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REPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE 1992

The South Carolina Bird Records Committee held a meeting in Charleston on 11 April 1992 to establish its basic operating rules, which in great part follow those used by our North Carolina counterparts. Due to the large size of the committee (9), it was decided that a record would be accepted as valid so long as it received a minimum of six (6) accept votes, but not more than one (1) reject vote (misidentified or insufficient details). Excess abstentions, should they reduce the accept votes to less than six (6), would also reject a record. Rejected records will be retained in the file, and if a new species to South Carolina, will cause the species to be placed on the "hypothetical" list.

During the year a total of twenty-three (23) records have been circulated to the members. Of these, action is complete, or sufficiently so to establish an outcome, on fifteen (15). Of these twelve (12) have been accepted, and three (3) have been rejected. One of the latter, Black-chinned Hummingbird, will probably be added to the Hypothetical list. The attached table details these actions. The record number is coded by month, year, and order of receipt for that month by the secretary. As will be noted, several relatively early records still require action. This is mainly due to late submittal of these records to the committee, rather than to inaction by committee members who are, however, not always as prompt as I, the secretary, might desire.

While I feel that this is a very promising beginning, wider participation by CBC and ABA members, as well as birders in general is most important if we are to obtain a complete picture of birdlife in South Carolina. In general, any unusual, out of season, or out of place bird should be reported, and a record made of it. Many birds are on the state list on the basis of a single specimen or very few sightings, and more needs to be known of their seasonal and geographic distribution, as a tool for their eventual preservation and perpetuation. So, if in doubt, submit it, and I'll be glad to inform you, individually, of the committee action.

Peter L. Worthington, Secretary
South Carolina Bird Records Committee

Actions of the SCBRC — 1992

Record #	Species	Location/Author	Action
10-90-1	Western Tanager	John's Island/Laurie	Reject
8-91-1	Band-tailed Pigeon	Georgetown/Pulliam/P	—
9-91-1	Warbling Vireo	Simpsonville/Worthington	Acct-D
10-91-1	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Broad River WMA/Worthington	Accept
10-91-2	Bell's Vireo	Broad River WMA/Clark	Accept
10-91-3	Clay-colored Sparrow	Broad river WMA/Kalbach	Accept
10-91-4	Ruff (Reeve)	Savannah Spoils Site/Clark	Accept
10-91-5	Curlew Sandpiper	Savannah Spoils Site/Clark	Acct-Pr
11-91-1	Hudsonian Godwit	Huntington Beach SP/Carter	Accept
12-91-1	Black-legged Kittiwake	Murrel's Inlet/Glover	Reject
1-92-1	Harlequin Duck	Murrel's Inlet/Carter	Accept
1-92-2	Western Tanager	Goose Creek/Carter/P	Acct-D
1-92-3	Western Tanager	John's Island/Laurie	Accept
2-92-1	"Bullock's" Oriole	Hilton Head/Dugas/P	Accept
2-92-2	Snowy Plover	North Island/Pulliam/P	—
3-92-1	Common Black-headed Gull	Savannah Spoils Site/Brayshaw, Glover	Accept
5-92-1	Black-headed Grosbeak	Savannah Spoils Site/Brayshaw	—
9-92-1	Black-chinned Hummingbird	Simpsonville/Worthington	Rejt-H
9-92-2	Sabine's Gull	Charleston Harbor/McNeill, Todd	—
10-92-1	Western Tanager	Simpsonville/Worthington	—
11-92-1	Black Guillemot	Murrel's Inlet/Buerger/P	—
12-92-1	Spotted Sandpiper	Lake Hartwell/Worthington	—
12-92-2	Pacific Loon	Murrel's Inlet/Eastman	—

Codes:

P - Photo(s)

D - Action to add to definitive list

H - Action to add to hypothetical list

Pr - Action to add to provisional list

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