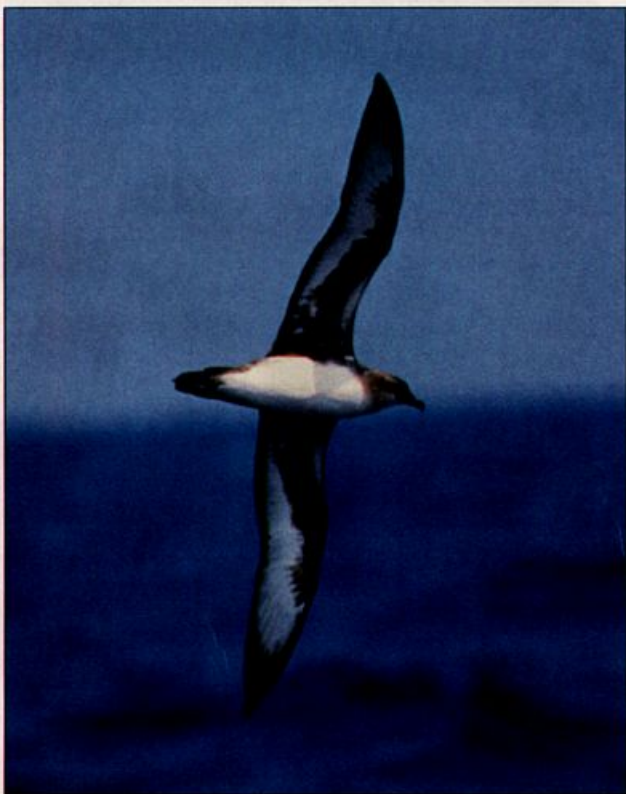


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*Selasphorus* hummingbird seem to be recorded with increasing frequency in eastern North America. Unless captured and examined in hand, most cannot be identified to species. Some individuals, however, do not pose such a challenge. This first-winter male Rufous Hummingbird at Nazareth, *Northampton*, Pennsylvania, 15 November 2000+ was such a bird. Note the extensive rufous feathering mottled into the central back. *Photograph by Rick Wiltraut.*

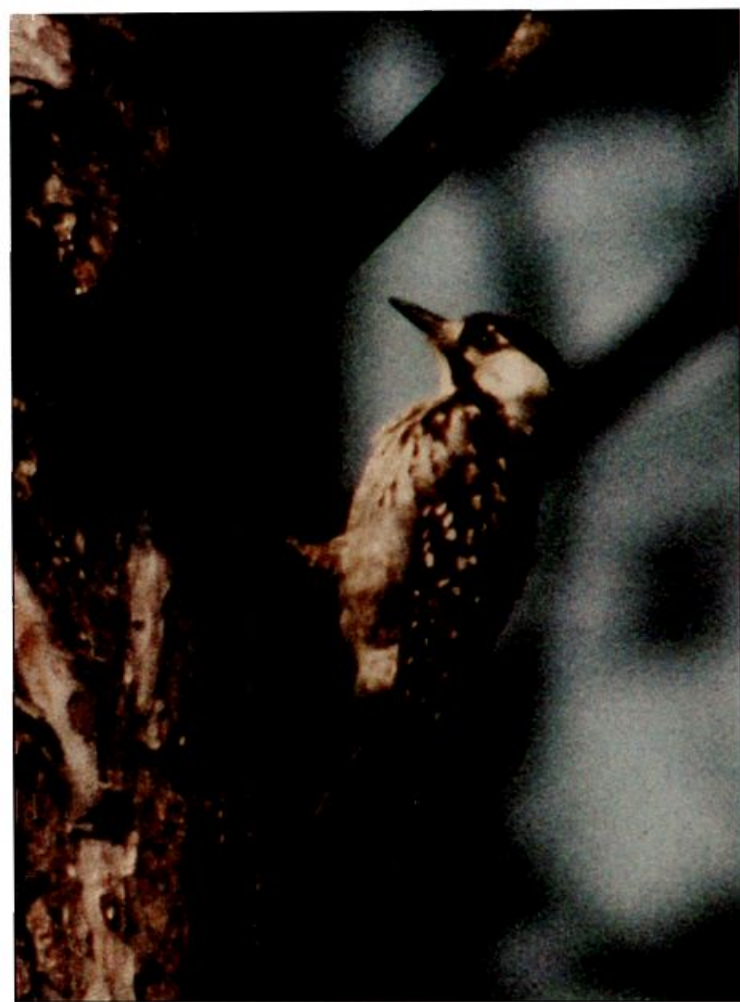


Increased coverage offshore waters of North Carolina's Gulf Stream have shown that the Herald Petrel is a rare but regular component of North America's avifauna. This light-morph bird was off Hatteras, North Carolina, 27 August 2000. *Photograph by George Armistead.*



This molting juvenile (note the mostly rufous rectrices) Ash-throated Flycatcher at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, New York, 5–12 September was one of five Ash-throateds recorded in the Hudson-Delaware region during fall 2000. This bird was unusually early—most regional records are from late fall (e.g. November). *Photograph by Michael Stubblefield.*





On the heels of Pennsylvania's first Hammond's Flycatcher, a bird banded near Philadelphia in May 2000 (*N. Am. Birds* 54:226), was this bird voice-recorded and extensively studied, photographed, and videotaped at Bethlehem, Northampton, Pennsylvania, 18 November 2000+. Note the long primary projection, short, thin bill, gray head contrasting with the olive mantle, and dusky (not blackish) wings. This photograph was taken 28 November 2000. Photograph by Rick Wiltraut.

Nothing short of astounding, given the precipitous decline of the species, Illinois recorded its first Red-cockaded Woodpecker during fall 2000 when this bird appeared at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake, 19 August. The park, located along Lake Michigan shore midway between Chicago and Wisconsin, held the bird through the end of the period, allowing numerous observer to see a wayward individual of this endangered species. The image was captured 27 August 2000. Photograph by Joe B. Milosevich.



Providing only the third record for Nebraska was this adult male Red-naped Sapsucker at Lake Ogallala, Keith, 2 November 2000. Although identification of birds in the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker complex can be difficult, this bird is a typical adult male Red-naped, showing a red chin (hence, a male), lack of a black border to the red throat, distinct white "stripes" down the back, and red nape patch. Photograph by Stephen J. Dinsmore.



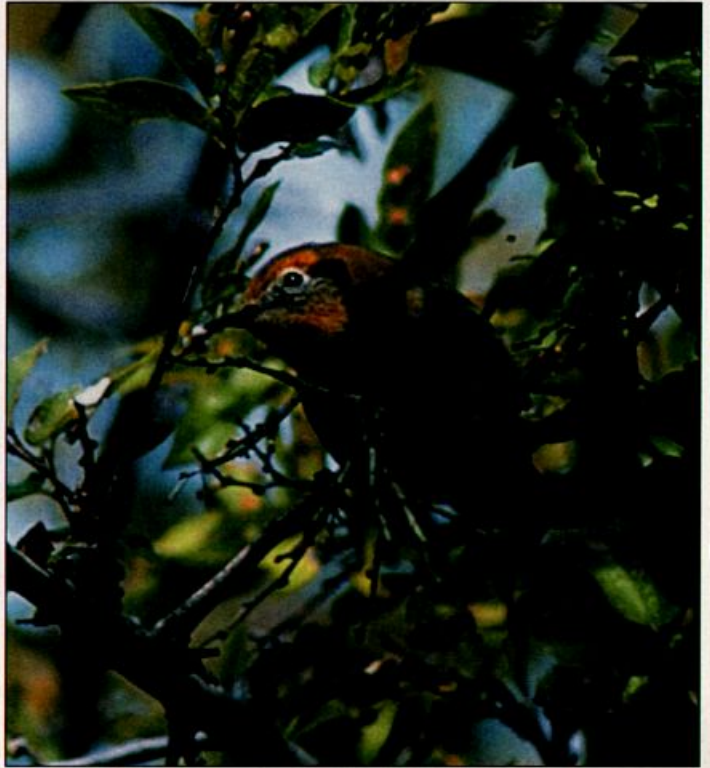
Rarely noted in migration, this juvenile Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow was banded at Powdermill Nature Reserve, Rector, Pennsylvania, 30 September 2000. Photograph by Robert S. Mulvihill.



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Certainly not loathe to wander far north of its usual range, with records from Minnesota and southeastern Canada, this male Broad-billed Hummingbird at Waupun, Wisconsin, 22–31 October 2000 nonetheless provided a first state record. The photo was taken 28 October. *Photograph by Jack Bartholmai.*



Texas has few records of the Olive Warbler, mostly from the desert ranges of the Trans-Pecos region from spring to fall. Indeed, the species is virtually unknown as a migrant away from breeding habitat. This male, just the 6th for the state, provided a notable exception. It frequented a small oasis at Hueco Tanks State Park, El Paso, 11–18 November 2000 and obliged this photo on 14 November. *Photograph by Barry R. Zimmer.*



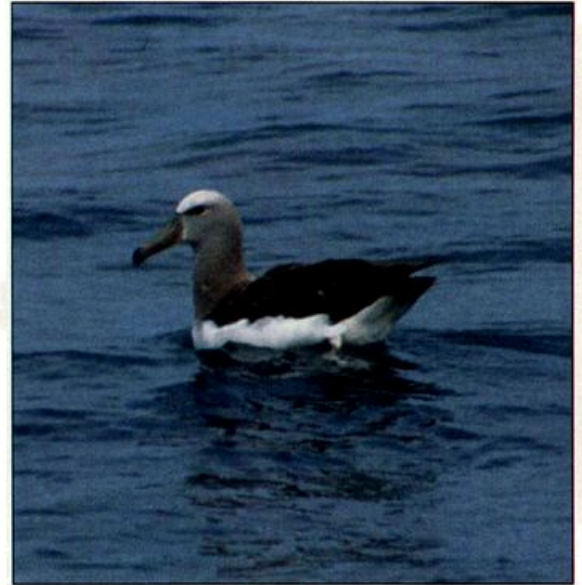
Warblers (and vireos) from the southeastern United States continue their apparent increase and range expansion (see Patten and Marantz 1996, *Auk* 113:911–923), perhaps at the expense of more northerly breeders. Even the western Prairie Provinces are feeling the effects, where this male Northern Parula (left) was banded at Calgary, Alberta, 8 September 2000, and this female Hooded Warbler (right) was photographed at Banff National Park, Alberta, 8 September 2000. *Photographs by Ross Dickson and Terry Korolyk, respectively.*







Only the second for Nevada, this juvenile Le Conte's Sparrow, Miller's Rest Stop (near Tonopah), Esmeralda, 1 October 2000 was among a number of "eastern" vagrants resting there during their southbound journey. Photograph by Martin Myers.



This immature Shy Albatross at Cordell Bank, Marin, 10 September 2000 provided California with its 3rd record, all in the past year or so. Unlike previous records, identified as pertaining to *T. c. cauta* or *T. c. slevini*, this bird was apparently *T. c. alvini*, providing the first record of this taxon for the northern hemisphere (see Cole 2000, *N. Am. Birds* 54:124-136). Photograph by Debi Shearwater.



The Sharp-tailed Sandpiper is regular in Alaska, but seldom are we treated to such a nice comparison between an alternate-plumaged adult (left) and a juvenile (right). Note the chevron-shaped markings on the flanks, more heavily streaked breast, and distinct pattern on the wing coverts and scapulars of the adult relative to the juvenile. These birds frequented St. Paul Island, Alaska, 23 August 2000. Photograph by Sean D. Smith.