

Fourteenth Report

OF THE ALBERTA BIRD RECORD COMMITTEE

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Since publication of its Thirteenth Report (Hudon et al. 2021), the Alberta Bird Record Committee, hereafter the Committee, considered 108 records of rare birds newly documented in the province. With this review, the Official List of the Birds of Alberta grows by 5 species: Chimney Swift, Bar-tailed Godwit, Glossy Ibis, Eurasian Tree Sparrow and Orchard Oriole. The provincial list now stands at 438 species. This continues the trend of adding a species or two to the provincial list every year.

The Committee also reassessed the criteria for inclusion of a species on its [Review List](#) to focus on extreme rarities. The Committee will now seek documentation on species for which it has fewer than 16 accepted records, except for species, like the Band-tailed Pigeon, with fewer than two documented records in the last 10 years. As a result, the Committee now drops the following species from its Review List: Brant

(19 accepted records), Black Scoter (23), Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (19), Red Phalarope (17), Long-tailed Jaeger (21), Yellow-billed Loon (20), Snowy Egret (20), Western Bluebird (17) and Scarlet Tanager (16).

In the course of the past year one long-standing member of the Committee, Ray Wershler, stepped down, while Andrew Ross joined it. We are grateful for Ray's dedication to the Committee, notably for contributing many records and soliciting documentation on many others over the years, and for sharing the geographical breath of his expertise, which was unrivalled. Andrew comes to us with many years of experience birding in Alberta and Ontario.

The Official List is also amended to bring it in line with the 62nd and 63rd supplements to the American Ornithological Society's "Check-list of North American Birds" (Chesser et al. 2021, 2022) which

have appeared since publication of our Thirteenth Report. The decisions include changes to the linear sequence of families in the Passeriformes, and of genera and species in the families Regulidae (kinglets) and Troglodytidae (wrens) resulting from new phylogenetic information. Recent changes also include the assignment of some species to new or different genera (*Canachites canadensis* [Spruce Grouse], *Nannopterum auritum* [Double-crested Cormorant] and *Corthylio calendula* [Ruby-crowned Kinglet]), changes to scientific names as a result of splits or lumps (*Larus brachyrhynchus* [Short-billed Gull], *Caracara plancus* [Crested Caracara] and *Cistothorus stellaris* [Sedge Wren]) and of a common name (Mew Gull becomes Short-billed Gull).



LEAST TERN, CALGARY
LIZ SORIA

RECORDS ACCEPTED

Brant (*Branta bernicla*): Hiltona Feedlot N of Strathmore; 30 September 2021; written report and 2 images (John Bargman and Ena Spalding). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Weed Lake, E of Calgary; 9–10 October 2021; written report (Ray Wershler and Brian Elder) and images on eBird checklists [S95875910](#) and [S95889651](#). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Near Clairmont (Grande Prairie area); 11 November 2021; written reports (David Rhody, Colin and Amanda Tennant) and 5 images (Colin Tennant). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*): Weed Lake; 23–29 April 2020; image posted on Albertabird and eBird ([S67764656](#) Fred Bowen), other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Black Scoter (*Melanitta americana*): Pine Coulee Reservoir (MD of Willow Creek); 27 October 2018; written report and 4 images (David Scott and Ken Orich). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Genesee Lake, SW of Edmonton; 10 October 2020; written report (Andrew Ross); 1 image (David Scott; [S74664578](#) on eBird). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Glenmore Reservoir; 14, 19–20 October 2020; written report (Ross Lein and Valerie Haines), written report and image (Liz Soria; [S74822949](#) on eBird), other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.** Cold Lake (French Bay Provincial Recreation Area); 27 October 2020; image on eBird ([S75496961](#) Richard Klauke). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Pyramid Lake, Jasper National

Park; 8 May 2021; written report and 2 images (Ethan Denton). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Small lake along Hwy. 560 at RR 284 (“Garden Scents Slough”); 14 October 2021; written report (Mike Russum) and images on eBird checklist [S97285716](#) (Mike Russum). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*): Slave Lake; 28 October 2019; written report and 1 image (Wayne and Kathryn Bowles). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Near Vilna (Smoky Lake Co.); from 21 October to about 6 December 2020; written report with 3 images (Mary Shupe-Moore). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*): Carburn Park, Calgary; 20 May 2022; written reports (Ramona, Calvin and Liesl Snider, David Soltess) and images (David Soltess [7]); video at <https://youtu.be/1QY1zFmTj0Q>; also images (26) on eBird checklist [S110805555](#) (Calvin Snider). **CODE 1 RECORD. First accepted occurrence in the province.**

Vaux’s Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*): 2 at Beaver Mines Lake, Castle Provincial Park; 28 August 2021; written report and 3 images (Michelle Schreder). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*): Sheep River Valley; 10 September 2020; 2 written reports (Ray and Cleve Wershler). **CODE 2 RECORD.**



CHIMNEY SWIFT, CALGARY
CALVIN SNIDER

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*): near Pincher Creek; 24–31 July 2020; written report and 2 images (Asher Warkentin; [S71979491](#) on eBird). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Pincher Creek; 24–25 May 2021; written report and 2 images (Asher Warkentin). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Farm E of Pincher Creek; 27–29 May 2021; written report and 3 images (Asher Warkentin). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Male and female in Canmore; 4–10 June 2021; written report and 4 images (Ethan Denton [3], Miles Tindal [1]). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Hillcrest Mines; 22–28 July 2021; written report (Pat Lucas) and several images on eBird ([S92178758](#), [S92178990](#), [S92218968](#), [S92326880](#), etc.). **CODE 1**

RECORD. Waterton Lakes National Park (Upper Waterton Lake beach); 25 July 2021; written report (Kirstin Kveder). **CODE 3 RECORD.**

Pacific Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*): Langdon Reservoir, E of Calgary; 4 October 2013; written report (Ray Wershler). **CODE 3 RECORD.** Township Rd. 720 and RR 65 west of Grande Prairie; 3–6 June 2021; written report (Nicholas Carter) and several images (Nicholas Carter [6], Lauri Doucette [2], Wendy Kempert [5]). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**



BAR-TAILED GODWIT, WARNER COUNTY
DAVID SCOTT

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*): Weed Lake S Viewpoint (Glenmore Trail), E of Langdon; 17 May 2022; written reports (Keith Miles, Gerry Miles and Annie Finch, John Riddell and Lynn Vogt) and images (Lynn Vogt and John Riddell [5]); also images posted on eBird checklist [S110509269](#) (Keith Miles [2]). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*): Tyrrell Lake, Warner County; 11 May 2022; written report and 5 images (David Scott). **CODE 1 RECORD. First accepted occurrence in the province.**

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*): Rotary/Mattamy Wetlands, Calgary; 31 August – 5 September 2020; written report and 9 images (Don Cassidy). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.** Bear Lake (Grande Prairie area); 4 September 2021; written report and 6 images (Amanda and Colin Tennant). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*): Cooking Lake; 24–30 September 2015; written report and images on eBird Checklist [S25163971](#) (Gerald Romanchuk). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Coal Lake; 10–11 October 2016; written report and images on eBird Checklist [S31983388](#) (Gerald Romanchuk). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Near Hairy Hill; 20 September 2020; 4 images on eBird ([S73830697](#) Richard Klauke). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Frank Lake; 7 October 2020; written report and 3 images (Gavin McKinnon and Greg Wagner). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Curllew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*): slough E of Coal Lake; 10 July 2021; written report and 4 images (Bernadette Cooper). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*): along Range Road 265

between Township Roads 314 and 320, S of Torrington; 18–19 September 2020; written report with 1 image (Rick Urvat and Maureen Hills-Urvat). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*): Lethbridge; 6 April 2022; written report, 3 images and 3 audio recordings (David Scott). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*): Rotary/Mattamy Wetlands (N Copperfield); 17–21 September 2020; written report and 3 images (David Scott). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Wandering Tattler (*Tringa incana*): Waterton Lakes National Park; 17 July 2015; eBird checklist [S24750380](#) with video, image and description of the bird's vocalizations (Ian Cruickshank). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Bear Lake, NW of Grande Prairie; 25–27 June 2020; written report (David and Marilee Rhody, Rick Scott), images (Rick Scott, Sylvain Bourdages, Colin Tennant; also posted on eBird ([S70863029](#) David Rhody; [S70864804](#) Colin Tennant)). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*): Dinosaur Provincial Park; 27 June 2020; 1 image (Théo Vivensang; [S70870764](#) on eBird). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Rattlesnake Lake near Medicine Hat; 1–6 August 2020; 1 image posted on Albertabird (Gerry Fox; [S72150601](#) on eBird). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.** Police Point Park, Medicine Hat; 2 August 2021; written report and 4 images

(Fisher Stephenson). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Weed Lake; 7 August 2021; written report and 3 images (Blake Weis and Jenna LeBlanc). **CODE 1 RECORD.** RR 232 Milk River Ridge (TW2 R23 W4M sec 3 NE quarter); 29–31 August 2021; written report and 2 images (Kim Godwin). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*): Chin Lake; 5 December 2020; written report and 4 images (David and Emma Scott). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Landfill (Peigan Trail Gull Ponds) in E Calgary; 10–16 April 2021; 6 images (Evan Walters; [S85311792](#) on eBird); 3 images posted on Albertabird (Joan and Malcolm McDonald). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*): Hastings Lake; 18–22 May 2020; 1 image posted on Albertabird (Andrew Ross; [S69298174](#) on eBird). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*): 68th Street E wetlands, Calgary; 20 July 2021; written report with 3 images (James Mott); written report and 2 images (Ethan Denton, Gavin McKinnon, Liz Soria). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*): juvenile at S end of Chain Lakes, west of Nanton; 30 October – 5 November 2020; written report (Richard Clarke), 2 images posted on Albertabirds (Michael Potter). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.** E end of Bearspaw Reservoir; 2–3 November 2020; written report (Liz Soria and Justin Konoff) with 1 image (Liz

Soria; [S75801062](#) on eBird). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*): Whitford Lake; 2–5 September 2020 for about a week; written report (Andrew Ross) and 2 images (Brian Genereux). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*): Bull Trail Park, Lethbridge; 22 June 2018; written report and 1 image (Darcy Steele). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*): Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary; 5–15 October 2021; written report and 2 images (David Scott). Many

images posted on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*): Sunrise Road Marsh, NW arm of Pakowki Lake; 8 May 2022; written report and 8 images (David Bell and Liam Singh). **CODE 1 RECORD.** *First documented occurrence in the province.* Sloughs about Township Rd. 440, RR 201 E of Ferintosh; 20 May 2022; written report and 10 images (Wendy Blackwell and Ian Wallis). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*): McLelland Lake Lodge, 90 km N of Fort McMurray; 22 June 2021; written report and 1 image (Alex Dayman). **CODE 1 RECORD.**



GLOSSY IBIS, CAMROSE COUNTY
IAN WALLIS

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*): found dead in alley in Copperfield, SE Calgary; 18 December 2021; written report and 9 images (Darlene O'Neill). **CODE 1 RECORD.**



EURASIAN TREE SPARROW, FORT MCMURRAY
CAROL SPARKES

Western Screech-Owl (*Megascops kennicottii*): N Lethbridge; from 3 March 2021; written report and several audio recordings (Steve Schwartze and Carmen Avramovic). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Adult with 2 young in Waterton Lakes National Park; from 27 June 2021; written report with 1 image (Frank and Kaitlyn Crockett and Kirstin Kveder) and images (Asher Warkentin [2], Michelle Schreder [1]). This record was accepted due to the description of the vocalizations. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Eastern Screech-Owl (*Megascops asio*): Medicine Hat; from 17 January 2021; written report (Eric Vokes), 3 images (Eric Vokes [1], James Fox [2]). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Red-breasted Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus ruber*): near Pincher Creek; 11 November 2020; written report (Carol and Cornell Van Ryk) and image (Cornell Van Ryk). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*): Fox Lake, E of Fort Vermilion; 11 May 2020; 1 image provided by Kevin Kuipers from unknown photographer. **CODE 1 RECORD.** NW 36-61-10-W4 near St. Lina in Peace Country; 21 June 2021; written report and 1 image (Rheal Ouellette). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*): Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary; 26 August 2000; brief description on eBird Checklist [S15505052](#) (Yousif Attia). **CODE 3 RECORD.** NW13 16 28 W4; 20 June 2020; written report and 1 image (George Smith; [S71002451](#) on eBird). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Chestnut-backed Chickadee (*Poecile rufescens*): family in Waterton Lakes National Park; 22 July 2015; video posted on eBird Checklist [S24373213](#) (Ian Cruickshank). **CODE 1 RECORD.** 10 km E of Grande Cache; from 5 January to at least 12 February 2018; written report and 3 images (Vincent Cottrell). **CODE 1 RECORD.** S of Water Valley; 4 March 2018; written report (Gerald Romanchuk); also images on eBird checklist [S43607700](#) (Colleen Raymond [2], Gerald

Romanchuk [2]). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Western Bluebird (*Sialia mexicana*): Waterton Lakes National Park (Entrance Pond Knight Lake Day Picnic Area); 13 March 2014; written report and 3 images (Ken Orich and Earle Covert). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Pair at nestbox on private property N of Township Rd. 72A, E of Hwy. 507, about a mile S of Hwy. 3; 14 July 2014; 2 juveniles reported on 16 August 2014 on eBird checklist [S19490055](#) (Michael Sveen); written report and 2 images (Vincent Cottrell). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Pair in backyard in MD of Pincher Creek (NE ¼ 3-7-2-W5); 29–30 March 2019; written report and 6 images (Chris Weickert). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Pair on property in Hillcrest Mines; 23 May 2019; written report (Pat Lucas); images (2) on eBird checklist [S56657517](#) (Pat Lucas). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Beaver Mines; early March 2020; written report and 2 images (Phil and Isabelle Gavey). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Gap Lake, Bow Valley; 24–26 March 2021; written report and 2 images (Ethan Denton; [S84145895](#) on eBird). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.** 2 males along Plummers Rd. near 240 Street, S of Priddis; 29 March – 1 April 2022; written report and 5 images (Anne Auclair Moe). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*): Fort McMurray; 18 November 2021; written report and 2 images (Carol Sparkes). **CODE 1 RECORD.** *First documented occurrence in the province.*

Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*): Beaver Mines; 6 July 2017; 2 images (Gordon Petersen). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Mountain View; 6 May 2021; written report and 3 images (Nancy West). **CODE 1 RECORD.** At feeder in Pincher Creek; from 20 February to at least 19 March 2022; written reports (Lisa Salonen, David Scott) and 7 images (Ethan Denton, Gavin McKinnon). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Sagebrush Sparrow (*Artemisiospiza nevadensis*): Benchlands; 11–13 June 2021; written report (Bob & Cindy Kam, George Halmazna) and 6 images (George Halmazna). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*): Fort McMurray; from 13 December 2019 until 21 January 2020; 1 image (Carol Sparkes; also [S62360750](#) [S64884628](#) [S63128040](#) on eBird). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Near Cremona; 18–24 May 2020; written report and 3 images (Stephen Dyke). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*): female on private homestead N of Sherwood Park; 21 November – 2 December 2021; written report (Andrew Ross) and 3 images (Ethan Denton [2], Andrew Ross [1]). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*): S of Claresholm; 1 June 2021; written report and 7 images (Jeanne Burnham). **CODE 1 RECORD. First documented occurrence in the province.** First-year male at Popson Park, Lethbridge; 3–4 June 2022; written report, audio recording

and image (Ken Orich) and images (David Scott [2], Michelle Schreder [1]). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*): Elliston Park, Calgary; 11–16 May 2020; written reports (Renee Beaton; Mike Russum, also images at [S68885773](#), [S69032596](#) on eBird) and 2 images (Ray Wershler; [S68941241](#) on eBird). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*): Nicholas Sheran Park, Lethbridge; 29 May 2020; written report with 2 images and audio recording (Teresa Dolman; [S69796829](#) on eBird). Other images on eBird. **CODE 1 RECORD.** Kinnaird Park, Edmonton; 21–31 October 2020; written report with 3 images (Vincent Cottrell). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Pine Warbler (*Setophaga pinus*): at feeder in Strathcona County (W boundary of Elk Island National Park); from about 30 October to at least 12 December 2021; written reports (Michael Molenkamp, Andrew Ross) and images (Michael Molenkamp [2], Andrew Ross [4], Ethan Denton [1]). **CODE 1 RECORD.** At residence in NW Calgary; 16 November 2021; written report and 3 videos (Bob Clarke). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*): near Delacour and Conrich, Rocky View County; 11 May 2019; written report and 1 image (Lisa Carlson). **CODE 1 RECORD.**



ORCHARD ORIOLE, MD OF WILLOW CREEK
JEANNE BURNHAM

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*): Acheson, west of Edmonton; 21 October 2020; written report with 2 images (Tannis Sharp). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*): MD of Rockyview; 1–2 June 2020; written report and 1 image (Rick Urvat and Maureen Hills-Urvat). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Struck window in SW Calgary and brought in to Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society; 10 June 2021; 2 images (Melanie Whalen). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*): Sorensen Lake, Hanna; 6 June 2021; written report and 3 images (Mike Russum). **CODE 1 RECORD.** Farm E of Pincher Creek; 20 June 2021; written report and 1 image (Asher Warkentin). **CODE 1 RECORD.**

IDENTIFICATION NOT ESTABLISHED

Mexican Duck (*Anas diazi*):

Elkwater Lake, Cypress Hills Provincial Park; 2 June 2019; written report and 1 image (Michelle Schreder); eBird checklist [S57020108](#).

Black-chinned Hummingbird

(*Archilochus alexandri*): acreage between Mannville and Myrnam; 20 June 2017; written report and 3 images (Adeline Bilyk).

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*):

Lowe Lake, NW of Grande Prairie; 23 July 2020; written report (David Rhody).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*):

2 at slough S of

Calgary; 18 August 2020; written report (Richard Clarke).

Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus*

glaucescens): Glenmore Reservoir, Calgary; 6 May 2014; written report and image on eBird Checklist [S62149873](#) (Ray Wershler).

Red-breasted Sapsucker

(*Sphyrapicus ruber*): Red Deer (Woodlea neighbourhood); 27 April 2020; written report (Darren and Deborah Petersen; Judy Boyd) and 4 images (Darren Petersen). Cottonwood Park, Lethbridge; 29 April 2020; written report and 5 images (Luke Peta; [S68077625](#) on eBird). SE Calgary; 11 April 2022; written report and

7 images (Sylvia Farrant and Alan Duguid).

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

(*Poecile rufescens*): backyard in Exshaw; 19–26 November 2020; written report (Anita Walker).

Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla*

mustelina): Shannon Terrace, Fish Creek Provincial Park, Calgary; 14 June 2018; written reports (Bob Storms, Brian Elder and Ray Wershler).

Northern Parula (*Setophaga*

americana): Waterton Lakes National Park; 4 August 2020; written report and 1 audio recording (Teresa Dolman).

POSSIBLE MEXICAN DUCK, ELKWATER LAKE
MICHELLE SCHREDER



CORRIGENDA

The Seventh Report of ABRC (Hudon et al. 2007) failed to mention the year when a Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*) appeared at Mount Lorette's "Hay Meadow." The bird was observed in 2005.

The Twelfth Report of the ABRC (Hudon et al. 2017) incorrectly placed Nacmine, where a Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*) was recorded, east of Drumheller when it is located west of that town.

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CODE DEFINITIONS

ACCEPTED, CODE 1. Records supported by material evidence, i.e., specimens, identifiable body parts, identifiable photographs or sound recordings, whose origin from within the borders of Alberta is in no doubt, that are accompanied by written reports of the circumstances of the observation.

ACCEPTED, CODE 2. Sight records (without supporting material evidence) by multiple observers that are supported by independent written descriptions that leave no doubt as to the species identity. A Code 1 or 2 sighting must receive four favourable votes and no more than one dissenting vote to be accepted.

ACCEPTED, CODE 3. Sight records by one or more observers that are supported by a single written description that leaves no doubt as to species identity, and which receive five favourable votes and no dissenting vote. A Code 3 is the minimum for inclusion in the official provincial list.

ACCEPTED, CODE 4. Sight records by single observers that receive four favourable votes and no more than one dissenting vote. For record adjudication purposes, such a record is acceptable, but does not pass the more stringent requirements for inclusion on the official provincial list. A list of species that have no higher than a Code 4 record may be published as an appendix to the official list.

IDENTIFICATION NOT ESTABLISHED.

Records supported by material evidence or written descriptions that are not detailed enough to eliminate all other possibilities, or to support conclusively the identification of the species as presented. Placement in this category should in no way be interpreted as a reflection on the veracity of the observation but should be looked upon as an encouragement to substantiate occurrence of the species in the province more fully.

ERROR IN IDENTIFICATION. Records where the documentation available to the committee runs counter to the stated identification, whether it identifies another species or not.

QUESTIONABLE ORIGIN. Records that concern species that are of questionable origin, possibly escapees, and whose wild status cannot be determined accurately.