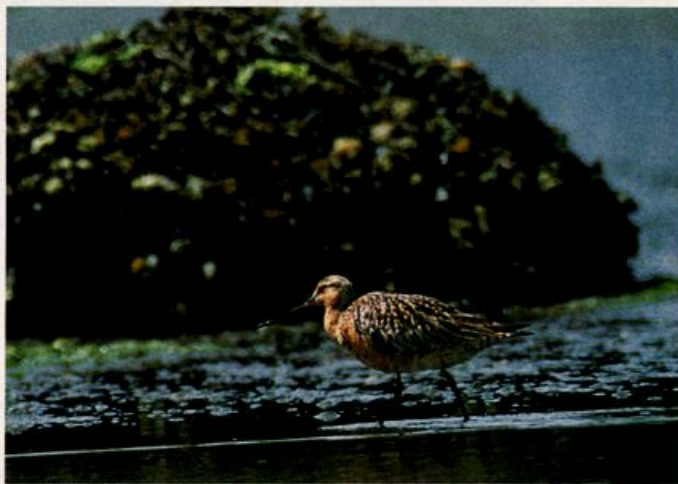


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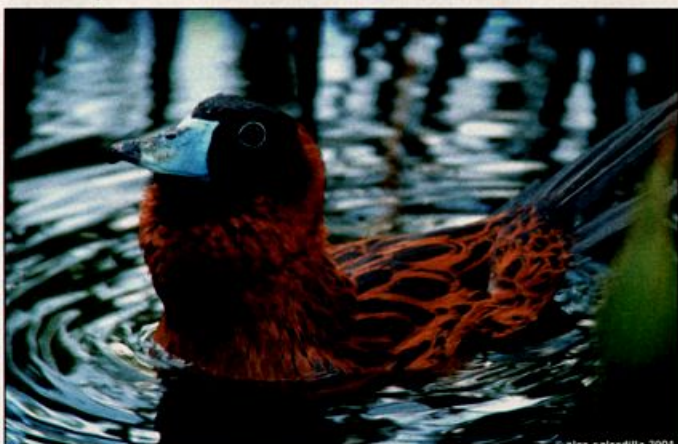
Northern California's first Glossy Ibis was in Alviso, Santa Clara County 14–15 May and in nearby Alameda County 20–21 May. It accompanied a major incursion of White-faced Ibis towards the coast and indeed a major flight of both dark *Plegadis* out of range in spring 2001. This photograph was taken on 15 May near the TiVo™ parking lot by the intersection of Highway 237 and Gold/Lafayette streets in Alviso. Photograph by Les Chibana.



One Bar-tailed Godwit was among 100 Whimbrel in Tofino, west Vancouver Island 16–19 May. This is the second local record. Photograph by Richard Staniforth.



Arguably the best bird of the season in Montana was its first Whooper Swan in Somers. Discovered by subregional editor Dan Casey, this bird arrived 5 March with migrant Trumpeter and Tundra Swans and left with them on 11 March. It had intact flight feathers and no leg bands or other indications of captivity. Photograph by Dan Casey.



A very rare visitor to Florida, this male Masked Duck at Pembroke Pines, one of at least two discovered here 19 May, was photographed 9 June. Photograph by Alex Calzadilla.



The much-observed Black-tailed Godwit at Eastport, Long Island was New York's first; it was identified to subspecies as *Limosa limosa islandica* by virtue of its extensive rich chestnut underparts. Photograph by Dr. M. Stubblefield/VIREO.



This Wandering Tattler, a species rare anywhere in the continent's interior, was found at the Antelope Island Causeway, Davis County, Utah, on 25 May. It remained into June and allowed extensive study by many observers. This spring was particularly productive for shorebirding in the eastern Great Basin. *Photograph by Terry Sadler.*



A Curlew Sandpiper at the Antelope Island Causeway, Davis County, Utah 6–8 May was the third state record for the species. *Photograph by Terry Sadler.*



Among a great passage of pelagic seabirds documented throughout the Lesser Antilles, Bahamas, and Bermuda this spring, this Arctic Tern was captured on film 21 May on the beach at Guadeloupe. *Photograph by Anthony Levesque/VIREO.*



This adult Elegant Tern, thought to be the same individual as noted in December 2000, courted, then copulated with this female Sandwich Tern at Fort De Soto County Park, Florida 26 April 2001; the Elegant Tern had first been refound on 20 April. *Photographs by Lyn Atherton.*



A Barn Owl present for one day 21 April at Île des Soeurs, Québec, attracted much attention. Although there are at least 50 records for Québec, this may be the only the second time this species has been photographed alive in the wild here. Very few birders from Montreal had seen this species in the province before this individual appeared, as most of the records are from farmers or of specimens found dead. The photograph was taken by digiscoping (to learn more, consult: <http://www.vdn.ca/~ledy/portfolio1e.html>). Photograph by Yves Leduc.



This Boreal Owl, banded at Presque Isle State Park, Erie, 7 April 2001, provided the first Pennsylvania record since 1896, when one was collected near Pittsburgh. Photograph by David Darney.



This male Costa's Hummingbird was Colorado's first at Crow Valley Campground, Weld County (photographed 17 May 2001). Photograph by Ruth Dick.



A long-staying male Black-backed Woodpecker delighted many observers at the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Pike County, Pennsylvania from 6 March to 16 May. It provided the second documented state record. This image was taken 29 April 2001. Photograph by Rick Wiltraut.



This Common Grackle, a species showing up with greater frequency in western states and provinces, was in Quatsino, north Vancouver Island, British Columbia, 20–24 April. This was the island's third record but first in spring. Photograph by Shirley Wold.



The first Eyebrowed Thrush in North America away from western Alaska shocked visitors to Galileo Hill Park, an oasis in the Mojave Desert of Kern County, in southern California on 28 May. *Photograph by Bob Steele.*



Birders touring Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska were welcomed from 28 May onward by this handsome male Eurasian Bullfinch that frequented the town's middens. *Photograph by Gil Ewing.*



The West Indies' first Giant Cowbird, a female, was documented nicely on Barbados at Palm Beach 6 March 2001. *Photograph by Martin Frost.*



A male Lazuli Bunting, one of two in Florida this spring and a genuine vagrant in the East anywhere, frequented a very productive Mulberry tree at Fort De Soto County Park 18–24 April, the only previous record for Florida comes from 1977. *Photograph by Ken Tracey.*



One of two recorded in spring 2001 in Alaska, this Great Spotted Woodpecker was noted 11 May on Shemya Island, Alaska. The other was much farther east on St. George Island five days earlier. These are the seventh and eighth individuals recorded in the state. *Photograph by M.T. Schwitters.*