



**Curve-billed Thrasher at Rend Lake, Illinois, on January 6, 1993. Present for several weeks, this bird provided a first state record. Photograph/Dennis Oehmke.**



**Two decades ago, the idea of a Ross' Gull showing up in Nebraska would have been considered totally impossible. But with records for the interior gradually accumulating, it now seems quite plausible—but still impressive. This Ross' Gull, a first for the state, was at Sutherland Reservoir, Nebraska, on December 17, 1992. Photograph/Stephen J. Dinsmore.**



**A low-density but far-reaching invasion brought a scatter of Black-throated Sparrows to many areas east and north of their normal range. This one was in Dixon County, Nebraska, on February 14, 1993. Photograph/Loren Blake.**



**The first Le Conte's Sparrow for Rhode Island stayed from late January through February 1993 in Middletown. Photograph/Daniel M. Finizia.**



**A highlight of the winter for more than 1500 birders was this Dusky Thrush present from January into March 1993 at Langley, British Columbia. A stray from Asia, the Dusky Thrush had been recorded previously in several areas of Alaska, but nowhere else in North America. Photograph/Dick McNeely.**



**Considered "long overdue" was this Rock Wren, a first for the Hudson-Delaware Region, that spent the whole winter of 1992-1993 at Cape May Point, New Jersey. Photograph/Richard Ditch.**

# PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

*Winter 1992-1993*



The winter hummingbird bonanza along the Gulf Coast now seems to be extending north to Arkansas. One prize find there this season was the state's first Buff-bellied Hummingbird, photographed at Searcy on February 18, 1993. Photograph/Helen Parker.



Male Painted Bunting at Brewster, Massachusetts, in January 1993. One of four that visited Cape Cod this winter. Photograph/Roger S. Everett.



Black-legged Kittiwake (in first-winter plumage) at Sardis Lake, Mississippi, December 26, 1992. Surprisingly, kittiwakes have been found in this area for four consecutive winters. Photograph/Jon L. Dunn.



It was an exceptional winter for western birds straying east. This Green-tailed Towhee, the fourth for Ohio, was photographed at Lorain January 11, 1993. Photograph/Bruce Glick.



In New York City, anything is possible. This Spotted Redshank was discovered in Brooklyn December 6, 1992, and stayed throughout the season. It furnished a first state record and perhaps the first record of overwintering for North America. Photograph/Shawneen E. Finnegan.



The vast majority of the Eurasian Wigeons recorded on this continent are males; but females, similar though they are to American Wigeons, can be detected by the careful observer. This bird was at St. John's, Newfoundland, on February 27, 1993. Photograph/Bruce Mactavish.



The old Colorado record of Long-billed Thrasher, from 1906, had always seemed like a fluke that would never be repeated. But the state had its second record this season, with this bird at Chatfield State Park near Denver from January 4 to February 13, 1993. Photograph/Hugh E. Kingery.



Pushing the limits for its species was this Northern Mockingbird that managed to survive the winter of 1992-1993 as far north as Anchorage, Alaska. Photograph/R. L. Scher.



Yellow-billed Loon (in first-winter plumage) at Santa Barbara, California, December 11, 1992. Photograph/Arthur Morris.



Inca Dove at Mandan, North Dakota, on December 22, 1992. A first for the state, this southern dove arrived in November and survived temperatures down to twenty below zero before it was last seen December 24. Photograph/Gordon Berkey.



Apparent hybrid Laughing X Ring-billed Gull (in adult winter plumage) at Ocean City, Maryland, December 28, 1992. Quite likely the same bird photographed here in first-winter plumage two years ago [see *American Birds* 45 (2): 338, Summer 1991]. Photograph/Michael O'Brien.



This Broad-billed Hummingbird visited feeders in Sinton, Texas, from fall 1992 to February 1993, a total of 99 days, the longest stay yet for any of the 13 state records. Photograph/Greg W. Lasley.



Far to the north of normal winter haunts was this Northern Oriole at Baie-Comeau, Quebec, December 6, 1992. The bird remained as late as December 22. Photograph/Gilbert Bouchard.



Record numbers of Masked Ducks moved north into Texas this season. This one was at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge on December 26, 1992. Photograph/Jim and Pat Culbertson.



Pine Warbler at Boulder, Colorado, on December 15, 1992. One of two that wintered here, well west of the normal range. Photograph/David Leatherman.



Western Washington and Oregon hosted a number of wintering species that ordinarily go much farther south. They included this Western Tanager present in King County, Washington, all winter. Photograph/Nancy Morningstar.



Dusky-capped Flycatcher at Pacific Grove, California, on December 30, 1992. One of several that showed up in northern California during the fall and winter. Photograph/Don Roberson.



A first for Arizona was this male Tufted Duck, which remained in Mesa for much of January and February 1993. Photograph/Roy Jones.