

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

**Winter Report: December 2015-February 2016.**—This report consists of significant bird observations compiled by the Field Observations Committee (FOC). Electronic submissions to the FOC should be in the following format: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and significance. Seasons are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit observations to regional compilers within two weeks after the close of each season, or to the state compiler within one month. Addresses of the compilers follow this report.

Sight-only observations are considered “reports” while only those observations supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio recordings, or specimens) are called “records.” Species for which documentation is required by the FOC and by the FOS Records Committee (FOSRC; <fosbirds.org/official-florida-state-bird-list>) are marked here with an asterisk (\*). A county designation (in italics) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations in this report are: AFB = Air Force Base, AFR = Air Force Range, EOS = end of season, m. obs. = many observers, NERR = National Estuarine Research Reserve, NP = National Park, NSRA = North Shore Restoration Area, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, SF = State Forest, SP = State Park, STA = Stormwater Treatment Area, STF = sewage treatment facility, WMA = Wildlife Management Area, and n, s, e, w, etc., for compass directions. Bold-faced entries denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida, or record numbers. Photographs or video- or audio-recordings archived by the FOC are identified by a plus (+).

### SUMMARY OF THE WINTER SEASON

Data from reporting stations throughout Florida showed that the winter season marked the warmest December on record for the majority of the state followed by near-normal temperatures in January and slightly below-normal temperatures in February. January brought above-normal rainfall across most of Florida and consistent precipitation in February left the state entirely drought-free by the end of the period. Consequently, water levels across the regions were “unusually high” in many areas, forcing water management teams to adjust levels manually in many sites, including Lake Okeechobee (Stefanova and Zierden 2015, 2016a, 2016b). These conditions may facilitate noticeable changes in the spring season’s shorebird migration.

FOSRC review species noted in this report include a Common Merganser in *Levy*, single Western Grebes at Lake Butler and Lake Ariana, a potential first state record **Bermuda Petrel** recorded at St. Augustine, a Manx Shearwater at Fort Pickens, two Neotropical Cormorants, a California Gull and “European” Herring Gull at Daytona Beach Shores, a Zenaida Dove at Long Key SP, continuing Vaux’s Swifts in Gainesville, Allen’s Hummingbird, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Cassin’s Kingbird, “Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler, a Black-faced Grassquit at Long Key SP, a Bullock’s Oriole at Tallahassee, and a Great White Pelican of unknown provenance recorded in *Lee* 28-29 February.

Lastly, the FOC is seeking volunteers interested in joining the committee as regional compilers for counties that are currently uncovered. The first region would include *Suwannee*, *Columbia*, *Gilchrist*, *Union*, and *Bradford* counties. A second region would be *Pasco*, *Hillsborough*, *Manatee*, and *Sarasota*. A third area could be covered by one or multiple interested individuals: *Polk*, *Osceola*, *Hardee*, *De Soto*, *Highlands*, *Glades*, and

*Okeechobee* counties. Responsibilities would include soliciting and compiling notable field observations for these counties at the end of each season, to be included in this report. Interested individuals should contact the state compiler listed at the end of this report.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 13 Feb (J. Giraulo).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 4 on the Intracoastal Waterway in n. Jacksonville (*Duval*) 20 Dec (+M. Harrell); 2 at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 1 Jan (E. Woodruff, B. Henderson, D. Wells); 2 at Sawgrass Lake Park (*Pinellas*) 12 Jan (J. Wells).
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 12 at Whiting Field (*Santa Rosa*) 19 Jan (K. Kelly); 3 at Walnut Hill (*Santa Rosa*) 20 Jan (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, J. Callaway, B. Callaway).
- SNOW GOOSE: 1 each (white morphs) at two locations at The Villages 1-5 Dec (*Lake, Sumter*) with 1 remaining in *Lake* through 20 Feb (+L. Ellinson, +V. Eddy, +A. Horst, J. Dinsmore); up to 9 at Tarpon Springs (*Pinellas*) 4-8 Dec (+B. O'Conner, m. obs.); 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 4 Dec (+A. Zions); 1 at The Villages (*Sumter*) 4 Dec (V. Eddy); 4 (2 white, 2 dark) at Marl Bed Flats Conservation Area (*Seminole*) 5 Dec (+J. Leavens); 1 at Tallahassee 10 Dec (E. Schunke); 10 in flight over Three Rooker Bar (*Pinellas*) 11 Dec (+D. Sauvageau); 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 20 Dec (J. Martin, R. Rowan, F. Goodwin); 3 dark morphs at Windermere (*Orange*) 4 Jan (R. Leato).
- ROSS'S GOOSE: 1 at University of North Florida (*Duval*) 15 Dec-10 Jan (C. Hubbuch and C. Murphy)
- CANADA GOOSE: 11 of local population at Largo (*Pinellas*) 7 Dec (C. Gjervold); 1 of introduced feral population at Sam Phillips Park, Ocklawaha (*Marion*) 21 Jan (A. Horst et al.); 1 at The Villages (*Lake*) 1 Feb (A. Horst et al.); 9 at e Clearwater (*Pinellas*) 15 Feb (R. Lane, D. Lane).
- EGYPTIAN GOOSE: 1 at West Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, Vero Beach (*Indian River*) 20 Jan (C. Cimino); 2 at Paradise Lake, The Villages 1 Feb (A. Horst et al.).
- MANDARIN DUCK: 2 males, not pinioned, on a retention pond at Longwood (*Seminole*) 19 Dec (G. Williams).
- GADWALL: 16 at Tallahassee 10 Dec (E. Schunke); 28 at Weedon Island's Duke Energy Plant (*Pinellas*) 19 Dec (M. Burns et al.).
- AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: 4 at Perdue Pond Wildlife Area (*Duval*) 2 Dec-EOS (D. Foster et al.); 4 at Twin Oaks Conservation Area (*Osceola*) 26 Dec (C. Newton).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 24-30 Jan (L. Davis, C. Deutsch).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 190 at Weedon Island's Duke Energy property 13 Feb (R. Smith et al.).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 68 at Weedon Island's Duke Energy property 13 Feb (R. Smith et al.).
- CANVASBACK: Up to 4 at Perdue Pond Wildlife Area 11 Jan-EOS (C. Leonard et al.); 70 at Lake Rowell (*Bradford*) 20 Feb (J. Hintermister).
- GREATER SCAUP: 1 male at South Causeway Island Park (*St. Lucie*) 2 Feb (T. Rodriguez); 1 at Tallahassee 11 Feb (E. Schunke).
- COMMON EIDER: 1 at Nassau Sound (*Nassau*) 14-15 Jan (P. Leary); 1 at Fort Clinch SP (*Nassau*) 3 Feb (J. Hintermister); 1 at Fort Clinch SP 12 Feb-EOS (+J. Knoll et al.).
- SURF SCOTER: 1 male at Little Estero Island Critical Wildlife Area (*Lee*) 1 Jan-EOS (+R. Kaskan et al.); 1 at St. Vincent NWR (*Franklin*) 11 Feb (J. Murphy).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 3 at Fort Clinch SP 20 Feb-EOS (+B. Bergstrom et al.).
- BLACK SCOTER: 1 at Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 2 Dec (E. Plage); 9 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 3-4 Dec (M. O'Sullivan, D. Segal et al.); 38 flew past Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) 3

- Jan (E. Haney, J. Eager, D. Goodwin); at least 3,000 at North Peninsula SP, Ormond-by-the-Sea (*Volusia*) 8 Jan 2016 (M. Brothers); 23 including 1 adult male at Little Estero Lagoon (*Lee*) 16 Jan (L. Felker).
- LONG-TAILED DUCK: 1 at Parrish Park, Titusville (*Brevard*) 23 Dec-14 Jan (J. Stefancic, P. Mulligan); 1 female at Cocoa Beach (*Brevard*) 13 Jan (P. Mansfield).
- BUFFLEHEAD: Up to 9 throughout the season at Estero Bay Preserve SP (*Lee*) (+R. Kaskan et al.); 1 male on Lake Butler, Windermere 15 Dec (L. Malo); 22 at Shell Key 3 Jan (E. Plage, P. Plage); 25 in The Villages (*Sumter*) 7 Jan (L. Felker).
- COMMON GOLDENEYE: 1-2 at Possum Branch Preserve (*Pinellas*) 26 Dec-2 Jan (+C. Yilmaz, m. obs.); 1 female at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 5 Jan (P. Mansfield).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 230 at Brighton Bay (*Pinellas*) 16 Dec (M. Burns).
- \*COMMON MERGANSER: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 30 Dec (J. Hintermister, P. Laipis).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 female at Lake Apopka NSRA (*Orange*) 17 Dec (E. Horn et al.); 1 at Tallahassee 31 Dec (E. Schunke).
- RED-THROATED LOON: 1 brought into Marine Science Center from Ponce Inlet (*Volusia*) 9 Dec (M. Brothers, specimen to FLMNH); 1 at Bayport (*Hernando*) 15-16 Dec (V. Capp, D. Goodwin et al.); 1 at Parrish Park, Titusville 30 Dec (T. Rodriguez); up to 4 at Tomoka SP, Ormond Beach 10 Jan-2 Feb (M. Brothers, M. Wilson, m. obs.); 1 at Tallahassee 16 Jan-2 Feb (J. O'Connell, E. Schunke); 3 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 30 Jan (J. Murphy); 1 at Ponce de Leon Inlet 23 Feb (+M. Brothers); 2 in flight at Alligator Point 29 Feb (J. Eager).
- PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) was disabled and taken to Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida 28 Dec (*vide* B. Duncan); 1 at Fort Pickens 11 Feb (A. Harper).
- HORNED GREBE: 11 on Lake Butler, Windermere 15 Dec and 4 there 22 Dec (L. Malo); 1 on Lake Sheen, Orlando 15 Dec and 3 there 7 Jan (L. Malo); 2 on Lake Tibet, Orlando 7 Jan (L. Malo); 1 at Lake Mills County Park (*Seminole*) 26 Jan-7 Feb (J. Leavens, T. Rodriguez).
- EARED GREBE: 1 at Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 3 Jan-2 Mar (M. Harris, A. Zions, m. obs.).
- \*WESTERN GREBE: 1 on Lake Butler, Windermere 15 Dec (L. Malo; details to FOSRC); 1 at Lake Ariana (*Polk*) 19 Dec-6 Feb (G. Schrader, J. Eager, m. obs.).
- AMERICAN FLAMINGO: 1 unbanded at Bunche Beach and Punta Rosa (*Lee*) 21 Jan-EOS (+G. Campbell, J. Eager et al.).
- \*BERMUDA PETREL: 1 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 27 Dec (S. Ewing, B. Ewing, details to FOSRC).
- CORY'S SHEARWATER: 2 at Fort Pickens 27-28 Dec (S. Duncan, W. Duncan), provided the first Dec *Escambia* record.
- GREAT SHEARWATER: 6 at Fort Pickens 28 Dec (S. Duncan, W. Duncan, B. Duncan, L. Duncan, C. Zehnder).
- \*MANX SHEARWATER: 1 at Fort Pickens 22 Dec (B. Duncan) provided the 4th area record.
- SHEARWATER SP.: 40 at Fort Pickens 28 Dec (S. Duncan, W. Duncan).
- WOOD STORK: 7 in Pensacola (*Escambia*) 2 Dec (J. Pfeiffer).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 16 over Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 3 Dec (E. Plage); 100 at Glascock Beach, Jensen Beach (*Martin*) 2 Feb (T. Rodriguez); 1 ca. 30 km inland at Jacksonville (*Duval*) 18 Feb (B. Richter).
- BROWN BOOBY: 1 on Lake Apopka NSRA continued from previous season through 7 Jan (H. Robinson, m. obs.).
- \*NEOTROPIC CORMORANT: 1 nesting at Wakodahatchee Wetlands 1 Dec-EOS with chicks 20 Feb (J. Eager, m. obs.); 1 at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park (*Broward*) 1 Dec (m. obs.).
- GREAT CORMORANT: 1 first winter bird at Carillon Business District (*Pinellas*) 13 Jan (+W. Meehan et al.).
- GREAT WHITE PELICAN: 1 unbanded at J. N. "Ding" Darling NWR (*Lee*) 28-29 Feb (E. Combs, +J. Padilla, +S. Daughtrey et al.).

- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Lake Jesup (*Seminole*) 26 Dec (D. Green et al.).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 at Tallahassee 5 Feb (E. Schunke).
- LEAST BITTERN: Up to 4 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park (*Alachua*) throughout the season (M. Manetz, D. Segal et al.).
- GREAT BLUE HERON, WHITE MORPH: 1 at Merritt Island NWR 26 Dec (E. Kwater); 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park to 7 Feb (P. Brannon, M. James et al.).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 was unusually south in *Pinellas* at Eckerd College 12 Dec-13 Jan (+W. Tallyn, L. Witt).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 12 at Alligator Point 21 Feb (S. Parker).
- SNAIL KITE: Up to 6 at West Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, Vero Beach 11 Dec-EOS (C. Cimino et al.); 8 along Hwy 70 near Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 31 Jan (T. Rodriguez); 1 at Lake Jackson 13 Feb was in the same location as last year's first *Leon* record (D. Jue, S. Jue).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph at Weeki Wachee (*Hernando*) 4 Dec (B. Pranty, V. Capp); 1 light morph at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 7 Feb (T. Rodriguez); 1 near Salt Springs (*Putnam*) 21 Feb (C. Burney).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 2 at the Okaloosa County Water and STF (*Okaloosa*) 4 Dec-2 Jan (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, C. Brown, A. Knothe, M. Swan, m. obs.); 1 at Fowlers Bluff (*Levy*) 3 Feb (D. Richard, G. DelPizzo); 1 at Eglin AFB (*Okaloosa*) 23 Feb (B. Stanley).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 Krider's near Mullet Lake Park, Geneva (*Seminole*) 4 Jan (+K. Ramos *vide* D. Hargrove).
- GRAY-HEADED SWAMPHEN: 77 at STA-5/6 (*Hendry*) 2 Jan (M. England) and 94 there 30 Jan (B. Ahern, R. Harrod); up to 3 at Harns Marsh (*Lee*) 12 Jan-EOS (+P. Mulligan, T. Rodriguez et al.); 2 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park through 21 Feb (M. Smith, L. Davis et al.); 3 at Broadmoor Marsh Unit, T. M. Goodwin Waterfowl Management Area (*Brevard*) 21 Jan (C. Cimino et al.); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA from fall 2015-4 Mar (S. Simmons *vide* P. Hueber).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 at Lake Seminole Park (*Pinellas*) 30 Jan-1 Feb (+J. Clayton, S. Tavaglione); 1 at John R. Taylor Park (*Pinellas*) 31 Jan-29 Feb (K. Nelson).
- LIMPKIN: 65 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 20 Dec (D. Segal et al.).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 7 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 16 Jan (J. Cavanagh); 2 at International Paper Wetlands (*Escambia*) 30 Jan (J. Callaway, B. Callaway).
- WHOOING CRANE: 1 at Gainesville 20 Dec (A. Rue); 1 at Kanapaha Prairie (*Alachua*) 23-29 Dec (J. Jordan); 1 at Tallahassee 25 Dec (K. Willes, E. Schunke); 1 adult at Double C Bar Ranch, Kenansville (*Osceola*) 12 Jan (J. Eager).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 6 Dec (D. Bedford); 3 at Puzzle Lake, near Geneva (*Seminole*) 26 Dec (D. Simpson); 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 8 Jan (J. Vanderpoel, W. Kaempfer); 1 at Lem Turner Spray Fields (*Duval*) 10 Jan (B. Richter); 2 at Waste Management Lake (*Pinellas*) 16-29 Feb (+R. Smith et al.).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 3 at Puzzle Lake 26 Dec (D. Simpson); 10 at Weedon Island's Duke Energy property 13 Feb (+R. Smith et al.); 68 in White Shell Bay (*Duval*) 20 Feb (K. Dailey, M. Dailey).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 51 at the *Pinellas* side of the Courtney Campbell Causeway 8 Feb (R. Lane, B. Lane).
- SNOWY PLOVER: 19 at Honeymoon Island SP (*Pinellas*) 4 Jan (K. Tracey).
- PIPING PLOVER: 42 at Honeymoon Island SP 9 Dec (K. Tracey); 58 at Three Rooker Bar 21 Jan (+S. Mann et al.).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 6 Jan (+P. Frezza).
- MARbled GODWIT: 66 at Fort De Soto Park 15 Dec (E. Plage); 97 at the *Pinellas* Point Lookout 19 Dec (E. Plage).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: 1 at the Okaloosa County Water and STF 2 Jan (+M. Swan) was the first Jan record; 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 8 Jan (J. Vanderpoel, W. Kaempfer).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Ponce de Leon Inlet 1 Dec-EOS (M. Brothers).

- DUNLIN: 5 at Scarborough Ranch (*Highlands*) 25 Jan (D. Simpson) and again on 15 Feb (T. Rodriguez).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK: 5 at Tate's Hell State Forest (*Franklin*) 1 Feb (J. Murphy).
- RED PHALAROPE: 12 off Jetty Park, Cape Canaveral (*Brevard*) 19 Dec (M. Harris).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 1-2 at Daytona Beach Shores (*Volusia*) from fall 2015-EOS (+M. Brothers).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 adult chasing a Royal Tern at Playalinda Beach, Canaveral National Seashore 30 Nov (+R. Merrigan); 1 adult on beach at Ponce de Leon Inlet 7 Dec (+M. Brothers); up to 3 offshore harassing the gulls at sunset at Daytona Beach Shores from fall 2015-EOS (M. Brothers); 2 at Fort Pickens 27-28 Dec (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, S. Duncan, W. Duncan, C. Zehnder) was the first local Dec record; 1 at Fort De Soto Park 3 Jan (J. Eager); 2 at Alligator Point 24 Jan (J. Murphy).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: 1 at Lake Worth Pier (*Palm Beach*) 1-6 Dec (T. Smith et al.).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 18 at Dunedin (*Pinellas*) 6 Dec (+T. Mast); 200 at John's Pass (*Pinellas*) 24 Jan (R. Smith); 2 at Tallahassee 25 Jan-12 Feb (E. Schunke); 224 at Courtney Campbell Causeway 3 Feb (R. Lane, D. Lane).
- LAUGHING GULL: 1 leucistic and 1 melanistic at Daytona Beach Shores 17 Dec and 15 Jan respectively (M. Brothers).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 at Spring Hill (*Hernando*) through 2 Dec (A. Hansen, B. Hansen); 1 at Redington Beach (*Pinellas*) 1 Dec (C. Gjervold); up to 5 first-cycle gulls at Daytona Beach Shores 2, 9, 14, 17, 30 and 31 Dec; after 31 Dec only singles 8, 19, 26 Jan and 1 and 29 Feb (all M. Brothers); 1 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR (*St. Johns*) 8 Dec (D. Reed); 1 at the Okaloosa County Water and STF 8 Dec (M. Swan); 1 at Destin (*Okaloosa*) 14 Dec (B. Purdy); 1 first cycle at Cocoa 19 Dec (+M. Harris); 1 at Pinellas County Solid Waste 19 Dec (+B. Ahern et al.); 1 at Dunedin Causeway 5 Jan (J. Wells); multiple at various locations in *Lee* and *Collier* throughout the period (*vide* C. Ewell).
- \*CALIFORNIA GULL: 1 second-cycle on the beach at Daytona Beach Shores 17 Feb (+M. Brothers).
- \*\*"EUROPEAN" HERRING GULL: 1 first-cycle at Ponce de Leon Inlet 17 Dec (+M. Brothers; details to FOSRC).
- ICELAND GULL: Single first-cycle Kumlien's race at Daytona Beach Shores 21, 22, 24 Jan and 2, 8, 25 Feb (+M. Brothers, S. Howell, A. Ayyash, et al.); 1 first-cycle nominate form offshore Ponce de Leon Inlet 24 Jan (M. Brothers, S. Howell, A. Ayyash, et al.).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at Gainesville 20-29 Dec (A. Kratter, J. Mangold, P. Polshak et al.); 1 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 23 Jan (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 1 at Eastpoint (*Franklin*) 30 Jan (J. Murphy); 1 at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 8 Feb (D. Muth).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: Single first-cycle gulls offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 24 Jan and at Daytona Beach Shores 2 Feb-EOS (M. Brothers); 1 at Fort Pickens 27-29 Jan (M. Rose, B. Duncan et al.).
- SOOTY TERN: 1 at Fort Pickens 28 Dec (S. Duncan, W. Duncan, B. Duncan, L. Duncan, C. Zehnder) provided the first local winter report.
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 at Puzzle Lake 26 Dec (D. Simpson); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 3 Feb (K. Nelson, S. Robinson); 1 at Weedon Island's Duke Energy property 13 Feb (R. Smith et al.); 4 at Weedon Island Preserve 26 Feb (J. Whitehead, S. Wilcox).
- CASPIAN TERN: 11 at Fort De Soto Park 3 Jan (J. Eager).
- COMMON TERN: 5 at Fort De Soto Park 2 Dec (+R. Smith); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 13 Dec (P. Plage); 1 in basic plumage at New Smyrna Beach (*Volusia*) 31 Jan (+J. Kendall); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 2 Feb (+E. Plage).
- ROYAL TERN: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 17 Dec (D. Pulver).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 2 at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (*Duval*) 1 Dec-EOS (C. Dembiec).
- \*ZENAIDA DOVE: 1 at Long Key SP (*Monroe*) 15 Feb-EOS (A. Moss, +T. Mitchell, m. obs.).
- KEY WEST QUAIL-DOVE: 1 male at Long Key SP campground 15 Feb (+G. Normand).

- SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 1 at Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 11 Dec-EOS (D. Schmerge, m. obs.).
- BARN OWL: 1 at Floridatown (*Santa Rosa*) 1-15 Jan (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 1 at Veteran's Memorial Park (*Okaloosa*) 7 Jan (M. Hammack); 1 at Fort Pickens 24 Jan (A. Holzinger).
- BURROWING OWL: 1 at Fort Pickens 1 Dec-25 Jan (J. Prendergast, L. Duncan, C. Zehnder).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 at Shiloh Marsh, Merritt Island NWR (*Volusia*) 14-22 Jan (+D. Bales, A. Harper).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1 female at Emerald Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*) 14-24 Dec (+E. Horn, T. Hanson, A. Zions); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 5-25 Jan (+J. Gray, R. Smith, L. Smith).
- CHAETURA SP.: 1 silent bird, well described at Titusville 14 Dec (D. Stuckey).
- \*VAUX'S SWIFT: Up to 17 at Gainesville throughout the season (J. Hintermister, S. McKeeon, et al.).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 immature male at Altamonte Springs (*Seminole*) 1 Dec-EOS (+P. Hueber, G. Williams, m. obs.); 1 at Gainesville 5 Feb-EOS (S. Ewing et al.); 1 female at Tallahassee 28 Feb (J. Eager).
- RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male was banded at Tallahassee 22 Jan-EOS (F. Rutkovsky, P. Meredith); 1 was banded at Orange Park (*Clay*) 26 Jan-12 Feb (C. Long).
- \*ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: 1 was banded in Pensacola 18 Jan (J. Brady).
- CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: 1 was banded in Pensacola 4 Jan (G. Bowman).
- \*BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Fred W. Coyle Freedom Park, Naples (*Collier*) 12 Feb (J. Eager).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: Up to 2 at Castellow Hammock Park (*Miami-Dade*) 2 Jan-EOS (m. obs.).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 2 at Gold Head Branch SP (*Clay*) 27-30 Jan (+S. Raduns); 2 at Bayard Conservation Area (*Clay*) 1 Feb (G. Williams); 2 at Branan Field Mitigation Park (*Duval*) 22 Feb (K. Dailey, +R. Clark).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 17 Dec (P. Hueber, B. Anderson); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP to 31 Jan (J. Hintermister, L. Davis et al.).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 second-year male at Orlando Wetlands Park from fall 2015-8 Mar (B. Rohman, L. Walters *vide* P. Hueber, m. obs.); 3 at Fort Pickens 3 Dec-26 Feb (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, m. obs.); 1 at International Paper Wetlands 6 Dec-28 Feb (J. Callaway, B. Callaway); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 10 Dec (J. Hintermister, H. Adams, M. Manetz); 1 female at Puzzle Lake 26-31 Dec (D. Simpson, +S. Simmons, G. Bretz); 1 female at Ormond Beach Sports Complex and Fields 2 Jan-16 Mar (+M. Wilson); 1 at Walnut Hill (*Escambia*) 20 Jan-2 Mar (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, J. Callaway, B. Callaway).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Tallahassee 1 Dec-12 Feb (E. Schunke); 1 at Hague (*Alachua*) 2 Dec (M. O'Sullivan, M. Manetz); 1 at Markham County Park (*Broward*) 7 Dec (+D. Bernstein, m. obs.); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 9 Dec (J. Mays); 5 at various locations in Clermont (*Lake*) 1 Jan (*vide* J. Thomson); 1 at Eastman/Taminco Sanctuary (*Santa Rosa*) 8 Jan (L. Kelly, B. Furlow); 1 at Ocala (*Marion*) 5 Feb (A. Zions); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 21 Feb (A. Zions).
- TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 2 at STA-5, Clewiston (*Hendry*) 16 Jan (J. Eager); 1 at Torry Island, Bell Glade Marina (*Palm Beach*) 31 Jan-2 Feb (+B. Scott); 1 at Francis S. Taylor WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 24 Feb (C. Sanchez).
- \*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at *Flagler* Sod Fields / CR305 30 Jan-EOS (M. Brothers et al.).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: Up to 10 in Ocala throughout the period (D. Richard, A. Zions); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 28 Dec (+J. Clayton); 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*) 30 Dec (J. Wheat).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Bill Robertson, Jr. Center, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 14 Dec (+C. Sanchez et al.).

- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at STA-5, Clewiston 16 Jan (J. Eager).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 3 at the Okaloosa County Water and STF 4 Dec-26 Feb (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, S. Cerulean, m. obs.); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 5 Feb (L. Felker).
- BELL'S VIREO: 1 first seen 21 Nov at Joe's Creek Greenway Park (*Pinellas*) was still present through at least 19 Feb (*vide* R. Smith); 1 at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 6 Jan (A. Harper); 1 at West Miramar (*Broward*) 1 Dec-EOS (K. Schneider); 1 at The Kampong National Tropical Botanical Garden (*Miami-Dade*) 20 Feb (J. Friers).
- HORNED LARK: 12 near Greenwood (*Jackson*) 3 Jan (M. Miller, J. Murphy).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 9 at Lake Santa Fe (*Alachua*) 17 Dec (C. Foil); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 20 Dec (J. Mays, A. Zions); 1 at Gulf Breeze 5 Feb (B. Duncan).
- BANK SWALLOW: 2 at Lake Sampson (*Bradford*) 2 Jan (J. Hintermister); up to 6 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 25 Jan-EOS (T. Anderson, D. Rohan et al.).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 5 Dec (T. Kalbach); 1 at St. Augustine 31 Dec (S. Ewing, B. Ewing); 1 at Bayport 24 Feb (E. Kwater, D. Gagne).
- BARN SWALLOW: 1 over Joe's Creek Greenway Park 19 Dec (B. Ahern, +J. Mangold et al.); 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 25 Feb (L. Davis); 2 at Longwood 26 Dec (P. Lindsay).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Deep Creek Preserve (*DeSoto*) 3 Feb (R. Desramaux).
- BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH: Up to 8 at Brooker Creek Preserve 2 Jan (*vide* R. Smith, m. obs.).
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 at Micanopy (*Alachua*) 20 Dec-EOS (M. Walters, M. Manetz et al.).
- WINTER WREN: 1 at O'Leno SP (*Alachua*) throughout the season (M. Manetz et al.).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area (*Franklin*) 17 Jan (J. Murphy); 5 in n. Jacksonville 30 Jan and 2 more there 13 Feb (K. Dailey, +D. Foster); 3 at Florida Caverns SP, Marianna (*Jackson*) 27 Feb (J. Eager).
- WOOD THRUSH: 1 at Miccosukee (*Leon*) 6 Jan (B. Phelan).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 40 along Highway 70 near Arcadia (*DeSoto*) 29 Jan (T. Rodriguez).
- SPRAGUE'S PIPIT: Up to 3 at Apalachicola airport (*Franklin*) 26 Dec-19 Feb (J. Murphy, S. Jones, J. Eager, T. Rodriguez); up to 2 at Kilbee Tract, Little Big Econ WMA (*Seminole*) 4 Jan-12 Feb (+S. Simmons, G. Bretz) provided the southernmost verifiable record (B. Anderson).
- OVENBIRD: 1 at Miccosukee 7 Jan-25 Feb (B. Phelan).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 12 Jan-6 Feb (F. Newell, A. Kratter, et al.).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at O'Leno SP 25 Feb (D. Richard).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: Up to 8 in *Alachua* throughout the season (J. Hintermister, A. Zions, et al.); 1 at International Paper Wetlands 24 Jan (J. Callaway, B. Callaway).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at John Pennekamp Coral Reef SP (*Monroe*) 15 Dec (+K. Kuntze); 1 at Matheson Hammock County Park (*Miami-Dade*) 19 Jan (A. Harper, +C. Sanchez).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park (*Miami-Dade*) 4 Feb (A. Harper); 1 at Long Key SP 20-21 Feb (A. Moss).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: Up to 4 at Gainesville throughout the season (A. Zions, L. Hensley, J. Hintermister, et al.); 1 at Hague 4 Dec-30 Jan (K. Collingwood, E. Roche, P. Bazany); 1 at Shingle Creek Regional Park (*Osceola*) 17 and 24 Dec (+C. Newton); 1 at Mead Botanical Garden, Winter Park (*Orange*) 22 Dec-9 Mar (D. Raleigh, G. Becker, L. Epps, m. obs.); 1 at Masaryktown (*Hernando*) 29 Dec-EOS (D. Love); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 27 Jan (+J. Clayton, S. Tavaglione); 1-2 at Largo 13-15 Feb (T. Young); 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 27 Feb (T. Tompkins).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 male near Pace Park in downtown Miami (*Miami-Dade*) 8 Feb (+A. Harper).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Lake Jem Park (*Lake*) 17 Dec (G. Quigley); 1 first-year male at Cocoa 19 Dec (+M. Harris); up to 4 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 26 Dec-23 Feb (H. Jones, A. Zions, L. Davis, et al.); 1 at Bystre Lake (*Hernando*) 24 Jan (S. Spenceley);

- 1 at Hague 30 Jan-16 Feb (E. Roche, P. Bazany, et al.); 1 at Gainesville 14 Dec-18 Jan (A. Zions et al.).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 1 at Tallahassee 7 Jan (E. Schunke); 1 at Cedar Point Preserve (*Duval*) 31 Jan (K. Dailey); 1 in Gulf Breeze 19 Feb (L. Bogiages).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 26 Jan (H. Jones).
- \*"AUDUBON'S" YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 at Lake Santa Fe 17 Dec (D. Segal, E. Schwartz).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 male at Merritt Island NWR 14 Dec (+N. Steel); 1 in Wright (*Okaloosa*) 14 Dec (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, C. Brown); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 20 Dec (A. Kilmer); 1 at Boca Ciega Millennium Park (*Pinellas*) 26-27 Dec (+B. Nidiffer, M. Nidiffer, S. Aversa); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 29 Dec-29 Feb (+M. Burns, m. obs.); 2 at SW Gainesville 9 Jan-20 Feb (A. Zions); 1 at Walsingham Park (*Pinellas*) 17 Feb (+C. Paonessa); 1 in Gulf Breeze 29 Feb (B. Duncan).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 in s Jacksonville 6 Dec-14 Jan (B. Richter); 1 adult male at Gulf Breeze 6 Dec-29 Feb (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 2 at Gainesville 14-20 Dec (A. Zions, S. Robinson et al.); 1 at Tiger Point (*Santa Rosa*) 19 Dec (B. Bremser, D. Stangeland); up to 5 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP to 21 Feb (A. Zions, H. Jones, M. Manetz et al.).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Up to 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 11 Jan-EOS (R. Rowan, L. Davis et al.); 1 at Alligator Point 24-25 Jan (+J. Murphy); 1 at Micanopy 14 Feb (L. Predny).
- SAFFRON FINCH: 1 at a feeder at n. St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 7 Feb (+R. Smith).
- WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 male black-backed race at Markham County Park 1 Dec-1 Feb (D. Hall, +T. Center, et al.).
- \*BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 female at Long Key SP campground 9 Feb-EOS (A. Abreu, M. Abreu, m. obs.).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 2 Jan (T. Leukering, +T. Mast et al.).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Black Hammock, Oviedo (*Seminole*) 26 Dec (B. Anderson, +P. Hueber).
- FIELD SPARROW: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 13-28 Feb (+T. Mast et al.).
- VESPER SPARROW: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 12 Dec (E. Plage, P. Plage).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 continued from the previous season at Eastport Wastelands (*Duval*) through 5 Feb (+K. Dailey, m. obs.); 1 at Fort Pickens 21 Dec-26 Feb (B. Duncan, W. Duncan, C. Zehnder, D. Stangeland, m. obs.); 1 at Clermont 27 Dec (+L. Streeper); 1 at Port Saint Joe (*Gulf*) 27 Dec (B. Henderson, D. Wells); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 3 Jan-15 Feb (L. Margeson, +B. Forys, m. obs.); a second was discovered there on 12 Feb (E. Plage); 1 at Gulf Breeze 21 Feb (S. McNamar).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 at Apalachicola (*Franklin*) 26 Dec (J. Murphy, S. Jones).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 at Tallahassee 1 Dec (E. Schunke); 1 at Gold Head Branch SP 17 Dec (C. Wainwright); up to 5 at Prairie Creek Preserve (*Alachua*) 20 Dec-15 Feb (C. Burney, K. Miller et al.); 1 at Branan Field Mitigation Area 14 Jan (L. Flesher) and there again on 23 Feb (R. Clark); 1 at Hague 27 Jan-6 Feb (C. Burney, M. Manetz et al.); up to 2 at Gainesville 18-23 Feb (L. Davis, S. Goodman).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at Kilbee Tract, Little Big Econ WMA 4 Jan (+S. Simmons, G. Williams); 1 at Little Big Econ SF (*Seminole*) 16 Jan (S. Simmons, G. Williams); 2 at Hague 27 Jan (C. Burney, C. Poli et al.).
- NELSON'S SPARROW: ca. 15 at Shiloh Marsh, Merritt Island NWR (*Volusia*) 16 Dec (+D. Bales).
- SALTMARSH SPARROW: 3 at Fort De Soto Park 7 Dec (+E. Plage); ca. 25 at Shiloh Marsh, Merritt Island NWR 16 Dec (D. Bales); 1 at Peacocks Pocket, Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 7 Jan (J. Eager).
- FOX SPARROW: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 20 Dec (G. McDermott); 1 at Prairie Creek Preserve 20 Dec-16 Jan (C. Burney et al.).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1 at Bald Point SP (*Franklin*) 29 Dec (J. Murphy); 1 adult at Fort De Soto Park 24 Jan-27 Feb (+J. Clayton, P. Graber).

- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 in *St. Johns* 31 Jan-20 Feb (D. Mier).
- SUMMER TANAGER: Up to 19 at Gainesville throughout the season (R. Robinson, A. Kent, G. Kent et al.); 1 male at Winter Park mid-Dec-EOS (R. Butler); 1 in w Pensacola 15 Dec-1 Jan (S. Coster, C. Coster); 1 at the Okaloosa County Water and STF 19 Dec (B. Purdy); 1 female at Gulf Breeze 20 Dec-1 Feb (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 1 in s Jacksonville 24 Dec-19 Feb (R. Becker); 1 male at Sawgrass Lake Park 9 Jan-29 Feb (J. Vanderpoel, +T. Leukering et al); 1 north of Brooksville (*Hernando*) 14 Jan-EOS (A. Wraithmell et al.); 2 in Pensacola 5 Feb (J. Cobb) and 10 Feb (A. Harper); 1 male at a Safety Harbor feeder (*Pinellas*) 7 Feb (J. Ekern); 1 at Ocala 8 Feb (D. Richard); 1 at Tarpon Woods (*Pinellas*) 12 Feb (J. McGinity et al.); 1 female at Possum Branch Preserve (*Pinellas*) 15 Feb (S. Aversa).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 at nw Gainesville 20-23 Dec (D. Fagan); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 11-21 Jan (+M. Burns et al.); 1 at Gainesville 24 Jan (B. Tarbox); 1 at Alligator Point 24-25 Jan (M. Lisitza, +J. Murphy); 2 at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens 27-30 Jan (M. Chappell, G. Williams, m. obs.).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 male and 1 female at Tiger Point 23-31 Dec (L. Bogiages, P. Blakeburn); 1 female at Gulf Breeze 24 Dec (D. Timmons); 1 in Pensacola 29 Dec (G. Bowman); 1 female at Largo Nature Preserve 2-29 Feb provided *Pinellas* with its 2nd-ever winter record (+R. Cornelius).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 female at Lake Apopka NSRA 6 and 17 Dec (J. Eager, E. Horn et al.); 1 calling at Black Hammock, Oviedo 26 Dec (P. Hueber); up to 2 at Hague to 13 Jan (M. O'Sullivan et al.).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Hague 2 Dec (M. O'Sullivan); 2 at Apalachicola 26 Dec (J. Murphy, S. Jones); up to 9 at Gainesville to 12 Feb (A. Kratter, A. Zions, et al.); 1 at Pensacola 24 Feb (J. Brady).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 at Tallahassee 1 Dec-4 Jan (G. Farr); 1 female at Fort Pickens 11 Dec (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, S. Cerulean); 4 at Possum Branch Preserve 15 Feb (S. Aversa).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 male at a feeder at DeLand (*Volusia*) 11-12 Dec (+P. May); 1 at *Alachua* 12-24 Jan (B. Wallace et al.); 1 at Big Talbot Island SP - Spoonbill Pond (*Duval*) 31 Jan (+K. Eldredge).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 2 at Marl Bed Flats Conservation Area, Sanford 2 and 5 Dec (+J. Leavens); 150 at Tallahassee 3 Jan-EOS (E. Schunke); up to 18 at Gainesville 16 Jan-EOS (L. Davis et al.).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 1 female spent her fifth winter at Bayport (m. obs.); up to 3 females at Feiser's Dairy, DeLeon Springs (*Volusia*) 13 Dec and 18 Jan (M. Brothers); 130 at Wacissa (*Jefferson*) 28 Jan (D. Asbell, E. Schunke, A. Wraithmell, E. DuVal).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1 at Tallahassee 28 Feb (J. Cavanagh).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 at Gainesville 24 Dec (+S. Goodman); 1 adult male at Valrico (*Hillsborough*) 11 Feb (J. Eager).
- \*BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: 1 at Tallahassee 29 Jan-EOS (+J. Langford, J. Cavanagh).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 28 at a residence in Jacksonville 12 Feb (M. Rosset).
- PURPLE FINCH: 1 at Melrose (*Alachua*) 10-11 Dec (K. Collingwood); 3 in western *Duval* 17 Dec (D. Peacock).
- HOUSE FINCH: 1 male at Cocoa where established but local in *Brevard* 19 Dec (+M. Harris).
- PINE SISKIN: 15 at Alligator Point 30 Jan (D. Segal, A. Whitlock); 21 in *Alachua* 1 Feb-EOS (R. Rowan, C. Currey et al.); 1 at Morriston (*Levy*) 4 Feb (C. Bandyk); 2 at a feeder in s Jacksonville 7 Feb (+A. Craig); 2 at a feeder in Bayard Conservation Area 8-10 Feb (G. Williams); 3 at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve (*Duval*) 13 Feb (K. Dailley, D. Foster).
- SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA: 12 in Pace (*Santa Rosa*) 29 Feb (D. Stangeland); 20 in w Pensacola 29 Feb (S. Yates).

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