

2010 Annual Report of the South Carolina Bird Records Committee

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In 2010, the South Carolina Bird Records Committee completed action on two records, both of which were accepted. One of the reports added a new species to the state list in the Definitive category. A report of a California Gull photographed at the Horry County landfill in early January of 2010 that was photographed and well described by Chris Hill placed the species on the state list. At the end of 2010, several additional reports had been received by the committee and were in circulation.

Committee membership was unchanged in 2010. The number of the committee remains at seven.

The current state list stands at 455 species, with 16 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.

Reports accepted:

Arctic Tern (12-09-04): A specimen salvaged from Debidue Beach in May of 2009 was documented and photographed by Chris Hill (Hill et al. 2010). His report, including a thorough write-up and numerous diagnostic photographs, was accepted unanimously by the committee. This report is only a second report of the species in the state. The specimen has been archived in the Charleston Museum of Natural History.

California Gull (01-10-01): A single bird of this species was picked out from among thousands of Herring Gulls at Horry county landfill in early January of 2010 by Chris Hill (2010). The well-organized write-up included numerous diagnostic photographs of the reported bird among the Herring Gulls that provided relative size and plumage difference comparisons to be made by the reviewing members. The record was accepted unanimously. Due to the inclusion of photographs, this report adds the species to the Definitive category of the state list.

Literature Cited

- Hill, C. E. 2010. First record of California Gull (*Larus californicus*) for South Carolina. *Chat* 74:102–103.
- Hill, C. E., T. Marshall, and W. B. Allen. 2010. First specimen of Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) for South Carolina. *Chat* 74:40–43.

Corrigenda to the 2009 Annual Report

1. The acceptance of the Broad-billed Hummingbird record with photographs promoted the species from Provisional I to Definitive status. The Annual Report noted that it was only the second record but did not mention the status change.
2. The record of White-winged Dove was from Okatie, Beaufort County. The editor incorrectly changed the county name to Jasper County. The community of Okatie is in Jasper County but the zip code spans both counties.

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