

and the last observed May 28 at Fargo was the latest ever for North Dakota (RHO). Unusual in spring, two Varied Thrushes were in the Chester, MT area April 2–5 (HM). Latest ever by 5 days was a N. Shrike Apr. 29 in Mercer, ND (GGB).

Vireos to Warblers

The bulk of the vireo migration occurred in late May in North Dakota, and most warbler species peaked about a week later than average. Cape May Warblers were noted May 6–29 in North Dakota and a new high of nine was recorded at Grand Forks May 11 (EEF). Yellow-rumpeds peaked at 800 in Grand Forks during the fallout May 13, and on the same day North Dakota's first record of the yellow e. race Palm Warbler was established at Upper Souris N.W.R. (GGB). The 4th record for Louisiana Waterthrush was furnished by a single at Minot May 7 (REM, ph GGB). In Union, SD, a Blue-winged Warbler was observed May 24 (DS), and one of the 8 Golden-winged sightings included a single w. of the Missouri R. at LaCreek N.W.R., May 17 (DS, SVS, KD). Other rare South Dakota migrants included a Prothonotary May 19 in Lake (JSP, ph.), a Hooded May 15 in Brown (DAT, DGP, AH), and a Pine Warbler May 9 in Union (DS). In Montana, Nordhagen reported a Magnolia Warbler May 27 and single Mournings May 28 & 29.

Tanagers to Siskin

Underscoring the lateness of many migrants was the Scarlet Tanager in Grand Forks May 31, the only one reported in North Dakota. A Scarlet Tanager near Westby May 21 provided about the 7th record for Montana (TN). Western Tanagers made a good showing in North Dakota, with one May 22–25 at Devil's L. (ECA), and one near Minot May 25 (LDI). Several North Dakota observers noted unusual numbers of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks at feeders during the cool May weather. A Lazuli Bunting in Lake, SD May 24 was well to the e. of their range (RGR). Good numbers of Baird's Sparrows were reported from the Medicine L. and Chester areas of Montana (MR, HM). With the wet conditions Lark Buntings were again very low over most of the Dakotas.

Extraordinary were three Golden-crowned Sparrow reports, one from each state. South Dakota's first ever was furnished by an adult May 10 in Madison, Lake (RB, JS, et al.). North Dakota's 3rd record was documented at Clark Salyer N.W.R., May 16 (GAE). In Montana, the 6th record was provided by a single May 7 & 8 in Billings (SM, HC, DL). A "White-winged" Dark-eyed Junco was banded in Bismarck, ND Apr. 15 (RNR). North Dakota's 13th record

for E. Meadowlark was provided by a singing male May 7–June 11 near Hope (DLK). South Dakota had 2 Great-tailed Grackle reports, the 2nd and 3rd for the state. A single was in Charles Mix Apr. 6 (SVS), and four males and one female were in Clay, May 24–28 (JS, DS, J SP). Unusual numbers of N. Orioles were noted eating oranges at feeders during the cool May in North Dakota, and at one feeder they were observed eating sunflower seeds. Only 2 Com. Redpoll observations were received, but the species was late April 25 in Meade, SD (EEM). An estimated 300 Pine Siskins were feeding on dandelion seeds in Westby May 26.

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Southern Great Plains Region

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The season was marked by being very warm early, and cooler and wetter than normal later. In late April and early May cold fronts moved through the Region almost on a weekly basis, retarding migration. Rosche commented on the late-season snows in western Nebraska. There were record rain falls in some areas, most notably Kansas City, which received 12.75 inches during May. Temperatures across the Region were below average in late April and May. This led to an unusual mix of exceptionally early migration by early season birds, and exceptionally late departures and arrivals of some later-season migrants. Most individuals commented on the wealth of warblers species. Although most birders did not see them, this season produced a healthy collection of extralimital firsts.

Abbreviations: Crescent Lake (Crescent Lake N.W.R., Garden Co., NE), Fontenelle Forest (Fontenelle Forest, Sarpy Co., NE), Hefner (Lake Hefner, Oklahoma Co., OK), McConaughy (Lake McConaughy, Keith Co., NE), North Platte (North Platte N.W.R., Scotts Bluff Co., NE), Quivira (Quivira N.W.R., Stafford Co., KS)

Loons to Waterfowl

Common Loons were reported into late May in Dawes, NE (RCR, DJR), Deuel and Kimball, NE (BP, LP), and Rooks (MZ), Trego (SS), and Russell, KS (GN, LW). In Cherokee, OK, 75 were counted Mar. 28 (DV, NV). Three Horned Grebes lingered until May 11 in North Platte (LK, LKM). A exceptional high count of 4500 migrating W. Grebes was noted on McConaughy Apr. 22 (WRS). Western Grebes away from breeding areas included singles at Hefner Apr. 8 (JAG), Lancaster, NE Apr. 30–May 3 (WRS, SJD), and Quivira May 6 (m.ob.). The only Clark's Grebes reported were at Phelps, NE Apr. 19 (SJD) and Keith, NE May 5 (JJ, GJ).

About 3400 Double-crested Cormorants were noted at Lancaster, NE Apr. 27 (SJD). Among the season's early arrivals was an Anhinga Mar. 13 in McCurtain, OK (BH). An eager Snowy Egret made it to Keith, NE by

Apr. 15 (RCR, DJR). Very early for Nebraska was a Great Egret Mar. 10 in *Hall* (LF). Tundra Swans were carefully studied in the company of five migrant Trumpeter Swans in *Douglas*, NE Mar. 17 (JJ). Nesting Trumpeters were reported from Crescent Lake (MF), and several locations in *Cherry*, NE (RCR, NR, IR).

About one million (lots, if you don't believe a million) Snow Geese were estimated in *Fillmore* and *Clay*, NE Mar. 2 (SJD). With the 5000 Ross' Geese scattered among 50,000–60,000 Snow Geese in *Sheridan*, NE Apr. 1 was a collared, dark-morph individual (RCR, DJR) which had been marked at the Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary in 1989 or 1990 (*vide* RKe). Four Am. Black Ducks noted in *Douglas*, KS Mar. 3–5 (DW) were the only ones reported. A Mottled Duck was present at Hefner in late March (MO, JW); this is believed to be the same individual observed the previous year and identified from photographs by the Oklahoma Bird Records Committee. Wood Duck numbers in the w. part of the Region may be slumping from a few years back, but 51 at North Platte May 24 indicated a healthy breeding group (LK). Cinnamon Teal were much more prevalent this spring, with birds observed at 4 localities in w. Nebraska (RCR); 13 were reported from the Rainwater Basin, s.e. Nebraska (*vide* WRS), two in Kansas (PJ), and from 5 localities (six birds at one) in Oklahoma (JAG, NK, PS, JH). Two hybrid Cinnamon X Blue-winged teals were identified in *Sedgwick*, KS Apr. 4 (PJ). Among lingering ducks in *Comanche*, OK were at least 10 Gadwall May 19, one Am. Wigeon May 28,

one–three Ring-necked Ducks until May 21, and a Ruddy Duck May 21 (JAG). No slight find was a ♂ Eurasian Wigeon Mar. 10 in *Morton*, KS (L&RS); this species has been recorded only a few times in the Region, twice in the last 4 years.

Canvasback were noted as late as May 26 in *Sheridan*, NE (NR, IR). The high count for Redhead was 7038 Mar. 15 at North Platte (LK). Ring-necked Ducks lingered to at least May 24 at Crescent Lake (MF). Up to nine Greater Scaup were noted in Tulsa, the latest on the exceptional date of May 12 (JWA); singles were reported from *Hamilton*, NE Mar 19 (JJ) and *Burt*, NE Mar. 12 (JJ), and four were found at *Lancaster*, NE Apr. 16 (JJ).

Among the rarer "sea ducks" was an Oldsquaw in *Douglas*, KS Mar. 29–Apr. 2 (LM); another Apr. 25 at Crescent Lake (LKM) was tardy. Surf Scoters were seen in Tulsa Mar. 19 & 28 (JT, JWA), *Sequoyah*, OK Apr. 22 (BB), *Sumner*, KS May 2 (MT), and *Morton*, KS May 13 (SC, CE). Two ♀ White-winged Scoters were observed Apr. 12 (JJ, NR, IR) and Apr. 21–May 4 at *Douglas*, NE (JJ).

Other lingering waterfowl included two Bufflehead at *Hall*, NE May 25 (BP, LP) and one at North Platte May 28 (LKM). Also late was a Hooded Merganser May 28 in *Sedgwick*, KS (PJ). Common Mergansers dallied in *Douglas*, KS until May 27 (PW). Red-breasted Mergansers were scattered throughout the Region, with a maximum of 25 at *Cedar*, NE Mar. 18 (BFH); a female in *Russell*, KS May 23 (MR) was tardy.

Raptors to Cranes

Bald Eagles nested in North Platte (AK).

Another pair nested along the Arkansas R. in *Tulsa* (JWA). An Osprey Mar. 20 in *Comanche*, OK (JDT *et al.*) was an early arrival. Three N. Goshawks were reported from Kansas during March (*vide* LM). A Red-shouldered Hawk observed Mar. 29 had wandered to Crescent Lake (LKM). Broad-winged Hawks were noted w. at 2 locations in *Scotts Bluff*, NE May 7 & 9 (LKM). The two Harris' Hawks that wintered in *Oklahoma* were last observed Mar. 18 (DE); the one in Tulsa, now rumored to be released by a falconer, was last observed Apr. 7 (MRu). A Golden Eagle Mar. 16 in *McCurtain*, OK (BH) was easterly for the date. Three migrant Peregrines were reported from

Kansas (*vide* LM), at least 14 from Nebraska (*vide* WRS), and others from Oklahoma. Peregrine pairs nested again in Topeka (*vide* LM) and Omaha (*vide* WRS). Adding to almost non-existent data on spring migration of Yellow Rails was the observation of one at Cheyenne Bottoms May 12 (H&DB). One undocumented report of a Black Rail was received from w. Nebraska. Virginia and Sora rails were reported at localities across Nebraska (*vide* WRS). Possibly overwintering were Virginia Rails noted Apr. 7 in *Scotts Bluff*, NE (LKM) and Apr. 15 in *Garden*, NE (RCR, DJR). King Rails were numerous at Quivira May 6 (m.ob.). Other King Rails were observed at *Lancaster-Saunders*, NE May 11 (JG), and *Hall*, NE May 18 (*vide* NR). A group of about 500 Sandhill Cranes occurred in *Dixon*, NE Apr. 2 (JJo), an easterly location for the species. Thirty Sandhill Cranes May 8 in *Barton*, KS (JR) were tardy.

Plovers to Terns

An unusually high count of 82 Black-bellied Plovers was made at Quivira May 13 (SS, DS); one Apr. 21 in Tulsa was early (JWA). A Snowy Plover Mar. 21 in *Alfalfa*, OK was also early (JAG); others were noted n. to *Clay* and *Adams*, NE May 6 (SJD). Between 12–14 pairs of Snowy Plovers bred on the Canadian R., *Cleveland-McClain*, OK (VB, NK). An encouraging estimate of 245 Snowy Plovers was made at Quivira May 13 (SS, DS).

Two Piping Plovers arrived by Apr. 15 at McCaughy (RCR, DJR). Up to five breeding pairs were observed at one location in *Sheridan*, NE (RCR *et al.*). At least 20 migrant Piping Plovers were noted during late April in Nebraska (*vide* WRS); others in the same period were found in Kansas and Oklahoma, with one lingering to May 14 in *Reno*, KS (BE). One unlucky plover in *Dawes*, NE May 1 was standing on a highway in wet snow before sunrise (JMo).

East of almost all occurrences was a Mt. Plover May 22 in *Sedgwick*, KS (PJ). Black-necked Stilts numbers continue to increase; 12 birds were noted at 4 locations in Nebraska (*vide* BARS). Two other stilts were observed in *Jackson*, OK May 13–14 (JO).

Either survivors of the winter season or early migrants were Greater Yellowlegs seen in Tulsa Mar. 4 (PS, JL), and *Douglas*, KS Mar. 5 (LM). An early Solitary Sandpiper appeared Mar. 25 in Tulsa (PS); another Mar. 27 at *Burt*, NE (JJ) was more than noteworthy. Also early was a Willet in *Sheridan*, NE Apr. 14 (RCR, DJR). Long-billed Curlews at *Oklahoma* Apr. 10 (EW) and Quivira Apr. 30 (PJ) were w. of most normal occurrences. Whimbrels are back to being a rare migrant, with one Apr. 27 at *Fillmore*, NE (SJD) and others at Quivira Apr. 23 (BVD) and May 13 (SS), and *Keith*, NE May 18 (SJD) & 19 (LKM). Seventeen



were spotted May 16 in *Sequoyah*, OK (GK). No one topped the count of 170 Hudsonian Godwits May 14 in *Oklahoma* (JGN), although most others were reported in mid-April. One of few spring records for Red Knots was of a bird May 21 at Quivira (LM, GP). Dunlin wintering in Tulsa remained through the end of April (JWA), when others began arriving at other locations. Five Dunlin appeared at *Clay*, NE on the early date of Apr. 13 (SJD). Among an otherwise modest showing of Buff-breasted Sandpipers were 50 in *McClain*, OK May 5 (JAG); three May 28 in *Sedgwick*, KS (PJ) were later than most. An Am. Woodcock strutted five chicks in *Jefferson*, KS Apr. 16 (RR), providing one of few actual breeding records.

Gull mania continued: Laughing Gulls were reported from *Linn*, KS May 7 (PW, RB) *Washington*, OK May 23–27 (ED, MD *et al.*), and *Jefferson*, KS May 29 (DLS). A *bona fide* rarity was an ad. **Little Gull** Apr. 26 at *Sarpy*, NE. (JJ), the first reported from Nebraska. Another ad. Little Gull was spotted Apr. 12 in *Riley*, KS (TC). Eighty-two ad. California Gulls were present Apr. 22 at McConaughy (WRS); most were gone by early May, but three remained until at least May 26 (BP, LP). A Herring Gull May 19 at McConaughy was tardy (LK). A Thayer's Gull was identified Mar. 9 in *Miami*, KS (LM). A first-winter Thayer's Gull was still present at McConaughy Apr. 22–23, record-late dates (WRS). An ad. Lesser Black-backed Gull was present at *Lancaster*, NE Mar. 12 (JMo); it or another was noted there Apr. 9–10 (NR, IR, JJ). Perhaps the find of the season, a **Glaucous-winged Gull** in first-winter plumage was observed at McConaughy Apr. 12 (DR) & 15 (RCR), the



record will undergo review by the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union Records Committee. A Glaucous Gull was noted at *Lancaster*, NE Apr. 5; possibly the same bird was seen there Apr. 22 (WRS).

Common Terns, rare in spring, were identified Apr. 27 in *Cass*, NE (GW, KDG) and May 16–18 (two) at McConaughy (SJD, LKM). Four Forster's Terns were noted on the very early date of Mar. 11 in *Sequoyah*, OK (JH, JN). The 1300 Black Terns at Sutherland Res., May 17 (SJD) was an exceptional gathering.

Doves to Pipits

A **White-winged Dove** photographed Apr. 15–21 in *Scotts Bluff*, NE (LKM) provided the first record for Nebraska. Another White-winged Dove was reported for *Muskogee*, OK Apr. 28–29 (VJ). Inca Doves in Tulsa Apr. 6–May 9 (two–four, CM), *Delaware*, OK Apr. 10 (E&BW), and *Muskogee* through the season (V&JH) added to a pattern of upsurging occurrences in the Region.

Long-eared Owls fledged young in *Russell*, KS (MR). A Burrowing Owl at *Box Butte*, NE was early (RCR, DJR). Extremely early was a Com. Nighthawk Apr. 18 at Crescent Lake (MF). Also early were Chimney Swifts Mar. 26 in *McCurtain*, OK (BH) and Mar. 28 in Tulsa (AR *et al.*). Other early arrivals included Ruby-throated Hummingbirds Mar. 27 in *McCurtain*, OK (*fide* BH), and Black-chinneds Apr. 8 in *Comanche*, OK (KM). An ad. ♂ Black-chinned Hummingbird Apr. 22–May 13 (L&BR) provided one of the few records of this species for Kansas.

This Great Kiskadee in Morton County, Kansas, May 20, 1995, furnished a third record for the Southern Great Plains. Photograph/Lloyd D. Moore.

More exceptional was an ad. ♂ **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** May 14 in Scott, KS (T&SS). Quite tardy was a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker May 20 in Tulsa (PS, JL).

A W. Wood-Pewee May 7 at Crescent Lake (MF) provided the 2nd earliest record for Nebraska. An Acadian Flycatcher May 28 in *Cleveland*, OK (VB) was w. of most. A possible Cordilleran Flycatcher was identified May 11 at North Platte (LKM). Say's Phoebes occurred e. to Quivira Apr. 16 (JNo) and May 6 (m.ob.), and *Cowley*, KS Apr. 30 (PJ) An Ash-throated Flycatcher nest with 4 eggs May 21 in *Morton*, KS (MR) provided only about the 5th breeding record for Kansas. The season of "great" finds included a **Great Kiskadee** observed May 18 (HM) to Jun. 1 (m.ob.). Scissor-tailed Flycatchers arrived by Mar. 22 in Tulsa (JM).

A Violet-green Swallow was reported from *Rooks*, KS May 5 (JS). With not many around, a tardy Red-breasted Nuthatch May 13 in Tulsa (PS, TM, BC) was even more impressive. Brown Creepers continue to maintain a breeding outpost in Fontenelle Forest (BP, LP); a singing male May 18 in *Sarpy*, NE (SMo) was suggestive. A Marsh Wren Apr. 1 in Crescent Lake (MF) may have wintered. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Apr. 8 in *Cass*, NE (GW, KDG) was extremely early. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers wandered W to *Dawes*, NE May 12 & 30 (RCR, DJR), and *Morton*, KS May 20 (LM *et al.*). Two



Glaucous-winged Gull in first-winter plumage at Lake McConaughy, Nebraska, April 12, 1995. First state record. Photograph/Don Roberson.

Townsend's Solitaires May 4 in *Thomas*, NE (LF) were rather east for the date.

Veeries were reported at 4 localities in e. Nebraska; the Rosches provided 5 observations of \leq three birds each from 2 localities in w. Nebraska. Two Veeries of the darker w. race in Fontenelle Forest May 14 (WRS) were unexpected. A Gray-cheeked Thrush, rare anytime in w. Nebraska, was noted in *Dawes* May 14 (RCR, DJR). Wood Thrushes were more commonly reported this spring than other years; the most northwesterly for the Region was in *Saunders*, NE May 19 (NR, IR). The two Gray Catbirds noted Apr. 6 at Crescent Lake (MF) likely wintered. A Brown Thrasher Mar. 8 in Omaha (NR, IR) also likely wintered. A Sprague's Pipit lingered until May 1 in Tulsa (JWA).

Vireos to Warblers

Two pairs of Black-capped Vireos returned to *Cleveland*, OK (VB). Among early arrivals were White-eyed Vireos Mar. 20 in *McCurtain*, OK (BH) and Mar. 26 in *McClain*, OK (PM); Heck reported them as common in *McCurtain*, OK by Mar. 27. Also early was a Yellow-throated Vireo Apr. 1 in *Cleveland*, OK (NK). A Solitary Vireo of the *plumbeus* race was carefully observed in *Morton*, KS May 20 (LM, GP). A Solitary Vireo of the e. subspecies May 23–25 in Tulsa (JL) was tardy. Philadelphia Vireos were well reported in Oklahoma (*vide* JL, JM) w. to *Cleveland* May 7–8 (JAG); five were reported from Nebraska (*vide* WRS).

Observations of two *Vermivora* warblers were particularly numerous this season: Six

Blue-winged Warblers were reported from Nebraska, the earliest May 5 at *Nemaha/Richardson* (TK). Almost unprecedented were 12 Golden-winged Warblers May 8–17, all from the Missouri Valley in Nebraska (*vide* WRS). Another Golden-winged was noted w. in *Dawes*, NE May 30 (RCR, DJR). Records of five Blue-winged and 11 Golden-winged warblers were listed for e. and c. Kansas (*vide* LM). A Tennessee Warbler wandered W to *Scotts Bluff*, NE May 24 (AK); three were observed in *Dawes*, NE May 28 (NR, IR), three more were spotted at North Platte the same day (LKM), and singles were noted May 24, 25 & 30 at 2 other localities in *Dawes*, NE (RCR, DJR). An Orange-crowned Warbler May 28 at North Platte (LKM) was late. A *Virginia's Warbler* at *Morrill*, NE May 22 (MF) provided yet another first state record for this season in Nebraska.

Records of many other and less common *Dendroica* warblers were also too numerous to enumerate, including those for Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Palm, and Bay-breasted warblers. Two N. Parulas May 15 at Crescent Lake were unexpectedly west. Sought-after Cape May Warblers were discovered May 8 in *Leavenworth*, KS (JS), at Fontenelle Forest May 10 & 12 (BP, LP), May 17 in Tulsa (DK *et al.*), May 19 in *Delaware*, OK (JN, LR), and *Saunders*, NE May 19–21 (NR, IR, m.ob.); one was netted May 24 in *Osage*, OK (DLR). Also sought after, Black-throated Blue Warblers were found May 20 in Fontenelle Forest (*vide* BP, LP), and in *Douglas*, KS May 11 (GP, RR).

Exceptionally far west were a Blackburnian Warbler at *Scotts Bluff*, NE May 24 (LS), a Cerulean May 27 in *Saunders*, NE (TH), and a Hooded Warbler May 7–9 in *Sioux*, NE (HH). At least 11 Blackpoll Warblers also made it into w. Nebraska (*vide* WRS).

Tardy was a Chestnut-sided Warbler May 31 in *Sedgwick*, KS (JNo). Quite early was a Black-throated Green Warbler Mar. 30 in Bryan, OK (JWe). A Townsend's Warbler, unusual in fall, even more so in spring, was seen May 13 in *Seward*, KS (RK). Extralimital Pine Warblers were detected Apr. 21 in Tulsa (BC, PS, JL), with a female later observed carrying nesting material. Another was noted May 14 in *Cleveland*, OK (NK). Three Worm-eating Warblers were found in e. Kansas, with one w. to *Rush* May 8 (SS); another was noted in *Cleveland*, OK May 13 (JAG). A MacGillivray's Warbler Apr. 25 in Crescent Lake (MF) was exceptionally early. MacGillivray's Warblers were also noted at 2 localities in *Morton*, KS May 20 (LM, GP). Three–four Connecticut Warblers were reported from *Douglas*, KS May 12 (GP), *Linn*, KS May 15 (LM) & 26 (DSe), and *Wyandotte*, KS May 20 (LM), with another from Tulsa May 21 (PS, JL). Hooded Warblers were observed w. to *Sedgwick*, KS May 1 (PH) & 18 (*vide* LM).

Tanagers to Finches

A W. Tanager was found in *Ford*, KS May 13 (JD, JY). A *Pyrrhuloxia* Apr. 1 (MM *et al.*) & 22 (LM) in *Finn*, KS was the 4th noted in Kansas, and the first in e. Kansas. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was observed w. to *Cleve-*



Lazuli Buntings appeared at several locations in eastern Oklahoma, including this male (with Indigo Buntings) in Rogers County May 21, 1995. Photograph/Pat Seibert.

land, OK Apr. 30 (VB), with two in *Oklahoma* May 11 (NG). Lazuli Buntings that crept east of most were found *Mayer*, OK Apr. 26–30 (LR), *Oklahoma* May 7 (RJ), *Saline*, KS May 10 (BT), *Cowley*, KS May 14 (MT), and *Washington*, OK May 9 (LSt); a male and female were noted at the latter May 10–23 (P&IH). About 17 Lazuli Buntings were discovered on territory in the Wichita Mts., *Comanche*, OK by the end of May (JAG). A Painted Bunting in *Rush*, KS May 8 (SS) was the first for this fringe county of its range.

Rufous-sided Towhees were noted to May 20 in *Wagoner*, OK (DV, JM). A Green-tailed Towhee May 13 in *Scott*, KS (T&SS) was the easternmost reported for the season. A Canyon Towhee May 13 in *Morton*, KS (L&RS) was beyond the fringe of the species' normal range.

A Sharp-tailed Sparrow May 20 in *Jefferson*, KS (DLS) added to a scarce set of spring observations for this species. Among tardy *emberizid* sparrows were an Am. Tree Sparrow May 4 in *Dawes*, NE (RCR), and May 6 at Crescent Lake (MF); a Vesper Sparrow May 13 in *Cleveland*, OK (NK); a LeConte's Sparrow May 20 in *Dixon*, NE (JJo); a Harris Sparrow singing May 19 in *Comanche*, OK (JAG); White-crowned and Harris' sparrows May 28 at *Dawes* (NR, IR, JJJ); and a Dark-eyed Junco May 21 at *Sioux*, NE (SL). Also tardy was a Lapland Longspur Apr. 24 at *Adams*, NE (SJD). Four McCown's Longspurs Mar. 27 in *Pawnee*, KS (PJ) were the only recent reports for the central strip of the Region.

An early Yellow-headed Blackbird visited a feeder in *Oklahoma* Mar. 10 (JGN). Lesser Goldfinches were noted in several areas, including *Muskogee*, OK May 19–22 (JH). Two Red Crossbills Apr. 30–May 13 in *Sedgwick*, KS (JB) provided the only observations outside the Sandhills of n.w. Nebraska.

Corrigendum

A Chestnut-collared Longspur reported from Norton, KS Sept. 5, 1994 by Scott Seltman was incorrectly assigned to Morton, KS (*NASFN* 48:67).

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Texas Region

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No one seemed totally disappointed with the spring migration, despite an incredible diversity of conditions across this vast state. Heavy rains caused typical fallouts in the eastern half, while strong wind shifts in the drought-ridden west were thought to contribute to migrant pileups. Temperatures gyrated wildly through March and April. A series of early fronts perked observers' interest in late March and early April, primarily along the coast. Action was moving towards a peak with a good grounding April 23–24. With a strong front bruising its way across the state, touching off very serious thunderstorms in central and north Texas, May 3–5 produced rave reviews from migration observers literally statewide. Records of significant numbers of migrants and rarities on those dates outnumbered all other dates combined (*see Table 1*). May 8–9 produced another good avian display, at least in central Texas. Mid-May was brutal everywhere, not

