

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Summer 1991



Adult White-winged Tern near Greece, New York, June 19, 1991. First fully documented state record, only a month after the first sight record (at the other end of the state, on Long Island). As this portrait shows, the species is "white-winged" only from the upperside. Photograph/Brian W. Keelan.



Providing a first state record was this male Shiny Cowbird (back center) associating with three female cowbirds (apparently Brown-headed) and one male European Starling at Waveland, Mississippi, June 12, 1991. Photograph/Ray Russell.



Marbled Godwit and Willet together at Presque Isle State Park, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1991. Both species are rare in Pennsylvania, but perhaps more likely at Presque Isle than anywhere else in the state. Photograph/Jerry McWilliams.



Two from the Farallones: on California's Southeast Farallon Island, where very few birds pass unscrutinized, the best "spring" birding may occur in June. Golden-winged Warbler (left), photographed there June 3, 1991, is among the rarest of eastern warblers in the West at any season. Louisiana Waterthrush (right), photographed there June 2, 1991, is even more of a rarity in California; it had been found only three times previously in the state. Photographs/Peter Pyle.



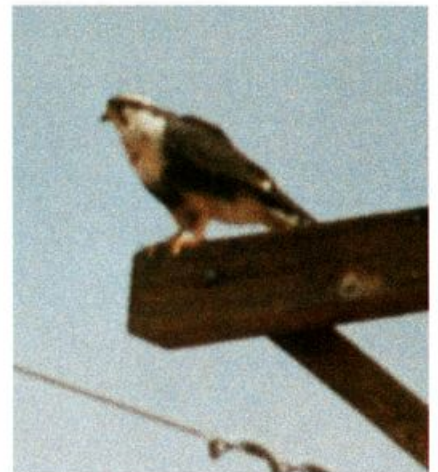
Upland Sandpiper on territory at the Joliet Arsenal, Will County, Illinois, on June 21, 1991. Such places can provide essential habitat for beleaguered wildlife; the Arsenal hosts the largest population of Upland Sandpipers in Illinois. Photograph/ Joe B. Milosevich.



This adult Heermann's Gull turned up far from its usual coastal haunts at Paradise Pond, Reno, Nevada, on June 3, 1991. Photograph/Jane Thompson.



Female Hooded Merganser (back) with a group of her young at Des Plaines Conservation Area, Will County, Illinois, June 15, 1991. The species is a rare breeder in this area. Photograph/Joe B. Milosevich.



It had been many years since any record of Aplomado Falcon in the southwestern United States had been well documented. This bird photographed June 25, 1991, at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, was unquestionably an Aplomado—but the Regional Editors had some questions about its origins. Photograph/Kevin Martin.



American Pipit incubating eggs in a nest on Mount Washington, New Hampshire, June 29, 1991. A new nesting location for the species, and the southernmost known in eastern North America. Photograph/Christopher Rimmer.



"The most obliging lapwing in recent history" was this male Northern Lapwing that spent the whole summer of 1991 near Aulac, New Brunswick. Most North American appearances of this Eurasian plover have been very brief. Photograph/Stuart Tingley.



Adult Clark's Grebe with downy young at Lake Traverse, on the Minnesota/South Dakota border, summer 1991. First nesting record for Minnesota. Photograph/Micki Buer.



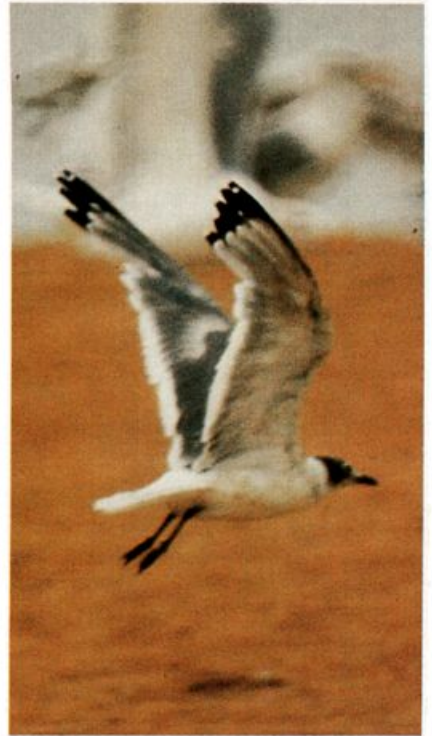
Blue Grosbeaks are continuing to expand at the northern edges of their range. This recently fledged juvenile was found in western Will County, Illinois, on August 13, 1991. Photograph/Joe B. Milosevich.



Adult Mississippi Kite in Greensville County, Virginia, near the North Carolina border, June 6, 1991. One of two adults present at this site. Photograph/M. R. Boatwright.



Pacific Loon in first-summer plumage on Sun Lake, Lake County, Illinois, June 24, 1991. An exceptional summer record for the Midwest. Photograph/David Johnson.



Franklin's Gull in first-summer (one-year-old) plumage at Sandy Point State Park, Maryland, June 17, 1991. Considering how rare this species is on the Atlantic Coast, it has been found a surprising number of times on upper Chesapeake Bay. Photograph/Michael O'Brien.



This wandering American White Pelican was seen on most of Virginia's coastal islands during this summer. It was photographed June 18, 1991, at a sandbar between Cedar and Metompkin islands, Virginia. Photograph/Stephen Rottenborn.