

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Spring report: March-May 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: CP (county park); 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 SPRING SEASON

Sustained light winds from the east for much of the season resulted in a dearth of migrants. Comments received included the following: “the slowest migration I have ever experienced” . . . “migration was almost invisible” . . . “the worst migration we have ever had” . . . “an almost birdless migration” . . . and “What spring migration?” In the W Panhandle, steady winds from the south and southeast allowed migrants to fly inland, resulting in no fallouts along the coast. On the other hand, despite the weather—or perhaps because of it?—it was an excellent spring for Caribbean strays, with 13 individuals of 6 species. Species requiring FOSRC review were the White-faced Ibis at Lakeland, Iceland Gull at Pompano Beach, Elegant Tern in Hillsborough Bay, Zenaida Dove at Key Largo, Key West Quail-Dove at Biscayne National Park, Tropical Kingbird at St. Marks NWR, Cassin’s Kingbird at Lake Apopka, Yellow-faced Grassquit at Dry Tortugas National Park, Harris’s Sparrow at Fort Walton Beach, and Common Redpoll at Land O’ Lakes. “First” successful breeding records of Whooping Crane and Elegant Tern added further interest. Finally, Gail Menk is retiring after compiling reports from the Tallahassee area since 1995; we thank him for his dedication to the FOC.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

For the second year in a row, Ken and Linda Tracey et al. conducted a stationary survey of Neotropical migrants at Green Key Road, New Port Richey (*Pasco*). This year, surveys were conducted every day 3 Mar-15 May, from 0630-0830 hours. During this period they tallied 5750 birds, including 200 Barn Swallows, 207 Prairie Warblers, 676 Palm Warblers, 98 American Redstarts, and 4033 unidentified warblers. No large fall-outs were noted; the three highest counts were of 342, 263, and 198 birds, on 24 Apr, 7 Apr, and 30 Mar, respectively.

RED-THROATED LOON: 1 molting bird at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 20-27 Apr (B. Bergstrom).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 18 May (B. and L. Duncan, details to FOC).

- PIED-BILLED GREBE: 1 adult with 3 young at PPM 20 Mar (A. Paul).
- EARED GREBE: 16 at PPM 18 Mar, and 1 there 17 Apr (P. Fellers); 1 in breeding plumage at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 20-27 Apr (B. Bergstrom).
- SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 inside the surf line off Fort Pickens, Gulf Islands National Seashore (*Escambia*) 9 Apr (L. Duncan, L. Dougherty).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 120+, mostly near Cosgrove Shoal (*Monroe*) 3 May (D. Goodwin, G. Stoccardo et al.).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 1 landed aboard a fishing boat 40 km S of Pensacola Pass (*Escambia*) 27 May was taken to a rehabilitation center (D. Kaufmann).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 immature at Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 4 May (D. Goodwin, G. Stoccardo et al.).
- MASKED BOOBY: a high of 32 birds, including one large chick, at Hospital Key, Dry Tortugas NP in Apr (P. Lehman et al.).
- BROWN BOOBY: 65 at Dry Tortugas NP 22 Apr (M. Gardler).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 1220 at LARA 3 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Lake Edna, Mile Marker 58 (*Monroe*) 18 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 5 at Phipps Nature Preserve (*Franklin*) 5 May (G. Sprandel); 328 at Lake Monroe Conservation Area (*Seminole* and *Volusia*) 11 May (R. Grimshaw); 1 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 11 May (R. Rowan); 350+ at Lake Jessup (*Seminole*) 15 May (R. Grimshaw et al.); 4 at Pine Island (*Hernando*) 23 May (C. Black).
- BROWN PELICAN: 2 at Lakeland (*Polk*) 8 Mar (T. Palmer); 1 at LARA 10 Mar (H. Robinson); 3 at Newnans Lake 15 Apr (M. Meisenburg); 1 immature at Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 8 May (M. McMillian); 2 at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 27 May (G. Sprandel).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 1 at LARA 10-14 Apr with "quite limited and sparse but extremely obvious" short, straight, white plumes on the head may have been the *W* race *P.a. albocillatus* (H. Robinson); 1950 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- ANHINGA: 1250 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: 4 (1 adult and 3 immatures) at Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*) 4 May (J. Puschock).
- WHITE × SCARLET IBIS: 1 pink bird at Lakes Park, Fort Myers (*Lee*) 26 Apr (J. Bouton).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 at Boca Chica Key (*Monroe*) 18 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).
- *WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 at Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland 28 Mar-6 May (K. Rademaker et al., photos to FOC).
- SACRED IBIS: 4 at Dump Marsh, Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 23 Mar (J. Boyd et al.) were thought to be free-flying birds from Miami MetroZoo.
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 10 at PPM 18 Mar (P. Fellers); 14 (6 adults) at Lake Hancock (*Polk*) 28 Apr-mid-May (T. Palmer); 4 immatures at Emeralda Marsh 4 May (J. Puschock).
- WOOD STORK: 1240 nests at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (*Collier*) produced 3600 fledglings, the largest number since 1976 (*vide* R. Paul).
- BLACK VULTURE: 1 nest at *Seminole* (*Pinellas*) 22 Apr fledged 1 young 27 Jun (J. Fisher).
- GREATER FLAMINGO: 2 at Snake Bight, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 12 and 18 Apr (M. Gardler).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 3 *Alachua* reports: 8 at Gainesville 9 Mar, 5 at Newnans Lake 14 May, and 4 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 28 May (all J. Hintermister); 12 at PPM 10 Mar (P. Timmer); 33 at Bartow (*Polk*) 18 Mar (P. Fellers); 35 at Lake Hancock 28 Apr (T. Palmer).
- SNOW GOOSE: 3 (2 blue and 1 white) at Lake Jackson to 9 Mar (G. Menk).
- CANADA GOOSE: 1 presumed exotic at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 14 Apr-late May (B. Pranty, H. Lovell, D. Powell) was pursuing a female Muscovy Duck when seen last!
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 4 at Newnans Lake 28 May (D. Simpson, J. Hintermister et al.); 2 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 29 May-EOS (D. Simpson et al.).
- GADWALL: 16 at PPM 18 Mar (P. Fellers).

- REDHEAD: 3 at Holiday (*Pasco*) 13 May (K. and L. Tracey); 2 (female and male) at St. Marks NWR 29 May-EOS (D. Simpson et al.).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 2 (female and male) at Newnans Lake 28 May (J. Hintermister, R. Rowan et al.).
- GREATER SCAUP: 1 at Seminole 13-16 Mar (J. Fisher); up to 2 at LARA 27 Mar-7 Apr (H. Robinson).
- LESSER SCAUP: 1 female at E.G. Simmons Park, Ruskin (*Hillsborough*) 25 May (E. Kwatter); 1 at LARA to 27 May (H. Robinson); 1 female and 1 male remained at Springhill Road STF, Tallahassee (*Leon*) to 16 Jun (G. Menk).
- LONG-TAILED DUCK: 1 at Titusville (*Brevard*) to 3 Mar (T. Ramsey, photo to FOC).
- BUFFLEHEAD: 1 male at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 27 Apr (B. Bergstrom).
- RED-BREADED MERGANSER: 1500 at Fort Pickens (*Santa Rosa*) 11 Mar (K. McMullen).
- RUDDY DUCK: 1 at LARA to 27 May (H. Robinson).
- OSPREY: 1 melanistic bird at Chokoloskee Pass (*Monroe*) throughout the season (S. Nesbitt, J. McNichols, photo to FOC) was thought to be the same individual observed by others, 1994-1997 (Clark 1998. First North American record of a melanistic Osprey. *Wilson Bulletin* 110: 289-290).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: a nest in *Broward* active by 31 Mar fledged 2 young 6 Jun (J. Harris, W. George et al.) and established the county's first breeding report.
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 4 pairs nested at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) in May (C. Tucker, P. Small et al.).
- SNAIL KITE: 1 banded immature male at Lake Istokpoga 5 May (M. McMillian).
- BALD EAGLE: 20 at Lake Monroe Conservation Area (*Seminole*) 9 Mar (L. Malo et al.); 20 at LARA 3 Apr (H. Robinson).
- COOPER'S HAWK: an active nest at Lake Seminole Park (*Pinellas*) 9 Apr later was abandoned after a fire (J. Fisher); *Broward's* first breeding report was obtained when an adult was observed on a nest at SE Fort Lauderdale 28 Apr, but the nest was abandoned after 3 weeks (A. and M. Stickle, T. Hendrickson); 1 active nest at St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve (*Brevard*) 11 May (D. Simpson).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 2 light morphs at Saddle Creek CP (*Polk*) 7 Mar (B. Ahern); 1 dark morph in NE *Osceola* 23 Mar and 1 light morph there 3 Apr (D. Freeman, J. Clifton); 1 light morph at Lakes Park, Fort Myers (*Lee*) 26 Apr (J. Bouton); 2 dark morphs at last year's nest-site, New Port Richey 28 Apr were not seen again (K. Tracey); the radiotagged nestling from the 2001 New Port Richey nest was over Cross Bar Ranch Wellfield (*Pasco*) 8 May (G. Zimmerman *vide* K. Tracey); 1 dark morph E of Dundee (*Polk*) 12 May (B. and L. Cooper); 1 dark morph along Canoe Creek Road (*Osceola*) 15 May (D. Freeman, J. Clifton).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 intermediate morph adult at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 12 Apr (B. Bergstrom).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 2 copulated at Lake Monroe Conservation Area 11 May (L. Malo).
- RING-NECKED PHEASANT: 1 at LARA 7-23 May (H. Robinson).
- CHUKAR: 1 at Lakeland 30 May-EOS (J. Rudd, photo to FOC).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: 2 at Shark Valley 31 Mar (J. Boyd); 1 at Wakodahatchee Wetlands to 7 Apr (B. Hope); 1 at Loxahatchee NWR 13 Apr (B. Hope).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: singles in *Pinellas* at Seminole 21 Apr and Bonner Park 23-24 May (J. Fisher).
- PURPLE SWAMPHEN: 1 gray-headed adult W of Carnestown (*Collier*) 10-13 Apr reportedly had been present about six months; it was not seen again (D. Powell, T. Doyle, H. Lovell, and B. Pranty, video to FOC).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: a pair at Leesburg (*Lake*) laid two eggs by mid-Feb, which hatched 12 and 14 Mar. Incredibly, the second chick was killed by a Bald Eagle hours after hatching, and the eagle itself later was injured (requiring rehabilitation!) when it was attacked by the parent cranes as it tried to capture the first chick. The surviving chick

- made its first flight on 7 Jun, becoming the first Whooping Crane to successfully fledge in the wild in the United States in 63 years—and the first known fledgling in Florida (<<http://floridaconservation.org/whatsnew/whoopermilestone-st.html>>).
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 134 at LARA 15 May, and 63 there 23 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Springhill Road STF 31 May (G. Menk).
- PIPING PLOVER: 4 at Crandon Beach, Key Biscayne (*Miami-Dade*) 3 May (R. Diaz); 1 at LARA 20 May (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 1 at Pensacola Beach 18 Apr (M. and R. Rose).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at Springhill Road STF 26 Apr, and 2 there 30-31 May (G. Menk); 139 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 2 at LARA 27 May (H. Robinson).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 19 Mar (H. Robinson).
- WILLET: 4 at LARA 24 Apr (H. Robinson).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 13 at LARA 15 May (H. Robinson).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 1 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 22 Apr (P. Small).
- MARbled GODWIT: 3 at Bald Point SP (*Franklin*) 11 May (G. Sprandel).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 8 at LARA 6 May (H. Robinson); 8 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- RED KNOT: 2 in winter plumage at Ohio Key (*Monroe*) 22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 at LARA 15 May (H. Robinson).
- SANDERLING: 4 at LARA 6 May, and 5 there 20 May (H. Robinson); 2 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 1540 at LARA 23 May (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 3 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich); 37 at LARA 23 May (H. Robinson); 3 at Newnans Lake 28 May (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister et al.); 1 at St. Marks NWR 29 May (D. Simpson); “about a dozen” at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 30 May (L. Manfredi).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at Springhill Road STF 4 Mar (D. and S. Jue); 1 at Lake Jackson 5 Mar (G. Menk).
- DUNLIN: 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 in breeding plumage at LARA 6 May (H. Robinson).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 111 at LARA 9 May (H. Robinson), and 68 there 11 May (G. Stoccardo, J. Peterson); 55 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK: 1 male displayed at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) through 9 Mar (A. and B. Hansen).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 3 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 11 May (J. Krummrich).
- POMARINE JAEGER: at least 6 light morphs at Dry Tortugas 14 and 22 Apr (M. Gardler).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 1 light morph adult off Miami (*Miami-Dade*) 5 May (P. Bithorn, details to FOC).
- HERRING GULL: 1 at LARA 27 May (H. Robinson).
- *ICELAND GULL: 1 first-winter bird at Pompano Beach Landfill (*Broward*) 2-9 Mar (M. Berney, W. George et al.).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 first-year bird at St. Marks NWR 21 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 2 adults at Crandon Beach to 9 May (R. Diaz) furnished the first published spring report for *Miami-Dade*.
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 first-year bird at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 9 Apr (J. Dozier).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at Crandon Beach 9 May (R. Diaz).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 10 at PPM 17 Apr (P. Fellers); 1 at LARA 21 Apr-15 May (H. Robinson); 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 16 May (J. Krummrich); 5 at St. Marks NWR 29 May (D. Simpson).
- CASPIAN TERN: 727 at PPM 18 Mar (P. Fellers).
- ROYAL TERN: 12 at PPM 18 Mar (P. Fellers); 1 at Hague Dairy (*Alachua*) 5 May (M. Manetz, R. Rowan); 1 at LARA 9-12 May (H. Robinson).

- *ELEGANT TERN: 1 adult (male?) at Island 3D, Hillsborough Bay (*Hillsborough*) 23-24 May was photographed brooding an egg (R. Paul, B. Pranty, D. Powell et al., photos and videos to FOC).
- ROSEATE TERN: 200 in the Florida Straits (*Monroe*) 22 Apr (M. Gardler).
- COMMON TERN: 1 at LARA to 20 May (H. Robinson).
- ARCTIC TERN: 2 at LARA 23 May (H. Robinson).
- LEAST TERN: 56 were nesting on an Auburndale (*Polk*) rooftop 6 May (T. Palmer).
- BLACK NODDY: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 14 Apr-EOS (M. Gardler et al., photos to FOC by G. O'Brien).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 64 at Lake Mirror (*Polk*) 9 Mar (T. Palmer); 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 16 May (J. Krummrich); 9 at LARA 27 May (H. Robinson).
- RINGED TURTLE-DOVE: 1 at LARA 9 May (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 2 at Archer (*Alachua*) 6-28 Mar (M. Meisenburg); 2 at Brooksville (*Hernando*) 1-28 May (S. Dingfelder); 2 at T. M. Goodwin Waterfowl Management Area (*Brevard*) 11 May (D. Simpson, A. Bankert); 1 male at Little Talbot Island SP (*Duval*) 14 May (P. Sykes, J. Seginak).
- *ZENAIDA DOVE: 1 at Key Largo (*Monroe*) 3-6 May (L. Manfredi et al., photos to FOC by D. Powell and J. Puschock).
- COMMON GROUND-DOVE: 34 at PPM 21 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- *KEY WEST QUAIL-DOVE: 1 at Elliott Key, Biscayne NP (*Miami-Dade*) 9-26 May (B. Roberts, D. Olle) reportedly had been present for some time previously.
- COCKATIEL: 1 at W Kendall 25 Apr (J. Boyd).
- BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: 2 at a nest at Fort De Soto CP (*Pinellas*) 20 Apr (S. Riffe et al.).
- WHITE-FRONTED PARROT: 4 at Matheson Hammock (*Miami-Dade*) 5 May (J. Boyd et al.).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 6 called on the Pinecrest BBS route along Loop Road (*Monroe*) 30 May (T. Doyle).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 29 at 101 point counts in and adjacent to Ten Thousand Islands NWR (*Collier*) 4 May-3 Jun. Previous surveys totaled 24 cuckoos at 101 points in 2001, and 64 at 88 points in 2000 (T. Doyle).
- SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 4 (in 2 groups) at Stormwater Treatment Area 1-W (*Palm Beach*) 27 Mar (B. Wagner).
- BARN OWL: 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*) 15 Mar (W. Yusek); 1 found dead on the road at Bahia Honda (*Monroe*) 22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).
- GREAT HORNED OWL: at least 4 of 7 pairs that nested on power poles at PPM produced young (P. Fellers).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: up to 2 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP 11-25 Apr (P. Bithorn, M. Gardler et al.) and 1 at Loggerhead Key, Dry Tortugas NP 11-23 Apr (P. Bithorn et al.).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: singles sang in N *St. Johns* 17 Mar (P. Powell) and at Fort George Island (*Duval*) 17-19 Mar (C. Clark).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 1 at Green Key, New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 20 Mar, and 83 at a nearby chimney roost 1 Apr (K. Tracey).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Gainesville to 30 Mar (S. Bynum).
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 banded female at Tallahassee to 29 Mar (F. Rutkovsky).
- SELASPHORUS* SPECIES: 1 male at Eastpoint (*Franklin*) 26-28 Mar (S. Klink).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 20 Apr (S. Lockwood et al.).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 4 at Yucca Pens Unit, Babcock-Webb WMA (*Charlotte*) 15 Mar (J. Bouton).
- EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE: 2 at Sanibel Lighthouse (*Lee*) 19 May (V. McGrath).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) to 22 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 2 at LARA 4 Mar, and 1 there to 6 Mar (H. Robinson).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Emeraldal Marsh to 10 Mar (J. Puschock); 1 along Government Road (*Hendry*) 16 Mar (T. Doyle); 1 at Ocala National Forest (*Marion*) 19-25 Mar (J. Puschock); 1 at LARA to 17 Apr (H. Robinson).

- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 30 Apr (R. Diaz).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) to 21 Mar (B. Hope et al., photos to FOC by J. Lehman); 1 at Spanish River Park (*Palm Beach*) 6 Apr (B. and J. Hope); 1 at Matheson Hammock (*Miami-Dade*) 6 Apr (R. Diaz, P. Bithorn et al.); 1 heard only at Elliott Key 26 May (D. Olle, D. Lysinger).
- *TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 1 at St. Marks NWR to 19 Apr (G. Menk, J. Murphy et al.).
- *CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at LARA to 3 Apr (H. Robinson).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 3 at East Lake Weir (*Marion*) 4-26 Mar (R. Rowan, E. Scales); 34 at LARA 10 Apr, 25 there 17 Apr, and 1 there to 9 May (H. Robinson); 1 near Lake Istokpoga 8 May (M. McMillian).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 late migrant at Bonner Park, Largo 27 May (J. Fisher).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: singles at LARA 27-31 Mar and 15 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Green Key 28 Mar (K. Tracey); 1 inland at T. M. Goodwin Waterfowl Management Area 11 May (D. Simpson, A. Bankert); 1 at St. Marks NWR 29 May (D. Simpson); 1 at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) 30 May (M. McMillian, photos to FOC).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 4 at LARA 24 Mar, and 1 there to 6 May (H. Robinson); 1 at St. Johns Water Management Area (*Indian River*) 3 Apr (S. Rowe).
- BELL'S VIREO: 1 at Frog Pond WMA to 23 Apr (*vide* J. Boyd).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 5 May (D. Henderson); 1 at Kingsley Plantation, Fort George Island (*Duval*) 6 May (P. Sykes).
- FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY: 2 at the Lust Farm Road gate, LARA 17 Apr (H. Robinson).
- TREE SWALLOW: tens of thousands or more at St. Marks NWR 27-28 Mar (J. Dozier et al.); 1 at Springhill Road STF (*Leon*) 30 May (D. Simpson).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 35 at PPM 10 Mar (P. Timmer).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 3 at LARA 20 May (H. Robinson).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at Fort Pickens 15 Mar (B. and W. Duncan, details to FOC); 1 "probably" of the West Indian subspecies at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 14 Apr (B. and L. Duncan, details to FOC).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Eastpoint 26 Mar-5 Apr (S. Klink).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 9 Mar (R. Rowan); 1 at Gainesville 9 Mar (J. Holstein, R. Rowan).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1 at Tallahassee 15 Apr (D. and S. Jue).
- WOOD THRUSH: 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (*Broward*) 2 Apr probably was the one that wintered (W. George); 1 at A. D. Barnes Park (*Miami-Dade*) 7 Apr (J. Boyd et al.).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 at St. Marks NWR 29 May (D. Simpson).
- BROWN THRASHER: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 19-20 Apr ff (P. Lehman et al.).
- COMMON MYNA: adults were building a nest at Sanford (*Seminole*) 24 Mar (M. Wilson, photos to FOC); a nest at Kendall contained 3 nestlings 31 May (J. Boyd, photos to FOC).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at High Springs (*Alachua*) 10 Apr (D. Robbins).
- NORTHERN PARULA: an apparent family group along the Loxahatchee River, Jupiter 27 May (C. Weber) seems to be the first *Palm Beach* breeding report; 6 singing males on the Pinecrest BBS route (2 in *Collier* and 4 in *Monroe*) 30 May (T. Doyle).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 19 May (A. Kratter).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 2 males (1 sang) at Sanibel Lighthouse 19 May (V. McGrath).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1210 at LARA 6 Mar (H. Robinson).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 at LARA 20 May (H. Robinson).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 2 at Tallahassee 16 Mar (R. Lengacher); 1 at Black Swamp (*Leon*) 16 Mar (G. Menk, M. Evans).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 18 at LARA 1 May (H. Robinson).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 2 on the Pinecrest BBS route along Loop Road (*Collier* and *Monroe*) 30 May (T. Doyle).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 7 in mid-*Pinellas* variously 31 Mar-25 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 at Birch SP 2 Apr (W. George); 1 at O'Leno SP (*Columbia*) 11 Apr (D. Robbins); 1 at Dry Tor-

- tugas NP 19 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 sang on territory at Steinhatchee Springs WMA (*Lafayette*) 6 May (J. Hintermister et al.); 1 at Fort George Island 10 May (P. Sykes).
- OVENBIRD: 1 sang at Tallahassee 24 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 19 May (J. Holstein).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: singles at Largo 1 and 30 Apr (J. Fisher).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: singles at Seminole 11-12 May and Largo 27 May (J. Fisher).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 female at Snake Bight Trail, Everglades NP 9 Mar (J. Boyd); 1 at Emeraldal Marsh 10 Mar probably wintered (J. Puschock); 1 male at Frog Pond WMA to 21 Mar (*vide* J. Boyd).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Bill Baggs/Cape Florida SP (*Miami-Dade*) 5 Apr (R. Diaz); 1 at Frog Pond WMA to 11 Apr (*vide* J. Boyd); 6 at LARA 21 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 sang at O'Leno SP (*Alachua*) 2 May (J. Hintermister); 1 sang at Steinhatchee Springs WMA 6 May (J. Hintermister et al.); 2 on territory at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 28 May (J. Hintermister et al.).
- BANANAQUIT: 1 immature at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas 29 Apr (L. Manfredi).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 at a Tallahassee feeder Jan-5 Mar (D. Houle); 1 at Gainesville 15 Mar (R. Rowan).
- WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 male at Key Largo 21 Apr-5 May (S. Johnson, K. Ellsworth, J. Puschock); 1 female at Crandon Park 26-27 Apr (R. Diaz et al.); 1 male at Spanish River Park 27-28 Apr (B. Hope, M. Reid et al.); 1 black-backed male at Bill Baggs/Cape Florida SP 6 May (R. Diaz); 1 female in Boca Raton 10 May (B. Hope).
- *YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 male sang at Dry Tortugas NP 2-4 May (A. Binns, D. Goodwin, G. Stoccardo et al.).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Apopka (*Orange*) 6 Mar (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi); 2 at LARA to 14 Apr (H. Robinson); 2 at Frog Pond WMA to 20 Apr (P. Bithorn, J. Boyd et al.); 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA 4 May (W. Yusek).
- FIELD SPARROW: 16 at Apopka 6 Mar (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi); 12 at LARA 14 Mar (H. Robinson).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 sang at Weekiwachee Preserve 9 Mar (A. and B. Hansen).
- NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 1 sang at Pine Island 29 Apr (A. and B. Hansen).
- HENSLow'S SPARROW: 1 at Tosohatchee State Reserve (*Orange*) 23 Mar (B. Paxson).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 30 in song within the last 300 m of CR-361 (*Dixie*) 22 Apr (J. Hintermister).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 9 Mar (A. Kratter, R. Rowan); 1 at Frog Pond WMA to 2 Apr (R. Diaz); 1 at Emeraldal Marsh to 6 Apr (J. Puschock).
- *HARRIS'S SPARROW: 1 adult at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) 10 Apr (D. Ware, photos to FOC).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 22 at Apopka 6 Mar (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 at Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 8 Mar (P. Young); 1 at Gainesville 11 Mar-1 Apr (M. Jones).
- NORTHERN CARDINAL: 209 at LARA 17 Mar (H. Robinson).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 male at a Tallahassee feeder to 5 Apr (B. Buford); 1 immature male remained at a Jacksonville feeder (*Duval*) to 30 Apr (P. Powell); 9 at LARA 9 May (H. Robinson).
- DICKCISSEL: 2 males sang and drove away Red-winged Blackbirds at Frog Pond WMA 12 Apr-EOS (M. Gardler); 2 at LARA 21 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Loggerhead Key, Dry Tortugas NP 23 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 at W Kendall to 25 Apr (J. Boyd).
- BOBOLINK: 7060 at LARA 1 May (H. Robinson).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 9 Mar (P. Bithorn et al.).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1 male at Eastpoint 31 Mar-5 Apr (S. Klink); 1 male sang at Cedar Key 4 Apr-EOS (D. Henderson); 1 female at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP 23 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 male sang at Tampa (*Hillsborough*) 4 May (L. Saul, D. Wassmer); 1 male at Bald Point (*Franklin*) 4 May (J. Dozier); 1 second-year male at Little Talbot Island

SP 14 May, and possibly the same individual 2.4 km away 15 May (P. Sykes, J. Seginak); 1 at Gainesville 31 May (A. Kratter).

BRONZED COWBIRD: up to 6 at Tampa 6-22 Mar (L. Saul, D. Wassmer, photos to FOC); 2 (female and male) at Apalachicola (*Franklin*) in mid-Mar (K. McMullen); 2 males at Skyview Country Club, Lakeland to 30 Mar (R. Webb).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 at Eastpoint 22 Mar (S. Klink).

HOUSE FINCH: a nest at Fort Lauderdale hatched 5 eggs 8 Apr (S. Epps); 1 male sang at Lakeland 6 May (B. Snow); 5 elsewhere at Lakeland 25-28 May (M. Chakan).

*COMMON REDPOLL (*Carduelis flammea*): 1 photographed (facing away from the camera) at Land O' Lakes (*Pasco*) 15 Mar (D. Bowman, photos to FOC). The FOSRC did not accept the record, ruling that a *Carpodacus* finch could not be ruled out (R. Bowman in litt.).

PINE SISKIN: 1 at Tallahassee 5-6 Mar (D. Houle).

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