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The summer season was characterized by two predominant trends: an exceptionally wet June and above-average temperatures in July. The coastal storm that struck the Region 24-27 June behaved rather like a tropical storm, with southeasterly winds of up to 35 knots and up to 36 cm of rain, with the result that June 2006 was the wettest June on record. July temperatures ranged from average to well above average throughout the Region.

The season's most exciting avian news was clearly a Southern Lapwing photographed in Worcester County, Maryland, found during a Breeding Bird Survey conducted by boat. Other highlights included Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks, Wood Storks, and a rare June White-winged Dove. A Short-eared Owl in a coastal marsh recalls times long past, when the species was known to breed in the Region's coastal marshes. An Anna's Hummingbird photographed in Maryland in November 2004—but appearing in this journal for the first time—well illustrates the importance of photographing out-of-season birds. I thank Marshall J. Illiff for contributing the Special Attention boxes for Anna's Hummingbird and Southern Lapwing in this report.

**Abbreviations:** Back Bay (Back Bay N.W.R., Virginia Beach, VA); Bay (Chesapeake Bay); Chinc. (Chincoteague N.W.R., Accomack, VA); Craney

(Craney I., Portsmouth, VA); D.C. (District of Columbia); Hart (Hart Miller I., Baltimore, MD); K.A.G. (Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, D.C.).

## WATERFOWL THROUGH STORK

For the first time since 2003, birders in the Region enjoyed Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks that lingered at three different locations. A lone bird was found at the Washingtonian Center, Gaithersburg, Montgomery 4 Jun and was seen through 25 Jun (Michelle Scheele, ph. BH, ph. GMJ, HP, PO, m.ob.), furnishing Maryland's 6th record. In Virginia, a flock of 15 was noted 9 Jun at a farm pond on Lake Cahoon Rd., Suffolk (ph. DCI), with a dozen there the next day (DLH et al.). Another flock of 7 was seen 21-27 Jul at Back Bay (Dorie Stolley, RLAN, RLak et al.). Virginia has seven previous records, all but two on the Coastal Plain. This year's influx of the species into the Region fits nicely with a wider pattern of strong southerly winds following several days of northerly winds. Reports also surfaced from Georgia and Pennsylvania during roughly the same time-frame. The species has shown explosive growth in breeding colonies

in Florida and Louisiana in recent years.

The wing-tagged, sibling Trumpeter Swans from Ontario that were previously reported in spring at Prince George's and Anne Arundel summered at their respective locations (FS; MS). A pair of American Wigeons was at Centennial Park, Howard, MD 3-7 Jun (SL, *fide* JSo); a drake was at Manassas National Battlefield Park, Prince William, VA 3 Jun (SB). A drake Canvasback was at Claiborne, Talbot, MD 9 Jul (EA, SA). A hen Red-head was at Centennial Park 3 Jun (SL, *fide* JSo). Two drake Ring-necked Ducks summered at Airlie, Fauquier, VA (TMD); one drake and one hen summered at Piscataway W.T.P., Prince George's (GMJ); 3 were on the Potomac R. off Riverbend Park, Montgomery 4 Jul (JK); and another was at L. of the Woods Orange, VA 11 Jul (ICT). As many as 13 Lesser Scaup were seen intermittently during summer at Belmont and Occoquan Bays, Fairfax and Prince William (SB, KG); more unusual was one at Bells Lane, Staunton 15-18 Jun (AL). Scoters of all three species were seen from Poplar I., Talbot on three visits to that site, 21 Jun, 7 & 24 Jul: 13 Surf Scoters made the high count 21 Jun, 6 Black Scoters 24 Jul, and a single White-winged was present on each visit; a Long-tailed Duck was there 21 Jun (JR, *fide* LR). Another Black Scoter was seen at Crocheron Harbor

Dorchester 11 Jul (HTA JSpk). There were two reports of Common Mergansers on the Potomac R., Montgomery: an ad hen with 6 young 3 Jun (DCz); and 10, all either ad. hens or imm., 18 Jun (Christie Huffman); also, 2 were seen at Bladensburg Waterfront Park Prince George's in the first two weeks of Jun, and a drake was seen there 9 Jul (Mike Donovan, FS). A drake Ruddy Duck spent summer at Bells Lane, Staunton, VA, an unusual location (AL, m.ob.); several summered at Hart with 8 present 29 Jul being the high count (EJS), 4 were at Poplar I. 7 Jul (JR, *fide* LR); and one was at Aquia Landing Park Stafford, VA 16 Jul (KG, JK).

Piney Run Park, Carroll, MD hosted a Common Loon 21-22 Jul (Kei-

**SA** Wood Stork is a rare and irregular visitor in the Region, observed in Virginia on just eight occasions since 1985. Its erratic occurrence has been linked to drought conditions in its typical range, but the absence of recent reports (despite several severe droughts) dovetails with its severe decline as a breeder in s. Florida and apparently elsewhere in the species' range. This season had two reports involving a minimum of 4 birds, with another report coming in Aug, all in Virginia. The first report was of 2 imm. at a wetlands mitigation bank in New Kent, only a few km s. of the Pamunkey R., 8-24 Jul (ph. Vins Thornhill); the next report, also of 2 imm., was near Wake, Mathews 4-29 Jul (Lorraine Cuthbert; ph.). The Aug report was one imm. seen 14 Aug at the Gloucester Family Campground and reported to <www.ebird.org> (ph. Steve Harns). Now that the species nests in s. North Carolina (the one colony in Columbus, NC topped 100 birds this year), observers should be mindful of the possibility, however remote it might seem, of nesting in the Region.



These immature Wood Storks frequented Luck Stone's New Kent Wetlands Mitigation Bank in New Kent County, Virginia 8-24 (here date unknown) July 2006. Photograph by Vins Thornhill.



At Wake, Middlesex County, Virginia, two immature Wood Storks took up residence in a backyard pond 4-29 (here date unknown) July 2006. Photograph by Lorraine Cuthbert.



Part of a widespread flight out of core range, this Black-bellied Whistling-Duck graced Montgomery County, Maryland 6 June 2006. Photograph by George Jett.

th Eric Costley, RFR). Hart continues to show large numbers of Pied-billed Grebes in summer, with 175 there 15 Jul representing a state high count; both nests and young were observed there throughout summer (EJS et al.). An American White Pelican was seen 3 & 6 Jul at Craney (*vide* Ruth Beck). A female and 5 male Anhingas were at Bellyache Swamp, *Southampton*, VA 3 Jun, in an area where breeding is possible—and where one was first noted 27 May (Mark T. Adams, Laura Long); one was noted there 11 Jun (AD). An Anhinga at L. Robertson, *Rockbridge*, VA 1 Jul (†Tad Finnell) was way out of place. Frigatebird reports in Virginia continued from late May into late Jun: an imm. Magnifi-

cent was seen 27 Jun on the James R., *James City* (Terry Moeslein, *vide* BW), and a female Magnificent was noted at Virginia Beach 29 Jun (KR). An American Bittern was a nice find at Burkes Garden, *Tazewell*, VA 6 Jul (Jim & Judy Phillips); another spent the entire summer in *Northampton* at Riverview Farm (Bull's Pond), a property newly acquired by The Nature Conservancy and soon to be administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (*vide* HTA). Summering American Bitterns in the Coastal Plain are extremely rare. A Maryland high-count for Least Bitterns was established at Hart, with 30 seen in the s. cell 10 Jul (EJS, RFR); the species was present there throughout summer. A good count of 150 Cattle Egrets was reported from Wallops I., *Accomack* 29 Jul (FMS, JN). A Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was Banister River W.M.A., *Halifax* 4 Jun (Jeff Blalock). A Glossy Ibis at K's Pond 26 Jul–13 Aug was a first for *Rockingham*, VA (Pat Holloway, Kay Gibbons, John Irvine, CM, m.ob.).

## RAPTORS THROUGH TERNS

A Swallow-tailed Kite was seen 8 Jun near Burke, *Fairfax* (Beverley Leeuwenburg). Mississippi Kites again were confirmed breeding in previous nest sites at Annandale and the Waynewood area, both *Fairfax*, VA (Bob Augustine, PS). Still much less common in Maryland, a Mississippi Kite was in *Montgomery* 22 Jun (Jane & Dennis Coskren). Northern Harriers were reported from six Maryland Eastern Shore locations: a territorial male at Muddy Hole Marsh, *Wicomico* 9 Jun (SHD); two pairs at Bloodsworth I., *Dorchester* 11 Jun (HTA, JSpk); 3, likely a family group, at South Marsh I., *Somerset* (HTA, JSpk); 3 along Elliott Island Rd., *Dorchester* 12

Jun (HTA et al.); an ad. male at Cedar I. Marsh, *Somerset* 13 Jun (SHD); and an ad. male at the Fishing I. area, *Somerset* 30 Jun (Ellen Lawler). The College of William and Mary's Center for Conservation Biology again monitored Peregrine Falcon nest productivity in Virginia. The number of breeding pairs increased to 22 from 20 in 2005. Of these, 73 eggs hatched 51 chicks that survived to fledging age. Seventeen clutches were followed closely from egg-laying to fledging, and of them, 50 of 69 eggs (72.5%) hatched, similar to recent years. Notable was a shift in management plans for the falcon, with more birds being translocated from the coast to the mts. than in previous efforts, with the objective of re-establishing a viable breeding population in Virginia's west. (Thanks to Brian D. Watts at the Center for Conservation biology for information summarized here.)

Four Black Rails were heard singing 12–13 Jun along Elliott Island Rd., one of few places where observers can almost reliably find the species (HTA et al.). King Rails were reported throughout summer at Occoquan Bay N.W.R., *Prince William*, with an ad. and 10 fuzzy young noted 1 Jul (JK); another was at Blackwater N.W.R. 4 Jul (HTA). Rare for *Rockingham* were up to 2 Soras 27 Jul–10 Aug at K's Pond (Ken Ranck, ph. BT, GM). Common Moorhens were confirmed breeding at Hart 15 Jul; young were seen again there 29 Jul (EJS et al.). An American Coot was at Dyke Marsh, *Fairfax* 8 Jul (SB).

A Black-bellied Plover at Metompkin I., *Accomack* 7 Jul appeared during the narrow window in which the species is quite rare in the state (AW). Five American Oystercatchers were at Dameron Marsh, *Northumberland*, VA 19 Jun (Tom Saunders). One was at Poplar I.

**SA** A Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) photographed by Hoffman at a barren area in salt marsh sw. of the confluence of Turville Cr. with Herring Cr., just n. of West Ocean City, *Worcester*, MD 17 Jun, ranks among the most shocking Regional surprises. It could not be relocated four hours later nor by a team of chasers 22 Jun. Alvaro Jaramillo identified it as being of the subspecies *cayennensis*, based on its brownish (not grayish) face, slender shape and long legs, long black crest, dull bill color, and (most importantly) the lack of a dark line connecting the bill and black breast patch.

Southern Lapwing may comprise two species: the southerly *chilensis* group occurs from Chile and central Argentina s. to Tierra del Fuego, while the *cayennensis* group (including *cayennensis* and the more southerly *lampronotus*) ranges throughout much of the remainder of South America and n. through Panama. Northern *cayennensis* has been expanding northward throughout the last century (due to forest clearing), and recent advances have been well reported in the pages of this journal: it has recently bred in Costa Rica and Aruba and has strayed n. to the Yucatan Peninsula. It is to be expected on the Gulf of Mexico regions, and indeed a Southern Lapwing of subspecies *cayennensis* was seen at St. Mark's N.W.R., Florida in May–Jun 2006. However, 2 birds in Florida in 2003 involved banded *lampronotus* (escapees), and the five Florida records between 1959 and 1962 have likewise been considered escapees. Stevenson and Anderson (1994. *Birdlife of Florida*) discussed those records and opined that "since this resident species is not prone to wandering great distances, it seems unlikely that any of these birds were natural vagrants."

It now seems that the species may wander more than previously thought. The Maryland bird was of the expected subspecies, wary, and unbanded, and ties in well with the St. Mark's record. While the subspecies of most Florida records has not been reported, the Jun–Jul peak (five of seven potentially wild records) may correspond with movements in South America. Of about 26 sightings in Suriname, eight have been in Jun and four in Jul, and almost all from the n. coastal area (<<http://www1.nhl.nl/~ribot/english/indexpl3.htm>>). This may suggest a northward movement during this period that could lead to overshooting much as in Fork-tailed Flycatcher, which predominates on the Gulf Coast and eastern seaboard and may fly directly (or nearly so) from South America. Some have mentioned that Maryland's record may tie in to Hurricane *Alberto*, but such a connection at this point seems tenuous, since the storm's point of origin was not an area of regular occurrence for the species. However, the Maryland record thus should not be dismissed as an escapee; a more thorough review of Southern Lapwing movements, especially seasonal movements in South and Central America, is very much needed and might shed more light on its potential vagrancy—even as far n. as the Mid-Atlantic.

24 Jul (JR, *fide* LR), where they have become regular recently, but typically they breed only as far n. as *Dorchester* along the Bay; it is possible that recent improvements to Poplar I. might result in a breeding population. Black-necked Stilts were reported from Craney 20 & 27 Jul; American Avocets were there the same two dates, with 16 noted 27 Jul (Elisa Enders; ESB). Both recurvirostrids were also at Poplar I. 7 & 24 Jul, with 16 avocets noted on the latter date (JR, *fide* LR); 3 avocets were at Hart 3 Jun and 13 there 15 Jul (EJS, RFR et al.). The first migrant Solitary Sandpiper was noted 4 Jul at W. Regional Park, *Howard* (*fide* JSo). Spotted Sandpipers were seen 30 Jun at Dyke Marsh (PS) and 4 Jul at Great Falls Park along the Potomac R., *Fairfax* and *Montgomery* (JK)—either early southbound migrants, failed breeders (or nonbreeders), or possibly local breeding birds. Upland Sandpipers were seen foraging on sod fields at Remington, *Fauquier*, a known breeding location, 25 Jun and 1 Jul (Phil Kenny; SAH); they were present 16-30 Jul at the Salisbury Airport, *Wicomico*, with a high-count of 11 there 19 Jul (SHD); as many as 6 were seen along Oak Grove Rd., *Caroline* along the Delaware border 24-30 Jul, with at least 2 firmly in Maryland (Glen Lovelace). A seawatch at Ocean City Inlet, *Worcester* 28 Jul netted 238 Whimbrels (SM); another was an early fall migrant (or less likely, a summering bird) 7 Jul at Metompkin I. (AW). A Long-billed Curlew was seen 16 Jul at Outlet Bay, *Northampton* (Barry Truitt). Ten Red Knots were at Chinc. I. 1 Jun (Wendy Ealding); 2 were at Bloodsworth I. 11 Jun (HTA, JSpk). Reese reports over 10,000 shorebirds at Poplar I. after a weak low-pressure system passed through the Region 22 Jul (*fide* LR). At Craney, roughly 7000 Semipalmated Sandpipers were with about 1000 Western and 400 Least Sandpipers, along with 38 Stilt Sandpipers 27 Jul (ESB). There were two notable reports of White-rumped Sandpipers: 2-3 in the Shenandoah Valley 13-15 Jun at Leonard's Pond, *Rockingham* (GM, Diana Pesek) and one at Poplar I. 7 Jul (JR, *fide* LR). A Pectoral Sandpiper was unusual for Jun near Crimora, *Saint Mary's*, MD 13 Jun (Jeff Shenot). Up to 5 Dunlins were at Huntley Meadows Park, *Fairfax* 3-5 Jun (CO, m.ob.); a Wilson's Phalarope was there 3 Jun (Bill & Julie Knight, ph. CO). A Wilson's Snipe was quite a surprise at Bloodsworth I. 11 Jun (HTA, JSpk); the nearest known breeding area for snipe is several hundred km away. The season's only Red-necked Phalarope report was from Craney 25 & 27 Jul (DCI; ESB).

Good numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gulls continue to summer along the beach at



A flock of seven Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks roamed Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia Beach, Virginia 21-27 (here 27) July 2006. Photograph by Robert L. Ake.

Back Bay, with 39 tallied 3 Jul (SB). Two Roseate Terns were noted in flight from Hart 1 Jul; the species is decidedly rare in the upper reaches of the Bay (EJS et al.). A Sandwich Tern at Ocean City Inlet, *Worcester* 28 Jul (SM) provided the summer's only report from Maryland. A Forster's Tern was at Bells Lane, Staunton 23 Jul, only the 3rd local summer record (AL). Among several interesting reports of Least Tern, the most notable was *Howard's* first, found 10 Jul over the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory pond (+Kevin Heffernan); elsewhere, 6 were at Patuxent Oxbow L., *Anne Arundel* 21 Jun (MS, Jay Sheppard) and 3 at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, *Prince George's* 1 & 9 Jul (Rob Hilton; FS).

## DOVES THROUGH RAVEN

The Sandbridge area of Virginia Beach has the Region's first well-established population of Eurasian Collared-Dove; but the species still has little more than a foothold in a few Virginia locales, including *Isle of Wight*, *Northampton*, *Pulaski*, and *Radford*. A new location was found at Spring Creek, *Rockingham*, where one was seen 17 Jul (Karen Shank, *fide* CM). A White-winged Dove made a three-day appearance in a Norfolk, VA yard 26-28 Jun near Ocean View (ph. Judy Sweetland). There is only one previous Jun record for the species in the Region: a flyby 10 Jun

1970 at Marumscro, *Somerset*, Maryland's first state record. A Short-eared Owl 7 Jul at Poplar I. was difficult to explain (JR, *fide* LR), the species was formerly a rare summer resident of coastal salt marshes of the Eastern Shore and along the Bay, but no breeding records since the 1920s are known. However, the species nested in ne. North Carolina in 2000, so summering birds should be monitored. Chuck-will's-widows were reported from two locations at the n. edge of their range on Virginia's Piedmont: 1-4 Jun along Waterloo Rd., near Warrenton, *Fauquier* (Don Schupp); and a singing bird near Prince William Forest Park, *Prince William* was heard from spring through 23 Jul (KG, RR) and may have nested.

The 2006 breeding season was a success for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers at *Surry's* Piney Grove Preserve, where for the first time in many years Virginia supported five breeding pairs. A total of 8 woodpeckers fledged, 4 male and 4 female, bringing the total of ad and hatch-year birds to 34 at the preserve (BDW). Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were present all summer at Bear Mt. Lodge, *Highland*, VA, at ca. 1200 m elevation (PR); they were also noted 23-24 Jun at Grindstone Campground near Mt. Rogers, *Smyth*, VA, at ca. 1128 m, with 4 found on the Mt. Roger's trail during the two-day period (Peggy Spiegel Dick Peake, JSp). A pair of Alder Flycatchers

**SA** Another new bird for the Region was garnered two years after the fact and illustrates the importance of documenting out-of-season birds. A greenish non-*Selasphorus* hummingbird at feeders nw. of Waldorf, *Prince George's* 9-15 Nov 2004 (ph. GMJ, JLS) had been identified as a Ruby-throated Hummingbird and had not previously been reported in this journal. Jett was uncomfortable with that identification and in Oct 2006 circulated photographs for further review. Michael O'Brien then correctly identified the bird in the photographs as a female **Anna's Hummingbird**. The identification was based on: the thick inner primaries (typical of *Calypte* rather than *Archilochus*), the heavily marked throat, stocky shape, face pattern, bright green upperparts, and greenish markings on the flanks. A prior record of this species n. of the Carolinas was made at Binghamton, New York, mid-Oct-18 Dec 1998 (*N.A.B.* 53: 37, 117). Anna's thus became the 7th confirmed species of hummingbird for the Region and the 5th from fall 2004. Based on surrounding regions' records, we might next expect a Broad-tailed Hummingbird to turn up in the Region.

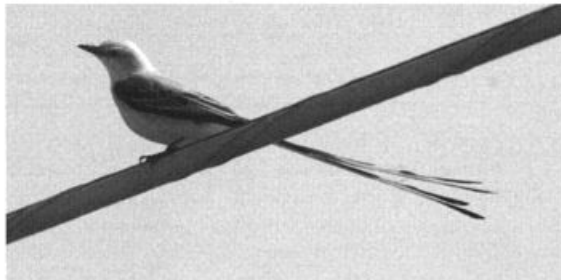
was at Highlands Dairy Farm, Washington, VA at ca. 610 m (J. Wallace Coffey). At least 4 territorial male Willow Flycatchers were heard singing at Wallops I. 6 & 20 Jun, and a pair was observed there on the latter date, but no nest was found (FMS); breeding is unknown from the barrier islands in Virginia but occurs sparingly in coastal Delaware in very similar habitat. The Western Kingbird that has returned to Ft. McHenry, Baltimore for the 5th year was seen 25 Apr–18 May and 11 Jun (Kye Jenkins). Loggerhead Shrikes were reported multiple times from each of three Virginia locations: 1, 15, & 26 Jun along Livick Rd., Swoope, Augusta, with 3 recently fledged young noted 1 Jun (AL, Rebecka Brasso); 4 Jun–29 Jul at Sky Meadows S.P., Fauquier, where 2 fledged young were noted with one ad. 25 Jun (SB, ICT, Craig Turner, m.ob.); and 2 along Grassdale Rd., at Remington, Fauquier 23–26 Jun, where for the 2nd year they have been noted in late summer or fall, but with no hint of breeding (KG, RR, TMD). A Red-eyed Vireo was re-captured 6 May at Powhatan, VA, after having been first banded there as an ad. in May 1998; the longevity record for that species is 10 years (BR), and this bird is nipping at the heels of the record. Two Common Ravens were soaring in Howard over I-70 between Maryland Rte. 97 and 94 on 18 Jun, not far from the known Frederick nest site (MH).

## SWALLOWS THROUGH CROSSBILLS

An entirely white Barn Swallow was along Norwood Rd., Montgomery, MD 8 Jul (Gail MacKiernan, Barry Cooper). A few Brown-headed Nuthatches were at the Hidden Valley G.C., Roanoke 21 Jun (Jeff Taylor). Two Brown Creeper reports were interesting: 8 Jul near Damascus, Montgomery, MD (Franz Hespeneheide) and at Clifton Farm, Fauquier 20 Jul (Rita Fenwick). A pair of Sedge Wrens was on territory at Blossom Pt., Charles, MD 28 Jul+ (GMJ). Veery is still unconfirmed as a breeder in the Fairfax and Arlington area of Virginia (nearly straddling the fall line); reports for summer were included single birds 9 Jun at Long Branch Nature Center, Arlington (Steve Young), 12–16 Jun at Holmes Run, Fairfax (Larry Cartwright), and 30 Jun–3 Jul at Fort C.F. Smith Park, Arlington (Valerie Kitchens).

Yellow-rumped Warblers continue their colonization of certain higher-elevation locations in Virginia, with breeding evidence noted at three spots: 2 birds, one carrying food, at Briery Branch Rd. near Reddish Knob, Rockingham (CM); 5 birds, including at least one singing male, at Elliott Knob, Augusta

(JSp, Lisa Hamilton); and 2 young among 6 total birds at Shenandoah Mt., Rockingham 9 Jul (JSp). Reilly's Prothonotary Warbler banding program at Dutch Gap C.A., Chesterfield, VA had a banner breeding season, with a total of 620 birds banded in and around 131 nest boxes, including 514 nestlings, shattering previous records and a far cry from the 43 birds captured there in 2002. Additionally, 95 returning ads. were re-captured during the study. A Prothonotary Warbler and 2 Yellow-



Furnishing a surprising twelfth record for the county, this adult Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was found by Tim Dixon at Townsend, Northampton County, Virginia on 25 April 2006. Photograph by Edward S. Brinkley.

breasted Chats were at K.A.G., one of very few places in D.C. where the former can be found and the only location for the latter (PP). Atlassing efforts in Wicomico paid off 17 Jul when a Swainson's Warbler was found in company with a begging juv. (Don & Carol Broderick); the species is a very local, rare breeder in Maryland.

Henslow's Sparrows were at typical haunts in Allegany and Garrett in w. Maryland throughout the reporting period (Nick Lund, William Leigh, m.ob.); unfortunately no reports of birds at the Radford Arsenal, Radford, VA came to light. A singing Henslow's Sparrow 22–23 Jun at Wallops I., Accomack, VA (JN, FMS) provided a fascinating record: the species is unknown as a breeder on the barrier islands and was formerly a rare, local summer resident in salt marshes along the Bay, with no reliable reports in over a decade. A Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow of the nominate subspecies was at Oxon Hill Park, Prince George's 3 Jun, unusual for the location if not the date (Fred Fallon). Notably late were a Savannah Sparrow at Kenilworth Park, D.C. 3 Jun and a Swamp Sparrow at K.A.G. 24 Jun (both PP). Reports of Coastal Plain Swamp Sparrows (subspecies *nigrescens*) were few this summer and did not include any from Virginia. Two each were singing at Sandy Hill 16 Jun and Tyaskin Bridge, Wicomico 3 Jul (SHD); as many as 15 were found at Hart 8–15 Jul (RFR, EJS et al.). A White-throated Sparrow was unexpected in a Charlottesville, VA yard 11–21 Jun (BT); a bigger surprise was one that was seemingly healthy and pulled

from a mist net at Clifton Farm, Fauquier 1 Jul (SAH). In Maryland, a pair of Blue Grosbeaks was along Russell Rd., Garrett, where rare, 30 Jul (John Hubbell). Dickcissel reports were far fewer this summer than in 2005. The bulk of the reports came from Virginia, with as many as 5 on various territories around Remington, Fauquier 16 Jun (TMD). Others include one at Latimer Siding, Northampton 7 Jun (ESB); 2 at Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA 14 Jun (AD et al.); one at Mulberry Pt., Richmond, VA 19 Jun (FA); 2 near Grove Neck Sanctuary, Cecil, MD 22 Jun (Walter G. Ellison, Nancy L. Martin); and 2 along Old Telegraph Rd., Cecil 22 Jul (SM). An Eastern Meadowlark was a good find for urban D.C. 3 Jun at K.A.G. (PP). In Maryland, a Rusty Blackbird was late 10 Jun at Rocky Gap S.P., Allegany (fide Taylor McLean). Red Crossbills frequented feeders at Bear Mt. Lodge, Highland 5–25 Jun, with as many as 8 present, among them 2 young (PR et al.).

Exotics: An ad. male Great Tit was at Dan's Mt., Allegany 11 Jun (Susan Sires). An Orange Bishop was at Edmonston, Prince George's 24 Jun (fide RFR). There are no prior reports of these species in this Region.

**Corrigendum:** The Eared Grebe noted in the winter season report from Piney Run Park was listed as being in Caroline but was in fact in Carroll, MD.

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