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It was a heady spring, with three “first” records—one of these new to the American Birding Association Area—plus two additional potential first records—one of these new to the Area—which pushed the Florida list to more than 500 species. Three of these birds were located and photographed by Carl Goodrich! Winds during April and May were variable, at times from the east, bringing pelagics to the Atlantic coast and Caribbean-wintering or -migrating species to the “Green Key Migrant Funnel,” and at other times from the west, grounding uncountable numbers of trans-Gulf migrants, including what must have been thousands of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. The best fallout days were 19-23 April and 15 May.

Abbreviations/definitions: C.W.A. (Critical Wildlife Area); F.O.S.R.C. (Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee); N.S.R.A. (North Shore Recreation Area, *Orange*); report (any observation); record (only reports verifiable from photograph, videotape, or specimen evidence).

WATERFOWL THROUGH VULTURES

As usual, Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks lead off this report, with 510 at Gainesville, *Alachua* 13 Mar (B&JB), 141 at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 1 Apr (HR), 3 at Tallahassee, *Leon* 29 Apr–2 May (EW, GM), 94 at Viera Wetlands, *Brevard* 4 May (DaF), 7 at St. Petersburg, *Pinellas* 7 May (*fide* MP), and 11 at Lake Townsen R.P., *Hernando* 24 May (A&BH). Perhaps the same single Common Eiders were at St. Augustine Inlet, *St. Johns* through 1 Apr (DRe) and Ft. Clinch S.P., *Nassau* 2 Apr (PLe). Evidently rare but regular breeders in the n., 6 Hooded Merganser chicks fledged at Tallahas-

see 9 Apr (JiS). Lingering waterfowl included 2 Ring-necked Ducks at Viera 31 May (AB), one Greater Scaup at Cedar Key, *Levy* 22 May (ReR), one Lesser Scaup at L. Maggiore, St. Petersburg 29 May (DG), and one Red-breasted Merganser at Green Key, New Port Richey, *Pasco* 31 May (BP).

Red-throated Loons lingered at Ulumay Sanctuary, Merritt I., *Brevard* through 3 Mar (DaF) and Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa* through 8 Mar (JF), while an alternate-plumaged Pacific Loon paused at Ft. Pickens, *Escambia* 12 Apr (BD, LD). Also in alternate plumage were 2 Horned Grebes at Cedar Key 22 May (ReR). The Eared

Grebe at Ormond Beach, *Volusia* remained through 5 Mar (MBo et al.). Trios of Black-capped Petrels and duos of Band-rumped Storm-Petrels were off Ponce de Leon Inlet, *Volusia* 3 Apr and 3 May, along with a subad. Red-footed Booby 3 Apr and a Sooty Shearwater 3 May (BoW, BHA et al., ph.). Off Miami, *Miami-Dade* were 60 Audubon’s Shearwaters 27 Apr (RT, Tmi). Strong easterly winds in late May drove storm-petrels to the Atlantic coast, with one Leach’s grounded at Jacksonville, *Duval* 16 km from the ocean 20 May (*fide* PP; *University of Florida); 10 Wilson’s at Canaveral N.S., *Brevard* 25 May (TD); a Leach’s at Ft. George Inlet, *Duval* 27 May (RC); 2 Leach’s at New Smyrna Beach, *Volusia* 27 May (BoW); 2 Wilson’s and 4 Leach’s at Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May; 2 Wilson’s and 4 Leach’s at Sebastian Inlet S.P., *Brevard* 29 May (AB); and a Leach’s at Boynton Inlet, *Palm Beach* 31 May (MBe). Boobies at Dry Tortugas totaled 67 Maskeds (64 ads.) and 27 Browns 18 Apr (MG). Single Browns were at New Smyrna Beach 8 May (MBo) and along the *Okaloosa/Walton* line 20 May (DW). The Marine Science Center at Ponce de Leon Inlet received 121 emaciated Northern Gannets, primarily yearlings, 21 Apr–17 May (MBo). Clearly lost, a Northern Gannet over Winter Park, *Orange* 17 May was 75 km inland (BHA)!

The high count of American White Pelicans at Polk phosphate mines totaled 5400 on 15 Mar (PF). For the first time ever, three species of cormorants were observed in Florida. In addition to a Great Cormorant at John U. Lloyd S.P., *Broward* 27 Mar–1 Apr (BRo et

al., LaM, ph.), casual so far s., the state’s long-awaited first record of a Neotropic Cormorant came from Boca Chica Key, *Monroe* 13 Apr (CGo, ph., acc.), which proved to be a one-day wonder. An American Bittern at Alturas, *Polk* 30 May (CGe) was very late or summering. Extralimital Great White Herons made it to Tomoka Landfill, *Volusia* 1 Mar (DaF), Ormond Beach 24 Mar–10 Jun (MBo), Upthegrove Beach, *Okeechobee* 19 Apr (DS), and Dry Tortugas 27 Apr (MG). Reddish Egrets are increasing in the Panhandle but not yet breeding; this season, 7 graded St. Marks N.W.R., *Wakulla* 15-26 Mar (JuC et al.), with 5 at St. Vincent N.W.R., *Franklin* 22 May (BSt). Also increasing in the state are reports of White-faced Ibis, with singles at Ft. Walton Beach W.T.P., *Okaloosa* 18 Apr–22 May (DW) and Sanibel I., *Lee* 28 Apr+ (CE et al., ph.), plus 4 at St. Marks 6 May (AB). At least one pair of Roseate Spoonbills bred at Gatorland, *Polk* 16 May (LR), furnishing one of the few inland breeding reports. A Black Vulture observed at Seven Springs, *Pasco* 12 May (KT) had been color-tagged at Avon Park, *Highlands/Polk* 10 Jan 2006 (JH).

RAPTORS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Three pairs of White-tailed Kites bred at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve S.P., *Okeechobee* during the season (PMi). The drought probably caused some Snail Kites to disperse; 3 were e. of Floral City, *Citrus* 30 Mar (TR) and



Representing a first for Florida, this Neotropic Cormorant was nicely documented at Boca Chica Key, Monroe County 13 April 2007. Photograph by Carl Goodrich.

another near Hudson, *Pasco* 15 Apr (BSk). Mississippi Kite numbers in the cen. pen. were high: 2 in w. *Indian River* 9 Apr (DoF) and singles at Colt Creek S.P., *Polk* 11-15 May (CGe, B&LC), Largo, *Pinellas* 16 May (IH), Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve, *Hillsborough* 19 May (RG, JeD), and Weekiwachee Pre-



Buff-breasted Sandpipers are extremely rare in peninsular Florida during spring, and these two (of six present) 13 April 2007 also furnished the first ever for Lake Okeechobee. Their dramatic courtship display had apparently never been observed previously in Florida. Photograph by Bill Pranty.

serve, *Hernando* 23 May (A&BH). Another Mississippi Kite at Key Largo, *Monroe* 5 May (JBo et al.) was perhaps even more surprising. Bald Eagles are still recovering their breeding range in the w. Panhandle; this season, there were three nests in *Escambia* or *Santa Rosa* (fide BD). The 46 eagles at Paynes Prairie Preserve S.P., *Alachua* 14 Apr (SRa) must have been an inspiring sight. Very late was the Sharp-shinned Hawk at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 27 May (HR). There were 10 reports of 22 Short-tailed Hawks (16 dark, 5 light, one unspecified) beginning 5 Mar, with apparent breeding pairs at Sawgrass Lake Park, St. Petersburg 19 Mar+ (RS, SPa et al.), one dark morph at Dunedin Hammock Park, *Pinellas* 22 Apr (KT), and as many as six pairs in w. *Pasco* (KT). There were 6 Crested Caracaras at *Viera* 6 Mar (DaF), while Malo found birds in three sites 12 May: singles at *Chuluota*, *Seminole* and *Seminole Ranch* Conservation Area, *Orange*, and 2 at *Orlando Wetlands Park*, *Orange*.

A Yellow Rail was a surprise at *Garcon Pt.*, *Santa Rosa* 1 Mar (DS), while 2 Black Rails en-

SA Lake Okeechobee reached its lowest recorded depth of <3 m this season, due to the extended drought. First-ever surveys of the nw. corner of the lake, *Glades* and *Okeechobee*, by airboat documented extensive shorebird use of the exposed flats, which normally would be under 1-2 m of water: 630 Lesser Yellowlegs, 6 Buff-breasted Sandpipers, 455 Stilt Sandpipers, 16,000 peeps, and 1180 Long-billed Dowitchers 13 Apr, and 265 Black-bellied Plovers, 18 Spotted Sandpipers, 251 Semipalmated Plovers, and 6650 peeps 8 May (BP, PG, GS et al.). Surveys continued through Aug.

livened *St. Vincent N.W.R.*, *Franklin* 21 May (BSt). Extralimital Limpkins were singles at *Key West*, *Monroe* 21 Mar and 29 Apr (CGo) and along the *Choctawhatchee R.*, *Walton* 17-20 May (JuS, ph.), while unusually high counts of 34 at *Lake Townsen R.P.* 25 May (A&BH) and 35 at *Lake Apopka N.S.R.A.* 30 May (HR) may have been drought-related.

Shorebirds at *Polk* mines included 251 American Avocets 1 Apr, 273 Stilt Sandpipers 28 Apr, 3700 Semipalmated Sandpipers 19 May, 10,500 Least Sandpipers 13 May, and 390 Long-billed Dowitchers 15 Mar (PT, CGe, PF). Late shorebirds included 2 American Golden-Plovers at *Myakka River S.P.*, *Sarasota* 26 May (RS) and 2 Piping Plovers at *Anclote Key*, *Pasco* 2 May (KT). Among 26 American Oystercatchers at *Little Estero Island*

C.W.A. 22 May (CE) were individuals banded in North Carolina, New Jersey, and Virginia (3). A good count of 25 Spotted Sandpipers came from *Port Orange*, *Volusia* 25 Apr (BO). High counts of Solitary Sandpipers were 29 at *Ft. De Soto Park*, *Pinellas* 10 Apr (RS), 52 at *Lake Apopka N.S.R.A.* 21 Apr (HR), and 20 at *Hague* 22 Apr (MM). Probably related to the big fallout (see Table 1) was the Upland Sandpiper at *Key West* 22 Apr (CGo). Rare but regular in Florida, single *Hudsonian Godwits* graced *St. Vincent N.W.R.* 19-22 May (BSt) and *Alafia Bank*, *Hillsborough* 19-29 May (CC et al., ph.). A flock of 1000 Red Knots at *Ft. George Inlet*, *Duval* 9 May included birds color-marked in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile (PLe). White-rumped Sandpipers were widespread, with 13 reports of 123 individuals 18 Apr-26 May. Unusually large for spring were the 29 Pectoral Sandpipers at *Lake Apopka N.S.R.A.* 11 Apr (HR). An aberrant Dunlin with an orange bill and legs and white in the plumage was photographed at *Merritt Island N.W.R.* 24 Mar (S. Winston). Presumably the same Curlew Sandpiper was seen in *Duval* 30 Mar (BRi) and 20 May (PLe, ph.). A Wilson's Snipe at *Paynes Prairie Preserve* 26 May+ (SF) was very late, while 3 American Woodcock chicks killed by a cat at *Osteen*, *Volusia* 9 Mar (*; fide AV) furnished very rare proof of breeding in the cen. pen. There was a mini-flight of Red-necked Phalaropes 27 Apr+, with singles at *L. Okeechobee* 8 May (BP, GS) and *Emeralda Marsh* 26-27 May (AL) estab-

lishing firsts for *Okeechobee* and *Lake*, respectively.

GULLS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A possible first-cycle Yellow-legged Gull at *Tomoka Landfill* 5 Mar (BoW, ph.; under review by F.O.S.R.C.) furnished the first Florida report. Another review species was the Iceland Gull at *Ponce de Leon Inlet* 4-5 Apr (MBo, BoW, ph.). Less rare were single Glaucous Gulls at *Milton*, *Santa Rosa* 30 Mar (HeM) and *Destin*, *Okaloosa* 7 Apr (SB), 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls at *L. Okeechobee* 13 Apr (BP et al.), a Black-legged Kittiwake resting on the beach at *Guana Reserve*, *St. Johns* 29 Mar (LMe, ph.), and a Brown Noddy at *Sebastian Inlet S.P.* 31 May (AB et al.). A juv. Black Noddy was found, as usual, at *Dry Tortugas* 19 Apr-5 May (BM, ph.). Trips off *Ponce de Leon Inlet* netted 500+ Sooty Terns and 20 Bridled Terns 3 Apr, and 200 Sooties and 10 Bridleds 3 May (BoW et al.). Fifty other Bridleds were between *Key West* and *Dry Tortugas* 3 May (BM). Two Least Terns at *Lake Apopka N.S.R.A.* 18 Mar were early, and 77 there 15 Apr made a good number of nonbreeders (HR). The 150 Least nests at *Little Estero Island C.W.A.* 12 May were eventually lost to Tropical Storm



A second-cycle Iceland Gull at *Ponce de Leon Inlet*, Florida 4-5 (here 4) April 2007 followed a winter in which two were reported in the state. Photograph by Bob Wallace.

Barry's storm surge (CE).

The most significant of many Gull-billed Tern reports included 2 at a Least Tern colony at *L. Okeechobee*, *Glades* 13 Apr (BP et al.), 58, including 13 nests, at *Polk* mines 13 May (CGe, PT), and 70, including 31 nests, at *Four-Corners Mine*, *Hillsborough* 19 May (PF). A small flight of Common Terns 25 May-2 Jun was upstaged by a similar flight of Arctic Terns the same dates (not all were detailed): singles at *Lake Apopka N.S.R.A.* 25 May+ (HR), *Viera* 26 May (TD), *Biscayne N.P.*, *Miami-Dade* 27 May (EA et al., ph. RT),

Table 1. Migrants observed during a fallout at Dry Tortugas National Park, Monroe County, Florida, on 19 April 2007.

Species	Totals
Sora	3
Upland Sandpiper	1
Black-billed Cuckoo	4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	150
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	150
Eastern Wood-Pewee	3
Acadian Flycatcher	2
Eastern Kingbird	100
Veery	1
Gray-cheeked Thrush	4
Wood Thrush	3
Swainson's Thrush	25
Gray Catbird	300
White-eyed Vireo	6
Red-eyed Vireo	5
Blue-winged Warbler	2
Tennessee Warbler	20
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4
Magnolia Warbler	8
Black-throated Green Warbler	5
Blackburnian Warbler	1
Western Palm Warbler	18
Cerulean Warbler	1
American Redstart	20
Worm-eating Warbler	8
Swainson's Warbler	1
Northern Waterthrush	20
Kentucky Warbler	16
Hooded Warbler	45
Summer Tanager	10
Scarlet Tanager	18
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	7
Indigo Bunting	65
Dickcissel	1
Orchard Oriole	85
Baltimore Oriole	15
Total individuals	1125

Species listed were not present on 18 April or were present in smaller numbers; 90 species were observed on the 19th, 21 of these warblers. All observations by MG.

Ft. Pierce Inlet, *St. Lucie* 30 May (DS), Boynton Inlet 30 May (BH), and Port Canaveral, *Brevard* 31 May (KL), along with 6 at Ponce de Leon Inlet 28 May–2 Jun (MBo, BoW et al.) and 5 at Sebastian Inlet S.P. 29 May+ (AB et al.). Good counts of Forster's Terns were 201 at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 21 Mar (HR) and 349 at *Polk* mines 19 May (PF). The wintering flock of Black Skimmers at L. Okeechobee numbered 1000 on 13 Apr (PG et al.),

while 410 others graced *Polk* mines 13 May (PT, CGe), with 89 at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 27 May (HR). A Pomarine Jaeger was observed eating a Ring-billed Gull at New Smyrna Beach 25 May (JWi et al., ph.).

The Budgerigar population in *Pasco* seems limited to 3 birds at Hudson (KT, BP), while the *Hernando* population seems composed of eight pairs breeding in one yard at Hernando Beach (BP). A Black-hooded Parakeet at Spring Hill 9 Mar (DK), the first for *Hernando*, was either a pioneer or a local escapee. Black-billed Cuckoo reports were numerous, with singles at St. George I., *Franklin* 15 Apr (D&SJ, JiC), Key West 18, 21, & 23 Apr (CGo), *Gainesville* 29 Apr (PLa), *Lake Pierce, Polk* 5 May (JiD), and *Cedar Key* 26 May (DHe), plus 2 at Dry Tortugas 19 Apr (BM). Cavities in one palm snag at Matheson Hammock Park, *Miami-Dade* 27 Mar simultaneously supported apparent nests of Red-crowned Parrot and Eastern Screech-Owl, while a Red-bellied Woodpecker excavated a new cavity (BAi). One hundred Yellow-billed Cuckoos inundated Key West 11 Apr (CGo). A Barn Owl was a surprise at Dry Tortugas 18 Apr (MG), where casual. Two Lesser Nighthawks remained at Flamingo, Everglades N.P., *Monroe* through 26 Mar (AB et al.). Ten Chuck-wills-widows flew in from the Gulf during mid-morning at Little Estero Lagoon 31 Mar (CE et al.), while another was 97 km off Ponce de Leon Inlet 3 Apr (MBo, BoW). Jacksonville's *Calliope Hummingbird* remained through 19 Mar (PP). The last-lingering Belted Kingfisher tarried at Viera through 21 May (TD). Red-headed Woodpeckers, clearly migrants, paused at Elliot Key, *Biscayne* N.P., *Miami-Dade* 9-11 Apr (JV), *Honeymoon Island* S.P., *Pinellas* 24 Apr (WY), and St. Vincent N.W.R. 18-22 May (BSt).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WAXWING

Strong easterly winds for much of Apr and May created ideal conditions at the Green Key "Migrant Funnel," New Port Richey (Table 2). This is a stationary count along the cen. Gulf coast in which hundreds of birds—apparently blown across the peninsula and perhaps even over the Gulf of Mexico—head back eastward, then northward within the first hours of daylight. The Brown-crested Flycatcher that wintered at Flamingo, Everglades N.P. was seen until 26 Mar (AB et al.),

Table 2. Migrants recorded at the "Migrant Funnel" stationary count, Green Key, New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida, spring 2007.

Species	Total	High Count	Date
Blackpoll Warbler	940	370	15 May
Palm Warbler	519	87	23 Apr
American Redstart	417	150	15 May
Black-throated Blue Warbler	203	88	15 May
Common Yellowthroat	158	30	15 May
Cape May Warbler	139	57	23 Apr
Prairie Warbler	128	18	22 Apr
Bobolink	373	62	15 May
Gray Catbird	198	33	17 Apr
Indigo Bunting	192	163	19 Apr
Barn Swallow	184	34	12 Apr
Identified warblers	2433	707	15 May
Unidentified warblers	5775	1275	23 Apr

These results digest 44 daily counts, 0630–0900 hours, 31 Mar–31 May. The species listed numbered 100 or more individuals each during the season. All observations by KT et al.

while one at St. George Island S.P. 15 Apr (JiC, †D&SJ) clearly was a migrant. Winter roosts of Western Kingbirds numbered 54 birds at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 23 Mar (HR) and 60 at The Villages, *Marion* 31 Mar (JiD). An Eastern Kingbird at *Gainesville* 15 Mar (SH) was early, while fallouts of 50 each were noted at Key West 17 Apr (CGo) and Dry Tortugas 19 Apr (BM). Thirty Scissor-tailed Flycatchers at Stock I. 28 Apr (DaF et al.) represented a high count there. Lingering Scissor-taileds were found at Pensacola 19 May (PMc) and *Astatula, Lake* 21 May (GQ).

Very rare in Florida, a Warbling Vireo added to the bounty at Ft. De Soto 16-18 Apr (LA et al.). Equally rare during spring were 2 Philadelphia Vireos at Key West 7 Apr (CGo).

SA Representing the first verified record for the United States was a **Loggerhead Kingbird** at Ft. Zachary Taylor S.P., Key West 8-27 Mar (CGo et al., ph., acc.). Its bold crest, blackish cap and nape contrasting with grayish back, prominent white-edged wing coverts and tertials, and white underparts indicate one of three subspecies: from the Cuban mainland, from the Island of Youth, or from Grand Cayman (JGr). Past reports of this species have not been documented adequately, and at least one appears to refer to Giant Kingbird. Required reading on the subject: Smith, P.W., G.E. Woolfenden, and A. Sprunt IV. 2000. The Loggerhead Kingbird in Florida: the evidence revisited. *North American Birds* 54: 235-240.

A Black-whiskered Vireo at Key West 9 Mar+ (CGo et al.) established the earliest date ever in Florida, while one at Captain Forster's Hammock, *Indian River* 12 May (RS, BAH)



Two Bicknell's Thrushes were banded at Cape Florida State Park, Florida 12 May 2007, establishing one of few Florida records; the species apparently migrates through the state in both spring and fall, between breeding areas in the Northeast and wintering grounds in the Greater Antilles. Photograph by Robin Diaz.

represented a spring overshoot. A martin at Key West 28 Mar (CGo, ph.), identified as a Caribbean Martin, is under F.O.S.R.C. review; field identification of *Progne* species from photographs is problematic. A Tree Swallow at Newnans L., Gainesville 24 May (ReR) was very late, as was a Bank Swallow at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 30 May (HR). There were eight reports of 11 Cliff Swallows 25 Mar–28 Apr, including 2 at St. George I. 15 Apr (AW) and 3 at Cape Canaveral 16 Apr (TD). Cave Swallows of the *pallida* (*pelodoma*) subspecies were reported at Ft. Pickens 12 Apr (2; BD, LD) and Bald Pt., Franklin 15 Apr (3; JM); 15 at Cape Canaveral 16 Apr (TD) were also thought to be of this subspecies. A Brown Creeper along the Choctawhatchee R., Holmes 20 Apr (JuS) furnished one of the latest reports in the state.

Lingerers from the winter's invasion were 3 Golden-crowned Kinglets at Goethe S.F., Levy 8 Mar (BAh) and one at Gainesville 27 Mar (ES). A Ruby-crowned Kinglet at Dry Tortugas 3 May (BM) furnished a rare report for the park. Two Bicknell's Thrushes were banded at Cape Florida S.P. 12 May (MD, RD, ph., acc.), establishing one of few confirmed Florida records. A Hermit Thrush tarried at Gainesville through 1 May (SF), with another at Dry Tortugas 4 May (BM, ph.). A minor flight of Wood Thrushes occurred 16–23 Apr, with at least 7 at Green Key 17 Apr (KT, BP) and 3 at Ft. De Soto 23 Apr (BAh et al.). All quite rare at the Dry Tortugas, a Northern Mockingbird 28 Apr–4 May (CGo, BM) was joined by a Bahama Mockingbird 4–5 May (BM, ph.), and both were preceded by a Brown Thrasher

20–23 Apr (MG). Other Bahama Mockingbirds enlivened Evergreen Cemetery, Ft. Lauderdale, Broward 7–8 Apr (MS et al.) and Bill Baggs Cape Florida S.P., Miami-Dade 9 May (JBo et al.). Good numbers of Cedar Waxwings staged this spring, with 500 at Miami 21 Mar (JBo), 2240 at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 8 Apr (HR; the 2nd highest Florida count), 400 at West Kendall, Miami-Dade 12 Apr (JBo), and 200 at Emerald Marsh C.A. 11 May (JiD).

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

There were 14 reports of 22 Blue-winged Warblers 4–21 Apr, with 3 at Cedar Key 17 Apr (MJ) and 4 at Ft. De Soto 11 Apr (BAh, JGa), and single Golden-winged Warblers at St. Marks 28 Apr

(DHo) and Viera 12 May (DaF et al.). A female Brewster's Warbler enlivened Key West 11 Apr (CGo). Warblers at Cape Florida include 24 Black-throated Blues banded 11 May, 152 Prairies 8 Apr, 120 Blackpolls 12 May, 134 American Redstarts (54 banded) 11 May and 450 (28 banded) 12 May, 27 Ovenbirds banded 28 Apr and 100 (27 banded) 9 May, 50 Northern Waterthrushes 9 May, and 200 Common Yellowthroats (31 banded) 10 May,



Florida's second Spotted Towhee turned up at Alligator Point, Franklin County on 10 March 2007 and remained through 24 (here 21) April. Photograph by Deanna Murphy.

225 (87 banded) 11 May, and 420 (55 banded) 12 May (RD). Good counts of warblers at Key West were 40 Blackpoll Warblers 29–30 Apr, 50 Black-and-white Warblers 23 Apr, 50 Ovenbirds 11 Apr, and 100 Common Yel-

lowthroats 23 Apr (CGo). A surprising 8 Nashville Warblers, all singles, were reported from Leon to Miami-Dade. Lingering Yellow-rumped Warblers were found at Newnans Lake 13 May (JBr) and Gainesville 15 May (RoR).

Simpson discovered a female Kirtland's Warbler, the 4th record for Florida, at Sebastian Inlet S.P. 10 May, which remained for two more days (RS, ph.). There were six reports totaling 7 Cerulean Warblers 16–28 Apr, including 2 at Ft. De Soto 21 Apr (PF), and nine reports totaling 21 Swainson's Warblers, including 10 at Key West 11 Apr (CGo) and 7 at Ft. De Soto 11 Apr (JGa, BAh et al.). Connecticut Warblers were also reported more frequently than usual, with 14 reports of 21 individuals 9–23 May, all singles or duos except for trios at Ft. De Soto 23 May (TD) and Plantation Key 8 May (BM). Fifteen other Connecticut Warblers were banded at Cape Florida 8–12 May, and a Mourning Warbler was observed there 8 May (RD). The 2 wintering

SA Found by three birders from St. Louis, the first-alternate male *alba* White Wagtail at Moon Lake Park, New Port Richey 18–19 & 22 Mar (DFa et al., ph., note to *Florida Field Naturalist* by BP) enthralled the few birders who saw it during its erratic visits. The wagtail furnished the first record for Florida (acc. by F.O.S.R.C. as state species #500) and the 5th for the Southeast; none has lingered longer than six days after discovery.

Western Tanagers at Tallahassee were last seen 19 Apr (FR). Three separate Western Spindalises were found in the state: the green-backed male that continued at Evergreen Cemetery, Ft. Lauderdale through 28 Apr (MBe et al.), and females discovered at Oleta River S.P., Miami-Dade 27 Apr (†VR) and Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Boca Raton, Palm Beach 28–29 Apr (PC, BH et al.).

A Spotted Towhee at Alligator Pt., Franklin 10 Mar–24 Apr (JM et al., ph.) furnished the 2nd record for Florida. Unusual was the Lark Sparrow heard singing at Bradenton, Manatee 4 Mar (JeD). Three Le Conte's Sparrows were banded in native dry prairie at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve 10 Mar (MK). Late or lingering sparrows included single Savannah Sparrows at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. (HR) and at Polk mine (PT, CGe), both 13 May, 2 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows in w. Pasco 1 May (KT), a Song Sparrow in Walton 12 May (JWa), a Swamp Sparrow at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 9 May (HR), and a White-throated Sparrow at Dry Tortugas 3 May (BM). Always a good find, Lincoln's Sparrows brightened Falling Waters S.P., Washington 27 Mar (BAh), Long Key S.P., Monroe 8 Apr (BM), Key West 10 Apr

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(CGo), and Dry Tortugas 19 Apr (BM). Rose-breasted Grosbeaks made news nearly statewide; the proprietor of a birding-supply store at Gainesville received calls from about 40 people whose feeders were visited by grosbeaks on 21 Apr, and numerous other observers reported similar events. The second-year male **Lazuli Bunting** at Oviedo 4-6 Apr (MA et al., ph.) furnished the 4th record for Florida. Large numbers of Indigo Buntings were associated with the 19 Apr fallout, with 250 at Ft. De Soto (LA, JGa et al.), 163 at Green Key (Table 2), 100 over Palm Harbor, Pinellas in 1.5 hours (MK), and 80 at Key West (CGo). The fallout reached the e. coast as well, with many Jacksonville feeders reporting 20 at a time, and one yard at Palatka, Putnam supported 100 buntings at once (*fide* PP). A female Painted Bunting at New Port Richey 31 May (ED) was quite late.

The only triple-digit count of Bobolinks away from Green Key (Table 2) was at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A., where 595 were found 29 Apr (HR). Single Yellow-headed Blackbirds brightened Calhoun 6 Mar (TMc), Punta Gorda, Charlotte 30 Mar (TL, TZ, ph.), and Ft. Walton Beach W.T.P. 14 Apr (BD). The male Brewer's Blackbird at Homestead, Miami-Dade 19 Mar (JBo, LaM, ph.) apparently furnished the first record for the s. peninsula. Mulrooney observed all three cowbird species at Eagle Lakes Park 28 Apr. Shiny Cowbirds totaled 11 reports of 17 individuals, with the northernmost being one at Alligator Pt. 22 May (JM); a specimen was taken in Alachua 29 May (MR). Numbers of Orchard Orioles included 85 at Key West (see Table 1), 15 at Clearwater, Pinellas 20 Apr (LC), and 20 at Ft. De Soto 21 Apr (PF et al.). The Bullock's Oriole that wintered at Tallahassee remained through 12 Mar (FR, JiC). Gainesville's wintering Purple Finch stayed through 10 Mar (RoR), while the appearance of 8 others at Niceville, Okaloosa 12 May (†PB et al.) was difficult to explain. House Finches showed up in several new areas, among them pairs at Vero Beach, Indian River 9 May (BiW), Dunedin, Pinellas 27-28 May (SRo), and Brandon, Hillsborough (DG), with 10+ at San Antonio, Pasco (SPH).

UNESTABLISHED EXOTICS

Single White-faced Whistling-Ducks—presumably escapees—enlivened Walsingham Park, Pinellas 23 Mar (IH, ph.) and Lakeland, Polk 29 Apr–May (HMo, JoC, ph.). The juv. Trumpeter Swan in a canal in rural Okeechobee 27 Apr–2 May (PG, PMi et al., B&LC, ph.) furnished a bizarre record—only the 2nd for Florida. A nesting pair of Superb Starlings (*Lamprolornis superbus*), native to Africa,

brought color to a Hallandale Beach, Broward intersection in May (LaM, ph.) and was the latest nesting exotic to be verified in Florida. Further colonization of Common Mynas was provided by pairs at Punta Gorda (TZ et al.), Ft. Myers (CE), and Flamingo 27 May (MBe).

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