

THE REVISED NYSARC REVIEW LIST

In the June 1998 issue of *The Kingbird* (Vol 48, No.2 :116-119) the new guidelines for The New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC) were presented to the Federation membership. While much of the guidelines may not make interesting reading to most, there are two provisions that should be pointed out. They are as follows:

Item B in Section VI (Procedures)

Submitted reports will be stamped with the date received and receipt will be acknowledged by the Secretary in writing to the observer within seven working days

Paragraph 6 under Item D in Section VI (Procedures)

The Secretary will advise the observer(s) as promptly as possible of the acceptance or non-acceptance of a report through the use of a simple printed form letter. For the benefit of the observer whose report has been rejected, the form will carry the advice, "If you wish to learn the specific reason(s) for the non-acceptance of this report, please contact the Chair of NYSARC in writing." The name and address of the then current Chair will be included.

The clauses above were specifically included in the new Guidelines to address what some individuals perceived to be a shortcoming in NYSARC procedures and to foster a better relationship between observers and the committee. Birders throughout the state are urged and encouraged to send in reports of sightings of species that appear on the review list.

This list is encoded in the official *Checklist of the Birds of New York State*, and for the convenience of the membership is shown below. Please note that it is not necessary to submit observations of species not shown on this list, unless the species does not appear on the checklist at all, which of course means it is a new species for the state.

SPECIES TO BE REPORTED TO NYSARC

- 1. Any species new to New York State. A checklist was published in *The Kingbird* 1998 March; 48(1): 2-15.**
- 2. Any addition to the list of species proven to breed in New York State.**
- 3. Any of the following species found anywhere within New York State.**

PACIFIC LOON, YELLOW-BILLED LOON, WESTERN GREBE, YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS, HERALD PETREL, MOTTLED PETREL, BLACK-CAPPED PETREL, AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER, WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL, LEACH'S STORM-PETREL, WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD, RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD, BROWN BOOBY, AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN, BROWN PELICAN, ANHINGA, MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD, REDDISH EGRET, WHITE IBIS, WHITE-FACED IBIS, ROSEATE SPOONBILL, WOOD STORK, FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK, ROSS'S GOOSE, BLACK BRANT, BARNACLE GOOSE, CINNAMON TEAL, SMEW, SWALLOW-TAILED KITE, WHITE-TAILED KITE, MISSISSIPPI KITE, SWAINSON'S HAWK, GYRFALCON, YELLOW RAIL, CORN CRAKE, KING RAIL, PURPLE GALLINULE, AZURE GALLINULE, NORTHERN LAPWING, WILSON'S PLOVER, BLACK-NECKED STILT, SPOTTED REDSHANK, WOOD SANDPIPER, ESKIMO CURLEW, WHIMBREL (WHITE-RUMPED SUBSPECIES ONLY), EURASIAN CURLEW, LONG-BILLED CURLEW, BAR-TAILED GODWIT, RED-NECKED STINT, LITTLE STINT, SHARP-TAILED, SANDPIPER, BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER, GREAT SKUA, SOUTH POLAR SKUA, LONG-TAILED JAEGER MEW GULL, CALIFORNIA GULL, THAYER'S GULL, SLATY-BACKED GULL, ROSS'S GULL, IVORY GULL, SANDWICH TERN, ARCTIC TERN, BRIDLED TERN, SOOTY TERN, WHITE-WINGED TERN, COMMON MURRE, THICK-BILLED MURRE, LONG-BILLED MURRELET, ANCIENT MURRELET, ATLANTIC PUFFIN, WHITE-WINGED DOVE, NORTHERN HAWK OWL, BURROWING OWL, GREAT GRAY OWL, BOREAL OWL, ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD, RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD, LEWIS'S WOODPECKER, SAY'S PHOEBE, VERMILION FLYCATCHER, ASH-THROATED FLYCATCH-

ER, GRAY KINGBIRD, SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER, FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER, LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE, BELL'S VIREO, BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE, CAVE SWALLOW, BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH, ROCK WREN, BEWICK'S WREN, NORTHERN WHEATEAR, MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD, TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE, BICKNELL'S THRUSH (OUTSIDE OF KNOWN BREEDING AREAS), FIELDFARE, REDWING, SAGE THRASHER, BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER, TOWNSEND'S WARBLER, SWAINSON'S WARBLER, PAINTED REDSTART, WESTERN TANAGER, GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE, SPOTTED TOWHEE, BACHMAN'S SPARROW, LARK BUNTING, BAIRD'S SPARROW, LE CONTE'S SPARROW, NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW, HARRIS'S SPARROW, GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW, SMITH'S LONGSPUR, CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR, BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK, LAZULI BUNTING, PAINTED BUNTING, BREWER'S BLACKBIRD, BULLOCK'S ORIOLE, BRAMBLING, HOARY REDPOLL.

4. The following species from upstate New York only:

ANY SHEARWATER or STORM-PETREL, NORTHERN GANNET, TRICOLORED HERON, YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON, TUFTED DUCK, COMMON EIDER, BLACK RAIL, CLAPPER RAIL, PIPING PLOVER, AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER, AMERICAN AVOCET, MARBLED GODWIT, CURLEW SANDPIPER, GULL-BILLED TERN, ROYAL TERN, ROSEATE TERN., BLACK SKIMMER, ANY SPECIES OF ALCID, CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW, WESTERN KINGBIRD, YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER, SUMMER TANAGER, LARK SPARROW, SAVANNAH "IPSWICH" SPARROW, SALTMARSH SHARP-TAILED SPARROW, SEASIDE SPARROW, BLUE GROSBEAK, BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE.

5. The following species away from the Adirondacks:

SPRUCE GROUSE, THREE-TOED WOODPECKER, BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER, GRAY JAY.

6. The following species for spring reports only:

WESTERN SANDPIPER (upstate-NewYork only), BAIRD'S SANDPIPER, SABINE'S GULL.

Any reports of birds seen out of season at least four weeks before early arrivals or four weeks after late departures, as summarized in *Birds of New York State* (1974), the *Supplement to Birds of New York State* (1976), or *Bull's Birds of New York State* (1998).

Detailed advice on the preparation of reports can be found in the NYSARC section of the FNYSBC web site, or accessed directly with the following URL:

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/fnysbc/goodreport.htm>

Reports and documentation, such as photographs and video tape if available, should be mailed to:

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