

was the locating of 6 territorial males in one area near Mt. Mitchell, NC this summer (MW et al.). The birds, present all of Jun and most of Jul, were in an area that also hosted territorial Hermit Thrushes and Veeries. Even though no definite evidence of breeding was obtained, it most likely occurred; and certainly the area will be checked again next year. The Roan Mt., NC area once again had summering Magnolia Warblers, with 3 males 10 Jun (RD) and 2 on 18 Jun (RK). This site is easily the most dependable for that species in the North Carolina mts. during summer. Yellow-rumped Warblers were found at high elevations again this year, with a non-singing male at Roan Mt., NC 10 Jun (RD) and 2 singing males near Mt. Kephart in the Great Smoky Mts., NC 9 Jun (*vide* DE). Much less expected were wandering Yellow-rumped at the coast—a singing male on Roanoke I., NC 15 Jun (JL) and a female at Charleston, SC 8 Jul (ND). Very unusual was the Eastern Towhee of the white-eyed subspecies *rileyi* found in n. *Greene*, GA 10 Jun (PS). This form is usually found only in extreme se. and coastal areas of that state. A Chipping Sparrow summered in a yard on Skidaway I., GA (*vide* BR), providing a most unusual report from an

area of the state where the species does not breed. Other totally unexpected summer sparrows included an ad. White-crowned Sparrow of the *gambelii* subspecies at a feeder in *Pamlico*, NC 14 Jul (SW, LL), a Dark-eyed Junco in Brunswick, GA 11 Jun (GK), and another Dark-eyed Junco at Meggett, SC 29 Jun (CS). Dickcissels were noted locally throughout the Region again this summer, and the best count as usual came from North R. Farms, *Carteret*, NC when 19 singing males were noted 24 Jun (JF et al.). Also of interest were at least 3 immms. seen there 8 Jul (JF). The nesting site for Baltimore Oriole in the North Carolina Piedmont in the Shimpock Rd., *Cabarrus* area hosted only a male until early Jul (JB); the female was not seen after the spring season. Red Crossbills were reported much more than usual this summer, indicating good numbers of this cyclic species. The best totals involved 35-40 in the Mt. Mitchell, NC area 2 Jun (MW et al.), 20-25 along Heintooga Rd., Great Smoky Mts., NC 3 Jun (MW et al.), and up to 25 in the Roan Mt., NC area during most of Jun (RK). In the s. part of their range, 9 at a feeder in Epworth, *Fannin*, GA 12 Jun (NS) and one at a feeder in Big Canoe, *Dawson*, GA 12 Jul (*vide* TM) were noteworthy.

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Atlantic were recorded from boats and from shore, the latter observations aided by strong easterly winds.

We note with great sadness the death of Glen E. Woolfenden following surgery on 19 June at the age of 77. Glen's death marks an incalculable loss to the Florida ornithological community.

Abbreviations/definitions: N.S.R.A. (North Shore Recreation Area, *Orange*); report (any observation); record (only reports verifiable from photograph, videotape, or specimen evidence); S.T.A. (Stormwater Treatment Area, *Hendry*).

WATERFOWL THROUGH SPOONBILL

As is now expected, Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were widespread, with reports from several new sites, including three in *Leon*: 2 at Tallahassee 22-24 Jun (JC), 4 others there 5 Jul (TS), and 2 at Tall Timbers Research Sta-

tion 29 Jul (CB). Lingering waterfowl at S.T.A.-5 on 30 Jun included one American Wigeon, 13 Blue-winged Teal, and 2 Ring-necked Ducks (ME et al.). Casual inland and so late, a Greater Scaup lingered at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. through 3 Jun (HR). A male Surf Scoter in eclipse plumage at St. Vincent N.W.R., *Franklin* 29 Jul (TL) and a Pacific Loon in *Walton* that was rescued 5 Jul and released three days later (PGa) furnished rare summer reports for the Panhandle.

Interest in pelagic species has increased the past few years, as several trips—mostly in small private boats—are now taken regularly, primarily from Ponce de Leon Inlet, *Volusia*. Table 1 summarizes most of the significant reports, with the rest detailed here. There again was a die-off of Greater Shearwaters along the cen. Atlantic coast, with hundreds of live birds, many of these in distress, observed from shore. The largest numbers totaled 500 at Huguonot Memorial Park, *Duval* 4 Jun (RC), 100 at Treasure Shores Park, *Indian River* 16 Jun (DS), 50 at Ponce de Leon Inlet 14 Jun (MBr), and 43 along a one-km stretch of beach at Boynton Inlet, *Palm Beach* 16 Jun

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It was a quiet summer. The only storm activity during the period was Tropical Storm Barry on 2 June, which made landfall at St. Petersburg and exited west of Jacksonville. A few pelagic species were found in the storm's wake. Many other pelagics in the

(MBe). Six Leach's Storm-Petrels were observed at Sebastian Inlet, Brevard and Indian River 30 May–1 Jun (AB), with another rescued at Ponce De Leon Inlet 16 Jun (MBr). Barry probably brought 4 Brown Boobies to Honey-moon Island S.P., Pinellas 3 Jun (SC), while 3 were seen at Sebastian Inlet 15 Jun (AB).

Highest counts of summering American White Pelicans were 60 at Merritt I., Brevard 13-15 Jun (SG), 53 on the Amelia R., Nassau 14 Jun (PL), 106 at Polk phosphate mines 30 Jun (PF et al.), 75 at S.T.A.-5 on 30 Jun (ME et al.), and 50 at St. Marks N.W.R., Wakulla 22 Jul (HH et al.). Great White Herons were n. to Ormond Beach, Volusia 10 Jun (MBr) and Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 22 Jun+ (HR). Two Reddish Egrets were casual inland at Myakka River S.P., Sarasota 7-18 Jun (JD, RG et al.). White-faced Ibis are increasing in Florida, with singles at Cutler Wetlands, Miami-Dade 10 Jun (BB), Lake City, Columbia 27 Jul (PB), and Sanibel I., Lee all summer (CE). Good inland counts of post-breeding Roseate Spoonbills consisted of up to 26 at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. all summer (HR), 9 at Lake City 22 Jun+ (PB), 2 at L. Jackson, Leon 23 Jun (MC, MF), 50 at S.T.A.-5 on 30 Jun (ME et al.), and 65 at L. Okeechobee, Okeechobee 27 Jul (PGr, BP et al.). An ad. Greater Flamingo with blotchy pink and pale plumage at Cutler Ridge 5 Jul+ was of questionable provenance (JR et al., TMA, ph.).

RAPTORS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Robinson estimated 900 Swallow-tailed Kites at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 25 Jul. A partially constructed Snail Kite nest in red mangroves at Ten Thousand Islands N.W.R., Collier 27 Jun furnished the first nesting report for the refuge; the nest was abandoned by 17 Jul (TDo). Fifty-six Mississippi Kites in Okaloosa 21 Jun (DWr) represented a post-breeding gathering, but it is difficult to explain the presence of 3 kites at Winter Park, Orange 3 Jun (AV). Most interesting among six reports of Short-tailed Hawks was the mixed pair that fledged 2 young at Sawgrass Lake Park, St. Petersburg this summer (RS, SP et al.), furnishing the first recent breeding report for heavily urbanized Pinellas. Other rap-

Table 1. Pelagic species observed off the Atlantic coast of Florida, 7 June through 4 July 2007.

Species	7 Jun*	15 Jun*	23 Jun*	14 Jun+	4 Jul#
Black-capped Petrel	6		1		
Cory's Shearwater		20	21	30	18
Greater Shearwater		60	40	400	3
Audubon's Shearwater	5		20	5	2
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	6		300		
Leach's Storm-Petrel	2				
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	8		1		2
White-tailed Tropicbird			1		
Sooty Tern	150		200		
Bridled Tern	6		4		

Location key

* = off Ponce de Leon Inlet, Volusia 7, 15, and 23 Jun (MBr, BW et al.).

+ = from Sebastian Inlet, Brevard and Indian River 14 Jun (AB).

= off Miami, Miami-Dade 4 Jul (RT, TMi).

tors at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. included 132 Ospreys 22 Jul and 18 Cooper's Hawks 27 Jul (HR). A Peregrine Falcon in s. DeSoto 7 Jul (WB, DG) was quite unseasonable. At Lake Apopka N.S.R.A., there were 209 King Rails 23 Jul and as many as 43 Limpkins 22 Jun–4 Jul (HR); the latter high number may have been related to drought conditions elsewhere.



Furnishing the most inland record in Florida by far was this male olive-backed Western Spindalis at Corbett Wildlife Management Area, east of Lake Okeechobee, 16 July 2007. This record provided only the second documented record of an olive-backed spindalis from Florida, as well as the first spindalis found in the state during July. Not surprisingly, given its location in a remote area of the northern Everglades, the bird was a one-day wonder seen only by the photographer. Photograph by Mike Baranski.

Twenty-seven species of non-breeding shorebirds were reported this summer, seemingly a high total. Among these were 160 Semipalmated Plovers and 80 Sanderlings at Ft. De Soto Park, Pinellas 31 Jul (PS), a Piping Plover at Nassau Sound, Duval 13 Jul (PL), 32 American Avocets at Polk mines 30 Jul (PF), 58 Red Knots at Nassau Sound 28 Jul (PL), 24 White-rumped Sandpipers at Viera Wetlands, Brevard 6 Jun (TDu), 45 Pectoral Sandpipers

at the Everglades Agricultural Area, Palm Beach 29 Jul (MBe), 4 Buff-breasted Sandpipers at Santa Rosa I., Escambia 30 Jul (BD, LD), 2 calling Long-billed Dowitchers at Cutler Ridge 16-17 Jul (RT, TMi), and one Wilson's Phalarope at Tallahassee 28 Jun (GM et al.) Two other phalaropes graced Cutler Ridge 28 Jul (TMi, RT). The Ft Pickens section of Gulf Islands N.S., Escambia produced 45 Snowy Plover nests during the season (JW).

TERNS THROUGH FLYCATCHERS

Barry destroyed 170 Least Tern nests at Little Estero I., Lee 2 Jun, but the colony quickly re-nested, with 107 nests 27 Jun, and 57 chicks and 18 juvs. 21 Jul (CE). Fifty Black Terns at Green Key, New Port Richey (Pasco) 22 Jun (KT) were presumably southbound. I received reports of Common Terns from seven sites in the cen. pen., with trios at Little Estero I. 5 Jun (CE) and Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 8 Jun–25 Jul (HR), and 14 at Ft. De Soto Park 31 Jul (PS). Reports of Arctic Terns in Florida are increasing. One first-summer bird was found at Ponce de Leon Inlet 2 Jun (MBr), and even more significant were single ads. at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 3 & 13 Jun and one first-summer bird there 10 Jun–1 Jul (HR). There were 139 Forster's Terns at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 10 Jun (HR) and 230 at Polk mines 5 Jul (PF, SR). Rare inland outside Polk, one Royal Tern at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 8 Jul (HR) and 2 at Newnans L., Alachua 11 Jul (JH) were notable. Good counts of non-breeding Black Skimmers were 169 at L. Okeechobee 8 Jun (PGr, BP) and 261 at Polk mines 5 Jul (PF, SR). Birds observed feeding on exotic Brown Anoles (*Anolis sagrae*) this summer were a Red-bellied Woodpecker in Lake 12 Jul (GQ) and a Carolina Wren at Winter Park that fed its nestlings 11 Jul (BHA).

The status of the 20 Eastern Kingbirds at Big Cypress Natural Preserve, Collier 12 Jul (BA) is uncertain; the date is more than a month early for fall migrants. The 20 Gray Kingbirds at South Lido Key, Sarasota 7 Jul (BA) apparently represented a pre-migratory gathering that has been noted along the Gulf coast in recent years. A family of 5 Gray King-

birds at Okee-Tantie, *Okeechobee* 27 Jul (BP, PGr et al.) furnished the first breeding report for *L. Okeechobee* and the northernmost inland breeding report in Florida. Perhaps foreshadowing eventual breeding in the state, an ad. male Scissor-tailed Flycatcher enlivened Alachua, *Alachua* 29 Jul (JMe, ph.).

VIREOS THROUGH ORIOLES

Two Black-whiskered Vireos (including one in song) at Green Key 12-14 Jun (KT et al., ph.) provided the first *Pasco* report in more than 25 years. For the 4th consecutive summer, Purple Martins bred in cavities in cabbage palm snags at Viera Wetlands (DF). Early swallows at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. included 3 Banks and 2 Cliffs 15 Jul (HR); other migrant Cliff Swallows were singles at Lake City 11 Jul (PB) and St. Marks N.W.R. 28 Jul (MH). Additional proof that Common Mynas are colonizing the cen. Gulf coast was provided by one near Clearwater, *Pinellas* in mid-Jun (DI). "Fall" migration for warblers begins during summer; earliest reports for some species were a Louisiana Waterthrush at Ichetucknee Springs S.P., *Columbia* 26 Jun (MF), a Black-and-white Warbler at Gainesville 6 Jul (CL), an American Redstart at St. Augustine, *St. Johns* 13 Jul (JK), 2 Prairie Warblers at Newnans Lake 18 Jul (RR), and a Yellow Warbler at Green Key 20 Jul (KT).

Furnishing the most inland report in Florida, a male olive-backed *Western Spindalis*

was a one-day wonder at J.W. Corbett W.M.A., *Palm Beach* 16 Jul (MBa, ph.). A Lark Sparrow at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa* 22 Jul (BD) established the earliest "fall" report for Florida. Thirty singing Seaside Sparrows enlivened the end of "The Road to Nowhere," *Dixie* 7 Jun (BA). Rare summer reports of Bobolinks were one at St. Sebastian Preserve S.P., *Brevard* 23 Jul (DS) and 2 at Cape Florida S.P., *Miami-Dade* 24 Jul (RD). Shiny Cowbirds are rare in the cen. pen., so singles at Tampa, *Hillsborough* 2 Jun (LS, DWs) and along County Line Rd., *Hillsborough* and *Manatee* 1 Jul (BA) were noteworthy. Seldom detected when southbound, an Orchard Oriole graced Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area, *Miami-Dade* 25 Jul (RD), while a male Baltimore Oriole at Gulf Breeze 13 Jun (BD) was quite unseasonable.

Unestablished exotics: A White-faced Whistling-Duck at Ellenton, *Manatee* 21 Jun (C. Beaton) represented the latest report of this presumed exotic. Egyptian Geese are now breeding in *Okaloosa*, with 12 there 22 Jun (DWr). Two Common Shelducks graced the Everglades Agricultural Area 28 Jul (BR et al.), as did a Yellow-collared (Masked) Lovebird near Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, *Collier* 23-28 Jul (JMc, ph.). At least one House Crow (missing several toes) persists at Nokomis Beach Park, *Sarasota* 10 Jun (BP, LG).

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The entire province experienced relatively uneventful weather during June and July. After a rather wet early June,

rainfall became sporadic and below average for the rest of the period, particularly in the north. Temperatures in the south were somewhat above normal, with the north experiencing a number of days well above average. Birding throughout the period was judged as mediocre by most observers. Rarities included Glossy Ibis, Black Vulture, Mississippi Kite, and Lesser Nighthawk.

Abbreviations: G.T.A. (Greater Toronto Area); K.F.N. (Kingston Field Naturalists); O.M.N.R. (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources); P.P.B.A. (Point Pelee Birding Area); T.C.B.O. (Thunder Cape B.O.).

WATERFOWL THROUGH VULTURES

A Snow Goose remained at Amherst I. 9 Jun-29 Jul (JS et al.), and an ad. Brant present at the Remic Rapids on the Ottawa R. 12-22 Jun was deemed a late migrant (m.ob.). A single Trumpeter Swan that wintered in the

Cobourg area appeared in Presqu'île P.P. 14 Jun paired with a Mute Swan and attempted to nest (m.ob.). In nw. Ontario, a lone Trumpeter Swan summered in Atikokan (DHE) for the 2nd year. Farther w. in the Fort Frances and Kenora areas, an aerial survey carried out by the O.M.N.R. in 2006 located a total of 140 swans, including many breeding pairs. The birds are likely descendants of Trumpeter Swans introduced in Minnesota, and the survey results indicate an expanding population. A male Eurasian Wigeon was present off Howe I. near Kingston, likely the same bird that wintered in the area (JCo). A Northern Shoveler raised 4 young at the Grand Bend S.T.P. (AR). A Redhead brood was found at Thunder Bay 15 Jul (BJM), a rare event for the area, and 2 ads. were noted on Amherst I. 17 Jul. (K.F.N.). A Canvasback, also on Amherst I. 14-17 Jul, was an expected summer find (K.F.N.). An exceptional 24 Long-tailed Ducks were noted on L. Ontario off Cobourg 14 Jun (LW). In Algo-