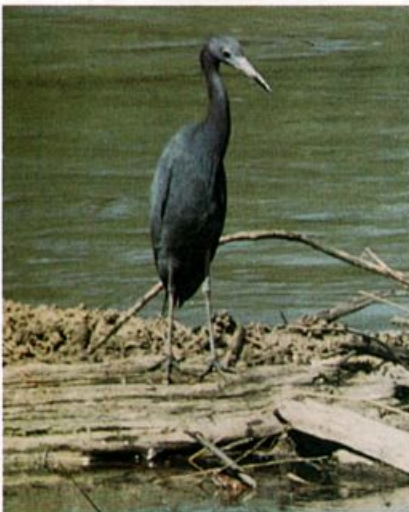




The upper end of Guadalupe Canyon is one of New Mexico's best spots for birds of tropical affinities. The canyon paid off with the state's first Berylline Hummingbird on May 25, 1993. Photograph/Narca Moore-Craig.



Wilson's Plover at Tawas Point State Park, Michigan, on May 2, 1993. Rare in the north and rare away from salt water, it furnished a first state record. Photograph/Myles Willard.



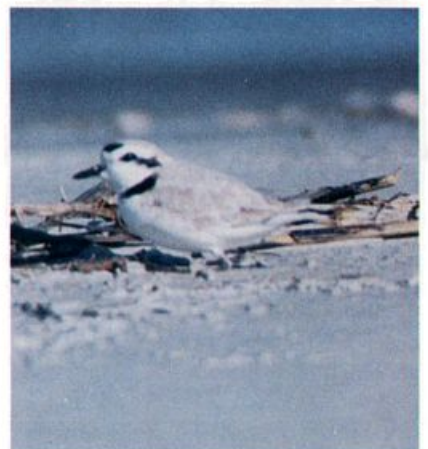
Little Blue Heron is very rare in the Prairie Provinces. This adult was at Lumsden, Saskatchewan, May 10, 1993. Photograph/Keith Barr.



Black-backed Wagtail, a coastal Asian bird, is a very rare vagrant to our Pacific Coast. This one furnished a third record for Washington at Point No Point on May 5, 1993. Photograph/George Gerdtz.



Far from its usual southwestern haunts, this Virginia's Warbler provided a first record for Michigan when it was captured by a banding operation near Dearborn on May 13, 1993. Photograph/Mike Harhold.



Snowy Plover at Sapelo Island, Georgia, on April 17, 1993. First state record. Photograph/Richard Ellenberg.

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Spring 1993



A first ever for Point Pelee and only the fourth for Ontario, this Rock Wren was enjoyed by many observers during its stay from May 1 to May 6, 1993. Photograph/Alan Wormington.



Adult Yellow-nosed Albatross over the traffic circle in Moncton, New Brunswick—hardly the expected milieu for a rare vagrant seabird—on May 24, 1993. Photograph/Stuart Tingley.



Black-necked Stilt at Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area, West Virginia, on May 15, 1993. First state record. Photograph/Wendell Argabrite.



This downy young Common Snipe found with its parents May 17, 1993, in Orange County, Indiana, representing the first confirmed state nesting record in almost 60 years. Photograph/J. S. Castrale.



Kirtland's Warbler (apparently a first-year male) at Point Pelee, Ontario, on May 9, 1993. This endangered species is very rarely detected on migration. Photograph/James N. Flynn.



Colorado's first Red-faced Warbler stayed for only one day, but was still enjoyed by dozens of observers on May 3, 1993, at Wheat Ridge. Photograph/Dean F. Hill.



Great-tailed Grackle has been expanding its range northward in the interior of the continent. This male provided a first fully confirmed record for Minnesota on April 10, 1993, in Rice County. Photograph/Warren Nelson/VIREO.



La Sagra's Flycatcher at Dry Tortugas, Florida, on May 2, 1993. Florida had about a dozen previous records of this Caribbean species, mostly from the south-east coast or upper Keys. Photograph/Kevin T. Karlson.



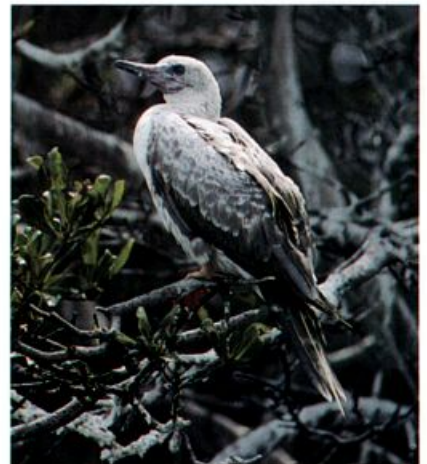
This adult **Arctic Tern** found near Joliet on May 27, 1993, furnished only the second record for Illinois. Photograph/Joe B. Milosevich.



Varied Thrush is a fairly regular vagrant from the west to eastern regions, but most occurrences are in late fall or winter, not spring. This female Varied Thrush appeared in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in March 1993. Photograph/Claudia Brown.



Although the **Ruff** is a very rare migrant in the mid-South, it has turned up a number of times recently at Ensley Bottoms, Shelby County, Tennessee. This female was there on May 9, 1993. Photograph/Jeff R. Wilson.



A crowd-pleaser was this **Red-footed Booby** that spent more than a month around the Dry Tortugas, Florida, where this photo was taken May 2, 1993. Most previous Florida records of this tropical seabird have involved brown-morph individuals. Photograph/Kevin T. Karlson.



Identification of vagrant cuckoos in Alaska is often extremely difficult. This gray-morph Common Cuckoo at Attu on June 5, 1993, allowed exceptionally good views; the pure white undertail-coverts (with no trace of buff) ruled out the possibility of Oriental Cuckoo. Photograph/Monte M. Taylor.



In recent years we have come to expect a few records of Garganey every spring. This male, the second ever for Montana, was at Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge in May 1993. Photograph/Charles Carlson.



That great Wyoming vagrant trap, the Fontenelle Dam area, came through again with this male Vermilion Flycatcher on May 22, 1993, providing a second state record. Photograph/Janis Steenberg.



Nest of Wilson's Phalarope at Bob Brown State Wildlife Area, Missouri, on May 22, 1993. This was the first known Missouri nesting in this century. Photograph/David A. Easterla.



This Groove-billed Ani photographed May 28, 1993, in Goleta, California, furnished a first record for heavily-birded Santa Barbara County, but it was thought to have arrived in the influx of the preceding fall. Photograph/Don Desjardin.



Following close on the heels of the first United States record, and setting a new standard for oddity of location, was this Tufted Flycatcher at a roadside rest stop along Interstate 10 in western Texas on April 4, 1993. Photograph/Kelly B. Bryan.