

# pictorial highlights



## Winter Season

Extremely rare in the East, this Yellow-billed Loon in Hinkley, Oneida County, New York, January 18–February 1, 1999, may have been the same individual appearing in Oswego Harbor, New York, the previous winter. Photograph/Gerard Phillips



Representing the results of modern image-capturing technology, this Ash-throated Flycatcher, one of five in New England during the season, was videotaped December 6, 1998, in Cambridge, Massachusetts; a video frame was captured with Snappy 2.0 software/hardware, imported to Adobe Photoshop 3.0 where it was saved in JPEG form at and slightly brightened, and printed on a Hewlett Packard Deskjet 692C. "Photograph"/Simon Perkins



The third Greater Pewee to straggle to Imperial County, California, was present December 24, 1998, to February 15, 1999, at Brock Ranch where this clear image was captured February 8. Photograph/Kennith Z. Kurland



This Ruff, doubly displaying the classic small-headed feature of the species, was found at the south end of the Salton Sea, December 2, 1998, when this photograph was taken; it stayed until February 25, solid evidence that it "wintered" at the site. Photograph/Kennith Z. Kurland



The first Black-tailed Gull for Texas was discovered by visiting New Yorkers at the Brownsville landfill February 11, 1999. Photographed February 12, it stayed only until the following day. Photograph/Greg W. Lasley

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**About the fourth record for Mississippi, this Ash-throated Flycatcher, revealing its rectrix pattern nicely, was present in the Pascagoula River Marsh, Jackson County, Mississippi, February 6, 1999. Photograph/Ken Hackman**



**Attractively posing amidst a full larder, a male Eastern Bluebird provided the first CBC record for North Dakota and only the second winter record for the state when it and another of the species were discovered in Grand Forks, December 20–22, 1998. Photograph/David O. Lambeth**



**Posing frigidly at 8:30 a.m., February 13, 1999, this male Purple Martin arrived the previous day in Mt. Hope, Holmes County, Ohio, becoming the first February-arriving martin in Ohio history; unhappily, it fell prey to a Cooper's Hawk during the afternoon and, thus, failed to pass on its early-arriving tendency to the next generation of martins. Photograph/Bruce D. Glick**



Curve-billed Thrashers "invaded" the Prairie Provinces Region during the winter. One (at left) survived the season at a feeder in St. Claude, Manitoba, where it was photographed March 24, 1999. The other (above) also benefitted from a feeding station, stocked part of the time with mealworms, in Barrhead, Alberta, where this image was taken March 3, 1999. These represent the first and second confirmed sightings in Canada. Photographs/Dennis Fast (left) and Kayo Roy (above)

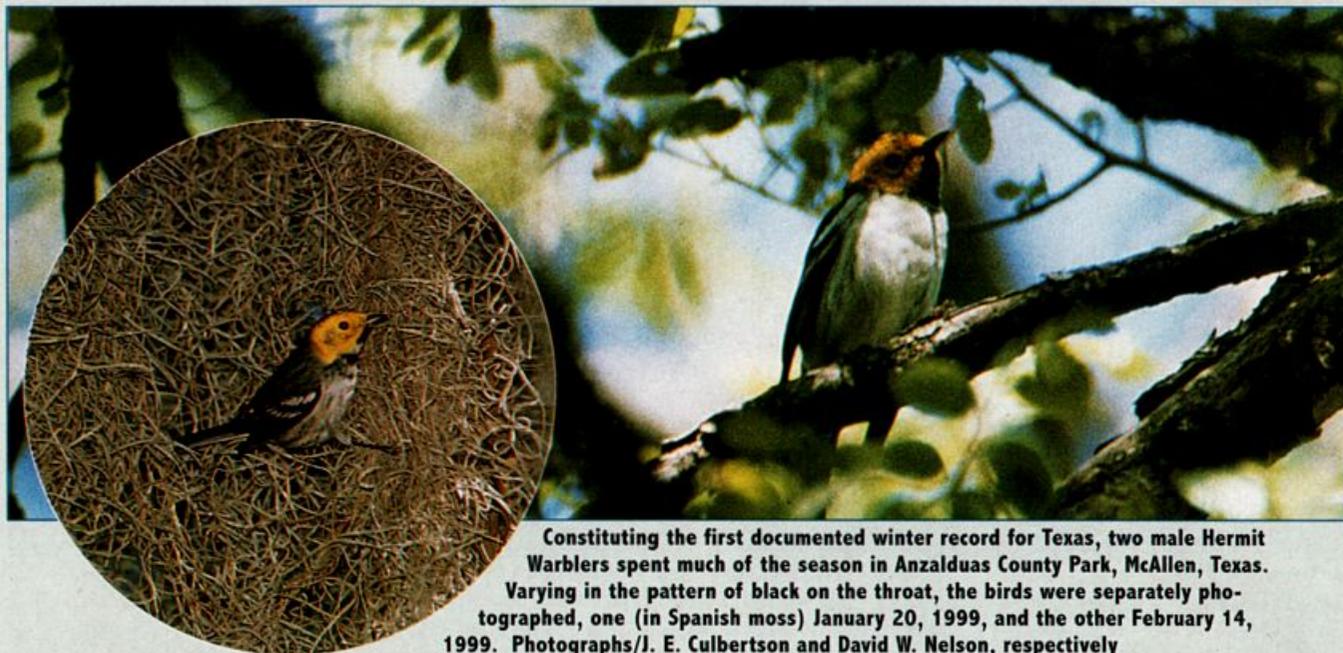


For the second consecutive winter a Yellow-throated Warbler appeared in Wisconsin; this year's bird, representing only the second winter record for the state, showed up in Richland County, December 22, 1998. Photograph/Al Cornell



Discovered in Heislerville, Cumberland County, New Jersey, on the Belleplaine CBC December 27, 1998, this Townsend's Solitaire remained into April, becoming the state's fifth. This photograph was taken February 7, 1999. Photograph/Rick Waltraut

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Constituting the first documented winter record for Texas, two male Hermit Warblers spent much of the season in Anzalduas County Park, McAllen, Texas. Varying in the pattern of black on the throat, the birds were separately photographed, one (in Spanish moss) January 20, 1999, and the other February 14, 1999. Photographs/J. E. Culbertson and David W. Nelson, respectively



Rarely occurring in Louisiana and more rarely still photographed with such crispness at that season, this Western Tanager stayed the last two weeks of February 1999 in St. John the Baptist Parish where this portrait was taken February 28. Photograph/Michael A. Seymour



Maryland's first January Cape May Warbler was an adult male coming to a feeder in Glen Dale where this photograph was taken January 6, 1999. Photograph/Marshall J. Iliff



Arkansas' first winter record of Ovenbird was established in De Valls Bluff, Prairie County, where this individual stayed from December 22, 1998, until at least March 6, 1999, the date of this photograph. Photograph/David Cooper