

## 2007 Annual Report of the South Carolina Bird Records Committee

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In 2007, the South Carolina Bird Records Committee completed action on seven records. Of these, six were accepted and one was not accepted. Among the accepted reports was one record that added a new species to the state list in the Definitive category and two reports that promoted a species from Provisional I status to Definitive status. A detailed report, accompanied by photographs, of an Allen's Hummingbird banded in winter added this species to the state list. Reports accompanied by photographs promoted Northern Goshawk and Common Murre from Provisional I to Definitive status on the state list.

Committee membership did not change in 2007.

The current state list stands at 451 species, including 15 Provisional II species and 14 Hypothetical species. The most recent revision of the state list can be found online at <http://www.carolinabirdclub.org/brc>. The state list available online includes review categories in addition to list categories for each species.

Committee activity is reviewed below.

### **Accepted reports:**

**White-tailed Kite** (10-06-02) – This bird was observed and documented by Steven Tracey in October at the Bluff Unit of Santee NWR. The report was accepted unanimously by the committee.

**Northern Goshawk** (01-07-01) – A specimen was found in late December of 2004 on Kiawah Island and photographed by Norm Shea. The photographs were forwarded to Dr. Will Post of the Charleston Museum, who documented the bird for the committee along with Norm Shea and published a General Field Note (Chat 71:30–33). The report was accepted. This accepted report moves Northern Goshawk from the Provisional I category to the Definitive category on the South Carolina state list.

**Common Murre** (05-06-05) – A report of a bird found at Folly Island and brought in to Susan Bogart for rehabilitation was documented by Susan Bogart and Will Post (Chat 71:127–129). The report was accepted. This accepted report moves Common Murre from the Provisional I category to the Definitive category on the South Carolina state list.

**Calliope Hummingbird** (12-06-04) – Detailed documentation, including photos and a DVD video, of a bird observed on James Island in the backyard

of Dr. John and Denise Weinstein was submitted to the committee. This well-documented report was accepted unanimously by the committee.

**Allen's Hummingbird** (01-07-02) – A report of a bird present at a feeder in Lexington that was banded and photographed by Doreen Cubie was written by Bob Sargent and submitted to the committee. The bird was present and banded in early January of 2007. Pertinent details were documented in this concise but thorough report. The report was accepted by the committee. This is a first state record for the species and places the species on the state list in the Definitive category because of the accompanying photographs.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** (03-06-01) – An individual of this species was observed in early March of 2006 at Congaree National Park and observed by many. The bird was found by Robin Carter and thoroughly documented with photographs by Steven Tracey along with written documentation and sonograms by Robin Carter. The report was accepted unanimously by the committee.

#### **Reports sent for outside review:**

**Swainson's Thrush** (11-06-03) – A report of a singing Swainson's Thrush observed at Huntington Beach State Park in late November of 2006 did not rule out similar species convincingly and the report occasioned an indecisive vote from the committee. The report will be sent for outside review and then re-submitted to the Committee for reconsideration.