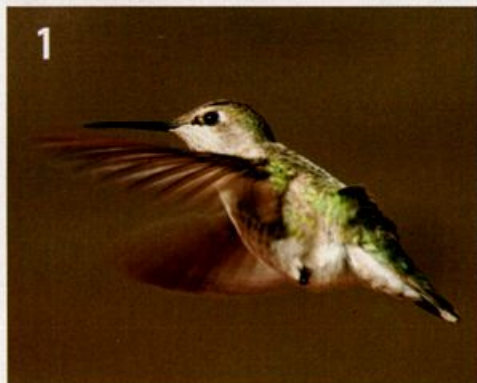


# Pictorial Highlights



1 • Illustrating the merits of photographing all late-fall and wintering hummingbirds is this bird, which was originally identified as a Ruby-throated Hummingbird. That identification never sat well with the photographer, and the image was re-circulated to experts and eventually identified correctly as the first Anna's Hummingbird for Maryland. The bird was at a feeder northwest of Waldorf, Prince George's County 9-15 (here 10) November 2004. *Photograph by George M. Jett.*

2 • This Eyebrowed Thrush was near Zeto Point, Adak Island, Alaska 2-3 (here 3) June 2006. *Photograph by John Puschock.*

3 • A bright male Bar-tailed Godwit at Stephenville Crossing, Newfoundland 5 June 2006, possibly grounded by heavy rains, may have been the same bird present at this locality in July 2004 and July 2005. *Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.*

4 • This Lesser Sand-Plover nest was photographed at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska on 11 July 2006 by an active resident birder. *Photograph by Gerard Koonooka.*

5 • This Black-bellied Whistling-Duck was photographed 5 June 2006 near Pleasantville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, furnishing a third state record and part of an irruption that extended as far north as Pennsylvania and Missouri. *Photograph by Geoff Malosh.*

6 • Arizona's third Tropical Parula, presumably of the subspecies *pulchra*, appeared in the Portal backyard of Larry & Terrie Gates 16-23 (here 16) June 2006. *Photograph by Richard E. Webster.*



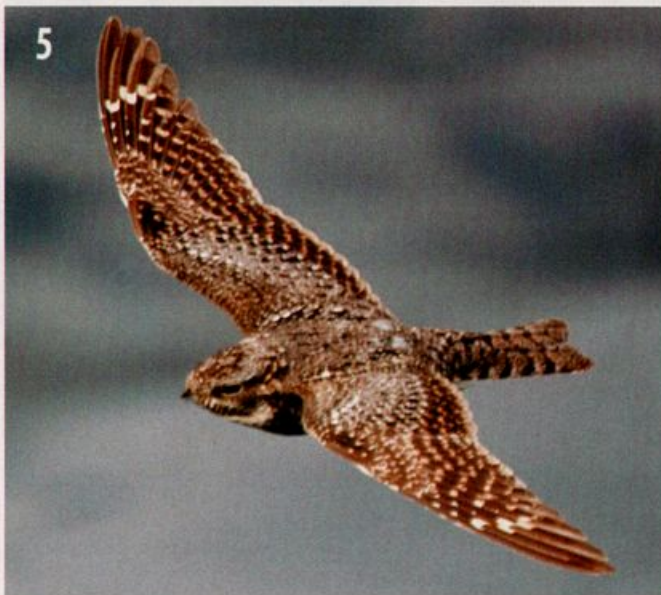
1 • In recent years, Cook's Petrels have been found more readily close to shore off Baja California than farther north on the Pacific coast. This bird was one of 54 seen as close as 37.6 km off Ensenada on 5 July 2006. *Photograph by Matt Sadowski.*

2 • This male Flame-colored Tanager summered again in Madera Canyon, Arizona, where it apparently mated with a female Western Tanager. *Photograph by Kenneth V. Rosenberg.*

3 • This immature Masked/Nazca Booby off Ensenada, Baja California was photographed 5 July 2006; field identification of these species in nonadult plumages is challenging. *Photograph by Todd McGrath.*

4 • Quite rare in British Columbia in summer, this Rough-legged Hawk was near Anarchist Summit, Osoyoos 6 June 2006. *Photograph by Bob McKay.*

5 • This Lesser Nighthawk furnished a first provincial and second Canadian record when photographed 80 km west of Tofino during a pelagic trip 5 June 2006. *Photograph by Mike Yip.*





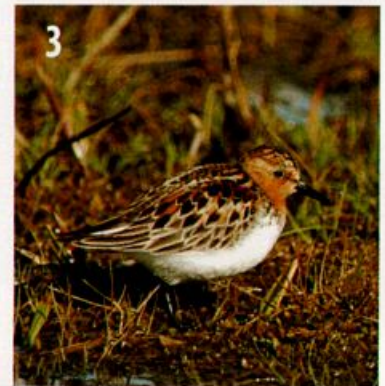
1 & 2 • This Southern Lapwing was found near West Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland 17 June 2006 but could not be relocated. It is identifiable as subspecies *cayennensis*, the “expected” vagrant subspecies—although no one predicted that such a bird would appear in Maryland. Refer to the Special Attention item in the Middle Atlantic regional report for a discussion of this record and other North American records of this species. *Photograph by Mark L. Hoffmann.*

3 • These two Bridled Terns photographed near their nest on Ragged Cay, Utila (Bay Islands) on 11 July 2006 provided the first photographic evidence of breeding in Honduras. The species was first recorded nesting in Honduras in July 2004. *Photograph by David Shoch.*

4 • In the midst of a Colorado “chicken run,” tour leaders Brian Gibbons and Marshall Iliff and crew studied this Mexican Duck (at right; with female Mallard of the nominate subspecies) near Walden, Jackson County 20-21 (here 21) April 2006. *Photograph by Carl Sheely.*

5 • Utah’s first Glossy Ibis records were documented in June 2006: two near Benson, Cache County, 5-18 June, and this one, 24 June at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Box Elder County. Glossy Ibis reports have been on the rise in recent years throughout the western United States. *Photograph by Jack Binch.*

6 • Iowa’s first Mottled Duck, a male photographed here at Saylorville Reservoir on 7 July 2006, remained only until 8 July. *Photograph by Stephen J. Dinsmore.*



1 • Well north of its range was this Brown Thrasher frequenting a feeder at Arviat, Nunavut on the northwestern shore of Hudson Bay on 3-14 (here 5) June 2006. Photograph by Lisa-Jo van den Scott.

2 • Two Red-necked Stints were present at Dune Lake, St. Paul Island, Alaska on 6 June 2006; the species is not annual here in spring. Photograph by John Puschock.

3 • This breeding-plumaged Red-necked Stint, a beautiful Yukon first, was discovered at Pauline Cove on Herschel Island just minutes before midnight on 10 June 2006 and stayed through the following day (here). Photograph by Pamela Sinclair.

4 • Washington's second Bay-breasted Warbler, a first-year male, resided near Kidd Valley in Lewis County, where it sang persistently from 5 June through 8 July 2006 (here 10 June). The state's only accepted record is from September 2002 in Grant County. Photograph by Joseph Higbee.

5 • Lengthening the list of hummingbird predators was this Green Heron, here pictured 4 June 2006 shortly after capturing a female Black-chinned near Radium Springs, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Photograph by James E. Zabriskie.

6 • A male Scarlet Tanager helped feed fledgling Summer Tanagers in Cook County, Illinois 13 July 2006—the first documented nesting of the latter species in the county. The male Summer Tanager (not pictured) was nearby. Photograph by Paul Dacko.





1 • Adding to the handful of Lark Sparrow records for Northwest Territories was this nicely documented bird at Colville Lake on 29 June 2006. *Photograph by Samuel Denault.*

2 • This Black-tailed Godwit was studied and photographed by many at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Massachusetts 17-29 (here 24) July 2006; there are at least three other state records for the species, but some East Coast states have yet to record one. The subspecies of this individual has not been determined with certainty. *Photograph by Phil Brown.*

3 • New Mexico's third Berylline Hummingbird was north to the Mimbres River Valley, Grant County, where captured and banded 25 July 2006 (here). *Photograph by Joan E. Day-Martin.*

4 • This adult Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross spent 16-19 (here 19) July 2006 on Stratton Island, Maine. *Photograph by Derek Lovitch.*

5 • This male Yellow Grosbeak was photographed on the second day of its 31 July-2 August 2006 stay at Keough's Hot Springs near Bishop, Inyo County, and is the first to be so documented in California. *Photograph by Bob Steele.*

6 • Churchill, Manitoba tallied its twentieth species of gull on 29 June 2006 with this well-documented immature Black-tailed Gull. There was one previous single-observer sighting in the province. *Photograph by Jeffrey A. Gordon.*



1 - Providing a New Mexico first was a pair of Black-capped Gnatcatchers in Guadalupe Canyon, Hidalgo County, where discovered 4 June 2006 and found feeding nestlings 22 July (the male, here) and 24 July 2006. *Photograph by Peg Abbott.*

2 - An exceptional vagrant anywhere in the province, this Green-tailed Towhee banded at Thunder Cape Bird Observatory on Lake Superior 10 June 2006 was a first for northern Ontario. *Photograph by John Woodcock.*

3 - A Little Gull, found and photographed on 22 June 2006 at the south end of the Salton Sea, Imperial County, California, remained through the season, during which time it molted from first-summer to second-winter plumage. *Photograph by Kenneth Z. Kurland.*

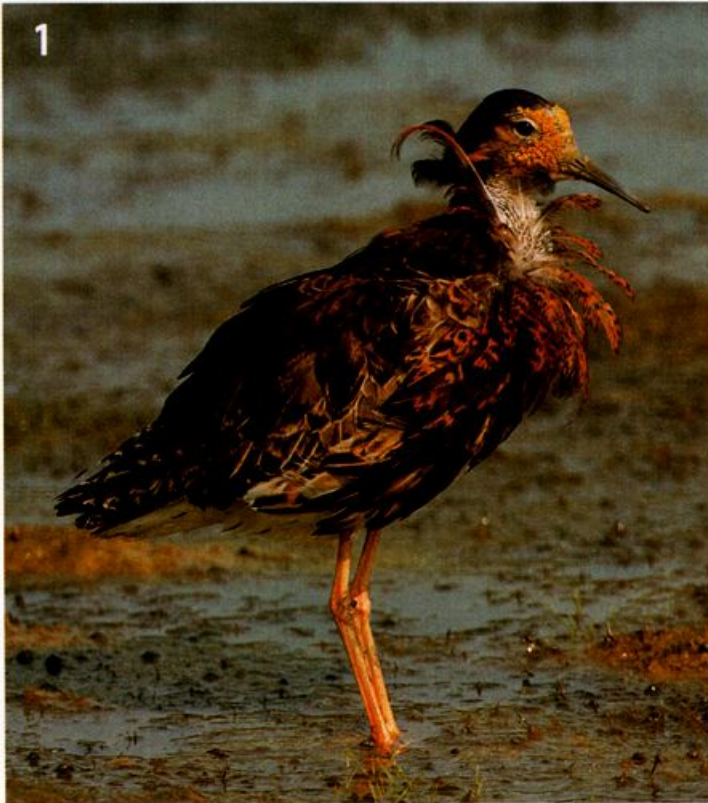
4 - This Henslow's Sparrow was very dependable during its stay 2-27 (here 13) June 2006 near Huntingdon, Québec. It sang frequently from a perch very close to the road. Interestingly, the two previous records of this species in Québec were from the same area in July 1985 (*American Birds* 39: 890), and June 1989 (*American Birds* 43: 1293). This sparrow possibly nested at Montréal and Aylmer in the 1940s and 1960s, respectively, but there has been no evidence of breeding afterward. *Photograph by Pierre Bannon.*

5 - Mount Pirata, on Vieques Island, has recently produced several records of the obscure Bridled Quail-Dove, a little-known resident species of Puerto Rico and the Lesser Antilles. On 16 July 2006, three were heard, and two photographed, for the first documented record of this species on Vieques. The species is not well represented in most field guides, even photographic ones, and several misidentified photographs have added to the confusion. *Photograph by Daphne Gemmill.*

6 - Though recorded numerous times as far north as Humboldt County, California, Ashy Storm-Petrel had never been recorded in the Oregon & Washington Region until the appearance of this bird (on right) over Grays Canyon, off Westport, Washington on 24 June 2006, with a Leach's Storm-Petrel. *Photograph by Truls Andersen.*

7 - This adult Arctic Tern was one of two documented in the Trans-Pecos region of Texas this season. It lingered at Balmoreha Lake, Reeves County, from 1-11 (here 2) June 2006, making it the longest-staying individual of its species ever found in Texas. *Photograph by Mark W. Lockwood.*





1 • This molting male Ruff was present in Rowan County, Kentucky 8 July 2006. It represented a seventh state record and first for a fall migrant adult. *Photograph by Lana Hays.*

2 • Several hundred Elegant Terns, some of which are shown here on 15 June 2006 with numerous eggs and chicks, nested on two barges in Long Beach Harbor, Los Angeles County, along with a few hundred Caspian Terns and a handful of Royal Terns and Black Skimmers. Tragically, the nesting efforts were wiped out when all of the birds were forced off the barge in late June, presumably by the barge owners. *Photograph by Tim P. Anderson.*

3 • Lucifer Hummingbird  $\times$  Black-chinned Hummingbird hybrids have been reported in southwestern Texas on at least four occasions. This male was present in the Davis Mountains, Jeff Davis County, from 22 July (here) 2006 through the end of the month. This was the third such occurrence at this location. *Photograph by Mark W. Lockwood.*

4 • Antillean Nighthawks nested on the Camp Garcia runway, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, in late June 2006 (here 14 July 2006). *Photograph by Daphne Gemmill.*