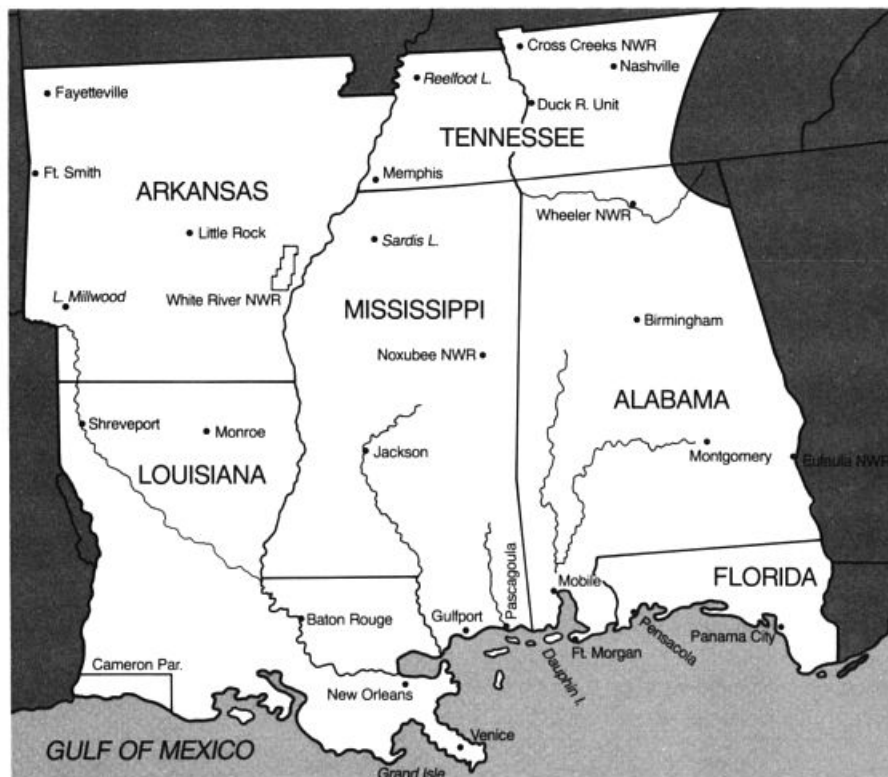


central southern region



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Warm, wet, El Niño-driven conditions prevailed throughout the Region with some predictable results—many semi-hardy species wintered farther inland in greater numbers and diversity than usual. And some unpredictable ones—few pelagic species appeared along the Gulf coast, despite a plethora of strong offshore storms. The winter was good for some irruptive species, the robust Red-breasted Nuthatch influx in the Region's northern sectors being the best example, and so-so or worse for others, including most boreal finches.

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Abbreviations: ABRC (*Alabama Bird Records Committee*); LBRC (*Louisiana Bird Records Committee*).

LOONS TO EGRETS

Rare but now regular on the coast, a Pacific Loon remained at Ft. Pickens, *Escambia*, FL, Jan. 7–Feb. 6 (RAD), while one to two others were noted in nearby *Baldwin*, AL, Jan. 3–Feb. 21 (RRR, LFG); some overlap between these records may exist. Very rare inland, Pacific Loons appeared in *Marshall* and *Colbert*, AL, Dec. 14 (AM, AIM) and Jan. 17 (PHF, †GJH), respectively. Considered a large number locally, 276 Horned Grebes were counted in *Panola*, MS, Dec. 28 (GK, SK). Two rare Red-necked Grebes were counted Dec. 20 on the Reelfoot, TN, CBC (†MAG, JRW et al.); another, Alabama's 10th, visited *Baldwin* Dec. 30 (†RC; p.a. ABRC). More than the usual number of Eared Grebe reports turned up, mostly along the coast.

Brown Pelicans were counted in an Alabama winter maximum—for recent decades at any rate—of 744 in *Baldwin* Jan. 3 (*vide* GDJ). Seven-thousand or more Double-crested Cormorants noted at fish ponds in *Tunica*, MS, Jan. 10 (JRW) must



Farther east than usual was this male Cinnamon Teal (center, with Blue-winged Teal) in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 8, 1998. Photograph/Peter H. Yaukey

have converted a lot of fish into bird energy. Evidencing the species' continuing expansion of its Louisiana range, single Neotropic Cormorants were sighted in *Evangeline* Dec. 27 (DLD) and in *Iberville* Jan. 24 (JVR), as well as at several sites where the species has regularly appeared during winter in the past.

Considered very rare in Arkansas during winter and probably evidence of the mildness of the season, one–two Am. Bitterns were noted in *Faulkner* Dec. 20 (KJ, MMA, KH) and Jan. 3 (KJ, MJ, AJ, MMA). Another was in *White*, AR, Jan. 24 (KN, LN); another, only the 2nd ever wintering in *Hardin*, TN, showed up Feb. 21 (SM); yet another, only the 4th wintering locally, was in *Noxubee*, MS, Dec. 14–Jan. 10 (MG, TLS). A Least Bittern in *Okaloosa*, FL, Dec. 21–25 (†DW, EC) was a rare find, as was another in *Plaquemines*, LA, Dec. 29 (DPM, RS, DoR). *Lonoke*, AR, hosted 120 Great Egrets Jan. 17 (KN, LN)—a notable winter concentration for that area.

WATERFOWL TO RAPTORS

The only whistling-duck report involved 13 Fulvous in *Cameron*, LA, Dec. 20 (RSt, MA). Two imm. Ross's Geese in *Benton* Jan. 2–Feb. 7 (MMI, DC) and an adult in nearby *Washington* Jan. 17 (MMI, DC) represented a species rarely encountered in n.w. Arkansas. Five adults were in *Lauderdale*, TN, Jan. 14 (JRW, MAG). Alabama had records from 4 counties, including the 2nd record ever for the Gulf coast Jan. 12 in *Mobile* (†SH, CK). Mississippi reported Ross's from 4 counties (*vide* TLS).

Earliest ever for Florida, incubated Wood Duck eggs were found in *Escambia* Feb. 7 (CD). A male Cinnamon Teal in *Orleans*, LA, Dec. 7–Feb. 15 (GO, m.ob.) was more expected than two males that appeared to the north in *Caddo*, LA, Feb. 19 & 28 (RS, SHu); a Cinnamon × Blue-winged male in *Jefferson Davis*, LA, Dec. 29 (SWC, DLD) was well studied. Six-thousand N. Pintails and 3500 Ring-necked Ducks in *Tallahatchie*, MS, Feb. 13 (FJB) indicated those species' abundance locally, while n.w. Arkansas' all-time high count of N. Shovelers was established Dec. 6 when 337 were noted in *Washington* (MMI, DC). Greater Scaup were reported frequently in mostly small numbers, while Black and Surf scoters were well represented by reports from several states. Two White-winged Scoters visited *Yell*, AR, Dec. 13 (KN, LN); another was in *Elmore*, AL, Dec. 2 (LFG). Rare in s. Louisiana, a female Com. Merganser visited *Jefferson* Dec. 5 (PY).

Still scarce away from the immediate s.w. Louisiana coast, single White-tailed Kites were noted in *Jefferson Davis* and *Calcasieu* Dec. 30 (SWC, DLD) and Jan. 24 (RS), respectively. Rare in e. Louisiana at any season, a Swainson's Hawk was observed in *Iberville* Feb. 28 (JVR, CF); another was "found near a burning ditch" to the west in *Jefferson Davis*, LA, Dec. 30 (PC, DD, KR). Very rare, a Ferruginous Hawk was studied in *Calcasieu*, LA, Jan. 18 and Feb. 8 (†JK, DaR, †JW). Holla Bend N.W.R. in *Pope*, AR, hosted an ad. Golden Eagle Dec. 13 (KN, LN) and an immature Jan. 10 (KN, LN); reports also emanated from 4 Mississippi counties and one Louisiana parish. Still decidedly rare in Louisiana, a Crested Caracara was noted in *Calcasieu* Jan. 20 (JK, KF); a few miles distant within the same parish another was observed collecting branches—and nesting?—Feb. 8 (JK, DaR). Reports of inland Merlins were more numerous than usual. Third-ever for *Lake*, TN, a Prairie Falcon was observed Dec. 17 (†BPB, DR); the *Yalobusha*, MS, bird returned for its 7th season (WMD, JAT, GS, SK).

RAILS TO TERNS

Yellow Rails at 3 sites in *Tallahatchie*, MS, during December (†FJB) were far more than the usual number reported there, as were King Rails in *Noxubee* (†TLS), *Winston* (TLS, MS), and *Tallahatchie/Quitman*, MS (FJB), including six at the first site Jan. 1. Nine Sandhill Cranes in *Woodruff*, AR, Feb. 19 (RHD) were deemed very rare visitors; three–four others stayed in *Arkansas*, AR, Feb. 5–27 (KR, JD, KN, LN). Up to 400 in *Obion*, TN, present throughout the season (JRW) represented a significant increase in wintering numbers from 5 or more years ago; up to 50 wintered in *Limestone/Morgan*, AL (GJH, m. ob.), and up to 16 stayed in *Barbour*, AL, during the season (GEH); Alabama's all-time maximum crane numbers were noted December (88) and February (127) near Jacksonville (BS) and *Cherokee* (WiB, LB), respectively, sites where migration rather than wintering probably explains the high numbers. Flocks of 35 and 45 in *Noxubee/Winston*, MS, during January were noteworthy (GK, SK, RBa); flocks of 200 and 20 were noted in *Calcasieu/Cameron* and *St. Tammany*, LA, in December (DPM, m.ob) and early January (MW, PS), respectively. A single was found in *Okaloosa*, FL, Dec. 18–24 (GE, †WB, DW); the spring crane migration through Tennessee was quite early and substantial, peaking earlier than usual in late

February (SJS). A clear trend toward greater numbers of wintering cranes in the Region is emerging.

First-ever for the Baton Rouge CBC, a Black-bellied Plover was in *Iberville*, LA, Jan. 4 (MSw, GB). Over 750 Least Sandpipers were counted in *Shelby*, TN, Dec. 14 (JRW); about 22 stayed into January, and at least 128 were present in early February (JRW). A Pectoral Sandpiper Dec. 15 in *Leflore*, MS (FJB), was late; even later was one Jan. 1–3 in *Lee*, MS (AJo; †TLS, m.ob.) Wintering Stilt Sandpipers were represented by octets in *Iberville* and *St. Charles*, LA, Jan. 4 (MSw, GB) & 19 (PY), respectively Well described and about 15th for Louisiana, a Reeve was noted in *Evangeline*, LA, Dec. 27 (DLD, SWC). Quite late if not wintering, 25 Long-billed Dowitchers were counted in *Tallahatchie*, MS, Jan. 1 (FJB), Alabama's 4th winter record of this dowitcher was established Jan. 4 in *Mobile* (GDJ).

Noted Jan. 3–4 in *Baldwin*, AL (JRC, GDJ), a Parasitic Jaeger put in a rare appearance; another Dec. 20 in *Cameron*, LA (DLD, SWC), represented the only other Regional report and was at a site where the species is somewhat more regular. *Orleans*, LA, hosted a first-year California Gull Dec. 7 (ph. †PW; p.a. LBRC). About 10 records of Lesser Black-backed Gulls were submitted, as well as several each of Glaucous and Great Black-backed gulls. Of casual occurrence along the Florida Gulf coast, a Black-legged Kittiwake occurred on the Perdido CBC, *Escambia*, Dec. 29 (DW, PB, CA, RZ) Four Gull-billed Terns in *Lafourche*, LA, Jan. 11 (BMM, RDP) were considered "worth tracking," while six Royal Terns 27 mi n. of the Louisiana coast in *Jefferson Davis* Jan. 12 (CW) were deemed "bizarre . . . away from marine/estuarine habitat" by Cardiff.

DOVES TO FLYCATCHERS

Two Eur. Collared-Doves in *Columbia*, AR, Dec. 8–12 (CM, SSL) were well described and photographed; the species invaded *Hale*, AL, a new site, Feb. 25 (HHK, GDJ) and was noted in a Tennessee Valley maximum of 63 Dec. 26 (SWM) in *Limestone/Morgan*, AL. More reports came from s. Louisiana than anywhere else in the Region Two White-winged Doves in *Tunica*, MS, Jan. 31 (†JRW, NH) were far north of the species' usual coastal haunts; 80 in *Plaquemines*, LA, Dec. 29 (DPM, RS, DoR) represented a large number. The 2nd local record of Inca Dove was provided by three in *Columbia*, AR, Jan. 3 (SSL, BR, CD); the first locally was noted in *East Baton Rouge*,



Two views of a Brown-crested Flycatcher at Delta National Wildlife Refuge, Louisiana, on February 24, 1998. It was identified as representing the race *cooperi* (normally found as close as southern Texas and eastern Mexico), not quite as large nor as large-billed as the race *magister* from the southwestern United States and western Mexico. Note the pattern of darkness on the outer tail feathers as seen from below. Photographs/ Arvind Panjabi

LA, in late February (PY, RK, TK). Less rare but still notable was a Com. Ground-Dove in *Tunica*, MS, Jan. 11 & 17 (JRW). Sixteen Rose-ringed Parakeets in *Orleans*, LA, during midwinter (BRu) provided modestly interesting news, but 128+ Monk Parakeets counted in *Orleans/Jefferson*, LA (BRu, m.ob.), during just *one* day—Jan. 24—including 9 sightings of nest building, may be cause for modest alarm, at least by those with exoticaphobia.

Rare but regular in *Escambia*, FL, a Groove-billed Ani was observed at Ft. Pickens Jan. 24 and Feb. 27 (MS, RAD); the species was also reported from 3 Louisiana parishes. Short-eared Owls were reported from 5 Mississippi counties, including 21 counted Feb. 10 in *Quitman* (JFB). Two Com. Nighthawks in *Shelby*, TN, Jan. 6 (MGW, CB) were late, representing a species seen with increasing frequency during winter at this locale. Providing only the 2nd area January record, a Chuck-will's-widow was noted in *Escambia*, FL, Jan. 21 (RAD); the species was also reported from *Cameron*, LA, Dec. 21 (DPM, RDP).

At least three Buff-bellied Hummingbirds stayed until early December in *Escambia*, FL, after arriving last fall (*fide* RAD); Duncan indicated that over 10 records have accumulated in the local area since 1982. Alabama's 4th **Buff-bellied Hummingbird** stayed the winter in *Baldwin* (NM, †GDJ, RRS, MBS), where it was banded. Two were banded (BC) in *Harrison*, MS, and many

were sighted in 5 Louisiana parishes, including one bird that returned for at least the 6th consecutive winter. A Calliope Hummingbird visited *Escambia*, FL, Jan. 5–10 (RRS, MC) for the 10th area record, while a Rufous was noted Dec. 12–21 in the same county (CS, *fide* RAD). Alabama's 4th **Calliope Hummingbird** was banded Jan. 8 in *Mobile* (†GDJ, RRS, MBS), and one was banded in *Jackson*, MS (BC).

Four species of hummers were noted in middle Tennessee, and a 5th—Allen's—was recorded in the state e. of the Region. Last fall's first-state-record **Calliope Hummingbird** stayed in *Davidson* until Feb. 15 (CSL, *fide* FCF; banded RRS, MBS). A Black-chinned was in *Williamson* Dec. 9–Feb. 24 (†CSL, *fide* FCF; banded RRS, MBS). Rufous Hummingbirds were banded in *Wilson* and *Williamson* Dec. 14 (RRS, MBS). And a Ruby-throated was present in *Davidson* most of December (†CSL; banded RRS, MBS). Ruby-throateds were also banded in *Jackson* and *Harrison*, MS (BC), and many were reported from Louisiana, where Calliope and Broad-tailed were also noted.

Probably the same bird present during the 2 previous winters, an Ash-throated Flycatcher arrived in *Okaloosa*, FL, during fall 1997 and stayed until at least Feb. 12 (RAD, †DW, m.ob.). Another, Alabama's 20th (p.a. ABRC), stayed Feb. 24–March 8 in *Perry* (HHK, †GDJ). Two reports came in from Louisiana, where the species is more regular. The only reports of Brown-crested

Flycatcher hailed from *Plaquemines*, LA, Dec. 29 (†DPM, RS, DoR, †AP) and Feb. 24 (ph. AP). A male Vermilion Flycatcher at St. Vincent Island N.W.R., *Franklin*, FL, Dec. 28 (SJS, BHS) was, surprisingly, the first ever recorded at that site.

SWALLOWS TO PIPITS

Purple Martins were early in several Louisiana parishes, including one in *Caddo* Feb. 9 (JTr, JeT). A single N. Rough-winged Swallow in *Jefferson*, AR, Dec. 27 (RHD, JLY) was a very late lingerer, while eight in *Sebastian*, AR, Feb. 13 (PK, TJ) were probably early migrants. Four species of swallows set early arrival dates in the *Noxubee*, MS, area (*fide* TLS).

Red-breasted Nuthatches irrupted south to the n. reaches of the Region in substantial numbers, as evidenced by 49 on the Conway, AR, CBC and 19 on the Cookeville, TN, CBC; farther south, the irruption petered out and was very thin within 200 mi of the Gulf coast except in Louisiana, where Cardiff said the species put on a "fairly good showing [for the] second winter in a row." Mlodinow thought the species' numbers in Arkansas declined temporally as well as latitudinally, with fewer and fewer present except near feeders as the winter wore on. Two Brown-headed Nuthatches were noted in *Hardin*, TN, Feb. 21 (*fide* MGW), a site where the species was first reported 2 years ago.

Rock Wrens found last fall in *Little River*

and *White*, AR, stayed in the former county until at least Jan. 1 (CM, DnH, DIH) and in the latter through the end of the period (KN, LN). The only Bewick's Wren report came from *Cameron*, LA, Dec. 29 (DLD, SWC); this was possibly the same bird noted in November by Muth and others. Only the 3rd locally in winter, a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher visited *Washington*, AR, Dec. 29 (DC, MMI).

A Mt. Bluebird in *St. Martin*, LA, Jan. 10 (†PW, †JS, †PC) made for an exciting day. One hundred Hermit Thrushes in *Lauderdale/Colbert* Dec. 20 (*fide* GDJ) provided an Alabama maximum. A Gray Catbird Jan. 2 on the Savannah CBC, TN (†MAG), provided another instance of a semi-hardy species wintering n. of its usual range; one in *Oktibbeha*, MS, was also notable (*fide* TLS). Alabama's 4th (p.a. ABRC) **Sage Thrasher** showed up Dec. 27 and stayed into January in *Baldwin* (AF, DE, †GDJ). An Alabama maximum count of 608 Am. Pipits dotted *Baldwin* Jan. 3 (*fide* GDJ).

VIREOS TO DICKCISSEL

Louisiana parishes hosted four Bell's Vireos—singles in *Vermilion* Dec. 19 (GB) and *Plaquemines* Dec. 29 (DPM, RS) and two in *Cameron* Dec. 21 (MSw, KF, †PSu). A rare winter visitor to Alabama's Tennessee Valley, a Blue-headed Vireo was sighted in *Morgan* Dec. 14 (†DRC, Rcu); another in *Caddo*, LA, Dec. 6 and Jan. 11 (JeT, JTr) was also considered unusual. Well sketched, one-two Tennessee Warblers in *Lamar*, MS, Feb. 20–Mar. 4 (†CDw, †DCi, †MiD, CSz) were very rare. A Yellow Warbler was in *Cameron* Dec. 22 (RoB, WC), and another was noted on the Bosseur-Caddo-Bienville CBC Jan. 4 (†CL).

Fourth in winter for Louisiana and first locally in winter, a Cape May Warbler lingered well n. in *Caddo* Dec. 26–Feb. 14 (LRR, ph. RS, m.ob.). Moderately unusual Black-throated Green Warblers were noted in *Iberville* and *Plaquemines*, LA, but a Townsend's in *Cameron* Jan. 1–25 (†GB, MAS, m.ob.) was exceptional. The only reported, a female Am. Redstart was in *Plaquemines*, LA, Dec. 29 (RS). Representing a first Regional winter record and probably a 1st continental winter record as well, the **Swainson's Warbler** studied and photographed in *St. Charles*, LA, Jan. 19, 24, & 30 (ph. PY, DLD) was the warbler of the season.

Never previously recorded on the Sidon, MS, CBC, a N. Waterthrush there Dec. 20 (†PhB, DaC, EWB) furnished a good find

of a species reported only from *Cameron*, LA, elsewhere in the Region. Wilson's Warblers are very rare in winter along the Florida Gulf coast, so one Feb. 12 in *Santa Rosa* (RB, JB) was notable. Almost as rare in the same area, a Yellow-breasted Chat made an appearance in *Escambia*, FL, Dec. 20–26 (†RAD, JPF, MP); another in *Lee*, MS, Jan. 3 may represent the first winter record for that state (†TLS); reports also came from 3 Louisiana parishes.

The 2nd February record locally took place when a male Summer Tanager was observed in *Santa Rosa*, FL, Feb. 14 (RB, JB); 2nd for the inland coastal plain of Alabama, another was noted in *Montgomery* Jan. 10 (LFG), and others were noted in 3 Louisiana parishes. Well described W. Tanagers visited *Escambia* and *Okaloosa*, FL, Dec. 20 (RAD, JPF, MP) & 22 (†MR, RR, WD), respectively; both were CBC birds and neither was reported again. A female was well described in *East Baton Rouge*, LA, Jan. 4 (†CMF).

Lingering late, a female Rose-breasted Grosbeak in *Escambia*, FL, Dec. 9 (RAD) was considered very rare. Also rare were imm. male Black-headed Grosbeaks in *East Baton Rouge*, *St. Martin*, and *Lafayette*, LA, Jan. 4–5 (†CGB, †CW), Jan. 10 (†PW, JS, †PC), and Jan. 29 through the end of the period (LMW, ph. †BF), respectively. On several dates from Dec. 9 to Feb. 6, a Blue Grosbeak at Ft. Pickens, *Escambia*, FL, (RAD, MR), established 2nd records for December and January and first for February locally; the only other report came from *Lafourche*, LA, Jan. 4 (LR, BM, SR). Another indicator of the warm winter was provided by single Indigo Buntings well inland in *Miller*, AR, Dec. 20 (CM) and *Marion*, AR, Dec. 29 (WJ). Two sightings were noted in Florida, while at least 7 Louisiana parishes harbored this species. Providing the first December record locally, a male Painted Bunting was in *Okaloosa*, FL, Dec. 10 (DN); others wintered at 2 sites in *Baldwin*, AL (LBo, BE, JT), and in 5 Louisiana parishes. Quite a few Dickcissels were reported, mostly from w. Louisiana parishes.

SPARROWS TO GROSBEAKS

Second locally in winter, a Bachman's Sparrow visited *Winston*, MS, Jan. 2 (GS, SK). Fifteen Am. Tree Sparrows wintered in *Lake*, TN (JRW), a traditional site. A Clay-colored Sparrow was well studied on the Gulf Shores CBC in *Baldwin*, AL, Jan. 3 (RAD, LRD, WWD). The Lark Bunting first noted in *Jefferson*, LA, last November lin-



Relaxing on the porch in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, on January 29, 1998, this immature male Black-headed Grosbeak was rare for winter and unusually far east. Photograph/ Bill Fontenot

gered there until Dec. 14 (†PY, RDP). At least five Henslow's Sparrows were noted in *Drew*, AR, Feb. 14 (WMS, JLY), and the same observers spotted another that day in *Bradley*, AR. Henslow's Sparrows seem to survive successfully in Arkansas during warmish winters but may not do so when conditions are "normally" cold or colder. Four Henslow's well seen in *Baldwin*, AL, Jan. 3 (SL, GDJ) represented a good number at that site. Given the foregoing news about Henslow's Sparrow, "incredible" is the only word that comes to mind when I consider the 549—including 206 banded—Henslow's Sparrows counted Jan. 8–Feb. 21 in *Jackson*, MS (MSW, GT, MiD, DoF, CF). Up to six Le Conte's Sparrows in *Benton*, AR, Jan. 17–Feb. 7 (MMI, DC, JP, NP) established a high count for the n.w. sector of that state; many good counts of this species were made in several other states at more southerly locales. Over 180 White-crowned Sparrows in *Shelby*, TN, Jan. 31 (JRW) provided a notable concentration. Fourth locally and about 11th for the state, a Harris's Sparrow in *Okaloosa*, FL, Dec. 15–Jan. 17 (LE, †DW, RAD, m.ob.) was seen by many.

A good count of Smith's Longspurs took place Jan. 17 when 30 were tallied at the traditional wintering site at the Stuttgart Airport in *Prairie*, AR (KN, LN). A male Snow Bunting on the Reelfoot CBC, TN, Dec. 20 (†MAG, JRW) was a good find during a mild winter.



Notably far east was this Spotted Towhee at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on February 23, 1998. Photograph/ Christopher C. Witt

Yellow-headed Blackbirds turned up in *Calcasieu* (JK, DaR) and *Vermilion*, LA (JE, EE), including 11 males at the former site. Bronzed Cowbirds were represented by reports from *Calcasieu*, *Lafourche*, *Orleans*, and *St. Charles*, LA. An Orchard Oriole in *East Baton Rouge* Jan. 4 (DL) was quite exceptional. Louisiana hosted numerous Baltimore and Bullock's orioles during the season, far more than the usual number of reports.

A male White-winged Crossbill in *Davidson*, TN, Dec. 9–20 (†CSI, *vide* FCF) was observed feeding on crepe myrtle, as well as attending a feeder. Pine Siskins were intermittent at feeders in middle Tennessee; none appeared at feeders in Louisiana. Evening Grosbeaks were represented by one report from Arkansas, a few scattered reports of brief duration in Tennessee, many reports from multiple sites in n.e. Alabama, and no reports from Mississippi, n.w. Florida, and Louisiana.

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