



Maryland / District of Columbia Records Committee

Maryland

Subspecies Review List

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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 only *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*), and “Eurasian” Green-winged Teal (*Anas creca creca*) have been sufficiently documented in Maryland to warrant their removal from this statewide review list. [Note, however, that Eurasian Green-winged Teal is still reviewable in category 4C, below.] The following previously accepted taxa are reviewable anywhere in the state of Maryland and include:

Brant (Black)	<i>Branta bernicla nigricans</i>
Whimbrel (European)	<i>Numenius phaeopus phaeopus</i>
Cory’s Shearwater (Scopoli’s)	<i>Calonectris diomedea diomedea</i>
Great Blue Heron (Great White)	<i>Ardea herodias occidentalis</i>
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	<i>Junco hyemalis (oreganus group)</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon’s)	<i>Dendroica coronata auduboni</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. Note that the status of Greater White-fronted Goose is unclear and is suspended from reviews. The MD/DCRC will review all reports of the following subspecies and forms:

Ross’s Goose [Blue-morph]	<i>Chen rossii</i>
Cackling Goose (Cackling ssp.)	<i>Branta hutchinsii minima</i>
Brant (Dark-bellied)	<i>Branta bernicla bernicla</i>
Tundra Swan (Bewick’s)	<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>
Least Bittern (Cory’s) [dark morph]	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>
Broad-winged Hawk [dark-morph]	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk (Western) [including all dark-morphs]	<i>Buteo jamaicensis calurus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan’s)	<i>Buteo jamaicensis harlani</i>
Dunlin (Greenland)	<i>Calidris alpina arctica</i>
Herring Gull (European)	<i>Larus argentatus argentatus/argenteus</i>
Lesser Black-backed Gull (Continental)	<i>Larus fuscus intermedius</i>
Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	<i>Colaptes auratus (cafer group)</i>
Fox Sparrow (Slate-colored)	<i>Passerella iliaca (schistacea group)</i>
Dark-eyed Junco (Pink-sided)	<i>Junco hyemalis mearnsi</i>
Red Crossbill [any "Type" other than 3 or 10]	<i>Loxia curvirostra (types 1-2, 4-9, >10)</i>
Common Redpoll (Greater)	<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:

Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich)

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:

Green-winged Teal (Common)

Anas crecca crecca

Willet (Eastern)

Catoptrophorus semipalmatus semipalmatus

Nelson's Sparrow (Acadian)

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 (2017) Fifty-eighth supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds.

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