

The winter 2003–2004 season was overall warmer than average with lower-than-average precipitation. However, a cold spell in late January and early February was one of the coldest periods in several winters. Despite the period of colder weather, snowfall was below normal, and in large part due to a good crop of natural foods (perhaps as a result of a mild, wet summer), a surprising variety of species that normally winter farther south lingered through the winter in good numbers.

As expected, the banner fall season for Rufous Hummingbirds continued, with additional reports into midwinter. In fact, for the first time ever documented—and despite the cold snap of late January and early February—two *Selasphorus* hummingbirds (an unidentified bird in Lexington and a female Rufous south of Bowling Green) successfully wintered in Kentucky. Other rarities included Yellow-billed and Pacific Loons, Black-headed, Little and Great Black-backed Gulls, Say's Phoebe, two Spotted Towhees, Harris's Sparrow, and two Vermilion Flycatchers. Pine Siskins and Red-breasted Nuthatches lingered only in small numbers, but numbers of Purple Finches appeared to be the highest in several years.

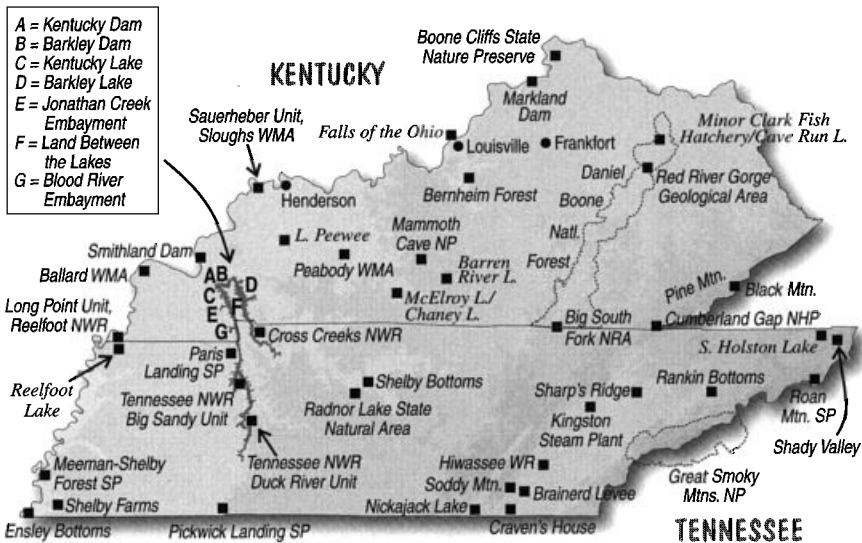
Abbreviations: Barkley Dam (Barkley Dam, Cumberland River, Lyon/Livingston, KY); Kentucky Dam (Kentucky Dam, Tennessee River, Marshall/Livingston, KY); Long Point (Long Point Unit, Reelfoot N.W.R., Fulton, KY/Obion, TN); Pace Point (Pace Point, Big Sandy Unit of Tennessee N.W.R., Henry, TN).

LOONS THROUGH IBIS

Rare loon species were reported in above-average numbers. Red-throated Loons were reported from several locations along Kentucky L. from Marshall, KY (BP, BY, DR) s. to Pickwick Landing S.P., TN (JRW et al.), including as many as 5 seen from Pace Point in late Feb (ph. JRW, m. ob.). Away from Kentucky L., a single Red-throated Loon was reported from S. Holston L., TN 5 Dec (†RK). Up to 3 Pacific Loons were observed at Pace Point 13 Dec–29 Feb+ (ph. JRW, m. ob.), and another was reported on Kentucky L., Marshall, KY 26 Feb (DR). The star of the loon parade, however, was the Region's 3rd (first to be photographed) Yellow-billed Loon at Pace Point 21–29 Feb+ (ph. JRW, m. ob.). A Red-necked Grebe, rare in the Region, was at Pace Point 13 Dec (DM, MT). Single Eared Grebes, also unusual in the Region, were at L. Peewee, Hopkins, KY 6 Dec (†BP, BY) and Center Hill L., Dekalb, TN (SJS, NL). An *Aechmophorus* grebe at Dale Hollow L., Clay, TN 13 Dec (FB, SB, †RH, DAM) was too distant for identification to species.

Quite rare for winter were single American Bitterns in Muhlenberg, KY 14 Feb

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(†MS), Madison, TN 27 Dec (†MG), and at Shelby Bottoms, Nashville, TN 14 Jan (MO, T&VC). Two Great Egrets at Robco L., Memphis, TN 7 Dec (CHB, VR) and one in Hardin, TN 13 Feb (JRW) were unusual finds. Even more unusual were two winter reports of single Cattle Egrets: one on the Knoxville C.B.C. 3 Jan (CN) and one at Robco L., Memphis, TN 22 Feb (CHB, WRP, SV). A well-photographed Glossy Ibis at the Duck River Unit of Tennessee N.W.R. 9–15 Jan (ph. CF) may represent a first winter record for the Region.

WATERFOWL

Both Greater White-fronted and Snow Geese were reported in above-average numbers across the Region during Jan and early Feb, with the highest numbers coming from nw. Tennessee and sw. Kentucky as expected. A count of 21,650 Greater White-fronted Geese in the vicinity of Long Point 8 Jan (CD) represents a new high count for the Region. Likewise, the Region's highest ever Snow Goose count was an impressive 150,000 in the vicinity of Reelfoot L. in late Jan (fide KL). Ross's Geese, a mega-rarity in the Region only 15 years ago, were scattered across the Region in small numbers, with 21 reports, the highest single-site count being of 6 birds.

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There were many reports of swans this winter, mostly in Kentucky, but many of the reports could not be confirmed to species. Mute Swans presumed to have come from Great Lakes populations included one on the Memphis C.B.C. 14 Dec (fide WRP); 5 at Bernheim Forest, Bullitt, KY 28 Dec (JB, PB)–16 Feb (RDv); 2 on the Shelbyville, KY C.B.C. 3 Jan (fide HB); an imm. at Cave Run L., KY 9 Jan (†LK, FBu); 8 at Paintsville L.,



This Yellow-billed Loon at Pace Point, Henry County, Tennessee (here 22 February 2004) furnished the first photographic documentation and the third overall record for the Tennessee & Kentucky region. Surprisingly, a second individual was discovered shortly after this one—and possibly a third bird was photographed nearby in Kentucky! Photograph by Michael C. Todd.

Floyd, KY 24 Jan (SM); 2 on L. Cumberland, Pulaski, KY 2 Feb (RD); 8 in Wayne, KY 11–14 Feb (RD); and one in ne. Jefferson, KY 14 Feb (BBC). In addition, one of the resident pair along Cypress Cr., n. Muhlenberg, KY was observed during Feb (WR). The following Tundra Swans were reported: an imm. on Cave Run L., KY 22 Dec (CCa); 4 on Cave Run L., KY in late Jan (†WM); the flock at the Sauerheber Unit of Sloughs W.M.A., Henderson, KY built up to a peak count of 25 during mid- to late Jan (CC, RDv, MMr); an ad. at the Falls of the Ohio, Jefferson, KY during the last week of Jan (BE, ph. AG); 8 above Meldahl Dam, Bracken, KY 29 Jan (KR, SC), with 5 still there 2 Feb (CCa); and one near Boston, Nelson, KY 25 Feb–1 Mar (ph. MHR).

A count of 2256 Northern Shovelers near Long Point 8 Jan (CD) represents a new high for the Region. White-winged Scoters were well represented, with one at Middlebrook L., Bristol, TN 21–23 Jan (†RK, m. ob.); one at Boone L., Sullivan, TN 23 Jan (DH); 5 at

Ft. Loudoun L., Loudoun, TN 25 Jan (FB); a female on the Tennessee R., Hamilton, TN 30 Jan–28 Feb (JN, m. ob.); and one on Kentucky L., Marshall, KY, 8–26 Feb (BP, MS, DR). Five Black Scoters were reported: one shot by a hunter at Reelfoot L. 2 Dec (fide NM); a female at the T.V.A. Allen Plant in sw. Shelby, TN 4 Jan–22 Feb (ph. JRW, m. ob.); one on Tellico L., Loudoun, TN 11 Jan (DT); and a female on the Ohio R., Campbell, KY 17 Jan–28 Feb+ (FR, ph. LH). Six Surf Scoters were reported: 3 at Pickwick Landing S.P., TN 26 Dec (JRW); one at Norris L., Anderson, TN 11 Jan (AT, HH); and 2 at Tellico L., Loudoun, TN 17

Jan (S&RS). There were nine reports of Long-tailed Duck, including impressive flocks of 18 on L. Cumberland, Pulaski, KY 10 Jan (ph. RD, JD) and 6 on the Chattanooga C.B.C. 20 Dec (BJ, JN).

RAPTORS THROUGH CRANES

Two Ospreys on 3 Jan—one at Kentucky L., Calloway, KY (JTE, WWb) and one at S. Holston L., TN (LM et al.)—were unusual winter finds. Rough-legged Hawk numbers were average. Golden Eagles were reported mostly from traditional areas in Bullitt/Nelson (m. ob.) and Fulton, KY (KL), and Henry (JRW) and Meigs (BJ, JN), TN, but

one in Martin in far e. Kentucky (CL) was relatively unusual for the Cumberland Plateau. Merlins continue to increase in winter in the Region, and this season was no exception, with up to 3 reported from no fewer than 19 locations throughout the Region. Likewise with wintering Peregrine Falcons, with single birds reported from seven locations.

Quite noteworthy for Kentucky, but perhaps becoming regular, were one or 2 Virginia Rails in Muhlenberg 30 Dec–3 Jan (BP et al.). As many as 6 were present throughout the period at Standifer Gap Marsh, Hamilton, TN, where this species now occurs year-round (DP). A

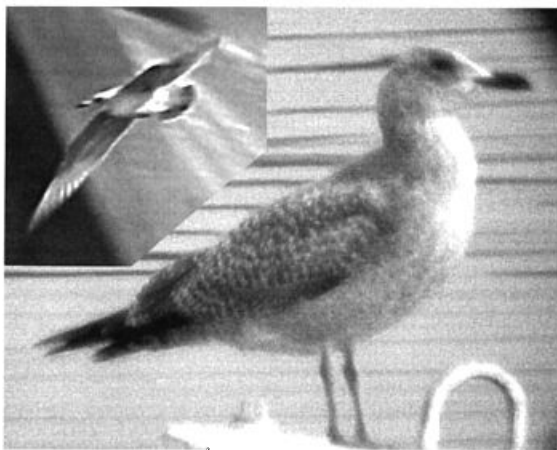
Sora at Shelby Bottoms, Nashville, TN 1 Jan (PC, SH, KO) and 22 Feb (BH) was an uncommon winter find. As is usually the case in a predominantly mild winter, Sandhill Cranes were reported throughout the season, with southbound birds lingering into early to mid-Jan and northbound birds returning by late Jan. A report of a wintering flock in Todd, KY, is of interest (DMo, fide Barbara Wilbur). In what appears to have become an annual occurrence, the Hiwassee C.B.C. recorded a new high count of cranes—13,951—at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge, Meigs, TN 1 Jan (fide KC).

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH GULLS

Yellowlegs are rare winter visitors in the Region, so one Greater and 4 Lessers at the EARTH Complex, sw. Shelby, TN 14 Jan (JRW et al.) were a surprise, as was a single Greater on the Hiwassee, TN C.B.C. 1 Jan (BHy et al.). Also unusual was a winter Spotted Sandpiper along L. Barkley, Lyon, KY 13 Jan (†ME).



This Glossy Ibis photographed at the Duck River Unit of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge 12 January 2004 represented the first winter record for the Tennessee & Kentucky region. Photograph by Clayton Ferrell.



This first-winter Thayer's Gull photographed near Pickwick Dam, Hardin County, Tennessee 14 February 2004 was one of two identified here this season. These photographs provide the first conclusive documentation of this species in Tennessee. Photographs by Jeff R. Wilson.

The latest Laughing Gull to be reported in Kentucky for the fall/early winter season was a second-year bird at Kentucky Dam 14 Dec (HC et al.). A first-year Little Gull on Kentucky L. above the dam, Livingston/Marshall 14–29 Feb+ (†HC, vt. DR et al.) represented a 3rd state record for Kentucky and the Region's 5th. An ad. Black-headed Gull seen just e. of Pace Point 25 Jan (†JRW) was the 2nd ever reported in Tennessee and 3rd for the Region. One to 3 or more Thayer's Gulls were observed in the vicinity of Kentucky Dam and Barkley Dam 13 Jan (DR)—21 Feb (BP). An extremely pale first-year bird that was present at Kentucky Dam 25 Jan (ph. BP)—26 Feb (ph. DR) may have been a Thayer's/Iceland intergrade or darker Iceland. Farther s., 2 first-winter Thayer's Gulls were seen regularly at and near Pickwick Dam, Hardin, TN 9 Jan–21 Feb (ph. JRW, m. ob.), furnishing the first definitive photographs of



An adult California Gull photographed at Pace Point, Henry County, Tennessee (here 25 February 2004) is only the third ever documented in the Region. Photograph by Jeff R. Wilson.

the species in Tennessee. That same location also hosted these additional rarities: a first-winter California Gull 10 Jan (†JRW, CB), a first-winter Great Black-backed Gull 7–15 Feb (ph. JRW, m. ob.), and one first-winter, one second-winter, and one third-winter Lesser Black-backed Gull 10 Jan–7 Feb (ph. JRW, m. ob.). A well-photographed ad. California Gull frequented Pace Point 25–27 Feb (ph. JRW, m. ob.). One to 2 or 3 first-year Glaucous Gulls were present in the vicinity of Kentucky Dam and Barkley Dam during the period. A first-year Great Black-backed Gull was present below Kentucky Dam 8–17 Feb (ph. DR et al.). At Least 5 Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen in the vicinity of Kentucky Dam during the period, with all four age-classes represented. As has become the norm, a few Forster's Terns appear to have wintered on Kentucky L., Marshall, KY (HC, ME).

DOVES THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

An apparent hybrid Eurasian Collared-Dove x Mourning Dove at President's I., Shelby, TN 1 Jan (ph. JRW) may be the first

such hybrid ever documented. A Common Ground-Dove on President's I., Memphis, TN 14 Jan was a rare find (MW, ER, HG). Short-eared Owls were present in what are probably slightly below-average numbers, with the peak count being 20 on the Paradise, Muhlenberg/Ohio, KY C.B.C. 3 Jan (BP et al.). The only Long-eared Owl reports were one to 2 in Muhlenberg, KY 6 & 30 Dec (BP et al.). Quite impressive was a total of 6 Northern Saw-whet Owls in Pulaski, KY 1 Feb (RD), even more so the 27 banded in Blount, TN mid-Nov–early Jan (JG et al.). As

in most recent years, 3 Common Nighthawks lingered through 3 Dec at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (JSD). The winter 2003–2004 season was the best ever for lingering hummingbirds (mostly *Selasphorus* sp.) in the Region, with no fewer than 50 different birds reported (see Table 1). Table 2 summarizes the winter hummingbird banding efforts. Two birds in Kentucky became the first ever known to survive the winter in that state (JE, RSb).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SPARROWS

Vagrant flycatchers provided a winter highlight for many birders. A Say's Phoebe was photographed in Larue, KY 26 Dec (ph. B&LA); another was reported in Tipton, TN 27 Dec (DDP, KK). Two imm. male Vermilion Flycatchers—one near Gray's Camp, Lake, TN 5

Dec–26 Jan (B&AJ, ph. JRW, m. ob.), the other at Hatchie N.W.R. 22–29 Feb (ph. JRW, m. ob.)—appear to expand a pattern from states to our south. Only a modest movement of Red-breasted Nuthatches occurred, with small numbers of birds relatively widely dispersed during the season.

The Sage Thrasher in Knoxville, TN lingered through 17 Feb (SHy). A Sprague's Pipit in Hardin, TN 9 Jan (†DDP) was a rare find, and the first ever away from the Mississippi R. bottoms. A late-departing Tennessee Warbler was observed in Daviess, KY 1 Dec (MTh). A well-described male Townsend's Warbler in Carter, TN 13 Jan (†RK) represents the Region's 3rd record (all from Tennessee).

Two different Spotted Towhees were found in Kentucky, one in w. McCracken 30 Dec–29 Feb+ (ph. BP et al.) and one in e.



This first-winter Great Black-backed Gull, one of two in the Tennessee & Kentucky region, was present at Kentucky Dam, Marshall County, Kentucky 8–17 (here 15) February 2004. Photograph by David Roemer.

Muhlenberg 3 Jan–29 Feb+ (†BP, AC). Very rare for Kentucky were 3 Vesper Sparrows in Trigg 1 Jan (†BL); 26 in Hardin, TN 10 Jan (JRW, CB) was an exceptional winter count for Tennessee. Lincoln's Sparrows are normally very uncommon in the Region in winter, so three reports in Kentucky and seven in Tennessee were noteworthy. Le Conte's Sparrows are generally present in small numbers in the Region in suitable habitat, but 10 in a field in Dyer, TN 7 Dec (JRW et al.) was a noteworthy concentration. An imm. Harris's Sparrow was present in a yard in se. Ballard in mid-Feb–29 Feb+ (ph. RHo et al.). The season's snowiest period brought with it a few reports of Snow Bunting into n.-cen. Kentucky 30 Jan–1 Feb (m. ob.), with up to 75–80 birds present in ne. Jefferson (BY).

Generally, small numbers of Purple Finches were well distributed across all parts of the Region, with moderate to high numbers reported in a few locales. Peak counts in Kentucky included 100+ at Mammoth Cave N.P. 2 Dec (MM) and ca. 60 in

SA Perhaps in part due to the presence of an abundant wild food crop and relatively mild winter conditions, a significant number of frugivores and insectivores that normally winter farther south lingered late into the winter throughout the Region, including several winter firsts. It was also a good winter for the more typical wintering frugivores, with above-average numbers of Hermit Thrushes, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, American Robins, and Cedar Waxwings in the Region. Among noteworthy reports were: House Wren (15); Gray Catbird (10); **Blue-winged Warbler** (a Regional winter first in Shelby, TN 14 Dec (†DDP, VH)); Palm Warbler (at least 80, including 30 on the Knoxville C.B.C.); Northern Waterthrush (one on the Reelfoot L. C.B.C., Lake, TN 20 Dec (†JSD, BF) furnished the 4th winter record for the Region); Summer Tanager (female at Munford, TN 15 Jan–17 Feb (DDP); there are fewer than 10 winter records for the Region); **Scarlet Tanager** (female at Munford, TN 13 Jan–18 Jan (†DDP), probably a Regional winter first); **Hooded Warbler** (male at Cleveland, Bradley, TN 1 Jan (R&LL), a Regional winter first); Baltimore Oriole (imm. male in Blount, TN 15–28 Feb+ (KH)); Blue-headed Vireo (one at Pickwick Landing S.P., TN 13 Jan (MT) and one in Carter, TN 15 Feb (DH et al.); Ovenbird (singles in Nashville, TN 2 Dec (ST) and Putnam, TN 20 Dec (†KB, DC)); **Mourning Warbler** (imm. female in s. Warren, KY 9 Dec (†DR), the first winter season record for the Region); Wilson's Warbler (ad. male in Madison, KY 13 Dec (†A&TR), the 3rd winter season record for the Region); Yellow-breasted Chat (singles in Dekalb, TN 30 Dec (†MH) and Putnam, TN 23–24 Jan (ph. SJS, WW), the 12th and 13th Regional winter records); Indigo Bunting (one at Shelby Bottoms, Nashville, TN 10 Dec (PC)); and **Bobolink** (one in Putnam, TN 20–28 Dec (KM, MH, GE, ph. SJS) furnished a winter first for the Region).

Table 1. Hummingbirds recorded in the Tennessee & Kentucky region, Winter 2003–2004.

First Observed*	Last Observed*	Other	Species	Age	Sex	City	County	State
	4/9/2004		Rufous	HY	F	Clinton	Anderson	TN
	11/27/2003		Rufous/Allen's	U	F	Kingsport	Sullivan	TN
	1/26/2004		Rufous	AHY	M	Mt. Washington	Bullitt	KY
	4/17/2004		Rufous	AHY	M	Ooltewah	Bradley	TN
	12/25/2003		Rufous/Allen's	U	F	Crestwood	Oldham	KY
8/9/2003	8/9/2003		Selasphorus	AHY	F	Rocky Hill	Knox	TN
8/10/2003	11/10/2003		Rufous	AHY	M	Bowling Green	Warren	KY
8/17/2003	8/17/2003		Rufous	AHY	M	Paris	Henry	TN
9/1/2003			Rufous	AHY	F	Farragut	Knox	TN
9/2/2003	9/2/2003		Selasphorus	U	U	Roan Mountain	Carter	TN
10/1/2003			Rufous	HY	F	Cookeville	Putnam	TN
10/25/2003	1/16/2004		Selasphorus	U	F	Berea	Madison	KY
10/7/2003	4/15/2004		Ruby-throated	AHY	M	Knoxville	Knox	TN
10/9/2003	3/2/2004		Rufous/Allen's	U	U	Elizabethton	Carter	TN
10/12/2003	4/7/2004		Rufous	AHY	F	Bowling Green	Warren	KY
10/15/2003	12/14/2003**		Rufous/Allen's	U	F	Verona	Boone	KY
10/15/2003			Rufous	AHY	F	Norris	Anderson	TN
10/15/2003	10/31/2003		Unidentified	U	U	Farragut	Knox	TN
10/16/2003			Rufous	AHY	F	Greeneville	Greene	TN
10/19/2003	1/27/2004		Rufous	AHY	F	Nashville	Davidson	TN
10/21/2003			Selasphorus	U	U	McDonald	Bradley	TN
10/25/2003			Ruby-throated	HY	F	Goodlettsville	Sumner	TN
10/25/2003			Rufous/Allen's	U	U	Signal Mountain	Hamilton	TN
10/25/2003	12/11/2003		Rufous	HY	F	Russellville	Logan	KY
10/25/2003	10/26/2003		Rufous	HY	M	Spring Hill	Williamson	TN
10/28/2003			Rufous	HY	M	Madison	Davidson	TN
10/29/2003	11/5/2003		Calliope***	AHY	M	Louisville	Blount	TN
11/1/2003			Ruby-throated	HY	F	Franklin	Williamson	TN
11/1/2003			Rufous	AHY	F	Sevierville	Sevier	TN
11/6/2003	11/26/2003		Selasphorus	U	U	Hampshire	Maury	TN
	1/11/2004		Rufous/Allen's	U	F		Jefferson	KY
11/8/2003	1/6/2004		Rufous	AHY	F	Rich Pond	Warren	KY
11/14/2003	11/14/2003		Unidentified	U	U	Cookeville	Putnam	TN
11/19/2003	11/21/2003		Selasphorus	U	U	Franklin	Williamson	TN
11/21/2003			Rufous	AHY	F	Knoxville	Knox	TN
11/23/2003			Rufous/Allen's	U	U	Sharps Chapel	Union	TN
11/23/2003	3/24/2004		Rufous	U	M	Maryville	Blount	TN
11/24/2003			Rufous	HY	F	Nashville	Davidson	TN
11/25/2003			Rufous	HY	M	Knoxville	Knox	TN
11/26/2003			Selasphorus	U	U		Knox	TN
11/29/2003	11/29/2003		Unidentified	U	U	Elmwood	Smith	TN
	3/24/2004		Rufous	AHY	F	Lexington	Fayette	KY
12/4/2003	1/4/2004		Rufous	U	F	Knoxville	Knox	TN
		12/11/2003	Rufous	HY	F	Tellico Village	Loudoun	TN
		12/13/2003	Rufous/Allen's	U	F	Clarkson	Grayson	KY
		12/20/2003	Rufous	AHY	M		Hamilton	TN
		12/20/2003	Selasphorus	U	U	Chattanooga	Hamilton	TN
		12/20/2003	Selasphorus	U	U	Signal Mountain	Hamilton	TN
		1/6/2004	Unidentified	U	U		Fayette	TN
		2/14/2004	Rufous	U	M	Morristown	Hamblen	TN

*In some cases, first and last observed dates are approximate.

**This bird was captured by a rehabilitator on this date, and it died in captivity 1/5/04.

***Photos clearly showed a band on this bird's right leg, but the bird eluded several attempts to capture it.

Table 2. Hummingbirds banded in the Tennessee & Kentucky region, Winter 2003–2004.

Date	Species	Age	Sex	Bander	City	County	State
10/25/2003	Rufous	HY	M	Sloan, Chris	Spring Hill	Williamson	TN
11/4/2003	Ruby-throated	HY	F	Macmillan, Portia	Goodlettsville	Sumner	TN
11/9/2003	Ruby-throated	HY	F	Sloan, Chris	Franklin	Williamson	TN
11/11/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Moore, Fred	Norris	Anderson	TN
11/22/2003	Rufous	HY	F	Sloan, Chris	Cookeville	Putnam	TN
11/24/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Moore, Fred	Sevierville	Sevier	TN
11/25/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Moore, Fred	Greeneville	Greene	TN
11/25/2003	Rufous	HY	F	Moore, Fred	Tellico Village	Loudoun	TN
11/29/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Sloan, Chris	Nashville	Davidson	TN
11/29/2003	Rufous	HY	M	Sloan, Chris	Madison	Davidson	TN
11/30/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Sloan, Chris	Bowling Green	Warren	KY
11/30/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Sloan, Chris	Bowling Green	Warren	KY
11/30/2003	Rufous	HY	F	Sloan, Chris	Russellville	Logan	KY
12/4/2003	Rufous	HY	F	Sloan, Chris	Nashville	Davidson	TN
12/7/2003	Rufous	AHY	M	Sloan, Chris	Ooltewah	Bradley	TN
12/13/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Sloan, Chris	Gray	Washington	TN
12/13/2003	Rufous	HY	F	Sloan, Chris	Gray	Washington	TN
12/13/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Sloan, Chris	Knoxville	Knox	TN
12/13/2003	Rufous	AHY	F	Sloan, Chris	Knoxville	Knox	TN
12/13/2003	Rufous	HY	M	Sloan, Chris	Maryville	Blount	TN
12/13/2003	Rufous	HY	M	Sloan, Chris	Knoxville	Knox	TN
12/16/2003	Rufous	HY	F	Moore, Fred	Tellico Village	Loudoun	TN
1/13/2004	Rufous	AHY	F	Moore, Fred	Chattanooga	Hamilton	TN
1/31/2004	Rufous	AHY	F	Sloan, Chris	Cookeville	Putnam	TN
1/31/2004	Rufous	HY	F	Sloan, Chris	Cookeville	Putnam	TN



With only a handful of records of the species from Kentucky, the presence of two Spotted Towhees in winter 2003—2004 was especially noteworthy. This bird (photographed 24 January 2004) was present in rural western McCracken County from 30 December 2003 through the end of the period, while another in Muhlenberg County stayed from 3 January 2004 through the season. Photograph by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

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This Say's Phoebe, Kentucky's third, was photographed in rural Larue County on 26 December 2003 but was not relocated. Photograph by Lyn Atherton.

se. Jefferson during Feb (AL, *fide* BW). A male White-winged Crossbill at a feeder in Monteagle, Marion, TN 21 Jan (JW) was a surprising rarity. Very small numbers of

Pine Siskins were widely distributed across most of the Region. A single Evening Grosbeak in Morgan, TN 29 Dec (JR) was the only one reported for the season.