

SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1978 CHECKLIST OF NORTH CAROLINA BIRDS

Since the appearance of the 1978 *Checklist of North Carolina Birds* (Parnell et al. 1978), various species have been added to the list and others have had the criteria for admission to the list upgraded. Presently 417 species of birds have been officially recognized as occurring in North Carolina and its adjacent offshore waters. Thirty-four of these are provisional. At least 193 species are known to nest in the state and about 75 additional ones are frequent winter visitors.

Details explaining the way bird records are considered for admission to the state list can be found in the 1978 *Checklist* and *Chat* 32:26, 38:70, and 41:93. At its last meeting, 6 March 1980, the North Carolina Records Committee decided to reterm and redefine "hypothetical" status. We felt the term itself was misleading, in spite of our insistence that its use in no way was intended to cast doubt on the ability or integrity of the observer, and that only valid records supported by adequate published details warrant hypothetical status. In all future lists we plan to substitute the word *provisional* for *hypothetical*. To further identify the provisional status of birds, we subdivided the provisional list into two parts. Provisional I birds are ones for which there is little question as to the birds' natural occurrence in North Carolina and at least one detailed report has been published. Provisional II birds are ones that possibly escaped from captivity, are not well documented in appropriate literature, and/or belong to species complexes that are extremely difficult to identify in the field. Provisional II species are included mostly to inform users of the list that the Records Committee is aware that certain birds have been reported.

The following is a list of official changes to the 1978 *Checklist*; in most cases the reasons for the changes are noted. The North Carolina Records Committee will appreciate notification of additional recommended changes.

Arctic Loon, Provisional II (Am. Birds 28:626).

Albatross (sp.), Provisional II (Am. Birds 27:739-740 and *Birding* 4:6, Black-browed Albatross; *Chat* 43:79 and Am. Birds 33:720, Yellow-nosed Albatross. We do not question that Albatrosses occur in North Carolina offshore waters, but we are concerned about the criteria for specific identity.)

Northern Fulmar, added to list, specimens (*Chat* 43:1-9).

Manx Shearwater, added to list, specimens (*Chat* 43:1-9).

Little Shearwater, Provisional II (*Chat* 43:79-80).

Black-capped Petrel, specimens and photos now available (*Chat* 43:1-9).

South Trinidad Petrel, added to list, specimen (Am. Birds 33:138-139).

White-faced Storm-Petrel, added to list, specimen (*Chat* 43:1-9).

[Red-billed Tropicbird, added to list pending publication of completed manuscript (Lee and Wingate 1980). Specimens available.]

White-tailed Tropicbird, specimen available (NCSM 6828).

Blue-faced Booby, Provisional I (*Chat* 30:107 and 43:80).

Brown Booby, Provisional II (*Chat* 43:80-81).

White-faced Ibis, Provisional II (Am. Birds 31:979).

Mute Swan, Provisional I (*Chat* 41:95).

Barnacle Goose, Provisional II (occurrence well documented but birds possibly escaped from captivity).

Common Shelduck, Provisional II (see Barnacle Goose, Am. Birds 26:845).

Ruddy Shelduck, Provisional II (see Barnacle Goose).
 Falcated Teal, Provisional II (see Barnacle Goose, specimen, Chat 42:58).
 Baikal Teal, Provisional II (see Barnacle Goose, specimen, Chat 26:30).
 Garganey Teal, Provisional II (see Barnacle Goose, Chat 21:68 and 80).
 Mandarin Duck, Provisional II (not in 1942 Birds of North Carolina as erroneously indicated in 1978 Checklist; Chat 38:70).
 Barrow's Goldeneye, Provisional II (Chat 35:45-49).
 White-tailed Kite, Provisional I (Chat 21:70-71).
 Mississippi Kite, (listed in 1942 Birds of North Carolina; dot inadvertently omitted).
 Swainson's Hawk, Provisional I (The committee assigned the status on the basis of the 1965 sighting alone. Descriptions given in the reports elsewhere in this issue of two recent sightings, apparently of the same bird, were not fully convincing. We would like to have a specimen, adequate photograph, or at least one additional detailed sight record before adding Swainson's Hawk to the accepted list.)
 Prairie Falcon, Provisional I (Chat 33:26).
 Limpkin, Provisional I (Chat 40:94-95).
 American Coot, second nesting record (Chat 42:87).
 American Avocet, one documented nest record (Chat 42:31-32).
 Bar-tailed Godwit, Provisional I, third report lacks details (Chat 41:48 and 49, Am. Birds 29:41).
 [Black-tailed Godwit, added to list pending publication of December 1979 sight and photographic records.]
 Spotted Redshank, Provisional II (A Gathering of Shorebirds, H.M. Hall, edited and with additions by Roland C. Clement, Devin-Adair Co., New York, 1960, p. 231-232).
 Long-tailed Jaeger, added to list, specimens (Chat 43:1-9).
 Great Skua, added to list, band recovery (Chat 43:1-9).
 Iceland Gull, Provisional I (additional unpublished records available).
 Lesser Black-backed Gull, added to list, three detailed published records (Chat 33:16-17, 35:58, and this issue).
 Thayer's Gull, Provisional I (Chat 37:50).
 Arctic Tern, added to list, specimen (Chat 43:1-9).
 Sooty Tern, one report of attempted nesting (Chat 43:23).
 Brown Noddy Tern, added to list, specimens (Chat 43:81).
 Ringed Turtle Dove, Provisional II (no evidence that escaped individuals are maintaining self-sustaining populations).
 Monk Parakeet, Provisional II (see Ringed Turtle Dove).
 Budgerigar, Provisional II (see Ringed Turtle Dove).
 Smooth-billed Ani, Provisional II (probable escape).
Selasphorus hummingbird, Provisional II (reported as a probable Rufus Hummingbird, Chat 41:70-71).
 Ash-throated Flycatcher, Provisional I (Chat 39:40-43, Am. Birds 28:891).
 Say's Phoebe, Provisional I (Chat 30:28-29).
 Vermilion Flycatcher, Provisional II (Am. Birds 27:43).
 Tree Swallow, one nesting record (Chat 44:9).
 Bank Swallow, nesting in Wilkes County since 1978 (Chat 42:83-84).

Black-billed Magpie, Provisional I (Chat 24:25).
Black-capped Chickadee, evidence of nesting now available (Chat 44:1-4).
Hermit Thrush, possibly nests in mountains (Chat 44:32-36).
Bell's Vireo, Provisional I (Chat 39:92-93).
Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers, footnote for Lawrence's and Brewster's hybrids was left off page 29 of 1978 Checklist.
Magnolia Warbler, probably breeds in mountains (Chat 44:32-36).
Black-throated Gray Warbler, Provisional II (Chat 30:18, 24).
Townsend's Warbler, Provisional I (Chat 42:85).
Western Meadowlark, Provisional I (Chat 32:104-105).
Common Redpoll, photo available in NCSM files.
Green-tailed Towhee, Provisional II (Am. Birds 30:53-54).
Lark Bunting, photo published (Chat 43:56).
Le Conte's Sparrow, specimen available at USNM (Chat 42:60).
Lark Sparrow, photo available in NCSM files.
Harris' Sparrow, added to list, three published reports (Chat 42:60-61).
Smith's Longspur, Provisional I (Auk 65:456).

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