

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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Spring Report: Mar-May 1998.—The observations listed here are based rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Field Observations Committee (FOC). As these reports are not reviewed formally, 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 billpranty@hotmail.com.

Following the examples set by *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, FOS 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.”

The FOS Records Committee (FOSRC) revised the list of birds for which they require documentation, in *FFN* 24(4):132-133, 1996. These species are marked in this report with an asterisk (*) to alert the observers of their need to supply the FOSRC with details of their sightings. (Some reports that lack documentation may have been omitted from this report).

A county designation (in italics) 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: ABS = Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*), APAFR = Avon Park Air Force Range, CP = county park, DTNP = Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*), ENP = Everglades NP, EOS = end of season, FDCP = Fort DeSoto CP (*Pinellas*), FWBSTF = Fort Walton Beach STF (*Walton*), HISRA = Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*), NWR = national wildlife refuge, PPM = *Polk* phosphate mines, R&W 1992 = Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, S&A 1994 = Stevenson and Anderson 1994, SGI = St. George Island (*Franklin*), SMNWR = St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*), SP = state park, SRA = state recreation area, SRSTF = Springhill Road STF (*Leon*), STF = sewage treatment facility, WMA = 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. R & W 1992 and S & A 1994 were used to determine the regional and seasonal status of many species. Todd Engstrom assisted with the editing of the manuscript.

SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

Following a mild, rainy winter that was Florida’s wettest on record, the state experienced a hot, dry spring that was one of its driest ever. By the end of the season, this drought caused the occurrence of a wildfire season that from a human viewpoint was Florida’s worst in 50 years. More on these fires will be included in the summer report.

Fallouts were relatively unimpressive this spring with a significant exception 11-15 May. Nonetheless, a striking number of rare species was found in Florida during the season. Most observers considered the migration to end late, and many reports seem to in-

dicating this. Connecticut Warblers were widespread this spring; over 70 birds were reported, including a count of 30 + birds at DTNP 15 May.

Amazingly, three birds will be added to the Florida state list this spring, pending FOSRC acceptance. Two of the birds, a Tropical Kingbird at FDCP 9-12 May, and a MacGillivray's Warbler at Sanibel Island 5-17 April were seen by numerous observers, and photographed by some. The third bird, an American Tree Sparrow, was observed and reportedly photographed 15 April by a single observer and was not seen again. Two other potentially new species were reported but not verifiably recorded: a Yellow-legged Gull at Pensacola 8 April and a Common Redpoll at DTNP 15 May. Other rarities were a Pacific Loon at St. George Island, a Band-rumped Storm-Petrel beached at Pensacola, an immature Red-footed Booby at DTNP, a Brant at Honeymoon Island, Hudsonian Godwits at Fort Walton Beach and Mayport, three reports of Baird's Sandpipers, a Ruff near Tampa, a skua species off Key West, up to 6 Black Noddies at DTNP, a Lesser Nighthawk at St. George Island, a Bicknell's Thrush at Fort Clinch, and a Mourning Warbler at DTNP. A count of 72 Peregrine Falcons at Huguenot Park 4 April was unprecedented in spring. Rarities found at Fort Pickens this spring were a Pacific Loon, 2-3 Groove-billed Anis, a singing Bewick's Wren, 5 *altiloquus* race Black-whiskered Vireos, a Yellow-green Vireo, a Warbling Vireo, a Townsend's Warbler, a Western Tanager, a Black-headed Grosbeak, and 2 Shiny Cowbirds!

Caribbean species observed were at least one "West Indian Short-eared Owl" and a Cuban Pewee at DTNP, La Sagra's Flycatchers at Fort Lauderdale and Key Largo, Bahama Mockingbirds at Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, a Stripe-headed Tanager at Key West, and numerous Shiny Cowbirds along the Gulf coast from Pensacola to DTNP. New exotics in Florida were the breeding Purple Swamphens at Pembroke Pines, and a Black Bulbul at Merritt Island and Vero Beach. Other interesting exotics were the White-faced Whistling-Duck in *Polk*, a Ringed Teal at Delray Beach, and a Troupial at Sanibel Island.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON: singles at Huguenot Park, Jacksonville (*Duval*) 12 Mar (dead;

N. Wamer) and 25 Apr (R. Rowan); 1 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 11 Apr (D. Morrow).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 molting into breeding plumage at SGISP (*Franklin*) 9 Apr (J. Cavanagh, J. Dozier); 1 in "almost full" breeding plumage at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 23 Apr (E. Case).

COMMON LOON: 1 in winter plumage at Sarasota Bay (*Sarasota*) 13 May (E. Miller).

HORNED GREBE: 1 on the Wekiva River (*Lake and Seminole*) 4 Apr (*vide* P. Small); 2 in breeding plumage at SGI 9 Apr (J. Dozier, J. Cavanagh); 1 in "near breeding plumage" at Tavernier (*Monroe*) 9 May (*vide* M. Cooper).

*BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 1 found alive at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 28 Apr later died (A. Forster, specimen to Archbold Biological Station). The bird was banded in the Azores in 1993 (*vide* B. and L. Duncan).

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 "immature" at DTNP 16 May (D. Okines, S. Pimm et al.).

BROWN BOOBY: 1 at Canaveral National Seashore (*Volusia*) 9 May (J. Pace et al.).

RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 1 immature brown morph at Long Key, DTNP 21 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).

NORTHERN GANNET: 50 at Pepper Park (*St. Lucie*) 20 Mar (J. Bartlett); 7 immatures at FDCP 9 May (B. Hoffman, R. Smith, A. Smith).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 77 flying N over Shired Island (*Dixie*) 16 May (R. Rowan); 22 at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 26 May (T. Rogers).

BROWN PELICAN: at least 1 of 8 that wintered at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) remained to 13 Apr (D. Heuer).

- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 4 nests at Orange Lake (*Alachua*) 2 Apr (M. Meisenburg, B. Simons), the second consecutive year of nesting there. There are only "a handful" of other nesting reports in the county (*vide* R. Rowan).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: single males over East Bay (*Bay*) 11 May (A. Ingram) and St. Vincent NWR (*Gulf*) 23 May (T. Menart et al.); 5 over Lanark Village (*Franklin*) 19 May (L. and S. Fleming).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 at Cape San Blas (*Gulf*) 28 Mar (E. Fontaine, H. Loftin, T. Menart); 9 in one small area of Paynes Prairie State Preserve 12 Apr (S. Duncan); 2 observed from an airboat S of Loop Road in Big Cypress National Preserve (*Miami-Dade*) 14 May (J. Greenlaw, W. Post).
- GREAT BLUE HERON: 6 migrating NE over Key West (*Monroe*) 15 Mar (J. Ondrejko).
- "GREAT WHITE HERON:" 1 nest with 2 young at Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve (*Lee*) 28 Apr (P. Hinchcliff, R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.).
- SCARLET IBIS: 1 at Alafia Bank (*Hillsborough*) 21 Mar (A. Schnapf, R. Paul, J. Kowalski). The color of the bird was not as bright as birds R. Paul has seen in Trinidad.
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 at FWBSTF 4-9 Mar (E. Case, B. Duncan).
- WHITE SPOONBILL: 1 at Alafia Bank 17 Mar was described as being "in heart-stoppingly gorgeous breeding plumage" (R. Paul, A. Schnapf).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 at Lake Carr (*Leon*) 30 May (J. Cox).
- WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 unbanded bird in *Polk* 19 Mar-4 Apr (K. Byers et al.).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 3 at Bartow (*Polk*) 25 Apr (P. Fellers et al.); 1 adult at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 28-29 Apr (A. Morgan, R. Van Ghent et al.); 30 at Myakka River SP (*Sarasota*) 9 May (C. Everly).
- BRANT: 1 at HISRA through 15 Mar (W. Yusek et al.).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 adult male at the *Hamilton* phosphate mines was seen last 2 Apr (D. Levey, S. Duncan).
- RINGED TEAL (*Callonetta leucophrys*): 1 male at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 10 Apr (E. Carey).
- EURASIAN WIGEON: 1 at IMC-Agrico phosphate mine (*Polk*) 3 Mar (R. Paul, A. Schnapf, J. Jackson).
- REDHEAD: 1 at HISRA 7 May (A. Hansen, B. Hansen).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 at PPM 9 May (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- GREATER SCAUP: 1 at *Okaloosa* holding pond 9 May (D. Ware).
- OLDSQUAW: 1 male at Choctawhatchee Bay (*Walton*) 14 Mar (M. Rose); 6 at Santa Rosa Sound (*Escambia*) 18 Mar (B. and P. Tetlow, B. Duncan).
- SURF SCOTER: 1 male at FDCP 22 May (N. Douglass).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 2 eggs found 13 Feb in a Wood Duck box at Monsanto Sanctuary (*Escambia*) were removed and hatched by a chicken(!). A second box contained a female incubating 12 eggs 24 Mar (both C. Davis).
- OSPREY: 73 at PPM 24 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 at Jacksonville 22 Mar (N. Wamer).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 2 S of SR-74 near Fisheating Creek (*Glades*) 16 May (J. Rose, A. Kristensen).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 pair was nesting at Rosewood (*Levy*) 25 May (R. and T. Rogers).
- COOPER'S HAWK: 1 pair that nested at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) (*vide* E. Case) was only the second nesting report in the region (B. Duncan); 2 *Pinellas* nests this season: 1 unsuccessful nest attempt at Largo Narrows CP 19 Apr (P. Trunk) and 1 nest that fledged 2 young at Boyd Hill Nature Park by mid-May (D. Goodwin et al).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 at DTNP 13-14 May (J. Rose, A. Kristensen).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 3 Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) reports: 1 light morph 3 Mar and single dark morphs 24 and 27 Mar (M. McMillian, W. Jess); 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve 8 Mar (B. Roberts, T. Taylor); 1 at Peace Creek Park, Homeland (*Polk*) 19 Apr

- (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 light morph over New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 10 May (K. Tracey, photo to FOC).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 1 along SR-50 just E of the St. Johns River (*Brevard*) 4 Mar (J. Weidlich).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 near Belleview (*Marion*) 11 Mar (D. Steadman); 72 moving N over Huguenot Park between 0900-1400 hrs 4 Apr (B. Stoll); 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 9 May (J. Krummrich).
- COMMON PEAFAOWL: 1 male at New Port Richey 15 May (K. Tracey, photos to FOC).
- BLACK RAIL: surveys of the central Gulf coast, mostly in Mar (B. Pranty, D. Robinson et al., note in prep.) located 25 birds at three sites: Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) including 9 birds 28 Mar (D. Robinson, P. Blair), Boyce-Werner Gulf Coast Preserve, Bayonet Point (*Pasco*), and Ozello (*Citrus*) 5 Apr (C. Black); singles *observed* at ENP (*Miami-Dade*) in late Mar at Mahogany Hammock (L. Manfredi) and Anhinga Trail (R. Cunningham), where 2 birds were heard 30 Apr (*vide* M. Cooper); 2 calling near the beginning of the boardwalk at Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve (*Collier*) 30 Apr (*vide* M. Cooper).
- PURPLE SWAMPHEN** (*Porphyrio porphyrio*): 1 pair with 4 chicks at Pembroke Pines (*Broward*) 16 May. The species is native to Africa and Asia, and the *Broward* birds presumably are escapes. Swampheens have been present at this site for over a year (K. and K. Schnitzies et al., photos to FOC).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 8 at Rogers Park (*Citrus*) 22 Mar (T. Rogers); 4 at Buttonbush Marsh, St. Andrew SRA (*Bay*) 6 May (E. Fontaine, T. Menart, M. Mosher, H. Young).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 5 near Winter Haven (*Polk*) 3-6 Apr (V. Booth et al.).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 E of Wewahitchka (*Gulf*) 16 and 25 May (T. Menart et al.).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 2 at FDPC 23-29 Mar (L. Atherton, L. Saul et al.); singles at PPM 7 May and 24 May (both P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- SNOWY PLOVER: 3 pairs with chicks at Cayo Costa SP (*Lee*) 25 May (C. Ewell).
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 1 in SW *Alachua* 26 May (R. Rowan).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 4-5 pairs nesting near Zephyrhills ca. 15 May-EOS (D. Robinson et al.) were the first *Pasco* breeding report (*vide* B. Pranty).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 1 at St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 8-29 Mar (R. Smith et al.); 135 at PPM 23 May (P. Fellers).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: singles in *Leon* 21 May (G. Menk) and 24 May (B. Henderson, D. Wells).
- WILLET: 1 at Lake Arbuckle (*Polk*) 16 Mar (L. Riopelle).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 1 at PPM 23 May (P. Fellers).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 2 near Columbia City (*Columbia*) 9 Apr (J. Krummrich); 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 17 Apr (J. Ault); 1 heard only over Avon Park Air Force Range (*Polk*) 30 Apr (D. Perkins, R. Lockwood).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 that wintered at FDPC and Shell Key was seen last 21 Mar (L. Atherton); 1 at Cedar Key 31 Mar (G. McDermott, R. Rowan, H. Adams).
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 2 (1 in breeding plumage) at FWBSTF 22 Apr (B. Duncan); 2 in breeding plumage at Mayport (*Duval*) 16 May (K. Knight).
- MARbled GODWIT: 7 at Pensacola 28 Apr (A. and D. Forster).
- RUDdy TURNSTONE: 1 at PPM 24 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- RED KNOT: 1 in breeding plumage at Fort Pierce Inlet SRA (*St. Lucie*) 10 Apr (J. Brooks).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 165 at two *Leon* sites 19 May (*vide* G. Menk); 1050 at PPM 24 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 850 at Cedar Key 25 May (R. and T. Rogers).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 140 at PPM 23 May (P. Fellers).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 10 at 30 Apr-19 May (G. McDermott, R. Rowan et al.); 4 at various sites in *Alachua* 8-17 May (B. Muschlitz et al.); "several" E of Wewahitchka 16 May (*vide* T. Menart), and 1 there 25 May (A. and R. Ingram et al.); 3 at Cape San Blas

- 16 May (J. Cox); 8 at PPM 23 May (P. Fellers) and 3 there 24 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 5 at Cedar Key 25 May (R. and T. Rogers).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 2 at HISRA 21-27 Apr (D. Gardiner et al., photos by W. Yusek); 2 at SRSTF 25 Apr (H. Horne, D. Harder); 3-4 E of Wewahitchka 16 May (*vide* T. Menart).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 11 at Buck Island Ranch 23 Mar (M. McMillian); 1 at Carillon, St. Petersburg 11 Apr (A. and B. Hansen).
- DUNLIN: 21 at PPM 9 May, and 1 there 24 May (both P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 1 at SGISP 8 Apr (J. Dozier, J. Cavanagh); 2 at HISRA 21-23 Apr (D. Gardiner, W. Yusek et al.); 11 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 9 May (J. Krummrich); 1 at St. Marks NWR 13 May (J. Dozier).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 at FWBSTF 9 Apr (B. Duncan).
- RUFF: 1 S of Tampa (*Hillsborough*) 8-19 Apr (E. Kwater et al.).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 in E *Polk* 13 Mar (P. Fellers); 2 (1 in breeding plumage) at FWBSTF 22 Apr (B. Duncan); 1 male and 1 female, both in breeding plumage, at Myakka River SP (*Sarasota*) 8 May (K. Knight, D. Wassmer, L. Saul); 2 at PPM 9 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: 3 between DTNP and Key West 12 May (B. Pranty et al.).
- *SKUA SPECIES: 1 between DTNP and Key West 14 May (J. Rose, A. Kristensen, details to FOSRC).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 adult in breeding plumage at SRSTF 8-13 May (J. Cavanagh et al.).
- *YELLOW-LEGGED GULL (*Larus cachinnans*): 1 adult at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 8 Apr had "all the characteristics" of a Herring Gull "except that it had bright yellow legs and feet and a red orbital ring" (B. Duncan).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 9 May (J. Krummrich).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 immature at Carillon 17-29 Mar (L. Atherton et al.); 13 (all third-year or adults) at Fort Myers Beach/Little Estero Lagoon (*Lee*) 9 Apr (C. Ewell, N. Pettis); 1 immature at Snake Bight, ENP (*Monroe*) 26 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 third-year bird at SGI causeway 10 May (J. Dozier).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 at Cape San Blas 28 Mar (E. Fontaine, H. Loftin, T. Menart); 2 at PPM 9 May, and 9 there 24 May (both P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- ROYAL TERN: 1 at Fanning Springs SRA (*Levy*) 10 Mar died later (*vide* C. Parenteau); 2 at PPM 9 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- COMMON TERN: 1 first-year bird at SGI causeway 10 May (J. Dozier).
- LEAST TERN: 1 in *Leon* 2 Apr (*vide* G. Menk); first of the season at Key West 7 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 2 at Lake Lochloosa (*Alachua*) 11 May (R. Rowan); 25-50 pairs nested at a K-mart at South Fort Myers (*Lee*) in May (C. Ewell).
- BLACK TERN: 2 at Gulfport Beach (*Pinellas*) 19 Apr (J. King et al.); 10 at Newnans Lake 9 May (A. Kratter); 4 at SGI causeway 10 May (J. Dozier); 1 at Courtney Campbell Causeway (*Pinellas*) 20 May (L. Snyder).
- BLACK NODDY: up to 6 at DTNP this season (*vide* W. Biggs).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 475 at PPM 9 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 2 at Fort Pierce Inlet SRA through the season—the barrier island has not been colonized until very recently (J. Brooks); 1 at DTNP 15-18 May (D. Okines, S. Pimm et al.).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 in *Leon* 11 Apr (D. and S. Jue); 1 at FWBSTF 22 Apr (B. Duncan); 1 at HISRA 25 Apr (J. King); 1 at SGISP 1 May (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Baypoint (*Bay*) 2-3 May (T. Menart); 1 at FDCP 9 May (L. Atherton, C. Ewell); singles (same bird?) at Jacksonville 21 May (M. Frase) and 27 May (R. Stoll).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 18 at FDCP 25 Apr (P. Fellers et al.); "dozens" at SGI 30 Apr (R. Rowan, G. McDermott).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: singles at FDCP 25 Apr (A., L., and R. Smith et al.) and 1-4 May (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at DTNP 8-9 (P. Hinchcliff et al.); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse Park (*Lee*) 11 May (V. McGrath); 1 at SGI 11 May (J. Krummrich).

- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 at FDCP 22 Mar-25 Apr (L. Atherton et al.).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 2-3 that wintered at Fort Pickens were seen last 21 Apr (B. Duncan et al., videotape by A. and D. Norfolk).
- BURROWING OWL: 3 discovered at Albert Whitted Airport, downtown St. Petersburg 25 May (L. Snyder et al.) have been present for at least 2 years, according to airport personnel. This is the first report for the city.
- SHORT-EARED OWL: singles at Loggerhead Key, DTNP the last 2 weeks in Apr (W. Biggs et al.) and 16 May (D. Okines, S. Pimm).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1 male perched at SGISP 29 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: 2 at Crystal River 19 Apr (T. Rogers).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 immature male at Key West 15 Mar (J. Ondrejko).
- RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 male at Edgewater (*Volusia*) 15 Nov-17 Mar (G. Dombroski); 1 that wintered at Tallahassee was seen last 20 Mar (L. Short).
- BELTED KINGFISHER: 1 near Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 17 May (D. Perkins et al.).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 adult at Garden Key, DTNP 13-25 Apr (L. Manfredi, P. Lehman et al.); 1 adult at FDCP 22 Apr (W. Yusek, D. Gardiner).
- *CUBAN PEWEE: 1 at Garden Key, DTNP 13-17 May (S. Bass, W. B. Robertson et al., videotape to FOSRC).
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 at Loggerhead Key, DTNP 10 May (J. Greenlaw et al.).
- *WILLOW FLYCATCHER: 1 bird that called repeatedly at Loggerhead Key, DTNP 10-11 May (B. Pranty, W. Biggs et al.).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 that wintered at the ENP Research Station (*Miami-Dade*) was seen last 25 Apr (S. Bass et al.).
- EMPIDONAX* SPP: 1, possibly a "Traill's" Flycatcher at Bald Point 29 May (J. Dozier).
- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 that wintered at the ENP Research Station was seen last 3 May (S. Bass, R. Smith et al.).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at North Key Largo (*Monroe*) 26 Apr-EOS (W. Hoffman et al.); 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch SRA (*Broward*) 30 Apr-1 May (W. George, J. Baker, S. Epps et al.).
- *TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*): 1 at FDCP 9-12 May (L. Snyder et al., photos by L. Snyder and K. Tracey, videotape by B. Atherton, to FOSRC). This will be the first verified Florida record pending FOSRC acceptance.
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 18 in S *Miami-Dade* 21 Mar (L. Manfredi); 1 at FDCP 29 Mar (P. Blair, R. Smith, A. Smith, B. Hoffman); 1-3 that wintered at Key West remained to 7 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 3 at DTNP 15-18 May (D. Okines, S. Pimm et al.).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at FDCP 17 Mar (L. Atherton); 2 at Buck Island Ranch 22 Mar (M. McMillian).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 5 at Key West 23 Mar (J. Ondrejko); 1 at Homestead 23 Mar (L. Manfredi).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 2 that wintered at Ruskin (*Hillsborough*) were seen last 4 Apr (*vide* D. and H. Hull); 5 that wintered at Key West were seen last 7 Apr, with the final bird seen last 15 Apr (both J. Ondrejko); 2 at FDCP 13-16 Apr (L. Atherton, S. Backes et al.), and another there 11 May (K. Nelson et al.).
- TREE SWALLOW: 265 at PPM 9 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel), and 8 there 23 May (P. Fellers).
- BARN SWALLOW: 4 at Key West 31 May (J. Ondrejko).
- BANK SWALLOW: "971" S of Lake Harbor (*Palm Beach*) 9 May (A. Liberman); 1 at SGI 10 May (J. Dozier, D. McNair); 1 or more at Sanibel Island 11 May (V. McGrath).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Newnans Lake 5 Apr (J. Hintermister).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at SGI 9 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- AMERICAN CROW: 4 at PPM 23 May were "very rare" there (P. Fellers).
- CAROLINA CHICKADEE: a pair at Gainesville had a clutch of 6 eggs 19 Mar and fledged 5 young 14 Apr (R. Rowan).

- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Monticello (*Jefferson*) to 23 Mar, and another there 15 Apr (R. Atchison et al.); 1 at a Jacksonville feeder to 7 Apr (N. Wamer).
- BLACK BULBUL** (*Hypsipetes madagascariensis*): 1 of the white-headed race perched on a window ledge at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 10 Apr (M. Epstein) and the same (?) bird perched on a window ledge at Vero Beach (*Indian River*) in early May (G. Doyle, photo to FOC). The Vero Beach bird was banded.
- *BEWICK'S WREN: 1 singing at Fort Pickens 21 Mar (E. and L. Case, C. Ascherfeld et al.).
- MARSH WREN: 2 males singing at Babcock-Webb WMA (*Charlotte*) 4 Apr (C. Ewell, A. Salcedo).
- VEERY: 1 at Crystal River 26 Mar (T. Rogers); 3 at various Gainesville sites 2-9 May (D. Beatty, M. Manetz, J. Hintermister); 1 in *W Leon* 9 May (B. Henderson, D. Wells).
- *BICKNELL'S THRUSH: 1 at Fort Clinch SP (*Nassau*) 18 May (J. Rose, A. Kristensen, details to FOSRC).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 1 at Buck Island Ranch 20 Mar (M. McMillian); 1 singing at Sanibel Lighthouse Park 13 May (V. McGrath).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1 at Bald Point 7 May (J. Dozier); 1 at Tallahassee 9 May (S. Jue, F. Rutkovsky).
- WOOD THRUSH: 1 at Crystal River 26 Apr (T. Rogers); 1 at Key West 28 Apr-3 May (J. Ondrejko); 1 migrant at Cedar Key 17 May (D. Henderson).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 in *Sarasota* 30 May-1 Jun (J. Palmer).
- BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at Birch SRA 2 May (W. George, S. Epps); 1 at Palm Beach (*Palm Beach*) 9 May (C. Plockelman).
- COMMON MYNA: 1 pair nested in a Food Lion sign at Fort Pierce in May, the same site as in 1997 (J. Brooks).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Sanibel Island 20 May (L. Atherton, W. Winton).
- *WARBLING VIREO: 1 at Fort Pickens 11 May (D. Ballman).
- *YELLOW-GREEN VIREO: 1 at Fort Pickens 11 May (B. Duncan, H. Barbig).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 15 at Crystal River 25 Mar (T. Rogers).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at Birch SRA 5 Mar (W. George); 5 at Fort Pickens variously 14-28 Apr were identified as the race *V. a. altiloquus* (fide B. Duncan); 1 at SGI 19 Apr (R. Atchison, J. Reed et al.); 1 "pair" at FDCP early May-EOS (L. Atherton et al.).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at FDCP 14 Apr (L. Atherton, C. Ewell).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 male at Phipps Preserve (*Franklin*) 9 May (D. Click, D. McNair); 1 at FDCP 12 May (L. Atherton et al.).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Cross Creek 19 Apr (J. Edwards) and 3 at Kanapaha Gardens 9 May (B. Roberts) were rare in *Alachua* (fide R. Rowan); 6 at FDCP 12 May (L. Atherton et al.).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 female at HISRA 5 Apr (P. Trunk).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 75 in *Palm Beach* 9 May (fide R. Rowan).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 in SE *Leon* 9 May (J. Cox); 1 male at Sarasota remained to 16 May as it "recuperated from an injured wing" (E. Miller, J. Carlock).
- TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: 1 adult male at Fort Pickens 27-28 Apr (B. Duncan, D. and J. Ballman).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 at FDCP 21 Apr (L. Atherton et al.).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 at DTNP 9 May (P. Hinchcliff et al.); 1 in *Miami-Dade* 9 May (M. Cooper, L. Manfredi); 1 at FDCP 11 May (A. and B. Hansen); 1 at Tallahassee 25 May (F. Rutkovsky).
- PALM WARBLER: 26 at Crystal River 26 Apr (T. Rogers).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 1 singing at Kendall (*Miami-Dade*) 14 Apr (fide M. Cooper); 1 at Cedar Key 20 Apr (D. Henderson); 1 at SGI 1 May (J. Cavanagh), and 8 there 11 May (J. Krummrich); 4 at FDCP 12 May (L. Atherton et al.).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 10 Apr (M. Meisenburg); 70 at FDCP 25 Apr (P. Fellers et al.); 80 at Jacksonville 4 May (J. Cocke); 93 in *Palm Beach* 9 May (fide R.

- Rowan); "many hundreds" at DTNP 15-18 May (W. B. Robertson et al.); 3 singing at Sarasota 20 May (E. Miller).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 female at FDCP 11-12 May (L. Atherton et al.).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 106 in *Alachua* and 345 in *Palm Beach*, both 9 May (*vide* R. Rowan).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at FDCP 5 Apr (L. Snyder).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 4 singles in *Pinellas* 5 Apr-12 May (*vide* R. Smith); 4 *Broward* reports 10-14 Apr, with 3 birds 12 Apr (W. George et al.).
- OVENBIRD: 114 in *Palm Beach* 9 May (*vide* R. Rowan).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 8 Mar (A. and R. Smith).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at DTNP 21-24 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); 1 at Key West 17 May (J. Ondrejko).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 male singing at Sanibel Lighthouse 10-12 Apr (C. Ewell); 1 at Seminole (*Pinellas*) 13 May (J. Fisher); 1 at SW Gainesville 31 May (B. Roberts).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: singles at Bonner Park 8 May (J. Fisher et al.) and 13-15 May (K. Nelson et al.); birds in *Broward* 9-13 May daily, with 5 birds 10 May and 7 birds 11 May (W. George et al.); 1 at North Hutchinson Island (*St. Lucie*) 10 May (J. Brooks); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse Park 11-13 May (V. McGrath) and 2 others there 18 May (C. Ewell, N. Pettis); 8 in *Brevard* 13 May: 4 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary and 4 at Melbourne Village (S. Hills); singles at Seminole 14 May (J. Fisher, K. Nelson) and 17 May (J. Fisher); **more than 30** at DTNP 15-18 May (W. B. Robertson, D. Okines, S. Pimm et al.); 6 at FDCP 16 May (L. Atherton, P. Blair), with 2 there 17 May (*vide* R. Smith); 1 at Captiva Island (*Lee*) 16 May (V. McGrath); 3 in *Miami-Dade* 16 May, with 2 of these at A. D. Barnes CP, where 1 lingered to 17 May (*vide* M. Cooper); 1 at Key Largo 19 May (L. Manfredi); 3 females at Key West 19-21 May (J. Ondrejko).
- MOURNING WARBLER: 1 male at DTNP 15 May (D. Okines, S. Pimm).
- MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER** (*Oporornis tolmiei*): 1 adult male at Sanibel Lighthouse Park 5-17 Apr (N. Pettis et al., photos and videotapes by D. and L. Stokes to FOSRC) will be the first Florida record if accepted by the FOSRC.
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 at Seminole 13 Mar (J. Fisher).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 in *Miami-Dade* 9 May (J. Villamil).
- CANADA WARBLER: 1 male at Mead Gardens (*Orange*) 19 Apr (C. Pierce).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at St. Martin's Buffer Preserve (*Citrus*) 26 Apr-2 May (T. Rogers); 1 singing at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve (*Citrus*) 6 May-EOS (A. and B. Hansen et al.).
- NORTHERN STRIPE-HEADED TANAGER (*Spindalis z. zena*): 1 male at Indigenous Park, Key West 30 Apr-4 May (J. Gordon, J. Ondrejko et al.).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 male that wintered at Sanibel Island was seen last 26 Mar (D. Konz); 1 male at Melbourne Village (*Brevard*) 2-4 Apr (B. and S. Hills); 3 at St. George Island 10-11 Apr (J. LaVia et al.); 1 male at Fort Pickens 11 May (B. Duncan et al.).
- SCARLET TANAGER: 1 singing at Sanibel Lighthouse Park 13 May (V. McGrath).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 male that wintered at Sanibel Island was seen last 20 Mar (D. Konz); 1 at a Sanford (*Seminole*) feeder 3-9 Apr (R. Grimshaw); 1 at Tallahassee 15 May (B. Henderson).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 male at Fort Pickens 20 Apr (T. McCaskey).
- INDIGO BUNTING: up to 3 at a Sanford feeder 21 Feb-16 May (R. Grimshaw).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 7 wintered at Haines City (*Polk*) with the final bird seen last 1 May (A. and H. Wheaton); up to 6 wintered at a Sanford feeder with the last bird to 30 Apr (R. Grimshaw); 1 male at St. Marks NWR 13 Apr (S. Turner); 2 at St. Martins Buffer Preserve 1 May (T. Rogers); 1 female at St. Petersburg 5-6 May (B. Hoffman).
- DICKCISSEL: 2 at DTNP 19 Apr (L. Manfredi); 1 at FDCP 20 Apr (L. Atherton, P. Blair et al.); 1 at Shired Island 6 May (R. Rowan).

- ***AMERICAN TREE SPARROW** (*Spizella arborea*): 1 at the lighthouse, St. Marks NWR 15 Apr (R. Bell, details and photos to FOSRC) will be the first Florida record pending FOSRC acceptance.
- CHIPPING SPARROW: 4 in N *Leon* to 9 May (L. Brennan); 1 at Key West 31 May (J. Ondrejko).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Homestead 19 Mar (L. Manfredi).
- LARK SPARROW: 4 at Homestead 1 Mar (L. Manfredi).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1 at APAFR (*Highlands*) 4 May (B. Pranty).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: singles at FDCP 14, 19, and 21 Apr (L. Atherton, R. Smith et al.).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 at APAFR (*Polk*) 9 Apr (B. Pranty).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 near Lake Asbury (*Clay*) 2 Mar (J. Krummrich).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve to 31 Mar (G. McDermott, R. Rowan, H. Adams).
- SWAMP SPARROW: 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 25 Apr (C. Pierce); 1 at Ozello (*Citrus*) 3 May (C. Black, A. and B. Hansen).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 2 at HISRA 8 Apr (W. Yusek); singles at FDCP 30 Apr (R. Smith, A. Smith, B. Hoffman) and 4 May (S. Gross et al.); 1 at Lower Wekiva River State Preserve (*Lake or Seminole*) 2 May (*vide* P. Small)
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: singles at HISRA 5-8 Apr (P. Trunk et al., photo by W. Yusek) and FDCP 10 Apr (R. Smith).
- BOBOLINK: 2000 E of Sarasota 2 May (E. Miller, J. Carlock); "609" at PPM 9 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 1 male at Loggerhead Key, DTNP 24 Apr (P. Lehman et al.).
- EASTERN MEADOWLARK: 1 at FDCP 23 Mar was the first spring report for the park (L. Atherton, A. and R. Smith); 1 at Egmont Key NWR (*Hillsborough*) 23 Apr (J. Shrewsbury, J. Chicoine).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 male E of Sarasota (*Sarasota*) 28 Feb-22 Mar (J. Palmer et al.); 1 adult male at Tyndall Air Force Base (*Bay*) 14-15 May (S. Nishino).
- SHINY COWBIRD: single males at Fort Pickens 8 Apr (B. Duncan) and 19 Apr (B. Bremser); 7 at DTNP 20-30 Apr (P. Lehman et al.); single males at FDCP 22 Apr (*vide* R. Paul) and 5-12 May (L. Atherton et al.); 1 male at Largo (*Pinellas*) 3-31 May (K. Nelson); 1 "pair" at Bald Point 10 May (J. Dozier); 1 male at St. Marks NWR 22 May (D. Pereksth).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 13 males at Ruskin 10 Apr (K. Tracey); 17 at HISRA 10 Apr (W. Yusek); 1 at St. Martins Buffer Preserve 2 May (T. Rogers).
- TROUPIAL (*Icterus icterus*): 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse Park 20 Apr (V. McGrath).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 at East Bay 23 May (A. and R. Ingram).
- PURPLE FINCH: 6 at Tallahassee 11 Mar (F. Rutkovsky).
- HOUSE FINCH: a nest at Ocala (*Marion*) 8 Mar contained 5 eggs 25 Mar and fledged 2 young 19 Apr (M. Paczolt); 1 male singing at Longboat Key (*Manatee*) 25 Mar (*vide* R. Paul); 1 male at Haines City to 18 Apr (A. and H. Wheaton); 1 pair at Jacksonville through the season (J. Ross).
- ***COMMON REDPOLL** (*Carduelis flammea*): 1 at DTNP 13 May 13 (J. Rose, A. Kristensen, details to FOSRC).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 "pair" at Monticello 18 May (R. Atchison).

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