be safely discerned. Hopefully, additional pictures and descriptions can be obtained this coming summer if the bird returns to Gunnison. The difficulties in identifying Allen's Hummingbirds are described in the Colorado Field Ornithologist, No. 15, Page 11.

1974 REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS OF RARE AND UNUSUAL RECORDS CONDUCTED BY THE

CFO OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

Prepared by Jack Reddall, Chairman

During the second full year of operations, the Colorado Field Ornithologists - Official Records Committee reviewed or attempted to review a total of 190 individual reports of rare and unusual species from Colorado. Of these, the Records Committee ruled to accept 143 as valid records. An additional 18 were rejected due mostly to the observer's inability to provide adequate and accurate details. In two instances the observers notified the Chairman that they were unable to provide adequate details. In 27 other cases, the observers did not respond to inquiries from the Chairman. One additional report is included in this year's summary of accepted records. This was a holdover from 1973 (Sharp-tailed Sparrow - File No. 56-73-146).

A complete list of all reports accepted by the Committee follows depicting the number of birds observed, photographed or collected, the location, the date or dates of the record along with the observers' names who submitted documentation. No attempt was made to list all of the observers involved with each record. A second list is also included showing those reports which the Committee found reason to reject. This list is identical to the first with one exception - the observers who submitted the report are not identified.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to those Colorado field observers as well as others from outside our state for their interest and cooperation in making this year an extremely interesting and successful one for the Colorado Field Ornithologists. The high number of responses for documented reports speaks for itself. In the two and one-half years since its creation, the Records Committee has reviewed 323 reports, accepting 277 and rejecting 46. All reports, whether accepted or rejected, are on file with the Chairman.

RARE AND UNUSUAL RECORDS REVIEWED BY THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED RECORDS IN 1974COMMON LOON - *Gavia immer*

1, in non-breeding plumage, Dye Reservoir near Rocky Ford, Otero County, 7-14-1974, (JR). File No. 1-74-72

ARCTIC LOON - *Gavia arctica*

1, in non-breeding plumage, Prospect Reservoir, Weld County, 6-2-1974, (JR). File No. 1-74-49

1, in non-breeding plumage, Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County, 10-27-1974, (JR), (RA). File No. 1-74-140

1, in non-breeding plumage, Union Reservoir, Weld County, 11-3-1974 through 12-1-1974, (RA), (PJ), (SL). File No. 1-74-155

1, in changing plumage, C.F.&I. Lakes near Pueblo, Pueblo County, 11-16-1974, (VT). File No. 1-74-164

1, in non-breeding plumage, Boyd Lake, Larimer County, 11-17-1974, (JR). File No. 1-74-159

1, in non-breeding plumage, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, 12-5-1974 through 12-8-1974, (JR). File No. 1-74-175

RED-NECKED GREBE - *Podiceps grisegena*

1, in non-breeding plumage, San Luis Lakes, Alamosa County, 9-2-1974, (DWH). File No. 2-74-131

2, in non-breeding plumage, Prince Lake (east of Boulder), Boulder County, 10-29-1974 and 10-30-1974, (SL). File No. 2-74-147

LITTLE BLUE HERON - *Florida caerulea*

1 adult, Fruita, Mesa County, 4-27-1974, (DG). Color photographs obtained (DG). File No. 5-74-38

1 adult, Upper Sinton Pond near Colorado Springs, El Paso County, 5-12-1974, (BS). File No. 5-74-46

1 adult, Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, Rio Grande County, 5-26-1974, (JRW). File No. 5-74-53

1 immature, Prospect Reservoir, Weld County, 9-2-1974, (JRo). File No. 5-74-97

CATTLE EGRET - *Bubulcus ibis*

1 adult, Mile High Duck Club, Adams County, 5-5-1974, (JR). File No. 5-74-91

CATTLE EGRET (continued)

1 adult, Dye Reservoir near Rocky Ford, Otero County, 6-15-1974, (SO). File No. 5-74-91

1 adult, Latham Reservoir, Weld County, 9-4-1974, (BF). File No. 5-74-98

6 adults, Latham Reservoir, Weld County, 10-4-1974 and 10-5-1974, (MS). File No. 5-74-117

LEAST BITTERN - Ixobrychus exilis

1 adult, along Cache La Poudre River about seven miles northwest of Fort Collins, Larimer County, 5-18-1974, (PG). File No. 5-74-77

1 adult, near Fruita, Mesa County, 9-15-1974, (EM). File No. 5-74-185

ROSS' GOOSE - Chen rossii

1 adult, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, 4-16-1974, (JR). File No. 8-74-31

1 adult, Highline Lake, Loma, Mesa County, 11-5-1974 staying for about two weeks, (DG). Color photographs obtained (DG). File No. 8-74-188

1 adult, C.F.&I. Lakes near Pueblo, Pueblo County, 11-16-1974, (VT). File No. 8-74-163

OLDSQUAW - Clangula hyemalis

1 pair, Union Reservoir, Weld County, 11-24-1974, (HR). Female collected (HR). File No. 8-74-19

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - Melanitta deglandi

1 probable immature, Baseline Reservoir, Boulder, Boulder County, 10-25-1974 and 11-2-1974, (JR). File No. 8-74-138

SURF SCOTER - Melanitta perspicillata

1 pair, in breeding plumage, Henry's Lake, Jefferson County, 6-26-1974, (HG). Black and white photographs obtained (HG). File No. 8-74-90

1 probable immature, Cheraw Lake, Cheraw, Otero County, 10-6-1974, (JR). File No. 8-74-135

10 probable immatures, Baseline Reservoir, Boulder, Boulder County, 10-24-1974 through at least 11-17-1974, (JR). File No. 8-74-136

1 female, Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County, 10-27-1974, (RA), (JR). File No. 8-74-137

TURKEY VULTURE - Cathartes aura

1, Watson Lake near Fort Collins, Larimer County, 1-13-1974, (DB). File No. 9-74-4

1, about three miles east of Boulder, Boulder County, 2-16-1974, (PG). File No. 9-74-26

MISSISSIPPI KITE - *Ictinia mississippiensis*

1 adult, along Arkansas River near La Junta, Otero County, C. 1970, (BC). Color photographs obtained (BC). File No. 10-74-87

1 adult, over downtown Fort Morgan, Morgan County, 6-24-1974, (RR). File No. 10-74-89

1 immature, along Bear Creek (at Kipling Street bridge), Lakewood, Jefferson County, 8-31-1974, (JRC). File No. 10-74-96

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK - *Buteo lineatus*

1 immature, along Boulder Creek, Boulder, Boulder County, 11-2-1974 through at least mid March 1975, (SL), (BW). File No. 10-74-180

COMMON GALLINULE - *Gallinula chloropus*

1, Muir Springs Park, Fort Morgan, Morgan County, 6-6-1965, (SB), (AC). File No. 17-74-24

PIPING PLOVER - *Charadrius melodus*

1, Dye Reservoir near Rocky Ford, Otero County, 9-21-1974, (SL). File No. 18-74-154

1, Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County, 9-29-1974, (RA), (JR). File No. 18-74-113

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER - *Pluvialis dominica*

1 adult, in breeding plumage, west of Cope, Washington County, 5-12-1974, (SL), (RAS). File No. 18-74-57

AMERICAN WOODCOCK - *Philohela minor*

1 adult, along Cache La Poudre River about seven miles northwest of Fort Collins, Larimer County, 7-5-1974, (PG). File No. 19-74-78

KNOT - *Calidris canutus*

1 adult, in breeding plumage, Newell Lake about three miles east of Berthoud, Larimer County, 5-18-1974, (DWH). File No. 19-74-58

1, in fall plumage, Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County, 9-29-1974, (RA), (JR). File No. 19-74-114

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER - *Limnodromus griseus*

1 adult, post breeding plumage, Timber Lake near Cheraw, Crowley County, 7-14-1974, (DAG), (JR). File No. 19-74-74

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER - *Tryngites subruficollis*

2 adults, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, 9-6-1974, (RA). File No. 19-74-71

HUDSONIAN GODWIT - *Limosa haemastica*

1 adult, in breeding plumage, C.F.&I Lakes near Pueblo, Pueblo County, 5-25-1974 and 5-26-1974, (DAG). File No. 19-74-48

LAUGHING GULL - *Larus atricilla*

1 adult, in breeding plumage, about one and one-half miles south of Gill, Weld County, 5-19-1974, (ND), (SL). File No. 23-74-59

2 adults, in breeding plumage, Lake Henry, Crowley County, 5-27-1974, (DAG), (JR). File No. 23-74-43

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE - *Rissa tridactyla*

3 adults, in winter plumage, Coleman Reservoir, Larimer County, 10-29-1974 and 10-30-1974, (CCu), (AM). File No. 23-74-144

COMMON TERN - *Sterna hirundo*

2 immatures, Ramah Reservoir, El Paso County, 9-10-1971, (DAB). Black and white photographs obtained (DAB). File No. 23-74-184

LEAST TERN - *Sterna albifrons*

1, Dye Reservoir near Rocky Ford, Otero County, 6-27-1974 through 7-28-1974, (DAG), (SO), (JR). Color photograph obtained (SO). File No. 23-74-73

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*

1 adult, Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County, 6-1-1974, (VT). Color photograph obtained (VT). File No. 26-74-116

SNOWY OWL - *Nyctea scandiaca*

1 adult, near Littleton in Jefferson County, 12-29-1973, (CS). File No. 28-74-3

1 adult, southwest of Denver in Jefferson County, 1-6-1974, (BD). File No. 28-74-1

1 adult, near Virginia Dale, Larimer County, 11-8-1974, (WCS). Color photographs obtained (WCS). File No. 28-74-176

BOREAL OWL - *Aegolius funereus*

1 adult (probable female), found dead on the west slope of Rabbit Ears Pass, Routt County, 6-15-1973, (GC). Specimen identification verified by Dr. R. Banks of the U.S. National Museum. File No. 28-74-22

CHIMNEY SWIFT - *Chaetura pelagica*

1, Highline Lake, Loma, Mesa County, 4-25-1974, (DG). File No. 30-74-40

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD - *Calypte anna*

1 adult, Durango, La Plata County, 6-21-1970 through 6-25-1970, (OR). File No. 31-74-18

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER - *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*

1 immature, Powell Mesa near Hotchkiss, Delta County, 12-8-1973 through 1-9-1974, (TC). Color photographs obtained (TC). File No. 33-74-6

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER - Myiarchus crinitus

1 adult, Lakewood, Jefferson County, 9-1-1974 and 9-2-1974, (JRC). File No. 34-74-95

BLACK PHOEBE - Sayornis nigricans

1 pair, along St. Charles River about twenty miles southwest of Pueblo, Pueblo County, 4-20-1974 through at least 7-4-1974, (DAG), (VT). File No. 34-74-161

VERMILION FLYCATCHER - Pyrocephalus rubinus

1 adult male, near Jefferson, Park County, 5-22-1971 through 5-31-1971, (CH). Color photographs obtained (CH). File No. 34-74-92

PURPLE MARTIN - Progne subis

4 adult males, Durango, La Plata County, 5-31-1973, (EF). File No. 36-74-28

1 adult male, Boulder, Boulder County, 6-26-1974, (SL). File No. 36-74-82

3, Summit Lake about eight miles north and west of Mancos, Montezuma County, 8-16-1974, (RS). File No. 36-74-130

BLUE JAY - Cyanocitta cristata

1 adult, Durango, La Plata County, 10-1-1974 and 10-2-1974, (EF). File No. 37-74-129

HOUSE WREN - Troglodytes aedon

1 adult, Boulder, Boulder County, 12-15-1973, (ABC). File No. 42-74-16

CAROLINA WREN - Thryothorus ludovicianus

1 adult, Lakewood, Jefferson County, 9-1-1974, 9-6-1974 and 9-11-1974, (JRC). File No. 42-74-156

1, Boulder, Boulder County, 9-27-1974 through at least 11-8-1974, (BB), (ND), (PJ), (SL), (DAM). File No. 42-74-120

SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN - Cistothorus platensis

1 adult, Boulder, Boulder County, 11-9-1974, (RA), (SL). File No. 42-74-158

BROWN THRASHER - Toxostoma rufum

1 adult, Grand Junction, Mesa County, 2-10-1974 through 2-14-1974, (DG). Color photograph obtained (DG). File No. 43-74-29

VARIED THRUSH - Ixoreus naevius

1 adult, two miles east of Lyons, Boulder County, 12-22-1973, (CW). File No. 44-74-10

WOOD THRUSH - Hylocichla mustelina

1 adult, Boulder, Boulder County, 11-10-1974 and 11-11-1974, (SL). File No. 44-74-181

HERMIT THRUSH - *Hyalocichla guttata*

1 adult, Boulder, Boulder County, 12-15-1973, (PC). File No. 44-74-14

PHAINOPEPLA - *Phainopepla nitens*

1 probable immature, Boulder, Boulder County, 12-15-1973 (ABC). Color photographs obtained (ABC). File No. 48-74-5

WHITE-EYED VIREO - *Vireo griseus*

1 adult, Waterton, Jefferson County, 9-21-1974, (RA). File No. 51-74-103

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - *Vireo philadelphicus*

1, near Longmont, Boulder County, 9-4-1973, (AC). File No. 51-74-30

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - *Mniotilta varia*

1 female, two miles southwest of Grand Junction, Mesa County, 10-6-1974 and 10-7-1974, (HA). File No. 52-74-173

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER - *Protonotaria citrea*

1 adult male, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County, 5-11-1974 and 5-12-1974, (SL), (RAS). File No. 52-74-61

1 adult male, Claymore Lake, Larimer County, 5-12-1974 through at least 5-29-1974, (PG). File No. 52-74-34

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - *Vermivora pinus*

1 adult, Fort Collins, Larimer County, 6-19-1970, (GR). File No. 52-74-83

1 adult, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County, 4-24-1971, (JW). File No. 52-74-84

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - *Vermivora chrysoptera*

1 adult, Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County, 5-12-1974, (HK), File No. 52-74-50

1 adult, Marshdale, about three miles south of Evergreen, Jefferson County, 5-27-1974, (DS). File No. 52-74-67

1 female, Rocky Mountain National Park, 7-4-1974, (RM), (VT). File No. 52-74-70

1 female or immature, Boulder, Boulder County, 9-28-1974, (BB), (ND), (SL). File No. 52-74-132

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER - *Vermivora virginiae*

1, Boulder, Boulder County, 12-15-1974, (PC). File No. 52-74-12

CAPE MAY WARBLER - *Dendroica tigrina*

1, Waterton, Jefferson County, 11-20-1974 and 11-23-1974, (HK), (MDS). File No. 52-74-166

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - *Dendroica caerulescens*

1 adult male, Longmont, Boulder County, 5-12-1974, (IB). File No. 52-74-80

1 adult male, Boulder, Boulder County, 5-18-1974, (ND), (SL). File No. 52-74-62

1, fall plumage, Boulder, Boulder County, 9-21-1974, (BB). File No. 52-74-149

2 adult males, Prospect Lake near Colorado Springs, El Paso County, 9-22-1974, (BM). File No. 52-74-112

1 adult male, Boulder, Boulder County, 9-28-1974, (BB), (ND), (SL). File No. 52-74-151

1 adult male, Prospect Lake near Colorado Springs, El Paso County, 10-13-1974, (BM). File No. 52-74-162

1 adult male, Boulder, Boulder County, 10-14-1974, (BB). File No. 52-74-148

1 adult male, Boulder, Boulder County, 10-20-1974, (BB), (SL). File No. 52-74-150

1 adult male, Boulder, Boulder County, 11-21-1974, (BHC). File No. 52-74-165

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER - *Dendroica townsendi*

1 probable immature, Boulder, Boulder County, 12-15-1974, (JH). File No. 52-74-190

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - *Dendroica fusca*

1 adult male, Boulder, Boulder County, 4-30-1974, (BHC). File No. 52-74-51

1 adult female, Boulder, Boulder County, 5-8-1974, (ND), (SL). File No. 52-74-63

1 adult male, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County, 5-18-1974, (DS). File No. 52-74-85

1 female or immature, Boulder, Boulder County, 10-20-1974, (SL). File No. 52-74-153

1 female or immature, Boulder, Boulder County, 10-29-1974, (BB), (CC). File No. 52-74-152

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER - *Dendroica dominica*

1 adult, in breeding plumage, Waterton, Jefferson County, 4-30-1974 and 5-1-1974, (JR). File No. 52-74-32

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - *Dendroica castanea*

1 adult male, Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County, 5-17-1974, (VT). File No. 52-74-69

1 adult male, Briggsdale, Weld County, 5-19-1974, (ND), (SL). Color photographs obtained (SL). File No. 52-74-64

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER (continued)

- 1 adult female, Boulder, Boulder County, 5-22-1974, (ND), (SL). File No. 52-74-65
- 1 adult male, Pueblo, Pueblo County, 5-23-1974, (CES). File No. 52-74-183
- 1 adult male, Evergreen, Jefferson County, 6-15-1974, (WB). File No. 52-74-143
- 1 non-breeding adult, Lakewood, Jefferson County, 9-28-1974 and 9-29-1974, (JRC).
File No. 52-74-157
- 1 non-breeding adult, Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County, 10-27-1974, (RA). File No.
52-74-139
- 1 non-breeding adult, Boulder, Boulder County, 11-2-1974, (SL), (JR). File No. 52-74-145
- 1 non-breeding adult, Boulder, Boulder County, 11-9-1974 through 11-12-1974, (SL).
File No. 52-74-182

PINE WARBLER - Dendroica pinus

- 1 adult, Claymore Lake, Larimer County, 5-11-1974, (PG). File No. 52-74-76

KENTUCKY WARBLER - Oporornis formosus

- 1 adult male, near Avondale, Pueblo County, 5-9-1974, (DAG). File No. 52-74-33

HOODED WARBLER - Wilsonia citrina

- 1 adult male, Fort Morgan, Morgan County, 4-27-1974, (JCR). File No. 52-74-47
- 1 adult male, Pueblo, Pueblo County, 5-3-1974, (DAS). File No. 52-74-45
- 1 adult female, Lake Henry, Crowley County, 5-27-1974, (JR). File No. 52-74-42
- 1 adult female, near Jefferson, Park County, 6-1-1974, (CH). File No. 52-74-75
- 1 adult male, Pueblo, Pueblo County, 9-13-1974, (CG). File No. 52-74-134

CANADA WARBLER - Wilsonia canadensis

- 1 adult male, Fountain Valley School near Security, El Paso County, 5-12-1974, (DL).
File No. 52-74-37
- 1 adult male, Waterton, Jefferson County, 9-28-1974, (BW). File No. 52-74-111

PAINTED REDSTART - Setophaga picta

- 1 adult, north of Golden, Jefferson County, 5-16-1965, (GS). File No. 52-74-177
- 1 adult, Powell Mesa near Hotchkiss, Delta County, 5-26-1967 through 5-31-1967, (TC).
File No. 52-74-179
- 1 adult, about five miles west of Loveland, Larimer County, 11-16-1974 through 11-18-1974
(RA), (AC), (CCu), (LM), (JR). File 52-74-160

BOBOLINK - Dolichonyx oryzivorus

1 adult male, C.F.&I. Lakes near Pueblo, Pueblo County, 5-19-1974, (DH). File No. 54-74-68

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE - Icterus bullockii

1 juvenile male, Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, 11-17-1973 through 12-16-1973, (BH). File No. 54-74-23

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE - Cassidix mexicanus (GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE)

1 adult male, Gunnison, Gunnison County, 12-30-1973, (REM). File No. 54-74-7
NOTE: In accordance with a letter dated 8-8-1974 from Dr. A. Sidney Hyde, this bird wintered in Gunnison (1973-1974) and was last observed in late May 1974.

1 adult female, Pueblo, Pueblo County, 9-17-1974, (VT). Banded #1163-18351 (VT). File No. 54-74-115

SUMMER TANAGER - Piranga rubra

1 male, about 16 miles south of Lamar, Prowers County, 5-4-1974, (JRC). File No. 55-74-66

1 male, about three miles east of Johnson Reservoir near Colorado Springs, El Paso County, (SG). File No. 55-74-110

PAINTED BUNTING - Passerina ciris

1 probable immature male, Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, 5-10-1974, (PJ), (HK), (DS). File No. 56-74-36

PURPLE FINCH - Carpodacus purpureus

1 adult female, Pueblo, Pueblo County, 1-9-1974 through 1-18-1974, (VT). Color photographs obtained (VT). Banded (VT). File No. 56-74-20

1 adult female, Boulder, Boulder County, 11-15-1974 through ?, (ABC). File No. 56-74-174

BAIRD'S SPARROW - Ammodramus bairdii

1 adult, Prince Lake east of Boulder, Boulder County, 10-29-1974, (SL). File No. 56-74-146

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW - Ammospiza caudacuta

1 probable immature, C.F.&I. Lakes south of Pueblo, Pueblo County, 12-22-1973, (DM), (VT). File No. 56-73-146

NOTE: This record was still under consideration when the 1973 Report was compiled. It was subsequently accepted by the Records Committee and is included here so as to complete the 1973 Report.

CASSIN'S SPARROW - Aimophila cassinii

4 adults (possibly nesting), Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, June and July 1974, (RA). File No. 56-74-55

FIELD SPARROW - Spizella pusilla

1 adult, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County, 10-12-1974 and 10-13-1974, (HK). File No. 56-74-119

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW - Zonotrichia atricapilla

1 adult, two miles north of Livermore, Larimer County, 4-8-1965, (GB). Color photograph obtained (GB). Banded #23-15-1033 (GB). File No. 56-74-189

1 adult, West Animas Valley about eight miles north of Durango, La Plata County, 10-10-1974, (GJC). File No. 56-74-128

FOX SPARROW - Passerella iliaca

1 adult, Colorado City, Pueblo County, 12-28-1974, (DAG). File No. 56-74-186

SWAMP SPARROW - Melospiza georgiana

2 adults, near Fruita, Mesa County, 11-22-1974 through at least 12-23-1974, (DG). File No. 56-74-188

SMITH'S LONGSPUR - Calcarius pictus

1 adult male, in non-breeding plumage, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, 9-5-1974, (RA). File No. 56-74-99

Approximately 300, Pawnee National Grassland about seven miles north of Briggsdale, Weld County, 9-8-1974, (RA), (HH), (JR). File No. 56-74-100

1 non-breeding plumage, Pawnee National Grassland about seven miles north of Briggsdale, Weld County, 10-6-1974, (RA).

SNOW BUNTING - Plectrophenax nivalis

1 in winter plumage, southwest of Denver in Jefferson County, 1-3-1974 and 1-7-1974, (DAM). File No. 56-74-2

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

REJECTED RECORDS IN 1974SWALLOW-TAILED KITE- Elanoides forficatus

1, South Park near Fairplay, Park County, 1-12-1974. File No. 10-74-17

BROAD-WINGED HAWK - Buteo platypterus

1, Waterton, Jefferson County, 1-27-1974. File No. 10-74-25

SWAINSON'S HAWK - Buteo swainsoni

1, near Buffalo Lake between Boulder and Longmont, Boulder County, 11-10-1973.
File No. 10-74-21

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER - Pluvialis dominica

1, Mac-Mesa Reservoir near Fruita, Mesa County, 4-11-1974. File No. 18-74-39

LESSER YELLOWLEGS - Totanus flavipes

13, about five miles east of Boulder, Boulder County, 12-15-1973. File No. 19-74-15

HUDSONIAN GODWIT - Limosa haemastica

1, Pawnee National Grassland northeast of Nunn, Weld County, 6-12-1969. File No.
19-74-71

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - Coccyzus erythrophthalmus

1, Fort Collins, Larimer County, 6-16-1974. File No. 26-74-104

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD - Calypte anna

1, Beulah, Pueblo County, 9-27-1974. File No. 31-74-118

HOUSE WREN - Troglodytes aedon

2, Boulder, Boulder County, 12-15-1974. File No. 42-74-191

CAPE MAY WARBLER - Dendroica tigrina

1, Boulder, Boulder County, 5-18-1974. File No. 52-74-93

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - Dendroica castanea

2, Boulder, Boulder County, 5-20-1974. File No. 52-74-52

PAINTED REDSTART - Setophaga picta

1, Lyons, Boulder County, 5-9-1969. File No. 52-74-178

EASTERN MEADOWLARK - *Sturnella magna*

1, Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County, 7-6-1974. File No. 54-74-86

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE - *Cassidix mexicanus*

1, Rocky Mountain National Park, 8-17-1974. File No. 54-74-94

BAIRD'S SPARROW - *Ammodramus bairdii*

3, Boulder, Boulder County, 5-11-1974. File No. 56-74-79

RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW - *Aimophila ruficeps*

2, near Fruita, Mesa County, 5-5-1974. File No. 56-74-41

SWAMP SPARROW - *Melospiza georgiana*

1, Pueblo, Pueblo County, 12-22-1973. File No. 56-74-9

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR - *Calcarius ornatus*

1, Westcliffe, Custer County, 12-21-1973. File No. 56-74-8

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO: The 13th Annual Convention of the Colorado Field Ornithologists
HOSTS: The Aiken Audubon Society of Colorado Springs
DATES: 17 and 18 May 1975
PLACE: Olin Hall of Science, Colorado College and Village Inn Restaurant
PROGRAM: (tentative)

Saturday, May 17

9:00 to 12:00 Registration - Lounge of Olin Hall. Take the outside stairway on the west side of Olin Hall, 1000 N. Nevada Avenue
10:00 Early arrivals may wish to visit the Bird House at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, or take a short field trip.
12:00 Lunch (Please arrange for your own lunch).
J's Motel Lunch room, 820 N. Nevada Avenue.
Bell's Better Burgers, 623 N. Nevada Avenue.
The Hub at Rastall Center, Corner Cascade and Cache la Poudre
1:30 Reports and Papers in Olin Lecture Hall, No. 1, (under Lounge).
4:15 CFO Board Meeting in Room 100, Olin Hall.
6:30 Banquet at Village Inn, 217 E. Pikes Peak Avenue, just east of P.O.

Sunday, May 18

6:30 a.m. Three field trips will be available.
12:30 Compilation Picnic Lunch at Garden of the Gods, JC Picnic area.

If you plan to attend, please fill out, detach, and return the registration form. Make your check to "CFO Convention" and mail to:

Helen B. Thurlow
1113 Wood Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Payment of registration fee may be made at the time of registration. Money for the banquet and box lunches must accompany registration form. We should have your reservation by May 10th.

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Please print your name and members of your party

Registration: \$2.00 (How many?) _____

Banquet: 5.00 (incl. tax and tips) (How many?) _____

Box Lunch: 2.00 (How many?) _____

If you wish to present a paper on Saturday afternoon, please let us know by April 10th, giving the title of your paper. Please limit yourself to 20 minutes. Will you need visual aids? If so, what?

PARKING is available on Nevada Avenue, just east of Olin Hall. A map of the College campus will be available upon registration.

ACCOMODATIONS: Those nearest the college are:

J's Motor Hotel, 820 N Nevada Avenue, 622-5515

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Mayfair Motor Hotel, 120 E. Platte Avenue, 634-5552

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