

2007 (Ninth) Report of the Sacramento Bird Records Committee

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The Sacramento Bird Records Committee (SBRC) reviews records of unusual birds reported within the boundaries described in the *Checklist of the Birds of the Sacramento Area* (Sacramento Audubon Society 1993). For additional information about the SBRC, especially its history, exact nature and function, and future direction, see Manolis 2003. Current members of the SBRC are Chris Conard, Bruce Deuel, Andrew Engilis (chair), Jeri Langham, Tim Manolis, Brian Williams, and David Yee, with one vacancy.

Since the last report (Manolis 2003) only 11 records have been reviewed by the SBRC. Of these, 10 (91%) were accepted and 1 (9%) was held over for recirculation. Information presented here includes the record number (year received preceded by the record number for that year); initials of observer submitting the documentation (not necessarily the finder); and discussion of additional documentation (photos, etc.) or significance of the record where appropriate.

RECORDS ACCEPTED

Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) — Six records were accepted by the SBRC: one (4-98, GEw) seen on Aerojet property off Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento Co., 28 December 1996; one (14-98, AE) on the Valensin Ranch Unit of the Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento Co., 29 December 1997; one (2-2002, BDW) on the Hutchinson Ranch north of Lincoln, Placer Co., 19 December 1998; one (1-2002, BDW) just outside the SW corner of Colusa National Wildlife Refuge, Colusa Co., 14 January 1999; one (35-99, TDM) at Upper Beach Lake, Sacramento Co., 14 May 1999; and one (14-2002, AE) on Riley Road at Bridge Creek, Sacramento Co., 27 December 2001. Both the

Figure 1. Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) at Upper Beach Lake, Sacramento County, 14 May 1999.



photo by Stan Wright

Placer and Colusa county records were apparent county firsts. The May Sacramento County report was accompanied by excellent photographs of the bird in hand (Figure 1).

McCown's Longspur (*Calcarius mccownii*) — What were apparently an adult male and two female/immatures (38-2000, BDW) were seen on Browning Road about a mile north of County Line Road, Colusa Co., on three occasions between 20 January and 19 February 2000. Part of an unprecedented influx of longspurs to the Central Valley floor (Terrill et al. 2000), these birds apparently represent the first records for the county.

Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*) — The SBRC accepted two records: 2 males and a female (19-2001, BDW) were found on the Placer Co. portion of Brewer Road, north of Nicolaus, on 6 February 1998; and an immature female (15-2000, AE) was observed on the Valensin Ranch Unit of the Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento Co., 29 December 1999, during the Rio Cosumnes Christmas Bird Count. The former site has provided several records of three species of longspurs in recent years, while the latter record follows closely on the heels of Sacramento County's first, only three years earlier (Roberson et al. 1997).

Chestnut-collared Longspur (*Calcarius ornatus*) — Two flocks totaling about 50 birds (10-2000, EG) at the intersection of Roads 16 and 90B in the Dunnigan Hills of Yolo County on 30 March 2000 represented the unprecedented numbers of longspurs that wintered in the Central Valley during 1999-2000. Such large flocks were previously noted only in Northeastern California (Terrill et al. 2000).

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