

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

**Spring report: March–May 2004.**—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: EOS = end of season, NP = national park, NWR = national wildlife refuge, RA = restoration area, SF = state forest; SP = state park, 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

Rainfall in the region was somewhat below normal, and temperatures were at or above normal. In the western Panhandle, Bob and Lucy Duncan referred to the season as, “a spring migration birders long for,” with four fallouts during April and early May. Several minor fallouts, especially at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, were noted elsewhere during April. Few mega-rarities were reported, and most of those were Caribbean vagrants—or perhaps escaped cagebirds masquerading as Caribbean vagrants, in the case of Red-legged Honeycreeper. In fact, it was a better season for documenting Florida’s exotic avifauna—two species were newly verified and a third was newly reported.

### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

**BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK:** 77 at Bartow (*Polk*) 29 Mar (P. Fellers); 57 at Lake Apopka RA (*Orange*) 7 Apr (H. Robinson); 36 at Circle B Bar Reserve (*Polk*) 18-19 Apr (*vide* C. Geanangel); 145 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 22 Apr (H. Adams, B. Mollison); 44 at McIntosh (*Marion*) 18 May (R. Rowan)—up to 200 have been present in the county since 2001 (*vide* R. Hart).

**FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK:** 6 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 7 Apr (B. Carroll, B. Enneis); 1 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 19 Mar (T. Curtis) and 15 Apr (A. Wraithmell).

**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** 1 at Lake City (*Columbia*) 19-20 Mar (J. Hintermister et al.).

**CANADA GOOSE:** 3 at Temple Terrace (*Hillsborough*) to 22 Apr (K. Allen); up to 5 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 9-21 Mar (M. Meisenburg, J. Bryan et al.); 5 flew over Buckman Bridge, Jacksonville (*Duval*) 17 Mar (J. Holstein); 1 at Lake Butler (*Union*) 20-27 Mar (J. Ault, J. Hintermister et al.); 1 at Stock Island (*Monroe*) 17 Apr-6 May (L. Manfredi, J. Puschock, M. Gardler et al.); 2 at Largo (*Pinellas*) 26 May (K. Nelson).

- MUTE SWAN: 1 in the St. Johns River at Jacksonville (*Duval*) 28 Apr-EOS (P. Powell et al.).
- GADWALL: 74 at *Polk* phosphate mines 29 Mar (P. Fellers).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 2 (1 female and 1 male) at Lakewood Ranch (*Sarasota*) 30 May (J. Palmer, J. Dubi).
- REDHEAD: 6 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 17 Mar (J. Hintermister); 1 male at Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport (*Manatee*) to 27 May (R. Greenspun).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 3 at Emeralda Marsh (*Lake*) 16 May (J. Puschock).
- GREATER SCAUP: 2 at Cedar Key 17 Mar (J. Hintermister).
- BLACK SCOTER: 3 at Fort Myers Beach (*Lee*) remained to 19 Mar (B. Pittell), with 1 female lingering to 27 Mar (C. Ewell).
- RED-THROATED LOON: 1 over Gainesville 31 Mar (A. Kratter).
- COMMON LOON: 1 over Olustee Battlefield, Osceola National Forest (*Baker*) 28 Mar (J. Hintermister, R. Rowan et al.); 1 in breeding plumage at Longboat Key (*Sarasota*) 20 May (J. Ginaven); 1 in breeding plumage at Tallahassee 23 May (G. Menk).
- HORNED GREBE: 1 in partial breeding plumage at Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 23-27 May (A. and B. Hansen, photo to FOC).
- EARED GREBE: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) 19 Mar (B. Monk).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 5 up to 160 km S of Destin (*Okaloosa*) 23 May (B. Monk et al.).
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 3 up to 160 km S of Destin 23 May (B. Monk et al.).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 28 up to 160 km S of Destin 23 May (B. Monk).
- MASKED BOOBY: 1 immature from Destin Beach (*Okaloosa*) 22 Apr (B. Monk); 5 (1 adult and 4 immatures) from Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 29 Apr (B. and L. Duncan).
- RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 2 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 9-24 Apr (L. Manfredi et al.), with at least 1 there to 6 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: up to 6 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) to 2 Apr (R. Norton, L. Gordon); 53 near the mouth of the St. Johns River (*Duval*) 28 Apr (J. Cocke); 2 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 17 May (J. Murphy).
- BROWN PELICAN: 2 at Lake Apopka RA 4 Apr (H. Robinson).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 bird 1.6 km E of I-75 (*Hernando*) 7 Apr (W. Yusek).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 60 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 along a ditch in *Dixie* 29 May (L. Atherton, photos to FOC).
- LEAST BITTERN: 16 at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 22 Apr (M. Hill).
- "GREAT WHITE HERON:" 1 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) mid-Apr-21 Apr (P. Miller); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 30 May (H. Robinson).
- REDDISH EGRET: 1 pied bird (dark morph with scattered white feathers on the wings) at Little Estero Lagoon (*Lee*) 2 and 10 May (C. Ewell, photo to FOC); 2 white morphs at Bird Islands, Nassau Sound (*Duval*) 18 May (P. Leary).
- WHITE IBIS: 4310 at Lake Apopka RA 7 Apr (H. Robinson).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 adult at Fort Walton Beach STF 14 Apr-11 May (B. Duncan et al.).
- \*WHITE-FACED IBIS: 2 adults at Fort Walton Beach STF 19 Apr-11 May (B. Duncan et al.); 5 at St. Marks NWR 22 Apr (A. Wraithmell, details to FOC).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 16 at Circle B Bar Reserve 18-19 Apr (*vide* C. Geanangel).
- WOOLLY-NECKED STORK: 1 at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 15 Apr (B. Rapoza) may have been a bird that escaped from Miami MetroZoo in 1992.
- BLACK VULTURE: a nest with 1 egg at Micanopy (*Alachua*) 15 Apr (B. Simons).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: one at Placid Lakes Wildlife and Environmental Area (*Highlands*) 27 Feb and 3 Mar (R. Bowman); one along SR-64 ca. 8 km E of Lake Manatee (*Manatee*) 4 Mar (R. Bowman).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 at Tallahassee 5 Apr (G. Menk); 1 at Gainesville 7 Apr (R. Norton); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 5 May (H. Robinson); 200 at Tram Road STF, Tallahassee 6 May (E. Woodruff, E. Wells) and 20 May (G. Menk et al.); 1 at Belleview (*Marion*) 30 May (A. Luzader).
- BALD EAGLE: 49 at Circle B Bar Reserve 20 Mar (*vide* C. Geanangel).

- COOPER'S HAWK: 1 pair was nesting at Lakeland (*Polk*) 21 Mar (B. Snow); 1 pair (the male in immature plumage) attended a nest in a *Casuarina* at Cape Coral (*Lee*) 20 May (J. Greenlaw); another pair at Cape Coral 25 May produced young for the third straight year (W. Winton).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 at Talbot Islands SP (*Duval*) 4 Apr (P. Leary).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph plucking a bird in flight over Lake Reedy, Frostproof (*Polk*) 19 Mar (B. Pranty); 1 at Wekiva Springs SP (*Orange*) 20 Mar (C. Pierce); 1 light morph at Jena (*Dixie*) 19 Apr (J. Krummrich); 1 dark morph over the "Big Scrub," Ocala NF (*Marion*) 13 May (J. Puschock); 1 dark morph at Redlands (*Miami-Dade*) 22 May (J. Boyd); a mixed-morph pair spent the season at New Port Richey, an area occupied for the past 8 years (K. Tracey).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 dark morph in E *Polk* 23 Apr (B. and L. Cooper).
- MERLIN: 1 at Ocala NF 26 Apr (J. Puschock); 5 or more at Dry Tortugas NP 4-6 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 headed N over Lake Wales Ridge SF 15 Apr (B. Pranty); 4 at Dry Tortugas NP 4-6 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- BLACK RAIL: 3 or more that called at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs SP, Bayonet Point (*Pasco*) 7 Mar (K. Tracey), and 2 in another area of the park 17 Apr (R. Smart); 1 seen and heard at Fort Walton Beach STF 5 May (A. Knothe).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 at Cedar Key 14-17 Apr (D. Henderson, J. Hintermister); 97 at Lake Apopka RA 25 Apr (H. Robinson).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 1 in a flock of migrant Sandhill Cranes at Gainesville 7 Mar (S. Flammann); 3 adults over Lake Wales Ridge SF (*Polk*) 21 Apr (B. Pranty).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 16 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Mar, and 13 there to 31 Mar (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 3 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Mar, and 1 there to 31 Mar (H. Robinson); 2 at Crandon Beach (*Miami-Dade*) 13 Apr, and 1 there 14 Apr (R. Diaz); 1 at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 25 Apr (J. Puschock et al.).
- PIPING PLOVER: 38, including 13 color-banded, of which 7 were from the Great Lakes, at Talbot Islands SP and Bird Islands 14 Mar (P. Leary).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 25 at Little Estero Lagoon 10 May included single birds banded as chicks in North Carolina and Massachusetts (C. Ewell).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 20+ at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 20 Mar (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister); up to 16 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 2 Apr-EOS, with 5 fledglings 26 May (A. Kratter et al.).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 26 at Little Estero Lagoon 27 Mar (C. Ewell); 14 at Merritt Island NWR 22 Apr (D. Freeland); 7 at Ten Thousand Islands NWR (*Collier*) 9 Apr (T. Doyle); 218 at *Polk* phosphate mines 9 May (P. Timmer, P. Fellers); 15 in breeding plumage at Hillsborough Bay (*Hillsborough*) 17 May were not seen later (R. Paul).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS: 400 at *Polk* phosphate mines 20 Apr, and 1250 there 29 Apr (P. Fellers).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 29 at Circle B Bar Reserve 18-19 Apr (*vide* C. Geanangel); 3 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Apr (H. Robinson).
- WILLET: 1 at *Polk* phosphate mines 9 May (P. Timmer, P. Fellers).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 14 Apr (H. Robinson).
- WHIMBREL: 1 at Crandon Beach 9 Apr (R. Diaz); 4 at Dry Tortugas NP 15 Apr (J. Puschock); 3 at Little Estero Lagoon 26 May (C. Ewell).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 2 at Cedar Key to 2 Apr (P. Burns); 1 at Little Estero Lagoon 9 May-EOS (M. Gonsalo, C. Ewell).
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 1 adult male in breeding plumage at Alafia Bank (*Hillsborough*) 12-28 Mar (M. Korosy et al., photos to FOC by B. Ackerman) and an adult female in breeding plumage there 2-10 Apr (R. Paul, M. Korosy et al.); 1 in breeding plumage at Hickory Mound Impoundment (*Taylor*) 16 Apr (J. Krummrich).

- MARBLED GODWIT: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Apr (H. Robinson).
- RED KNOT: up to 1500 spent the season at Talbot Islands SP and Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*)—of 54 color-banded birds on 14 May, 40 were banded on the US Atlantic coast, 9 in Argentina, 3 in Chile, and 2 in Brazil, including one banded in 1983! (P. Leary); 1 at Jupiter Inlet Colony (*Palm Beach*) 28 May (J. Hailman).
- SANDERLING: 2 at Lake Apopka RA 20 May (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: up to 3 at Eagle Lakes Park, Naples (*Collier*) 27 Apr-4 May (D. Suitor, C. Ewell et al.); 6 at Lake Apopka RA 16 May (H. Robinson); 10 (some in breeding plumage) at Merritt Island NWR 19 May (J. Puschock).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: up to 4 at Fort Walton Beach STF 9-22 Apr (A. Knothe, B. Duncan et al.); 5 at Springhill Road STF, Tallahassee 12 Apr, with 1 remaining to 20 Apr (G. Menk et al.).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 4000 at *Polk* phosphate mines 20 Apr (P. Fellers et al.).
- DUNLIN: 255 at *Polk* phosphate mines 29 Mar (P. Fellers).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 2 at Lake City 27 Mar (E. Scales, A. Kent).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 2 at Lake Apopka RA 31 Mar (H. Robinson); 60 at *Polk* phosphate mines 20 Apr, 5700 there 29 Apr, and 770 there 9 May (P. Fellers, P. Timmer et al.).
- RUFF: one at Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (*Hendry*) 3 Apr, and 3 there 13 Apr (R. Urgelles et al., photos to FOC by C. Ewell).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 236 in mostly winter plumage at Little Estero Lagoon 26 May (C. Ewell).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 700 at *Polk* phosphate mines 29 Mar and 29 Apr, and 109 there 9 May (P. Fellers, P. Timmer); 3 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 23 Apr (J. Hintermister).
- WILSON'S SNIBE: 70 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 29 Mar (A. Kratter).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at St. Petersburg 1 Apr (B. Ackerman, photos to FOC); 5 at Fort Walton Beach STF 14-22 Apr (B. Duncan et al.); 1 at St. Marks NWR 18 Apr (M. Hill et al.); 2 at Circle B Bar Reserve 19 Apr (B. and L. Cooper, S. Riffe); 2 at Springhill Road STF 20 Apr (G. Menk, J. Cavanagh).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 2 in the Florida Straits (*Monroe*) 4 May (M. Gardler et al.); 2 birds 15 km off Marco Island (*Collier*) 18 May (D. Suitor).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 adult at Destin 25 Apr (B. Monk); 1 adult on a trip up to 160 km S of Destin 23 May (B. Monk et al.).
- LAUGHING GULL: 1 at Ocean Pond, Osceola National Forest 28 Mar (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister et al.); several at Lake Eustis, Eustis (*Lake*) 3-19 Apr (J. Puschock).
- HERRING GULL: 2 at Little Estero Lagoon 18 May (C. Ewell).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult at the Sanibel Island lighthouse (*Lee*) 16 Mar (B. Pittell); 1 adult at Green Key Road, New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 20 Mar (K. Tracey); 19 at Crandon Beach 19 Apr, included an apparent *intermedius* all spring (R. Diaz); 1 immature at Stock Island 6 May (M. Gardler); 3 adults at Little Estero Lagoon 22 May (A. Morris).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 immature along the NW shore of Lake Okeechobee (*Okeechobee*) the final week of Mar-1 Apr (salvaged on 4 Apr, specimen to Archbold Biological Station, *fide* G. Woolfenden); 1 second-winter bird at Ochlockonee Bay (*Wakulla*) 2-10 May (J. Murphy et al.).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 immature at Green Key Road, New Port Richey 20 Mar (K. Tracey); 1 adult at Sanibel Causeway 2-8 Apr (V. McGrath); 1 immature at Dry Tortugas NP 4 May (M. Gardler et al.); 3 at Crandon Beach to 26 May (R. Diaz).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 at Cedar Key 17 Mar (J. Hintermister); up to 2 at Lake Apopka RA 2-20 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Pelican Island NWR (*Indian River*) 8 May (B. Wagner); 1 at Jupiter Inlet Colony 12 May (J. Hailman); 1 at Merritt Island NWR 25 Apr-19 May (J. Puschock); 20 nests at Hillsborough Bay 17 May (R. Paul et al.).
- CASPIAN TERN: 120 at *Polk* phosphate mines 29 Mar (P. Fellers).

- \*ELEGANT TERN: 1 male at Fort De Soto Park 27 Apr-early May copulated with a Sandwich Tern (L. Atherton et al., photos to FOC).
- SANDWICH TERN: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 18 Apr (H. Robinson).
- ROSEATE TERN: 78 in the Florida Straits 4 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- COMMON TERN: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 5 May (M. Gardler); 6 at Lake Apopka RA 10 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Jupiter Inlet Colony 12 May (J. Hailman); 5 at Bird Islands 27 May (P. Leary).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 514 at Lake Apopka RA 31 Mar (H. Robinson).
- LEAST TERN: 5 at Tigertail Beach, Marco Island (*Collier*) 21 Mar (B. Roberts); birds apparently attempted nesting on the Albertson's roof at Mount Dora (*Lake*) again this season (J. Puschock); 1 at Gainesville 29 May (B. Roberts).
- BRIDLED TERN: 4 up to 160 km S of Destin 23 May (B. Monk et al.).
- BLACK NODDY: 2 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas 9 Apr (L. Manfredi).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 15 at Lake Mirror, Lakeland (*Polk*) 10 Mar (T. Palmer); 700 at *Polk* phosphate mines 29 Mar (P. Fellers).
- WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 1 sang at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 25 May (T. Doyle).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 over Ten Thousand Islands NWR 10 May (T. Doyle); 3 heard singing on the Palmdale BBS route (*Glades* and *Charlotte*) 30 May (T. Doyle).
- DIAMOND DOVE: 1 at Plantation (*Broward*) 1 Apr (B. DeWitt, photo to FOC).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 2 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 2 Apr (J. Murphy); several in various locations at Ocala NF since 21 Apr (J. Puschock); birds bred at Lutz (*Hillsborough*) in mid-May (T. Mann).
- COCKATIEL: 1 at St. Petersburg in mid-May (L. Snyder).
- BLACK-HOOED PARAKEET: 4 at Johnson (*Putnam*) 10 Mar-EOS (C. Hendry); 1 at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 19 May (J. Powell).
- ARATINGA SPECIES: 2 at Daytona Beach 8 May were mostly all-green with red leading edges to the wings (D. Hartgrove).
- PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga aurea*): 1 at St. Petersburg 14 May (L. Snyder, photos to FOC) furnished the first verifiable Florida record.
- RED-BREASTED PARAKEET: 1 at Doc Thomas House, Miami 27 Mar (P. Bithorn, J. Villamil, J. Boyd, photo to FOC).
- SCALY-HEADED PARROT: 3 at Matheson Hammock (*Miami-Dade*) 17 Apr and 1 May (J. Boyd et al.).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 called at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 25 Mar (T. Doyle, K. O'Reilly-Doyle et al.), and 26 tallied there during point counts 9-27 May (T. Doyle).
- BARN OWL: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 6 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- BURROWING OWL: 4 at West Lake Wales (*Polk*) 8 May (P. Fellers).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 of the West Indian subspecies at Dry Tortugas NP 5 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 2 flew in from the Gulf at 1030 hrs at Ft Myers Beach (*Lee*) 27 Mar (C. Ewell); 1 flew in from the Gulf at Sanibel Lighthouse 28 Mar (V. McGrath, W. Winton). All three birds roosted under carports once they crossed the beach!
- CHAETURA* SPECIES: 1 at Gainesville 3 Mar (B. Wallace).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 1 at Eustis 30 Mar (J. Puschock); 360 at Lake Apopka RA 4 Apr (H. Robinson); 7 at a New Port Richey chimney roost 7 Apr increased to 166 on 8 Apr, and 378 on 10 Apr (K. Tracey).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 banded at Pensacola remained to 3 Apr (D. John, F. Bassett et al.).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 2 at N St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 8 Mar (J. Holstein); 1 female on a nest at Collier-Seminole SP (*Collier*) 8 Mar (T. Doyle, D. Suitor, photo to FOC).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 banded at Pensacola remained to 18 Apr (G. Bowman, F. Bassett et al.).

- \*CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: 1 banded at Gainesville during the winter remained to 13 Mar (L. Hensley).
- \*BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 banded at Pensacola remained to 18 Apr (G. Bowman, F. Bassett et al.).
- SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 1 at Alachua (*Alachua*) to 31 Mar (P. Burns).
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 2 females banded at separate sites in Tallahassee 12 Mar (F. Bassett, F. Dietrich).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 1 male near Orangedale (*St. Johns*) 7 Mar—the species is getting hard to find in northeast Florida (P. Powell).
- SOUTHERN GROUND-HORNBILL** (*Bucorvus leadbeateri*): 2 at McIntosh 15 May—EOS had escaped from a private collection nearby (R. Hart, R. Rowan, M. James, photos to FOC). This furnishes the first Florida report of this African species.
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 7 at Lake Apopka RA 19 Mar, and 1 there to 23 Apr (H. Robinson).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 at Piney Z Lake (*Leon*) 1-7 Mar (F. Goodheart et al.); 1 at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) remained to 7 Mar (J. Boyd).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 7 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Tallahassee 3 May (G. Menk).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Alachua 1 Mar (P. Burns); 1 at Umatilla (*Lake*) 23 Mar (J. Puschock); 1 at Eustis 25 Mar (J. Puschock); 1 at Ocala NF 31 Mar (J. Puschock); 1 at Winter Park (*Orange*) 28 Mar (B. Anderson).
- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Matheson Hammock 4 Apr (P. Bithorn, J. Boyd et al.); 1 at Royal Palm, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 15 Apr (B. Rapoza).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at No Name Key (*Monroe*) 3 May (M. Gardler).
- \*TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 28 Apr (H. Robinson).
- \*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 28 Mar (H. Robinson).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP 15 Apr (J. Puschock et al.); 2 at Rosewood (*Levy*) 24 Apr (R. Rowan, S. Collins et al.); 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 2 May (H. Robinson); singles at Alligator Point 8 May (S. McCool) and 17 May (J. Murphy).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 31 Mar (H. Robinson); 7 at N St. Augustine 6 Apr (J. Holstein).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 23 Apr (H. Robinson).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 wintered at Umatilla to 2 Mar (J. Puschock); 2 at Ocoee (*Orange*) 13 Mar (A. Styling); 1 male at Seven Springs (*Pasco*) to 21 Mar (R. Smart); 1 at Guana River SP (*St. Johns*) 24-25 Mar (L. Harrison, D. Reed et al.); 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 31 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 at Bald Point 16 Apr (S. McCool); 3 S of Clewiston (*Hendry*) 6 Apr (J. Puschock); 1 at Rosewood 24 Apr (R. Rowan, S. Collins et al.); 1 in *Okaloosa* 8 May (A. Knothe); 1 at Alligator Point 8 May (S. McCool).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 along the Ichetucknee River (*Columbia*) 4 Mar (E. Scales); 4 at San Felasco Hammock Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 7 Mar (J. Hintermister, M. Manetz); 1 that sang at Largo 16 Mar (K. Nelson); 1 pair was nesting at Lakeland 21 Mar (B. Snow).
- BLUE-HEADED VIREO: 1 in *Okaloosa* 8 May (L. Wright).
- WARBLING VIREO: 1 at Fort Pickens 14 Apr (B. and L. Duncan, A. Knothe).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 3-4 May (J. Puschock et al.).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 43 tallied during point counts at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 9-27 May; numbers have declined annually since the survey began during 2000 (T. Doyle); 1 that sang at Lori Wilson Park, Cocoa Beach 1-10 May (B. Paxson et al.); 1 at Cedar Key 26 May (D. Henderson).
- BLACK-CHESTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax affinis*): 1 at College Park, Orlando 21 Mar (G. Bretz, T. Robinson et al.) was observed by others 6-8 months earlier. This furnished the first Florida report of a species native from Costa Rica south to Colombia and Venezuela.

- Interestingly, College Park is the same location as Florida's only Azure Jay (*C. caeruleus*) report 40-44 years earlier!
- HORNED LARK: 1 sang at Hague (*Alachua*) 22-23 Apr (M. Manetz et al.).
- TREE SWALLOW: 472 at *Polk* phosphate mines 9 May (P. Timmer, P. Fellers); 15 at Lake Apopka RA to 14 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Lake Rousseau (*Citrus*) 15 May (R. Rowan, S. Collins et al.).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 10 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 over Lake Wales Ridge SF 22 Mar (B. Pranty).
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 on the *Charlotte/Lee* boundary 19 Mar (W. Dirks, W. Winton); 5 at Lake Apopka RA 5 May (H. Robinson); 3 at *Polk* phosphate mines 9 May (P. Timmer, P. Fellers).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 5 at Lake Apopka RA 14 Apr, and 4 there 25 Apr (H. Robinson).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at Fort Walton Beach 9 Apr (A. Knothe); 2 at Lake Apopka RA 14 Apr (H. Robinson).
- BARN SWALLOW: 1 at Brooker (*Bradford*) 7 Mar (R. Rowan, B. Carroll, B. Enneis).
- CAROLINA CHICKADEE: 1 that sang at Tosohatchee State Reserve (*Orange*) 2 May was irregular there (B. Anderson, B. Payne).
- SEDGE WREN: 1 at Salt Springs SP 12 May (J. Puschock).
- MARSH WREN: 2 at Lake Apopka RA to 10 May (H. Robinson).
- CATHARUS SPECIES: totals at Dry Tortugas NP were 5 Veeries and 11 "Gray-cheeked" and 8 Swainson's thrushes 4-6 May (M. Gardler).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 1 at Alachua 23 Apr (M. Walsh-McGehee).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1 at Alachua 19 Apr (M. Walsh-McGehee).
- WOOD THRUSH: 1 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP 15-17 Apr (J. Puschock); 1 at Guana River SP (*St. Johns*) 1 May (J. Holstein).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 pair nested in *Walton* 8-19 May (D. Ware).
- GRAY CATBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 16 May (H. Robinson).
- COMMON MYNA: 1 at Neptune Beach (*Duval*) 1-8 May apparently bred with a European Starling: it was first seen accompanying a starling as it entered a supermarket sign 1 May, and was observed feeding a juvenile starling seven days later! (S. Rogers, P. Powell et al.).
- CEDAR WAXWING: 14 arrived at Ocala NF 22 Mar (J. Puschock); 2 arrived at Lake Apopka RA 25 Apr, and 28 there to 14 May (H. Robinson); 20 at Salt Springs SP 12 May (J. Puschock).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 14 Apr (A. Kratter); 1 at Largo 17 Apr (K. Nelson); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 27 Apr (J. Hintermister).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse (*Lee*) 28 Mar (V. McGrath, W. Winton).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 1 at Umatilla 3 Mar (J. Puschock); 60 at Dunedin Hammock (*Pinellas*) 14 Mar (K. Nelson); 30 at Bonner Park, Largo 16 Mar (K. Nelson); 25+ at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SP (*Miami-Dade*) 5 Apr (R. Diaz).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 2 sang near Gullivan Key, Ten Thousand Islands NWR 28 May (T. Doyle).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Brooker (*Bradford*) 7 Mar (B. Carroll, B. Enneis); 1 at Alachua 22 Apr (M. Walsh-McGehee); 1 at Tallahassee 29 Apr (K. MacVicar).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 male at Lake Wales Ridge SF 21 Apr (B. Pranty); 3 at Lake Apopka RA 25 Apr (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 100+ at Cape Florida SP 28 Apr (B. Rapoza); 5 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Apr (H. Robinson); 2 males sang at Florida International University (*Miami-Dade*) 20-24 May (S. Schneider, J. Boyd).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 "Audubon's Warbler" at Dry Tortugas NP 15 Apr (B. Mulrooney et al., photo to FOC).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 at High Springs (*Gilchrist*) 2 Mar (D. Robbins).

- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 125+ at Cape Florida SP 3 Apr (R. Diaz); 1 at Ocala NF 14 Apr (J. Puschock); 31 tallied during point counts at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 9-27 May represented the lowest number detected during the surveys (T. Doyle).
- PALM WARBLER: 300+ at Cape Florida SP 1 Apr (R. Diaz), and 100+ there 28 Apr (B. Rapoza); 79 passed by Green Key Road, New Port Richey in 90 min 17 Apr (K. Tracey); 1 at Ocala NF 20 Apr (J. Puschock).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 3 at Largo 3 May (J. Fisher, K. Nelson); 2 at Fort De Soto Park 4 May ff (J. Puschock et al.).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 20 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Apr (H. Robinson).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 at Cedar Key 14-15 Apr (D. Henderson, J. Hintermister).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 29 at Cape Florida SP 12 Apr (R. Diaz), and 100+ there 28 Apr (B. Rapoza); 24 at Lake Apopka RA 5 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Jupiter Inlet Colony 28 May (J. Hailman); 1 at Ocala (*Marion*) 30 May (B. Roberts).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 24-28 Mar (H. Robinson).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at Bonner Park 13 May (K. Nelson).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Cape Florida SP 4-6 Apr (R. Diaz); 1 at A.D. Barnes Park (*Miami-Dade*) 5 Apr (B. Mathys); 2 at Spanish River Park (*Palm Beach*) 6 Apr (L. Miller); singles at Sanibel Lighthouse 7 and 14 Apr, and 2 there 15 Apr (D. and L. Stokes, D. Konz); 2 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (*Broward*) 10-14 Apr (S. Schlick); singles at Cedar Key 13 and 16 Apr (B. Wallace, J. Hintermister, D. Henderson); 2 at Lori Wilson Park 14 Apr (D. Freeland); 1 at Largo 19 Apr (K. Nelson).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 20 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Apr, and 1 there to 10 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Newnans Lake 23 May (R. Rowan).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 7 at Lake Apopka RA 19 Mar (H. Robinson).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 2 at Cedar Key 13 Apr (J. Hintermister, B. Wallace); 1 at Birch SP 16 Apr (S. Schlick); 1 at Matheson Hammock 22 May (D. Simpson).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: singles at Largo 8-10 May, 13 May (singing male), and 2 there 17 May (K. Nelson, J. Fisher); 1 male at Bonita Springs (*Lee*) 11 May (D. Suito et al.).
- COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: 32 at Cape Florida SP 2 Apr (R. Diaz), and 100+ there 28 Apr (B. Rapoza).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 at Largo 15 Mar (K. Nelson); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 22 Mar (H. Robinson); 40+ at Fort De Soto Park 5 Apr (R. Smith); 1 that sang along the Ocklawaha River, Ocala NF (*Putnam*) 9 May-EOS perhaps was breeding locally (J. Puschock).
- CANADA WARBLER: 1 at Alachua 22 Apr (M. Walsh-McGehee); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 24 Apr (L. Hensley).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at St. Marks NWR 6 Mar (S. McCool); 41 at Lake Apopka RA 23 May (H. Robinson); 2 spent all season at Cape Florida SP (R. Diaz).
- \*RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER: 1 male at Grassy Key (*Monroe*) 16 Apr (L. McCandless, L. Most, L. Miller; details to FOC) furnished the fifth Florida report, all within the past 13 months.
- SCARLET Tanager: singing males at Robert Williams Birding Trail (*Leon*) 19 Apr and 1 May (G. Menk).
- WESTERN Tanager: 1 male that wintered at Tallahassee remained to 10 Apr (F. Rutkovsky et al.); 1 male at Fort Pickens 18 Apr (B. Specht, B. Monk et al.).
- WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 black-backed male at Dagny Johnson Botanical Park, Key Largo (*Monroe*) 23 Apr (E. Clark, J. Dearborn, photos to FOC).
- \*BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 at Jupiter Ridge Natural Area (*Palm Beach*) 21-27 Mar (P. Cohen, S. Schlick et al.).
- CHIPPING SPARROW: 2 in breeding plumage at Ocala NF 2 May (J. Puschock).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 2 at Lake Apopka RA 25 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP (*Pinellas*) 1 May (E. Kwater).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 at Cedar Key 14 Apr (J. Hintermister).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 3 at Lake Apopka RA to 5 May, and 1 there 30 May (H. Robinson).



- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 at Sanibel Island 26 Mar (V. McGrath); 1 at Lake Wales Ridge SF 23 Apr (B. Pranty).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 at Green Swamp WMA (*Polk*) 27 Mar (B. and L. Cooper et al.); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 13 Apr (S. Howell).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at Crystal River Preserve SP (*Citrus*) 1 May (A. and B. Hansen et al.).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 100 estimated along the S part of CR-361 (*Dixie*) 5 May (J. Hintermister, L. Davis, D. Robbins).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: singles at Lake Apopka RA 19 Mar and 18 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Eco Pond, Everglades NP 10 Apr (B. Roberts); 1 at Talquin SF (*Leon*) 19 Apr (J. Murphy, G. Menk); 1 at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 28 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- SWAMP SPARROW: 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 14 May (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1 adult *gambelli* at Dry Tortugas NP 4-5 May (M. Gardler et al.).
- ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK: 1 at Cape Florida SP 28-29 Apr (R. Diaz).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 female at Pensacola remained to 17 Apr (B. Francisco et al.).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 44 at Lake Apopka RA 2 May (H. Robinson).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Gainesville 7 Mar (R. Rowan), 2 at Sparr (*Marion*) 15-17 Mar (C. Retej).
- PAINTED BUNTING: singles at different parts of Gainesville to 16 Mar (D. Packer) and 13 Apr (*fide* S. Sommerville), with 2 there 24-25 Apr (M. Freeman); 1 at Alachua to 4 Apr (D. Werner); 1 at Hague 23 Apr (B. Carroll, B. Enneis); 12 at Lake Apopka RA 26 May (H. Robinson); 1 male sang S of Atmore, Alabama (*Escambia*) 31 May (J. Yoder).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 at St. Marks NWR 29 Mar (T. Curtis); 3 males and 2 females at Lake Apopka RA 18 Apr-EOS (H. Robinson); 1 at St. George Island 4 May (J. Cavanagh, G. Menk).
- BOBOLINK: 1 at Fort Pickens 28 Mar (P. Baker, P. Beasley); 16 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Apr, 2590 there 28 Apr, and 10 to 14 May (H. Robinson); 320 at *Polk* phosphate mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers); 170 at Circle B Bar Reserve 22 May (*fide* C. Geanangel).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 immature male at Cedar Key 21-24 May (D. Henderson, N. Taylor).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 2 males at St. George Island 4 May (J. Cavanagh, G. Menk); 1 male at Lake Apopka RA 20 May (H. Robinson).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 42 at Eagle Lakes Park 2 Mar, and 7 displaying males and 1 female there to 27 Apr (D. Sutor et al.); 1 male along East Lake Tohopekaliga, St. Cloud (*Osceola*) 20 May (K. Tracey, photo to FOC).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 6 at New Port Richey 18 Apr (K. Tracey).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: singles at Lake Apopka RA 7 Mar and 28 Apr (H. Robinson); 4 at New Port Richey 18 Apr (K. Tracey).
- HOUSE FINCH: 3 males counter-singing at Orlando (*Orange*) in early Apr (G. Bretz).
- PINE SISKIN: at least 2 at Tallahassee 11-25 Mar (F. Rutkovsky); 1 at Alachua 21 Mar (J. Weimer); 1 at Gainesville 18 Apr (M. Drummond).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 at Winter Park 9 May (B. Anderson).

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