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## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Winter report: December 2001-February 2002.—This report consists of significant bird observations compiled by the Field Observations Committee (FOC). Submissions to the FOC should be in the following format: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and significance. Seasons are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit observations to regional compilers within two weeks after the close of each season, or to the state compiler within one month. Addresses of the compilers are found at the end of this report. We greatly prefer observations sent via e-mail.

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 here with an asterisk (\*). A county designation (in italics) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations in this report are: CBC (Christmas Bird Count); CP (county park); ENP-E (Everglades National Park, Miami-Dade); ENP-W (Everglades National Park, Monroe); EOS (end of season); LARA (Lake Apopka Restoration Area; Orange); NWR (national wildlife refuge); PPM (Polk phosphate mines); 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 counts.

## SUMMARY OF THE WINTER SEASON

The season was extremely variable, with temperatures hot one week and below freezing (even into the central peninsula) the next. There were even a few cold fronts that brought substantial rain. Several "mega-rarities" were reported this winter, including a California Gull at Pensacola, Ruddy Quail-Dove and Northern Saw-whet Owl in *Broward*, and a Lazuli Bunting at Lake Apopka. A Pink-backed Pelican, native to Africa and probably an escapee, was photographed at Naples. Other interesting observations were 25 species of wood-warblers variously in southeastern Florida; a banding trip 11-16 Jan by Fred Bassett that resulted in the banding of 27 hummingbirds including 14 Rufous, 8 Black-chinned, and 1 Allen's (another Allen's was banded by Bassett the previous week); Rose-breasted Grosbeaks photographed in *Brevard* and *Collier*; and a Rosycrested Pochard in *Lee* and a hybrid Lady Amherst's × Golden Pheasant at Miami.

With the FOC's virtual abandonment of Internet lists as a source of bird observations, we will increase efforts to contact conscientious members of the Florida birding community to ensure that their observations become part of the permanent ornithological record. This winter report includes several CBC reports now that the FOC has access to all CBC documentation forms. CBC reports not submitted directly to the FOC are listed as "CBC data" and only the most significant observations are included to avoid excessive duplication between *Florida Field Naturalist* and *American Birds*.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 7 Dec (M. Meisenburg); 1 at Boca Grande (*Escambia*) 22 Dec (P. Baker et al.); 3 along the Jacksonville (*Duval*) coast 29 Dec (*fide* P. Powell); 10 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 18 Jan (D. Powell, B. Ahern, R. Webb); 1 in a Tallahassee pond (*Leon*) 26 Jan-5 Feb (A. Turner et al.); 1 at Fort Island Beach (*Citrus*) 6 Feb (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Fort Walton Beach (Okaloosa) 17 Dec (W. Duncan, L. Dougherty).

COMMON LOON: 72 at Lake Weir (Marion) 28 Dec (E. Scales et al.).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: 185 at PPM 3 Dec (P. Fellers).

HORNED GREBE: 644 at Lake Weir 28 Dec (E. Scales et al., details to FOC).

EARED GREBE: 19 at PPM 3 Dec (P. Fellers); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF to 17 Dec (B. Bremser); 1 at Newnans Lake (Alachua) 4 Jan (A. Kratter et al.).

CORY'S SHEARWATER: 1 off Dania (Broward) 5 Dec (W. George, R. MacGregor).

NORTHERN GANNET: 600 off Fort Pickens (Escambia) 23 Dec (S. Haywood).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 2000 at PPM 11 Feb (P. Fellers); up to 31 foraged in small seasonal wetlands at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) for most of Feb (M. McMillian).

Brown Pelican: 1 at Gainesville (Alachua) in Dec (E. Scales); 1 at LARA 24 Jan (H. Robinson).

PINK-BACKED PELICAN (*Pelecanus rufescens*): 1 at Naples (*Collier*) 29 Dec (T. Below, photos to FOSRC) furnished the first North American report (AOU *Check-list*, 1998). The species is native to Africa but several individuals occur in captivity in Florida and elsewhere.

GREAT CORMORANT: 1 immature at the St. Johns River mouth, Jacksonville 24-29 Dec (B. Richter, photo to FOC).

LEAST BITTERN: 1 at St. Marks NWR (Wakulla) 5 Jan (D. Morrow et al.).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 adult at Buck Island Ranch 26 Feb (B. Carlton).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 12 at Ellenton (*Manatee*) 15 Dec (W. Stinehelfer); 14 at PPM 6 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, L. Albright) and 26 Jan (P. Fellers et al.).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 2 at Tallahassee 18 Dec (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Lake Jackson and vicinity (*Leon*) 3 Feb (J. Cavanagh et al.).

SNOW GOOSE: 10 (8 white and 2 blue) near Bartow (*Polk*) 10 Dec (S. Riffe); 20 in E *Polk* remained to 1 Jan (F. and R. Clark)—the size and composition of the flock changed frequently; 5 (4 white and 1 blue) at Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*) 22 Dec-EOS (E. Kwater et al.).

CANADA GOOSE: 10 near Bartow 10 Dec (S. Riffe); 6 at W Jacksonville 11 Jan (J. Holstein). TUNDRA SWAN: 1 immature at Springhill Road STF, Tallahassee 14-24 Jan (E. Shaw, C. Snow et al.).

MUSCOVY DUCK: a brood of day-old chicks at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 6 Dec (B. Pranty). AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: 1 near Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 27 Dec (CBC data); 1 at LARA to 20 Jan (H. Robinson).

NORTHERN SHOVELER: 1200 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers et al.).

\*WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL: 1 at Pembroke Pines (*Broward*) 29 Dec-5 Feb was considered an escapee (W. George et al.).

GADWALL: 198 at Apalachicola Bay (Franklin) 6 Dec (G. Beaton); 105 at PPM 6 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, L. Albright).

EURASIAN WIGEON: 1 male at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 10 Feb (J. Holstein et al.). AMERICAN WIGEON: 600 at PPM 23 Jan (P. Fellers et al.) had declined to few dozen by

early Feb (fide C. Geanangel).

REDHEAD: 18 at LARA 3 Jan (H. Robinson).

ROSY-BILLED POCHARD: 1 male photographed at Bonita Springs (*Lee*) 20 Feb (D. Suitor). **ROSY-CRESTED POCHARD** (*Metta rufina*): 1 female photographed at Bonita Springs 20 Feb (D. Suitor).

RING-NECKED DUCK: 850 at PPM 3 Dec (P. Fellers et al.).

GREATER SCAUP: up to 3 at LARA to 16 Jan (H. Robinson).

LESSER SCAUP: 4650 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers et al.).

LONG-TAILED DUCK: 2 at Cedar Key 28 Dec (A. Kratter et al.); 1 at Palm Harbor (*Pinellas*) 31 Jan ff (I. Hernandez); 1 male at Titusville (*Brevard*) 10 Feb (J. Holstein et al.).

BLACK SCOTER: 25 flew S by Lauderdale-by-the-Sea (*Broward*) 4 Dec (W. George); 10 flew N by Dania 5 Dec (W. George, R. MacGregor); 4 at Alligator Point 6 Jan (M. Meisenburg et al.).

SURF SCOTER: 1 at N Jacksonville 29 Dec (R. Clark); 3 at Alligator Point 6 Jan (J. Murphy). WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 1 at St. Marks NWR 8 Dec (B. Bergstrom et al.).

COMMON GOLDENEYE: 1 female at Punta Gorda (*Charlotte*) 15 Dec (J. Bouton); 1 female at Tallahassee 6 Jan (G. Menk); 16 at Fort Island Beach 6 Feb (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi).

BUFFLEHEAD: 58 at Lake Weir 28 Dec (E. Scales et al.); 6 at Lake Pierce (*Polk*) 29 Dec (J. Dubois); 5 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers).

HOODED MERGANSER: 375 at PPM 6 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, L. Albright).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 at Gainesville 10 Dec (A. Kratter).

RUDDY DUCK: 4260 at Auburndale (*Polk*) 14 Dec (P. Fellers); 2400 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 at Blue Cypress Lake (*Indian River*) 31 Jan (N. Sekera et al.) was extremely early or wintering; 1 at Tallahassee 20 Feb (R. Lengacher); 5 at Bald Point (*Franklin*) 20 Feb (J. Dozier); 1 at Golden Aster Scrub Preserve (*Hillsborough*) 21 Feb (G. Caddick); several at Golden Gate Estates (*Collier*) 23 Feb (T. Doyle).

WHITE-TAILED KITE: 2 at their traditional breeding site at Pembroke Pines Mitigation Landbank (*Broward*) mid-Dec ff (W. George et al.); 2 adults along Government Road (*Broward*) in Jan-Feb (J. Swarr et al.).

SNAIL KITE: 1 banded juvenile at Lake Pierce 1 Jan (D. Pierce, S. Huxtable).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 "tame" immature at Bayonet Point (*Pasco*) 5 Dec (M. Gardler); 1 immature at Alva (*Lee*) 21 Jan-EOS (C. Ewell, A. Salcedo et al.).

SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 light morph near Naples (Collier) 26 Jan (T. Doyle); 1 dark morph at Peace River Park (Polk) 31 Jan (T. Palmer).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: up to 34 Frog Pond WMA (Miami-Dade) 1-16 Dec (L. Manfredi et al.). RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 Krider's SW of Clewiston (Hendry) 20 Jan ff (R. Smith, B. Hoffman, L. Atherton).

CRESTED CARACARA: 2 juveniles N of Lake Jessup (Seminole) 29 Dec (CBC data); 1 along Government Road, Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, 4-13 Jan (P. Murphy et al.) was the second Broward report; 1 pair nested in a Cabbage Palm E of Sanford (Seminole) in Feb, but the nest was abandoned by 2 Mar (fide R. Grimshaw)—this seems to be the northernmost breeding attempt reported in Florida.

PEREGRINE FALCON: up to 4 at PPM through 24 Feb (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel, P. Timmer et al.)

**LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT** ( $Chrysolophus\ amherstiae$ )  $\times$  **GOLDEN PHEASANT:** 1 hybrid at Miami in Jan (L. Regalado, photos to FOC).

BLACK RAIL: 2 at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) 19 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Powell, B. Ahern)

CLAPPER RAIL: 1 at Eco Pond, ENP-W 5 Jan-9 Feb (fide J. Boyd).

VIRGINIA RAIL: 1 at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 12 Jan-EOS (*fide J. Boyd*). PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 adult at Edward Ball Wakulla Springs SP (*Wakulla*) 28 Dec

(R. Lengacher); 1 adult at Lake Weir 28 Dec (E. Scales, photo to FOC).

AMERICAN COOT: 32,000 at PPM 3 Dec (P. Fellers) had declined to 800 by early Feb (fide C.

Geanangel); 1 downy chick at Pembroke Pines 3-9 Jan (K. Schnitzius, photos to FOC). SANDHILL CRANE: 35 in NE *Jefferson* 3 Jan (R. Atchison); 3 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 18 Jan (J. Holstein); 7 in *Walton* 22 Jan (C. Snow); 45 flying N over Madison (*Madi-*

son) 2 Feb (G. Menk); 1 wintered at Jacksonville (J. Cocke). American Golden-Plover: 1 at ENP-E 19 Dec (J. Boyd).

WILSON'S PLOVER: 70 at Honeymoon Island SRA 9 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

PIPING PLOVER: 1 at Pine Island Park (*Hernando*) 18 Dec-21 Feb (B. Pranty, A. and B. Hansen et al.).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: 5 at PPM 2 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

AMERICAN AVOCET: 2 at Carrabelle Beach (Franklin) 9 Dec (G. Sprandel); up to 7 at Springhill Road STF 18-22 Dec (G. Menk et al.); 42 at Jacksonville 29 Dec (B. Richter); 323 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers).

WHIMBREL: 35 at Honeymoon Island SRA 22 Dec (E. Kwater); 3 at Green Key, New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 24 Dec-2 Feb (K. Tracey, R. Smart).

MARBLED GODWIT: 5 at Anclote Gulf Park (Pasco) 2 Dec (K. Tracey).

WESTERN SANDPIPER: 415 at PPM 6 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, L. Albright).

PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Boynton Inlet (*Palm Beach*) to 8 Dec (*fide J. Boyd.*); 1 at Rickenbacker Causeway (*Miami-Dade*) 15 Dec (B. Rapoza, J. Boyd.); 2 at St. Lucie SP (*St. Lucie*) 29 Dec (P. Merritt, photo to FOC); 3 at New Smyrna Beach (*Volusia*) 23 Jan (M. Gardler).

STILT SANDPIPER: 3 near Withlacoochee River CP (*Pasco*) 8 Dec-4 Jan (R. Smith et al.); 188 at PPM 6 Jan, and 77 there 24 Feb (both P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 at St. Marks NWR 16 Feb (G. Menk).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 130 at PPM 7 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK: 1 called at Boyd Hill Nature Park, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 15 Dec (R. Smith et al.; several males displayed at Weekiwachee Preserve 16 Dec-EOS (B. Ahern, A. and B. Hansen et al.).

Pomarine Jaeger: 1 adult light morph off Key Biscayne (*Miami-Dade*) 9 Dec (R. Diaz); singles in *Pasco* at Anclote River Park 18 Jan and Green Key 4 Feb (both K. Tracey); 1 adult at Naples 3 Jan (H. McGuinness).

PARASITIC JAEGER: 2 at Honeymoon Island SRA 22 Dec (E. Kwater); 1 dark morph at Naples 3 Jan (H. McGuinness).

Franklin's Gull: 1 at Naples 29-30 Dec (H. McGuinness, W. Burkett et al.); 1 first-winter bird at the *Miami-Dade* landfill 17 Jan (L. Manfredi).

\*BLACK-HEADED GULL: 1 adult at Sebastian Inlet SRA (*Brevard* and *Indian River*) 15 Feb ff (*fide* D. Hull, photos to FOC by H. Bechtel).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: 80 Lassing Park, St. Petersburg 3 Feb (R. Smith).

\*HEERMANN'S GULL: 1 at Sanibel Island (*Lee*) 2 Dec (D. Hanson, photos to FOC), Naples 7 Dec (*fide* C. Ewell), Fort De Soto CP 23 Jan-8 Feb (L. Atherton), then Captiva Island (*Lee*) 19 Feb (V. McGrath).

\*CALIFORNIA GULL: 1 adult at Pensacola Beach 5 Feb (B. Duncan, details to FOC).

\*THAYER'S GULL: 1 at Fort De Soto CP to 7 Dec (fide L. Atherton).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 third-winter bird at the *Miami-Dade* landfill 5 Dec was thought to be either *intermedius* or *fuscus* (J. Boyd); 1 at LARA 16 Jan (H. Robinson); 1 adult at New Port Richey to 23 Jan (K. Tracey et al.); 2 first-year birds at Naples 29 Dec (H. McGuinness); 1 at Steinhatchee (*Taylor*) 1 Feb (B. and L. Duncan).

SABINE'S GULL: 1 at Boynton Inlet 1-2 Dec (fide J. Boyd).

GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 at Green Key Park 11 Dec-3 Feb (K. Tracey, R. Smart et al.); 1 at Dunedin Causeway (*Pinellas*) 18 Dec (W. Yusek); 1 at Pine Island Park 6 Jan (C. Black); 11 at PPM 20 Jan (P. Fellers).

Caspian Tern: 355 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers).

ROYAL TERN: 1 over Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands*) 3 Jan (CBC data); 21 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers); 4 at Banana Lake Park (*Polk*) 31 Jan (T. Palmer).

SANDWICH TERN: 2 at Pine Island Park 10 Dec (A. and B. Hansen).

COMMON TERN: **54** on the St. Petersburg CBC 15 Dec (B. Pranty et al., videotape of 24 birds to FOC); 2 at Green Key 2 Jan (M. Gardler); 1 at Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 4 Jan (CBC data).

FORSTER'S TERN: 260 at LARA 16 Dec (H. Robinson); 476 at PPM 10 Jan (P. Fellers).

BLACK TERN: 1 at Ten Thousand Islands NWR (Collier) 5 Jan (CBC data); 1 at Pompano Beach (Broward) 10 Jan (W. George et al.).

BLACK SKIMMER: 375 at PPM 3 Dec (P. Fellers).

WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 1 at Port Orange (*Volusia*) 1 Feb (K. Doxstater, photo to FOC) was the northernmost report along the Atlantic coast; at least 2 at Collier-Seminole State Park (*Collier*) 9 Feb (*fide* T. Doyle).

RINGED TURTLE-DOVE: 1 at Weeki Wachee (Hernando) 27 Feb (M. Gardler).

- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at Bald Point 18 Dec (J. Dozier); 1 at Hudson for most of Dec (D. Malone, K. Tracey et al.).
- \*RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE: 1 at Birch State Park, Fort Lauderdale (*Broward*) 11-12 Jan (W. George [details to FOC], R. MacGregor).
- BUDGERIGAR: 1 at Port of the Islands (Collier) 3 Jan (H. McGuinness).
- COCKATIEL: 1 at Palatka (*Putnam*) 11 Dec (*fide* S. P. MacCumhail); 1 feeding on the ground at St. Petersburg with 120 Monk and 30 Black-hooded parakeets 23 Dec (A. and R. Smith).
- MONK PARAKEET: 64 at Anclote (*Pasco*) 6 Dec (K. Tracey); at least 10 at a nest at Black Hammock Island, Jacksonville 29 Dec (N. and T. Shuler); *ca.* 12 birds 3 km NNE of Palmetto Point, and *ca.* 6 at Parrish in recent months were new locations in *Manatee* (W. Stinehelfer).
- BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET: ≥6 at Jetty Park (*Brevard*) 2 Dec (C. and K. Radamaker, photos to FOC); 1 at Naples 3 Jan (H. McGuinness).
- RED-MASKED PARAKEET: ≥1 at Jetty Park 2 Dec (C. and K. Radamaker, photos to FOC). WHITE-EYED PARAKEET: ≥5 at Jetty Park 2 Dec (C. and K. Radamaker, photos to FOC); 5 at Naples 3 Jan (H. McGuinness).
- BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: 6 at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 21 Jan (J. Bouton et al.); 2 at Anclote (*Pasco*) occupied the same cavity used as a nest last year, 2 Feb (K. Tracey, photo to FOC).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 2 at St. George Island (Franklin) 29 Dec-12 Jan (T. Lewis, K. Malone et al.).
- \*NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: 1 at Lighthouse Point (*Broward*) 26 Dec was shaken out of a tree by a passing truck and was recovered by two police officers driving by (!). The owl was taken to a wildlife rehabilitator and was released at Fort Lauderdale 28 Dec (C. Rohkamm, photo to FOC).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1 in S *Hillsborough* 16 Dec (CBC data); 1 along the NW shore of Lake Apopka (*Lake*) 29 Dec (CBC data); 2 at Cedar Key 28 Dec (J. Hintermister, D. Morrow, R. Christen); 1 at Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 29 Dec (B. Hope); up to 10 at the *Miami-Dade* landfill 8-10 Jan (L. Manfredi, J. Boyd); up to 12 wintered at Flamingo, ENP-W (*fide* J. Boyd).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 1 sang at Bayard Point (Clay) 19 Feb (L. McCullagh); 1 sang at Golden Gate Estates 20 Feb (T. Doyle).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: 1 sang at Golden Gate Estates 27 Jan and 21 Feb (T. Doyle, K. O'Reilly-Doyle).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa) 3 Jan (B., L., and W. Duncan); 1 at Melbourne (Brevard) for 10 days in Jan (B. and S. Hills).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 banded at Tallahassee 11 Jan (F. Bassett); 3 at Valrico (*Hillsborough*) 14 Jan, with 1 banded (S. Backes, F. Bassett); up to 4 wintered at Lakeland (J. Misiaszek); 1 immature male wintered at Jacksonville (M. Davidson).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: up to 2 immature males at Spring Hill (Hernando) 6 Dec-4 Jan (A. and B. Hansen, P. Young et al.); 3 banded at Tallahassee 11 Jan, and another banded 19 Jan (all F. Bassett); 1 banded at Apalachicola (Franklin) 11 Jan (F. Bassett); 1 immature male banded at Valrico 14 Jan (S. Backes, F. Bassett); 1 banded at Merritt Island 15 Jan (F. Bassett); 1 adult male at Alligator Point to Mar (J. Murphy et al.).
- \*Broad-tailed Hummingbird: 1 adult female banded at Pensacola 25 Feb (F. Bassett). Rufous Hummingbird: 1 at Alachua (*Alachua*) 31 Dec (B. Wallace); 7 banded at Tallahassee 9-11 Jan (all F. Bassett); 1 at Spring Hill 14 Jan-EOS (banded by F. Bassett); 2 at Shady Hills (*Pasco*) 23 Dec-18 Jan (S. Maloni, K. and L. Tracey et al., photos to FOC); 1 adult male at New Port Richey 10 Jan (K. Tracey, photo to FOC); 1 female banded at Valrico 14 Jan (S. Backes, F. Bassett); 1 found dead at Brooksville (*Hernando*) 18 Jan (K. Cannon, to UCF).

- \*ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male banded at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 5 Jan (F. Bassett); 1 second-year male banded at Bald Point 9 Jan-EOS (J. Dozier, F. Bassett et al.).
- SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 1 photographed at Melrose (Putnam) 28 Dec (CBC data); 1 at Lake City (Columbia) to 31 Dec (J. Krummrich).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 20 along Arbuckle Creek (*Highlands* and *Polk*) 3 Jan (B. and L. Cooper).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (Alachua) 23 Dec (E. Scales); 1 near Oviedo (Seminole) 29 Dec (B. Anderson); 1 at Emeralda Marsh 21 Jan (J. Puschock); up to 5 (27 Jan) wintered at LARA (H. Robinson); at least 2 wintered at Frog Pond WMA (L. Manfredi); 1 wintered at Eco Pond, ENP-W (fide J. Boyd).
- EMPIDONAX SPECIES: 1 at Lake Talquin State Forest (Leon) 24 Feb (G. Menk).
- EASTERN PHOEBE: 139 at LARA 2 Dec (H. Robinson).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 adult male at Tiger Point (Santa Rosa) 15 Dec (B. Bremser); 1 at Belle Glade Marina (Palm Beach) 15 Dec-3 Feb (L. Most et al.); 1 at Paynes Prairie 16 Dec-3 Feb (G. McDermott, M. Meisenburg); 1 female at Myakka River SP (Sarasota) 17 Dec-4 Mar (C. Everly et al.); 1 male along Government Road (Hendry) 29 Dec-EOS (fide C. Ewell); 1 adult male in Gulf 9 Jan (L. Duncan); 1 wintered at LARA (H. Robinson et al.).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 W of Boynton Beach (*Palm Beach*) 9 Dec (B. and J. Hope); 1 at Paynes Prairie 16 Dec-23 Jan (J. Hintermister et al., photos to FOC by E. Scales); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 27 Dec-23 Jan (B. Duncan, D. Ware); 1 near Oviedo 29 Dec (B. Anderson); 1 W of Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 30 Dec (B. Hope); 1 off Government Road (*Hendry*) 4 Feb (W. George); 1 at Emeralda Marsh 20 Jan (J. Puschock), and 2 there 11 Feb (M. Gardler); up to 9 (20 Jan) wintered at LARA (H. Robinson).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Kelly Park (*Orange*) 23 Dec (B. Anderson); 30 on the Lake Placid CBC 27 Dec (CBC data); 4 along Arbuckle Creek 3 Jan (B. and L. Cooper). BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 14-27 Dec (L. Manfredi, D. Powell

et al.); 1 W of Delray Beach 3 Feb (B. Hope).

- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 near Loxahatchee NWR 25 Dec-EOS (B. Hope et al.); 1 at Matheson Hammock 20 Feb (P. Blair, W. Yusek).
- \*TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 1 remained at St. Marks NWR through the winter (*fide* G. Menk). \*TROPICAL/COUCH'S KINGBIRD: 1 at LARA 9 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at Goodwin WMA (*Brevard*) 16 Jan (S. Rowe).
- \*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at LARA 2 Dec-3 Feb (H. Robinson, C. and K. Radamaker et al., photos to FOC); 1 at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 21 Feb (J. Boyd).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 2 Dec ff (F. Lohrer et al.); singles at Bald Point 4 and 9 Dec (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 1 at Alligator Point 9 Dec (J. Murphy); 1 S of Palm Bay (*Brevard*) 20 Dec (S. Rowe); 1 at Turkey Point (*Franklin*) 24 Dec (J. Murphy); 2 at Paynes Prairie to 27 Dec (D. Steadman); 1 near Red Level (*Citrus*) 1 Jan (C. Black); 1 at PPM 12 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel et al.); singles at Trenton (*Gilchrist*) and Chiefland (*Levy*) 13 Jan (C. Graham); 12 W of Delray Beach 14 Jan (B. Hope); 3 at Buck Island Ranch 17 Jan (M. McMillian); 1 at St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 28 Jan (R. Smith); up to 7 wintered along Government Road (*fide* C. Ewell); up to 72 (27 Jan) wintered at LARA (H. Robinson), the highest Florida count.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 2 at Lake Istokpoga 2 Dec ff (M. McMillian et al.); 2 at Seven Springs (*Pasco*) 5 Dec ff (K. Tracey et al.); 6 at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 27 Dec (D. Powell); 1 at High Springs (*Alachua*) 13 Jan (C. Graham); 3 W of Delray Beach 14 Jan (B. Hope); up to 2 at LARA 16 Jan-EOS (H. Robinson); up to 7 wintered along Government Road (*fide* C. Ewell).
- Bell's Vireo: 1 W of Delray Beach 2 Dec (B. Hope); 1 at Mahogany Hammock, ENP-E 19 Dec (CBC data); 1 wintered at Frog Pond WMA (fide J. Boyd, photo to FOC by S. Siegel). Purple Martin: 2 or more at Tampa (Hillsborough) 16 Jan (D. Wassmer, L. Saul); 2 at Springhill STF 26 Jan (G. Menk).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 1 E of Dade City (*Pasco*) 8 Dec (B. Hoffman, R. Smith).

BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Delray Beach 5 Jan (W. George); 1 at the *Miami-Dade* landfill 9 Jan (L. Manfredi).

CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at the Miami-Dade landfill 9 Jan (L. Manfredi).

CAVE SWALLOW: >200 at the Miami-Dade landfill 9 Jan (L. Manfredi).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Eastpoint (Franklin) 17 Feb (S. Klink).

MARSH WREN: 1 at Lake Jackson 9 Dec-8 Jan (R. Lengacher, G. Menk).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 22 Dec (CBC data); 1 at Big Shoals Public Lands (*Hamilton*) 12 Jan (J. Hintermister); 1 at O'Leno SP (*Alachua*) 9 Feb (J. Hintermister).

HERMIT THRUSH: 2 sang in N Leon 6 Dec (R. West, G. Menk).

WOOD THRUSH: 1 wintered at Birch SP (W. George et al.).

COMMON MYNA: 30 in a flock N of Homestead 20 Jan (J. Bouton).

HILL MYNA: "numerous groups" at Matheson Hammock CP 22 Jan included one flock of 12 (J. Bouton et al.).

AMERICAN PIPIT: 12 at Frog Pond WMA 1 Dec (L. Manfredi); 257 at LARA 13 Jan (H. Robinson).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT: 4 at Eglin Air Force Base (Okaloosa) 9 Feb (L. Fenimore).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at West Lake, ENP-E 14 Dec (L. Manfredi); 1 at Loxahatchee NWR 29 Dec (B. Hope).

TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 E of Lake Placid 27 Dec (CBC data).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 15 at LARA 13 Jan (H. Robinson).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 11 Dec (J. Boyd); 1 at New Port Richey 31 Dec (K. and S. Tracey); 1 of the W subspecies at Lake Jackson 1 Jan (J. Cavanagh).

NORTHERN PARULA: 1 presumed migrant at LARA 10 Feb (H. Robinson).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 female at Royal Palm, ENP-E 5-6 Jan (J. Boyd et al.); 1 at Birch SP 12 Jan-EOS (W. George, J. Boyd et al.).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Crews Lake CP (Pasco) 18 Dec (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi).

 $\label{eq:black-throated} \text{BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 male at Bartow 15 Dec (P. Fellers); 1 at Newnans Lake 16 Dec (A. Kratter); 1 at Alva 21 Jan (C. Ewell [photo to FOC], A. Salcedo).}$ 

PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 adult male wintered at Jacksonville (P. Powell), with 2 others there 29 Dec (fide P. Powell).

AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 female at Newnans Lake 16 Dec (A. Kratter); 1 female at Paynes Prairie 16 Dec (K. Scott); 1 E of Lake Placid 27 Dec (R. Webb, D. Goodwin, E. Haney).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at Jacksonville 29 Dec (T. Allen); singles at Birch SP 12 Jan (B. Hope) and 26 Jan (M. Berney, W. George et al.); 1 W of Boca Raton (*Palm Beach*) 3 Feb (B. Hope).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Newnans Lake 16 Dec (A. Kratter); at least 4 wintered at LARA (H. Robinson).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at West Palm Beach (*Palm Beach*) 5 Jan (CBC data); 1 at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (*Collier*) 12 Jan (J. Boyd et al.); 1 presumed migrant at LARA 10 Feb (H. Robinson).

WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 male at Lakes Park, Fort Myers (*Lee*) 12 Dec-EOS (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Gainesville 16 Dec (L. Davis); 1 E of Lake Placid 27 Dec (CBC data); 1 near Loxahatchee NWR 30 Dec (B. Hope); males at different Tallahassee sites 1, 5, and 22 Jan (J. Cox, L. Thompson, R. Lengacher, G. Menk); 1 at Emeralda Marsh 26 Jan (J. Puschock); 1 at LARA 27 Jan (H. Robinson); 2 wintered at Frog Pond WMA (*fide J. Boyd*).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Paynes Prairie 16 Dec (D. Morrow); 1 at Lake Jackson 1 Jan (E. Hawkins, G. Farr); 1 at Emeralda Marsh 19 Jan (J. Puschock); 1 at Newnans Lake 22 Feb (J. Hintermister); 1 wintered at Frog Pond WMA (*fide J. Boyd*).

SUMMER TANAGER: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 1-2 Dec (L. Manfredi, P. Bithorn); 1 female at Saddle Creek CP (Polk) 15 Dec (CBC data); 1 female at Collier-Seminole SP (Collier)

- 9-10 Feb (T. Doyle [photos to FOC], D. Suitor); 1 at Gainesville 19 Feb (M. Meisenburg, B. Simons).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 22-27 Dec (P. Bithorn et. al.); 1 female at Cedar Key 28 Dec (D. Henderson).
- WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 black-backed male at Bill Baggs/Cape Florida SP (*Miami-Dade*) 9 Dec (R. Diaz).
- CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 partial albino at Tallahassee 15 Dec (D. and K. MacVicar).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 19 between Auburndale and Lake Wales (Polk) 27 Jan (P. Timmer).
- VESPER SPARROW: 4 at Brooker Creek Preserve 22 Dec (A. and R. Smith).
- LARK SPARROW: 7 at Redland (*Miami-Dade*) 5 Jan-EOS (J. Boyd et al.); 1 in *Collier* 15 Jan (R. Burk).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 7 at Withlacoochee River CP 4 Jan (R. Smith, B. Ahern).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 at Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve (*Pasco*) 8 Dec (R. Smith, B. Hoffman); 1 at Jacksonville 29 Dec (R. Rowan).
- SALTMARSH SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 30+ at Stokes Nature Preserve (St. Johns) 15 Dec (J. Holstein et al.); 1 at Caladesi Island SP (Pinellas) 4 Feb (E. Kwater, details to FOC); 1 at Navarre Flats (Santa Rosa) 25 Jan (B., L., and W. Duncan, A. Kratter, details to FOC) was the first report for the W Panhandle.
- Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 30+ at Stokes Nature Preserve 15 Dec (J. Holstein et al.); 1 at Coastal Prairie Trail, ENP-W 3 Dec (B. Roberts); 10 at Fort Island Gulf Beach 14 Jan (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 30+ at Stokes Nature Preserve 15 Dec (J. Holstein et al.).
- FOX SPARROW: 1 at O'Leno SP (Columbia) 12 Jan (J. Hintermister); 1 at Paynes Prairie 27 Jan (M. Manetz, A. Kent).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Paynes Prairie 1 Feb (J. Hintermister); 1 wintered at Frog Pond WMA (fide J. Boyd).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 5 at Lake Wales 24 Jan (P. Fellers); 1 white-striped morph at Ocala National Forest (Marion) 26 Jan (E. Kwater).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 3 near Withlacoochee River CP 4 Jan (R. Smith, B. Ahern); 3 at Paynes Prairie 1 Feb (J. Hintermister); 1 immature at Frog Pond WMA 7 Feb (J. Boyd); 1 near Loxahatchee NWR 30 Dec (B. Hope); 1 immature at W Kendall 9 Dec (J. Boyd).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 5 at Tall Timbers Research Station (*Leon*) 13 Dec (G. Menk); 1 female at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 15 Dec-5 Mar (E. Kwater).
- \*LAPLAND LONGSPUR: up to 3 at Huguenot Park 8 Dec-4 Jan (B. Richter [photos to FOC], M. Korosy et al.).
- NORTHERN CARDINAL: 183 at LARA 24 Feb (H. Robinson).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 female at Merritt Island 5 Jan (J. Hafizi, photo to FOC); 1 female at Collier-Seminole SP 5 Jan-10 Feb (K. O'Reilly-Doyle, L. Douglas, T. Doyle, photos to FOC and note in prep. to *Florida Field Naturalist*).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 immature male at Gulf Breeze 4 Jan (B., L., and W. Duncan, details to FOC).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 female in S *Hillsborough* 16 Dec (CBC data); 1 female near Lake Tohopekaliga (*Osceola*) 5 Jan (CBC data); 1 female at Eastpoint 25 Feb (S. Klink); up to 6 (16 Jan) wintered at LARA (H. Robinson).
- \*LAZULI BUNTING: 1 male at LARA 7 Jan (H. Robinson).
- INDIGO BUNTING: up to 24 in a flock at Alva 5 Dec-EOS (L. and L. White et al.); 1 male at Alligator Point 10 Feb (J. Murphy); 1 at New Port Richey 23 Feb (K. and L. Tracey); up to 15 (13 Dec) wintered at LARA (H. Robinson).
- PAINTED BUNTING: up to 2 males at Dade City 4-12 Jan (fide K. Tracey); females in N St. Johns 13 Jan and at Jacksonville 28 Jan-EOS (both P. Powell); 1 male at New Port Richey 9 Feb-EOS (R. Smart et al.); 1 male wintered at Tallahassee for the third year

(B. Buford); 6 wintered at Haines City (*Polk*; A. and H. Wheaton); 10 wintered E of Sanford, with some remaining to late Apr (*fide* R. Grimshaw).

DICKCISSEL: 1 at LARA 16 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at W Kendall 3 Feb-EOS (L. Snyder, J. Boyd et al.).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK: 62 at LARA 24 Jan (H. Robinson).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 at LARA 10 Feb (H. Robinson).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 5 in N Leon 6 Dec (R. West, G. Menk).

Brewer's Blackbird: 1 at LARA 19 Dec (H. Robinson).

BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE: 1 partial albino at St. Marks NWR 12 Jan (J. Holstein et al.).

SHINY COWBIRD: at least 2 at Eagle Lakes Park (*Collier*) 19 Jan (D. Suitor et al.); 12 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) 4 Feb (P. Small, details to FOC) furnished the highest inland report by far.

BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 female and 1 male at Apalachicola (Franklin) 6 Dec (G. Beaton, photos to FOC); 1 adult male at Pensacola Beach 10-15 Dec (B. Duncan et al.); 1 at Fort Walton Beach 17 Dec (W. Duncan, L. Dougherty); at least 12 at Eagle Lakes Park (Collier) 19 Jan (J. Boyd et al., photo to FOC by D. Suitor); at least 5 wintered at Lakeland (B. Ahern et al.).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 female at New Port Richey 22 Dec (K. Tracey, photos to FOC); 1 at LARA 24 Feb (H. Robinson).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 at St. Augustine 21 Dec (J. Holstein); 2 at New Port Richey 31 Dec (K. Tracey); 6 at Lake Region Village (*Polk*) 1 Jan (B. and L. Cooper); 2 at Dade City 6 Jan (K. and L. Tracey).

\*BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: 1 immature male at Captiva Island 29 Dec (V. McGrath, details to FOC).

NUTMEG MANNIKIN: 1 at W Pensacola 1 Dec (B. Lucas).

LONCHURA SPECIES: 1 immature at Eco Pond, ENP-W 29 Jan-3 Feb (fide J. Boyd, photos to FOC by B. Putnam and L. Snyder) was considered by R. Restall (author of Munias and Mannikins, Yale University Press, 1997) as either a Tricolored Munia or a Chestnut Munia, although the identification was based at least partially on the presumption that the bird had dispersed from Cuba or elsewhere in the West Indies. However, the munia perhaps more likely was an escapee.

PURPLE FINCH: 4 at Alachua 10-13 Jan (B. Wallace) and another elsewhere at Alachua 17 Feb (B. Quinn).

HOUSE FINCH: 1 in E Polk 5 Dec (F. and R. Clark); up to 14 at Lake Wales 29 Dec ff (fide B. and L. Cooper et al.); 1 male at Land O' Lakes (Pasco) 3-4 Jan (S. Burns, photo to FOC); 2 at Tampa 5 Jan (D. Powell); 2 at New Port Richey 19 Feb (J. McKay, K. and L. Tracey, photo to FOC).

PINE SISKIN: 1 in *Wakulla* 3 Dec (J. Epler); 1 at Alva 7 Dec-EOS (L. and L. White et al.); 1 at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 18 Jan (R. Brewer, photo to FOC); at least 4 at Homosassa Springs Wildlife SP (*Citrus*) 22 Jan (M. Wilkinson, J. Alexander); 1 at Wakulla Springs SP 25 Jan (N. Sekera).

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**Addition to the Spring 2001 report:** SACRED IBIS: 4 at the *Miami-Dade* landfill 23 Mar (John Boyd et al.) was only the second published report for Florida.

Correction to the Spring 2001 report: the location for the Wild Turkey in *Pinellas* should be Boca Ciega Park, not Walsingham Park. We thank Judy Fisher for correcting this error.

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