



Maryland / District of Columbia Records Committee

Maryland

Subspecies Review List

April 1, 2005

The MD/DC Records Committee reviews reports of rare and unusual subspecies and forms found in Maryland that meet the following criteria:

1. Subspecies or Forms New and Unexpected. Any subspecies or form observed in Maryland that is not listed below and is not considered confirmed by Iliff (2005). The MD/DCRC will archive all reports, but will review *field-identifiable* forms at its discretion.

2. Subspecies or Forms Accepted on the Official List of the Birds of Maryland. Field-recognizable subspecies or forms not known to occur regularly in Maryland and accepted by the MD/DCRC, as shown by Iliff (2005) and are on the Official List of the Birds of Maryland. These species are reviewable anywhere in the state of Maryland and include:

"Common" or "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca crecca</i>
"Great White" [Great Blue] Heron	<i>Ardea herodias occidentalis</i>
"Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata auduboni</i>
"Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii</i>
"Oregon" [Dark-eyed] Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis (oreganus group)</i>

3. Other possible subspecies or forms. The following well-marked subspecies and forms have not been confirmed from Maryland, but could occur, and should be reported if found. The MD/DCRC will review all reports of the following subspecies and forms:

"Tundra" (pink-billed) Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons frontalis/gambelli</i>
Blue-morph Ross's Goose	<i>Chen rossii</i>
"Cackling" Cackling Goose	<i>Branta hutchinsii minima</i>
"Dark-bellied" Brant	<i>Branta bernicla bernicla</i>
"Black" Brant	<i>Branta bernicla nigricans</i>
"Bewick's" Tundra Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>
Dark morph ("Cory's") Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>
Dark-morph Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>
"Western" Red-tailed Hawk (including all dark-morphs)	<i>Buteo jamaicensis calurus</i>
"Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis harlani</i>
"Greenland" Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina arctica</i>
"European" Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus argentatus/argenteus</i>
"Continental" Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus intermedius</i>
"Red-shafted" Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus (cafer group)</i>
"Slate-colored" Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca (schistacea group)</i>
"Pink-sided" [Dark-eyed] Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis mearnsi</i>
(type 1 and 2) Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra (type 1 and 2)</i>
"Greater" Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea rostrata</i>

4. Subspecies or Forms with Limited Ranges. The following well-marked subspecies or forms, if found in specific ranges in Maryland:

4A. Subspecies or forms seen away from coastal Worcester County:

"Ipswich" [Savannah] Sparrow

Passerculus sandwichensis princeps

4B. Subspecies or forms seen along the Potomac River north of Charles County, or inland away from the major tidal Chesapeake Bay tributaries:

(none)

4C. Subspecies or forms seen west of the Coastal Plain, except along the Susquehanna River:

"Eastern" Willet

Catoptrophorus semipalmatus
semipalmatus

"Acadian" Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus

4D. Subspecies or forms seen west of the Washington/Frederick County line:

(none)

Literature cited:

Iliff, Marshall J. 2005. A List of subspecies confirmed for Maryland. (in press).

Please submit reports of any bird sightings meeting these criteria to:

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The species names and taxonomy of this list conform to the American Ornithologist' Union (2004) Forty-fifth supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds, Auk 121:985-995.

A documentation guideline/checklist containing points to include in sighting reports is available from the secretary or the MD/DCRC web site, above.