FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Spring Report: March-May 2001.—This report consists of significant observations of birds reported to the FOS Field Observations Committee (FOC). Submissions 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. We greatly prefer observations sent via e-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; Bowman 2000, Fla. Field Nat. 28: 149-160) 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, DTNP = Dry Tortugas NP (Monroe), ENP = Everglades NP, EOS = end of season, FDCP = Fort De Soto CP (Pinellas), LARA = Lake Apopka Restoration Area (Orange), MCA = Marsh Conservation Area, NP = national park, NWR = national wildlife refuge, PPM = Polk phosphate mines, SMNWR = St. Marks NWR (Wakulla), SP = state park, SRA = state recreation area, STF = sewage treatment facility, and N, S, E, W etc., for compass directions. Bold-faced species denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida, or record high counts.

SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

Strong east winds blanketed the Peninsula from late Apr into mid-May, pushing northbound migrants west of their normal routes and bringing storm-petrels to Atlantic beaches. Caribbean-wintering species, such as Cape May, Blackpoll, and Black-throated Blue Warblers, American Redstarts, and Common Yellowthroats, were abundant along the Gulf coast and in the Keys. In contrast, migrants that winter in the Tropics, such as thrushes, Scarlet Tanagers, and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, were conspicuously absent (a "trans-Gulf-less season," according to Charlie Ewell). On the other hand, birding in the Western Panhandle was "boring" with no fallouts ("not even a minor one") according to Bob and Lucy Duncan.

FOSRC rarities seen this spring were two White-faced Ibises still at St. Marks NWR, two (or three?) Masked Ducks at Pembroke Pines, the Heermann's Gull still at Fort De Soto CP, Elegant Tern back at Fort De Soto, Cassin's Kingbird still at Lake Apopka, Couch's/Tropical kingbirds at Everglades NP, Dry Tortugas NP, and Gulf Breeze, MacGillivray's Warblers near Fort Lauderdale and Miami, the Green-tailed Towhee at New Port Richey, Lazuli Buntings in St. Lucie and at Fort De Soto, and the Bullock's Oriole still at Flamingo. Other interesting reports were the Black-capped Petrel found inland, Crested Caracara at Destin, large numbers of Arctic Terns along the Atlantic coast, the western Warbling Vireo at A.D. Barnes Park, Sedge Wren at Tallahassee reportedly carrying a fecal sac, three Bahama Mockingbirds in southern Florida, the Townsend's Warbler at Sanibel Island, and "Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow at Dry Tortugas.

This report was prepared solely from observations specifically sent to the FOC. However, following "final" compilation, a review of several hundred Internet postings revealed that a maddeningly large number of significant observations was never submitted to the Committee (i.e., the equivalent of 33 pages!). Because reviewing Internet posts has taxed the Committee (or at least the State Compiler!) beyond tolerable limits, and in order to reign in the size of the FOC reports, only the most significant of these Internet

postings have been added here. Those who take the time to post observations to the Internet need to understand the importance of formally submitting these same observations to seasonal compilers for *Florida Field Naturalist* and *North American Birds*.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

While searching for a Green-tailed Towhee reported the previous week, K. Tracey discovered the "Green Key Migrant Funnel" at New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 2 May. News of the discovery attracted several observers daily, 3-13 May. From daybreak to about 0900 hrs, hundreds of migrants, mostly wood-warblers, streamed by the narrowest point on the key, heading east. Most birds flew by from waist-level to perhaps 40 feet up, although the Bobolinks flew much higher. During peak periods, 2 or 3 birds *per second* passed the observa-

Table 1. Selected species observed on the first seven stationary counts at Green Key Road, Pasco County; later counts reported far fewer individuals. Data provided by K. Tracey.

Species	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May
MERLIN					1		1
SOLITARY SANDPIPER			1	4			
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO						1	
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED							
SWALLOW						2	
BARN SWALLOW			4		2		
RED-EYED VIREO					1		
GRAY CATBIRD	35	3	4	10	24	13	11
NORTHERN PARULA	36	3	13	9	26	7	11
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER			1				
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	40	16	31	12	18	7	10
WORM-EATING WARBLER			1				
BLACKPOLL WARBLER	65	70	253	125	78	46	70
BLACK-THROATED BLUE							
WARBLER	67	8	47	11	28	7	33
AMERICAN REDSTART	208	50	110	44	96	44	109
BLACK-THROATED GREEN							
WARBLER	1	2	1	1			3
CAPE MAY WARBLER	14	4	16	11	7	2	5
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER			1				
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER			2				
MAGNOLIA WARBLER		1		1	3	4	2
Prairie Warbler	4	4	10	8	11	2	2
PALM WARBLER	5	4	9	9	3	2	11
OVENBIRD	4	5	17	16	4	3	2
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH			13	2		2	2
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT	39	16	48	23	56	39	35
UNIDENTIFIED WOOD-WARBLER	420	1310	948	578	936	369	707
BLUE GROSBEAK				1			
Indigo Bunting	1	3					
SWAMP SPARROW			1		1		
BOBOLINK		101	36	56	71	21	
BALTIMORE ORIOLE			1	1			
Totals	943	1619	1569	926	1372	573	1024

tion point, providing challenges for the observers, and for the data compiler (L. Tracey), who deftly handled simultaneous shouts of "Redstart!" or "Black-throated Blue!" It was not certain whether the birds had roosted on the island or were simply migrating past it after having been blown over the Gulf the previous night. Flights were heaviest during the hour after sunrise, when poor lighting conditions prevented identification of all but a few birds (e.g., male American Redstarts), and totals declined steadily afterward.

COMMON LOON: 3 over *Alachua* 2 Apr, and 5 over O'Leno State Park (*Columbia*) 26 Apr (both J. Hintermister).

EARED GREBE: 27 at PPM 4 Mar (P. Fellers) and 8 there 1 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) 21-23 Mar (D. Ware, B. Duncan).

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 1 at Lake Griffin (*Lake*) 2 Mar died the next day (J. Puschock, E. Scales, specimen to UCF).

SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 at DTNP (Monroe) 5 May (W. Biggs et al.).

STORM-PETRELS: perhaps the highlight of the season was the great numbers of storm-petrels observed from land, 30 Apr-13 May. Hundreds of storm-petrels were reported by dozens of observers from St. Augustine to Miami—the equivalent of **15 pages** of observations was posted to a single Internet listsery! Consequently, this report can only summarize the event, concentrating on verifiable evidence. Band-rumped, Leach's, and Wilson's storm-petrels were all reported, but only the latter two species were verified. 17 specimens (9 Leach's and 8 Wilson's) were salvaged (to UCF and UF), and at least 6 others (5 Leach's and 1 Wilson's) were photographed (K. Radamaker). Many of the storm-petrels initially identified as Band-rumped were subsequently retracted or questioned. The three most significant storm-petrel observations follow: "close to 100" at Playalinda Beach, Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 4 May (K. Radamaker, D. Simpson); 30+ Leach's at Playalinda Beach 5 May (D. Novier et al.); hundreds 0-70 km off Jacksonville (*Duval*) 12 May (*fide* R. Clark).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 1 at Rebecca Channel (*Monroe*) 26 Apr (L. and P. Hockey); 1 that landed on a boat off Pensacola (*Escambia*) 4 May (J. Mills) was identified in the hand (B. and L. Duncan) then released.

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 immature *ca.* 32 km off Jacksonville 13 May (R. Clark), and 1 adult reported by the ship's captain 67 km out the previous day.

MASKED BOOBY: 3 "fuzzy, large chicks" at DTNP in late Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 1372 at Lake Hamilton (Polk) 25 Mar (B. and L. Cooper); 234 at Lake Jackson (Osceola) 28 Apr (S. Pence); 43 at Newnans Lake (Alachua) 10 May (J. Hintermister); 1 at DTNP 19-26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 209 at Twenty-Mile Restoration Area (Palm Beach) 12 May (A. and B. Liberman); 590 at LARA 31 May (H. Robinson).

Brown Pelican: 6 in *Polk* variously 3 Mar-9 May (T. Palmer); 1 at Lake Weir (*Marion*) 20-21 Mar (E. Scales).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Bald Point 20 May (N. Vienders); 5 over Fort Pierce (St. Lucie), about 7 km inland, 30 May (D. and H. Hull).

AMERICAN BITTERN: ≥ 4 at Lake Miccosukee (Jefferson) 18 Apr (M. Hill).

LEAST BITTERN: 1 at SMNWR 14 Mar (J. Dozier).

REDDISH EGRET: 1 white morph at SMNWR 12 Mar (J. Dozier).

GLOSSY IBIS: 2 at Key West (Monroe) 15 Apr (J. Ondrejko); up to 8 at DTNP 26 Apr-6 May (P. Lehman, T. Doyle et al.).

*WHITE-FACED IBIS: 2 remained at SMNWR to 7 Mar (J. Cavanagh).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 6 at T.M. Goodwin WMA (*Brevard*) 19 Mar (S. Rowe); up to 20 at St. Johns Water Management Area (*Indian River*) all May (S. Rowe).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 68 at Bartow (*Polk*) 4 Mar (P. Fellers); 1 at Johnson 10 May was the first for *Putnam* (T. Harris); **150** at St. Johns Water Management Area 16 May (S. Rowe); up to 4 at Viera (*Brevard*) 18 May-EOS (D. Feuss).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 1 at Big Sabine (Escambia) 14 Mar (B. Duncan).

CANADA GOOSE: 17 at Lake Marion (Polk) 25 Mar (T. Palmer).

BRANT: 2 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas) 4 Mar (W. Yusek).

MUTE SWAN: 1 pair with 5 chicks at Lake Eola, Orlando (*Orange*) 28 Apr (B. Pranty, G. Stoccardo).

BLACK SWAN: 1 pair with 2 chicks at Lake Eola 28 Apr (B. Pranty, G. Stoccardo).

WOOD DUCK: 51 in a flock at Lake Hartridge (Polk) 27 May (T. Palmer).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 1100 at PPM 6 Mar (P. Fellers et al.).

 $A \texttt{MERICAN BLACK DUCK: 2 at Whaley's Landing} \ (Osceola) \ 22 \ \texttt{Mar} \ (D. \ Freeman, J. \ Clifton).$

CINNAMON TEAL: 1 male at PPM 3 Mar (P. Fellers et al.).

LESSER SCAUP: 2900 at Lake Juliana (Polk) 23 Mar (P. Fellers).

LONG-TAILED DUCK: 1 at SMNWR 20 Apr (A. Knothe); 1 picked up near Cocoa (*Brevard*) ca. 30 Apr (*fide* T. MacClendon).

HOODED MERGANSER: 1 at Grassy Key (Monroe) 25 Mar (J. Boyd).

 $Red\text{-}Breasted\ Merganser:\ 1\ at\ Walsingham\ Park,\ Largo\ (Pinellas)\ 21\ May\ (J.\ Fisher).$

*MASKED DUCK: at least 2 males at Pembroke Pines (*Broward*) 19 May-EOS (D. Lysinger, K. Sarsfield et al., photos to FOC by J. Boyd, videos by D. Powell and B. Pranty).

P. Bithorn thought that three males may have been present, based on possible plumage differences he observed.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 at FDCP 30 Mar (I. Hernandez, J. Hopkins); 1 at Walsingham Park 28 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 headed NE over Loggerhead Key, DTNP 21 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 3 that flew W toward the Gulf over FDCP 15 May were thought to be southbound (L. Atherton); 60 over Tram Road STF (Leon) 15 May (G. Menk et al.); 20 over Torreya SP (Liberty) 26-27 May (G. Stoccardo).

WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 at Tate's Hell State Forest (Franklin) 12 Mar (M. Evans); 1 at Cypress Lake (Osceola) 22 Mar (D. Freeman, J. Clifton); 1 nest at Pembroke Pines fledged 2 young in late May (W. George et al.).

SNAIL KITE: 1 at East Lake, Tampa 1 Apr ff (D. Wassmer, L. Saul, photos to FOC); 1 at Bonita Springs (*Lee*) 3-12 May (D. Suitor); 1 male at Picayune Strand State Forest (*Collier*) 4 May and a female there 11-18 May (T. Doyle et al.).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 7 at Gulf Hammock (*Levy*) 2 May (T. Rogers); 70 over Tram Road STF 15 May (G. Menk et al.); 20 over at Torreya SP 26-27 May (G. Stoccardo).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: 1 flew N over Fort Clinch SP (Nassau) 18 May (P. Sykes).

COOPER'S HAWK: 1 at Pembroke Pines 26 May (W. George, T. Center); 1 pair at Boyd Hill Nature Park (*Pinellas*) fledged 2 young (R. Smith); 1 pair at Winter Haven (*Polk*) fledged 1 young (C. Geanangel).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 2 at Treasure Shores Park (Indian River) 30 Mar (D. Simpson).

SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark at Glen Lakes development (Hernando) 2 Mar (M. Gardler); 1 light at Saddle Creek CP (Polk) 8-30 Mar (P. Fellers, L. Albright); 1 at Gainesville (Alachua) to 14 Mar (D. Steadman); 1 dark at Weekiwachee Preserve (Hernando) 31 Mar (C. Black, P. Young), and 1 light there 3 May (P. Young); 2 dark over Fort Drum MCA (Indian River) 11 Apr (J. Bryan, S. Rowe); 1 dark at Fairways Country Club (Orange) 5 and 22 Apr (J. Clifton) for the third consecutive year; 1 light at Lake Region Village (Polk) 21 Apr (B. Cooper); single darks at St. Johns River Aquatic Preserve (Lake, Seminole, and Volusia) 27 Apr and 11 May (L. Malo et al.); 1 dark at Spring Hammock Preserve (Seminole) 5 May (L. Malo et al.); 1 dark over St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve (Brevard) 29 May (D. Simpson); 1 mixed pair (dark female, light male) that nested next to a suburban backyard at New Port Richey (K. Tracey et al., female incubating 11 Apr, nestling radiotagged by K. Meyer 23 May) was the first known breeding report for Pasco.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 adult light morph at Buckhead Ridge (*Glades*) 1 Mar (M. Reyman); 1 N of Holey Land WMA (*Palm Beach*) 2 Mar (D. Simpson); 1 along Browns Farm Road (*Palm Beach*) 25 Mar (B. Hope).

CRESTED CARACARA: 1 at Destin Pass (Okaloosa) 1 Mar (B. and L. Duncan) was the first for the W Panhandle; 1 at Dupuis State Reserve (Martin or Palm Beach) 3 Mar

(J. Holstein, C. Weber et al.); adults fed 2 juveniles at Moccasin Island (*Brevard*) 8 May (K. Snyder); 1 juvenile at Belle Glade Marina (*Palm Beach*) 12 May (C. Weber,

G. Hunter); 1 juvenile at St. Johns MCA (*Brevard* and *Indian River*) 25 May (S. Rowe).

MERLIN: 1 at Kissimmee (Osceola) 27 May (P. Fellers, S. Riffe).

PEREGRINE FALCON: **72** flew past Guana River SP (*St. Johns*) in two hours 25 Mar (D. Reed); 13 over S Jacksonville in 1 hr 3 Apr (J. Cocke).

WILD TURKEY: 1 at Walsingham Park 16 Mar (J. Fisher).

BLACK RAIL: 1 called at Fort Drum MCA 10 Apr (S. Rowe).

SORA: 2 at Boca Ciega Park, Seminole (Pinellas) 12 May (J. Fisher).

PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 at Boca Ciega Park 11 May-EOS (I. Hernandez, J. Fisher).

LIMPKIN: 1 at Key West 1 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 1 at Lower Matecumbe Key (*Monroe*) 3 May (S. Lindsay).

SANDHILL CRANE: 1 at Walsingham Park 28 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 pair in *Orange* attempted breeding three times (building three separate nests) Mar-May, but were unsuccessful each time (B. Payne).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 at LARA 25 Mar and 2 there 27 Mar (H. Robinson); up to 2 at DTNP 16-22 Apr (L. Manfredi, P. Lehman et al.).

SNOWY PLOVER: 1 chick at Honeymoon Island SRA 20 May was killed and carried off by a Wilson's Plover (L. Kenney).

WILSON'S PLOVER: 4 pairs nested at Fort Clinch SP 17 May (P. Sykes).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 80 at Newnans Lake 10 May (J. Hintermister); 115 at PPM 12 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 10 at Middle Lake, St. Joseph (*Pasco*) 12 May (D. Powell); 1 at Springhill Road STF (*Leon*) 28 May (D. Harder).

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 1 at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa) 7 May (B. Duncan).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: 416 at Twenty-Mile Restoration Area 12 May (A. and B. Liberman).

AMERICAN AVOCET: 2 at Newnans Lake to 28 Apr (M. Manetz); 7 at SMNWR 21 May (J. Dozier).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 2 at Hague Dairy (*Alachua*) 17 Mar (B. Muschlitz); 8 at LARA 26 Apr (H. Robinson); 5 at Marathon Airport (*Monroe*) 8 May (B. and L. Cooper); 13 along the St. Johns River (*Lake*, *Seminole*, and *Volusia*) 11 May (L. Malo et al.).

WILLET: 400 at Pensacola 23 Apr (A. and D. Forster); 1 at LARA 24 May (H. Robinson).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 81 at Chassahowitzka NWR (Citrus) 27 Apr (T. Rogers); 42 along the St. Johns River (Lake, Seminole, and Volusia) 11 May (L. Malo et al.).

UPLAND SANDPIPER: ≥3 at LARA 27 Mar-8 Apr (H. Robinson); 4 in Osceola 27 Apr (W. Biggs).

RUDDY TURNSTONE: 1 at Newnans Lake 10 May (J. Hintermister).

RED KNOT: 525 at Little Estero Lagoon, Fort Myers Beach (*Lee*) 2 May (C. Ewell, A. Salcedo); 12 at LARA 14 May (H. Robinson).

SANDERLING: 1 at Newnans Lake 10-12 May (J. Hintermister, L. Davis).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: **14,525** at PPM 12 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel) exceeds the previous Florida high count by several thousand individuals.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 5 at Newnans Lake 10 May (J. Hintermister); 18 at PPM 12 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 at Naples (*Collier*) 25 May (D. Suitor); ≥50 at Merritt Island NWR 26 May (D. Simpson); 15 at Springhill Road STF 30 May (G. Menk).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1 at PPM 12 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 45 at LARA 22 Mar and 40 there 2 Apr (H. Robinson).

PURPLE SANDPIPER: ≥3 at Matanzas Inlet (St. Johns) to 12 May (G. Basili, E. Scales et al.); 2 in breeding plumage at Fort Clinch SP 17 May (P. Sykes).

DUNLIN: 1000 at SMNWR 24 Mar (P. Fellers et al.); 1 in breeding plumage at PPM 12 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 in breeding plumage at Boca Chica Key (Monroe) 25-28 Apr (R. Donovan, W. Zuzevich et al., photos to FOC by G. Rosenberg).

RUFF: 1 female at Fort Walton Beach STF 1 Mar (B. Duncan, D. Ware et al.).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 585 at Lake Hollingsworth (Polk) 13 Mar (P. Fellers).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 7 between Key West and DTNP 26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 "near-adult" between Key West and DTNP 20 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 adult 5 km S of Pensacola Bay Pass (*Escambia*) 27 May (E. and L. Case).

Franklin's Gull: 1 adult at Redington Beach (*Pinellas*) to 29 Apr (J. Fisher, I. Hernandez et al.).

*HEERMANN'S GULL: 1 second-year bird remained at FDCP through the spring (L. Atherton et al.).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 45 at the Pompano Landfill (*Broward*) 3 Mar (B. and J. Hope); 1 first-winter bird at Key West 19 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

"GLAUCOUS × HERRING GULL (?):" 1 first-year bird, believed to be of this parentage, at Fort Clinch SP 17 May (P. Sykes, details to FOC).

Great Black-backed Gull: 2 first-winter birds at DTNP Mar-28 Apr (P. Lehman, J. Boyd et al.).

SABINE'S GULL: 1 immature near DTNP 15 Apr (L. Manfredi).

ROYAL TERN: 2 at Gainesville 26 Apr (M. Landsman); 3 at PPM 12 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

*ELEGANT TERN: 1 male in breeding plumage at FDCP 20-29 Apr courted then copulated with a Sandwich Tern 26 Apr (L. Atherton et al., photos to FOC). A search for the Elegant Tern among the Sandwich Tern rookery nearby at Egmont Key NWR 22 May was not successful (A. and R. Paul).

ROSEATE TERN: 140 W of Key West 20 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 3 at Boynton Beach (Palm Beach) 7 May (B. Hope); 17 at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea (Broward) 7 May (W. George, R. MacGregor); 25 adults at Key West 20-21 May (J. Ondrejko).

COMMON TERN: 1 at LARA 8 May (H. Robinson).

ARCTIC TERN: 2 at Playalinda Beach 4 May (D. Simpson) and 1 there 9 May (J. Puschock); 9 at Sebastian Inlet SRA (*Brevard* and *Indian River*) 7 May (L. Manfredi); 4 at Boynton Beach 7 May (B. Hope); up to 10 at Miami Beach 7-10 May (P. Bithorn, J. Boyd et al.); 7 in *Broward* 8-10 May and another at West Lake Park, Hollywood ca. 1.2 km inland, 9-22 May (W. George et al., specimen to UCF); 1 ca. 32 km off Jacksonville 13 May (R. Clark).

FORSTER'S TERN: 40 at LARA 31 May (H. Robinson).

LEAST TERN: ≥2 at Lake Jackson (Leon) 31 Mar (M. Evans, G. Menk).

BRIDLED TERN: 50 working a weedline W of Key West 20 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 2 ca. 32 km off Jacksonville 13 May (R. Clark).

SOOTY TERN: 19 ca. 32 km off Jacksonville 13 May (R. Clark).

Brown Noddy: 1 ca. 42 km off Cape Canaveral 27 May (D. Simpson).

BLACK SKIMMER: 155 at Lake Hollingsworth 13 Mar (P. Fellers).

WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (Broward) 5 Apr (R. MacGregor, W. George).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 14 Mar and 14 Apr (A. and R. Smith); 1 at Newberry (*Alachua*) 2 Apr (L. Davis); 2 adults and 2 juveniles at Minneola (*Lake*) 5 May (J. Cline); 2 S of Fellsmere (*Indian River*) 7 May (S. Rowe); 1 at Green Cove Springs (*Clay*) 12 May (C. Green); 2 at Three Forks MCA (*Brevard*) 16 May (S. Rowe); 1 at Blue Cypress MCA (*Indian River*) 16 May (S. Rowe).

MOURNING DOVE: 1 nest with nestlings at DTNP 1 Apr (D. Simpson).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE: 54 at LARA 27 May (H. Robinson).

PEACH-FACED LOVEBIRD: 2 fought with 2 European Starlings over a cavity at Green Key 30 Mar (J. McKay).

MONK PARAKEET: 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 17 Mar (A. Begazo, A. Kent); 1 at Apopka (*Orange*) 12 May (C. Pierce).

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET: 6, including juveniles, at St. Augustine (St. Johns) 27 May (J. Holstein).

BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: 1 inside a cavity in a power pole at Anclote (*Pasco*) 26 May (K. Tracey, photo to FOC).

RED-MASKED PARAKEET: 2 at Key West 26 Mar (D. Simpson).

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET: 5 at Bradenton (Manatee) 27 May (fide W. Stinehelfer).

WHITE-FRONTED PARROT: 2 at Matheson Hammock CP (*Miami-Dade*) 31 Mar (D. Simpson).

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT: 1 at Patrick Air Force Base (Brevard) 6 May (D. Simpson).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Key West 25 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 1 at ENP (*Miami-Dade*) 7 May (S. Lindsay).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 2 at Cedar Key (Levy) 30 Mar (D. Henderson).

TURACO SPECIES: 1 at Fort Lauderdale in Apr (C. Engle) was described as being brown with red in the hind wings. This bird was originally reported as a "Helmeted Turaco" 18 Nov 2000 (S. Mumford), but no species has that English name.

BURROWING OWL: 5 pairs at Eglin Air Force Base (*Okaloosa*) all spring (*fide* L. Fenimore); 1 at DTNP 8 Apr (D. Simpson et al.).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 at DTNP 17 Apr (L. Manfredi, C. Ewell et al.); 1 at Key West 9 May (A. Knothe).

 $Lesser\ Nighthawk: singles\ at\ FDCP\ 31\ Mar\ (male)\ and\ 1\ May\ (female;\ L.\ Atherton\ et\ al.).$

 ${\tt BLACK-CHINNED\; HUMMINGBIRD: 1\; male\; at\; Valrico} \; ({\it Hillsborough}) \; {\tt 31\; Mar} \; ({\tt S.\; Backes}).$

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Pensacola remained to 4 Apr (B. Lucas et al.).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: singles at Bald Point 9 Mar (J. Dozier), Alligator Point 19 Mar (unbanded male; J. Dozier), 28 Mar (banded male; J. Murphy), and 6 Apr (banded female; J. Dozier), and Tallahassee 5 and 9 Apr (F. Rutkovsky et al.).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 immature at Sanibel Lighthouse Park (*Lee*) 28 Apr (C. Ewell).

DOWNY WOODPECKER: the first breeding report at FDCP was established 2 May, when both adults carried food into a cavity (B. and L. Atherton).

HAIRY WOODPECKER: 1 male in N St. Johns, where "becoming very rare," 11-30 Mar (P. Powell); 1 pair along the Tamiami Trail in extreme NW Miami-Dade 12 May (J. Boyd).

NORTHERN FLICKER: 1 female at John Pennekamp Coral Reef SP (*Monroe*) 29 May had an upper mandible that was twice the length of the lower, and that curved to the left (K. Burgener).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: singles wintered at W Kendall (*Miami-Dade*) to 14 Mar and Eco Pond, ENP to 14 Apr (both J. Boyd); 1 at LARA 19 Apr (H. Robinson).

EASTERN PHOEBE: 3 sang at Torreya SP 26-27 May (G. Stoccardo).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF remained to 1 Mar (B. and L. Duncan et al.); 1 at Lake Jackson 4 Mar (D. Harder); 1 at SMNWR to 5 Mar (J. Cavanagh, B. and S. Donner).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at LARA to 4 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF to 12 May (D. Ware et al.).

Brown-crested Flycatcher: 1 at LARA to 11 Mar (H. Robinson).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: 35 at LARA 8-11 Apr, and 2 to 14 May (H. Robinson); 1 at FDCP 1 May (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Fort Pickens 8 May (B. Duncan).

*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at LARA to 16 Apr (H. Robinson).

*TROPICAL/COUCH'S KINGBIRD: 1 at Mahogany Hammock, ENP 12 Mar (T. Aversa); 1 at DTNP 14 Apr (L. Manfredi); 1 at Gulf Breeze 8 May (B. Duncan).

Gray Kingbird: singles at Key West 15 Mar (J. Ondrejko), Crawfordville (*Wakulla*) 11 Apr (S. P. MacCumhail), and LARA 22 Apr and 27 May (H. Robinson).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands* or *Polk*) 18 May (J. and T. Steurer).

Bell's Vireo: 1 at Tallahassee 17 Mar (D. Harder).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 sang at Black Swamp 2 Mar (G. Menk).

WARBLING VIREO: 1 apparent V.g. swainsonii at A.D. Barnes Park (Miami-Dade) 27 Mar-8 Apr (P. Bithorn, J. Boyd [photos to FOC] et al.).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Matheson Hammock CP 31 Mar (D. Simpson).

RED-EYED VIREO: 2 at Starkey Wilderness Park (Pasco) 15 Mar (T. Aversa).

BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: singles at Key West 22 Mar (J. Ondrejko), (singing) Jungle Trail (*Indian River*) 30 Mar (D. Simpson), FDCP 20 Apr and 11 May (L. Atherton et al.), and (singing) Chassahowitzka NWR 27 Apr (T. Rogers) that was the first for *Citrus*.

PURPLE MARTIN: 6 flew N over Fort Clinch SP 18 May (P. Sykes); 100 or more at a "fall" roost at the US-98 bridge across Ochlockonee Bay (Franklin) 29 May (J. Dozier).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 1 at Bald Point 3 Mar (B. Allen); 1 at Lake Jackson 6 Mar (G. Menk); 4 nested in a seawall drainpipe at Bradenton 26 May (W. Stinehelfer); 4 adults fed 3 young at Kissimmee 27 May (P. Fellers, S. Riffe).

BANK SWALLOW: 2 flew N over Fort Clinch SP 18 May (P. Sykes); 1 at LARA 24 May (H. Robinson).

CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 31 Mar (P. Blair et al.); 2 at Bald Point 31 Mar (J. Dozier); duos at LARA 26 Apr and 27 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Gulf Hammock 2 May (T. Rogers).

CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at LARA 18 Mar (H. Robinson); singles at DTNP 6-9 Apr (D. Simpson) and 26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 immature at Jupiter Inlet Colony (*Palm Beach*) 12 May (J. Hailman, sketch to FOC).

BARN SWALLOW: 38 flew N over Fort Clinch SP 18 May (P. Sykes).

CAROLINA CHICKADEE: 1 at a Lakeland yard 24 May (M. Chakan).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Cedar Key (Levy) 21 Apr (D. Levey).

HOUSE WREN: 1 at Key West to 6 May (J. Ondrejko).

SEDGE WREN: 2 at FDCP 26 Apr, with 1 remaining to 10 May (R. Webb, L. Atherton et al.), and another there 12 May (L. Atherton, K. Allen); 1 near Mahogany Hammock, ENP 7 May (S. Lindsay); 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 12 May (C. Pierce); 1 reportedly carrying a fecal sac at Black Swamp (*Leon*) 26 May (D. Harder, no other details provided).

MARSH WREN: 1 at FDCP 2-10 May (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson et al.); 1 sang at Orlando Wetlands Park 12 May (C. Pierce); 1 at Largo 24 May (J. Fisher).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: singles at O'Leno SP (Alachua) 1 Mar (J. Hintermister), Glen Lakes development 2 Mar (M. Gardler), Flatwoods Park (Hillsborough) 13 Mar (D. Powell, B. Pranty, H. Lovell), and High Springs (Alachua) 29 Mar (D. Robbins).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: 1 at FDCP 1 May (M. Wilkinson).

Wood Thrush: 1 wintered at Birch SP to 3 Apr (W. George et al.); 1 at Cedar Key 30 Mar (D. Henderson); 1 sang at Bonner Park (*Pinellas*) 24 Apr (I. Hernandez); 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) 28 Apr (P. Young).

AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 sang at Bald Point 24 Apr (J. Dozier).

BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at John U. Lloyd SP (*Broward*) 27 Apr-1 May (R. MacGregor et al., photos to FOC by K. Radamaker) had recently lost its tail and had badly ruffled rump feathers, causing some to wonder about a possible captive origin; 1 at Indigenous Park, Key West 29 Apr-2 May (D. Simpson, J. Ondrejko et al.); 1 at DTNP 13 May (D. Simpson).

COMMON MYNA: 1 pair nested in a power pole at Key West 24 Mar (J. Ondrejko); 1 at De-Land (*Volusia*) 5 Apr (K. Tracey, photo to FOC); 6 at Islamorada (*Monroe*) 25 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

CEDAR WAXWING: 400+ at St. Augustine 17 Mar (J. Holstein); **2500** at New Port Richey 21 Mar (K. Tracey); 450 at LARA 4 May (H. Robinson); 12 at Winter Park (*Orange*) 25 May (B. Anderson).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Cedar Key 31 Mar (D. Henderson); 1 at Alligator Point 10 May (J. Murphy).

TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 near Loxahatchee (Palm Beach) 11 Mar (B. Hope, C. Weber).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 female in *Palm Beach* 1 Mar (D. Simpson); 1 at Orlando 4-13 Apr (J. Clifton); 1 at San Felasco Hammock Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 13-15 Apr (M. Manetz, D. Robbins).

YELLOW WARBLER: 1 sang at Lake Jackson 13 May (P. Conover).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 male at MacArthur Beach SP (Palm Beach) 14 Apr (C. Weber).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Fort Meade (*Polk*) 31 Mar (T. Palmer); 1 "ugly, molting bird" at A.D. Barnes CP 13 Apr was thought to have wintered locally (P. Lehman et al.).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 13 at O'Leno SP (*Alachua*) 12 May (J. Hintermister, C. Parenteau); singles at Fort Clinch SP 17 and 18 May (P. Sykes); 3 at St. Augustine 18 May (J. Holstein).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1400 at Starkey Wilderness Park 15 Mar (T. Aversa).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 male at Dupuis State Reserve 3 Mar (J. Holstein, C. Weber et al.).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: 1 male at Sanibel Lighthouse Park 15-18 Apr (V. McGrath, C. Brine et al., videograbs to FOC by B. LaFramboise).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 male at FDCP 31 Mar (L. Atherton et al.).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 9 at LARA 14 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Fort Clinch SP 17 May (P. Sykes).

CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 male at FDCP 1-6 Apr (L. Atherton et al.).

AMERICAN REDSTART: 83 at Bayport (*Hernando*) 10 May (C. Black); 28 at O'Leno SP 12 May (J. Hintermister, C. Parenteau); 48 at LARA 14 May (H. Robinson).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 sang at Paynes Prairie State Preserve 9 Mar (H. Adams); 13 along the St. Johns River (*Lake* and *Volusia*) 27 Apr (L. Malo et al.).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at Tallahassee 30 Mar (B. Scott); 1 at St. George Island (Franklin) 30 Mar (S. Klink).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Boca Ciega Park 27 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 at O'Leno SP 29 Mar (P. Burns); 1 at Cedar Key 30 Mar (D. Henderson); 4 at FDCP variously 24 Apr-4 May (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at LARA 16 Apr (H. Robinson); 2 at Birch SP 17 Apr, and 1 there 26 Apr (fide W. George).

OVENBIRD: 16 at Boca Ciega Park 10 May (J. Fisher).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 12 at O'Leno SP (Alachua) 12 May (J. Hintermister, C. Parenteau); 2 at Fort Clinch SP 18 May (P. Sykes).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 of 2 at DTNP 27 Apr was eaten by a Cattle Egret (P. Lehman et al.); 1 at LARA to 8 May (H. Robinson).

KENTUCKY WARBLER: singles at LARA 2 Apr and 14 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Miami Shores 17 May (D. Wright).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 at Key West 1 May (D. Simpson); 6 at FDCP variously 5-15 May, with 5 on 12 May (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson et al.); 4 in mid-Pinellas variously 13-16 May (J. Fisher); 1 at Miami Shores 16 May (D. Wright); 1 female at S Merritt Island 18 May (B. Paxson); 1 male at Lori Wilson Park, Cocoa Beach (Brevard) 19 May (B. Paxson et al.); 1 at Birch SP 19 May (W. George, M. Berney, R. MacGregor).

*MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER: 1 at Fern Forest Park (*Broward*) to 10 Mar (*fide* W. George); 1 female at A.D. Barnes Park 20 Apr-4 May (R. Diaz et al., details to FOC by P. Lehman).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: 24 moved through Fort Clinch SP in 6 hrs 18 May (P. Sykes).

HOODED WARBLER: 1 sang at SMNWR 12 Mar (J. Dozier); 1 at Flamingo, ENP 12 Mar (T. Aversa); 3 at San Felasco Hammock 21 Mar (B. Muschlitz, M. Landsman); 12 at Cedar Key 30 Mar (D. Henderson).

WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Boca Ciega Park 11-30 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 at Black Swamp 28 Mar (D. Harder); 2 at Largo to 31 Mar (J. Fisher et al.); 1 at Gainesville 12 Apr (G. Kiltie); "several" wintering birds in *Miami-Dade* and *Monroe* lingered into Apr (J. Boyd et al.); 1 at O'Leno SP (*Columbia*) 15 Apr (J. Hintermister, A. Kent, M. Manetz); singles at

- Dry Tortugas 16-17 Apr (L. Manfredi et al.) and 20-22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.), and duos there 23-24 Apr (T. Doyle, K. O'Reilly-Doyle et al.) and 5 May (W. Biggs et al.); singles at FDCP 22-24 Apr (J. Hintermister et al.) and 1 May (M. Wilkinson); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse Park 26 April (V. McGrath).
- Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA 31 Mar (W. Yusek); 5 at LARA 27 May (H. Robinson); 3 sang at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve (*Citrus*) 20 Apr (A. and B. Hansen et al.); 1 at FDCP 12 May (L. Atherton); 2 at O'Leno SP 12 May (J. Hintermister, C. Parenteau); 6 at Florida Caverns SP (*Jackson*) 24 May (B. and L. Cooper).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 at Delray Oaks (Palm Beach) 4 Mar (B. Hope); single females in Lee at Captiva Island 24 Mar, and Six Mile Cypress Preserve 1 Apr (both V. McGrath).
- *GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE: 1 glimpsed at Green Key 24 Apr (N. LaFramboise) was described as having an unmarked olive-green back, wings, and tail with a bright rufous crown.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 2 at SMNWR 26 Apr (J. Dozier); singles at DTNP 4-5 May (W. Biggs et al.).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 at FDCP 7 Apr (L. Atherton).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park 24 May (C. Pierce).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 at DTNP 21-22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 3 at FDCP variously 22-28 Apr (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Moccasin Island (*Brevard*) 3 May (J. Bryan).
- NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 2 along Coastal Prairie Trail, ENP (Monroe) 10 Mar were identified as A.n. subvirgatus (J. Boyd).
- Fox Sparrow: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (Alachua) 10 Mar (A. Kratter).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: singles at LARA 25 Mar (H. Robinson), Bonner Park 30 Mar (P. Blair), FDCP 24 Apr (L. Atherton et al.), Alligator Point 3 May, and Bald Point 5 May (both J. Dozier).
- SWAMP SPARROW: 3 at Alligator Point 3 May (J. Dozier); singles at FDCP 3 May and 5-7 May (L. Atherton et al.), Honeymoon Island SRA 12 May (D. Goodwin, E. Haney), Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 12 May (L. and R. Smith), and LARA to 20 May (H. Robinson). WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 at Bald Point 12 May (J. Dozier).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1 immature at Briggs Nature Center (*Collier*) 14 Mar (T. Aversa); 1 *Z.l. gambelii* at DTNP 26-28 Apr (P. Lehman, T. Doyle et al.); 1 at LARA to 29 Apr (H. Robinson).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 32 at LARA 4 May (H. Robinson); 1 sang at Brooker Creek Preserve, where birds have bred the past five years, 12 May (L. and R. Smith).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 56 at Hackberry Hammock (*St. Lucie*) 17 Mar (S. Comer); 25 at LARA 19 Apr (H. Robinson).
- *LAZULI BUNTING: 1 male at Hackberry Hammock 25 Mar-8 Apr (S. Comer, photo to FOC); 1 male at FDCP 18-24 Apr (J. Hopkins, M. Wilkinson et al., photo to FOC by K. Tracey).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 male wintered at Tallahassee to 7 Apr (B. Buford); 2 females at Key Vista Nature Park, Anclote 1 May (K. Tracey); 8 at LARA 4 May (H. Robinson); 1 at PPM 12 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- DICKCISSEL: ≥6 at W Kendall to 10 Apr (J. Boyd et al.); 1 at LARA 2-6 May (H. Robinson). BOBOLINK: 2 at SMNWR 24 Mar (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 12 Apr (B. Duncan, E. Case); 593 at LARA 26 Apr (H. Robinson); 200 at Lakeland 30 Apr (C. Geanangel); 1 at Key West to 15 May (J. Ondrejko).
- Brewer's Blackbird: 2 males at DeFuniak Springs (*Walton*) 12 May (J. and L. McDaniel). Shiny Cowbird: 6 at Briggs Nature Center 14 Mar (T. Aversa); 1 male at Palm Harbor (*Pinellas*) 17 Mar (J. Calhoun); 1 sang at FDCP 18-27 Apr (J. Bouton et al.); a "poor showing" at DTNP, with just 1 bird there 26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); up to 6 males and 2 females at Key West all spring (J. Ondrejko).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 male at Skyview Country Club, Lakeland through 8 Mar (P. Fellers et al.).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: ≥2 males and 1 female at Key West 3 May-EOS (J. Ondrejko).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 2 at SMNWR 14 Mar (J. Dozier, J. Cavanagh); 5 at LARA 20 May (H. Robinson).

*BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: 1 first-year male remained at Flamingo, ENP to early Apr, by which time it had begun singing (C. J. Grimes et al.).

HOUSE FINCH: singles at Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 10 Mar (M. Lytle) and (singing) 6-7 Apr (D. Robinson, P. Young); 1 sang at Daytona Beach (*Volusia*) 7 Apr (D. Hartgrove); 1 bird incubating at Ocala 12 Mar (M. Paczolt); a nest at Gainesville 7 May contained nestlings close to fledging (R. Norton).

PINE SISKIN: 2 at Gainesville to 28 Apr (L. Hensley).

NUTMEG MANNIKIN: 6 (2 adults and 4 immatures) at W Kendall 7 Apr (P. Bithorn et al.). TRICOLORED MUNIA: of ≥6 at Pensacola in Oct 2000 and Apr-May 2001 (B. Hall, photo to FOC), some showed characters of this species (*fide* K. Garrett), while others may have been avicultural hybrids (*fide* P. W. Smith).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 4 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 12 May (B. Hoffman, B. Ackerman).

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Correction to Fall 200 report: the Gray-crowned Crane at Orange Lake reported by Rex Rowan was seen in Marion, not Alachua.

Fall 2000 observations not reported previously: White-fronted Parrot: 2 at Bradenton 23 Nov (Wes Stinehelfer); Golden-winged Warbler: 1 at Crystal River was the first for *Citrus* (Tommie Rogers).

Winter 2000-2001 observation not reported previously: Painted Bunting: 28 at Hackberry Hammock (St. Lucie) 26 Jan (Sam Comer).

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