

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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**Winter Report: December 1993-February 1994.**—The observations listed here are based on rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Field Observations Committee (FOC). As these reports are not formally reviewed, they may be considered tentative.

Significant reports are welcomed for inclusion in future issues of this section. Reports should include the following information: the species; the number of individuals; the age and sex of the bird(s); the color morph if applicable; the location (including county); the date; the observer(s); and the significance of the report. Reporting periods are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit reports to regional compilers within two weeks after the close of each period, or to the state compiler within one month. Reports may be sent by FAX to the state compiler at (813) 699-1927.

Following the examples set by *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, FOS Spec. Pub. No. 6) and *The Birdlife of Florida* (Stevenson and Anderson in press), sight-only observations are considered "reports," while only those supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio tapes, or specimens) are called "records."

The Thirty-ninth supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds* was recently published (*Auk* 110(3):675-682, 1993). This FOC report includes all changes to the nomenclature as published in the *Auk*.

Anderson and Baker (1994, *Fla. Field Nat.* 22:21-23) recently published the list of birds for which the FOS Records Committee requires documentation. These species are marked in this report with an asterisk (\*) to alert the observers of their need to supply the FOSRC with details of their sightings.

A county designation accompanies the first-time listing of each site; further listings of the same site lack the county name. Abbreviations used in this report are: APAFR-N = Avon Park Air Force Range (*Polk*); APAFR-S = Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands*); CBC = Christmas Bird Count; CP = county park; ENP-E = Everglades National Park (*Dade*); ENP-W = Everglades National Park (*Monroe*); FOSRC = FOS Records Committee; NWR = national wildlife refuge; SP = state park; SRA = state recreation area; WMA = wildlife management area; and N, S, E, W, etc. for compass directions.

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### SUMMARY OF THE WINTER SEASON

Despite a colder than normal winter, the state did not experience large numbers of avian irruptive events, although one Wakulla County feeder hosted over two dozen Purple Finches. In fact, Cedar Waxwings were especially absent, and numbers of American Robins were down in most areas, suggesting a good berry crop north of Florida. For the first time in 17 years, no robins were banded at Annette Stedman's banding station in Sarasota County.

A "species" that was reported frequently this winter was Bullock's Oriole, although all reports were of females, which may be more difficult to identify from female Baltimore Orioles, or Baltimore x Bullock's hybrids, than was formerly thought.

Eight species for which there are no verified winter records were reported this season: Lesser and Common nighthawks, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Blue-winged, Townsend's, and Black-throated Green warblers, and Scarlet Tanager. The Townsend's Warbler was videotaped, and the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was audiotaped, so these species should be accepted by the FOSRC. Verification may exist for some of the other species, but it was not provided by the deadline of this report.

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- RED-THROATED LOON: 1 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 31 Dec (J. Dunn, S. Utterback); 1 in the Indian River Lagoon (*Indian River*) 5 Jan (I. Weigley).
- COMMON LOON: raft of 450+ near Dog Island (*Franklin*) 19 Dec (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE: 527 on the Lakeland CBC (*Polk*) 18 Dec was that count's highest-ever total (*vide* P. Fellers); 893 on the Merritt Island CBC (*Brevard*) 20 Dec (*vide* D. Stuckey); 200+ in Myakka River SP (*Sarasota*) 31 Dec-6 Feb (L. and R. Smith et al.).
- EARED GREBE: 1 in Air Products Wildlife Sanctuary (*Escambia*) 19 Nov-5 Dec (B. Milmore); up to 7 in Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 6 Dec-5 Feb (W. Biggs et al.); 6 in *Polk* phosphate mines 11 Dec (P. Fellers, D. Ford); 1 in Oakland Park (*Broward*) 19 Dec (J. Baker, E. Rosenberg et al.); 3-6 in Occidental WMA (*Hamilton*) 18 Dec through the period (R. Rowan, M. Manetz).
- BROWN BOOBY: 1 immature at Sebastian Inlet (*Brevard* or *Indian River*) 6 Feb (G. Beaton).
- NORTHERN GANNET: 200 off *Palm Beach* 1 Dec (W. Bracey); 113 off *Dade* 18 Dec (J. Sigbee, M. Cooper, R. Kelly).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 1 at Lake Wauberg 15 Dec, and observed in other parts of *Alachua* through Jan, was that county's second report (B. Muschlitz); 779 on the South *Brevard* CBC (*Brevard* and/or *Indian River*) 2 Jan was the highest local total in 10 years (*vide* J. Taylor); 3000 in *Polk* mines 9 Jan (P. Fellers, J. Novick, C. Nace).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 on Lake Jon (*Polk*) 15 Dec (A. Fritzsche); 1 on the Econlockhatchee CBC (*Orange*, *Seminole*, or *Volusia*) 2 Jan (*vide* L. Malo); 8 on Lake Arbuckle (*Polk*) 11-13 Jan (R. Barker et al.).
- LEAST BITTERN: 1 at Lake Alice (*Alachua*) 29 Jan (L. Fitzgerald) was seasonally rare.
- GREAT WHITE HERON: 1 in Oyster Creek, Englewood (*Charlotte*) 26 Feb through the period (B. Myers).
- \*SCARLET IBIS: 1 at Eco Pond, ENP-W 26 Jan (North American Rare Bird Alert *vide* D. Canterbury).
- WOOD STORK: no birds bred in Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (*Collier*) this year, despite favorable water levels (T. Below).
- WHITE SPOONBILL: the 1 bird reported from the fall was observed on the Tampa CBC at McKay Bay (*Hillsborough*) 31 Dec (G. Woolfenden, R. Bowman, B. Pranty, J. Goldstein).
- GREATER FLAMINGO: 10 at Christian Point, ENP-W 2 Jan (J. Webber, E. Shaughnessy).
- FLAMINGO species: 1 in Merritt Island NWR 20 Dec (H. Hill).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 141 on the Sarasota CBC (*Sarasota*) 18 Dec (*vide* J. Palmer).
- COSCOROBA SWAN: 1 in the St. Johns River S of Jacksonville (*Duval*) 25 Feb was the same individual seen several miles away in May 1993. The bird still had a short length of fishing line trailing from its bill (not previously reported) (P. Powell).

- SNOW GOOSE: 1 immature white morph in St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 18-19 Dec (P. Blair, L. Bielsa); 1 adult blue morph in Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 22 Dec (D. Robinson, A. and B. Hansen et al.); 1 blue morph on the St. Johns River (*Duval*) 26 Dec (J. Hintermister); 7 in *Sarasota* celery fields 3 Jan (J. Palmer); 2 immature white morphs at the state prison W of Miami (*Dade*) 28 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith).
- NORTHERN PINTAIL: 2920 on the Merritt Island CBC 20 Dec (*vide* D. Stuckey).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 male in Myakka River SP (*Sarasota*) 28 Jan (J. Kapitski); 1 male with ca. 1000 Blue-winged Teal on Lake Okeechobee S of the Harney Pond Canal (*Glades*) 11 Feb (L. Riopelle).
- HYBRID TEAL: 1 Blue-winged x Cinnamon teal in Merritt Island NWR throughout the period (*vide* L. Cooper).
- EURASIAN WIGEON: 2 adult males in Merritt Island NWR 13 Feb (1 had been reported earlier) (L. and B. Atherton, B. Payne).
- CANVASBACK: 225 in Lake Seminole (*Jackson*) 16 Jan (P. Fellers, P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- REDHEAD: three locally rare Orlando (*Orange*) reports 20-31 Dec: 15 on Lake Adair, 2 males on Lake Estelle, and 1 male on Lake Cherokee (all G. Bretz).
- GREATER SCAUP: 1 male on Lake Sirena (*Highlands*) 8 Jan (D. Stotz).
- LESSER SCAUP: 268 on the Econlockhatchee CBC 2 Jan (*vide* L. Malo).
- EIDER species: 1 sub-adult male, thought to be a \*King Eider, in Perdido Bay (*Escambia*) 27 Dec (G. Fleming et al., details to FOSRC).
- OLDSQUAW: 1 at Wards Bank (*Duval*) 12 Dec (J. Wheat); 6 off St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 17 Dec (J. Stevenson) with singles there 29 Dec (M. Hill, S. Hardin) and 20 Feb (N. Wamer).
- BLACK SCOTER: 25 off Amelia Island (*Nassau*) 10 Dec (E. Colborn); 2 males off Green Key, New Port Richey 29 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Goodwin) was the first *Pasco* report; 4 males on Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 27 Dec (W. Hoffman, P. W. Smith) was the first inland Florida report (*vide* B. Anderson).
- SURF SCOTER: 1 off Boynton Beach (*Palm Beach*) 2 Dec (H. Langridge, G. Hunter) was rare so far south.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: ca. 30 in Ft. Pickens SP (*Escambia*) 20 Feb (J. Saunders, J. Ballman).
- COMMON GOLDENEYE: 1 male in Honeymoon Island SRA 22 Jan was a rarity for *Pinellas* (L. and R. Smith).
- BUFFLEHEAD: 7 on the Lake Wales CBC (*Polk*) 2 Jan (*vide* M. Sehi); 14 in *Polk* mines 5 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 250 at the Orlando wastewater treatment plant 16 Dec (W. Freeman).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 2 males on Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 4 Jan (G. Menk).
- RUDDY DUCK: 65 on the Lakeland CBC 18 Dec is that count's lowest-ever count, down from nearly 100,000 birds 20-25 years ago (*vide* P. Fellers).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 2 in S *Brevard* 30 Dec-16 Jan (B. and S. Hills); 2 near the Scarborough Ranch (*Highlands*), an area of frequent reports recently, 27 Dec (W. Biggs et al.); 1 along the Sawgrass Expressway (*Broward*) 28 Dec (P. W. and S. Smith); 2 in Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 2 Jan (B. Hope).
- SNAIL KITE: 61 W of West Palm Beach (*Palm Beach*) 28 Dec (W. Bracey); 1 in female plumage on Lake June (*Highlands*) 14 Jan "for a week at least" (*vide* T. Krips) and 17 Feb (B. and M. Kittredge); 1 on Lake Parker, Lakeland 29 Jan (F. and K. Eastman); 17 in Loxahatchee NWR 8 Feb (F. Broemer).
- BALD EAGLE: single adults in Air Products Wildlife Sanctuary 9 Dec and 20 Jan (B. Milmore) were further evidence of an expanding Panhandle population.

- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 13 over Key West 2 Dec (J. Ondrejko); 1 in Babson Park (*Polk*) 8 Jan (P. Fellers).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 2 dark morphs wintered on Key West (J. Ondrejko); single light morphs in Hollywood (*Broward*) 19 Dec and 28 Jan, and single dark morphs there daily 25-27 Jan and 10 Feb (J. DiPasquale, J. Baker); 5 dark morphs in *Dade* 2 Jan (M. Cooper et al.); 1 near Loxahatchee NWR 16 Jan (F. Broemer); 1 in Paynes Prairie 27 Feb (J. Weimer) was only the second *Alachua* report.
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 over Key West 2 Dec (J. Ondrejko); 1 dark morph in *Dade* 2 Jan (M. Cooper); 1 immature light morph on SR 70 E of CR 721 (*Highlands*) 24 Jan (V. Morrison); 1 "rather dark" immature over Royal Palm Hammock, ENP-E 26 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith); 1 adult in NW *Dade* 7 Feb (P. W. Smith).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 "Kriders" race in St. Marks NWR 23 Dec (J. Stevenson).
- \*FERRUGINOUS HAWK: 2 on M. K. Ranch (*Gulf*) 7-18 Feb (S. Arbery).
- MERLIN: 1 at Indian Pass (*Gulf*) 28 Dec (B. and S. Stedman); 1 at Alligator Point 31 Dec (J. Dunn, S. Utterback) and 12 Feb (J. Cox, K. NeSmith).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 flying W over Dog Island 4 Dec (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- KING RAIL: at least 15 along a one-mile walk at Shark Valley, ENP-E 12 Feb (P. W. and S. Smith).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 flying over Black Hammock Island (*Duval*) 19 Dec (S. Buettner) was locally rare; 154 at a dusk roost in Crews Lake CP 22 Dec (P. Young, D. Robinson et al.) was an extremely high number for W *Pasco* (*fide* B. Pranty); ca. 32 in a flock going N, very high over Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*) 10 Feb (B. Pranty) were presumably northbound migrants.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1 in *Polk* mines 11 Dec (P. Fellers, D. Ford).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 35 in *Polk* mines 11 Dec (P. Fellers, D. Ford); 400 on Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 12 Dec (P. Blair) was a very high count.
- PIPING PLOVER: 3 on Virginia Key (*Dade*) 18 Dec (M. Cooper, E. Einspruch).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 2 over Rookery Bay Sanctuary (*Collier*) 17 Dec (T. Below, J. Douglas); 8 wintered in Sawgrass Lake CP (*Pinellas*) (R. Smith et al.); 2 in Air Products Wildlife Sanctuary 28 Feb were the first sanctuary report (B. Milmore).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 1 at Snake Bight, ENP-W 5 Jan (J. Goodwin) was locally rare.
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 on the Lakeland CBC 18 Dec in the same location as previous years (B. and L. Cooper).
- MARBLED GODWIT: 61 at the Carabelle River mouth (*Franklin*) 31 Jan (D. Evered, L. Messick) were considered to be the same wintering flock observed E to St. Marks NWR (many obs.).
- RED KNOT: 1000 on Shell Key 2 Dec, and 2000 there 12 Dec (P. Blair).
- SANDERLING: 500+ on Shell Key 12 Dec (P. Blair).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 in Loxahatchee NWR 17 Dec, and 1 near there 31 Dec and 4 Jan (F. Broemer).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: up to 5 in Fort Clinch SP (*Nassau*) throughout the period (*fide* L. Cooper); 1 on SR 405 in Merritt Island NWR 21 Jan (S. Rowe, B. Smith).
- DUNLIN: 7 in *Polk* mines 4 Dec (P. Fellers).
- \*CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 at Fort Myers Beach (*Lee*), reported in the fall, remained through the period (*fide* D. Canterbury).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 2 in Lake Pasadena (*Pasco*) 22 Dec (D. Robinson, B. Pranty, D. and G. Woodard) were locally rare; 2 on LT Ranch W of Myakka River SP (*Sarasota*) 14 Jan (R. Ferren); 1 in Loxahatchee NWR 7 Feb, and 4 there 14 Feb (F. Broemer).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 13 in Merritt Island NWR 15 Dec through the period (D. Stuckey); 247 in *Polk* mines 9 Jan (P. Fellers, J. Novick, C. Nace); 1 in St. Marks NWR 22 Jan (N. Wamer); 15 at the state prison W of Miami 28 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith); 75 on CR 780 over the Myakka River (*Sarasota*) 6 Feb (L. and B. Atherton).
- JAEGER species: 62 off *Palm Beach* 1 Dec (H. Langridge, G. Hunter).

- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 in Miami Beach (*Dade*) 18 Dec (J. Goodwin); 4 in Oakland Park 19 Dec (J. Baker et al.); 1 adult and 1 immature N of Marco Island (*Collier*) 2 Jan (T. Below, J. Fitch); 1 adult in MacDill Air Force Base (*Hillsborough*) 3 Jan (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson); 1 on Siesta Beach (*Sarasota*) 18 Jan (J. Palmer); 1 adult on Dog Island 28 Jan was the first report for the island (D. Evered, L. Messick, K. NeSmith, J. Cox).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 in Fort Clinch SP 23 Dec (S. Buettner, B. Chartier).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 first-year bird on Cape San Blas (*Gulf*) 29 Dec (S. Stedman); 1 first-year bird on Dog Island 28 Jan was the first report for the island (D. Evered, L. Messick, K. NeSmith, J. Cox); 1 adult and 1 second-year bird in the Sunshine Skyway bridge/Tierra Verde area (*Pinellas*) throughout the period (L. and B. Atherton et al.).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 2 in Myakka River SP (L. and B. Atherton) may have been the same 2 birds that have wintered there in previous years.
- ROYAL TERN: 1 at Newnan's Lake 15 Jan (M. Manetz, R. Rowan) was rare inland.
- COMMON TERN: 1 immature off Dog Island 29 Dec (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 950 in *Polk* mines 9 Jan (P. Fellers, J. Novick, C. Nace).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 5 on the Lake Wales CBC 2 Jan (*vide* M. Sehi); 4 on Lake Jackson (*Highlands*) 12 Feb (F. Lohrer); 130 at Belle Glade marina (*Palm Beach*) 25 Feb (J. Baker, E. Rosenberg).
- DOVEKIE: 1 in the Indian River off Wabasso (*Indian River*) 4 Dec (B. Kleckner).
- \*MARBLED MURRELET: 1 of the Asian race *B. m. perdis* found dead on the beach in Fort DeSoto CP 4 Dec (K. Christensen) is now in the collection at the University of Central Florida, Orlando. This is the second record for the state.
- WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: ca. 200 feeding on Paurotis Palm nuts in SW ENP-W 7 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 220 on the Lakeland CBC 18 Dec is triple the 1992 count (*vide* P. Fellers); 2 ca. 16 km SE of Okeechobee (*Okeechobee*) 26 Dec (P. W. and S. Smith); 257 on the Naples CBC 2 Jan is a four-fold increase over the 1992 count (T. Below); 2 on SR 70, 1.3 km W of the Kissimmee River (*Highlands*) 13 Jan (F. Lohrer); 1 on Dog Island 3 Dec (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 on Key West 5 Dec (J. Ondrejko); 1 on Tierra Verde 1 Jan was considered a western stray (L. Atherton); 1 on the South Brevard CBC 2 Jan (*vide* J. Taylor).
- COCKATIEL: 3 in Archbold Biological Station 26 Jan (J. Goldstein).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 W of Delray Beach 15 Jan through the season (B. Hope et al.) was the third report for *Palm Beach*, and may be the same bird found there 18 Nov 1992 (see *Fla. Field Nat.* 21(2):47).
- GREAT HORNED OWL: 1 pair raised 2 young from an old Fish Crow nest in Fort DeSoto CP (*Pinellas*) Jan-Feb, the first successful nesting by the species in the park, despite attempts by the same pair for the past several years. Among the prey items fed to the chicks were Snowy Egret, Merlin, and Black Skimmer (L. Atherton et al.); from below a nest adjacent to Archbold Biological Station in Jan-Feb, prey items included remains of 1 Red-tailed Hawk and 1 Barn Owl (G. Woolfenden et al.).
- \*LESSER NIGHTHAWK: birds wintered at Eco Pond Dec-mid Feb (many obs.), with 5 there 5 Jan (J. Goodwin). If these were documented, this would be the first winter record for Florida (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:91).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK: 2 over Universal Studios, Orlando 7 Jan (R. Ferren); 1 calling over Arcadia (*DeSoto*) 10 Jan (J. Dozier). There is no verifiable winter record in Florida (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:91).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: 7 on Alligator Point 17 Feb (J. Dozier).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 1 at Panther Point (*Polk*) 18 Dec (C. and D. Ford, P. Fellers); 1 female on Dog Island 15 Feb (D. Evered, L. Messick).

- \*VAUX'S SWIFT: 2 *Alachua* reports: 1 at Newnan's Lake 19 Dec (R. Norton, L. Karlix) and 2 at Lake Kanapaha 16 Jan (J. Hintermister).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 on the South Brevard CBC 2 Jan (*vide* J. Taylor).
- \*BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male in Dade City (*Pasco*) 4 Dec through at least early Jan (D. Ward, photos to FOSRC); 1 immature male in Jacksonville 2 Jan through the period (P. Powell).
- \*RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 3 near Blountstown (*Calhoun*) 5 Dec through the period (S. Arbery); 1 in Melrose (*Alachua*) 24 Dec-4 Jan (P. Renzelman); 1 adult male in S Jacksonville 17 Jan through the period (P. Powell).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 15 on the Avon Park Air Force Range CBC (*Highlands* and *Polk*) 21 Dec (*vide* D. Stotz) is the highest Florida CBC total ever; 3 in Disney Wilderness Preserve (*Osceola* and/or *Polk*) during a Feb survey (*vide* L. Cooper).
- \*YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: 1 wintered in Delray Beach and was audiotaped 24 Jan (B. Hope et al.). This will be the Florida's first winter record if accepted by the FOSRC.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 calling NW of San Antonio (*Pasco*) 22 Dec (W. Biggs) was N of its typical winter range.
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 3 (1 adult male, 1 immature male, and 1 female) in St. Marks NWR through the period (N. Wamer et al.); 1 male at Lake Munson (*Leon*) through at least 3 Feb (G. Menk); 1 male at the Orlando wastewater treatment plant 8-17 Dec (S. Wise et al.).
- \*ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 in Fort Walton (*Okaloosa*) 9 Dec (B. Duncan, details to FOSRC); 2 in Honeymoon Island SRA early Jan through the period (B. and L. Atherton et al., videos and photos to FOSRC).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 on the Crystal River CBC (*Citrus*) 28 Dec (B. Wagner); 1 on Jungle Trail (*Indian River*) 3 Jan (I. Weigley).
- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at ENP Research Station (*Dade*) 12 Feb (S. Komito).
- Myiarchus* species: 1, thought to be an \*Ash-throated Flycatcher, in Imeson Industrial Park, Jacksonville 19 Dec, where an Ash-throated Flycatcher was seen in Jan 1987 (S. Buettner, details to FOSRC).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 13 W of Florida City (*Dade*) 29 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith).
- \*EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 on the Merritt Island CBC 21 Dec (*vide* D. Stuckey); and 1 on the Lake Wales CBC 2 Jan (B. Geils). This species is unverified in the state in winter (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:103, Stevenson and Anderson in press).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 2 *Palm Beach* reports: 1 bird 12 Dec (F. Broemer), and 1 at Canal Point 29 Jan (C. Kilmer et al.).
- \*COUCH'S KINGBIRD: 1 calling (but not audiotaped) near Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 18-28 Dec (A. and P. Weinrich, B. Hope et al., details to FOSRC).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Philips Inlet (*Bay*) 17 Dec (J. Dutrow); 1 on Longboat Key (*Manatee*) 1 Jan (*vide* A. Rawson); 1 on the Lake Wales CBC at the same site as in previous years (*vide* M. Sehi); 2 on Key Largo (*Monroe*) 2 Feb (P. W. and S. Smith); 2 on Cockroach Bay Road, Ruskin (*Hillsborough*) throughout the period (S. Backes, L. Atherton et al.); 1 male at Parker Island (*Highlands*), a fairly regular wintering site, through 12 Feb (B. Pranty, L. Richman et al.); 7 wintered on Key West (J. Ondrejko).
- \*HORNED LARK: 1 on SR 405 in Merritt Island NWR 20-27 Dec (W. Frost et al.) is probably the same bird seen there in the fall.
- PURPLE MARTIN: 4 males in Placid Lakes (*Highlands*) 24 Jan (D. Stotz) were the earliest report received.
- CAVE SWALLOW: 20+ were present at Cutler Ridge (*Dade*) 25 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith), but the roost had not been checked earlier, leading P. W. Smith to write, "When do they really return?"

- AMERICAN CROW: 802 on the Econlockhatchee CBC 2 Jan was a locally very high number (*vide* L. Malo); 1 in Crocodile Lakes NWR (*Monroe*) 2 Feb was an unusual Keys report (P. W. and S. Smith).
- FISH CROW: 15000 at a *Polk* roost 4 Dec was a locally high count (P. Fellers); 7 at Lake Ingraham, ENP-W 2 Jan (G. Meyer, M. Sturm) were locally unusual.
- BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH: 36 in Disney Wilderness Preserve in Feb (*vide* L. Cooper).
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 in Gainesville 19 Dec (M. King); 2 in Florida Caverns SP (*Jackson*) 16 Jan (P. Fellers, P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- WINTER WREN: 4 in Florida Caverns SP 16 Jan (P. Fellers, P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- SEDGE WREN: 54 on the Aripeka-Bayport CBC (*Pasco* and *Hernando*) 22 Dec was a very high local number (*vide* B. Pranty).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 2 in *Brevard* in Dec (D. Stuckey); 1 in Hal Scott Preserve (*Orange*) 15 Jan (L. Malo) was locally rare (*vide* D. Freeman).
- \*BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 male returned to Key West 20 Feb, for the fourth consecutive year (J. Ondrejko).
- \*BELL'S VIREO: 1 at Parker Island 27 Dec (W. Hoffman, P. W. Smith).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 banded on Casey Key (*Sarasota*) 16 Dec (A. Stedman); 1 near Flamingo, ENP-W 24-25 Jan (C. and D. Ford). There is no winter record in the state (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:121).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 in APAFR-S 21 Dec (J. Fitzpatrick).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 7 singing in Saddle Creek CP (*Polk*) 7 Feb (P. Fellers); 1 exhausted male on Dog Island 10 Feb (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 female in Paynes Prairie (*Alachua*) 9 Dec (B. Muschlitz); 1 at Coot Bay, ENP-W 2 Jan (P. Bithorn, M. Cooper); 1 in Merritt Island NWR 4 Jan (R. Fern).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 in "Hog Waller" (*Highlands*) 27 Dec (P. W. Smith, W. Hoffman); 1 in Tamarac (*Broward*) 14 Jan (J. Baker); 1 in Royal Palm Hammock 26 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 male in *Hamilton* 18 Dec (F. Sedmera).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 on the Merritt Island CBC 20 Dec (*vide* D. Stuckey); 1 female in Lake Parker Recreation Area (*Polk*) 12 Jan (L. Lane).
- \*TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: 1 first-year male in Sawgrass Lake CP 4 Dec through the period (L. and B. Atherton et al., videos and photos to FOSRC) was the state's first winter record.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 in Talbot Islands SP (*Duval*) 26 Dec (N. Wamer); 1 on the L7 Ranch (*Highlands*) 27 Dec (M. McMillian et al.); birds wintered at "several traditional sites" such as Mahogany Hammock, ENP-E; Royal Palm Hammock; and Big Cypress National Preserve (*Monroe* or *Collier*) (P. W. and S. Smith). Bill Smith wrote, "This species probably is the most frequent of the 'rare' S. Fla. winterers, apparently more numerous and widespread than American Redstart." However, there is still no verifiable evidence of the species wintering in the state (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:125).
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: 1 feeding on unhulled sunflower seeds at a *Wakulla* feeder throughout Jan (J. Epler).
- PINE WARBLER: 1050 on the Avon Park Air Force Range CBC 21 Dec (*vide* D. Stotz) is the highest-ever CBC total in the country.
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 2 in Hugenot Park (*Duval*) 12 Dec (J. Wheat); 1 on St. Joseph Peninsula (*Gulf*) 29 Dec (S. Stedman).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 on the South Brevard CBC 2 Jan (*vide* J. Taylor); 1 in female plumage on Jungle Trail 5 Jan (I. Weigley).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 at Coot Bay 2 Jan (P. Bithorn, M. Cooper).

- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at Snake Bight, ENP 5 Jan (J. Goodwin); 1 on Plantation Key (*Monroe*) on the Upper Keys CBC, in the same woodlot for the fifth consecutive winter (P. W. and S. Smith); 1 in Royal Palm Hammock 26 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 3 in APAFR-S 21 Dec (J. Fitzpatrick); 1 on the South Brevard CBC 2 Jan (*vide* J. Taylor).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 in Hillsborough River SP (*Hillsborough*) in late Jan (R. Miller) was probably wintering; 1 in Turkey Creek Sanctuary 23 Feb (B. and S. Hills).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 female in Air Products Wildlife Sanctuary 15 Dec (B. Milmore); 2 males in Oakland Park 19 Dec (J. Baker); 1 in Tallahassee 13 and 18 Jan (N. Wamer, T. West).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 on the Econlockhatchee CBC 2 Jan (*vide* L. Malo); 1 on CR 361 S of Steinhatchee (*Dixie*) 26 Feb (R. Smith).
- \*BANANAQUIT: 1 John Lloyd SRA (*Broward*) 19 Dec (J. DiPasquale et al.); 1 in Lake Worth (*Palm Beach*) 4 Feb (A. and P. Weinrich).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 in Oakland Park 17 Dec (J. Baker); 1 female on the Cocoa CBC (*Brevard*) 18 Dec (*vide* M. Cherrington); 1 adult male in Sawgrass Lake CP 22 Dec-9 Jan (V. Morrison, L. and B. Atherton); 1 male in Gainesville in early Jan (J. Kaufmann).
- SCARLET TANAGER: 1 male and 1 female on the Lake Wales CBC 2 Jan (*vide* M. Sehi). This species is unverified in the state during winter (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:132, Stevenson and Anderson in press).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 first-year male in Jacksonville 29 Jan through the period (R. Davis, videos by B. Atherton).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 in Delray Beach 5 Dec (B. Hope).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 on the Cocoa CBC 18 Dec (*vide* M. Cherrington); 1 immature male on Jungle Trail 12 Feb (I. Weigley); 11 at Belle Glade marina 22 Jan (H. Langridge, G. Hunter) was the highest count of the flock that wintered there; 1 E of Loxahatchee NWR 1 Jan (P. Powell, P. Lanzillotti); 1 female at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 26 Feb (R. Rowan).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 on Tierra Verde 2 Jan was the first local winter report (L. Atherton); 2 on the South Brevard CBC 2 Jan (*vide* J. Taylor); 3 wintered on Key West (J. Ondrejko).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 on the Lakeland CBC 18 Dec at the same site for the past three winters (D. Ford); 1 female on Fort George Island (*Duval*) 26 Dec (J. Hintermister); 6 females and 1 male at a Lake Placid feeder 30 Jan (J. Fitzpatrick et al.).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: 20 in Hal Scott Preserve (no date listed) (*vide* L. Malo); 50 on the Avon Park CBC 21 Dec (*vide* D. Stotz) is the highest-ever CBC total in the country.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 in Apalachicola National Forest (*Wakulla*) 5 Dec (M. Evans); 6 in Lake Wales 30 Jan was the highest-ever *Polk* count (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- VESPER SPARROW: 25 in one field in N *Pinellas* 19 Feb was a locally high count (R. Smith, D. Goodwin, B. and B. Wotton).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 reported from *Leon* in the fall remained through the winter (G. Menk); 1 near Placid Lakes airstrip 27 Dec (W. Hoffman, B. Smith); 1 on Alligator Point 4 Feb (J. Dozier).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: among numerous reports, 1 banded on Casey Key 14 Dec was recaptured 25 Dec (A. Stedman); up to 9 in Paynes Prairie 19 Dec-9 Feb (J. Hintermister, B. Muschlitz, R. Rowan); 20 in one abandoned lime grove W of Homestead (*Dade*) 2 Jan (P. W. and S. Smith).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 in St. Marks NWR 17 Dec (J. Cox, K. NeSmith, R. Kautz, F. Leslie); 1 in Paynes Prairie 18 Jan (R. Rowan) and 14 Feb (M. Manetz).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 2 at Imeson Industrial Park 20 Dec-mid Feb (M. Dolan); at least 1 on Cape San Blas 29 Dec (S. Stedman); 1 in St. Marks NWR 8 Jan (N. Wamer).



- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 48 on the Coot Bay CBC (*Dade* and/or *Monroe*) 2 Jan (J. Goodwin et al.).
- FOX SPARROW: 1 N of Tallahassee 23 Dec (J. Cavanagh); 1 in St. Marks NWR 21 Jan (M. Cohen, T. Cohen).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 2 S of St. Leo 22 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Woodard, D. Robinson) were the first-ever for *Pasco* (*fide* B. Pranty); 1 in Paynes Prairie 19 Feb (M. Manetz) and 22 Feb (R. Rowan).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 2 in Myakka River SP 30 Dec (A. Rawson).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1 in John Lloyd SRA 4 Dec (J. Baker, W. George); 1 immature on Jungle Trail 5 Jan (I. Weigley); 53 in Lake Wales 30 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel) is the highest-ever Florida count (*fide* B. Anderson).
- \*HARRIS' SPARROW: 1 in Eglin Air Force Base (*Okaloosa*) 20 Dec (S. Chambers).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 in Lutz (*Hillsborough*) 15 Jan through the period (D. Grimes).
- \*CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR: 7 feeding on sea oats in St. Andrews SP (*Bay*) 2 Jan (M. Olson, E. Fontaine).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 3 in Bartow (*Polk*) 25 Dec through the period (*fide* L. Cooper); 1 adult male in St. Petersburg 29 Jan (L. and R. Smith).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 1 adult male in Sawgrass Lake CP 12 Dec (L. Atherton, D. Narins); up to 65 in a *Leon* pecan grove through 15 Jan (J. Cavanagh).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 1-2 males in a flock of Rusty Blackbirds in *Leon* through 15 Jan (J. Cavanagh); 3 in Orlando 10 Dec (G. Bretz); 10 (6 males and 4 females) in *Hamilton* 18 Dec (R. Rowan); 3 females at Gore's Dairy, Zephyrhills (*Pasco*) 21 Dec (P. Blair, R. Smith, B. and B. Wotton); 1 at Hague Dairy (*Alachua*) 23 Dec (J. Hintermister).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 20 at Rookery Bay Sanctuary 11 Jan (R. Bliss).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at Cedar Key 7 Dec (D. Henderson); 2 on the Lakeland CBC 18 Dec, the same site for the fifth consecutive year (B. and L. Cooper); 1 male in Bartow 23 Feb (B. and L. Cooper).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: birds again wintered at Belle Glade marina, with at least 3 birds in Jan (H. Langridge, G. Hunter et al.).
- NORTHERN ORIOLE: 1 female Bullock's Oriole with 2 Baltimore Orioles S of St. Leo 22 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Robinson, D. and G. Woodard); 1 at Flamingo 2 Jan (G. Meyer et al.); 3 female Bullock's Orioles with 7 Baltimore Orioles in Tallahassee 26 Jan through the period (N. Wamer, videotape); ca. 25, including at least 1 female Bullock's Oriole, in Jacksonville through the period (R. Davis).
- PURPLE FINCH: 1 at the University of Florida, Gainesville 19 Dec (T. Webber); 25 at a *Wakulla* feeder 10 Feb (J. Epler).
- HOUSE FINCH: 1 on the Lake Wales CBC 2 Jan (C. Geanangel) was the first *Polk* report; 8 in Quincy (*Gadsden*) 16 Jan (P. Fellers, P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 6 at feeder in Jacksonville mid Dec-Feb (R. Davis, videos by B. Atherton) were the first record for *Duval*; birds regular in Lake City (*Columbia*) (J. Krummrich), and occasional in Gainesville and Cedar Key (all *fide* P. Powell).
- PINE SISKIN: 3 in Altamonte Springs (*Seminole*) 23 Jan (G. Bretz).
- CHESTNUT MANNIKIN (*Lonchura malacca*): 1 at Belle Glade marina 22 Jan (H. Langridge [sketch], G. Hunter) was the first *Palm Beach* report. The species has also been reported from *Brevard* and *Dade* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:191).
- YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY: 1 on the St. Petersburg CBC 18 Dec is the third *Pinellas* report (L. Atherton, *fide* B. Anderson).

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Fall 1993 reports not previously published: Least Flycatcher: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP (Pinellas) 3 Nov (L. and R. Smith); Vermilion Flycatcher: 1 near Blountstown (*Calhoun*) about 18 Nov (S. Arbery); Western Kingbird: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 20 Nov (Nancy McClelland et al.).

Additionally, three hawk watches by Steve Walter were received too late for inclusion in the fall report. The counts are included here in their entirety: Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 28 Nov: Black Vulture 3, Turkey Vulture 872, Osprey 8, Sharp-shinned Hawk 5, Cooper's Hawk 2, Broad-winged Hawk 4, and Red-tailed Hawk 28; 29 Nov (Flamingo, ENP, *Monroe*): Black Vulture 2, Turkey Vulture 1448, Bald Eagle 1, Sharp-shinned Hawk 5, Swainson's Hawk 7, and Peregrine Falcon 1; 30 Nov (Flamingo): Black Vulture 22, Turkey Vulture 584, Bald Eagle 3, Sharp-shinned Hawk 3, Broad-winged Hawk 13, Short-tailed Hawk 1, Swainson's Hawk 2, Red-tailed Hawk 36, and Peregrine Falcon 1.

Correction to Summer 1993 report (*Florida Field Nat.* 22(1):24): Canaveral National Seashore was repeatedly mislabeled "Cape Canaveral National Seashore." Thanks to Sean Rowe for pointing this out.

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