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Change *Hyetornis pluvialis* (Chestnut-billed Cuckoo) to *Coccyzus pluvialis*. Change Six-letter Code to COCPLU.

Change *Hyetornis ruficularis* (Bay-breasted Cuckoo) to *Coccyzus ruficularis*. Change Six-letter Code to COCRUF.

Change *Saurothera vetula* (Jamaican Lizard-Cuckoo) to *Coccyzus vetula*. Change Six-letter Code to COCVET.

Change *Saurothera vieilloti* (Puerto Rican Lizard-Cuckoo) to *Coccyzus vieilloti*. Change Six-letter Code to COCVIE.

Change *Saurothera merlini* (Great Lizard-Cuckoo) to *Coccyzus merlini*. Change Six-letter Code to COCMER.

Change *Saurothera longirostis* (Hispanolian Lizard-Cuckoo) to *Coccyzus longirostis*. Change Six-letter Code to COCLON.

Change Blue-headed Sapphire (*Hylocharis grayi*) to Humboldt's Sapphire (*H. humboldtii*). Change four-letter code to HUSA, Six-letter Code to HY LHUM.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*). Change Six-letter Code to DECFUL.

Change *Thryomanes sissonii* (Socorro Wren) to *Troglodytes sissonii*. Change Six-letter Code to TROSIS.

Change Red-breasted Flycatcher (*Ficedula parva*) to Taiga Flycatcher (*F. albicilla*). Change Four-letter Code to TAFL, Six-letter Code to FICALB.

Remove Crested Myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*).

Remove Black-backed Wagtail (*Motacilla lugens*).

Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*). Change Four-letter Code to BHSA.

Insert Barbados Bullfinch (*Loxigilla barbadensis*) after Lesser Antillean Bullfinch (*L. noctis*). Four-letter Code = BABU, Six-letter Code = LOXBAR.

SIGNIFICANT ENCOUNTERS

The Editors are pleased to announce that Jeff Davis has volunteered to edit *NABB's* Significant Encounters column. Submissions may be sent to him as noted below.

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What is a significant encounter? John Dunning, our retiring SE editor, suggests the following criteria:

1. Birds 5+ years old,
2. birds reported from sites >50 mi from their banding location,
3. species rarely recovered or banded,
4. individuals with an unusual history.

Of course, each record submitted to the column is considered on a case-by-case basis. A Rufous Hummingbird banded on its breeding grounds one year and returning the next would not be significant. A Rufous Hummingbird banded in Connecticut during the winter and returning the next year would be VERY significant. So each record should be considered individually.

Change the last sentence of the Red-tailed Hawk encounter listed in *NABB* 31:133 to read: "At least 27 years 6 months old. A longevity record in the BBL at the time of capture."