


LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: FIRSTS AND NEXTS, AT LAST. 

NATHAN PIEPLOW.

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Reflections on the excellent work of the Colorado Bird Records Committee, a thoroughly modern committee that aspires not to the role of "list police" but rather to the goal of documenting and understanding avian status and distribution in Colorado.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: CONVENTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

BILL SCHMOKER.

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Summary of upcoming activities and initiatives for CFO in 2008, including the annual convention in Canyon City, financial support for three avian research projects, financial support for the Bird & Nature Club at East High School in Denver, and support for young birders attending summer birding camps.

CFO BOARD MINUTES.

LISA EDWARDS.

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Minutes of the 15 February 2008 CFO board meeting, including actions and deliberations regarding the Colorado Bird Records Committee, annual awards, field trips, funding for research and scholarships, electronic and print resources, and the annual convention.

ACROSS THE BOARD: LARRY SEMO.

BILL SCHMOKER.

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Profile of Colorado Bird Records Committee Chairman Larry Semo, who has played a key role in bringing the records committee into the digital era; Larry is a Senior Ecologist with the environmental consulting firm SWCA, Editor of the American Birding Association's Big Day & List Report, Regional Editor for North American Birds and Regional Coordinator for eBird, and a consultant to several major field guides.

COLORADO'S FIRST RECORD OF STREAK-BACKED ORIOLE: PEDRO MARIA'S WHITE CHRISTMAS.

CONNIE KOGLER.

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Chronicle of the ornithological and human saga of Colorado's first Streak-backed Oriole, discovered on 8 December 2007 and present for 26 days; the oriole was seen by 450 different birders, and detailed observations on its plumage, feeding behavior, and thermoregulatory challenges were recorded during its visit and are reported in this article.

THE NEXT 20: PAST AND CURRENT COLORADO AVIFAUNAL PREDICTIONS.

TONY LEUKERING & LAWRENCE S. SEMO.

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Analysis of predictions made in 1987 of the next species to be added to the Colorado list, followed by current predictions of the next species to be added to the list. A few of the predictions, ranked from 20th most likely to 16th, include: (20) Pacific-slope Flycatcher, (19) Wandering Tattler, (18) Cactus Wren, (17) Black-capped Vireo, and (16) Ruddy Ground-Dove. [For the Top 15, as well as for other species receiving votes, join CFO and find out for yourself!--TF]

THE 46TH REPORT OF THE COLORADO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE.

LAWRENCE S. SEMO.

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Recent deliberations of the state records committee, with highlights being the addition of Streak-backed Oriole and Brown-crested Flycatcher to the Colorado list, which now stands at 487 species; potential additions to the Colorado list, currently under review by the committee, include Pacific-slope and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers.

THE HUNGRY BIRDER: CANYON CITY.

SeETTA MOSS.

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Suggestions for food while at the CFO convention, including king crab legs (City Buffet), avocado tostado (Torero's Mexican Restaurant), Irish sausages simmered in ale (McClellan's Grill & Brewing), rigatoni with marinara sauce (Merlino's Belvedere), burgers and beer (Owl Cigar Store), of course, for down-and-dirty birders, and local wines at the Holy Cross Abbey for upscale ornithologists.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD: FALL 2007 (AUGUST-NOVEMBER).

PETER R. GENT.

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Highlights from the warmer-than-usual fall of 2007, including Common Black-Hawk, Harris's Hawk, Laughing Gull, Ross's Gull, Magnificent Hummingbird, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Alder Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Connecticut Warbler, and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow.

IN THE SCOPE: GLOSSY IBIS AND THE IDENTIFICATION CHALLENGES OF HYBRID PLEGADIS IN COLORADO.

TONY LEUKERING

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Summary of field-discernible characters for recognizing White-faced x Glossy Ibis hybrids, which may be increasing in frequency in Colorado; along with fairly well-known characters involving the color of the bare parts, the color of the tertials may be a significant point of distinction.