

King Rail

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: The attached photos are sufficient for identification. And the likely alternative of Clapper Rail simply does not make logical sense. In addition the bird was viewed by multiple skilled birders who all agreed on the identification. Provenance with this species is not an issue. The timing and location of the species make sense from what we know of the species. Therefore a vote FOR this record is justified in my opinion.

CM2: Photos are distinctive. King Rails also have a distinct voice which lead to the identification. Great documentation!

CM3: Good description, good pictures.

CM4: Experienced observer. Multiple observers. Photographic evidence. I saw these birds myself.

CM5: Sighting date in May, photos in June, plumage should be consistent with adult plumage, and it is. Heavy barring on flanks, undersides. Clearly orange coloring extends up into the cheek area. Three birders concurred on identification, as they prior experience seeing and hearing this species elsewhere, even if it was 9 years ago.

CM6: Well documented

CM7: Accepted without comment