



## Maryland / District of Columbia Records Committee

### Maryland

### Subspecies Review List

10 May, 2011

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. Note that “Gambel’s White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambelii*) has been sufficiently documented in Maryland to warrant its removal from this review list as of April 2008. The following previously accepted taxa are reviewable anywhere in the state of Maryland and include:

“Great White” [Great Blue] Heron	<i>Ardea herodias occidentalis</i>
“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata auduboni</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>Acanthis 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:**

"Common" or "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca crecca*  
"Eastern" Willet *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus semipalmatus*  
"Acadian" Nelson's 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 (2010) Fifty-first supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds, Auk 127(3):726-744.

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