

Apr. 20 (SD) in Phoenix; with 2-8 present at Globe Apr. 13 through May (SH, BJ). Pine Siskins were in unusually large numbers in the lowlands. Am. Goldfinches may be spreading southward. They were reported at Tucson and Nogales (PN), Globe (SH, BJ), El Paso (E.P.A.S.), Albuquerque (JD), Las Vegas, N. Mex. (WH, ES), Conchas L., San Miguel Co., N. Mex. (WH), Silver City (CS), and Bitter L. Refuge (DN, JCC, LK). Over 300 Lesser Goldfinches were found in Phoenix Apr. 1-6 (SD).

SPARROWS—Juncos lingered much later than usual. Golden-crowned Sparrow reports were: 1 near Las Vegas Apr. 23 (MVM); 1 near Phoenix Apr. 27 (BB, BL, DM); 1 in Silver City Apr. 28 (DZ, CD, BE); and 1 in Las Vegas, N. Mex. Apr. 21-May 15 (WH). Chipping and White-crowned Sparrows were migrating in good numbers, but later than usual. A Fox Sparrow was reported near Phoenix Apr. 27 (BB, BL, DM). A ♂ Lapland Longspur was seen Apr. 30 with a flock of Lark Sparrows at Roosevelt L., Gila Co., Ariz. (BJ, EJ).

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ALASKA REGION / Daniel D. Gibson and Stephen O. Macdonald

Most of the Region reported a late spring following an unusually cold winter. The North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound area experienced unseasonably cold weather with frequent snow storms into May, and rain, sleet, and wet snow until the end of the period. Most migrants arrived in this area on schedule, but peak numbers were two to four days later than in most years.



Despite a record snowfall this winter, and a somewhat late spring, the Interior experienced a relatively early-to-normal spring migration for most species, with the waterfowl and insectivores arriving somewhat late.

Spring also came late to Adak on the Aleutians, with the migration spilling over into the first week of June. Adak once again reported a number of species very interesting for both Alaska and North America.

LOONS, GREBES—Two Arctic Loons in winter plumage were observed on Apr. 4 at Sweeper Cove, Adak, and a single bird in breeding plumage was later seen in the same area on May 17 (GVB & DLJ). The status of this species west of the Alaska Peninsula is unclear. Late by several weeks, 2 Red-throated Loons were observed May 14 at Kasilof on the Kenai Peninsula (MAM). Several thousand Red-necked Grebes were noted in migration through Prince William Sound the first two weeks of May (PI). This species was also seen regularly at Adak throughout the period, with the first birds in breeding plumage

appearing May 19 (GVB & DLJ). The first Red-necked Grebes and Horned Grebes arrived in Fairbanks on May 11-13, but in fewer numbers than normal.

SHEARWATERS, PETRELS—Just off Great Sitkin I., n.e. of Adak, on Apr. 19, 3 Sooty Shearwaters were seen with 3000-4000 Slender-billed Shearwaters (GVB). On a similar trip made on May 27, 2 Sooties were identified out of about 2000 shearwaters, again mostly Slender-billed (RLA & DLJ). A single Scaled Petrel seen in Nazan Bay, Atka I., May 28 (RLA & DLJ) is probably the earliest record in Alaska waters.

GEESE, DUCKS—Most of the wintering Emperor Geese at Adak I. had departed by Apr. 25, although an occasional bird was seen until May 25. The species departed Atka about Apr. 15 but it was still present at Attu I. on May 1 (GVB & DLJ). Two adult Blue Geese were seen with approximately 500 Canada Geese at Creamer's Dairy in Fairbanks, May 1 (BK, DMT, et al.). This species is rare or accidental to Alaska. The Chinese Spot-billed Duck first observed at Adak on Apr. 10, 1970, was seen there through Apr. 18, 1971. It was not seen subsequently (GVB & DLJ). For the second year in succession ♂ Garganey was observed at Adak. This year's bird was seen at close range in Clam Lagoon on May 20 (GVB & DLJ). It departed before the observers could collect it. This is the third Aleutian sight record of this species; there is no specimen for the continent. Uncommon to the Region, a total of 6 ♂♂ and 2 ♀♀ Blue-winged Teal were observed at Northway, May 20-22 (DDG, et al.). A single ♂ was also observed May 5 at Fairbanks (DDG & SOM). An adult ♂ Eur. Widgeon in company with 10 Am. Widgeon was observed May 4 at Port Wells (PI). This is the first record for Prince William Sound. The species was also reported in the Interior where it is rare. An adult ♂ was observed on a water-filled gravel pit 2.5 mi. Chena Hot Springs Road, May 8 (DJS). On May 9 a ♂ was seen with a ♀ widgeon (sp.?) on a small slough in the Fairbanks area (VM). Up to 9 Eur. Widgeon were present at Adak through May 26, and up to 4 Am. Widgeon were seen there regularly through May 25 (GVB & DLJ). A pair of Com. Pochards (*Aythya ferina*) was carefully observed among Greater Scaup, Com. Eiders, and White-winged Scoters on Clam Lagoon, Adak, on May 20 (GVB & DLJ). The ♂ was observed daily through the close of the period (RLA, GVB, & DLJ), but the ♀ was not seen from May 21 until she reappeared after the end of the reporting period. A pair of Tufted Ducks was seen on Smew Pond, Adak, from Apr. 4 through May 20, on which date two pairs were found. On May 25 a third pair was observed, and all 6 were present through the close of the period (GVB & DLJ).

SHOREBIRDS—Killdeers are rare stragglers to interior Alaska, so the following records are of

interest. One observed at the Experimental Farm, College, May 1 (MHD, DDG & GEH, SOM, et al.), was apparently the first local record in six years. Two were recorded in the vicinity of the Northway airport on May 20 (DDG & RSH). None of these birds was seen in subsequent days. Cordova reported a large migration of Ruddy Turnstones numbering in the tens of thousands on Montique I., May 8, with hundreds still present through May 20 (PI). A full plumaged Ruddy Turnstone observed at close range at the Northway airport, May 22 (DDG & GEH), was an unusual inland record. A scattered migration of Upland Plovers was reported in the Fairbanks area, May 13-25 (BG & DDG, GEH, & SOM). A single Com. Sandpiper (*Tringa hypoleucos*) was closely observed at L. Andrew, Adak, May 23 (GVB & DLJ). The bird was studied at as close as 20 ft. and was first thought to be a winter-plumaged Spotted. There are no records of that species west of the Alaska Peninsula, and is the third record for Alaska. Four Wood Sandpipers (*Tringa glareola*) were observed on St. Paul I., Pribilofs, May 20-21 (DOH & MH). One was collected (specimen sent to Max C. Thompson). The remaining three were seen in the area through May 29. Another bird of the same species was collected (specimen to UA) at a small freshwater pond just west of Clam Lagoon, Adak, May 26 (DLJ). This species was recently found breeding on Amchitka I. There are no previous records for Adak, however. A total of 15 Hudsonian Godwits was observed during spring migration throughout the Prince William Sound area. The earliest record was May 4 at Pt. Wells, and the largest concentration, 6, at Hartuey Bay on May 11 (PI). Kasilof reported 1 individual, May 1 (MAM)—the first since 1968. A single bird of the same species, a rare straggler to the Interior, was observed May 21 at the Northway airport (DDG).

GULLS, ALCIDS—A single imm. Herring Gull was seen occasionally throughout the period at Adak (GVB & DLJ). The first Black-headed Gull at Adak this spring was seen May 19 (GVB & DLJ). Four were counted on May 29, 1 on May 30, and 2 on May 31 (RLA, GVD, & DLJ). One adult in breeding plumage was observed May 25 on St. Paul I. (DOH & MH). A single Kittlitz's Murrelet in winter plumage was observed on numerous occasions and photographed at close range between May 28 and June 1 on St. Paul I. (DOH & MH). At least five Whiskered Auklets were seen just west of Great Sitkin I., Apr. 21 (GVB & DLJ). At least three were seen in Nazan Bay, Atka I., May 27-29 (RLA & DLJ).

DOVES, OWLS, HUMMINGBIRDS—The Mourning Dove is rare to the Region, so the report of a single bird observed feeding near the Fairbanks Int. Airport on May 30 (BGr, fide BK) is of interest. The Fairbanks area experienced a good migration of Short-eared Owls between Apr. 27



Wood Sandpiper. St. Paul I., Pribilofs, May 18-June 1, 1971. Photograph by David O. Hill.
First North American photograph?

and May 5, with as many as 16 observed at one time at the Experimental Farm, College on May 2 (DR). Boreals Owls were scarce in the Interior this winter and spring. Only two or three sightings were reported during the period (FCD, FH). The first Rufous Hummingbird was reported at Cordova on May 4 (CW, fide PI).

PASSERINES—Western Wood Pewees were reported to be rather prevalent in the Juneau area this spring (RJG). It is of interest that from 1966 to 1969 there were no reports of the species in this area. A total of four Tree Swallows, accidental on the Pribilofs, were reported May 29 on St. Paul I. by several observers (JD & CS, DOH & MH). A single Starling observed at Creamer's Dairy, May 14 (GEH), was the only one reported for the Region. Juneau reported an abundance of migrating warblers this season. Notable were 2 Tennessee Warblers, 1 Blackpoll Warbler, and with them, 1 Warbling Vireo (RJG). Both the Warbling Vireo and the Tennessee Warbler are rare or accidental to Alaska. The Blackpoll Warbler, although common to interior Alaska, is rare in s.e. Alaska. A **Com. Grackle** closely observed at Creamer's Dairy, Fairbanks, May 12 (DDG), was identified in the field as a ♂ ♀. *g. versicolor*. Efforts to collect the individual were unsuccessful. There are only two previous records of the species in the state, one a specimen of this race. A single Brown-

headed Cowbird was found singing and feeding on the deck of a barge in Goose Cove, Glacier Bay Nat'l Monument, May 30 (OW). A ♂ **Brambling** was collected (specimen to UA) at L. Andrew, Adak, May 29 (RLA & GVB). The following day another male was seen in the same area (RLA, GVB, & DLJ). Four **Hawfinches** (*C. coccothraustes*) were observed at the Naval Station, Adak, May 31, and one ♂ was collected (specimen to UA; RLA, GVB, & DLJ). A single ♀ remained and was seen in the same area on Jun. 5, 6, 7, and 9 (GVB & DDG), during which time she was photographed at close range. This is the second record of the species in North America.

CORRIGENDUM—Eur. Widgeon sightings at Fairbanks (AFN 24, 634, 1970) were of at least two ♂♂, not ♀♀ as printed.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION
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The spring of 1971 was both colder and wetter than average. An extensive snow pack in the Cascades thus was subject to a gradual melt without creating flood conditions. Plenty of snow remained at the end of the report period. Unusual records for the Region were the four species of shearwaters recorded off the s.w. Washington coast in early May, a Ross' Goose at Leadbetter Point, Wash. May 8, the Spotted Redshank seen again at Reifel Refuge, B.C., a Black-necked Stilt at Sea. I. near Vancouver, and the Allen's Hummingbird which appeared at Victoria.



LOONS, GREBES, PELAGICS, HERONS—A late and heavy migration of Com. Loons passed Ocean Shores, Wash. May 28 (GH). A few Arctic Loons were seen moving north of Newport, Oreg. the same day (HN & MS). A Red-throated Loon was at Pitt L. and 2 more were in the Pitt R. east of Vancouver, B.C. Apr. 12 (WW). Three Red-necked Grebes were still on Yaquina Bay at Newport Apr. 16 (MS & CFZ). Two Black-footed Albatrosses were seen out of Westport, Wash. May 9 (HN et al.). Four Fulmars were seen on a boat trip from there a week earlier (TW). Five Pink-footed Shearwaters were seen May 2, and up to 20 May 9 from Westport (TW; MPe, HN et al.). A Pale-footed Shearwater in company with Pink-footeds was seen close aboard, 38 miles at sea May 9 (RF, HN et al.). Many more Sooty Shearwaters were seen on the May 9 trip than had been found on the preceding week. Up to a dozen Slender-billed Shearwaters in company with Soot-

ies were attracted to the boat by chumming 42 miles out of Westport May 9 (HN, MW et al.). Six Fork-tailed Petrels were seen off Westport May 2 (TW). A Green Heron was noted at Victoria, where the species rarely occurs, May 29 (ARD). A Com. Egret was found on a coastal island near Bandon, Oreg. May 23 (CFZ). Single Am. Bitterns were found at Vancouver Apr. 18 (WW) and at Leadbetter Pt. Wash. May 8 (RF, GK & HN).

WATERFOWL—A Whistling Swan at Basket Slough N.W.R. near Salem, Oreg. May 1, 6 others at Wm. L. Finley N.W.R. near Corvallis May 18, and 3 at the Nooksack R. delta, Wash. May 31 (CFZ; TW) all were late records. Canada Geese and Black Brant migrated through the Region in good numbers this spring; 90 of the latter were still at Newport, Oreg. May 29 (HN, MS). 36 White-fronted Geese were late at Finley N.W.R. May 10 (CFZ), while a single bird and the 2 Snow Geese found at Newport May 29 (HN) were very late. A Ross' Goose was carefully identified at Leadbetter Pt. on the surprisingly late date of May 8, in company with birds of the Cackling race of Canada Goose (RF, GK & HN); this record seems to be a first for this Region, although evidently Malheur N.W.R. in s.e. Oregon is a regular stop-over on the spring migration route of this species. Single Com. Teals were noted at Tsawassen, B.C. Apr. 11 (WC, fide MSc) and at Victoria Apr. 18 (ARD). A pair of Cinnamon Teals was at Victoria May 15 (ARD) and 1 was at Kent, Wash. May 16 (VC & DJ). A Eur. Widgeon was seen at Victoria Apr. 25 (ARD). Two Redheads were found at Ocean Shores May 28 (GH). A lone ♂ Canvasback at L. Sammamish, King Co., Wash. May 7 (DP & MP) was late. Seventeen Bufflehead at Duncan, B.C. May 24 (JC) are of interest. Two Oldsquaw were still at Hoquiam, Wash. on the late date of May 28 (GH). Eight Com. Scoters at Cape Flattery, Wash. May 23 (DP) and 2 at Newport, Oreg. May 29 (HN et al.) were late; the 30 or more birds at the s. jetty of the Columbia R. Apr. 18 (HN) was an unusual concentration. The 8 Ruddy Ducks at Duncan, B.C. May 31 (JC) also are of interest.

HAWKS, EAGLES—A Goshawk was recorded near Aberdeen, Wash. May 1 (DPe & PM). A Swainson's Hawk was carefully observed at White City near Medford, Oreg. May 12 (MM, fide JH). A Golden Eagle was noted at Victoria Apr. 19 (ARD). Bald Eagles were seen at Vancouver Apr. 17 & 18 (WW); a subadult was at Fern Ridge Reservoir w. of Eugene, Oreg. May 23 (fide LM). Osprey was more reported this spring than in at least ten years, records coming from n. Washington and s. Vancouver I. south through the Willamette Valley; it remains an uncommon bird in this Region. Peregrine Falcons were noted at Reifel Refuge near Vancouver Apr. 18 (WW), at Destruction I., Wash. May 7 (PM), and at Mukkaw Bay, Wash. May 23 (DP). Single Pigeon