

SOME ADDITIONAL RECORDS OF ALBINISM IN NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS

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Ten years ago I published a paper entitled "Albinism in North American Birds" (*Cassinia*, XLVII:2-21, 1963). Since that time, one hundred and four additional records have come to my attention. Records included in a paper by A. O. Gross entitled "The Incidence of Albinism in North American Birds" (*Bird Banding*, 36:67-71, 1965) were included in my first paper because of his extreme kindness in allowing me to do so. He did, however, record albinism in three families, namely, Shearwaters and Petrels, Oystercatchers, and Avocets and Stilts without specifying the species in which it occurred.

My recent tabulations have added the following species which were not recorded in 1963: Leach's Petrel (which adds the Storm Petrels to the list), Brandt's Cormorant, Black-crowned Night Heron, Parakeet Auklet, Crested Auklet, Least Auklet, Screech Owl, Cape May Warbler, and Brown-headed Cowbird.

The following annotated list includes all the records of which I have knowledge since my 1963 paper.

ANNOTATED LIST

GREBES

HORNED GREBE, *Podiceps auritus*. A sight record of a bird which was pure-white when first seen but later streaked on sides and back with buff. It seems possible that the streaking may have been a stain of some kind.

STORM PETRELS

LEACH'S PETREL, *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*. Of 317 specimens examined by Batista (*Condor* 68:5:212) forty-two showed a few white feathers.

CORMORANTS

BRANDT'S CORMORANT, *Phalacrocorax penicillatus*. A pure-white bird with pinkish eyes, legs, and bill, seen in a flock.

HERONS

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, *Nycticorax nycticorax*. A sight record of a complete albino.

SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS

CANADA GOOSE, *Branta canadensis*. An imperfect albino specimen in the Alabama Conservation Department collection.

CANVASBACK, *Aythya valisineria*. A sight record of a complete albino.

CARACARAS AND FALCONS

SPARROW HAWK, *Falco sparverius*. A partial albino specimen.

GULLS AND TERNs

HERRING GULL, *Larus argentatus*. Records of three total albino young and one partial albino mature bird.

AUKS, MURREs AND PUFFINS

RAZORBILL, *Alca torda*. A partial albino sight record.

COMMON MURRE, *Uria aalge*. Two partial albino sight records.

THICK-BILLED MURRE, *Uria lomvia*. Four partial albino sight records.
DOVEKIE, *Plautus alle*. Two partial albino sight records.
BLACK GUILLEMOT, *Cepphus grylle*. Seven partial albino sight records.
PIGEON GUILLEMOT, *Cepphus columba*. One partial albino sight record.
PARAKEET AUKLET, *Cyclorhynchus psittacula*. One perfect albino specimen.
CRESTED AUKLET, *Aethia cristatella*. One partial albino specimen.
LEAST AUKLET, *Aethia pusilla*. Two specimens, one with white rectrices, and a total albino nestling.
COMMON PUFFIN, *Fratercula arctica*. One partial albino sight record.

TYPICAL OWLS

SCREECH OWL, *Otus asio*. A complete albino specimen.
GREAT HORNED OWL, *Bubo virginianus*. A partial albino sight record.

WOODPECKERS AND WRYNECKS

YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER, *Colaptes auratus*. An imperfect albino specimen.
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER, *Sphyrapicus varius*. A partial albino sight record.
DOWNY WOODPECKER, *Dendrocopos pubescens*. A partial albino sight record.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER, *Muscivora forficata*. A sight record of an almost entirely white bird except for scattered rectrices and primaries.
EASTERN WOOD PEWEE, *Contopus virens*. A letter informs me of a partial albino.

SWALLOWS

TREE SWALLOW, *Iridoprocne bicolor*. A partial albino.

JAYS, MAGPIES AND CROWS

BLUE JAY, *Cyanocitta cristata*. Two records from the literature, an imperfect albino, and a pure-white bird with no mention of the soft parts.
COMMON RAVEN, *Corvus corax*. A pure-white bird reported from Maine.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

CATBIRD, *Dumetella carolinensis*. A pair of albinos with an albino chick were reported at a D.V.O.C. meeting.

WOOD WARBLERS

CAPE MAY WARBLER, *Dendroica tigrina*. A specimen in partial xanthochroistic plumage was reported from Michigan.
PALM WARBLER, *Dendroica palmarum*. A report of a partial albino came in from Cuba.

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD, *Molothrus ater*. A mottled black and white specimen was recorded.

TANAGERS

SCARLET TANAGER, *Piranga olivacia*. Three specimens, one a partial albino and the others in xanthochroistic plumage.

GROSBEAKS, FINCHES, SPARROWS AND BUNTINGS

EVENING GROSBEAK, *Hesperiphona vespertina*. Three additional partial albinos were reported to me by letter, and I found records of two more in the literature.
HOUSE FINCH, *Carpodacus mexicanus*. A partial albino has appeared at a Chestnut Hill, Pa., feeding station.
PINE GROSBEAK, *Pinicola enucleator*. One imperfect albino and one "albino", with no description, reported in the literature.
SLATE-COLORED JUNCO, *Junco hyemalis*. Three additional partial albinos of which one was a specimen.

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