

one Scarlet-fronted (TBr). All have been reported previously from *Dade*, but they serve as a reminder that monitoring of exotic species is necessary. Mangrove Cuckoos were found and nesting suspected at Little Cockroach Bay June 6 (RP); Weedon I., July 10 (LH, JH); and Honeymoon I. throughout the period (DG). A **Schalow's Turaco** (*Turaco schalowi*) has been present in Plantation, *Broward* since August 1992; it was apparently liberated by hurricane *Andrew*. This is the first report of the species in Florida (GR; *vide* BP). Four Short-eared Owls of an Antillean race were found in the Dry Tortugas June 8 (BR). Defying explanation was the pair of **Wreathed Hornbills** (*Aceros undulatus*) discovered on Manasota Key, *Sarasota*, in early May, and remaining for 2 weeks. The birds fed on berries of a large Cuban laurel and roosted every evening in a *Casuarina* (J. Kixmiller; ph. T. Sabatelli). This is the first record of the species in Florida (*vide* BP).

A Belted Kingfisher at Rookery Bay June 14 was the first sighting ever for the month there (BA), and the earliest of the season. Four Hairy Woodpecker broods fledged at A.B.S. between April 27–June 12 (BP), good, if local, news for this vanishing species. Eight pairs of Gray Kingbirds were found June 11 at Honeymoon I., down from the usual 12–14 (DG). A Gray Catbird in song at Alachua June 27 was near the s. edge of breeding range (MM, JHi, RR). The Bahama Mockingbird present in Key West since June 1991 was last seen July 10. This was a particularly interesting year, since for the first time the bird was clearly paired and participating in the feeding of a brood. It was seen July 3 feeding a large fledgling that appeared to be a hybrid. Further observation of the female parent suggested that she was, too! Other mockingbirds in Key West exhibit unusual tail and wing plumage patterns, suggesting that this or other immigrant Bahama Mockers have been contributing to the local gene pool for some time (JO).

Vireos to Whydahs

Two Black-whiskered Vireos singing at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. may have represented the entire Tampa Bay area population (DG). More heartening was the June 4 count of 24 on Sugarloaf Key (TBr). A breeding-plumaged ♂ Chestnut-sided Warbler present in a Gainesville yard June 20 and July 2 & 24 (CR, IF) furnished the first July report of the species for the state (*vide* BP). Seventeen singing ♂ Prairie Warblers at Honeymoon I., June 18 was the season's high, and an excellent count (DG). One–two singing Swainson's Warblers were found July 18 at Steinhatchee Springs W.M.A., in the same area where they had

been found last year; ≤five had also been seen in May. Breeding is likely (BM, HA, JHi, JK). Among migrants, a lingering Am. Redstart was found in St. Petersburg June 1 (RS, LS), while early fall arrivals included a Prairie at A.P.A.F.R., July 6 (JA), a redstart near Dunnellon July 17 (RS, LS), a Worm-eating at Wakulla Beach July 31 (NW), and an Ovenbird at Saddle Cr. Park July 31 (PF).

A Blue Grosbeak singing at D.W.P., July 17 was at the s. edge of the breeding range (PF), while a well-studied White-throated Sparrow at Tamarac June 6 was a rare find indeed (JB). Single Shiny Cowbirds were found in Tallahassee June 7 (DE, LM), Cedar Key July 8 (DH), and at Alligator Pt. throughout the period (JD). None were reported from the Keys (WH). Six Brown-headed Cowbirds, including three juveniles, were seen at A.B.S., July 3 (GW), and a flock of 1000 was found at Four Corners Mine July 16 (PF). Male House Finches were observed singing at 4 locations in Gainesville, but nesting has not been confirmed (BM). "Yearlings" were reported from Lake City, though, raising the possibility there (*vide* JK). The state's second **Pin-tailed Whydah** (*Vidua macroura*) was found at Ormond Beach June 6–7 (SR, CL, GK et al.).

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For the first summer in several, the entire province experienced what would be described as seasonable temperatures, if somewhat warmer than normal in June. The fluctuations from normal occurred with precipitation, and these were local in nature. Consequently, weather likely did not adversely affect breeding success.

Indeed, several reporters suggested that a lack of early fall migrants may have been a result of excellent conditions holding birds in the north. However, preliminary reports from monitoring studies in the north suggested a general lack of passerines, reflecting a generally poor spring passage. Reasons for this are unclear but may be related to last winter's sustained drought in the Caribbean and abnormally cold May temperatures in the northeast.

Rarities during the period included at least two Brown Pelicans, circulating widely through the province, a Crested Caracara, and a Cassin's Finch. These and all other rarities mentioned in this report are subject to the approval of the Ontario Bird Records Committee.

Abbreviations: Pelee (*Pt. Pelee Nat'l Park and vicinity*); P.E.Pt. (*Prince Edward Pt.*), L.P.B.O. (*Long Pt. Bird Observatory*), O.B.R.C. (*Ontario Bird Records Committee*), Algonquin, Presqu'île, and Rondeau are Provincial Parks.

Loons to Herons

Immature Com. Loons often summer on the Great Lakes, but Red-throated much more rarely; so two alternate-plumaged adults of the latter species, one along the L. Ontario shore off Whitby June 1–July 9 (m.ob.) and another off St. Catharines July 27 (MEH), were noteworthy. Red-necked Grebes on L. Ontario numbered 20 off Burlington July 6 (RD) and 32 off Mississauga July 12 (DP). The first nest at Burlington since the 1940s was found July 25 (RD) Single Am. White Pelicans at Hillman Marsh, *Essex* June 2–3 (IH, m.ob.) and Echo Bay *Algonia* June 15 (CS) added to an increasing number of sightings away from traditional breeding areas. Two birds were at Timmins most of June (RM).

SA At least two, possibly more, Brown Pelicans piqued the interest of birders and various media through most of the period. The bird at Port Dover in late May lingered until June 3 (m.ob.). It then moved to w. L. Erie and spent a few days at Michigan's Pt. Mouillee. From there it may have wandered N to been seen on several occasions in the Parry Sound area July 2-16 (fide JNi). A second bird was observed at Timmins on the same lake as the above mentioned White Pelicans June 16 (†BR, WCh). The next sighting, possibly the Timmins bird, occurred well to the south at Algonquin July 10 (DC, LB). It moved to L. Kamaniskeg Hastings July 11 (RT). The odyssey continued to Sharbot L., Frontenac July 13 (fide LN); Devil L., Frontenac July 15-16 (VS *et al.*); and finally Newboro L.-Rideau Canal, Leeds Grenville July 17-24 (v.o.). Previously, there was only one confirmed sighting for the province.

While a Great Egret at Peterborough July 31 (BW *et al.*) was noteworthy, one just s. of Thunder Bay June 1 (LS) furnished one of very few records for n. Ontario. Four Snowy Egret sightings probably represented 3 individuals, a good summer's total. Singles were at Dorland, Frontenac June 1 (M&JE); Grey Islands, Muskoka June 3 (EM, MH); and Rattray Marsh, Peel July 26 (DP), moving to Toronto's Leslie St. Spit July 27-31 (GS, m.ob.). Little Blue Herons staged a equally strong showing with singles, all immatures, at Hillman Marsh (RHB) and near Cambridge (WW, v.o.) both July 19, and Smithville July 27-31 (RC, m.ob.). A lone Tricolored flew off the tip of Long Pt., June 1 (PP, PS). The only Cattle Egret was at Brighton June 6 (SH), possibly the same bird there in early May. A Green Heron at Britt July 3 (MK) was near the n. limit of the species' range in the province, as were two Black-crowned Night-Herons at Killbear P.P., Parry Sound June 22 (JNi), and a pair that spent the entire period at Sault Ste. Marie (SR).

Waterfowl to Raptors

Mute Swans continued their slow northward spread with Algonquin's 2nd record July 2 (m.ob.) and one well n. at New Liskeard June 4 (LT). A Brant at Cranberry Marsh, Durham June 11 (RT) showed *nigricans* characteristics. "Western" ducks breeding in s. Ontario included a ♀ N. Pintail with young at Hamilton June 26 (KM); N. Shoveler families at Hamilton June 11 (AE), Mud L., Niagara July 12 (BF, KR), and



American White Pelican at Hillman Marsh, Ontario, June 2, 1994. Fifth record for the Point Pelee area. Photograph/Alan Wormington.

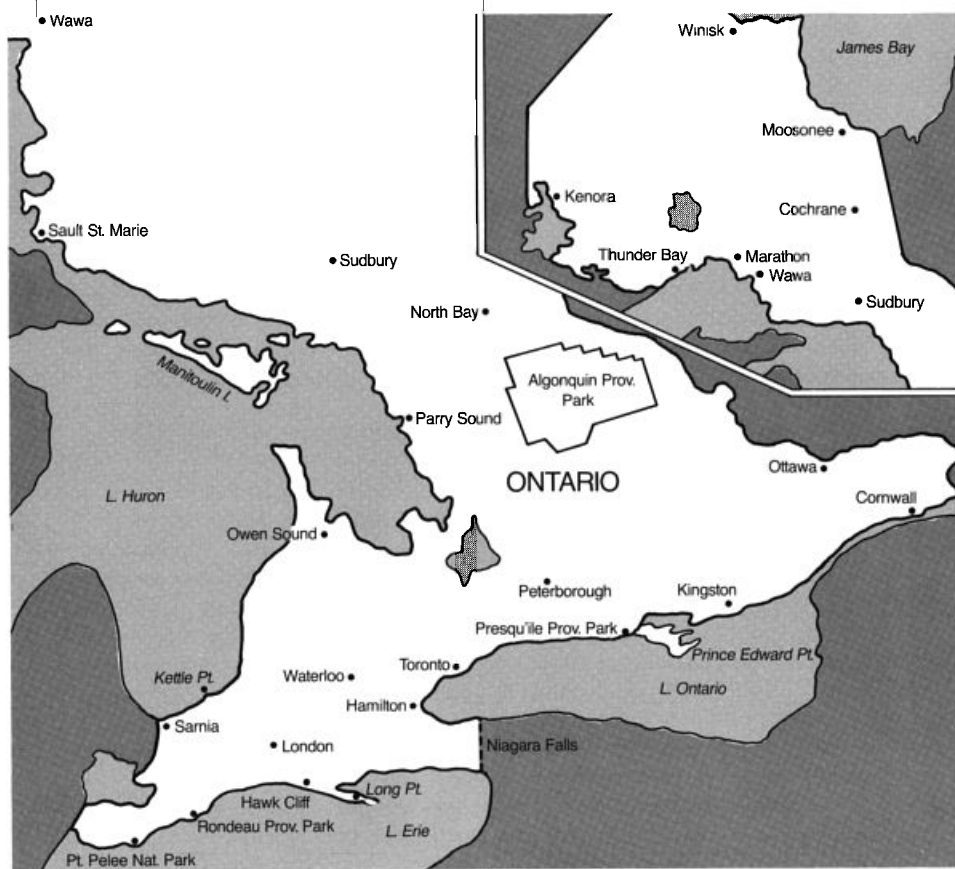
Warton July 23 (SG); and Gadwalls at Sudbury July 14 (JN) and Tavistock July 18 (JMH). A ♂ Eur. Wigeon at Wawa June 3 (CS) provided one of few n. Ontario records. Another was found at Cranberry Marsh June 10 (JMS, m.ob.). A late Canvasback at Thunder Bay June 1 (JHA) was unusual for that region. One at Presqu'ile June 11 (MT, J&JT) was record late there, while another at Bath July 2 (RW, KH) may have summered. A pair of Redheads at the Calabogie Rd. marsh, Algoma July 18 (TW) would furnish a very rare breeding record there. The pair of Harlequin Ducks at Sault Ste. Marie was last seen June 5 (EC), while the male at Presqu'ile remained until July 5 (MT,SL). A ♀ Com. Goldeneye with 11

young at Gananoque July 10 (CG) provided the province's most southerly breeding record in recent memory.

Sightings of imm. Bald Eagles were widely scattered. Established pairs in s. Ontario enjoyed reasonable breeding success. Of 4 nests at Long Pt., one was at a new mainland location (fide GR). Red-shouldered Hawks, n. of range, included singles at Copper Cliff June 18 (JN) and Misery Bay, Manitoulin June 26 (MHo, NI). In such a heavily deforested area, a Broad-winged Hawk at Norwich June 5 (JMH) was notable. The sighting of the season was a brief but convincing view of a Crested Caracara on Pelee Is., July 6 (PC *et al.*). If accepted by the O.B.R.C., this would provide Ontario's 2nd record, the first occurring July 18, 1892.

Turkey to Terns

Wild Turkeys continued to thrive in the province and expand north. A hen with 18 eggs at Coote's Paradise June 23 (JA) provided Hamilton's first breeding record, while a lone bird was north to Clear L., Peterborough June 15 (JC). Calling Yellow Rails numbered 10 birds at the Richmond Fen, Ottawa Carleton June 10 (LN), the highest number since 1977. Sandhill Cranes in new areas included a territorial pair near Sundridge July 1-31 (SO) and a pair near Buckhorn July 13 (PB). Migrant shorebirds provided a good deal of interest during the



summer season. Sightings of note included a late northbound Black-bellied Plover at Kettle Pt., June 24 (AR) and two early southbound Piping Plovers, one at Kettle Pt., July 15 (AR) and another at Pelee July 23 (MBe). Single Am. Avocets were seen at Blenheim July 19–26 (JW *et al.*) and Kettle Pt., July 25 (AR). A territorial pair of Greater Yellowlegs performing distraction displays near Upsala June 7 (AH) were s. of the usual breeding range. The last Willet of the spring was at Bright's Grove June 1 (RTy), while two at Kettle Pt., July 5 (AR) were the first southbound migrants. Late northbound Whimbrel included singles at Erie Beach June 8 (KB, RR) and Hillman Marsh June 9 (AW). Three at Sudbury June 2 (CB) were quite rare there.

Up to 15 Marbled Godwits appeared to be utilizing the Rainy R. sewage lagoons as a central feeding area June 6 (DE *et al.*), dispersing to suspected breeding territories in the vicinity. This was confirmed later the same day when two adults with four downy young were seen crossing a nearby side road. This is the first confirmed breeding record for Ontario. Single W. Sandpipers involved a record early bird at Tavistock July 5 (JMH), plus others at Nonquon, *Durham* July 16 (MB) and Hamilton July 20–22 (RD). Twelve and eight White-rumped Sandpipers at Hillman Marsh June 5 (AW) and Tavistock June 1 (JMH) respectively were good spring counts. Baird's Sandpiper reports included very early individuals at Maple July 7 (GB), and Darlington P.P., *Durham* (MM, RPy) and Morven (RDW), both July 9. A Dunlin at Hamilton July 31 (†RC, WC *et al.*) was believed to be the *arctica* subspecies, extremely rare in North America. A Curlew Sandpiper at Grand Bend July 24–26 (AM *et al.*) provided the 3rd sighting there this year. Up to 33 pairs of Wilson's Phalaropes in *Russell*, all at sewage lagoons, represented well-above average breeding numbers there (BD).

An ad. Pomarine Jaeger sitting obligingly on Long Pt. P.P. beach June 5 (L.P.B.O.) allowed detailed observation at minimum binocular focus for several hours. Late spring/early summer Laughing Gulls included imm. birds at Ottawa June 9 (BD) and Long Pt. bay July 1 (RS) and an adult at Cranberry Marsh June 9 (RP, JI). In the east, lone Franklin's Gulls, both adults, were at Pelee June 1 (TH) and Kingston July 27, (RDW) while in the west, 20 adults at Windy Pt., L. of the Woods, *Rainy River* July 13 (AW) were part of the annual post-breeding dispersal from nearby breeding areas. Eleven Little Gulls at Cranberry Marsh July 12 (PH) and eight at Cobourg July 30 (J&GCo) were appar-



ently all non-breeders. The lone Com. Black-headed Gull was a first-summer bird at Pelee July 13 (TH). Three juv. Bonaparte's at Pelee July 26 (AW, LM) were record-early autumn arrivals. Individual Lesser Black-backed Gulls were at Blenheim in early June (KB), Maple July 7 (GB), and Toronto July 30 (PSS). Two Glaucous Gulls at Long Pt. until June 7 (L.P.B.O.) furnished only the 2nd June record there. Common Terns enjoyed widespread breeding success with 150 nests at L. St. Joseph, *Thunder Bay* June 21 (NE, *u.o.*), 146 nests at Presqu'île June 24 (MT), 500 birds at Toronto July 24 (RY), and 434 juveniles at Whitby Harbour July 26 (MB). From June 5–9, 19 Arctic Terns migrated past Ottawa heading NE along the Ottawa R. (BD).

Owls to Shrikes

Rarely documented in the province, two young Boreal Owls were observed at a nest at Savant L., *Thunder Bay* June 18 (GW). A singing ♂ Saw-whet Owl at Presqu'île June 13 (CC) furnished that park's first summer record. Manitoulin's resident Chuck-will's-widow sang until at least June 30 (WB *et al.*). A possible Black-chinned Hummingbird at Koshlong L., *Haliburton* July 2–3 (m.ob.) was the subject of great controversy between 2 sharply divided camps; most views of the bird were unsatisfactory for conclusive elimination of Ruby-throated. Videotape taken of the bird will be key to the decision made by the O.B.R.C. Not so difficult was the ♂

Adult Pomarine Jaeger on the beach at Long Point, Ontario, June 5, 1994. In this close view, the Pomarine is easily identified by the broad central tail feathers, large bill, and extensive black in the malar area.
Photograph/R. Boardman.

Rufous at Lappe July 21–30 (AC *et al.*). A Red-bellied Woodpecker at Sault Ste. Marie June 11 (EC) was the most recent extension of a continuing northward expansion of this species, while a Black-backed nest at Perth June 17 (RN) was near the s. limit of that species' breeding range.

Territorial Acadian Flycatchers were at Dundas June 11+ (BDu), Pelee June 15–early July (TH), Washington, *Oxford* June 18 (JMH), and five singing males were found in woodlots in *Norfolk* during the season (MG). Late spring W. Kingbirds were seen at Long Pt., June 2 (FJ, NEI) and near Rossmore June 10 (MR). A record-late spring migrant Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was seen flying N from the tip of Pelee June 19 (AW). The last five migrant Blue Jays passed Pelee quite late June 16 (AW). A Com. Raven seen carrying food at Palgrave June 4 (GC) was most intriguing so far south of range. A Tufted Titmouse at Presqu'île June 13 (SL) was a rare summer sighting there. A singing ♂ House Wren near Marathon June 26 (NE) was considered quite unusual. Two separate territorial Sedge Wrens at Pelee May 23–July 27 and July 19–29 (AW) furnished the first summer records there since 1982, while Long

Pt. had a population explosion with ≤ 15 pairs in 3 separate colonies where there had been none in 1993 (L.P.B.O.).

The last northbound Swainson's Thrush was quite late at Pelee June 16 (AW) and less than one month later, a record-early fall migrant was seen there July 13 (TH). Northern Mockingbirds continued their push N with 3 nests in Ottawa (BD), a bird at Sudbury July 18 (JN), and one at Atikokan June 21–25 (TN, DG *et al.*). From all reports, Loggerhead Shrikes barely held their own at traditional sites, with several old territories abandoned and some new sites established. Breeding success was mixed with several young birds found dead. The first southbound migrant was at Rondeau July 27 (RR).

Vireos to Finches

Three separate White-eyed Vireos in *Bruce*, surprising that far north, included one each at Kincardine (AM) and St. Edmunds Twp., June 13 (DK, MW), and Dorcas Bay June 23 (MRu). Golden-winged Warblers appear to be hanging on in the Kingston area, with only two Blue-winged reported from one site (RDW). A ♂ "Lawrence's" Warbler could be found on territory throughout the period in *Halton's* Turner Tract (m.ob.). A territorial ♂ Tennessee Warbler was found s. of range at Duoro Twp., *Peterborough* July 8–13 (TD). With patchy distribution in the south, a singing ♂ Nashville Warbler in the Great Ben Wall Swamp, *Oxford* June 26 (JMH) was unusual for the county, though perhaps not totally unexpected. Seven Yellow Warblers flying S off Pelee June 15 (AW) were record early fall migrants, while a ♀ Chestnut-sided there the next day and a Blackburnian June 19 were considered record-late spring migrants (AW).

Most surprising was a Cape May Warbler that maintained a territory far south of range throughout June at Beachville (JMH). Yellow-throated Warblers left from the spring migration involved one at Sarnia June 20 (DH) and a territorial male at London June 8–15 (BL, PR). There is no breeding record for Ontario as yet. A Pine Warbler at Dorland, *Oxford* June 15 (JMH) was likely a post-breeding visitor or a young male in search of suitable habitat. A singing ♂ Cerulean Warbler at Windfall L., *Manitoulin* from mid-June–July 10 (DB) was a surprise that far north. The species held its own in many traditional breeding areas, with the only low note in *Oxford*, where only one male returned to an area that until quite recently held at least five (JMH). A late Black-and-white Warbler at Pelee June 19 was categorized as a post-spring visitor (AW). No ad-

mission was charged. Twenty singing ♂ N. Waterthrushes at the Great Ben Wall Swamp June 26 were considered a good total for one site in a virtually deforested county (JMH). A Louisiana was well north at Bethany June 1 (PB, DBr). Hooded Warblers did well throughout the southwest. Pelee had its first ever summering bird into July (WL, AW); two males held territory through the period at Dundas (RC *et al.*); one was found at S. Norwich June 5 (JMH), a new *Oxford* site; and several new sites were discovered in *Norfolk* (MG). The last Wilson's at Pelee was a record-late spring migrant June 14 (AW).

A ♂ Dickcissel made a brief surprise visit to a yard near Port Bruce June 6 (RK) and one at Pelee the same day was record late there (AW). Less than a month later, one heading S off Pelee's tip July 13 (TH) was a record-early fall migrant. An Am. Tree Sparrow at *Presqu'île* June 5 (J&JT) was a record-late migrant there and one of the latest ever recorded in the south. The last Grasshopper Sparrow at Pelee was another record-late migrant June 14 (AW). One singing throughout June at Blezard Valley (JL) was at the n. limit of the species' range. A small colony of LeConte's Sparrows found near Burk's Falls July 20 (AMi) was in keeping with the species' sporadic distribution in e. Ontario. A Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Bowmanville June 10 (BH) was a record-late spring migrant. Single W. Meadowlarks were observed in the south at Newcastle June 15–July 17 (EA, m.ob.); w. of Strathroy June 19 (PR, IP); and near Wolsley, *Middlesex* July 5–19 (DM). Three Rusty Blackbirds near Sydenham July 2 (RW, KH) were difficult to assess and would represent a substantial southward range extension if regarded as breeding. While common along the Sault Ste. Marie to North Bay corridor, Brewer's Blackbirds began to push S of L. Nipissing with a pair s. of North Bay July 1 (SO), 5 pairs at Powasson June 7 (WC), and another pair s. to Sundridge June 30 (SO). Orchard Orioles had a good season with sightings scattered across the southwest. An estimated 70 pairs bred at Pelee (AW). A N. Oriole at Matachewan June 29 (LT) pushed the n. limit of that species' range. A singing ♂ Cassin's Finch at Pelee June 1 (†TH) furnished that park's first record and Ontario's second. House Finches continued the move N, with Algonquin's first summer record June 29 (DT), four birds at Rainy R., July 14 (RC, AW, WL), and one at Fort Frances July 15 (RC, WL). Crossbill numbers (particularly Reds) built steadily across the north during July in response to a massive cone crop. Six birds pushed as far south as Palgrave July 30 (GB).

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