

Regional Reports Pictorial Highlights

Autumn 1989



Golden-crowned Warbler at Sabal Palm Sanctuary, Brownsville, Texas, November 24, 1989. About the seventh state record, and an unusually good photograph of this subtle and elusive species. Photograph/Brad McKinney.



Young Black-shouldered Kite in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, autumn 1989. A bird this young was probably fledged not too far away; this species continues to establish itself as a resident in the Gulf states. Photograph/Jay Hansche.



Hermit Warbler at Blackhead, Newfoundland, in November 1989. Another in the long string of remarkable warbler records for Newfoundland, this bird furnished a first record for the province and one of few ever in eastern North America. Photograph/Bruce Mactavish.



One of the most out-of-place birds of an eventful autumn was this Red-flanked Bluetail on Southeast Farallon Island, California, November 1, 1989. Photograph/Dave Beadle.



Black-tailed Godwit at St. John's, Newfoundland, in late October 1989. The warm cinnamon-buff edgings on the scapulars and tertials, and the wash of the same color on the neck, are typical of juveniles of this species. Photograph/Bruce Mactavish.



An apparent Common Ringed Plover at Craney Island, Portsmouth, Virginia, September 9, 1989. Notice the very wide breast-band. The identification was also based on a very careful study in the hand. Photograph/M. R. Boatwright.



Flammulated Owl found in November 1989 in a small beach park in Galveston, Texas, far from the species' normal range and habitat. Photograph/Greg Lasley.



One of three Black-capped Petrels found in Venango County, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1989, after the passage of Hurricane Hugo. Photograph/Russ States.



Juvenile Upland Sandpiper at Ventura, California, August 28, 1989. Photograph/Shawneen Finnegan.



Lark Bunting in Middlesex County, New Jersey, August 30, 1989. Photograph/Bob Mitchell.



Juvenile Eurasian Dotterel on the rocks of Southeast Farallon Island, California, September 15, 1989. Fourth state record. Photograph/T. Schantz.



An apparent Yellow-bellied Flycatcher at Galileo Hill, California, September 30, 1989. Photograph/Ned Harris.



Purple Sandpiper at Waukegan Harbor, Illinois, October - November 1989. Photograph/David B. Johnson.



An apparent hybrid Rose-breasted X Black-headed Grosbeak banded at Ogden, Utah, September 8, 1989. Photograph/Merlin L. Killpack.



This falcon on Block Island, Rhode Island, on October 7, 1989, was identified as a Prairie Falcon. If the bird was not a falconer's escapee (and if all other species of pale falcons around the world can be ruled out), this would be a first for New England. Photograph/Joseph DiCostanzo and John Walsh.

Juvenile Lesser Golden-Plover at Kettle Point, Ontario, November 1989. As expected for most of the continent, this bird appears to be of the grayer "American" form (*dominica*). Photograph/A. H. Rider.



Female Broad-billed Hummingbird in Peterborough County, Ontario, October 22, 1989. First record for Canada. A detailed analysis by Tim Sabo suggested that this bird might have been in the latter stages of primary molt during its stay; timing of molt in this species is not well known. Photograph/Tim Sabo.



California Gull in first-winter plumage (with Ring-billed Gulls) at Lake Overholser, Oklahoma City, October 27, 1989. This bird has the typical bicolored bill and the typical wing pattern, with very little of the pale "window" on the inner primaries that is obvious on Herring Gulls of the same age. Third documented record for Oklahoma. Photograph/Mitchell Oliphant.

