

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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**Spring Report: March-May 1996**—The observations listed here are based on rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (F.O.S.) Field Observations Committee (F.O.C.). As these reports are not formally reviewed, they may be considered tentative.

Significant reports are welcomed for inclusion in future issues of this section. Reports should include the following information: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and significance of the report. Reporting periods are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit reports to regional compilers within 2 weeks after the close of each period, or to the state compiler within 1 month. Reports may be E-mailed to the state compiler at blp414@aol.com.

Following the examples set by *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, F.O.S. Spec. Publ. No. 6) and *The Birdlife of Florida* (Stevenson and Anderson 1994, Univ. Press of Florida), sight-only observations are considered "reports," while only those supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio tapes, or specimens) are called "records."

Bruce Anderson (*in litt.* July 1995) revised the list of birds for which the F.O.S. Records Committee (F.O.S.R.C.) requires documentation. These species are marked in this report with an asterisk (\*) to alert the observers of their need to supply the F.O.S.R.C. with details of their sightings. (Some reports that lack documentation may have been omitted from this report).

A county designation accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report; further listings of the same site lack the county name. Abbreviations used are as follows: A.B.S.=Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*), *ca.*=circa, C.P.=county park, D.T.N.P.=Dry Tortugas N.P. (*Monroe*), F.B.R.=Florida Birding Report (*vide* Robbie Wooster), F.D.C.P.=Fort DeSoto C.P. (*Pinellas*), N.P.=national park, N.W.R.=national wildlife refuge, R&W 1992=Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, S&A 1994=Stevenson and Anderson 1994, S.P.=state park, S.R.A.=state recreation area, S.T.F.=sewage treatment facility, W.M.A.=wildlife management area, and N, S, E, W, etc. for compass directions. Bold-faced species, if any, denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida.

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### SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

Weather this spring varied from a wet and cold March to a hot and dry May, but overall was fairly typical. Fall-outs of birds were reported 30-31 March, 16-20 April, and 30 April-1 May, when 18 warblers and numerous other species were observed at Fort DeSoto C.P. The North American Migration Count was held 11 May; a few results are included here. From late January through mid-April, a "Red Tide" plagued the Naples area. Called by Ted Below, "the largest, strongest and longest Red Tide I have experienced in 40 years," the microorganism killed West Indian manatees, sea turtles, and "thousands and thousands of fish" (mostly catfish), but there appeared to be no ill effects on birds.

Rarities reported this spring included a Red-billed Tropicbird, 4 Red-footed Boobies, Ross' Goose, White-cheeked Pintail, Ferruginous Hawk, Zenaida Dove, 6 Buff-bellied Hummingbirds, Calliope Hummingbird, Cuban Pewee, 2 La Sagra's Flycatchers, Cassin's Kingbird, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, a record 7 Bahama Mockingbirds, 4 Warbling Vireos, and a Black-headed Grosbeak.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- RED-THROATED LOON: 7 at Fort Clinch S.P. (*Nassau*) 10 Feb (R. Clark).
- COMMON LOON: 1 over Gainesville (*Alachua*) 22 May (S. Duncan); 2 at Santa Rosa Island (*Escambia* and/or *Santa Rosa*) 23 May (G. Sprandel).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 adult 20 km S. of Pensacola Pass (*Escambia*) 27 Apr (J. Pfeiffer) was the first report in the W. Panhandle (*vide* B. Duncan, S&A 1994:34); 1 at Key West (*Monroe*) 28 Apr (J. Ondrejko).
- \*RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD: 1 ca. 29 km S.E. of D.T.N.P. 13 Mar (P. Maiuri *vide* W. Biggs).
- MASKED BOOBY: 6 fledglings and 2 eggs at Hospital Key, D.T.N.P. 19 Apr (K. Karlson et al.).
- BROWN BOOBY: 80 on a radio tower between D.T.N.P. and the Marquesas Keys (*Monroe*) 14 Apr (D. Goodwin, W. Biggs et al.) and 145 ca. 51 km W of Key West 24 Apr (S. Tingley et al.) were the highest published counts in Florida (S&A 1994:37).
- \*RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 3 reports from D.T.N.P.: 1 white-tailed dark morph in Mar (W. B. Robertson), another from 6 Apr-31 May (H. Langridge et al.), and a 3rd there 26 Apr-17 May (G. Lasley, P. Lehman et al.)—the latter 2 birds were together 15-17 May (H. and M. Parker); 1 white-tailed dark morph off St. George Island (*Franklin*) 16 Apr (B. Russell, details to F.O.S.R.C.) was the first spring report in Florida outside D.T.N.P. (S&A 1994:38).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 405 at Little-Big Econ State Forest (*Seminole*) 16 Mar (*vide* L. Malo); 250 at Choctaw Beach (*Walton*) 19 Mar (S. Maxwell); 3 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 22 Mar—the species is increasing in the county (R. Rowan); 1 at Rookery Bay (*Collier*) 24 May (T. Below, J. Douglas).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Cypress Lake (*Osceola*) 16 Mar (C. Black et al.); 7 S.E. over Highlands Hammock S.P. (*Highlands*) 28 Mar (B. and M. Kittredge).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 9 in a 1 ha. marsh at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 6 Apr (L. Hopkins, P. Blair).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON: 8 migrating N. over Rookery Bay at dusk on 28 Mar (T. Below). After analyzing bi-weekly dusk counts for the past 18 years, Ted noted a peak in numbers of Little Blue and Tricolored herons and Snowy and Cattle egrets in late Mar, but had not realized these were spring migrants.
- GREEN HERON: 3 depredated birds on a sandbar at Marco Island (*Collier*) 12 Apr were thought to have been migrants preyed upon by a Great Horned Owl. In 22 years of surveying the sandbars in the area, no Green Herons had been observed previously (T. Below, B. J. Anderson).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 at St. Andrew S.R.A. 18 Apr (J. Richardson) was casual in *Bay* (*vide* T. Menart).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 in DeLand 19-23 Apr (J. Lahart *vide* F.B.R.) was the first *Volusia* report (S&A 1994:96); 10 in Babson Park (*Polk*) 13 May (B. Gordon); 2 at Duda sewer ponds, Rockledge (*Brevard*) 22 May (M. Newton, B. and S. Hills, N. Sekera); 2 pairs just E. of Myakka River S.P. 27 May (A. and R. Smith) were the first published *Manatee* report (S&A 1994:96).
- TUNDRA SWAN: 2 in Tallahassee (*Leon*) until 15 Mar (J. LaVia) were the latest spring report (S&A 1994:97).
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 4 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 6-14 Mar (B. Bremser) were the latest spring report (S&A 1994:98).

- \*ROSS' GOOSE: 1 at Lake Woodruff N.W.R. ca. 17 Feb-13 Mar (*fide* F.B.R.) was the first Florida report from the peninsula (S&A 1994:101).
- CANADA GOOSE: 6 on Lake Pierce (*Polk*) 8 Apr were thought to be wild birds (D. Pierce, S. Huxtable); 1 at Fort Walton Beach (*Okaloosa*) 19-20 May (H. King, D. Ware); 2 pairs nested successfully at Air Products Sanctuary, Pace (*Santa Rosa*), producing a combined total of 5 young that were "full sized" by 31 May (B. Milmore).
- AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: 1 in *Polk* mines 24 Mar (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel).
- MALLARD: 1 wary male in a small fresh water pond at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. (*Pinellas*) 10 May (D. Goodwin, C. Buhrman, E. Haney).
- \*WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL: 1 male at Merritt Island N.W.R. (*Brevard*) 11 May through the season (*fide* F.B.R.) was the latest spring report (S&A 1994:113).
- SCOTER SPECIES: about 300 "dark-winged" scoters off St. George Island (*Franklin*) 16 Apr; some were male Black Scoters (B. Russell).
- BLACK SCOTER: 25 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 25 Apr (J. Dozier).
- SURF SCOTER: 2 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 20 Apr (R. Webb, D. Bowman); 100 at Alligator Point 25 Apr (J. Dozier).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 adult at A.B.S. 19 Mar (C. Jonas); 1 pair copulating and building a nest at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) 21 Mar (S. Christman, note in prep. by M. McMillian and B. Pranty) was the first nesting record in central Florida since 1930 (S&A 1994:150), but the nestlings were depredated; 1 at Three Lakes W.M.A. (*Osceola*) 22 March (P. Vickery, T. Dean, M. Scheuerell et al.), where birds have been seen regularly the past few years.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 70 at Tram Road S.T.F., Tallahassee 2 May and 15 May (G. Menk) may be the highest Florida count (S&A 1994:154).
- NORTHERN HARRIER: 1 male at Placid Lakes Estates (*Highlands*) 14 May (A. Fleischer) and 31 May, depredating Northern Mockingbird nestlings (R. Bowman) was very late (S&A 1994:159).
- COOPER'S HAWK: 1 pair nested at Gulf Breeze (female on the nest 28 Mar, 1 downy young seen 23 May) (P. Tetlow, B. Duncan et al.) was the first regional nesting report (S&A 1994:162).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph over Aripeka (*Pasco*) 9 Apr was rare locally (B. Pranty); 1 adult light morph over the University of South Florida Eco Area, Tampa (*Hillsborough*) 13 Apr (D. Bowman); 3 near Jena in Big Bend W.M.A. (*Dixie*) 14 May (*fide* C. Parenteau).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 adult light morph migrating N. over Avon Park (*Highlands*) 23 March (P. Vickery, T. Dean).
- \*FERRUGINOUS HAWK: 1 immature at Tram Road S.T.F. 21 Mar-1 Apr (J. Cavanagh, details and photos to F.O.S.R.C., H. Horne, J. LaVia) was the latest spring report (S&A 1994:173).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 2 at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 20 May (T. Sanders).
- YELLOW RAIL: 1 at St. Marks N.W.R. (*Wakulla*) 10 Mar (H. Horne).
- KING RAIL: 1 at Bush Key, D.T.N.P. 10-17 Apr (P. Lehman et al.) was rare there.
- SORA: 78 at Fort Walton Beach S.T.F. (*Okaloosa*) 17 Apr (B. Duncan).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 28 on the N.E. shore of Lake Kissimmee (*Osceola*) 28 Mar (B. and L. Cooper).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 100 (mostly in winter plumage) at Tram Road S.T.F. 21 Mar, 140 there 22 Mar (both J. Cavanagh, J. LaVia), and 200 there 27 Mar (G. Menk); 1 at N. Jacksonville (*Duval*) 24 Mar (R. Clark); 1 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 30 Mar (D. Gagne, W. Yusek).
- WILSON'S PLOVER: 6 pairs nesting at Boyce-Werner Gulf Coast Preserve, Bayonet Point (*Pasco*) 17 May (D. Robinson, D. Helton), a previously unpublished breeding site.
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 2 at Watermelon Pond (*Alachua*) 11 May (B. Roberts, T. Taylor) were rare inland.

- AMERICAN AVOCET: 7 at N. Jacksonville 8 Apr (R. Clark); 6 in breeding plumage at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 9 Apr (B. Pranty, S. Johnson, P. Nevins); 2 at Alligator Point 20 Apr (H. Horne, M. Collins); singles at St. George Island S.P. 1 May and Bald Point (*Franklin*) 3 May (both G. Sprandel).
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS: 1 at Lake Campbell (*Walton*) 30 May (D. Ware).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 90+ at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (P. Blair, B. and L. Cooper et al.) were the state's highest count (S&A 1994:228).
- WILLET: 2000 at Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 4 Apr (P. Blair).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 15 in winter plumage at Lake Annie, A.B.S. 5 May (B. Pranty, H. Vili).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 7 in an *Osceola* sod field 28 Mar (B. and L. Cooper).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Tram Road S.T.F. 22-23 Mar (J. LaVia, J. Cavanagh et al.); 1 at Shell Key until 12 Apr (P. Blair).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 at Fort Walton Beach S.T.F. 17 Apr was "early by 2 days" (B. Duncan); 4 at F.D.C.P. 21-22 May (L. Atherton, R. Smith); 10 at Tigertail Beach C.P. (*Collier*) 22 May (N. Pettis to F.B.R.); 30 at Duda sewer ponds 22 May (B. and S. Hills, N. Sekera).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 20 at Lake Kissimmee 29 Mar (C. Geanangel).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 2 at Convoy Point, Biscayne N.P. (*Dade*) 8 May (B. Dusek).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 23 at N. Jacksonville 8 Apr, with 2 remaining until 11 May (R. Clark); 1 at Cedar Key 9 Apr (B. Pranty, S. Johnson); 2 at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (S. Backes, R. Webb et al.).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 4 at Fort Walton Beach S.T.F. 12 Apr (B. and L. Duncan); 1 at Destin (*Okaloosa*) 8 May (D. Ware); 1 at Air Products Sanctuary 23 May (B. Milmore) was the latest regional report (*vide* B. Duncan).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 75 at N. Jacksonville 8 Apr, with 25 remaining to 20 Apr (R. Clark).
- COMMON SNIBE: 60 at Lake Lafayette (*Leon*) 13 Mar (D. Harder).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 1 male in breeding plumage at Duda sewer ponds 22 May (B. and S. Hills, N. Sekera).
- LAUGHING GULL: 10,000 pairs nested at Shell Key in mid-May (P. Blair).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 5 at Marco Island 13 Mar "have become so uncommon as to warrant comment" (T. and V. Below, B. J. Anderson); 390 at Lakeland S.T.F. (*Polk*) 21 Mar (P. Fellers).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult at Anastasia Island S.R.A. (*St. Johns*) 20-24 Apr (P. Powell).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 second-year bird at Passage Key N.W.R. (*Manatee*) 27 Apr (C. Folis).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult at Fort Island Beach Park, Crystal River 7 Apr (B. Pranty [photo], S. Johnson) was the first record for *Citrus* (S&A 1994:285).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: 1 at F.D.C.P. 1-2 May (M. and B. Sokol et al.).
- BLACK TERN: 6 at *Polk* mines 2 Apr (B. and L. Cooper); 1 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 25 Apr (W. Yusek); 2 at Spring Hill S.T.F. (*Hernando*) 31 May (C. Black).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 500 at Key West 21 Apr (J. Ondrejko).
- \*RAZORBILL: 1 found dead at John U. Lloyd S.R.A. (*Broward*) 5 Mar (specimen to Univ. of Central Florida, Orlando).
- WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 2 *Collier* reports: singles in the Ten Thousand Islands, where birds are being encountered regularly during transect surveys, 20 Feb and 7 Mar (N. Nalley), and 1 at Chokoloskee 24 Mar (*vide* T. Below); 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch S.R.A. (*Broward*) 22 May (W. George).
- \*ZENAIDA DOVE: 1 that wintered at Windley Key (not reported previously) was seen last in mid-May (W. B. Robertson et al.).
- RED-CROWNED PARROT: 4 at Key West 17 Mar, with 2 excavating a cavity in a dead coconut palm 5 May (J. Ondrejko).

- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: singles at F.D.C.P. 16-20 Apr (L. Atherton, V. Morrison) and 30 Apr-1 May (K. Nelson et al.), and 2 there 7 May (L. and R. Smith), 1 remaining until 11 May (L. Atherton); 1 at Cedar Key 30 Apr (S. Duncan).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 2 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 27 Apr through the season, where nesting has been suspected for a number of years recently (R. Smith et al.).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 that wintered S.W. of San Antonio (*Pasco*) was seen last 29 Apr (R. Webb).
- BURROWING OWL: 1 in coastal Port Richey 8 Mar (C. Black) was only the 2nd W. *Pasco* report (*vide* B. Pranty).
- ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWK: 1 at Key West (*Monroe*) 5 Apr (J. Ondrejko) was the earliest spring report (S&A 1994:374).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 3 migrants at Marco Island 26 Mar (T. Below, B. J. Anderson).
- CHAETURA SPECIES: 3 "pale, silent" birds over Kanapaha S.T.F. (*Alachua*) 17 Mar were believed to be *Vaux's* Swifts (M. Manetz).
- \*BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Kissimmee in Mar-Apr (H. Moore et al.) was the first *Osceola* report (S&A 1994:385); 5 in the W. Panhandle lingered into spring, with the latest bird at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 10 May (J. Pfeiffer), the latest spring report in Florida by far (S&A 1994:385).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 250+ at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (R. Smith, L. Atherton et al.) was the highest Florida count (S&A 1994:386).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 remained at Pensacola until 8 Apr (I. Roose); 1 female at F.D.C.P. 16 Apr (L. Atherton); 1 adult male at Lakeland 13 May (J. Misiaszek) was the first *Polk* report, and the latest spring report (S&A 1994:388).
- \*CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: 1 male at Lakeland 30 Mar-3 Apr (J. Misiaszek, B. and L. Cooper, P. Fellers et al., photos to F.O.S.R.C.) was the first *Polk* record and about the 10th Florida report, with all but the first record occurring since 30 November 1995.
- SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 1 at Gainesville 4 Apr (B. Muschlitz).
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 male that wintered at Jacksonville remained to 1 Apr, by which time it had molted into adult plumage (P. Powell); 1 that wintered at Gainesville remained to 1 Apr (B. Roberts); 6 in the W. Panhandle lingered into spring, with the latest at Pensacola 23 Apr (J. Roose).
- BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 male in Pensacola (Florida's first) was last seen 9 Mar (J. Pfeiffer).
- PILEATED WOODPECKER: 1 melanistic bird (entirely lacking white) at Placid Lakes Estates 30 Apr (F. Lohrer).
- \*CUBAN PEWEE: 1 silent bird observed for over an hour at D.T.N.P. 20 May was "extremely brown" in plumage and had a "half eye-ring" (B. and W.B. Robertson, K. Chisolm). This was the third Florida (and North American) report.
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve (*Alachua*) 13 Mar (A. Farkash, B. Muschlitz), where 1 has wintered the past 3 years.
- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Matheson Hammock C.P. (*Dade*) in late Apr (*vide* F.B.R.).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch S.R.A. 6-8 Apr (W. George et al.); 1 at Bill Baggs/Cape Florida S.R.A. 25 Apr (*vide* F.B.R.).
- \*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 that wintered at Homestead was seen through 24 Apr (P. W. Smith et al.).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Air Products Sanctuary 23 May (B. Milmore et al.) was the latest regional report (*vide* B. Duncan); 1 S. of Hawthorne (*Alachua*) 26 May (T. Gilyard).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Woodlawn (*Bay*) 13 Mar (H. Loftin).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 near Florida City (*Dade*) 2 Mar (L. Manfredi) was the earliest spring report if the bird did not winter (S&A 1994:435).
- \*FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Islamorada (*Monroe*) 15 Apr (P. Blair, W. Yusek et al. photos to F.O.S.R.C.).

- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 6 Apr (L. Hopkins, P. Blair); 1 at St. Cloud (*Osceola*) 10 Apr (P. Blair, W. Yusek).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 described as being of the Central American race *Hirundo fulva pelodoma* at Fort Walton Beach S.T.F. 8 Apr (B. Duncan, P. Tetlow, B. Burroughs, details to F.O.S.R.C.) was the first W. Panhandle report (S&A 1994:452).
- BLUE JAY: 2 carrying nesting material at F.D.C.P. 11 May, where breeding had never been reported previously (B. and L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson).
- AMERICAN CROW: 1 pure albino (all white plumage with pinkish eyes, bill, and legs—it looked like a short-legged Cattle Egret!) with a group of 4 typically plumaged crows at Three Lakes W.M.A. (*Osceola*) 30 May (B. Pranty) had been observed also May-Sep 1995 (T. Dean).
- RED-BREADED NUTHATCH: 1 at Cedar Key 5 Apr (M. Landsman, D. Henderson).
- SEDGE WREN: 75-80 singing at Black Point Wildlife Drive, Merritt Island N.W.R. (*Brevard*) 18 Apr (N. Sekera); 1 at Three Lakes W.M.A., where birds winter commonly in dry prairies, remained to 30 May (B. Pranty) and tied the latest spring report (S&A 1994:484).
- CATHARUS SPECIES: a “great flight” of Veeries and “Gray-cheeked” and Swainson’s thrushes at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (*vide* R. Smith).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 at F.D.C.P. 26 Apr had not been present earlier (P. Blair).
- BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 singing at John Pennekamp S.P. (*Monroe*) 26 Apr-10 May (L. Manfredi); 2 singing at Spanish River Park 21-26 Apr (B. Hope, P. W. Smith et al.); 1 at Key West 30 Apr-5 May (J. Ondrejko et al.); 1 at Fort Lauderdale (*Broward*) 1-8 May (*vide* H. Langridge); 1 at Elliott Key, Biscayne N.P. 11 May (B. and M. Dusek); 1 singing at Hypoluxo Island (*Palm Beach*) 13 May (H. Langridge, G. Hunter).
- CEDAR WAXWING: *ca.* 50 at Tallahassee 16 May (G. Menk).
- \*WARBLING VIREO: 1 at Fort Walton Beach 28 Mar (D. Ware, details); 2 singing at Key West 15 Apr and 1 singing there 19 Apr (both J. Ondrejko, details to F.O.S.R.C.); 1 at F.D.C.P. 1 May (R. Card et al., details to F.O.S.R.C.); 1 at Seminole (*Pinellas*) 3 May (J. Fisher).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: singles at F.D.C.P. 21 Apr (P. Blair et al.), 1-2 May (L. and R. Smith, P. Blair), and 3 May (L. Atherton et al.); 2 at St. George Island S.P. 30 Apr (D. and S. Jue, J. Cavanagh, sketch).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at Key West 1 Apr (J. Ondrejko).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at F.D.C.P. 2 Apr (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 male at Six Mile Cypress Parkway (*Lee*) 6-13 Mar (N. Pettis) had been reported also in Feb; 1 male at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr-1 May (S. Backes, R. Webb et al.); 1 at Bonner Park (*Pinellas*) 1 May (L. Atherton).
- VERMIVORA HYBRID: 1 “Brewster’s Warbler” at D.T.N.P. 8-9 May (*vide* H. Langridge).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Tallahassee 13 Mar (G. Menk, M. Collins) was the 2nd-earliest spring report if the bird did not winter (S&A 1994:546); 1 at St. George Island 22 Apr (R. West, R. Christen et al.).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 at Cedar Key 30 Apr (B. Muschlitz).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 2 males at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (S. Backes, B. Atherton et al.).
- PALM WARBLER: 200 at Key West 31 Mar (J. Ondrejko).
- BAY-BREADED WARBLER: 27 at St. George Island S.P. 30 Apr (J. Cavanagh, D. and S. Jue); 11 at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr-2 May (R. Smith et al.); 5 at Cedar Key 30 Apr (B. Muschlitz).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 60 in *Pinellas* 11 May (*vide* D. Goodwin).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 in *Gadsden* 30 Mar (D. McBride).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Gainesville 2 Mar (M. Manetz) was the earliest spring report if the bird did not winter (S&A 1994:586); 15 in *Pinellas* 11 May: 7 at Honey-moon Island S.R.A. and 8 at F.D.C.P. (*vide* D. Goodwin); 1 at Tiger Creek Sanctuary (*Polk*) 23 May (P. Fellers).

- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at F.D.C.P. 2-3 May (B. Hoffman, P. Blair).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 at Bonner Park (*Pinellas*) 10 May (K. Nelson, J. Fisher); singles at A.D. Barnes Park (*Dade*) 13 May and 17-21 May (*vide* F.B.R.); 1 at Matheson Hammock C.P. (*Dade*) 19 May (*vide* F.B.R.).
- COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: 100+ at F.D.C.P. 7 May (L. and R. Smith).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 male at A.D. Barnes Park 4 Mar (*vide* F.B.R.) was the earliest spring report if the bird did not winter (S&A 1994:597)
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 male singing near Nichols (*Polk*) 22 Apr (K. Rousch); 1 at F.D.C.P. 1-3 May (B. Hoffman, R. Card, P. Blair et al.); 2 at Paynes Prairie 1 May through the period were probably nesting (J. Hintermister et al.).
- SCARLET TANAGER: 25+ at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (*vide* R. Smith).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 40 estimated at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr-3 May (*vide* R. Smith).
- \*BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 immature male at Key West 30 Apr (J. Ondrejko, details to F.O.S.R.C.).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 17 at F.D.C.P. 13 Apr (*vide* R. Smith).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 100 estimated at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (*vide* R. Smith) were a high count (S&A 1994:617).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Alligator Point 4 Mar (J. Dozier); 1 at D.T.N.P. 11-29 Apr (H. Langridge et al.).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1 at Boca Chica Key (*Monroe*) 8 May (B. Dusek, H. Howitt).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 at Paynes Prairie 8 Apr (M. Manetz).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at Emeraldal Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*) 23 Mar (*vide* J. Marburger).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 in *Okaloosa* 1 Mar (D. Ware); 2 at Paynes Prairie 9-15 Mar (M. Manetz).
- SWAMP SPARROW: 1 at Three Lakes W.M.A. 2 May (B. Pranty).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 10 at Talbot Island S.P. (*Duval*) until 24 Mar (R. Clark).
- BOBOLINK: 600+ in *Leon* 21 Apr-15 May (G. Menk et al.); 3 males at Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary (*Okeechobee*) 24 Apr (B. Pranty, M. Scheuerell et al.); 30 at F.D.C.P. 30 Apr (P. Blair et al.).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1 male and 1 female at Largo (*Pinellas*) 14 Apr (T. Palmer); 1 immature at Alligator Point 20 Apr and 1 adult there 24 Apr (both J. Dozier); 2 males at Cedar Key 25 Apr through at least mid-May—birds have been reported here annually since 1990 (C. Folis, D. Henderson); 1 female at Fort George Island (*Duval*) 9 May was joined by a male 22 May, and both remained through the season (R. Clark).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: the last wintering bird at Homestead was seen through 2 May (*vide* F.B.R.).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: up to 12 at a S. Jacksonville feeder until 10 Apr (J. Cocke).
- BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: 1 male at Tallahassee until 10 Mar (N. Wamer); up to 3 at a S. Jacksonville feeder until 10 Apr (J. Cocke).
- PURPLE FINCH: 3 at Niceville (*Okaloosa*) 11-15 May (P. and T. Baker) were the latest spring report (S&A 1994:694).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 at Shalimar (*Okaloosa*) 20 May (B. Dillon).

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