

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Summer Report: June-July 2018.—This report consists of significant bird observations compiled by the Field Observations Committee (FOC). Electronic submissions to the FOC should be in the following format: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and significance. Seasons are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit observations to regional compilers within two weeks after the close of each season, or to the state compiler within one month. Addresses of the compilers follow this report.

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SUMMARY OF THE SUMMER SEASON

FOSRC review species listed in this report include an Inca Dove, a Zenaida Dove, one Ruff, two Red-billed Tropicbirds, a Stygian Owl, and one MacGillivray’s Warbler.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 10 at Rabon Road (*Jefferson*) 22 Jun (M. Smith, R. Emond); 110 at Escambia County Utility Authority Wetlands (*Escambia*) 18 Jul (J. Callaway, B. Callaway).
- CANADA GOOSE: Up to 7 at Wacahoota (*Alachua*) 10 Jun-2 Jul (B. Woodmansee, H. Adams, L. Hensley).
- EGYPTIAN GOOSE: 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) through EOS (N. McDuffy, D. Rohan et al.).
- MOTTLED DUCK: 1 at Lakes of Leesburg (*Lake*) 9-13 Jun (H. Trecartin); 1 at Royal Highlands (*Lake*) 1 Jul (J. Walker).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park (*Alachua*) to 4 Jul (D. Rohan, T. Kent et al.); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 17 Jun (J. Martin).
- REDHEAD: 1 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 5 Jun (D. Morrow).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 female at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive (*Orange*) 29 Jun (+S. Murphy).
- GREATER SCAUP: 1 at Tram Road Holding Ponds (*Leon*) 4 Jun (J. O’Connell); 2 at St. Marks NWR 18 Jul (D. Morrow).
- COMMON EIDER: 1 continued at Miami Beach Marina (*Miami-Dade*) 1 Jun-EOS (m. obs.); 1 at Port Canaveral (*Brevard*) 20-28 Jun (J. Hanfam).
- BLACK SCOTER: 1 offshore at Tom Renick Park (*Volusia*) 18 Jul (H. Robinson).
- RUDDY DUCK: 1 at Shiloh Marsh Road (*Volusia*) 3 Jul (L. Beegle).

- *INCA DOVE: 1 at E Pensacola (*Escambia*) 10 Jun (L. Goodman).
 WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at Southwood Subdivision (*Leon*) 10 Jun (J. O'Connell).
 *ZENAIDA DOVE: 1 adult male at West Kendall Agricultural Fields (*Miami-Dade*) 8 Jul-EOS (+A. Lamoreaux, m. obs.).
 MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 at S *Pinellas* 4-10 Jul (+R. Smith et al.).
 SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 1 at Miami Gardens Drive Canal (*Miami-Dade*) 16 Jun (M. Hesles); 1 at South County Regional Park (*Palm Beach*) 16-17 Jul (m. obs.).
 BLACK RAIL: 1 at St. Marks NWR 1 Jun (D. Bryan).
 SORA: 1 at South Tremain Street (*Lake*) 24 Jun (H. Hartshome).
 GRAY-HEADED SWAMPHEN: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 3 Jun-21 Jul (B. Taylor).
 PURPLE GALLINULE: 4 at Green Cove Springs (*Clay*) 19-20 Jul (M. Fethe).
 WHOOPING CRANE: 1 at Micanopy (*Alachua*) through EOS (J. Donsky et al.).
 BLACK-NECKED STILT: 119 offshore at Tom Renick Park 26 Jul (H. Robinson).
 AMERICAN AVOCET: 1 at St. Marks NWR 22 Jul (M. Smith, R. Emond).
 PIPING PLOVER: 1 at Smyrna Dunes Park (*Volusia*) 2 Jul (R. Wallace); 1 at St. George Island SP (*Franklin*) 16 Jul (J. Murphy).
 WHIMBREL: 2 at Bald Point SP (*Franklin*) 10 Jul (J. Murphy); 2 at Tom Renick Park 21-28 Jul (H. Robinson).
 LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at S Anclote Key (*Pinellas*) 15 Jun (+R. Smith); 1 at Ponte Vedra Beach (*St. Johns*) 17 Jul (J. Marchionno).
 RED KNOT: 1 at St. Marks NWR 2 Jul (D. Morrow); 8 at Dog Island (*Franklin*) 3 Jul (D. Morrow, A. Morrow, D. Legare).
 *RUFF: 1 at Okaloosa County STF (*Okaloosa*) 30 Jun-1 Jul (B. Purdy, M. Swan, A. Knothe).
 STILT SANDPIPER: 1 at St. Marks NWR 22 Jul (D. Morrow).
 DUNLIN: 1 at St. Marks NWR 22 Jul (+M. Smith, R. Emond).
 LEAST SANDPIPER: As many as 193 at Tom Renick Park 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
 WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 juvenile at Gandy Beach (*Pinellas*) 23 Jul (+A. Ruben).
 PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 13 Jul (L. Gray); 1 at Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) 18 Jul (P. Plage); 2 at Bald Point SP 27 Jul (J. Murphy).
 SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 68 at Tom Renick Park 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
 WESTERN SANDPIPER: 7 at Bald Point SP 10 Jul (J. Murphy).
 SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 2 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 28 Jul (J. Eager, m. obs.).
 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 28 Jul (P. Hueber).
 SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 1 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 1 Jun (R. Rowan); 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 2 Jun (H. Adams, B. Hall et al.); 1 at Cummer Road (*Lake*) 19 Jul (+D. LaGrange).
 SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Algae Mat Wetland (*Indian River*) 18 Jul (+G. Mina); 1 at Cummer Road 19 Jul (+D. LaGrange).
 GREATER YELLOWLEGS: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 29 Jun (S. Murphy).
 WILLET: Up to 2 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 29 Jun-4 Jul (P. Hueber).
 PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 offshore at Tom Renick Park 18 Jul (H. Robinson).
 RING-BILLED GULL: 1 at Gainesville through 2 Jun (J. Donsky et al.).
 LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult at Fort De Soto Park 15 Jun-30 Jul (R. Smith et al.).
 BLACK NODDY: 1 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 13-23 Jun (K. Corliss).
 SOOTY TERN: Up to 44 offshore Port Canaveral 28 Jul (A. Kratter et al.).
 BRIDLED TERN: 1 ca. 15 miles offshore Port Canaveral 26 Jun (+J. Eager); up to 49 offshore Port Canaveral 28 Jul (A. Kratter).
 LEAST TERN: 1 at Gainesville 1 Jun (E. Kalinowski).
 CASPIAN TERN: 1 at Crane's Roost (*Seminole*) 3 Jun (L. Frauen).
 BLACK TERN: 1 at Lake Apopka (*Lake*) 5 Jun (G. DelPizzo, m. obs.); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 17 Jun (P. Hueber); 3 at Shands Pier (*Clay*) 23 Jul (S. Raduns); as many as 52 at Gandy Beach 31 Jul (+J. Clayton et al.).

- ROSEATE TERN: 1 at Lighthouse Point Park (*Volusia*) 5 Jun (D. LaGrange, M. Brothers).
- COMMON TERN: 1 at Black Point Wildlife Drive (*Brevard*) 2-12, 30 Jun (+J. Mileyka, m. obs.); 1 at Lake Apopka 5 Jun (+D. Richard, m. obs.); 1 at Cocoa Beach Pier (*Brevard*) 8 Jun (C. Welsh); 35 at St. George Island SP 9 Jul (J. Murphy).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1 ca. 15 miles off *Pinellas* 10 Jun (+T. Ploger, N. Ploger).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 24-29 Jun (C. Newton, m. obs.); 40 at Pensacola 10-20 Jun (A. Forster, S. Duncan).
- ROYAL TERN: 2 at Lake Apopka 5 Jun (G. DelPizzo).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 1 Jun (L. Mathis); 1 at Lake Jessup (*Seminole*) 2 Jun (G. Williams).
- *RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD: 1-2 at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 2 Jul-16 Jun (E. Rhodes, D. Gesuldo).
- COMMON LOON: 1 at Newnans Lake 2 Jun (R. Rowan et al.); 1 at Phil Foster Memorial Park (*Palm Beach*) 5 Jun-EOS (m. obs.)
- CORY'S SHEARWATER: As many as 5 offshore Port Canaveral 28 Jul (A. Kratter).
- GREAT SHEARWATER: 1 at N Bicentennial Park (*Brevard*) 5 Jul (+Z. Sutton); 1 ca. 30 miles offshore Ponce Inlet (*Volusia*) 8 Jul (L. Clark).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 offshore at Tom Renick Park 5 Jul (H. Robinson); up to 3 offshore Port Canaveral 28 Jul (A. Kratter).
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 1 ca. 15 miles off *Pinellas* 10 Jun (+T. Ploger, N. Ploger); up to 11 offshore Port Canaveral 28 Jul (A. Kratter).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 1 offshore Port Canaveral 28 Jul (A. Kratter).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at St. George Island SP 28 Jun (J. Murphy); 1 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 25 Jul (R. Rowan).
- BROWN BOOBY: Up to 15 at Phillippe Park (*Pinellas*) through EOS (*vide* B. Lane); 1 at Jetty Park (*Brevard*) 8-28 Jul (+A. Satterfield); 1 offshore Port Canaveral 28 Jul (Y. Morrell).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 1-2 in Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 8 Jun-30 Jul (B. Duncan, L. Duncan).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 1 at Lady Lake (*Sumter*) 25 Jun (M Pitcher).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Crane's Roost 3 Jun (L. Frauen); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 4-9 Jun (J. Donsky et al.).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 6-8 Jun (D. Herbert, m. obs.); 1 at P.E.A.R. Park (*Lake*) 28 Jul (G. Quigley).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 at E Pensacola 3 Jun (J. Lloyd); 1-3 at Walnut Hill (*Escambia*) 10-30 Jul (J. Yuhasz); 38 at St. Marks NWR 26 Jul (C. Reiland-Smith, E. Thompson).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 33 at Ashville (*Jefferson*) 25 Jul (M. Smith).
- SNAIL KITE: 3 chicks at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 1 Jun (K. Morin, B. Jeffery, A. Cardas); 1 at Lake Woodruff NWR (*Volusia*) 1 Jun (D. LaGrange); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 1 Jun (L. Mathis); 1 at Arnold Brothers Boat Ramp (*Lake*) 2-3 Jun (G. DelPizzo).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 1 Jun-29 Jul (L. Mathis); 1 at Lake Woodruff NWR 1-2 Jun (D. LaGrange); 1 at John's Lane (*Lake*) 3 Jun (G. DelPizzo); 1 at Quale Grove Road (*Lake*) 26-27 Jun (P. Seigler); 15 at Bassett Road (*Jefferson*) 28 Jul (M. Smith).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph at Walt Disney World area (*Orange*) 3 Jun-14 Jul (J. Thomson); 1 dark morph at Rock Springs Run (*Orange*) 5 Jun (+R. Merrigan); 3 dark, 1 light morph at Buck Lake CA (*Brevard*) 13-15 Jul (L. Lilja); 1 dark morph at P.E.A.R. Park 28 Jul (G. Quigley).
- *STYGIAN OWL: 1 at private residence in Key West (*Monroe*) 1 Jun (+M. Hedden, et al.).
- BURROWING OWL: 2 at agricultural fields west of Fellsmere WMA (*Indian River*) 26 Jul (+D. Richard).
- BELTED KINGFISHER: 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 7 Jun (T. Wronski); 1 at Micanopy 7 Jun (J. Donsky); 1 at Lake Giles (*Orange*) 8 Jul (T. Rodriguez); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 13 Jul (J. Knoll); 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park 13 Jul (L. Gray).

- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 1 at Clearwater Lake Recreation Area (*Lake*) 24 Jun (J. Walker).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 1 at Apalachicola National Forest (*Franklin*) 2 Jun (J. Murphy); 1 at Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park 8 Jun (G. Williams); 1 at Rivertown Groves (*St. Johns*) 3 Jul (V. Whiting); 1 at Rock Springs Run State Preserve 6 Jul (D. Horton).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 1 at Fort George Island (*Duval*) 23 Jun (+M. Harris).
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 3 at Longwood (*Seminole*) 3 Jun-29 Jul (+G. Williams); 1 at North Binion Road/Lake View Drive (*Orange*) 16 Jun (+G. Williams); 1 at Keystone Drive/Lake Pinelock area (*Orange*) 18-25 Jun, 12 Jul (J. Thomton); 1 at Calumet Drive (*Orange*) 22 Jun, 8 Jul (+B. Taylor); 1 at Dockside Street (*Orange*) 24 Jun (D. LaGrange); 1 at I-4/SR 434 (*Seminole*) 1, 7 Jul (S. Collins); 1 at West Orange Avenue (*Orange*) 14 Jul (+B. Taylor).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 at Boyd Avenue (*Brevard*) 24 Jun (C. Ferro).
- ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET: 1 at State Road 50 (*Lake*) 17-30 Jul (+R. Hattaway).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 31 Jul (E. Plage).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Brooksville (*Hernando*) 16 Jul (+D. Love).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at Gulf Breeze 6-25 Jun (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, S. Duncan).
- HOUSE CROW: 1 adult at Nokomis Public Beach (*Sarasota*) 11 Jul (+J. Eager).
- PURPLE MARTIN: 60 at Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 26 Jul (E. Plage).
- TREE SWALLOW: 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 1 Jun (G. Parks); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 29 Jun-4 Jul (+S. Murphy); 1 at Tom Renick Park 25 Jul (J. Morrison).
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Playalinda Beach (*Brevard*) 1 Jun (M. Harris); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 2-16 Jun, 8 Jul (A. Wurster).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at State Road 50 (*Orange*) 19 Jun (L. Mathis).
- CAROLINA CHICKADEE: 1 at Fawn Lake (*Brevard*) 15 Jun (+J. Armstrong); 1 at Buck Lake CA 18 Jun, 13 Jul (G. Williams, J. Eager).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: Up to 2 at Gainesville to 19 Jun (G. Parks).
- GRAY CATBIRD: 2 at Gainesville 2 Jun-9 Jul (L. Davis, J. Martin et al.); 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 4-10 Jul (+J. Clayton, R. Smith).
- PIN-TAILED WHYDAH: 1 at E Pensacola 14 Jun (L. Goodman); 1 at Pensacola 15 Jun (B. Neitzel); 1 at Crowne Center (*Volusia*) 5-6 Jul (+D. LaGrange).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Tallahassee (*Leon*) through EOS (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Gulf Breeze 26 Jun (B. Duncan, S. Duncan); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 30 Jun (R. Rowan).
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: 1 at Mead Botanical Gardens (*Orange*) 13 Jul (B. Miller); 2 at Sawgrass Lake Park (*Pinellas*) 14 Jul (+J. Clayton); 1 at Largo (*Pinellas*) 17 Jul (T. Young); 1 at St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 25-29 Jul (+J. Clayton).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Miccosukee Land Cooperative (*Leon*) 5 Jun (B. Phelan).
- *MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER: 1 at Charles "Sonny" McCoy Indigenous Park (*Monroe*) 2 Jun (+S. Runyon).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 female at Demetree Park (*Orange*) 30 Jul (T. Rodriguez).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 at Castaway Cove (*Indian River*) 2 Jun (W. Johnson).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Gulf Breeze 4 Jun (B. Duncan).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 1 Jun-1 Jul (L. Mathis); 2 at Guana River WMA (*St. Johns*) 5 Jun (D. Reed); 1 at Buck Lake CA 18 Jun (G. Williams).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 at Gulf Breeze 12 Jun (B. Duncan).
- BOBOLINK: 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 1 Jun (D. Segal, R. Rowan et al.); 3 at South Peninsula Drive (*Volusia*) 4 Jun (M. Brothers).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 at Eglin AFB (*Okaloosa*) 23 Jul (J. Kennedy).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 at Biolab Road (*Brevard*) 8 Jul (D. LaGrange).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 male at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 17 Jun (R. Harper).

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