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The season was rather mild, with barely freezing temperatures reaching south to Lake Okeechobee twice, causing topical damage to vegetation in outlying areas from Orlando southward. The drought in the peninsula continued, with a cumulative half-meter precipitation deficit in some portions of the central and southern regions since 2005. The kinglet invasion that began in the fall continued, and countless flocks of American Robins and Cedar Waxwings reached well into southern Florida. State rarities included Thayer's Gull, Dovekie, Hammond's Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Mountain Bluebird, and Western Meadowlark. Given that up to 12% of Florida's 30,000+ Mottled Ducks are believed to be hybrids with Mallard (<<http://www.myfwc.com/duck/Mottled/theProblem.htm>>), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announced that it will step up its efforts to control Florida's feral Mallard population. In addition, the Commission will be initiating a study of Smooth-billed Ani, an endangered species in its limited United States range but one that has heretofore received little attention.

Abbreviations/definitions: F.O.S.R.C. (Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee); report (any observation); record (only those reports verifiable from photograph, videotape, or specimen evidence); UF (Florida State Museum).

WATERFOWL THROUGH CARACARA

Breeding throughout much of the peninsula, 458 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were n. at Gainesville, *Alachua* (C.B.C. data). In contrast, the greatest concentration of Fulvous Whistling-Ducks, a species that outnumbered

Black-bellieds a decade ago, was about 150 in *Hendry* (M. England). Geese were rare throughout. The only Greater White-fronted Goose was at St. Marks N.W.R., *Wakulla* 16 Dec (C.B.C.). Snow Geese were in *Leon* (one; Glenda Simmons), *Hernando* (up to 4; A&BH et al.), *Volusia* (6; C.B.C.), and s. *Brevard* (one; C.B.C.). Rarely reported inland or Gulfside, a Brant at Gainesville 29 Dec (AK), was likely the same imm. as seen at Ft. Island Gulf Beach, *Citrus* 2-22 Jan (m.ob.). Mallard x Mottled Duck hybrids were in *Hamilton* (C.B.C.), *Orange* (BHA, RD), *Brevard* (DF), *Pinellas* (C.B.C.), *Martin*

(C.B.C.), *Lee* (CE), *Collier* (DSu), *Palm Beach* (Robin Staffeld), and *Pasco/Hernando* (200; C.B.C.). Cinnamon Teal were in *Polk* (one; RM, DR), and in *Brevard* (2), as was one Blue-winged Teal x Cinnamon Teal hybrid (m.ob.). For the 3rd consecutive year, a Eurasian Teal was found in Florida, with one at St. Marks 6 Jan (Joh et al.). The first Greater Scaup to be verified in the s. peninsula was at Eco Pond, E.N.P., *Monroe* 30 Dec-13 Jan (ph. LM, m.ob.). Up to 2 Common Eiders were in *St. Johns* 16 Dec and 3-4 Feb (m.ob.), with singles in *Nassau* 9 Dec (RoS) and *Volusia* 23 Dec (MBr). The three scoter species appeared on both coasts; the rarest, White-winged, was in *Franklin* (one; AB, JM), *Volusia* (up to one; MBr), and *Brevard* (one; C.B.C.). Surf Scoters were s. to *Levy* (2; C.B.C.) and *Brevard* (up to 2; Mitchell Harris, DF), whereas Black Scoters were s. to *Brevard* (fide DF) and *Pasco* (one; BAh, AB et al.). Long-tailed Ducks included singles in *Wakulla* (AB, AW) and *Brevard* (fide DF), with 3 in *St. Johns* (ph. BW, BR). Rare were 3 Buffleheads inland at Lake

Apopka North Shore Restoration Area, Orange 19 Dec (BHA, DR) and 12 far s. in *Miami-Dade* 8 Jan (RT). A Common Goldeneye was again s. at Tangerine, *Orange*; this year brought an imm. male (BHA, DR). The Masked Duck discovered in the fall at Viera Wetlands, *Brevard* continued through 29 Dec and was joined by another 12-19 Dec (DF).

Red-throated Loons were in *Gulf* (one; C.B.C.), *Franklin* (up to 8; m.ob.), *Citrus* (one; MG), *St. Johns* (2; C.B.C.), *Volusia* (at

least one; MBr), and *Brevard* (at least one, BHA et al., ph. CG). The only Pacific Loon was one in *Brevard* 16-20 Dec (CG et al.). A Red-necked Grebe at Destin, *Okaloosa* 4 Feb (Charles Saleeby) was the 8th for the w. panhandle (BD). One Eared Grebe overwintered in *Palm Beach* (m.ob.), while 2 in *Okaloosa* since fall remained until 18 Dec (BD et al.) Other Eareds included singles in *Manatee* 10 Dec-24 Dec (JP, JD), s. *Brevard* 30 Dec (C.B.C.), and *Volusia* 25-27 Feb (MBr, MW). The only boobies were at Dry Tortugas N.P., *Monroe*: 10 Masked, 15 Brown, and one Red-footed Booby 3 Jan (Sonny Bass, Stuart Pimm). Inland, Brown Pelicans were in *Orange* (at least one; HR, Andrew Boyle, CP) and *Polk* (up to 3; TP, PT). Surprising were Magnificent Frigatebirds in numbers far n. in *Indian River* 6 Jan (26; Nancy Soucy) and *Martin* 30 Dec (38; C.B.C.); farther n. was one in *Taylor/Dixie* 5 Jan (one; RoS). Two White-faced Ibis were at St. Marks 11 & 15 Jan (AW, AB et al.), and one was at Lake Apopka 24 Jan (HR). Since Hurricane *Wilma* devastated Everglades N.P. in Oct 2005, the Greater Flamingo flock has been absent, with only an occasional individual being reported, as was the case in late Dec (C.B.C.).

The earliest reports of migrating Swallow-



The Masked Duck to the right, present from fall through 29 December 2006 at Viera Wetlands, Brevard County, Florida, was joined by the second Masked Duck 12 (here) through 19 December 2006. Photograph by J. William Marr.

tailed Kites and Short-tailed Hawks came from *Flagler* 8 Feb (Lenore McCullagh) and *Pasco* 1 Feb (KT), respectively. Two Short-taileds carried nesting material in *Hillsborough* 11 Feb (Mauri Peterson). Rare, White-tailed Kites were reported alone in *Brevard* (fide TDU, DF), *Osceola* (BHA, RM), *Hardee* (Barbara Singer et al.), and *Miami-Dade* (AB, LM), with 2 each in *Okeechobee* (PMi) and *Palm Beach* (BH, MBe et al.). A Mississippi Kite at Lake Woodruff N.W.R., *Volusia* 27 Jan



For the second consecutive year, a Semipalmated Sandpiper was verified in Florida, where a few likely winter annually. Photographed at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Brevard County on 26 January 2007, this was a first for the central region. Photograph by Kevin Karlson.

(MW, Diane Reed et al.) was early. Broad-winged Hawks wintered n. to *Brevard* (at least 2; DF, C.B.C.) and *Pinellas* (2; C.B.C.). A Swainson's Hawk was early in *Hillsborough* 25 Jan (Bob Landry). Single Golden Eagles were in s. *Brevard* (LoM), *Orange* 10 Jan and 4 Feb (HR), and *Baker* 10 Feb (L&RoS). At new sites near the n. extreme of their range, Crested Caracaras were in *Orange*, at Lake Apopka (HR), at Hal Scott Preserve (BAh), and in *Seminole*, where at Chuluota, a pair was nest building on 1 Jan (LoM, CP). A caracara at Florida Panther N.W.R., *Collier* 19 Dec (DSu) was s. of the species' usual range.

RAILS THROUGH DOVEKIE

Single Yellow Rails were at Hole-in-the-Donut, Everglades N.P., *Miami-Dade* 2 Jan (Mark Davis) and at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve S.P., *Okeechobee* 20 Feb (DS). Lone American Golden-Plovers visited Lake Apopka 17, 27, & 29 Dec and 28 Feb (HR) and near Brooksville, *Hernando* 16 Dec–8 Jan (Alex Aycrigg, MG et al.). Rare on the e. coast, a Snowy Plover was found in *Duval* 17 Dec (K. Dailey), for the 5th year. Up to 44 and 42 Piping Plovers wintered in *Duval* (C.B.C.) and *Miami-Dade* (RD), respectively. Black-necked Stilts wintered n. to *Seminole* and *Orange* (C.B.C.s); 10 stilts on C.B.C.s in *Wakulla* and *St. Johns* 16 Dec were late. Single Solitary Sandpipers were in *Pasco* (KT) and *West Palm* 30 Dec (C.B.C.) and in *Martin* 31 Dec (C.B.C.). A Willet inland at *Viera* 28 Jan (*fide* DF) was rare, as was a Long-billed Curlew at L. Kissimmee, *Osceola* 24 Jan, the first documented in Florida's interior (ph. Terry Donovan). Other Long-billeds were coastal in *Gulf*

27 Dec (one; C.B.C.), *Franklin* 14 Jan (one, possibly the *Gulf* bird; JM), and *Levy* 28 Dec and 13 Feb (up to 2; DH et al.). For a 2nd year, at least one Semipalmated Sandpiper was verified; Kevin Karlson photographed one at Merritt I. 26 Jan. Purple Sandpipers were scarce this season on Atlantic jetties s. to



Affording a first record for Dry Tortugas National Park and for Monroe County, Florida, this Purple Sandpiper was digiscoped on Fort Jefferson's moat wall 17 December 2006. Photograph by Chris Skelton.

Brevard (DF); Gulfside, where casual, 2 lone Purples were at Anna Maria I., *Manatee* 22 Jan (Gavin Spooner) and on Ft. Jefferson's moat wall 17 Dec (ph. CS), a Dry Tortugas first! The only Red Phalaropes were 10 found about 64 km off Ponce Inlet, *Volusia* 29 Jan (MBr, ph. BW).

A Franklin's Gull visited Gainesville 17-19

Dec (AK et al.), while up to 4 were at Cutler Ridge, *Miami-Dade* 23 Dec (C.B.C.) and 4 & 20 Jan (AB, RT). An Iceland Gull was at *Volusia* landfill 11 Jan (BW), and another was at Perdido landfill, *Escambia* 13 Jan–17 Feb (ph. Laura Catterton, m.ob.), the 11th accepted for Florida (FO.S.R.C.). In nearby *Santa Rosa*, a Lesser Black-backed Gull was discovered 16 Dec (*fide* BD); rare in the panhandle, their numbers have continued to increase in the peninsula, with 27 on the upper keys 15 Dec (C.B.C.) and 20 at Stock I., *Monroe* 3 Jan (CG). Up to 3 apparent Herring Gull × Glaucous Gull hybrids and one Glaucous Gull were at the *Volusia* landfill 13 Jan+ (MW, ph. LA et al.) Other lone Glaucous were found in *Okaloosa* 5-14 Feb (John & Carol Grossa et al.), *Duval* 25 Dec and 28 Jan (BR), and *St. Lucie* 5 Feb (Jane Brooks). Rare Gulfside, at least 7 Great Black-backed Gulls wintered in *Pinellas* (LA), with singles at Little Estero Island Wildlife Conservation Area, *Lee* (DSu) and in *Gulf* (C.B.C.). Rare, an imm. Black-legged Kittiwake was found about 64 km off Ponce Inlet 29 Jan (ph. TDu et al.).

Usually absent in the n. peninsula, Gull-billed Terns were coastal with 5 at Talbot Island S.P., *Duval* 30 Dec (Robert Wears) and singles at Hernando Beach, *Hernando* 26 Dec (BPr, BAH et al.) and Merritt I. 18 Dec (C.B.C.); inland, one was on the *St. Johns R.*, *Seminole/Volusia* 31 Dec (Ken Bell et al.), and 4 were at Orlando Wetlands Park, *Orange* 1 Feb (BHA et al.). Also inland, Royal Terns were in *Hernando* (one; Clay Black et al.), e. *Pasco* 30 Dec (2; C.B.C.), and *Orange* 9 Feb (one; HR); up to 9 Royals were at two *Polk* locations 16 Dec–7 Jan, as were up to 4 Sandwich Terns (TP, PT et al.). Rare in winter, a Common Tern was at *St. Vincent* N.W.R., *Franklin* 28 Dec (C.B.C.). Two Sooty Terns at Dry Tortugas 3 Jan (C.B.C.) were early. One of the rarer finds this season was a Dovekie, seen in flight just beyond the surf at Canaveral N.S., *Brevard* 18 Dec (CG).

DOVES THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

Florida's introduced White-winged Doves breed inland at least as far n. in the peninsula as Gainesville but remain scarce along most of the coasts. White-wingeds in *Escambia* (C.B.C.), *Franklin* (JM, J. Cooke), *Wakulla* (C. Evans), *Levy* (C.B.C.), *Suwannee* (RR), and *Duval* (Anne Turner), including 21 in *Okaloosa* (C.B.C.), were likely w. migrants. The provenance of 2 at Dry Tortugas



With almost a dozen accepted records for Florida, this Iceland Gull was a one-day-wonder at the Volusia landfill 11 January 2007. The dark tail band, secondaries, and tertials suggest potential admixture with Thayer's Gull genes. Photographs by Bob Wallace.

17-20 Dec (CS) is an even more speculative subject. Smooth-billed Anis were in *Broward* (6; m.ob.) and *Palm Beach* (10+; *fide* BHA). Lone Short-eared Owls were in *Wakulla* (AW, JM), *Orange* (HR), *Brevard* (RH), and three locations in *Monroe*, the latter likely from the Antilles. Single Lesser Nighthawks were at Alligator Pt., *Franklin* 4 Dec (JM), *Lake Apopka* 22 Dec (C.B.C.) and 12 Jan (HR), and near *Royal Palm*, *Everglades N.P.*, *Miami-Dade* 18 Dec and 16 Jan (RD). A maximum of 5 Lessers at *Flamingo* 14 Jan (MBe) was fewer than in recent years. A Common Nighthawk at *Gainesville* 19-22 Dec was audio-recorded (ES, RR; v.r. to UF) and the 2nd verified in winter; one was heard at *Royal Palm* 5 Jan (AB, MBe et al.). Single Commons reported in *Franklin* 2 Dec (JM) and *Orange* 3 Dec (HR) were late. The first singing Chuck-will's-widow was heard 26 Feb at *Sarasota* (JP).

Fred Bassett banded 100 hummingbirds: 3 Buff-bellied (*Escambia* [1] and *Santa Rosa* [2]), 37 Ruby-throated (*Escambia* [6], *Santa Rosa* [6], *Okaloosa* [3], *Walton* [2], *Bay* [1], *Franklin* [3], *Leon* [11], *Duval* [1], *Alachua* [2], and *Hillsborough* [2]); 9 Black-chinned (*Escambia* [3], *Santa Rosa* [2], and *Leon* [4]); 5 Calliope (*Walton* [2], *Leon* [2], and *Duval* [1]); and an impressive 46 Rufous (*Escambia* [12], *Santa Rosa* [1], *Okaloosa* [6], *Walton* [1], *Washington* [1], *Franklin* [1], *Leon* [19], *Alachua* [4], and *Hillsborough* [1]). One of Bassett's 11 recaptures (2 Ruby-throated, 2 Black-chinned, a Calliope, and 6 Rufous) from previous years was a Rufous in *Escambia* banded four winters ago. The fall female Buff-bellied Hummingbird at *Naples*, *Collier* remained through 12 Dec (Wayne Wauligman, Steve Carbol et al.). A Downy Woodpecker at *Key West* 10 Jan (Brian Gibbons, BM) and a Northern Flicker on nearby *Boca Chica Key* 11 Feb (CG) were unexpected.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WAXWINGS

Least Flycatchers were n. to *Brevard* (one; DF) and *Orange*, where 11 were at *Lake Apopka* 22 Dec (HR). Florida's 2nd Hammond's Flycatcher was discovered on the heels of the first identified only three months before, in *Pinellas*. Documented by Jeffrey Gordon, it remained at Hal Scott Conservation Area, *Orange* 28 Jan-2 Mar (m.ob.). Vermilion Flycatchers were widespread: *Wakulla* (2; C.B.C.), *Alachua* (3; Dominick Martino, JDe et al.), with singles in *Columbia* (4th year; DoR, RoS), *Seminole* (m.ob.), *Collier* (2nd year; AM et al.), and *Monroe* (Paul Bithorn, JBo). Ash-throated Flycatchers were all but absent this season; one was at *Lake Apopka* 17 Dec-31 Jan (HR), and a pale *Myiarchus* at *Bald Point S.P.*, *Franklin* 16 Dec may have been this species (JM). Single Brown-crested Flycatchers were at *Royal Palm* 15-16 Jan (RT et al.), *Flamingo* 13 Jan-7 Feb (JBo, RD), and *Lake Apopka* 10 Dec-11 Feb (HR). A Tropical Kingbird stopped at *Lake Apopka* 13 Dec, and a Cassin's Kingbird remained there 3 Dec-14 Feb (HR), where at least one has wintered since 1999. Western Kingbirds lingered in *Franklin* 14, 15, & 19 Jan (up to 2; Michael Hartley, JM, AW) and in *Leon* 21-24 Jan (one; FD). In the n. peninsula, Westerns were at *Cedar Key* 28 Dec-21 Feb (up to 17 mostly subsisting on *Sabal Palm* fruit; DH), in *Citrus* 28 Dec-mid-Jan (3; Daniel Smyth et al.), *Flagler* 30 Jan (3; Marilyn Bontly), and s. *Marion*, where up to 43 visited The Villages roost with up to 3 Scissor-tailed Flycatchers (Jim Dinsmore). The kingbird roosts in *Orange* and *Polk* held up to 45 Westerns and 7 Scissor-taileds (C.B.C., BHA, DR) and up to 13 Westerns and 2 Scissor-taileds (TP), respectively. A late Scissor-tailed was found in *Okaloosa* in mid-Dec (C.B.C.). Rare along the

e. coast, single Scissor-taileds were in *Brevard* 11 Dec-10 Feb (*fide* DF) and *St. Lucie* 16 Dec (C.B.C.). An early White-eyed Vireo appeared at *Key West* with other newly arrived migrants, including 2 Blue-headed Vireos 13 Feb (CG). One Bell's Vireo was at *Bradenton*, *Manatee* 30 Dec-3 Jan (JD et al.), while one from fall at *Southern Glades Wildlife Environmental Area*, *Miami-Dade* remained throughout (m.ob.). Single Yellow-throated Vireos wintered in *Orange* (HR), *Polk* (C.B.C.), *Monroe* (C.B.C.), and at two locations in *Miami-Dade* (JBo, RD et al.). Two Yellow-throateds on the upper keys 15 Dec (C.B.C.), as well as singles in *Escambia* 16 Dec (C.B.C.) and *Broward* 17 Dec (C.B.C.), were late; the earliest to return was in *Monroe* 17 Feb (AB et al.).

Up to 7 Horned Larks remained at *Bascom*, *Jackson* 14 Jan-3 Mar (AB, ph. BW, m.ob.). The earliest Purple Martins were reported 7 Jan in *Duval* (Patrick Leary) and *Sarasota* (*fide* Tina Mossbarger). A Northern Rough-winged Swallow in *Alachua* 11 Feb (CB, JDe) was early. Cave Swallows were in *Broward* 17 Dec (11; C.B.C.), *Palm Beach* in late Dec (unspecified number; C.B.C.), *Monroe* 30 Dec (one; C.B.C.), *Miami-Dade* 23 Dec and 4, 5, & 14 Jan (up to 20; C.B.C., AB, JBo), and *Brevard* 21 Feb (2; DF et al.). The only Barn Swallows reported were singles in *Brevard* 17 Jan (DS) and *Volusia* 27 Feb (MW). Usually restricted to the Red Hills region of n. *Leon*, White-breasted Nuthatches dispersed to *Osceola N.F.*, *Baker* 6 Dec (2; BR), *Gainesville* 27 Jan (one; Bob Holt), and *New Smyrna* 30 Dec (one; Jean McNeil). Brown Creepers and Winter Wrens were in better-than-average numbers this season; however, both species wandered as far s. as *Alachua* (R. Norton, ES, H. Warren, MM), except one creeper that reached *Merritt I.* 18 Dec (C.B.C.).

The fall kinglet invasion continued, with

Golden-crowned Kinglets s. in *Volusia* (one; C.B.C.), *Orange*, *Seminole*, and *Lake* (19; LoM, Paul Hueber, C.B.C.), *Brevard* (4; C.B.C.), *Pasco* (19; BAH, BPr, C.B.C.s), *Pinellas* (10; LA, RoS, C.B.C.s), *Hillsborough* (6; Ken Allen, M. Keith, BAH), and *Polk* (one; C.B.C.). A record high of 874 Ruby-crowneds was tallied on the Gainesville C.B.C. 17 Dec. In extreme s. Florida, where rare, 6 Ruby-crowneds were in *Miami-Dade* (JBo) and 8 in *Monroe*, including 6 on the keys (CG, C.B.C.s) and one at Dry Tortugas 17-20 Dec (CS). A *Mountain Bluebird* photographed in a yard in Ft. Myers, *Lee* 30 Dec (ph. Susan Hooten) was Florida's 2nd. Almost as rare, a *Swainson's Thrush* on the Coot Bay, Everglades N.P. C.B.C. 30 Dec was sketched by observer Rafael Galvez. Hermit Thrushes were in greater numbers than usual, with 133 in Gainesville 13 Dec (C.B.C.); one was far s. at Boca Chica Key (CG). A late Wood Thrush was at Niceville 18 Dec (Pat Baker). In late Dec, American Robins invaded the Region; driving from Cedar Key to Pensacola, the Duncans reported: "It would be difficult to estimate numbers, but surely it must be in the millions." For several days, robins passed overhead from dawn to dusk in the Orlando area (BHA), and Robinson estimated 240,000 at Lake Apopka 29 Dec. Seven robins were reported on the keys, including one at Boca Chica Key 7 Dec (BM, CG). Also rare in the keys, an American Pipit was at Dry Tortugas 17-20 Dec (CS). The only Sprague's Pipit was at Eglin A.F.B., *Okaloosa* 3 Dec (Lenny Fenimore). Cedar Waxwings invaded the state in greater numbers than usual, with 12 s. to Key West 30 Dec (CG). Surprising was a Cedar over open ocean 40 km off New Smyrna, *Volusia* 29 Jan (MG et al.).

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Twenty-one species of warblers were reported this season. Nashville Warblers were in *Alachua* (one; B. Christensen), *Pasco* (one; D Gagne), *Orange* (one; BHA, BO et al.), *Miami-Dade* (3; RD, JBo), and *Monroe* (one; C.B.C.). Late Northern Parulas lingered until 17 Dec in *Hillsborough* (BAH et al.) and *Seminole* (Paul Hueber), where another was the farthest n. reported to winter (BHA); the earliest to return were 4 males at Bill Baggs Cape Florida S.P., *Miami-Dade* 26 Jan (RD). Single Yellow Warblers were found n. to *Alachua* 8 Dec+ (J. Powell, AK et al.), *Seminole* 31 Dec, and s. *Brevard* 24 Jan (AB et al.). Wintering Magnolia Warblers were in *Collier* (one; fide AM), *Miami-Dade* 16 & 23 Dec (4; C.B.C.s), and *Monroe* (2; C.B.C.); one at Key West 13 Feb was with other

newly arrived migrants (CG). Lone Black-throated Blue Warblers in *Orange* 6 & 16 Dec (Andrew Boyle, C.B.C.) and *Brevard* 10-21 Feb (DF) were likely migrants. Although Yellow-rumped Warblers arrived on schedule, large numbers were not noted until after the new year; Lillian and Donald Stokes estimated that 10,000 flew over the Sanibel Lighthouse, *Lee* towards the mainland 28 Jan. Black-throated Green Warblers wintered n. to *Orange* (BO) and *Brevard* (Gerry Day, LoM et al.). A Yellow-throated Warbler and an American Redstart were seen at Key West 13 Feb with a flock of newly arrived migrants (CG). Prairie Warblers wintered in greater-than-normal numbers in the cen. peninsula; farther n., one was at Fort Walton Beach Sanitation Facility, *Okaloosa* (BD), and 2 were at Jacksonville (C.B.C.). A Yellow Palm Warbler wintered at Key West (ph. BM, CG). American Redstarts wintered n. to *Citrus* (2; P. Pilny, BAH) and *Orange* (3; Jeffrey Gordon, Tom Rodriguez, C.B.C.); one farther n. in *Alachua* 17 Dec (S. Robinson) was late. Two Worm-eating Warblers were in *Monroe* (C.B.C.). Although banding operations at Bill Baggs Cape Florida ceased for the winter months, wintering was suspected when a Swainson's Warbler, captured there several times during the fall, last on 3 Nov, was recaptured 12 Mar, shortly after operations resumed (RD). Lone Ovenbirds were in the panhandle in *Okaloosa* 18 Dec (Jim Kowalski) and *Franklin* 3 Feb (JM). Single Northern Waterthrushes wintered n. to *Wakulla* (AW et al.) and *Alachua* (AK); 21 were counted in *Orange* at Lake Apopka (C.B.C.). Single Louisiana Waterthrushes were at Miami, *Miami-Dade* 16 Dec (JBo, G. Jones, D. Jones), Gainesville 17 Dec (MM), Royal Palm 18 & 20 Dec and 5 Jan (RD, C.B.C., AB), and Coot Bay 30 Dec (C.B.C.). The first spring Louisianas were noted 25 Feb, with one at Lutz, *Hillsborough* (Anya & Tom Mason) and 2 at Lake Apopka (HR). Lone Hooded Warblers were in *Pinellas* at John H. Chesnut, Jr. Park 8-14 Jan (TA) and at Largo throughout the season (KN), and another was at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve S.P., *Collier* 4 Feb (AM). Wilson's Warblers were scarce, with singles in *Okaloosa* (Sandra Lefstad), *Alachua* (JoH, MM et al.), *Volusia* (BO), *Orange* (HR), and *Miami-Dade* (AB et al.); there were 3 in *Pinellas* (CoG) and 2 in *Monroe* (Key West and Dry Tortugas C.B.C.s). Lone Yellow-breasted Chats were in *Franklin* (JM), *Bradford* (C.B.C.), *Orange* (HR), and *Pinellas* (ph. Jay Jones), with duos in *Alachua* (MM, P. Colverson), *Miami-Dade* (RD), and *Monroe* (BM, C.B.C.). Twenty Summer Tanagers were re-

ported from 13 counties, from *Okaloosa* (Gene Estes) and *Alachua* (Ingrid Scales) s. to *Collier* and *Miami-Dade* (C.B.C.). One banded male Summer in *Leon* returned for the 5th year (Peter Homann)! Western Tanagers pleased birders at Niceville 31 Dec (Robin & Tom Stiles), Pensacola 18 Jan (Paula Palmer), Paines Prairie Preserve S.P., *Alachua* 2 Dec (BRo, Patty Orr, Carolyn Retey), Gainesville 3 Dec (Ron Robinson), L. Disston, *Flagler* 10 Feb (Erik Haney, DG), St. Augustine 20 Feb (Geoff Carter), e. of Naples 22 Feb (SM et al.), and Tallahassee at three locations: 19 Dec-21 Feb (male and female, FR, m.ob.); 23-26 Feb (female, J. Cavanagh); and 25 Feb (male, FD). A black-backed Western Spindalis, likely of the nominate Bahamian subspecies, was found at Bill Baggs Cape Florida S.P. 12 Dec and 9 & 14 Feb (RD). At Fort Lauderdale, a green-backed Western Spindalis was seen 19 Jan-11 Feb (reappeared in Apr; m.ob.) and was apparently of the subspecies *townsendi*.

While most sparrow species were not particularly common anywhere, 11 reached the southernmost peninsula and keys, where they are rare. Chipping Sparrows were reported s. to *Collier* (12; DSu) and *Monroe* (one; RD). Clay-colored Sparrows were in *Orange* (up to 4; HR), *Hillsborough* (2; Steve Backes, TA), *Polk* (5; C.B.C.), *Sarasota* (one, LA, JD), *Miami-Dade* (one; MBe et al.), and *Monroe* (up to 7, LM). A Vesper Sparrow was s. to Flamingo (JBo). Lone Lark Sparrows were in *Leon* (GM, JCa), *Hillsborough* (TA), *Manatee* (JD et al.), and *Sarasota* (perhaps 2, JD, Margaret Dunson). Henslow's and Le Conte's Sparrows were widely distributed in the peninsula, with Henslow's located in 10 counties from *Alachua* (17; C.B.C.) to *Okeechobee*, where 33 were banded (Marianne Korosy). Le Conte's were in *Hamilton* (2, C.B.C.), *Alachua* (up to 4; JoH, CB, Peter Polshak et al.), *Seminole* (6; C.B.C.), *Hernando* (up to 3; BAH, DS et al.), and *Miami-Dade* (one; ph. LM). Gulfside, Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrows were at Cedar Key (one; C.B.C.), Fort Island Beach (one; RoS, BAH), and Sandy Key, Everglades N.P., *Monroe* (one; BM). A Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow was far s. in *Monroe* (one; JBo, RT et al.). Fox Sparrows were widely reported in the panhandle; however, 3 in *Alachua* reached their usual s. limit in the peninsula. Song Sparrows were s. to *Sarasota* and *Polk/Highlands* (C.B.C.s) and at Boca Chica Key (one; CG). Lincoln's Sparrows were in *Alachua* (3; CB, MM, William Bolte et al.), *Seminole* (one; RH), *Orange* (up to 2; HR), *Manatee* (2; CoG, JD et al.), and at two Mia-

mi-Dade locations (2; AB et al., C.B.C.). Two Swamp Sparrows were s. to Flamingo (JBo). White-throated Sparrows were in above-average numbers in the cen. peninsula, wandering farther s. to *Charlotte* (one; RoS, BAh) and *Monroe* at Clive Key, Everglades N.P. (one; BM). By contrast, White-crowned Sparrows were scarce, with reports of lone birds in *Alachua* (BAh, RR, RoS), *Brevard* (DS), *Pasco* (KT), and *Pinellas* (RoS), up to 5 in *Orange* (HR), and up to 4 in *Monroe* (BM, RD, AB et al.). Dark-eyed Juncos were widespread and also in above-average numbers in the panhandle but were rare in the peninsula, with reports from n. *Baker* (one; BR), *Columbia* (one; C.B.C.), and *Pinellas* (3 in two locations; AB, LA, TA).

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were in *St. Lucie* 16 Dec (C.B.C.), *Okaloosa* 18 Dec (Bob Larson), *Pinellas* 7 Jan (KN), *Orange* 16 Jan (BHA), and *Leon* 21 Feb (C. Clarke). Blue Grosbeaks were scarce, with only singles in *Orange* 1 Dec–4 Feb (HR) and *Hillsborough* 17 Dec (BAh). A Painted Bunting was far n. in *Okaloosa* 18 Dec (C.B.C.). Lone Dickcissels were in *Orange* 9 & 11 Feb (Joie Clifton) and *Sarasota* at two locations 2 Dec–24 Jan and 1 Feb (Edith Miller, Janet Carlock, Owen Comora); up to 3 were near Flamingo 14 Jan–11 Feb (BRo, LM). Not verified in Florida since 1977, a Western Meadowlark remained in n. *Escambia* 19 Jan–22 Feb (m.ob.) and was the 5th accepted for Florida. Single Yellow-headed Blackbirds were in *Orange* 3 & 6 Dec (HR) and *Hernando* 26 Dec (BAh, BPr et al.). Rusty Blackbirds were in good numbers: about 50 in *Escambia* (Bob & Lucy Duncan); 104 in *Bay* (C.B.C.); 100 in *Leon* (AW); 70 at two *Wakulla* locations (SM, AB, AW); up to 27 in *Alachua* (CB, RR et al.); 8 in *Sumter* (DG, Eric Haney); and one in *Pinellas* (BAh, BPr et al.). Brewer's Blackbirds were limited to the panhandle: in n. *Escambia*, about 75 in a mixed blackbird-species flock 19 Jan (B&LRD) and a pure flock of 122 on 4 Feb (B&LD, DoR, JM); 3 in *Okaloosa* 3 Jan (BD); and 2 in *Bay* 30 Dec (C.B.C.). Up to 7 Shiny Cowbirds were reported in *Miami-Dade* throughout (LM); singles were in *Pasco* 16 Dec (KT) and *Highlands* 28 Dec (C.B.C.). Only recently established in extreme s. Florida, 51 Bronzed Cowbirds were counted in *Miami-Dade* 16 Dec (C.B.C.); others were in *Monroe* (one; JBo), *Collier* (6 at two locations; AM), *Hendry* (3; Brent Bomkamp), *Polk* (5; C.B.C.), *Hillsborough* (2; D. Bowman et al.), and *Orange* 23 Dec (one; Steve Gast). Up to 2 Orchard Orioles were at Flamingo 30 Dec–27 Jan (JBo, ph. BM); one at Gainesville 14 Feb was early (Grace

Kiltie). A female **Bullock's Oriole** lingered at Tallahassee 4 Jan–21 Feb (FR, m.ob.). Rare, Purple Finches were in *Okaloosa* (unstated number; C.B.C.), *Bay* (3; C.B.C.), *Leon* (12 at two locations, AW, G. Menk), *Wakulla* (one; G. Menk), and *Alachua* 12 Feb+ (one; Ron Robinson). House Finches have been slow to colonize the e. peninsula; not yet verified breeding, 30 were counted on three *Volusia* C.B.C.s. Gulfside, where House Finches are established s. to *Sarasota*, 2 were farther s. in *Lee* 11 Feb (Layne Hamilton). The only Pine Siskins were 2 in *Escambia* 3 Feb (RoS) and singles in *Leon* 30 Dec (C.B.C.) and *Orange* (HR).

Corrigenda: In the winter 2005-2006 report (*N.A.B.* 60: 220), the last date that the Cackling Goose was reported should read "4 Jan," not 14 Jan. In addition to the incorrect date, the caption of the photograph of the geese on the next page should read that the Cackling Goose would provide Florida's "third record," not second. In the same report, it was not a Bell's Vireo but a Yellow-throated Vireo that appeared at Bill Baggs Cape Florida S.P. 28 Feb.

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