

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

**Spring Report: March - May 2015.**—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, CA = Conservation Area, EOS = end of season, m. obs. = many observers, NERR = National Estuarine Research Reserve, nm = nautical miles, 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, WRF = Water Reclamation Facility, 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 SPRING SEASON

Weather was largely unremarkable throughout the spring season, though some regions reported that March and May were drier than normal. Migration had a slow start, but a series of cold fronts beginning on 10-11 April produced at least three classic fallouts during the next three weeks. The western Panhandle enjoyed the best spring in recent years with 31 species of warblers and the northeast region nearly matched that with 27. The winter irruption of Pine Siskin continued through mid-April, with good numbers of the species present from as far south as Lake County and numbers as high as 240 in *Escambia*.

FOSRC review species listed in this report include two separate observations of Red-billed Tropicbird, Neotropic Cormorant from three different locations, a first-cycle Thayer’s Gull at Daytona Beach Shores, two reports of Inca Dove in the Panhandle, Cassin’s Kingbird, Yellow-green Vireo, a singing Kirtland’s Warbler, two reports of “Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-faced Grassquit, one record of Lazuli Bunting, and a continuing Bullock’s Oriole in Gainesville.

Mid-April saw the complete abandonment of nesting activity at Seahorse Key (*Levy*) where pelicans, cormorants, and waders have nested for decades. Some of the birds (fewer than half according to USFWS flight-line counts) moved to Snake Key two miles away and nested successfully, but the cause of their withdrawal from Seahorse Key remains unknown.

### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 4 at Jefferson County Recycling Center (*Jefferson*) 18 April (M. Smith); up to 9 at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 23-28 Apr (R. Hoover,

- T. Mast); 35 in 5 locations in w. Panhandle 5-31 May (m. obs.); 106 at Lem Turner Spray Fields 22 May (D. Foster) provided a record high count for *Duval*.
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 1 at Hague (*Alachua*) to 2 Mar (R. Norton et al.).
- SNOW GOOSE: 4 at Liberty West Park (*Duval*) 1-10 Mar (B. Richter); 2 at Walnut Hill catfish farms (*Escambia*) 4 Mar (B. & L. Duncan).
- ROSS'S GOOSE: 1 at Walnut Hill catfish farms 4 Mar (B. & L. Duncan).
- CANADA GOOSE: 7 northbound at Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 14 Mar (+P. Clark); 2 in N St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 24 Mar (D. Kandz); 1 at Mount Dora (*Lake*) 31 Mar (+D. O'Neil); 3 newly hatched goslings at Largo (*Pinellas*) 8 May (R. Johnsen).
- GADWALL: 40 at mouth of Apalachicola River (*Franklin*) 29 Mar (J. Murphy).
- AMERICAN WIGEON: 1 at Cockroach Bay (*Hillsborough*) 11 Mar (E. Kwater); 20 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 26 Mar (L. Davis, R. Rowan); 2 at Brooker Creek Preserve 10-25 Apr (+T. Mast et al.); 1 male at Spoonbill Pond (*Duval*) 17 May (+K. Dailey).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 200 on 2D, Hillsborough Bay (*Hillsborough*) 31 Mar (E. Kwater).
- CANVASBACK: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP to 15 Mar (S. Goodman, C. Leonard et al.).
- REDHEAD: 1 male at Perdue Pond Wildlife Area (*Duval*) through 27 Mar (D. Foster).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 2 at Spoonbill Pond through 17 May (B. Richter).
- GREATER SCAUP: 14 at Gandy Beach (*Pinellas*) (+J. Drucker, K. Yakota); 1 male at William E. Dunn WRF (*Pinellas*) 3 Apr (+T. Leukering).
- COMMON EIDER: 1 at Amelia Island SP (*Nassau*) 3-9 Mar (+K. Dailey).
- SURF SCOTER: 20 at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 7 Apr (B. & L. Duncan).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 1 in Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 1 Mar (B. & L. Duncan); 1 at Saint George Sound (*Franklin*) 1 Mar (R. Cassidy); 3 at Spoonbill Pond 3-7 Mar (+B. Richter); 1 immature/female at Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) 8-9 Mar (+Dave Roemer); 3 at Naval Live Oaks, Gulf Islands National Seashore (*Santa Rosa*) 9 Mar (C. & S. Coster).
- BLACK SCOTER: 12 at Fort Pickens 7 Apr (B. & L. Duncan).
- BUFFLEHEAD: 6 at William E. Dunn WRF 21 Mar (B. Ahern et al.), with 2 still present 25 Mar (C. & M. Yarrow).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP to 1 Mar (B. Ewing, S. Ewing); 1 at Lake Santa Fe (*Alachua*) 5 Mar (R. Rowan, M. Manetz).
- PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Fort Pickens 9 Mar (B. Duncan); 1 at Fort Pickens 18 Mar (M. Rose et al.); 1 at Gulf Breeze 17 Apr (B. & L. Duncan).
- COMMON LOON: 1 at Ferndale Preserve, Minneola (*Lake*) Apr 24 (G. Quigley).
- HORNED GREBE: 300 at Saint George Sound 1 Mar (R. Cassidy, L. Cassidy).
- AMERICAN FLAMINGO: Up to 8 at STA-2 (*Palm Beach*) 7 Mar-25 Apr (+J. Boyd, R. Schofield, C. Weber, m. obs.); 1 on Highway 27, 10 mi. S of STA-2 (*Palm Beach*) 25 Apr (W. Parker); 1 flying over Biscayne NP (*Miami-Dade*) 6 May (C. Thibodeau).
- GREAT SHEARWATER: 8 at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 19 Apr (D. Stangeland).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 2 near Hospital Key (*Monroe*) 1 May (C. Fisher, K. Knight); 1 3-12 nm off Boynton Inlet (*Palm Beach*) 16 Apr (W. Parker, m. obs.); up to 82 from Key West to Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 21 Apr (D. Simpson).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 E of Dry Tortugas NP 21 Apr (D. Simpson).
- \*RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD: 1 adult 3-12 nm off Boynton Inlet 16 Apr (Ra. Diaz, D. Simpson, R. Schofield, C. Weber, m. obs.); 1 adult, 1 immature 20 mi N of Key West (*Monroe*) 6 May (+D. Doyle), details submitted to FOSRC.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*) 5 Apr (B. Richter).
- MASKED BOOBY: 1 3-12 nm off Boynton Inlet 16 Apr (D. Simpson, R. Schofield, C. Weber, m. obs.); 1 adult 3.5 nm offshore Biscayne NP (*Miami-Dade*) 1 May (R. Featherly, D. Schaffter); 95 adults and juveniles at Hospital Key (*Monroe*) 22 May (D. Doyle).
- BROWN BOOBY: 1 at St. Augustine Pier (*St. Johns*) 13-20 Mar (A. Ryan); 1 immature 15 nm off St. Petersburg Beach (*Pinellas*) 15 Mar (E. Plage); 1 juvenile at Ponce de Leon

- Inlet (*Volusia*) 14 Apr (M. Brothers); 1 adult 3-12 nm off Boynton Inlet 16 Apr (Ra. Diaz, m. obs.); 27 counted by vessel from Garden Key to Rebecca Shoals (*Monroe*) 22 May (D. Doyle).
- RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 1 immature on Bush Key, Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 19 April (L. Manfredi); 1 white-tailed brown morph adult at Fort Pickens 11 May (B. Duncan) provided the second record for the W Panhandle.
- NORTHERN GANNET: 1 immature offshore *Collier* 6 May (D. Doyle); at least 100 were 0-15 nm off St. Petersburg Beach 15 Mar (E. Plage).
- \*NEOTROPIC CORMORANT: several plus possible hybrids at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 29 Apr (m. obs.); 1 at STA-2 12 Apr (D. Simpson); 1 at Peaceful Waters Sanctuary (*Palm Beach*) 14 Apr (L. Hess).
- GREAT CORMORANT: 1 adult in flight with 100+ Double-crested Cormorants at T. M. Goodwin WMA (*Brevard*) 2 Apr (D. Simpson).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: As many as 6 at Key West golf course (*Monroe*) 17-28 May (D. Doyle).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 30 Apr (D. Mickelson, D. Shehee, T. Tompkins).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 22 Mar (E. Kwater); 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 10 Apr (T. Mast).
- LEAST BITTERN: 2 pairs nested at Imeson Center (*Duval*) 25-31 May (K. Dailey, D. Foster); 16 incl. several juveniles at Cockroach Bay 28 May (E. Kwater).
- GREAT BLUE HERON, WHITE MORPH: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP to 15 Mar (C. Leonard et al.); 1 paired with Blue form in Palmetto (*Manatee*) 17 Apr (E. Kwater).
- REDDISH EGRET: 2 pairs nested at a freshwater site near Ruskin (*Hillsborough*) 16 May (E. Kwater).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: Up to 6 at Lake Apopka NSRA (*Lake*) 4 Apr and 24 May (S. Wilson, G. Quigley et al.); 1 adult at Emeraldal Marsh CA (*Lake*) 24 Apr (G. Quigley).
- WHITE IBIS: 389 at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 4 Mar (R. Cassidy).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 at Honeymoon Island SP (*Pinellas*) 29 Mar-4 Apr (J. Wells, E. Kwater, et al.); 4 at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 18 Apr (B. & L. Duncan, C. Brown); 6 at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 25 May (J. Wells).
- WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 15 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP to 10 Apr (D. Segal, G. Parks et al.).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP throughout the period (S. Goodman, A. Kent et al.); 2 nests contained young at a new breeding site in T. M. Goodwin WMA 2 Apr (C. Cimino).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 4 in *Alachua* 1 Mar (D. O'Keefe, F. Baird); 23 in Pensacola 5 Mar (B. Tetlow, J. Brady); 42 at Grassy Point (*Santa Rosa*) 14 Mar (B. & L. Duncan et al.); 1 in N *Jefferson* 28 Mar (M. Smith, L. Most).
- SNAIL KITE: 8, possibly 12 at East Lake Toho (*Osceola*) 27 Apr (A. Kent).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 early at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 1 Apr (R. Cassidy); 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 15 May (+B. Surman); a pair copulated at Crystal River (*Citrus*) 22 May (S. Levins), providing the first known county record; 1 adult at CR 44 & US 441 (*Lake*) 29 May (A. Horst).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 at Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden (*Monroe*) 3 May (C. Fisher, K. Knight).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph in Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 13 Mar (E. Kwater); up to 2 at Minneola 13 Mar-22 May (G. Quigley, m. obs.); 1 at Westside Industrial Park (*Duval*) 15 Mar (+B. Richter), providing first verifiable county record; 1 at Mount Dora 23 Mar (B. Matasick); up to 3 in *Alachua* 3 Apr-EOS (A. Kent, M. Bruce, S. Ewing); 1 light morph at Tarpon Springs (*Pinellas*) 5 Apr (E. Kwater); 1 at Emeraldal Marsh CA 24 Apr (G. Quigley); 1 at Sabal Bluff Preserve (*Lake*) 25 Apr (G. Quigley); 1 at Key

- West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden 3 May (C. Fisher, K. Knight); 1 light morph at Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden 24 May (D. Doyle).
- BLACK RAIL: 1 in Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 1-29 Mar (Ra. Diaz).
- KING RAIL: 1 at Old Keystone Road (*Pinellas*) 25 May (J. Wells).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: 1 was late at St. Marks NWR 3 May (J. Cavanagh).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park (*Pinellas*) 28 Mar-16 Apr (D. White, +J. Clayton); 1 at Chattahoochee (*Gadsden*) 15 Apr (R. Cassidy); 2 adults at Key West golf course 18-31 May (D. Doyle).
- LIMPKIN: Up to 13 at Westside Industrial Park (*Duval*) 13 May (D. Foster).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 at Lake Maggiore (S *Pinellas*) 30 Apr (B. Douglass).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 14 Mar-2 May (P. Chaon, P. Hosner et al.); 2 at Leesburg 9 May (L. Streeper).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 1 Mar (A. Kent, S. Goodman); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 18 Apr (E. Kwater, T. Kalbach); 8 at Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) 27 Apr (D. Tonnessen).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 13 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 27 Mar (J. Murphy); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 29 Mar (+B. Lessard, M. Gardler); 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 29 Mar (C. Cox); 10 at Fort De Soto Park 3 Apr (E. Plage); 6 at Gandy Beach 22 Apr (+A. Ruben); 2 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 3 May (F. Lee).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 10 at Lake Jem sod fields (*Lake*) 18 Mar (G. Quigley).
- SNOWY PLOVER: 1 on nest with egg at Outback Key (*Pinellas*) 20 May (+D. Sauvageau).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: Up to 7 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 25 Apr-22 May (M. O'Sullivan, S. Salazar et al.).
- PIPING PLOVER: 53 at Outback Key 3 Mar (+D. Sauvageau).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 17 at Jim Woodruff Dam/Lake Seminole (*Gadsden*) 4 May (R. Cassidy, D. Cassidy, S. Cassidy); 7 at Potts Preserve (*Citrus*) 15 May (B. Hansen); 12 at The Villages (*Lake*) 22 May (G. Quigley).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1-4 at Brooker Creek Preserve 17-31 Mar (+T. Mast); 1 in N *Jefferson* 28 Mar (M. Smith, L. Most); 3 at Marl Bed Flats (*Seminole*) 17 Apr (J. Leavens); 4 at Fort De Soto Park 28 Apr (E. Plage); 1 in Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 24 May (A. & B. Hansen).
- WHIMBREL: 1 at Mashles Sand County Park (*Wakulla*) 5 Apr (M. Smith, L. Most, K. Seward, B. Bergstrom); 10 at East Lake Toho 27 Apr (A. Kent); 3 at Fort De Soto Park 28 Apr (E. Plage); 4 at Fort De Soto Park 15 May (L. McIntosh); 3 at South Anclote Key (*Pinellas*) 20 May (E. Plage).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at St. Vincent NWR (*Franklin*) 3 Mar (J. Murphy); 2 at Alafia Banks (*Hillsborough*) 30 Mar-2 Apr (E. Kwater, et al); 1 at South Anclote Key 20 May (E. Plage).
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 1 at St. Marks NWR 1-2 May (+J. O'Connell et al).
- MARbled GODWIT: 50 at Mashles Sand County Park 5 Apr (M. Smith, L. Most, et al.).
- Ruddy TURNSTONE: 1 at Jim Woodruff Dam/Lake Seminole 4 May (R. Cassidy, D. Cassidy, S. Cassidy) provided an unusual inland record.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: Up to 3 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 25 Apr-3 May (D. Segal, H. Adams et al.); 2 at Jim Woodruff Dam/Lake Seminole 4 May (R. Cassidy et al) provided an unusual inland record; 1 at Spoonbill Pond 17 May-EOS (+K. Dailey); 1 at Gandy Beach 29 May (+C. Gjervold); 1 at Three Rooker Bar (*Pinellas*) 30 May (+C. Yilmaz).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1 at Shell Island (*Bay*) 14 Apr (P. Mason).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: Up to 9 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 29 Mar-2 May (M. Manetz, B. Shea et al.).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park 1 Mar (+K. Dailey); 1 at Ponce de Leon Inlet to 14 Apr (M. Brothers).
- CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 male in alternate plumage at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 6-9 May (+M. Harris, m. obs.).

- STILT SANDPIPER: Up to 5 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 29 Mar-26 Apr (M. Manetz, B. Tarbox et al.); at least 25 at Marl Bed Flats 17 Apr (J. Leavens).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 at Tyndall AFB (*Bay*) 22 Apr (K. Christman).
- WILSON'S SNIBE: 1 remained at Brooker Creek Preserve through 29 Apr (+T. Mast).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 4 at Fort De Soto Park 30 Apr (P. Bottjer, +J. Clayton et al.); 1 at Alligator Point 4 May (+J. Murphy).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 2, 15 nm off St. Petersburg Beach 15 Mar (E. Plage).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 2 at Daytona Beach Shores (*Volusia*) 3 Mar (E. Kwater).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 1 at Spoonbill Pond 17 May (+K. Dailey).
- HERRING GULL X LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL (PROBABLE): 1 adult at Daytona Beach Shores (*Volusia*) 4 Mar (+M. Brothers).
- \*THAYER'S GULL: 1 first-cycle at Daytona Beach Shores 3-30 Mar (+E. Kwater, M. Brothers et al.).
- ICELAND GULL: 1 first-cycle at Tomoka Landfill (*Volusia*) 3 Mar (+E. Kwater, M. Brothers et al.); a different first-cycle at Daytona Beach Shores 4 Mar (M. Brothers).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 10 at Walnut Hill catfish farms 4 Mar (B. & L. Duncan) was a record number for the area; 1 there 9 Mar (P. Baker, P. Beasley); 3 at Fort Pickens 12 Mar (B. & L. Duncan); 1 at Fort Pickens 21 Apr (B. & L. Duncan).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 at Fort Pickens 28 Mar (B. & J. Callaway, P. Baker, P. Beasley).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at Alligator Point 7 Apr (J. Murphy); 1 first-cycle at South Anclote Key 20 May (E. Plage).
- BLACK NODDY: 1 at Garden Key (*Monroe*) 2 May (C. Fisher, K. Knight); up to 2 on Bush Key, Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 18 Apr-10 May (L. Manfredi, D. Simpson).
- SOOTY TERN: 1 at old St. George Island causeway (*Franklin*) 17 May (J. Murphy).
- BRIDLED TERN: 1 off Boynton Inlet 16 Apr (D. Simpson, et al.); 2 from Key West to Dry Tortugas NP 21 Apr (D. Simpson); 3 off Hospital Key 1 May (C. Fisher, K. Knight).
- LEAST TERN: 2 at Disappearing Island (*Volusia*) 18 Mar (M. Brothers); 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 24 May (G. Parks).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 at Isla Del Sol (*Pinellas*) 18 Mar (E. Plage); 2 at Alafia Banks 30 Mar (E. Kwater); 16 at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 17 May (R. Cassidy); 1 at Cockroach Bay 28 May (E. Kwater).
- CASPIAN TERN: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 26 Mar (L. Davis).
- BLACK TERN: 1 at ValPak Lake (*Pinellas*) 27 Apr (+J. Clayton); 1 at Courtney Campbell Causeway (*Pinellas*) 19 May (+D. Laliberte).
- ROSEATE TERN: 8 off Hospital Key 1 May (C. Fisher, K. Knight).
- COMMON TERN: 2-4 at Fort De Soto Park 14-23 Mar (B. Ahern, +J. Clayton et al.); 3 at Gandy Beach 18 May (J. Clayton).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1 at Bald Point SP (*Franklin*) 28 Apr (J. Murphy); 1 at Ponce de Leon Inlet 15 May (M. Brothers).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 2 in Atlantic Beach (*Duval*) 3 Mar (D. Pridgen).
- \*INCA DOVE: 1 at Big Lagoon SP (*Escambia*) 1 May (+J. Thomasson); 5 at Jay (*Santa Rosa*), 1 pair copulating 26 May (D. & C. Ware).
- KEY WEST QUAIL-DOVE: 1 seen infrequently at Long Key SP (*Monroe*) 1-16 March (m. obs., continuing from previous season).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 2 at Bonner Park (*Pinellas*) 29 Mar (J. & I. Gibbons).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 at Emerson Point (*Manatee*) 25 Apr (E. Kwater).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at St. George Island SP (*Franklin*) 20 Apr (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Fred Howard Park (*Pinellas*) 21 Apr (+M. James); 1 juv at Fort Zachary Taylor SP (*Monroe*) 30 Apr (C. Fisher).
- SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 1 continued at Snake Road near Seminole Reservation (*Broward*) 27 Apr (G. Langley); 1 on Sugarloaf Key (*Monroe*) 10 May (C. Goodrich).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 first seen 28 Dec 2014 (R. Harrod) remained at Fort De Soto Park through 23 Apr, tying the latest *Pinellas* spring date (M. Hughes, *vide* R. Smith).



- GREAT HORNED OWL: 2 pair bred at Fort De Soto Park this winter/spring (*fide* R. Smith).
- ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWK: 1 at Garden Key 21 May (D. Doyle).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 1 early at Orlando Wetlands Park 22 Mar (E. Kwater).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Pensacola 7 Mar (V. Hedrick); 1 in Pace (*Santa Rosa*) 8-9 Mar (B. DeArman).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 male at Palm Harbor (*Pinellas*) 9 Mar (B. Walker); up to 15 at Honeymoon Island SP 21 Apr (E. Kwater).
- BELTED KINGFISHER: 1 at Loggerhead Key (*Monroe*) 21 May (D. Doyle).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 adult at Seminole (*Pinellas*) 15 Apr (D. Ehlers).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 2 (male and female) at Seminole SF (*Lake*) 2 Mar (G. Quigley); 1 at Tate's Hell SF (*Franklin*) 8 Mar (J. Murphy).
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 2 at Loggerhead Key 21 May (D. Doyle).
- MERLIN: 1 at Tomoka Landfill 3 Mar (E. Kwater); 1 at Safety Harbor (*Pinellas*) 23 Apr (E. Kwater); 1 at Garden Key 20 May (D. Doyle).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 in Bradenton (*Manatee*) 20 Mar (E. Kwater); 1 in Hillsborough Bay 31 Mar & 3 Apr (E. Kwater); 1 at Newnans Lake 21 Apr (R. Rowan, M. Manetz, J. Hintermister); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 26 Apr (D. Segal, T. Anderson); 1 at Pensacola Beach 19 May (J. & B. Callaway); 1 at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 26 May (J. Cavanagh).
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 at Potts Preserve 19 May-EOS (A. & B. Hansen, D. Grimes), scarce breeder in *Citrus*.
- EASTERN PHOEBE: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 5 May represented *Pinellas*' latest spring record (+D. True, T. Zambon).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 continuing female along L-31W Canal (*Miami-Dade*) 1-4 Mar (Ro. Diaz); 1 at Fort Pickens 16 Mar (B. & L. Duncan).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 in Clearwater (*Pinellas*) 13 Mar (+T. Kalbach); 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 17 Mar (A. Kratter).
- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 continued along C-111E Canal (*Miami-Dade*) 1-4 Mar (M. Vasi, C. Sanchez).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at Lantana Nature Preserve (*Palm Beach*) 11-19 Mar (B. Hope, S. Young); 1 at Green Cay Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 9 Mar (M. Gomes).
- TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 2 continued along L-31W Canal (*Miami-Dade*) 1-8 Mar (+Ro. Diaz).
- \*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at St. George Island SP 27 Apr (+R. Cassidy, S. Cassidy, A. Cassidy).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 in Stuart (*Martin*) 2 Mar (D. Doyle); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 2-5 Apr (E. Plage et al.); 1 at Fort Pickens 12 Apr (L. Tilley); 1 at Gulf Breeze 27 Apr (B. Duncan); up to 3 at Binion Rd. & Hooper Farms Rd. kingbird roost, Apopka (*Orange*) 3-9 May (P. Hueber).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 possibly nesting at Cockroach Bay 28 May (E. Kwater).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA (*Orange*) 31 May (L. Malo, P. Hueber et al.).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: Up to 3 at Fort De Soto Park 21 Apr (+J. Clayton et al.); 1 near Sawgrass Recreation Park (*Broward*) 25 Apr (J. Boyd); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 3 May (+T. Kalbach); 1 adult male at M&M Dairy (*Duval*) 16 May (+M. Fethe).
- WHITE-EYED VIREO: 100+ at Fort De Soto Park 27-28 Mar (J. Clayton, E. Plage, P. Plage); 100+ at Fred Howard Park 28 Mar (T. Mast); as many as 69 at Honeymoon Island SP 28-29 Mar (E. Kwater, J. Wells et al.).
- WARBLING VIREO: 1 at Fort Pickens 29 Apr (B. & L. Duncan et al.).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 29 Apr (+J. Gibson et al.).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 1 singing on territory at Brooker Creek Preserve 15 Mar (R. Harrod).
- \*YELLOW-GREEN VIREO: 1 at Gulf Breeze 26-27 May (B. & L. Duncan) provided the 7th area record.
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 20-22 Apr (+C. Rasmussen, m. obs.); a 2nd was discovered at Fort De Soto Park 24 Apr (+J. Clayton).
- TREE SWALLOW: 7 very late at International Paper Wetlands (*Escambia*) 31 May (J. Callaway).

- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 28 Mar (B. Ahern); 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 29 Mar (M. Manetz, F. Lee, M. O'Sullivan); 17 in Palm Harbor (*Pinellas*) 12 Apr (J. Wells); 32 at Jim Woodruff Dam/Lake Seminole 15 Apr (R. Cassidy); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 3 May (A. Zions); 3 at Honeymoon Island SP 3 May (T. Kalbach); 1 in Clearwater 27 May (T. Kalbach).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at Gulf Breeze 2 Mar (B. Duncan); 15 at Lake Maggiore (*Pinellas*) 7 Mar (+R. Smith, E & P Plage et al.); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 29 Mar (M. Manetz, F. Lee, M. O'Sullivan); 1 at Gulf Breeze 12–13 Apr (B. & L. Duncan et al.).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at a St. Petersburg bird bath 2 May (N. Ogden).
- VEERY: 6 at Gainesville 22 Apr–8 May (G. Parks, R. Robinson et al.); 1 *salicicola* at Gulf Breeze 26 Apr (B. Duncan); 1 at Tallahassee 1 May (F. Rutkovsky).
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: 5 at Gainesville 27 Apr–9 May (A. Kent, G. Parks et al.); 4 at St. George Island SP 29 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 5 at Gainesville 2–9 May (S. Ewing, G. Parks et al.).
- WOOD THRUSH: 6 at Gainesville 20 Apr–2 May (S. Ewing, A. Kratter et al.).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: Up to 4 (incl. 2 singing males) at Gainesville through EOS (G. Parks, M. Manetz); 2 at Gulf Breeze 31 May (D. Timmons).
- BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden 24–27 Apr (+F. Grenon).
- CEDAR WAXWING: 40 at South Pasadena (*Pinellas*) 8 Apr (J. & I. Gibbons); 220 at Picnic Island Park (*Hillsborough*) 22 Apr (C. Fisher).
- OVENBIRD: 5 at Garden Key 21 May (D. Doyle).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 tied the latest *Pinellas* spring record at Bonner Park 13 May (K. Nelson).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at John Chesnut Park (*Pinellas*) 11 Mar (D. Gagne et al.); 3 at Sawgrass Lake Park 16 Mar (+J. Clayton, S. Tavaglione); 7 at Juniper (*Gadsden*) 5 Apr (R. Cassidy).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 3 at Garden Key 21 May (D. Doyle); 1 at Gulf Breeze 25 May (B. Duncan), a record late date for the area.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary (*Brevard*) 19 Apr (B. Haddad); 2 at Mead Botanical Garden (*Orange*) 21 Apr (J. Leavens, P. Hueber); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 21 Apr (E. Kwater, et al.); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 21–22 Apr (+J. Clayton & S. Tavaglione et al.); 1 at Fred Howard Park 21 Apr (+T. Mast).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 21 Mar (B. Ahern).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: Up to 6 at Fort De Soto Park 28 Mar–1 Apr (E. Plage et al.); 3 at Dunedin Hammock Park 29 Mar (J. Miller, +C. Yilmaz); 1 at Spanish Pond (*Duval*) 29 Mar (H. Levy); 2–3 at Boca Ciega Millennium Park (*Pinellas*) 30 Mar–2 Apr (+W. Meehan et al.); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 31 Mar (+J. Clayton); 1 at Central Winds Park (*Seminole*) 1 Apr (S. Simmons); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 12 Apr (M. Burns); 7 singing at Steinhatchee Springs WMA (*Lafayette*) 17 Apr (J. Hintermister, S. Nesbitt).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 at Fort Pickens 28 Mar (P. Baker, P. Beasley) provided an early record for the area; 1–3 at Fort De Soto Park 28 Mar–3 Apr (+B. Surman et al.).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1 at Garden Key 2 May (C. Fisher).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Mead Botanical Garden 3 Apr (J. Leavens).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 male at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 6 May (D. Henderson); 1 at Veterans Memorial Park (*Okaloosa*) 6 May (+P. Pruitt); 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) 7 May (V. Capp); 1 at Waccasassa Bay Preserve (*Levy*) 16 May (G. Kent, A. Kent); 1 at Boca Ciega Millennium Park 26–28 May (C. Gjervold, J. Clayton).
- MOURNING WARBLER: 1 at Gulf Breeze 19 Apr (L. Duncan).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 28 Mar (E. Plage et al.); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 28 Mar (E. Kwater, T. Kalbach et al.); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 21 Apr (C. Yilmaz & E. Kwater); 1 at Garden Key 2 May (C. Fisher).
- HOODED WARBLER: Up to 7 at Mead Botanical Garden 2 Apr (J. Leavens).

- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Hague 1 Mar (D. Peacock, M. O'Sullivan et al.); 32 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 8 May (M. Manetz, B. Shea, R. Rowan); 3 at Boca Ciega Millennium Park 27 May (+J. Clayton).
- \*KIRTLAND'S WARBLER: 1 singing adult male at Lantana Nature Preserve 7 May (+C. Edwards).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 female at Garden Key 21 May (D. Doyle).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 at Tallahassee 29 Mar (R. Cassidy); 1-2 at Fort De Soto Park 20-21 Apr (A. Whitlock).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Lori Wilson Park (*Brevard*) 28 Apr (P. Mansfield).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 at Fort Pickens 19 May (J. & B. Callaway); 1 at Gulf Breeze 20 May (L. Duncan).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 first seen 12 Dec 2014 (M. Hafner) remained at Fort De Soto Park through 22 Apr (+ m. obs.); 3 at Fort De Soto Park 22 Apr (J. Clayton); 1 at Garden Key 21 May (D. Doyle).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 20 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 8 May (M. Manetz, B. Shea, R. Rowan); 2 at Boca Ciega Millennium Park 27 May (+J. Clayton).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 female at Garden Key 21 May (D. Doyle).
- PALM WARBLER: 2 at Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden 24 May (D. Doyle).
- \*"AUDUBON'S" YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 male, molting into alternate plumage at Paradise Park, The Villages Mar 29 (G. Quigley); 1 at Garden Key 2 May (+C. Fisher, K. Knight). *Details desired by FOSRC.*
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 36 at Honeymoon Island SP 8 Apr (E. Kwater).
- TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: 1 on Garden Key 26-29 Apr (D. Weidemann, m. obs.).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 3 at Lori Wilson Park 28 Apr (P. Mansfield); 1 at Garden Key 21 May (D. Doyle).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 early migrant at St. Marks NWR 15 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 1 singing on territory at Eastport Wastelands (*Duval*) 1-31 May (+K. Dailey).
- SAFFRON FINCH: 1 in N St. Petersburg 26 Apr (+M. Burns).
- \*BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 continuing female at Bahia Honda SP (*Monroe*) 1-4 Mar (D. Vollmar).
- CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 was late at Fort De Soto Park 27 Apr (+D. Tonnessen).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Chattahoochee 15 Apr (R. Cassidy); 2 at Honeymoon Island SP 21 Apr (E. Kwater, C. Yilmaz), provided the first spring *Pinellas* record.
- FIELD SPARROW: 1 at Lower Green Swamp Preserve (*Hillsborough*) 1 Mar (+C. Fisher).
- VESPER SPARROW: 1 at Titusville (*Brevard*) 9 Mar (J. Eager).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 continued at Peaceful Waters Sanctuary 17 March (m. obs.); 2 at Fort De Soto Park 4 Mar (+W. Meehan, A. Salas & D. Gagne); 1 at Eagle Lake Park (*Pinellas*) 16 Mar (+K. Duncan); 1 at Hague to 19 Mar (M. O'Sullivan, L. Davis et al.); 3 at Fort De Soto Park 15 Apr (+J. & I. Gibbons); 1 at Eastport Wastelands 25-26 Apr (+K. Dailey); 1 at Bald Point SP 28 Apr (+J. Murphy).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 2 at Boca Ciega Millennium Park 21 Mar (B. Ahern et al.); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 20 Apr (E. Plage, S. Tavaglione, J. Clayton).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at Micanopy (*Alachua*) to 14 Mar (P. Chaon, R. Rowan et al.).
- SONG SPARROW: 1 was late at St. Marks NWR 29 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Possum Branch Preserve (*Pinellas*) 15 Mar (+J. Swenfurth).
- SWAMP SPARROW: 1 was late at Honeymoon Island SP 3 May (T. Kalbach).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 at Garden Key 30 Apr-3 May (C. Fisher, K. Knight).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 at Gulf Breeze 24 Apr (B. & L. Duncan).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 of 2 that wintered remained in Safety Harbor (*Pinellas*) through 4 Apr (C. Yilmaz); 1 female at Garden Key 7 May (D. Doyle).
- SCARLET TANAGER: 1 early male at Fort De Soto Park 30 Mar (T. Mossbarger, +P. Graber et al.).



- WESTERN Tanager: 1 at High Springs (*Alachua*) 18 Feb-20 Apr (M. Lynch, J. Lynch et al.); 1 male at Zoo Miami (*Miami-Dade*) 18 Mar (E. Bugallo).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 at Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden 8 May (D. Doyle).
- \*LAZULI BUNTING: 1 visiting a private residence in *Sarasota* 10-22 Mar (m. obs.). *Details desired by FOSRC.*
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 female at Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden 24 May (D. Doyle).
- DICKCISSEL: 5 at Fort De Soto Park 21 Apr (G. Deterra); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 22-25 Apr (+J. Clayton et al.); 22 at Fort Zachary Taylor SP 30 Apr (C. Fisher); 2 males & 1 female along L-31W Canal 1 Mar (Ro. Diaz).
- BOBOLINK: 40 at Honeymoon Island SP 25 Apr (T. Kalbach); 1 late at N St. Petersburg 25 May (P. Plage).
- EASTERN MEADOWLARK: 8 at Tampa International Airport (*Hillsborough*) 24 May (C. Fisher).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 in N *Okaloosa* 1 May (P. Baker, C. Tebay).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 15 at New Smyrna Beach (*Volusia*) 6 Mar (M. Brothers); up to 26 in Gainesville to 13 Mar (K. Malone, R. Rowan et al.).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 1 female at Bayport (*Hernando*) through 10 Mar (J. Mann).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1 at Dog Island (*Franklin*) 1 May (J. Murphy); 1 at Honeymoon Island SP 3 May (+T. Kalbach); 1 male at Lake Apopka NSRA 30-31 May (+B. Siculo et al., P. Hueber et al.).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 in E Clearwater 8-13 Mar (+R. & D. Lane, m. obs.).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 male at Fort De Soto Park 27 Mar (+S. Tavaglione et al.); up to 19 at Fort De Soto Park 1 Apr (J. Whitehead, S. Wilcox, R. Overland).
- \*BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: 1 in Gainesville to 1 Mar (A. Kent., S. Goodman et al.).
- PINE SISKIN: At least 6 at Clearwater Lake Restoration Area (*Lake*) Mar 15 (G. Quigley et al.); 240 at Cantonment (*Escambia*) 15 Mar (B. & J. Callaway); 20 in Hyde Grove (*Duval*) 19 Mar (C. Wainwright); 40 at Tallahassee 31 Mar (J. Cavanagh); up to 101 in *Alachua* through 4 May (R. Robinson et al.).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 at Pace 23 May (D. Stangeland, B. DeArman).

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