

Pictorial Highlights



This adult Wilson's Plover was seen 8 June 2005 at Grosse Ile, Magdalen Islands, Québec, providing a first record for the province. Other wanderers have turned up recently in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, and Massachusetts. *Photograph by Donna Gail Gaudet.*



This Bar-tailed Godwit was present 12-31 (here 13) July 2005 at Stephenville Crossing, Newfoundland, a third provincial record of this species. It was identified as subspecies *baueri* based on the heavily barred underwing coverts and barred lower back. *Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.*



All up and down the Atlantic Coast, but especially in the Southeast, Greater Shearwaters were found inshore in summer 2005, as well as dead or moribund on beaches. This apparently starving bird approached a small fishing boat at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay 7 July 2005. *Photograph by Josh Nemeth.*



This drake Garganey, here 19 June 2005 at the Brigantine Division of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, was seen at two coastal New Jersey locations on three occasions in June. *Photograph by David Larsen.*



This adult male Broad-billed Hummingbird at Colington, Dare County 15 (here) and 16 July 2005 was North Carolina's second, the first being near New Bern in October 2001. *Photograph by Jeff Lewis.*



In Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Peregrine Falcons bred successfully for the first time since the late 1950s in a nest box high on one of Pennsylvania Power and Light's Martins Creek power plant smokestacks. This female (here 27 June 2005) fledged two young on 11 July. *Photograph by Brian Hardiman.*



Western Kingbird is an expected fall vagrant in the East and Midwest, but summer records are far more unusual. This bird 29 July 2005 at Jacksonville, Indiana County, Pennsylvania was enjoyed by many during its short stay. *Photograph by Geoff Malosh.*



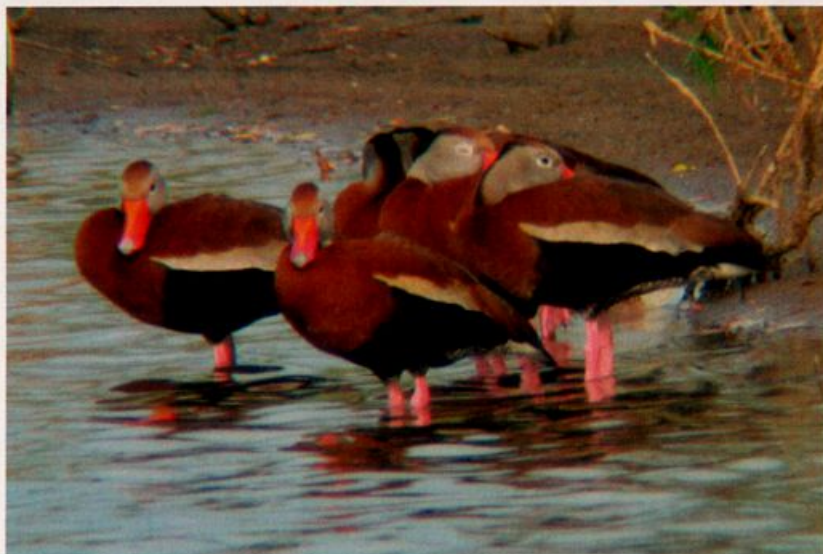
This presumed Sandwich Tern x Elegant Tern hybrid was at Sand Island, Mississippi 30 June 2005. These two species have been recently documented in mixed pairs on the Gulf Coast of Florida. *Photograph by Stephen J. Dinsmore.*



Roseate Spoonbill is an extreme rarity in Tennessee, and five near Reelfoot Lake in Obion County (three here, 26 July 2005) was without precedent. *Photograph by Jeff R. Wilson.*



This Tropical Kingbird was at Grand Isle, Louisiana 23 July 2005, a most unusual summer record for the Gulf Coast. *Photograph by David P. Muth.*



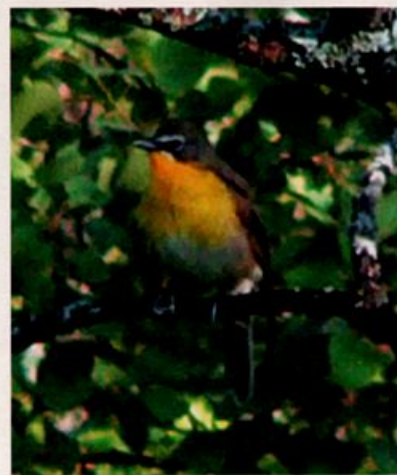
These Black-bellied Whistling Ducks were found in Gibson County, Indiana on 14 July 2005, possibly pushed there by the remnants of Hurricane *Dennis*, which arrived in the area 12 July. This sighting constitutes Indiana's second record. *Photograph by Lisa Bowman.*



These juvenile Swainson's Hawks were probably evidence of local breeding in Vermilion, Louisiana 26 July 2005. *Photograph by Charlie Hohorst.*



A visiting birder from Germany found this Tufted Duck, the Yukon's second, near Rancheria Falls 4 (here 15) June 2005; it remained through 23 June. *Photograph by Cameron D. Eckert.*



Manitoba's first Yellow-breasted Chat in nearly a decade, and about the twentieth overall, was this bird near Grande Clairière 20-26 June 2005 (here on the latter date). *Photograph by Brad Carey.*



A first for South Dakota and the Region, this female Magnificent Hummingbird was a surprise in a Sturgis yard 18 June 2005. Photograph by Randy Podoll.



On 3 May 2005, Dorothy Chamberlain spotted this gull at her home near Frenchtown, Montana. She alerted the local birding community, and seven birders rushed to there the next day to verify the bird's identification—an adult Ross's Gull (here 4 May), a state first. The bird foraged for worms pulled from mudflats; it could not be refound 5 May. Photograph by Terry Toppins.



The presence of apparent hybrid *Vermivora* warblers has been known for several years from the central Davis Mountains, Texas. These Virginia's x Colima Warblers are large in structure and have an intermediate song. This summer at least 9 territorial males were found, including this bird 11 June 2005. Photograph by Mark W. Lockwood



Found during a local bird festival and enjoyed by many, this Henslow's Sparrow was a first for Foster County, North Dakota 3 (here) through 7 June 2005—one of eight reported in the Dakotas this season. Photograph by Dave Lambeth.



Tantalizing by virtue of its territorial behavior, this singing male Baird's Sparrow near Cheyenne, Wyoming was noted on 16 (here) and 17 June 2005 but not later. The species is not known to nest in the state. Photograph by Pete Hosner.



Furnishing first for the Yukon Territory and one of just a few records for Canada, this male McKay's Bunting was a star attraction at Herschel Island from 16 (here 22) July through at least 28 July 2005. Photograph by Cameron D. Eckert.



On 11 June 2005, Darren Clark and other birders found a Glossy Ibis at Camas National Wildlife Refuge—a first Idaho record and part of the westward expansion by the species. Photograph by Darren Clark.



A Sandhill Crane pair (with colt) was noted at Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County, Colorado in early May, representing the first successful breeding by this species in modern history on Colorado's Eastern Plains (here 28 May 2005). Photograph by Steve Messick.



Flammulated Owl was known only as a rare migrant in Wyoming until 2002, when three were found summering in the Battle Creek drainage of the Sierra Madre Mountains. An organized group searched this area 8-10 July 2005 and found ten Flammulated Owls, including this nesting bird 9 July. Photograph by Tim Avery



This White-faced Ibis nest was one of two found at Whitewater Lake, Manitoba on 7 July 2005, a first confirmation of breeding in this species for the province. Photograph by Ron Bazin.



Several White-eared Hummingbirds ventured into record-high northern latitudes in the summer and fall of 2005. This bird, Colorado's first, delighted birders in Durango from 19 June through 7 August 2005 (here 20 July). Photograph by Bill Schmoker.



Mark Houston and Tom Munson found Washington's third Blue-headed Vireo (the first to be photographed) at Dry Canyon, Pend Oreille County 15 June 2005; the bird remained until at least 18 July. Photograph by Tom Munson.



Washington's first fully documented Red-necked Stint was at Dungeness Bay, Clallam, from 28 (here 31) July 2005 into August. Oregon and Washington together have about eight prior records, all of adults on the westside. Photograph by Ruth Sullivan.



Semipalmated Sandpipers are rare but regular migrants through the Great Basin. Photographed at Carson Lake, Churchill, Nevada, this bird was a southbound migrant 23 July 2005. Photograph by Martin Meyers.



A vagrant in the Bering Sea, this Violet-green Swallow was seen at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska 1 June 2005. Photograph by Luke Cole.



Furnishing a first Arizona record, this elegant Black Turnstone was found at Willcox by Roger Eastman on 2 (here 3) June 2005 and remained until 5 June. Photograph by Mark Stevenson.



In a summer that produced a variety of records of species rarely recorded in California in summer, this Philadelphia Vireo—present 30 June (here) through at least 13 July 2005 in Mono County—may have been the most noteworthy, as it was the first ever found in the state during summer. Photograph by Chris McCreedy.



After an increase in records and multiple nestings in the mid-1990s, Streak-backed Orioles have become scarcer in Arizona in recent years. This bird was observed in Tumacacori 23 (here 25) July through 1 August 2005. Photograph by Keith Kamper.



This adult male Lesser Sand-Plover (of the nominate race) adorned Gearhart, Clatsop County, Oregon from 16 through 18 (here) July 2005. There are three previous records from Oregon, all of adults, the most recent in 1986. Photograph by Keith Brady.



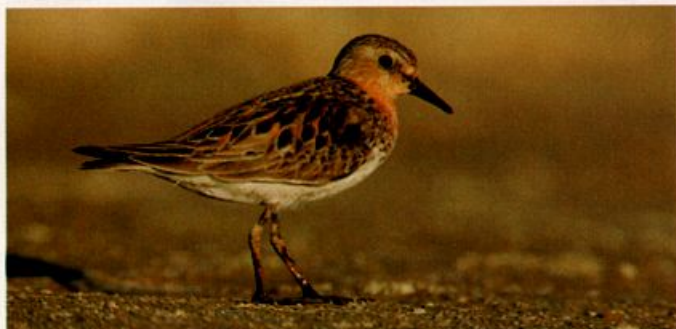
This presumed pair of Snowcaps, mist-netted near Las Marias, Departamento Gracias a Dios on 31 July (female) and 1 August (male), provided the first documentation of its occurrence in Honduras. Previous reports in this area have been anecdotal. Photographs by Tom Jenner.



Although reported in the same area in April 2003, this Blue-chested Hummingbird mist-netted at Las Marias in the Departamento Gracias a Dios provided the first photographic evidence of its occurrence in Honduras. Photograph by Tom Jenner.



The Laguna Mountains of San Diego County felt like southeastern Arizona in summer 2005. A Greater Pewee retained a territory there through most of June (here 24 June), providing a first summer record for California. This singing Red-faced Warbler (left) at William Heise County Park (here 11 August) was probably present through much of the summer. And this male Hepatic Tanager (above right), present 16 (here) through 28 June 2005, was in the same area as the Greater Pewee and two Painted Redstarts. Photograph by Kenneth Z. Kurland (center), Matt Sadowski (bottom left), and Matthew T. Heindel (top right).



Totally unexpected was the appearance of this adult Red-necked Stint at China Lake, Kern County, California on 13 June 2005; it was the only shorebird present at this location. Photograph by Bob Steele.



This male Yellow-winged Cacique at Los Cóbanos, Sonsonate Department, El Salvador 25 June 2005 was noted in company with five other males and a female, as well as several nests. This documents an eastward spread of about 70 km along the Pacific coast from the species' nearest range in Guatemala. Photograph by Marvin Rivas.