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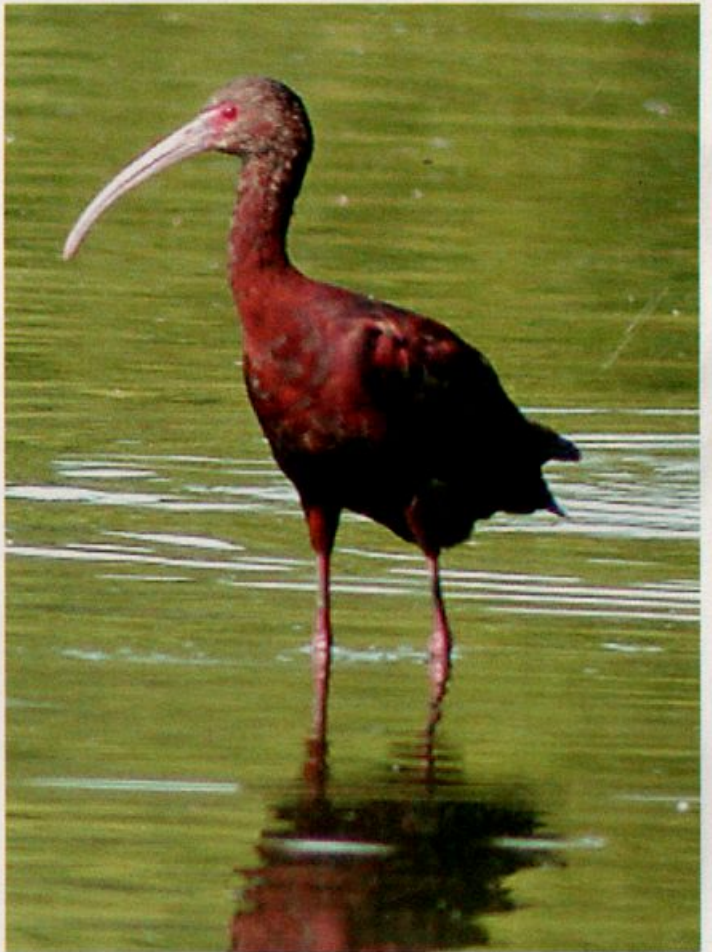
This male Chestnut-collared Longspur frequented a lawn at Tiverton, Long Island, Nova Scotia 10-19 May (here 16 May) 2002—an eighth provincial record, all but one of which have also been in the spring. *Photograph by Ian McLaren.*



Canada's first Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow was photographed 6 April 2002 at the "Winter Sparrow Oasis" at Daniel's Head, Cape Sable Island, off Nova Scotia, among many Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows, Savannah Sparrows, and a very rare Seaside Sparrow. *Photograph by Ian McLaren.*



North Carolina had to wait a bit longer than neighboring states for confirmation of White-faced Ibis within its borders, but this obliging adult at Nags Head, Dare County and vicinity 28 June through 20 July 2002 should place the species on the state's Official list. *Photograph by Will Cook.*



This White-faced Ibis at Cow Meadow, Freeport, Nassau County, New York was present from 2 July 2002 (here) to the middle of the month, part of a continuing expansion of the species away from core range. *Photograph by Angus Wilson.*



In the A.B.A. Area, most birders see Antillean Nighthawks on Florida's Keys, where they emerge in the late afternoon to hunt insects; few are privileged to see the species at rest, when its contrasting pale tertials, a distinction from local Common Nighthawks, can be seen well. This bird's white throat patch means that it is probably an adult male; it was photographed 8 June 2002 at Sugarloaf Key. *Photograph by Carmen Tarantino.*



Black-necked Stilts, expanding across a broad front from the Pacific Northwest to the southern Canadian prairies, made headlines in Indiana this summer, with the discovery of several active nests and many wanderers—in a state where the species has been considered accidental. This stilt was one of two nonbreeders at Grand Kankakee Marsh, Lake County, Indiana 14-17 (here 15) June 2002. *Photograph by Jeffrey J. McCoy.*



This female Berylline Hummingbird appeared at Ramsey Canyon 26 June 2002 and stayed to nest in July. *Photograph by Carmen Tarantino.*



This unbanded Fulvous Whistling-Duck visited Grand Kankakee Marsh, Lake County, Indiana on 8 June 2002. This declining species makes fewer appearances away from the southeastern states and Texas than in decades past. *Photograph by Jeffrey J. McCoy.*



Searching for nests of low-density breeders in one's area can be a fine way to spend the season. At the Ritchie Ledges section of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Summit County, Ohio, six Hermit Thrush nests were found, including this bird's nest 18 July 2002. *Photograph by Dwight W. Chasar.*



This nest of Greater Pewees was discovered near Mount Livermore in the Davis Mountains, Texas on 9 July 2002, providing Texas with its first breeding record. Singing Greater Pewees have been documented in the general area in four of the past five years, including one in the same area in 2001. *Photograph by Kelly B. Bryan.*



Providing only the second confirmed record for Churchill, Manitoba, this Bay-breasted Warbler was photographed there 13 June 2002. *Photograph by James Leupold.*

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An immature White Ibis at the Nature Conservancy's Kankakee Sands wet prairie 25-27 June 2002 was Indiana's first in seven years. *Photograph by Jeffrey J. McCoy.*



Gray-tailed Tattlers are regular in small numbers in summer on St. Paul Island, Alaska, where this bird was photographed 19 July 2002. Compare this flight shot's nice depiction of the tail pattern to the erroneous illustrations in several popular field guides. *Photograph by George L. Armistead.*



The only Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at St. Paul Island, Alaska all summer was this adult at East Landing and the Salt Lagoon 27 July 2002. *Photograph by George L. Armistead.*



Irregular in appearances at the northern extreme of range here, Masked Booby had not been recorded in June off Hatteras, North Carolina in a few years. This adult was found in the Gulf Stream here 9 June 2002. In the western North Atlantic, there are no confirmed records of the species north of North Carolina. *Photograph by J. Brian Patteson.*



This female McKay's Bunting on St. Paul, first discovered 23 May 2002, was photographed 12 June feeding three young produced with a male Snow Bunting. *Photograph by George L. Armistead.*



This male Yellow-faced Grassquit, the second for Texas, defended a territory at Bentsen—Rio Grande Valley State Park 8-29 June 2002. During that time, it also constructed a nest but not surprisingly did not attract a female. *Photograph by Kenny Nichols.*



Bruce Mactavish's extended visit to the Inuvik area in Northwest Territories of Canada produced a number of interesting avian records this season, the most startling being this adult Black-tailed Gull at the Inuvik landfill 4 June 2002, which constitutes one of very few interior records for the continent. *Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.*



Providing one of few records for Georgia, this adult White-tailed Tropicbird was found on a pelagic trip off St. Catherine's Island 24 June 2002. Note the apricot wash to the tail. *Photograph by James Flynn, Jr.*



This Far Eastern Curlew was photographed on Disappearing Island, French Frigate Shoals, Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge on 10 June 2002. *Photograph by Brenda Becker.*



A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher remained from the spring season through at least 30 June 2002 at Hardy Canyon, Yakima County, Washington, but was unable to find a mate, despite construction of "a fine nest." *Photograph by Ruth Sullivan.*



Breeding West Indian Whistling-Ducks are rarely documented in the northern Bahamas; this brood on Andros Island in June 2002 constitutes one of few confirmed records of breeding there. *Photograph by Jessica Spencer.*



In a season of stunning finds in Texas, this adult male Lawrence's Goldfinch at Guadalupe Mountains National Park 5 (here) to 7 June 2002 may have been tops—an unexpected first summer record for the state. Previous records of this species in Texas have all been part of winter invasions. *Photograph by Janice Wobbenhorst.*