## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Spring Report: March-May 2003. 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 (preferably via e-mail) 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.

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 (\*); we no longer publish FOSRC-review species unaccompanied by documentation. A county designation (*in italics*) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations in this report are: BBS = Breeding Bird Survey; CP = county park; EOS = end of season; NF = national forest; NWR = national wildlife refuge; NP = national park; RA = restoration area; SF = state forest; 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

Landbird migration was somewhat lackluster, although a few good days were reported. At Fort Pickens 25 Apr, a squall line produced a heavy fallout, with 42 species of migrants present. Included among these were large numbers of Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Red-eyed Vireos, Gray Catbirds, Summer and Scarlet tanagers, Baltimore and Orchard orioles, Indigo Buntings, and Blue Grosbeaks. Bob and Lucy Duncan rated it a "10" on a scale of 1-10. At Birch State Park, Fort Lauderdale 26 Apr, over 400 warblers of 16 species were found, including 75+ Common Yellowthroats, and 50 each of Black-throated Blue Warbler, American Redstart, and Ovenbird (Wally George et al.). Sixteen species were seen at Dry Tortugas 21 Apr (D. Powell, W. Biggs et al.), while over 650 warblers of 9 species passed the stationary Green Key Road count 20 Apr (Ken Tracey and Ray Smart).

FOSRC rarities reported this season were the 4 Trumpeter Swans that wintered at Niceville, the Eurasian Kestrel and Cassin's Kingbird that wintered at Lake Apopka, an adult Heermann's Gull in *Okaloosa* in mid-May, the Slaty-backed Gull that wintered at Key West, an Elegant Tern at Fort De Soto, a White-tipped Dove and Long-eared Owl at Dry Tortugas NP, Red-legged Honeycreepers at Biscayne NP and Dry Tortugas NP, and the Green-tailed Towhee that wintered at Honeymoon Island.

## Species Accounts

PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Fort Pickens, Gulf Islands National Seashore (*Escambia*) 2 Apr (M. Rose, J. Osborn et al.), and 3 there 23 May (B. Duncan, details to FOC).

COMMON LOON: 32 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 4 Apr (A. Kratter); 7 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 12 May (R. Rowan); 1 at Nokomis Beach (*Sarasota*) 19 May (E. Kwater).

HORNED GREBE: 2 at Melbourne (Brevard) 14 Apr (D. Freeland).

PELAGICS: the following were seen on a pelagic trip out of Islamorada (Monroe) 5 May (L. Manfredi et al.): 2 Audubon's Shearwaters, 1 Brown Booby, 18 Northern Gannets, 1

Red-necked Phalarope, 1 Pomarine Jaeger, 3 Roseate Terns, 72 Bridled Terns, and 24 Sooty Terns.

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 bird 8 km off Hillsboro Inlet (*Broward*) 18 May (M. Berney). WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 1 bird 18 km off Hillsboro Inlet 18 May (M. Berney).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 1 ca. 320 km WNW of Key West 21 Apr (K. Radamaker, B. Anderson).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 1 off Pensacola (*Escambia*) 13 Apr died later (J. Mills et al., specimen to UF).

MASKED BOOBY: 55 at Dry Tortugas NP 4 May (D. Powell, J. Hully et al.).

BROWN BOOBY: up to 68 (mostly immatures) at Dry Tortugas NP (Monroe) 12 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler et al.); 20+ between Dry Tortugas NP and Key West 19 Apr (D. Powell et al.).

RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 1 immature at Dry Tortugas NP 30 Apr (A. Binns).

NORTHERN GANNET: 500 off Fort De Soto CP (*Pinellas*) 21 Mar (B. Ahern); 1 immature at Redfish Pass, Captiva Island (*Lee*) 29 May (V. McGrath).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 16 at Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 2 Mar (M. McMillian); 740 at Lake Apopka RA 29 Mar (H. Robinson).

Brown Pelican: 3 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Mar (H. Robinson).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 3 immatures at Bald Point (Franklin) 17 May (B.J. Allen).

AMERICAN BITTERN: 17 at Lake Apopka RA 26 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 at Orange Creek RA (Alachua) 26 May (M. Manetz, B. Carroll, R. Rowan).

LEAST BITTERN: 17 at Lake Apopka RA 12 May (H. Robinson).

"GREAT WHITE HERON:" 1 on the Sunniland Grade BBS route (Collier) 18 May (T. Doyle).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: at least 3 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (Alachua) 4 May-EOS (M. Manetz, B. Carroll et al.); 2 at Orange Creek RA 26 May (R. Rowan).

GLOSSY IBIS: 2 adults at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 9 Apr (G. Menk); 6 at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) 11 Apr (B. Duncan), and 1 there 15 Apr (D. Ware).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 near Tarrytown (Sumter) 26 Mar (T. Palmer); 33 at Holiday (Pasco) 25 May (R. Smart); up to 17 variously in Polk this spring (fide T. Palmer, P. Fellers).

WOOD STORK: 167 nests built in 19 of 25 cypresses in a small  $(60 \times 110 \text{ m})$  retention pond at Seven Springs (Pasco) 7 Apr (K. Tracey).

GREATER FLAMINGO: 2 at Christian Point, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 23 Apr (M. Gardler). FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 18 May-EOS (L. Davis).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 at Davie (*Broward*) 3 Mar (S. Humeston); 10 at Tallahassee 21 Mar (*fide* M. Collins); 42 W of Fort Pierce (*St. Lucie*) 24 Mar (D. and H. Hull); 1 at E Jacksonville (*Duval*) 3-14 May (C. Adams); 4 at Lake Istokpoga 14 May (M. McMillian); 18 at Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*) 15 May (P. May); 12 at Viera Wetlands (*Brevard*) 17 May (D. Freeland); 116 at Gainesville 21 May (S. Hofstetter, M. Drummond); 12 E of Zephyrhills 23 May furnished the first for *Pasco* (K. Tracey, photo to FOC); 5 at *Polk* phosphate mines 26 May (P. Timmer, L. Albright); 4 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 28-30 May (M. Sees).

WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 at Davie 3 Mar (S. Humeston, photos to FOC).

CANADA GOOSE: up to 3 at Gainesville 11 Apr-EOS (Marcy Jones, C. Lane et al.); 5 over Fort De Soto CP 26 Apr (R. and L. Smith).

\*Trumpeter Swan: the 4 that wintered at Rocky Bayou, Niceville (Okaloosa) departed 27 Mar (fide D. Ware).

MUTE SWAN: 1 at Kendall-Tamiami Airport (Miami-Dade) 11 Mar (J. Boyd).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1 male at Summerland Key (Monroe) 10 May (J. Boyd).

EURASIAN WIGEON: 2 at Eagle Lakes CP (Collier) remained to 8 Mar (M. Gardler, D. Suitor et. al).

RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 at *Polk* phosphate mines 26 May (P. Timmer, L. Albright).

LESSER SCAUP: 3000 in Franklin 10 Mar (T. Lewis); 1 at Merritt Island (Brevard) 17 May (D. Freeland).

LONG-TAILED DUCK: 1 female at St. Marks NWR (Wakulla) 20 Apr (M. Collins).

SURF SCOTER: 1 male at Springhill Road STF (Leon) 21 Mar-7 Apr (J. Skalickey et al., photo to FOC by J. Cavanagh).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 2 at Fort Pickens 25 Apr (L. Duncan et al.).

BLACK SCOTER: 2 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas) 30 Mar (R. and L. Smith).

BUFFLEHEAD: 1 at Bonner Park, Largo (Pinellas) 29 Mar (J. Fisher).

HOODED MERGANSER: 5 in female-plumage at Lake Wales Ridge SF (*Polk*) 28 May perhaps represented a female and young (B. Pranty).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 4 at Merritt Island NWR 7 May (D. Freeland).

OSPREY: 57 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Apr (H. Robinson).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 2 adults and 2 juveniles at Ralph Simmons SF (Nassau) 25 May (P. Leary); 1 at Ocala NF (Marion) 28 May (J. Puschock).

SNAIL KITE: 1 male at Lake Istokpoga 3-14 May (M. McMillian).

WHITE-TAILED KITE: several observations at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (Okeechobee) this spring (P. Miller).

COOPER'S HAWK: 1 female at Avon Park (*Highlands*) 17 May (P. Fellers, S. Riffe); 1 pair nested at SE Fort Lauderdale for the second consecutive year. The nest was still active 31 May but the contents were not determined (T. Hendrickson, M. Stickel).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 at Pensacola 9 Mar (B. Tetlow).

SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 light morph at the S end of Lake Istokpoga 2 Mar (M. McMillian); 2 dark morphs at Nobleton (Hernando) 9 Mar (B. and L. Cooper); 2 dark morphs at Bluff Hammock, Lorida (Highlands) 19 Mar-14 Apr (B. and L. Cooper); 1 dark morph over S Merritt Island 31 Mar (D. Freeland); 1 light morph at Lake Wales Ridge SF 1-2 Apr (B. Pranty, R. Bowman), and 1 dark morph and 1 light morph there 28 Apr (B. and L. Cooper, J. Witschey); 1 light morph female and 1 dark morph male nested at New Port Richey 8 Apr ff (K. Tracey); 1 dark morph at Weekiwachee Preserve (Hernando) 12-13 Apr (C. Black); 1 light morph at St. Marks NWR 19 Apr (L. Thompson, M. Collins); 3 dark morphs at Fort Drum Conservation Area (Indian River) 7-8 May (M. Gardler, W. Biggs); 1 light morph at Orlando Wetlands Park (Orange) 10 May, the third year at this locale (C. Pierce).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 at Boca Chita Key, Biscayne NP (*Miami-Dade*) 29 Mar (P. Sykes et al.).

GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 immature at Tall Timbers Research Station (Leon) 13 Mar (J. Cox).

CRESTED CARACARA: a nest (with at least one nestling) on an abandoned cell tower S of Clewiston (*Hendry*) 11 Apr may be the first reported nest built on an artificial structure (B. and L. Cooper); 1 family group seen frequently along CR-64 (*Polk*) in May furnished the first report for Lake Wales Ridge SF (B. Pranty, specimen of road-killed juvenile to Archbold Biological Station).

\*EURASIAN KESTREL (Falco tinnunculus): the female at Lake Apopka RA remained to 22 Mar (H. Weatherman, J. Puschock et al., accepted by FOSRC).

MERLIN: 4 at Boca Chica Key (Monroe) 28 Mar (M. Gardler); 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve 9 May (A. and B. Hansen).

RING-NECKED PHEASANT: 1 male at Lake Apopka RA to 30 Apr (H. Robinson).

YELLOW RAIL: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 9 Mar (H. Robinson).

BLACK RAIL: 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve 2 Mar (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi); singles at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) 21 Apr and 30 May were the 5th and 6th reports from there, and the first in spring (M. McMillian).

KING RAIL: 12 at Lake Apopka RA 12 Mar (H. Robinson).

SORA: 43 at Lake Apopka RA 5 Mar (H. Robinson).

PURPLE GALLINULE: 58 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Largo 10 May (J. Fisher).

LIMPKIN: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 29 Apr (M. Gardler et al.).

SANDHILL CRANE: 2 at Walsingham Park, Seminole (Pinellas) 3 Apr (J. Fisher).

- WHOOPING CRANE: 1 at Lake Iamonia (*Leon*) 8 Apr apparently was a northbound individual from the new wintering flock at Chassahowitzka NWR (J. Alexander *fide* N. Lang); 1 at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) through the season (D. Powell).
- SOUTHERN LAPWING: the 2 seen in *Alachua* in Feb were refound at Lake City (*Columbia*) 21-24 Apr; one of the birds had a color-band on one leg (L. Davis, photo to FOC by L. Morrison).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 150 at Tigertail Beach (Collier) 24 Apr (H. McGuinness).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 in breeding plumage at St. Marks NWR 27 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Crandon Beach (*Miami-Dade*) 9 Mar and 12 Apr (R. Diaz).
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 67 at Little Estero Lagoon (Lee) 31 May (C. Ewell).
- PIPING PLOVER: 5 of 15 at Little Talbot Island SP (*Duval*) were color-banded and represented three breeding areas: Canadian prairies, Canadian maritime, and Great Lakes (P. Leary).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 2 at Lake Worth Lagoon (*Palm Beach*) 10 May (L. Most); up to 26 at Little Estero Lagoon through the period (C. Ewell).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: duos at Springhill Road STF, Tallahassee 3 Apr and 27 May (G. Menk); 15+ over Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 14 Apr (P. Miller); 2 at Anclote Gulf Park (*Pasco*) 18 May (R. Smart).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 2 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 27 Mar (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi); 3 at Little Estero Lagoon 27 Apr (C. Ewell); 2 at Merritt Island NWR 7 May (D. Freeland).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Bayonet Point (*Pasco*) 23 Mar (M. Gardler); 3 at Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 15 Apr (A. and B. Hansen); 6 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Apr (H. Robinson); 7 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (*Broward*) 27 Apr (*fide* W. George); 2 at Dry Tortugas NP 30 Apr (M. Gardler et al.); 1 at the *Sarasota* "celery fields" (*Sarasota*) 21 May (J. Bouton).
- WILLET: 1 near-total albino at Huguenot Memorial Park (Duval) 25 Apr (B. Richter).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 2 at Viera Wetlands 17 May (D. Freeland); 1 in breeding plumage at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs SP (*Pasco*) 23 May (K. Tracey).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 2 at Gainesville 27 Mar (S. Schwikert); 1 at Apalachicola Airport (Franklin) 30 Mar (B. Bergstrom); 1 at the Sarasota "celery fields" 25 Apr (J. Dubi et al.). WHIMBREL: 6 at Ohio Key (Monroe) 11 Apr (M. Gardler).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park 29 Mar (B. Richter).
- MARBLED GODWIT: 8 at Fort Pickens 25 Apr (L. Duncan et al.).
- RED KNOT: 100 at Tigertail Beach 24 Apr (H. McGuinness); 137 at Little Estero Lagoon 27 Apr (C. Ewell).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 color-banded bird at Fort Walton Beach STF 26 Apr had been banded in Argentina in fall 2001 (B. and L. Duncan, B. Tetlow); 3 at Eagle Lakes CP 26 Apr (M. Gonsalo); 7 at Dry Tortugas NP 27 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 at Alachua (Alachua) 6 May (B. Wallace); 11 at Merritt Island NWR 14 May (D. Freeland); 8 at Okeelanta (Palm Beach) 25 May (M. Berney); 2 at Springhill Road STF 31 May (J. Cavanagh); 8 at Homestead (Miami-Dade) 31 May (L. Manfredi); 12 at Little Estero Lagoon 31 May (C. Ewell).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 5 at Fort Walton Beach STF 28 Apr (D. Ware); 1 at Springhill Road STF 9-10 May (J. Cavanagh et al.).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 14 at Fort Clinch SP (Nassau) 14 Mar (J. Puschock).
- DUNLIN: 450 at Merritt Island NWR 24 Apr (D. Freeland); 500 at Tigertail Beach 24 Apr (H. McGuinness); 394 at Little Estero Lagoon 27 Apr (C. Ewell).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 26 Apr (B. Duncan et al.); 1 at Pensacola 2 May (B. and L. Duncan).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 250 at Merritt Island NWR 7 May (D. Freeland); 200 at Bunche Beach (*Lee*) 14 May (B. Postmus).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 60 at Circle B Bar Preserve (*Polk*) 25 Apr (P. Fellers, R. Etzler). WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 14 May (D. Ware).

- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 2 in breeding plumage off Ponce Inlet (Volusia) 17 May (B. Ahern, D. Goodwin et al.).
- POMARINE JAEGER: up to 6 at Dry Tortugas NP 12 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler); 1 with 3 jaeger species at Indian Shores (*Pinellas*) 19 Mar (J. Fisher).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 light morph adult at Fort De Soto CP 21 Mar (B. Ahern); 1 dark morph adult at Dry Tortugas NP 29 Apr (M. Gardler).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 2 ca. 320 km WNW of Key West 21 Apr (K. Radamaker, B. Anderson).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 1 at Springhill Road STF 16 Apr (J. Skalickey); 1 in winter plumage at Spring Hill 26 Apr (A. and B. Hansen).
- \*Heermann's Gull: 1 breeding-plumaged adult at Choctawhatchee Bay (Okaloosa) 18 May (C. Saleebe), then the E side of Destin Pass (Okaloosa) 19-20 May (L. Fenimore, B. and L. Duncan et al., details to FOC). This presumably was the adult that has spent the past 3+ years mostly at Fort De Soto CP.
- HERRING GULL: 400 (mostly adults) at Little Estero Lagoon 9 Mar (C. Ewell).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 4 immatures at Tigertail Beach 24 Apr (H. McGuinness et. al); 3 immatures remained at Crandon Beach through 28 May, with 1 still present 31 May (R. Diaz); 1 first-year at Little Estero Lagoon through the season (C. Ewell).
- \*SLATY-BACKED GULL: 1 at Key West to 2 May (J. Boyd et al., accepted by FOSRC).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 2 at *Polk* phosphate mines 16 Mar (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 2 at Huguenot Memorial Park 29 Mar (B. Richter); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 22 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 at Gainesville 15 May (M. Meisenburg).
- CASPIAN TERN: 1 nest with 2 eggs at St. Vincent NWR (Franklin) 31 May furnished the first breeding report for that locale (T. Lewis).
- ROYAL TERN: 2 at Lake Mirror, Lakeland 23 Apr (T. Palmer).
- \*ELEGANT TERN: 1 accompanied a Sandwich Tern at Fort De Soto CP (*Pinellas*) 10-12 Apr (J. Puschock et al., photos to FOC).
- "ELEGANT-TYPE" TERN: 1 at Loggerhead Key, Dry Tortugas NP 30 Apr-4 May (L. Manfredi et al.).
- ROSEATE TERN: 28 at Key West 5 May (J. Puschock); up to 125 at Dry Tortugas NP 12 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- COMMON TERN: 330 "with carpal bars very evident" at Three Rooker Island (*Pinellas*) 30 May (M. Korosy et al.); up to 4 at Little Estero Lagoon through the season (C. Ewell).
- LEAST TERN: birds thought to be nesting on top of the Mount Dora Albertson's rooftop (*Lake*) for at least the 3rd consecutive spring (J. Puschock); >10 pairs nested on the Sebring Publix rooftop (*Highlands*) 11 May-EOS (M. McMillian, B. Pranty, H. Lovell).
- BLACK NODDY: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 12 Apr-EOS (M. Gardler, D. Simpson et al.).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 450 at Cedar Key 27 Mar (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi); 36 at Lake Mirror 3 Apr (T. Palmer); 230 at Little Estero Lagoon 20 Apr (C. Ewell).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: up to 3 at St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 25 Mar-EOS (R. Smith et al.); 1 nest with 2 nestlings at W Pensacola 2-16 Apr (Mary Jones) provided the first Panhandle breeding report; 3 singles at Alligator Point or Bald Point (*Franklin*) variously between 5-29 Apr (J. Dozier); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 5 Apr (B. Ahern et al.); up to 3 pairs at Crystal River (*Citrus*) mid-April-EOS, with one gathering nesting material 27 Apr (B. Smyth); 6 at Lake Apopka RA 30 Apr (H. Robinson); potential breeding pairs noted in *Okaloosa* and *Santa Rosa* this season (*fide* B. Duncan); up to 5 at Gainesville through the season (E. Perry, R. Rowan); up to 30 at Ocala (*Marion*) through the season (P. Orr).
- COMMON GROUND-DOVE: 111 at Lake Apopka RA 21 May (H. Robinson).
- \*WHITE-TIPPED DOVE: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 19 Apr-3 May (J. Bacquie et al., photo to FOC by J. Puschock).
- BUDGERIGAR: 1 at Boca Ciega Park, Seminole 28 Apr (J. Fisher).

BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: 30 at Largo 12 Apr (J. Fisher); birds observed at 3 W *Pasco* sites this spring: 2 at New Port Richey 8 May ff that nested in a telephone pole cavity; 1 at Holiday 12 May; and 3 at an apparent nest in a telephone pole cavity at Anclote 12 May (all K. Tracey).

MONK PARAKEET: 3 at Jupiter Inlet Colony (Palm Beach) 3 Feb, and 2 there 27 May (J. Hailman).

WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET: 80 at Kendall Baptist Hospital (Miami-Dade) 10 Apr (M. Gardler).

MITRED PARAKEET: 1 among 15 Black-hooded Parakeets at St. Petersburg 8 Apr (L. Snyder).

SENEGAL PARROT: 1 at Kendall Baptist Hospital 23 Apr (M. Gardler).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 3 at Fort Pickens 25 Apr (B. and L. Duncan et al.).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 23 at Lake Apopka RA 4 May (H. Robinson); 12 called on the Pinecrest BBS route 17 May (T. Doyle).

MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 at Boca Chita Key 29 Mar (P. Sykes et al.); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 17 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 9 May, and a fledgling there 14 Jun (R. Smith); 2 called at J.N. "Ding" Darling NWR (*Lee*) 11 May (C. Ewell).

\*LONG-EARED OWL: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 17 Apr (L. Manfredi et al., photos to FOC).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 at Fort Zachary Taylor SP, Key West 12 Apr-EOS (M. Gardler, A. Bankert et al.); singles at Dry Tortugas NP 13 Apr-4 May and 20 Apr-5 May (M. Gardler, D. Goodwin); 1 banded at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 14 Apr (P. Miller, P. Small et al.).

BURROWING OWL: 46 at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (*Broward*) 11 May (M. Berney).

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: the stomach of 1 found road-killed near Newnans Lake 20 Apr contained a White-eyed Vireo (T. Webber *fide* R. Rowan).

WHIP-POOR-WILL: 4 sang at Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*) 15 Mar (R. Smith). CHIMNEY SWIFT: 14 roosted in a chimney at New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 2 Apr, and 501 were

there 2 May (K. Tracey). SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 1 at Tallahassee remained to 28 Mar (D. Houle).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 at Seminole 23-24 May (J. Fisher).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: 48 at Lake Apopka RA 27 Apr (H. Robinson).

HAIRY WOODPECKER: 2 at Little Manatee River SP (Manatee) 18 Mar (T. Mossbarger); 1 at Ocala NF 21 Mar (D. Whitford); 1 nest with young nestlings at Lake Wales Ridge SF 2 Apr seemed to have failed shortly afterward (B. Pranty); 1 at Babcock-Webb WMA (Charlotte) 19 Apr (C. Ewell et al.); 1 at Circle B Bar Preserve 25 Apr (P. Fellers, R. Etzler); 1 at a Tallahassee yard 28 Apr (R. Lengacher); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 30 Apr (H. Robinson).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 at Boca Ciega Park, Seminole 15 Apr (J. Fisher).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER: 1 male sang and called at Dry Tortugas NP 4 May (J. Hintermister, T. McCarthy et al.).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: 2 that wintered at Lake Apopka RA remained to 2 Apr (H. Robinson). ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 near Hastings (St. Johns) 14 Mar (J. Bryan); 1 at St. George Island (Franklin) 28 Apr (J. Cavanagh).

LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at A.D. Barnes Park (*Miami-Dade*) 27-28 Apr (B. Mathys, A. Kirschel, M. Reid); 1 at Indigenous Park, Key West 26 Mar (D. Simpson).

\*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 6 Apr (H. Robinson et al., photos by B. Pranty, accepted by FOSRC).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: singles at Gulf Breeze 21 Mar and 1 May (B. Duncan); 30 at Lake Apopka RA 29 Mar, and 1 there to 26 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Cypress Isle, Lake Istokpoga 7 Apr (M. McMillian); 1 at St. Petersburg 12 Apr (A. and R. Smith); singles at Green Key Road, New Port Richey 29 Apr and 17 May (K. Tracey); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 5 May (B. and L. Duncan, B. Tetlow).

EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 23 Mar (R. Smith); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Mar (H. Robinson).

GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Jupiter Inlet Colony 9-10 Mar (J. Hailman).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 near Cypress Isle 2 Mar (M. McMillian); 2 at Key West 22 Apr (M. Gardler); up to 3 at Lake Apopka RA remained to 27 Apr (H. Robinson); 2 at St. George Island 29 Apr (J. Cavanagh et al.); 1 at Bald Point 29 Apr (J. Dozier).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO: 1 at Bald Point 26 Apr (J. Dozier).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 29 Apr (L. Atherton).

BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 22 Mar (J. Villamil); 1 at Elliot Key, Biscayne NP 28 Mar (J. Bouton); males sang at Birch SP, where not known to breed, 29 Mar-24 May, with a high of 5 birds 10 May (fide W. George).

FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY: 1 out of habitat at Lake Apopka RA 4 May (H. Robinson).

**HOUSE CROW** (*Corvus splendens*): 2 adults attended a nest with 3 half-grown nestlings in an Australian-pine at Nokomis Beach 19 May (E. Kwater, photos to FOC).

PURPLE MARTIN: 1440 at Lake Apopka RA 26 May (H. Robinson); 16, including recent fledglings, at Weekiwachee Preserve 30 May perhaps bred in natural cavities (A. and B. Hansen).

TREE SWALLOW: 7120 at Lake Apopka RA 9 Mar (H. Robinson).

CLIFF SWALLOW: 8 at Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 5 Apr (B. Ahern); 3 at Dry Tortugas NP 19-21 April (D. Powell et al.).

CAVE SWALLOW: singles at Fort Walton Beach STF 11 Apr (B. Duncan) and 10 May (D. Ware); 1 at Fort Pickens 12 Apr (L. Duncan et al.); up to 3 of the Mexican race at Dry Tortugas NP 12 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler, J. Puschock et al.), and at least 1 of the Caribbean race there 19-21 Apr (D. Powell et al.).

BARN SWALLOW: 1 at Tram Road STF, Tallahassee 4 Mar (G. Menk); 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve 8 Mar (A. and B. Hansen); 3 fledglings at Gainesville 9 May (R. Rowan); 7 fledglings at Brooker (*Bradford*) 18 May (R. Rowan).

CAROLINA WREN: 103 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Apr (H. Robinson).

MARSH WREN: 3 that wintered at Lake Apopka RA remained to 15 May (H. Robinson).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 3 at Walsingham Park, Seminole 2 Mar, and 2 there 10 Mar  $(J.\ Fisher)$ .

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 13-27 Apr (M. Gardler et al.).

VEERY: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 4 May (M. Manetz).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 6 at Green Key Road 26 Apr (K. Tracey, J. McKay).

Gray-Cheeked Thrush: 1 at Tallahassee 28 Apr (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Gainesville 30 Apr (A. Kratter).

Wood Thrush: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 10 Apr (J. Puschock); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 18 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler et al.); 1 at Green Key Road 26 Apr established the first for *Pasco* (K. Tracey, J. McKay).

AMERICAN ROBIN: 3100 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Mar (H. Robinson).

GRAY CATBIRD: 78 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Apr, with 1 remaining to 18 May (H. Robinson).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD: up to 2 at Dry Tortugas NP 13-28 Apr (M. Gardler et al.).

BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at Marathon (Monroe) 22-23 May (L. Manfredi et al.).

COMMON MYNA: 1 at Jupiter Inlet Colony 27 May was the first for that locale (J. Hailman). AMERICAN PIPIT: 1 at Gainesville 16-17 May (R. Rowan et al.).

CEDAR WAXWING: 35 at Winter Haven (*Polk*) 4 May (T. Palmer); 75+ at Boy Scout Tract, Lake Wales Ridge SF 9 May (B. Pranty).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse Park (*Lee*) 11 Apr (C. Ewell); 1 at Boca Ciega Park 19 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 at Largo Narrows Park (*Pinellas*) 19 Apr (I. Hernandez, J. Fisher); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 19 Apr (D. Powell et al.).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Cedar Key 19 Apr (I. Samuels et al.).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 that wintered at Easterlin Park (*Broward*) remained to 1 Mar (W. George, M. Berney); 1 at Lake Seminole Park, Seminole 7 May (J. Fisher).

NORTHERN PARULA: 1 juvenile at Big Cypress National Preserve (Collier) 25 Apr (J. Boyd).

YELLOW WARBLER: 1 at Newnans Lake 27 Apr (R. Rowan, L. Davis); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 4 May (D. Powell, J. Hully); 1 at Ocala 16 May (P. Orr).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 19 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 6 at Cedar Key 26 Apr (P. Orr, R. Rowan et al.).

CAPE MAY WARBLER: 9 at Fort De Soto CP 25 Apr (B. Ahern).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 8470 at Lake Apopka RA 5 Mar (H. Robinson).

PALM WARBLER: 1 at Ocala NF 3 May (J. Puschock).

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 1 male at A.D. Barnes Park 30 Apr-3 May (J. Boyd, S. Epps et al.); 1 male at Dry Tortugas NP 1 May (J. Puschock).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1 male at Birch SP 23 Apr had an entirely black head but otherwise normal plumage (W. George, M. Stickel); 11 at Lake Apopka RA 4 May (H. Robinson); 12 (mostly females) at Merritt Island 23 May (B. Paxson); 1 female at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SP (*Miami-Dade*) 30 May (R. Diaz).

CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 16-17 Apr (J. Gaetzi et al.); 1 at Boca Ciega Park 28 Apr (J. Fisher).

AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Jupiter Inlet Colony 27 May (J. Hailman).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 at Lake Palestine (*Union*) 14 Mar (J. Krummrich); 1 at Gainesville 15 Mar (A. Kratter); 1 male at Cedar Key 27 Mar (M. Gardler, J. Gaetzi); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 27 Mar (B. Ahern).

WORM-EATING WARBLER: 2 at Fort De Soto CP 16 Apr (B. Ahern, J. Gaetzi); 2 at Dry Tortugas NP 20 Apr (M. Gardler).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER: seen at Birch SP on 7 days between 31 Mar and 28 Apr, with 2 there 27 Apr (*fide* W. George); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 7-8 Apr (M. and S. Turner); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 21 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 at Bonner Park 26 Apr (R. Smart, J. Fisher); 1 at Lake Seminole Park 26 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 at Largo 27 Apr (J. Fisher).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 8 Mar (A. Kratter); 27 at Lake Apopka RA 27 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Merritt Island 24 May (B. Paxson).

KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 16 Apr (B. Ahern, J. Gaetzi); singles at Birch SP 20 and 27 Apr (W. George, M. Berney); 1 at Cedar Key 26 Apr (R. Rowan et al.).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: singles at Snyder Park, Fort Lauderdale 1 and 19 May (B. Roberts); 1 in a residential yard at Fort Lauderdale 28 May (T. Hendrickson); no birds found at Fort De Soto CP this spring (*fide* L. Atherton).

HOODED WARBLER: the male that wintered at Starkey Wilderness Park remained to 6 Mar (K. Tracey); 1 at Green Key Road 30 Mar (K. Tracey); 12 at Fort De Soto CP 16 Apr (B. Ahern, J. Gaetzi).

WILSON'S WARBLER: the male that wintered at Lake Jackson, Tallahassee remained to 11 Mar (G. Menk); 1 at Ravine Gardens SP (*Putnam*) 21 Mar (D. Whitford); 1 male at Mead Gardens, Orlando 3 Apr (B. Sicolo).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 that wintered at Cedar Key remained to 13 Mar (D. Henderson); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 7 Apr (I. Samuels); 1 sang and displayed at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 10-12 May (P. Miller); 16 at Lake Apopka RA 21 May (H. Robinson); 1 observed for the 6th consecutive breeding season at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve (Citrus) 25 May-EOS (A. and B. Hansen).

\*Red-Legged Honeycreeper (Cyanerpes cyaneus): 1 male at Boca Chita Key 25-27 Mar (T. Obenauer et al., photos to FOC by L. Manfredi); 1 male at Dry Tortugas NP 29 Apr-3 May (M. Gardler et al., photo to FOC by J. Puschock). The FOSRC ruled that escapees could not be ruled out, and did not accept the reports (fide R. Bowman).

SUMMER TANAGER: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 14 Mar (B. Mollison); 1 singing male at Lake Talquin SF (*Leon*) 28 Mar (G. Menk).

SCARLET TANAGER: 1 male at Tallahassee 11 Apr (R. Lengacher); 5 at Green Key Road 26 Apr (K. Tracey, J. McKay); 8 at Fort De Soto CP 26 Apr (P. Fellers et al); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 4 May (H. Robinson).

WESTERN TANAGER: 1 at Gainesville 8-11 Mar (L. Hensley, J. Bryan et al.); 1 at Ocala 8 Apr (E. Shackleton).

WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 female at Dry Tortugas in Mar (S. Bass).

EASTERN TOWHEE: 113 at Lake Apopka RA 21 May (H. Robinson).

\*GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE: the 1 that wintered at Honeymoon Island SRA remained to 29 Mar, by which time it had begun to sing (R. Smart et al.).

CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 in Wakulla 3 May (S. McCool).

FIELD SPARROW: 1 at Walsingham Park 3 Mar (J. Fisher).

LARK SPARROW: 1 male sang W of Fort Pierce 24 Mar (D. and H. Hull); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 28 Mar (J. Gaetzi, L. Atherton).

SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 21 May (R. Rowan).

AMMODRAMUS SPECIES: 1 nearly all-white individual, presumably a Grasshopper Sparrow, at Lake Wales Ridge SF 4 Mar (B. Pranty, video to FOC).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 A. s. pratensis captured at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 1 May (P. Miller); 1 at Fort George Island (Duval) 4 May (B. Richter).

LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 banded at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 19 Apr (fide P. Small). SONG SPARROW: 1 at Walsingham Park 12-13 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 11 Apr (A. Kent, D. Berggren).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at W Kendall (*Miami-Dade*) 9 Mar (J. Boyd); 1 at Walsingham Park 13 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 15 Mar (R. Diaz); 2 remained at the Sarasota celery fields into early Apr (T. Mossbarger et. al); 1 at Fort Pickens 12 Apr (L. Duncan); 1 at Molino (*Escambia*) 14 Apr (G. Fleming); 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA 23 Apr (A. and B. Hansen); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 26 Apr (L. and R. Smith et al.).

SWAMP SPARROW: 55 at Lake Apopka RA 16 Mar (H. Robinson).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 2 Apr (J. Gaetzi, L. Atherton et al.); 2 at Ocala NF 8 Apr (J. Puschock); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 4 May (H. Robinson).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 6 at Lake Apopka RA 6-11 Apr (H. Robinson).

DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 at Jacksonville 1-13 Mar (P. Powell); 1 at St. Marks NWR 12 Apr (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 1 at Alligator Point 15 Apr (J. Murphy).

NORTHERN CARDINAL: 273 at Lake Apopka RA 4 May (H. Robinson).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 at Mahogany Hammock, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 8 Mar (*fide* J. Boyd); 16 at Green Key Road 26 Apr (K. Tracey, J. McKay); 13 at Fort De Soto CP 26 Apr (P. Fellers et al).

BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 male sang at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 11 May, where breeding has been suspected since 1990 (R. Smith); 1 at John U. Lloyd SP (*Broward*) 14 May (B. Roberts).

PAINTED BUNTING: the female that wintered at a Jacksonville yard remained to 21 Apr (P. Powell).

DICKCISSEL: 1 male at Naples (*Collier*) 4-16 Mar (A. Murray et. al); up to 3 at Dry Tortugas NP 19 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler et al.); 1 at Cedar Key 26 Apr (R. Rowan et al.); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 26 Apr (K. Allen); 12-16 singing males in a "field with tall grass" at Fort Walton Beach 5-20 May perhaps were breeding, but the field was mowed 20 May, when 4 males were still present (B. and L. Duncan, B. Tetlow).

BOBOLINK: 1000s (95% males) at Everglades NP 24 Apr (M. Gardler); 64 over Green Key Road 25 Apr (K. Tracey); 1570 at Lake Apopka RA 27 Apr (H. Robinson); 75+ total in 5 flocks heading NW over Lake Wales Ridge SF 3 May (B. Pranty, D. Powell, J. Hully); 928 at Gainesville 4 May (M. Manetz); 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 21 May (R. Rowan).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 13,475 at Lake Apopka RA 16 Apr (H. Robinson).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 1 female W of Sopchoppy (Wakulla) 5 Mar (B. and L. Cooper); 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 8 Mar (A. Kratter).

Brewer's Blackbird: 1 at Hague 17 Apr (M. Manetz).

SHINY COWBIRD: 1 at Gainesville 15 Mar (A. Kratter); 1 male at Niceville 3 Apr (A. and J. Knothe); 1 male sang at Cedar Key all Apr (D. Henderson), with 2 there 26 Apr (R. Rowan et al.); up to 3 males at Flamingo, Everglades NP 11-20 Apr (W. Biggs, M. Berney, J. Puschock); 1 female at Dry Tortugas NP 28 Apr (M. Gardler et al.); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 28 Apr (J. Gaetzi et al.); 1 male at Gulf Breeze 12 May (B. and L. Duncan); 1 at Bald Point 18 May (J. Dozier); 1 male at Fort Walton Beach 20 May (B. and L. Duncan et al.); 1 male sang at DeBary (Volusia) 20 May (P. May).

BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 male at Naples 8 Mar (M. Gardler); 1 at Florida International University (*Miami-Dade*) 13 May (R. Urgelles); up to 18 at Eagle Lakes CP 30 Mar (M. Gonsalo et. al).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 3 at New Port Richey 13 Apr (K. Tracey); 11 at Lake Apopka RA 29 May (H. Robinson).

Baltimore Oriole: 1 that wintered at New Port Richey remained to 6 Apr (K. Tracey). Purple Finch: 1 at Gainesville 2-10 Mar (R. Rowan, L. Davis et al.).

HOUSE FINCH: a nest with nestlings at Inverness 25 Mar established the first breeding record for Citrus (K. Spilios, photos to FOC); 1 at Brooker 13 Apr was the first for Bradford (R. Rowan); 3 at Tampa 14 Apr-EOS (B. Ahern); 3 at Cross City (Dixie) 2 May (R. Rowan); a pair (with an orange-variant male) attended a nest at Beverly Hills (Citrus) 17 May (K. Spilios, photos to FOC); 1 male and 1 female at Orlando all May (N. Prine); up to 4 at Eustis (Lake) through the season (J. Puschock); birds now are resident at Cedar Key, and produced numerous young this season (D. Henderson).

PINE SISKIN: 3 at Valrico (*Hillsborough*) 2 Mar (S. Backes); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 30 Apr (H. Robinson).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 male at St. Augustine (St. Johns) 4-5 May (J. Holstein); 1 at Ocala NF 14 May (J. Puschock); up to 3 remained at Ocala to 24 May (P. Orr).

JAVA SPARROW: 1 at Land O' Lakes (Pasco) 19 May (S. Burns).

ORANGE BISHOP: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 6 Apr (H. Robinson).

TRICOLORED MUNIA: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 4 May was captured by a Sharp-shinned Hawk (L. Manfredi).

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**1999** report not published previously: ORINOCO GOOSE: 1 in central *Palm Beach* was observed eating "ducklings" (Kristy Delgado, Tammy Peeples, photos to FOC).

**Spring 1995** correction: the adult PARASITIC JAEGER reported from "between Dry Tortugas National Park and Key West 13 May (J. Dozier)" was actually a POMARINE JAEGER, and the location was ca. 38 km off the Fort Myers-Naples area. We thank Jack Dozier for bringing this error to our attention.

**Fall 2002** reports not published previously: BUDGERIGAR: 1 green morph at Palatka (*Putnam*) 4 Oct (Bill Pranty); GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Ocala NF (*Marion*) 1 Nov (John Puschock).

Winter 2002-2003 reports not published previously: HERRING GULL: 800 at Little Estero Lagoon (*Lee*) 22 Feb (Charlie Ewell); CASPIAN TERN: 1 immature at Springhill Road STF 25 Feb (Gail Menk); WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at Lake Wales Ridge SF (*Polk*) 17 Feb provided the first for that site (Bill Pranty).

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