FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Spring Report: March-May 2000. The observations listed here are reports of significant birds or numbers of birds reported to the Field Observations Committee (FOC). Reports submitted to the Committee 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. Reporting seasons 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 season, or to the state compiler within one month. Reports sent via e-mail are greatly preferred over those sent via regular mail. Addresses of the FOC members are found at the end of this report.

Sight-only observations are considered "reports" while only those supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio tapes, or specimens) are called "records." Species for which documentation is required by the FOS Records Committee (FOSRC) are marked with an asterisk (*). A county designation (in italics) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations used are: CP = county park, EOS = end of season, DTNP = Dry Tortugas NP (Monroe), FDCP = Fort DeSoto CP (Pinellas), FWBSTF = Fort Walton Beach STF (Okaloosa), LARA = Lake Apopka Restoration Area (Orange unless specified), NWR = national wildlife refuge, PPM =Polk phosphate mines, SMNWR = St. Marks NWR (Wakulla), SP = state park, SRA = state recreation area, SRSTF = Springhill Road STF (Leon), STF = sewage treatment facility, TISP = Talbot Island SP (Duval), and N, S, E, W, etc., for compass directions. Bold-faced species denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida.

SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

Once again, Florida was crippled by severe drought, the worst on record in some areas. Typical rainfall from January through May is compared with the first five months of 2000 (all measurements in inches) for selected cities follows: Tallahassee: 25.03 and 8.44, Tampa: 12.17 and 3.12, and Miami: 15.51 and 10.74. The effects of the drought were most severe in central Florida; where hundreds or thousands of shallow wetlands dried up completely, and lakes were much reduced. Decreased water levels attracted concentrations of wading birds and shorebirds, especially at Newnans L., which recorded its lowest water level in over 60 years. Other impressive shorebird counts came from L. Hollingsworth in Lakeland and L. Jackson at Tallahassee. Fortunately, rainfall in Jun and Jul broke the drought, and surface water is beginning to return to most areas.

Strong west winds over a period of many days in late April caused fallouts of birds virtually statewide. Wally George called the number migrants in Broward County during 22-26 April "astonishing" and "incredible," with hundreds of wood-warblers per hour moving north through Birch State Park in Fort Lauderdale. Primary species involved were Northern Parulas, Blackpoll, Black-throated Blue, Cape May, and Black-and-white warblers, American Redstarts, and Common Yellowthroats. On 30 April, John Boyd watched a similar spectacle of Black-throated Blue, Cape May, and Blackpoll warblers, American Redstarts, and Common Yellowthroats streaming through Cape Florida near Miami. Boyd estimated at least 1000 wood-warblers per hour for close to four hours.

Along the Gulf coast, fallouts were was noted at Cedar Key 22-26 April and at Fort DeSoto County Park from 22-27 April, with 25 species of wood-warblers on 25 April. Swainsons Warblers were particularly numerous in Pinellas County. At Newnans Lake near Gainesville, the drought resulted in the lowest recorded water level since the 1930s, and created ideal shorebird habitats; during this spring, 26 shorebird species were found at Newnans Lake, which equaled the entire Alachua County shorebird list

for the previous 113 years! Not surprisingly, Rex Rowan called this spring the "best on record." Drought conditions and a drawdown of L. Hollingsworth in Polk County also created ideal shorebird habitat and some amazing spring shorebird counts. Gail Menk reported that the drought also dried up L. Jackson at Tallahassee, which attracted significant numbers and species of shorebirds. In the western Panhandle, Bob Duncan called the spring migration "exceedingly slow" except for the fallout of 24 April. However, many outstanding rarities, including the region's first Curlew Sandpiper, were reported.

FOSRC rarities reported this spring were the Yellow-nosed Albatross off Tarpon Springs, the White-faced Ibis at Fort Walton Beach, three Rough-legged Hawks and the Cassin's Kingbird that remained at Lake Apopka from the winter, two Vaux's Swifts at Fort Pickens, the Calliope Hummingbird at Pensacola, the Tropical/Couchs Kingbird at Fort De Soto, Bewick's Wrens at Fort Walton Beach and Lake Apopka, the Bicknell's Thrush at Lake Apopka, and the Yellow-faced Grassquit at Dry Tortugas National Park. Among other interesting sightings were the White-faced Whistling-Duck at Lake Apopka, the Philippine Duck—Florida's most recent exotic at Pembroke Pines—the first Whooping Cranes to produce chicks, Fork-tailed Flycatchers at Boot Key and Dry Tortugas, and two each of La Sagra's Flycatchers and Bahama Mockingbirds in southern Florida.

Lastly, we welcome Charlie Ewell to FOS Field Observations Committee as regional compiler for Southwest Florida.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON: 1 at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa) 19 Mar (B., L., and W. Duncan).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Fort Pickens (Escambia) 16 Mar-13 Apr (B. and L. Duncan et al.).

COMMON LOON: 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 8 Mar (A. Kratter); 4 at Lake Arietta (*Polk*) 22 Mar (L. Albright); a flock of 14, with several in breeding plumage, off Blue Mountain Beach (*Walton*) 17 May (T. Striker); 2 at Port Richey (*Pasco*) 21 May (K. Tracey).

EARED GREBE: 1 at PPM 1 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, D. McNair).

*YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS: 1 bird 50 km W of Tarpon Springs (*Pinellas*) 1 May (R. Powell, photo to FOSRC, *fide* G. Woolfenden).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 400 between DTNP and Key West, including 300 in a single flock, 21 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 at DTNP 5-6 May (B. Cooper, K. Radamaker, K. Knight et al.). MASKED BOOBY: 45 at Hospital Key, including at least 3 chicks in Apr (P. Lehman et al.). NORTHERN GANNET: 100s at FDCP 4 Mar (E. Haney et al.); 1 at Passage Key NWR (*Manatee*) 23 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: present throughout the season at Newnans Lake (Alachua), with 162 on 10 Mar (A. Kent et al.); 9 over Conch Key (Monroe) 26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 120 at Brandon (Hillsborough) 28 Apr (E. Kwater); 45 over Fort Walton Beach (Okaloosa) 18 May (T. Striker); 200 at Loughman Lake (Brevard) 27 May (C. Pierce, C. Paine); 15 at LARA 30 May (H. Robinson).

BROWN PELICAN: singles at LARA 2 and 13 May (H. Robinson); up to 5 at Newnans Lake 7-13 May (L. Davis, R. Rowan et al.).

ANHINGA: 66 over TISP 21 Apr (P. Leary).

AMERICAN BITTERN: 5 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 2 Mar (D. Freeman); 2 at Lake Munson (*Leon*) 6 Mar (M. Hill); 1 at LARA to 2 May (H. Robinson).

Great Blue Heron × Great White Heron: 1 mixed brood at Bayshore Gardens, Bradenton 11 Mar (R. Paul).

GREAT WHITE HERON: 2 at Newnans Lake 9-30 May (J. Hintermister et al.).

*WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 adult in near-breeding plumage at FWBSTF 26 Apr (B. Duncan, details to FOC).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 29 at PPM 23 Mar (P. Fellers et al.); up to 8 at Newnans Lake 16 Apr-EOS (M. Jones, R. Rowan et al.).

Wood Stork: a new colony of about 12 pairs at Seven Springs (*Pasco*) 19 Apr (K. Tracey); 250 at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 25 Apr (G. Menk); a new colony of about 12 pairs at NW Lake Disston (*Flagler*) 30 Apr ff (A. Moore, S. Nesbitt et al.); 390 at Micanopy 13 May (M. Manetz).

Greater Flamingo: 1 unbanded escapee near Alafia Bank (*Hillsborough*) 11 Mar and 29 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf).

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 86 at Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area (Lake) 24 Mar (P. May).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 12 in *Alachua* 29 Mar-EOS (H. Adams et al.); 42 at Bartow (*Polk*) 25 April (P. Fellers).

WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 at LARA 7 May (H. Robinson).

BLACK SWAN: 2 pairs at Lake Eola (*Orange*) 27 May, 1 with 5 young and 1 with 5 eggs 27 May (P. Bowen).

PHILIPPINE DUCK (Anas luzonica): 1 at Pembroke Pines (Broward) in late May or early Jun (K. and K. Schnitzius, photos to FOC) had been seen sometime in Apr (L. Manfredi). The species is endemic to the Philippines.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 676 at LARA 3 Mar and 1 there to 13 May (H. Robinson).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: 1 at LARA to 30 May (H. Robinson).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1 pair with 7 young at Air Products Sanctuary, Pace (Santa Rosa) 8 May (B. Milmore); 9 at Newnans Lake 27 May (L. Davis, R. Rowan); 2 at LARA to 30 May (H. Robinson).

NORTHERN SHOVELER: up to 8 at Newnans Lake 19-29 Apr (L. Davis, J. Hintermister et al.); 339 at PPM 25 Apr (P. Fellers et al.); 1 at LARA to 30 May (H. Robinson).

GADWALL: 1 at PPM 13 May (P. Timmer); 1 at Gainesville 13 May probably was injured (B. Roberts, T. Taylor).

REDHEAD: 2 at Tierra Verde to 23 Apr (B. Pranty, L. Walton, C. Dermer).

COMMON EIDER: 1 male and 1 female at Port Canaveral (*Brevard*) remained through the spring (C. Pierce et al.).

LONG-TAILED DUCK: 1 female at Titusville (Brevard) 13 Apr (T. Fiorello).

HOODED MERGANSER: 1 at Newnans Lake 13-26 May probably was injured (R. Rowan, T. Hoctor).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 at Temple Terrace (*Hillsborough*) 3 Mar (B. Ahern); singles at FDCP 22 Mar (A. Mason et al.) and 9 Apr (K. Holland); 11 at Orlando Wetlands Park 8 Apr (C. Pierce et al.); 1 at DTNP 18 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

WHITE-TAILED KITE: 2 pairs attempted to nest at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) in Mar, but a prescribed fire deterred one pair, and the other started a nest 15 Mar but abandoned it; the drought was blamed (M. McMillian); the fate of 1 nest at Three Lakes WMA (*Osceola*) was not known (T. Dean).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 at S Jacksonville (*Duval*) 28 Apr-2 Jun, where birds were seen in 1994-1995 (J. Cocke).

BALD EAGLE: 1 adult over Key West (Monroe) 26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 adult over Boca Chica Key (Monroe) 12 May (G. Stoccardo, C. Read).

NORTHERN HARRIER: 124 at LARA 3 Mar and through the season (H. Robinson); a total of 63 at TISP during 26 Mar-25 Apr, with 33 on 21 Apr (P. Leary); 2 in *Alachua* 13 May (R. Robinson, T. Hoctor).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: a total of 123 at TISP during 26 Mar-25 Apr, with 90 on 21 Apr (P. Leary); 1 at LARA through the season (H. Robinson).

COOPER'S HAWK: 1 pair building a nest at Boyd Hill Nature Park, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 6 Mar (*fide* R. Smith); 1 at DTNP 18-22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 female at Jupiter Inlet (*Palm Beach*) 25 May-20 Jun (J. and L. Hailman).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: singles at Tallahassee 8 Mar (P. Conover) and 27 Mar (G. Menk); 1 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary (*Brevard*) through 23 Mar (B. and S. Hills et al.).

SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 light morph at Lettuce Lake CP (*Hillsborough*) 2 Mar (R. Webb); 1 dark morph at IMC/Peace River Park (*Polk*) 11 Mar (T. Palmer) and 23 Mar (P.

Fellers et al.); 1 pair courting over Crews Lake CP (*Pasco*) 28 Mar (D. Robinson); 1 at Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve (*Levy*) 16 Apr (C. Graham); 1 dark morph at Van Fleet State Trail in *Lake* 19 Apr and 15 May (B. and L. Cooper); 1 dark morph in *Hernando* 6 May (K. Nelson, P. Blair, L. Hopkins).

*ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: 3 at LARA to 11 Apr, and 2 there to 19 Apr (H. Robinson).

AMERICAN KESTREL: a total of 279 at TISP during 26 Mar-25 Apr, with 151 on 26 Mar (P. Leary).

MERLIN: a total of 171 at TISP during 26 Mar-25 Apr, with 83 between 1100-1800 hrs on 21 Apr (P. Leary); 1 at Newnans Lake 29 May (M. Manetz).

PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 at SRSTF 2 Apr (G. and S. Hampton); singles at Newnans Lake 29 Apr (J. Hintermister, M. Manetz) and 13 May (J. Bryan).

BLACK RAIL: 1 at a phosphate mine 1 Mar (T. J. Coburn) and 2 at Kicco WMA 21 Apr (P. Fellers, T. J. Coburn) were the first *Polk* reports.

KING RAIL: 1 at SRSTF 21 May (J. Cavanagh).

SORA: 1 at Gainesville 11 May (R. Rowan); 1 at Santa Rosa Beach (Santa Rosa) 16 May (T. Striker).

PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 at HISRA 11 Apr (W. Yusek); 1 at Tierra Verde 28 Apr-2 May (P. Blair, W. Yusek, R. Smith).

AMERICAN COOT: 1 swimming on the ocean ca. 40 km WSW of Key West 21 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

WHOOPING CRANE: three pairs in *Osceola* laid eggs this spring, and one pair hatched two chicks 16 and 18 March. Unfortunately, one chick disappeared rather quickly and the other was killed by a bobcat within days of achieving flight (S. Nesbitt).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 3 at Newnans Lake to 26 Mar (A. Kent, L. Davis), and 1 there 2 May (R. Rowan); 75 at LARA 30 Apr and 8 there to 13 May (H. Robinson).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 at SRSTF 27-28 Mar (G. and S. Hampton); 1 at the LARA sod farm 29 Apr (K. Radamaker, C. Pierce).

SNOWY PLOVER: 6 birds (3 pairs) and 1 nest with 2 eggs at North Anclote Bar (*Pasco*) 17 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).

WILSON'S PLOVER: 1 at Cedar Key 7 May (T. Taylor).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: present at Newnans Lake 17 Apr-EOS, with 100 there 29 Apr (J. Hintermister, M. Manetz et al.); 19 at Lake Jackson 25 Apr (G. Menk); 21 at LARA 26 Apr, and 12 there to 16 May (H. Robinson); 395 at TISP 3 May (R. Clark).

PIPING PLOVER: 15 at Tigertail Beach, Marco Island (Collier) 21 Mar (K. Behrens); 2 at TISP 29 May (R. Clark).

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 60 off the Cross-Florida Barge Canal (*Citrus*) 28 Mar (T. Rogers); 1 at DTNP 17 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 at Fort Pickens 20 Apr (L. Duncan et al.).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at Crystal River (Citrus) 11 April (B. Smyth); 3 in central Pasco 12 Apr (B. Pranty); 1 at Lake Jackson 20 Apr (M. Hill); 1 at Seven Springs 8 May (K. Tracey); 5 in Alachua 18 May (J. Hintermister et al.).

AMERICAN AVOCET: up to 8 at SRSTF 5 Mar-21 Apr (G. Menk et al.); 1 at Newnans Lake to 19 Mar (A. Kent, L. Davis); 138 at PPM 23 Mar (P. Fellers et al.); 30 at Brandon 28 Mar (K. Tracey) and 17 there 28 Apr (E. Kwater); 2 at LARA 11-15 Apr (H. Robinson).

GREATER YELLOWLEGS: 2 at LARA to 30 May (H. Robinson).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 129 at LARA 26 Apr, and 1 there 30 May (H. Robinson); 340 at Newnans Lake 29 Apr (J. Hintermister, M. Manetz et al.); 134 at TISP 3 May (R. Clark).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: up to 3 at Newnans Lake 19-30 Apr (L. Davis, J. Hintermister et al.); 2 at Seven Springs 8 May (K. Tracey); 1 at LARA 16 May (H. Robinson).

WILLET: 1 at PPM 22 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 at Newnans Lake 7 May (L. Davis, R. Rowan).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 4 at LARA to 16 May (H. Robinson); 35 at Newnans Lake 18 May (J. Hintermister, L. Davis et al.).

- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 21-30 Mar and up to 3 there 26 Apr-4 May (H. Robinson); three small flocks at Lake Jackson 4 Apr (F. James) and 7 there 5 Apr (D. Houle); 3 in north-central *Pasco* 12 Apr (B. Pranty, S. Peacock, photos to FOC); 1 at DTNP 14-20 Apr (V. Lucas, C. Ewell); 1 leucistic individual in south-central *Pasco* 19 May (L. Walton, photos to FOC).
- WHIMBREL: 1 at Fort Pickens 22 Mar (T. Pratt); 1 at DTNP 15 Apr (L. Manfredi et al.); birds at Newnans Lake 17 Apr-13 May, with 15 there 26 Apr (M. Manetz, L. Davis et al.); 42 in *Escambia* 20 Apr (A. and D. Forster); 4 at HISRA 10 May (P. Blair); 1 at LARA 13 May (H. Robinson); 3 at Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 13 May and 2 there 31 May (both P. Blair, B. Hoffman); 6 at Anclote Keys (*Pasco*) 17 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 4 at Alafia Bank 11 Mar (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.); 2 at Shell Key 22 Mar and 1 there to 25 May (P. Blair et al.); 1 at FDCP 5 May (P. Blair et al.); 1 at Three Rooker Bar (*Pinellas*) 17 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).
- MARBLED GODWIT: 40 in Escambia 20 Apr (A. and D. Forster).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: three singles at Newnans Lake variously during 1-27 May (R. Rowan et al.); 1 at LARA 16 May (H. Robinson).
- RED KNOT: 1 at LARA 3 Apr (H. Robinson); 300 at Shell Key 13 May (P. Blair, B. Hoffman). SANDERLING: up to 6 at Newnans Lake 23 Apr-21 May (B. Simons, L. Davis et al.); 1 at East Lake Tohopekaliga (*Osceola*) 6 May (L. Davis).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 1 at SRSTF 14 Apr and 450 there 14 May (G. Menk et al.); 500 at Newnans Lake 27 May (J. Hintermister, L. Davis et al.); 1 at LARA to 27 May (H. Robinson).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 3 at SRSTF 30 Mar (D. Harder, G. Menk); 1 at Newnans Lake 13 May (A. Kratter).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 777 at Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland (Polk) 21 Apr (B. and L. Cooper); 600 at Newnans Lake 23 Apr (L. Davis et al.).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 3 at HISRA 23 Apr (W. Yusek et al.); 20 at SRSTF 25 Apr (D. Harder); 31 at Newnans Lake 29 Apr (J. Hintermister, M. Manetz).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1 at SRSTF 27 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 27 Mar and 6 there 26 Apr (H. Robinson); 8 at Newnans Lake 1 Apr and 9 May (L. Davis, J. Hintermister et al.).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Gulf Breeze to 29 Mar (B. and L. Duncan et al.).
- DUNLIN: 16 at LARA 21 Mar (H. Robinson); up to 60 at Newnans Lake to 29 Mar (A. Kent, B. Simons).
- CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 in winter plumage at FWBSTF 12-15 Apr (B. Duncan et al., details to FOC).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 36 at E Tampa (*Hillsborough*) 11 Mar (K. Tracey, B. Pranty); 15 at Newnans Lake 19-26 Mar (A. Kent, L. Davis et al.); 15 at Brandon 20 Mar (R. Webb) and 7 there 12 May (T. Mann et al.); 37 at LARA 11 Apr, and 1 there to 16 May (H. Robinson); 1426 at Lake Hollingsworth 21 Apr (B. and L. Cooper); 84 at TISP 3 May (R. Clark).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 2 at Lake Jackson 4 Apr (F. James).
- RUFF: 1 at Newnans Lake to 10 Mar (A. Kent); 1 male at SRSTF 23 Mar-3 Apr (G. and S. Hampton et al.).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 2 at Newnans Lake 18 Apr (B. Muschlitz, H. Adams, M. Landsman); 276 at TISP 3 May (R. Clark).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1295 at Lake Hollingsworth 21 Apr (B. and L. Cooper); 130 at Newnans Lake 23 Apr (L. Davis, R. Webb et al.); 50+ at Brandon 28 Apr (E. Kwater).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 2 at Black Hammock Island (Duval) 13 May (R. Clark); 1 at Newnans Lake 17 May (L. Davis); 1 at LARA 27 May (H. Robinson).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 1 within 6 km of DTNP 23 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 2 at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 7 May (T. Rogers); singles at Newnans Lake 7 and 17 May (J. Bryan, L. Davis et al.); 1 at LARA 16 May (H. Robinson).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 2 adults SW of Key West 24 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 1 immature at Fort Pickens 4 Apr (B. Duncan, details to FOC).

Franklin's Gull: 1 immature at Jaycee Park, Lake Okeechobee (Okeechobee) 23 Apr (T. Palmer).

LITTLE GULL: 1 at Titusville 13 Apr (J. McManus).

BLACK-HEADED GULL: 1 at Newnans Lake to 4 May (B. Simons, L. Davis et al.).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: 1 at Lake Jackson 24 Apr (G. Menk); 1 at Newnans Lake 13 May (A. Kratter).

RING-BILLED GULL: 1 worn immature at DTNP 25-26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 first-year bird at Tigertail Beach 15 Mar (K. Behrens).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 4 adults at Huguenot Park (Duval) 15 Apr (R. Clark).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: 1 at Key West (Monroe) 7 Mar (J. Ondrejko).

GULL-BILLED TERN: 28 at Four Corners phosphate mine (Hillsborough and Polk) 25 Apr (P. Fellers); 1 at Jupiter Inlet 25 Apr (J. and L. Hailman); 1 at Brandon 28 Apr (E. Kwater); 2 at LARA 2 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Alafia Bank 19 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf); 1 at Key Vista CP (Pasco) 24 May (K. Tracey); 1 at Newnans Lake 27 May (R. Rowan, L. Davis, M. Manetz).

CASPIAN TERN: 89 at LARA 19 Apr, and 1 there to 27 May (H. Robinson); 180 at PPM 25 Apr (P. Fellers); 5 at Newnans Lake 7 May (L. Davis, B. Simons et al.).

ROYAL TERN: 1 adult at Alafia Bank 3 Mar was pursued by a begging juvenile—post-fledging care is extremely long in this species (R. Paul, A. Schnapf); 12 at PPM 1 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, D. McNair); 1 at Newnans Lake 9 Apr-9 May (L. Davis, J. Hintermister et al.).

SANDWICH TERN: 9 at PPM 22 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

ROSEATE TERN: 1 on the beach at Jupiter Inlet 1-2 May (J. and L. Hailman).

COMMON TERN: 6 with "good carpal bars" at Three Rooker Bar 17 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).

ARCTIC TERN: 1 adult found on Pompano Beach (Broward) 19 May later died (fide W. George, specimen to UCF).

LEAST TERN: 3 at Tallahassee 29 Mar, and 60 over a shopping center roof there 29 May (G. Menk).

SOOTY TERN: 1 at Jupiter Inlet 31 May (J. and L. Hailman).

BLACK TERN: 1 at Titusville (*Brevard*) 28 Apr-3 May (P. Bowen et al.); 1 at LARA 21 May (H. Robinson).

BLACK NODDY: no birds this spring at DTNP (W. Biggs, S. Bass et al.); the report (FFN 27: 182-193) that birds were absent in spring 1999 was in error; birds were in fact present (S. Bass).

BLACK SKIMMER: 120 at Lake Hollingsworth 21 Apr (B. and L. Cooper); 183 at Okeechobee 23 Apr (T. Palmer).

MOURNING DOVE: 1 leucistic bird at Naples (Collier) 27 May (V. Fitz-Gerald).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at Gainesville 20 Mar (R. Burns); 1 at New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 9 Apr, and 2 there by 24 Apr (R. Seidel); 1 at DTNP 14 Apr (V. Lucas); 1 at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 25 Apr (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse (*Lee*) 25 Apr (V. Lucas); 2 at Lutz (*Pasco*) in late Apr (D. Bowman); 4 at Brandon 28 Apr (E. Kwater); 1 at Cape Coral (*Lee*) 27 May (C. Ewell, V. Fitz-Gerald); 1 near the Palm River (*Hillsborough*) all spring (R. Paul).

MASKED LOVEBIRD: 1 at a Monk Parakeet nest at North Shore Park, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 9 Apr (R. Wallace).

MONK PARAKEET: 1 nest at Bayshore Gardens 11 Mar was built just under a Great Blue Heron nest (R. Paul).

MITRED PARAKEET: 1 at Gainesville has been observed the past three years (R. Rowan).

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET: 2 at Anna Maria Island (Manatee) 1 May (J. Bouton).

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 1 at Bahia Honda SP (Monroe) 16 Mar (G. and J. Halleron); 1 at St. Lucie Canal (Martin) 23 May (B. and L. Cooper).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 at Ocklawaha Prairie Restoration Area (Marion) 23 Mar ff (E. Scales, R. Langer).

BARN OWL: 4 nestlings in a deer stand in central *Pasco* 13 Apr (B. Pranty [photos to FOC], S. Peacock).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 2 W of Kendall (*Miami-Dade*) remained to 1 Mar (J. Boyd); 1 at LARA to 25 Mar (H. Robinson); 2 at DTNP 12 Apr (W. Biggs et al.), and 1-2 there to 25 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

WHIP-POOR-WILL: 1 calling in N St. Johns 14 Mar (P. Powell).

 $Lesser\ Nighthawk:\ 1\ at\ DTNP\ 7\ May\ (K.\ Radamaker,\ M.\ Patten\ et\ al.,\ details\ to\ FOC).$

*VAUX'S SWIFT: 2 at Fort Pickens 18 Apr (B. Duncan, details to FOC).

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Pensacola (Escambia) 8 Apr (J. Williams).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Gainesville to 10 Mar (D. Beatty); single males at Tallahassee 10 Mar (P. Conover) and 19 Mar (J. O'Malley); 1 "very fat" female at Key West 8 Apr (J. Ondrejko).

*CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: 1 immature male at Pensacola to 2 Mar (L. Duncan et al.).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 at HISRA 11 Apr (W. Yusek); 1 at FDCP 15 Apr (fide R. Smith). HAIRY WOODPECKER; 1 female at Sanibel Lighthouse 2 Apr (V. McGrath).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE: 1 calling at Shady Hills (*Pasco*) 10 Mar (D. Robinson); 1 at FDCP 4 Apr (R. Webb); 1 at Matheson Hammock CP (*Miami-Dade*) 29 Apr (J. Boyd et al.).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 2 in Wakulla 1 Apr (J. Epler); 1 at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve (Alachua) 8 Apr (H. Adams, C. Parenteau).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at FDCP remained to 11 Apr (R. Smith, B. Ahern et al.).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 female at Micanopy (Alachua) to 7 Mar (R. Rowan).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area 3-11 Mar (P. May, photo to FOC); 1 near LARA 21 Mar (C. and K. Radamaker); 1 at FWBSTF to 5 Apr (B. and L. Duncan et al.).

Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 at Lower Suwannee NWR (Levy) 7 Mar (A. Kratter).

Brown-crested Flycatcher: 1 at Everglades NP through 13 Mar (L. Manfredi et al.).

LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (Broward) 16 Apr (W. George, S. Epps et al.); 1 at Upper Key Largo 21 Apr (A. Binns).

*TROPICAL/COUCH'S KINGSBIRD: 1 at FDCP 16 Apr (S. Backes); 1 at Gulf Breeze 16 May (J. Peaden, B. and L. Duncan, details to FOC).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: 30 at LARA 10 Mar, and 1 there to 16 May (H. Robinson); 4 near the SE shore of Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 14 Mar (M. McMillian); 1 at FDCP 6 Apr (L. Atherton), 1 at FWBSTF 29 Apr (B. Duncan, B. and P. Tetlow).

*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at LARA to 26 Apr (H. Robinson).

GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at LARA 6 Apr (H. Robinson); 16 at Cedar Key 24 Apr (T. Rogers).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 in Suwannee 7-16 Mar (A. Kropp); 2 near the SE shore of Lake Istokpoga 14 Mar (M. McMillian); 1 at LARA to 30 Mar (H. Robinson); 2 at Okeechobee 6 Apr (P. Poe); singles at FDCP 7-10 Apr, 12 Apr, and 15 Apr (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Seven Springs to 12 Apr (D. Wassmer, L. Saul); 1 at SMNWR 20 Apr (D. and J. Wright); 1 at Cedar Key 26 Apr (D. Henderson); 1 at Starkey Wilderness Park (Pasco) 28 Apr (K. Tracey, photos to FOC); 1 at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve 29 Apr (T. Rogers); 1 short-tailed bird at Blue Mountain Beach 17 May (T. Striker).

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 immature at Boot Key (Monroe) 3 May (J. Gordon et al.); 1 at DTNP 3-4 May (S. Bass et al.).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 at FDCP 11 Mar (R. Smith, B. Hoffman); 1 singing at Starkey Wilderness Park 13 Mar (K. Tracey); 6 at Crystal River 19 Mar (T. Rogers); 1 at LARA 21 Mar (H. Robinson).

WARBLING VIREO: 1 at Fort Pickens 25 Apr (L. Duncan et al.).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at FDCP 27-29 Apr (fide R. Smith).

RED-EYED VIREO: 3 at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve 12 Mar (M. Manetz, A. Kent).

BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at SMNWR 23 Apr (D. and J. Wright); 1 at FDCP 29 Apr-2 May (P. Blair, W. Yusek et al.); 1 at Belleair Beach (*Pinellas*) 9 May (J. Fisher).

TREE SWALLOW: 1 at LARA to 27 May (H. Robinson).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 2 at SRSTF S Mar and 4 there 10 Mar (both G. Menk); 2 pairs nesting in drain pipes at Seven Springs Middle School (*Pasco*) 6 Apr (K. and L. Tracey et al.).

CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at SRSTF 27 Mar (G. and S. Hampton) and 2 there 6 Apr (D. Harder, G. Menk); 2 at Crews Lake CP 28 Mar (D. Robinson); singles at Sanibel Lighthouse 4 Apr, 8 Apr, and 22 Apr (V. McGrath); 1 at FDCP 10 Apr (L. Atherton); 1 at LARA 30 Apr (H. Robinson).

CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at St. George Island 20 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Tram Road STF (*Leon*) 6 Apr (D. Harder, G. Menk); 1 at FWBSTF 14-15 Apr (M. and R. Rose, B. Duncan et al., details to FOC); 1 at DTNP 17-19 and 3 there 25 Apr (P. Lehman et al.). One of the birds on the latter date had a "fairly pale rusty-buff rump (close to that of a typical Cliff) and dull grayish-white sides" (P. Lehman et al.).

BARN SWALLOW: singles at SRSTF 10 Mar (G. Menk) and 12 Mar (G. and S. Hampton); 4 at FDCP 12 Mar (B. and L. Atherton); 1 at Shell Key 31 May (P. Blair).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Gainesville 22-23 Mar (A. Kratter, R. Rowan); 1 at Cedar Key 6 Apr (J. Hintermister).

CAROLINA WREN: 1 adult feeding a fledgling at Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 22 Mar (A. and B. Hansen).

*BEWICK'S WREN: 1 at FWBSTF 9 Mar (L. Duncan et al., details to FOC); 1 at LARA 14 Mar (H. Robinson).

HOUSE WREN: 1 at LARA to 2 May (H. Robinson).

WINTER WREN: 1 at San Luis Mission Park (Leon) 6 Mar (G Menk).

SEDGE WREN: 41 at LARA 3 Apr (H. Robinson).

MARSH WREN: 61 at LARA 15 Apr, and 1 to 13 May (H. Robinson).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Manatee Springs SP (*Levy*) 3 Mar (R. Hoyer et al.); 1 at Lower Suwannee NWR 7 Mar (A. Kratter).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD: 1 at FDCP 6 May (N. Ogden et al.).

VEERY: 1 in Wakulla 19 Apr (D. Harder); 4 in Alachua variously 23 Apr-3 May (P. Burns, A. Kratter); 1 singing at Key West 22 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 15+ at Cedar Key 26 Apr (T. Hoctor).

Gray-Cheeked Thrush: 1 at SMNWR 23 Apr (D. Morrow); 1 at Gainesville 26 Apr (A. Kratter); 1 at Newnans Lake 27 Apr (R. Rowan, T. Hoctor).

*BICKNELL'S THRUSH: 1 possible bird at Sugarloaf Key 26 Apr (P. Hockey, details to FOC); 1 at LARA 27 May (H. Robinson).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 1 singing at San Luis Mission Park 29 Apr (D. Harder); 1 at Gainesville 30 Apr (A. Kratter).

WOOD THRUSH: singles at FDCP 23 Mar (L. Atherton et al.) and 23 Apr (L. Walton, C. Dermer, B. Pranty et al.); singles at Sanibel Lighthouse 4 Apr and 25-30 Apr (V. McGrath et al.); singles at Captiva Island (Lee) 4 Apr and 4 May (V McGrath); singles at Bonner Park (Pinellas) 8 Apr and 1 May (J. Fisher); 1 singing at Key West 21 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 3 at HISRA 23 Apr (W. Yusek et al.); 3 at Gainesville variously 26-30 Apr (A. Kratter, J. Hintermister); 1 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary 30 Apr-1 May (B. and S. Hills).

GRAY CATBIRD: 31 at Bonner Park 21 Apr (J. Fisher); 100+ at FDCP 23 Apr (B. Pranty et al.); "literally hundreds" at Cedar Key 26 Apr (D. Henderson); 1 at Gainesville 27 May-EOS (R. Rowan).

BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at DTNP 12 Apr (W. Biggs et al.); 1 at Matheson Hammock CP 12 May (L. Manfredi, J. Boyd et al., photo to FOC by A. and T. Mason).

Brown Thrasher: 1 at Key West 26-29 Mar (J. Ondrejko); 1 at DTNP 17-19 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 9 at HISRA 23 Apr (W. Yusek et al.).

- CEDAR WAXWING: 50 at Hernando Beach 7 May (K. Nelson, P. Blair, L. Hopkins); 49 at LARA l3 May (H. Robinson).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: single males at Sanibel Lighthouse 9 Apr (V. McGrath) and 23-29 Apr (D. Konz et al.); singles at Cedar Key 15 Apr (R. Rowan) and 26 Apr (T. Hoctor); 1 at Birch SP 23-25 Apr (J. DiPasquale et al.); 1 at FDCP 20 Mar (K. Allen et al.), 2 there 8 Apr (fide R. Smith), and 1 there 23-25 Apr (B. Pranty, E. Kwater et al.); 1 at Bonner Park 15 Apr (J. Fisher).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 male at FDCP 25 Apr (E. Kwater, C. Kelsey); 1 male at DTNP 25 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 female at Sanibel Lighthouse 25-27 Apr (V. Lucas, D. Konz); 1 at Cedar Key 29 Apr (D. Henderson).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse 4 Apr, and 2 there 25-26 Apr (V. Lucas); 1 at Cedar Key 15 Apr (E. Bonahue, R. Rowan); 3 at FDCP 23 Apr (B. Pranty, C. Dermer, L. Walton); 1 at Tallahassee 30 Apr (P. Conover).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1 at DTNP 17-19 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).
- Nashville Warbler: 1 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary through 10 Mar (B. and S. Hills); 1 at Birch SP 21-25 Apr (S. Epps et al.); 1 W of Kendall 24 Apr (J. Boyd); 1 at HISRA 25 Apr (M. DelGrosso).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 male at Winter Haven (*Polk*) 23 Apr (P. Fellers); 2 at FDCP 25 Apr (E. Kwater, C. Kelsey); 1 at Newnans Lake 27 Apr (A. Kratter, T. Hoctor).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 at Cedar Key 22 Apr (D. Henderson); 1 adult male at FDCP 23 Apr (S. Backes, B. Pranty et al.); up to 12 at Sanibel Lighthouse 23 Apr-3 May (V. McGrath et al.); 1 male at San Luis Mission Park 1 May (D. Harder).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Bartow 23 Mar (P. Fellers); 3 at Gainesville variously 20 Apr-13 May (N. Rowan, A. Kratter, D. Beatty); 6 at Sanibel Lighthouse 25 Apr (V. McGrath, W. Winton); 1 singing male 25 Apr at Winter Haven (P. Fellers).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 male HISRA 31 Mar (E. Kwater).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve (*Alachua*) 6 May (R. Rowan, H. Adams); 1 at Washington Oaks SP (*Flagler*) 21 May (A. Kratter).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 singing at Tallahassee 27 Mar (J. Cavanagh); up to 3 at Sanibel Lighthouse 25-30 Apr (V. McGrath, W. Winton et al.).
- TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: 1 at MINWR to 2 Apr (B. and R. Karnofsky et al., photo to FOC by L. Snyder).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 3 at FDCP 25 Apr (E. Kwater, C. Kelsey et al.); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse 25-30 Apr (V. McGrath et al.); singles at Cedar Key 26 Apr and 8 May (T. Hoctor, C. Graham).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 6 males singing at Anclote and Dutchman Keys 17 May, and 10 singing at Tarpon Key (*Pinellas*) 24 May (both R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).
- PALM WARBLER: 1 hypochrysea at Tallahassee 12 Apr (D. Harder); 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve 13 May (R. Rowan, H. Adams).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: up to 5 males and 1 female at Sanibel Lighthouse 23-30 Apr (V. McGrath et al.); 1 adult male at FDCP 23 Apr (L. Walton, B. Pranty et al.); 1 at Key Vista CP 23 Apr (K. Tracey); 1 at St. George Island 28 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- BAY-BREASTED × BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1 apparent hybrid of this type at DTNP 22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 5 variously at Cedar Key 22-29 Apr (D. Henderson).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1 at Monticello (*Jefferson*) 6 Apr (R. Atchison); 1 at North Anclote Key (*Pasco*) 17 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 female at Bonner Park 22 Apr (K. Nelson); 1 female at DTNP 22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 3 males and 2 females at FDCP 25 Apr (fide R. Smith); 2 females at Sanibel Lighthouse 25-30 Apr (V. McGrath et al.); 1 at Cedar Key 26 Apr (D. Henderson).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 that wintered at Gainesville remained to 16 Apr (M. Manetz); 1 that wintered at Turkey Creek Sanctuary remained to 1 Apr (B. and S. Hills).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 at Lettuce Lake CP 12 Mar (R. Webb); 1 in SW *Pasco* 9 Apr (K. Tracey); 5 at FDCP 23 Apr (B. Pranty et al.).

- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at FDCP 20 Mar (A. Smith); singles at SMNWR 31 Mar (N. and P. Biefield) and 8 Apr (T. Kennedy, H. Horne); 1 at Starkey Wilderness Park 12 Apr (K. and L. Tracey).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: birds at Fort Lauderdale 29 Mar-28 Apr, with 3 at Birch SP on the latter date (W. George et al.); singles at FDCP 24 and 28 Mar, 8 there 12 Apr, and 1 there to 2 May (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Seminole (*Pinellas*) 30 Mar-3 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 at Largo (*Pinellas*) 10 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 at Gainesville 12 Apr (M. Meisenburg); 2 at Cedar Key 13-16 Apr (D. Henderson, C. Graham); 2 at Bonner Park 14 Apr and 1 there 21-22 Apr (both J. Fisher); 1 at DTNP 14 Apr (L. Manfredi, V. Lucas); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse 27-30 Apr (D. Beeler et al.); 1 at Steinhatchee Springs WMA (*Lafayette*) 19 May (B. Muschlitz).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Lower Suwannee NWR 3 Mar (R. Hoyer et al.); 1 at FDCP 23 Mar (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at SMNWR 26 Mar (T. Curtis); up to 4 at Black Swamp (*Leon*) 27 Apr (G. Menk, D. Harder); 11 at LARA 26-30 Apr, and 1 there to 13 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Newnans Lake 18 May (R. Rowan).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Manatee Springs SP 3 Mar (R. Hoyer et al.); 1 at HISRA 10 Mar (W. Yusek); 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve 11 Mar (M. Meisenburg, R. Rowan); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse 8 Apr (C. Ewell et al.); 1 at Black Swamp 10 Apr (D. Harder); 1 at LARA to 19 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Indigenous Park, Key West 21-23 Apr (C. Ewell, C. Borg); 1 at Tall Timbers Research Station (Leon) 6 May (T. Engstrom).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at FDCP 28 Mar (L. Atherton et al.), 10+ there 23 Apr (B. Pranty, C. Dermer, L. Walton et al.), and 12+ there 25 Apr (E. Kwater et al.); 1 at Key West 28 Mar-21 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 2 males at Sanibel Lighthouse 1-9 Apr, and up to 2 males and 1 female there 25 Apr-2 May (C. Ewell, V. McGrath); 1 at DTNP 20-22 Apr (L. Manfredi, C. Ewell et al.); 1 male at Indigenous Park 23 Apr (C. Ewell, A. Salcedo).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 at FDCP 1 May (L. Atherton); 1 at Bonner Park 5-6 May (J. Fisher, M. Wilkinson); 1 at Birch SP 18 May (W. George).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve 17 Mar (K. Miller); 10 at FDCP 20 Mar (K. Allen et al.).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 male at San Luis Mission Park to 12 Mar (G. Menk, D. Harder et al.); 1 at Birch SP 19 Mar (W. George); 1 male that wintered at S Jacksonville remained to 20 Mar (P. Powell); 1 that wintered at Newnans Lake remained to 24 Mar (R. Rowan); 1 male at Key West 16 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 that wintered at ENP (*Miami-Dade*) remained to 4 Mar (J. Boyd); 1 at Gulf Hammock (*Levy*) 28 Mar (S. Lowrimore); 2 males singing at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve 29 Apr-EOS (T. Rogers et al.) and 15 May-EOS (A. and B. Hansen et al.); 4 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve 13 May (H. Adams, M. Meisenburg et al.); 1 at San Felasco Hammock State Preserve 22 May (D. Simpson); 19 males singing at LARA through the spring, with 8 on 30 May (H. Robinson).

SUMMER TANAGER: 1 at Gainesville 21 Mar (A. Kratter).

SCARLET TANAGER: 5 at San Luis Mission Park 23 Apr (D. Harder) and 6 there 29 Apr (G. Menk).

WESTERN TANAGER: 1 female at Cedar Key 22 Apr (B. Muschlitz).

*YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 at Loggerhead Key, DTNP 9 May (K. Knight et al., sketch to FOC).

CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 at Monticello 19 Apr (R. Atchison).

FIELD SPARROW: 3 at LARA to 21 Mar (H. Robinson).

VESPER SPARROW: 12 at LARA 10 Mar, and 1 there to 18 Mar (H. Robinson).

LARK SPARROW: 1 adult male at Melbourne (*Brevard*) 24 Mar (L. Jaquays); 1 at FDCP 15 Apr (J. and L. Hopkins et al.); 1 at DTNP 17-19 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

SAVANNAH SPARROW: up to 12 W of Kendall to 15 Apr (J. Boyd, photos to FOC); 12 at LARA 30 Apr, and 1 there to 30 May (H. Robinson).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary 24 Mar (B. and S. Hills); up to 4 W of Kendall to 2 Apr (J. Boyd, photos to FOC); 1 at FDCP 8 Apr (A. and R. Smith, L. Atherton et al.); 1 at SRSTF 23 Apr (A. and K. Kropp).

LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 6 observations al Buck Island Ranch late Jan-early Mar (M. Mc-Millian); 1 near the Alafia River (*Hillsborough*) 24 Mar (R. Paul).

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 5 at Shell Key 22 Mar (P. Blair).

SONG SPARROW: 1 at Tall Timbers Research Station 6 May (T. Engstrom).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Fort Pickens 2-23 Mar (T. Pratt, M. Rose et al.); 1 at LARA 14 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 at Birch SP 27 Apr was the first for the park (W. George).

SWAMP SPARROW: 1 at LARA to 7 May (H. Robinson).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 9 at LARA 3 Apr (H. Robinson).

DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 at Kanapaha Prairie (*Alachua*) to 1 Mar (E. Perry); 1 at Gainesville to 16 Mar (D. Beatty).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 10 at FDCP 22-23 Apr (*fide* R. Smith, B. Pranty et al.); 5 singles variously at Jacksonville 24 Apr (*fide* P. Powell); 12 at Gainesville variously in the latter half of Apr (R. Rowan, M. Manetz et al.).

BLUE GROSBEAK: 20 at Cedar Key 24 Apr (T. Rogers); 59 males singing at LARA through the spring, with 24 on 21 May (H. Robinson).

INDIGO BUNTING: 1 "blotchy" male at Monticello 17 Mar (R. Atchison); 1 at Gainesville 18 Mar (M. Manetz); "probably several hundred" at FDCP 22 Apr (B. Hoffman et al.); 24 at Cedar Key 24 Apr (T. Rogers); 32 males singing at LARA through the spring, with 28 on 30 Apr (H. Robinson).

PAINTED BUNTING: 1 at Hague Dairy (*Alachua*) to 11 Mar (P. Burns); up to 3 males at FDCP 5-12 Apr (*fide* R. Smith); 1 male at Weeki Wachee (*Hernando*) 11-16 Apr, and a female there 20-23 Apr (both C. Black); 1 in *Leon* 12 Apr (C. Schneider); 3 in mid *Pinellas* 15 Apr (1. Fisher); 1 male at HISRA 25 Apr (R. Webb); 9 males singing (2 adults and 7 immatures) at LARA through the spring (H. Robinson).

DICKCISSEL: 1 at DTNP 20 Apr (C. Ewell et al.); up to 8 (7 males) at SRSTF 23 Apr-13 May (G. Menk, D. and K. MacVicar et al.); 1 male at Sanibel Lighthouse 25-26 Apr (W. Winton, V. Lucas); 1 male in *Pinellas* 27 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 male at FDCP 28 Apr (P. Blair, W. Yusek et al.); 9 (1 female and 8 males) at LARA 30 Apr-EOS (H. Robinson, K. Knight et al.); 1 male at Bald Point (*Franklin*) 24 May (J. Dozier).

BOBOLINK: 3140 at LARA 30 Apr, and 3 there to 23 May (H. Robinson); 19 at Seven Springs 8 May (K. Tracey).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 adult male at Busch Gardens (Hillsborough) 6 Mar (B. Ahern).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 5 at Black Swamp 3 Mar (D. Harder); 2 at Micanopy to 7 Mar (R. Rowan).

Brewer's Blackbird: 1 at Fort Pickens 16 Mar (B. Bremser).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE: 1 of the torrevi subspecies at Gainesville 4 Mar (R. Rowan).

SHINY COWBIRD: 1 male at Micanopy 31 Mar (E. Tillman, A. Cheadle, specimen to FLMNH); 1 at Cedar Key 13-26 Apr (J. Skemp, T. Hoctor); 2 at DTNP 18-19 Apr, singles there 23 Apr and 24-25 Apr (P. Lehman et al.), and 8 females there 28 Apr (P. Hockey); 2 females at Sugarloaf Key (Monroe) 26 Apr (P. Hockey); 1 male singing at Al-Bar Ranch (Pasco) 5 May (B. Pranty, S. Peacock); 1 female at Jupiter Inlet 11 May (J. and L. Hailman); 2 males and 1 female at Flamingo, ENP 25 May (R. Webb); 1 male at Bald Point 29 May, joined by 1 female 30 May (both J. Dozier); 5 at Key West all spring (J. Ondrejko).

BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at Panacea (Wakulla) 23 Apr (P. Conover).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 at FDCP 22 Mar (K. Allen et al.); 7 in SW *Pasco* 9 Apr (K. Tracey); 1 immature male singing at LARA 21 May-EOS (H. Robinson).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE: single males at HISRA 28 Mar (W. Yusek) and 22 Apr (C. Buhrman, A. Turner).

HOUSE FINCH: a pair at Chiefland (*Levy*) 20 Apr (R. Rowan); birds present at Williston (*Levy*) for "at least five years" (S. Lowrimore); 2 males singing ca. 4 km apart at Fort Lauderdale late May-9 Jun (W. George, S Epps).

PINE SISKIN: 1 at Tallahassee 18-19 May (B. Scott).

HOUSE SPARROW: 1 female and 1 male at DTNP 24-30 Apr (P. Lehman, L. Manfredi et al.).
ZEBRA FINCH: 3, including 2 that built a nest, at Bayonet Point (Pasco) 24 Apr ff (J. Wags, photo to FOC).

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