

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Summer 1993



A high population of meadow voles contributed to a good season for owls in Newfoundland. This juvenile Northern Hawk Owl was one of five that had just fledged from a nest near Deer Lake, Newfoundland, on July 31, 1993. Photograph/Bruce Mactavish.

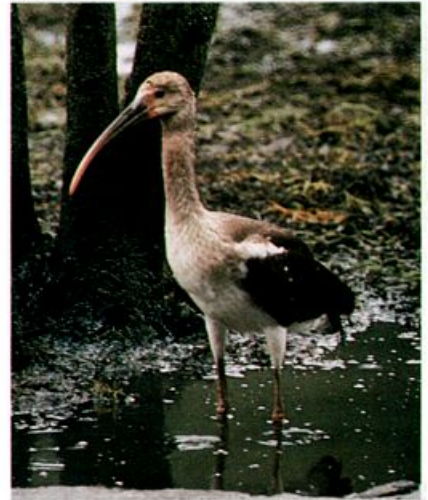


White-eared Hummingbirds made news in New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas this season. This bird was one of two (or more) visiting a feeder north of Silver City, New Mexico, on July 27, 1993. Photograph/Dale and Marian Zimmerman.



The first Whiskered Tern for North America provided a highlight for observers in New Jersey and then in Delaware during July and August 1993. This portrait was taken at Pickering Beach, Delaware, on August 13, 1993. Photograph/David Stimac.

A big northward movement of White Ibises made news in the middle Atlantic states, with some individuals wandering even farther afield. This immature was at McCintic Wildlife Management Area, West Virginia, on July 13, 1993. Photograph/Wendell Argabrite.



Adult Bahama Mockingbird feeding a young mockingbird at Key West, Florida, on June 17, 1993. The fledgling was thought by some to be a Northern Mockingbird, but its field marks in this photo do not rule out the possibility of a Northern x Bahama hybrid. Photograph/Steve Metz.



Sooty Tern is a scarce visitor in South Carolina. This adult was on Bird Key, near Charleston, on July 1, 1993. Photograph/R. F. Daves.



Quite surprising was the occurrence of several rails of the King/Clapper type at Lake Balmorhea in western Texas on July 2, 1993. The birds appeared to be King Rails, but separation of King from various reddish Mexican and western forms of Clapper is still poorly understood. Photograph/Greg W. Lasley.



In the Davis Mountains of western Texas, a feeder that hosted multiple White-eared Hummingbirds also attracted a remarkable 15 Magnificent Hummingbirds, including this young male, on July 1, 1993. Photograph/Greg W. Lasley.



Ring-billed Gull populations in the vicinity of the Great Lakes continue to expand. Nesting was documented at new sites in Illinois, including Grundy County, where this adult was photographed at its nest April 23, 1993. Photograph/Joe B. Milosevich.



Adult female Red Phalarope at Grand Forks, North Dakota, June 3, 1993. Seventh state record. Photograph/Eve Freeberg.



One shorebird that seems to be doing well is Black-necked Stilt. No fewer than four different states noted their first nesting records for the species during the season. This adult female was sitting on a nest in Garfield County, Oklahoma, on July 8, 1993. Photograph/Mitchell Oliphant.



Blackpoll Warblers occur regularly on the California coast in fall, but a singing male inland at Davis on June 18, 1993, was exceptional. Photograph/Judy Whitcombe.



Mongolian Plover at Esquimalt Lagoon, Vancouver Island, on July 28, 1993. Second record for British Columbia. Photograph/Tim Zurowski.



Eastern Kingbirds in Arizona occur mainly in the northern part of the state. This one was a rare visitor near the Mexican border at San Bernardino Ranch on June 27, 1993. Photograph/Arnold Moorhouse and Doug Danforth.



Part of the group of nine Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks that appeared June 17, 1993, at Blezard Valley, Ontario, providing a first record for the province. Photograph/Charlie Whitelaw.



The nesting range of Hooded Warbler is gradually extending northward. This nest found June 30, 1993, represented the first known breeding for Will County, Illinois. Photograph/Joe B. Milosevich.



Baikal Teal is declining in its native range in Asia, and recent North American records have been very few. This male (photographed July 6, 1993) spent five weeks at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, establishing only the third record for the North Slope. Photograph/Kevin T. Karlson.



Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were confirmed nesting this season in the vicinity of Prince George, British Columbia, a new westward extension. This adult (in faded plumage of mid-summer) was photographed near the nest site on July 20, 1993. Photograph/Jack Bowling.