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BIRD RECORDS FOR CLARK COUNTY NEVADA

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The following sight records by Austin include one species not previously reported from Nevada and seven not reported from Clark County. The specimen of Virginia Rail is deposited in the Biology Museum, Nevada Southern University at Las Vegas.

Phoenicopterus ruber. American Flamingo.

On 20 October 1962 on the shore of Lake Mead near Overton, an individual was observed for 30 minutes. Although in all probability it was an escaped bird, its color was bright.

Buteo lagopus. Rough-legged Hawk.

A bird of light phase observed near Overton on 22 December 1962 appears to be the first record for Clark County.

Rallus limicola. Virginia Rail.

A specimen (B-235) was collected by Bradley at Henderson Slough on 27 February 1964. Observations were made at the same locality on 5 March 1964 and 7 April 1965 and at Tule Springs on 30 March 1964. These are the first records for Clark County.

Erolia melanotos. Pectoral Sandpiper.

There is one record for the Nevada Test Site, Nye County, Nevada (Hayward, et. al., 1963:9). Two observed at Overton Beach on 4 October 1964 constitute the first record for Clark County and the second for Nevada.

Larus argentatus. Herring Gull.

Individuals observed at Overton Beach on 22 December 1962 and 1 February 1964 are the first records for Clark County.

Asio flammeus. Short-eared Owl.

An individual sighted at Henderson Slough on 5 March 1964 is the first record for Clark County.

Troglodytes troglodytes. Winter Wren.

Individuals observed on 22 and 30 December 1963 at Gilcrease Ranch, northwest of Las Vegas are the first records for Clark County.

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Lanius excubitor. Northern Shrike.

An adult observed at close range (breast barring very evident) near Tule Springs on 29 September 1962 is the first record for Clark County.

Richmondia cardinalis. Cardinal.

A male was observed in a mesquite thicket along the road to Red Rock Canyon in the Spring Range on 4 February 1962. This is the first record for Nevada.

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