

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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**Winter Report: December 1991 - February 1992.**—The observations listed here are based on accounts of rare birds and unusual numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Field Observation Committee, whose names and addresses appear at the end of this report. The observations are not subjected to a thorough evaluation and formal peer review, and thus must be considered tentative pending further review. We encourage observers to report their sightings to the FOS Records Committee (c/o Jocelyn Lee Baker, Secretary, 851 N. Surf Rd., #302, Hollywood, Florida 33019) for formal consideration. We also encourage observers to prepare formal notes and articles to describe extremely rare and unusual sightings more fully.

Several conventions are used to save space. The first name of contributors is abbreviated in the accounts of individual species; full names of contributors (when provided) are presented at the end of the report. The common names of species are used exclusively. Persons interested in scientific names should consult AOU (1983. Check-list of the North American Birds, 6th ed. Am. Ornithol. Union, Washington D.C.) and revisions published in *The Auk*. Other abbreviations used occasionally are: CBC, Christmas bird count; imm., immature; m. obs., many observers; NM, national monument; NP, national park; NS, national seashore; NWR, national wildlife refuge; SP, state park; SRA, state recreation area; WMA, wildlife management area; and S, W, N, E, etc. for compass headings. Unless necessary to clarify the location, the counties of named locations are omitted.

The FOS Field Observation Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed information. Please bring any unusual observations not reported here to the attention of Jim Cox, compiler. The deadline for the submission of records to regional compilers (addresses listed below) is two weeks after the close of each period. Reporting periods are "Fall" (September-November), "Winter" (December-February), "Spring" (March-May), and "Summer" (June-August).

### SUMMARY OF THE WINTER SEASON

Most contributors classified last winter as "slow" or "lackluster." However, a quick scan of the sightings reported provides evidence much to the contrary. There were numerous reports of rare species and unusual concentrations of common species from nearly every corner of the state. The warm weather conditions that prevailed throughout the winter likely contributed to the diversity of reports.

Last winter was a banner year for waterfowl along portions of the Gulf Coast. Censuses conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (J. Reinman, pers. comm.) showed wintering populations of American Coots, scaup sp., American Widgeon, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Red-breasted Merganser, Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Duck, and Canvasback to be at 5-year highs. Other waterfowl species showed more modest increases. Large numbers of certain species were also reported in the Tampa Bay region and in central Florida, including a spate of reports of Oldsquaw, which are normally rare. Waterfowl numbers in the western panhandle appeared to be more modest. Among the more unusual waterfowl species seen last winter were a Ross' Goose found south of Tallahassee and a Brant at Marco Island.

Rails, cranes, and gallinules also appeared in greater abundance and in new areas this winter. An abundance of Sandhill Cranes was reported in many areas of north Florida, and there were two independent observations of both Yellow and Black Rails last winter.

Many Christmas bird counts reported average-to-above-average numbers of species but average-to-below-average numbers of individuals. There was a good number of unusual

flycatchers, warblers, and vireos seen on last winter's counts. One of the more unusual species recorded on CBCs was a Cassin's Kingbird on the Ft. Pierce CBC. A Black-shouldered Kite appeared on the Lake Placid CBC and adumbrated several additional reports in the region later in the season. Cedar Waxwings, American Robins, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and American Goldfinches were noticeably absent from many counts in south and central Florida.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Siesta Key (Sarasota Co.) from 1-8 Jan (L. Augustine, M. Sokol, J. Palmer); description sent to FOS Records Committee.
- RED-THROATED LOON: 1 off Seahorse Key (Levy Co.) on 28 Dec (B. McNab, R. McNab), first report for area.
- COMMON LOON: large concentration of 400 off Seahorse Key (Levy Co.) on 28 Dec (B. McNab, R. McNab).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE: large concentration of 205 on Lake Trafford (Collier Co.) on 9 Feb (L. Riopelle).
- EARED GREBE: 1 at sewage treatment plant S of Tallahassee from late Nov until 18 Dec (J. LaVia); 1 at St. Marks NWR from 15 Dec (D. Aucoin, L. Gimlin) through late Dec; 1 in Niceville (Okaloosa Co.) on 16 Dec (D. Ware); 1 in Hamilton Co. on 28 Dec (J. Krummrich).
- BROWN BOOBY: first-year bird received at rehabilitation center in Englewood (co. of origin unknown); banded and released on 9 Dec (A. Stedman, S. Stedman).
- NORTHERN GANNET: concentration of 75 near shore at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 11 Jan (D. Gagne, L. Hopkins, et al.).
- WHITE PELICAN: low numbers reported in SW Florida (T. Below, m. obs.); 60± at Guana River WMA (St. Johns Co.) in mid Jan (M. Epstein); 9 in Pensacola on 26 Jan (P. Tetlow, B. Tetlow), first Jan record for area; 40-100 at Fernandina Beach in mid-Feb (P. Powell); 100 at Blue Mountain Beach (Walton Co.) on 20 Feb (B. Reid).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 near Seahorse Key (Levy Co.) on 28 Dec (B. McNab, R. McNab).
- CATTLE EGRET: 1 in Suwannee Co. on 1 Feb (B. Neville), rare in N Florida in winter.
- REDDISH EGRET: 1 ad. and 1 imm. at Big Sabine (Escambia Co.) from 7 Dec to 13 Feb (B. Duncan); 2 at Hagen's Cove (Taylor Co.) on 9 Feb (N. Wamer).
- GREEN-BACKED HERON: 2 at Wakulla Springs SP on 1 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 15 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); rare in N Florida in winter.
- SCARLET IBIS: adult (origin unknown) at Flamingo on 7-8 Dec (m. obs.); remained for about 6 weeks.
- WOOD STORK: 3 at Porter Island (Wakulla Co.) on 15 Dec (R. Ingram); 1792 nests reported at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary on 29 Feb (T. Below) with half-grown young in older nests.
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 at St. Andrews SP (Bay Co.) on 26 Jan (T. Menart, H. Loftin, E. Fontaine).
- GREATER FLAMINGO: 32 (origin suspected to be Hialeah) reported in Everglades NP through 1 Jan (*vide* D. Canterbury).
- CANADA GOOSE: 9 at Hialeah Race Track on 14 Dec (M. Cooper); appear to arrive in Nov and leave in Apr; 1 on Lakeland CBC on 14 Dec (second count record).
- ROSS' GOOSE: adult at sewage treatment plant S of Tallahassee on 10 Dec (J. Cavanaugh, N. Wamer), description sent to FOS Records Committee.
- BRANT: 1 at Marco Island (Collier Co.) on 5 Dec (B. Anderson).

- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 at Lake Seminole (Pinellas Co.) on 9 Jan (K. Nelson); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 13 Jan (J. Reinman); few winter records for either area.
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 6 in Key West on 6 Dec (J. Ondrejko).
- EURASIAN WIDGEON: 1 at Merritt Island NWR from 12 Dec through report period (H. Robinson).
- LESSER SCAUP: 15,000 on Lake Placid CBC on 22 Dec, highest numbers reported.
- REDHEAD: 600 off Honeymoon Island (Pinellas Co.) from 25-30 Dec (D. Gagne), high number for area.
- OLDSQUAW: many more reports than usual: 1 at Sebastian Inlet on 18 Dec (H. Armstrong); 1 on Lake Maggiore (Pinellas Co.) from 14 Dec to 29 Feb (L. Hopkins, R. Smith); 1 at Madeira Beach (Pinellas Co.) on 14 Dec (K. Nelson); 1 E of Ellenton (Manatee Co.) through report period (W. Goltin, L. Atherton); 1 on S Brevard CBC on 28 Dec (4th count record); 1 at Marco Island (Collier Co.) from 1-15 Feb (T. Below, W. Burket), first record for this area.
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 1 in Hillsborough Bay on 28 Dec (R. Paul, A. Schnapf).
- BLACK SCOTER: 1 near Key West on 6 Dec (J. Ondrejko); imm. in Hillsborough Bay on 28 Dec (R. Paul, A. Schnapf); good concentration of 12 off Pinellas Co. coast on 14 Dec (K. Nelson); imm. at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa Co.) on 27 Feb (B. Duncan).
- BUFFLEHEAD: 20+ in Tampa Bay in late Dec (R. Smith, L. Hopkins), good count for area; 1 inland on W Volusia CBC on 14 Dec, first count record.
- COMMON GOLDENEYE: female at Lake Maggiore (Pinellas Co.) on 24 Dec (D. Emkalns, B. Neville), uncommon in area.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 3 on Lake Placid CBC on 22 Dec, rare inland.
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 near Key West on 8 Jan (J. Ondrejko); 1 at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 9 Jan (V. Edens).
- MERLIN: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 26 Dec (D. Sandee), 30 Jan (J. Reinman), and 9 Feb (D. Sandee), indicates bird may have wintered in area; 1 near Ft. Walton on 16 Dec (D. Ware); inland record 1 mile E of Hickory Mound (Taylor Co.) on 8 Feb (N. Wamer).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 2 at mile marker 75 in the Keys on 29 Feb (J. Ondrejko), first report.
- BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE: 1 on Lake Placid CBC on 22 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Goodwin, G. Stoccardo, G. Woolfenden), first count record; additional sightings at 3 locations in S Highlands Co. throughout winter (J. Goldstein, F. Lohrer); one 6 miles E of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (Collier Co) on 28 Feb (H. Kale).
- SNAIL KITE: 2 females on Lake Marion (Polk Co.) on 1 Feb (T. Palmer), new area; female on Lake June (Highlands Co.) in Dec remained through Jan and Feb (*vide* F. Lohrer).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 3 dark morphs and 1 light morph near Key West on 6 Dec (J. Ondrejko); 7 in Everglades NP (4 dark-morph adults, 2 light-morph adults, 1 dark-morph imm.) from 6-8 Dec (B. Pranty, H. Kale, m. obs.); 1 light and 2 dark morphs at Everglades NP on 29 Dec (V. Edens); dark morph at Tiger Creek Preserve (Polk Co.) on 8 Feb, in same location as in previous years (P. Feller, m. obs.); dark morph at Chekika SP (Dade Co.) on 3 Jan (V. Edens).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: rare dark phase over Flamingo on 29 Dec (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 1 attacked its reflection in a window for 3 straight days in Tallahassee (E. White).
- FERRUGINOUS HAWK: 1 E of Belle Glade (Palm Beach Co.) on 8 Jan (L. Lewis).
- BLACK RAIL: 1 flushed by a prescribed burn at Paynes Prairie SP (Alachua Co.) in mid Dec (J. Weimer); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 3 Jan (J. Cavanaugh), status in winter poorly known.
- YELLOW RAIL: 1 at Loxahatchee NWR on 28 Dec (M. Smith) and 11 Jan (S. Bollinger); 1 at Paynes Prairie SP (Alachua Co.) on 20 Jan (P. Karuoklese), white wing patches observed.
- VIRGINIA RAIL: flock of 5 seen at St. Marks NWR on 21 Dec (B. Neville, D. Emkalns, W. Winton), indicative of the abundance observed in area through 1 Jan.

- PURPLE GALLINULE: 4 NW of Dade City (Pasco Co.) on E Pasco CBC on 26 Dec (R. Smith, P. Blair); 3 at Crews Lake (Pasco Co.) on the Aripeka-Bayport CBC on 31 Dec. Species formerly considered rare and irregular in winter in Pasco Co., but new CBCs indicate the species is an uncommon, but regular, winter resident.
- CARIBBEAN COOT: well-marked bird with very bulbous shield on Lake Pasadena (Pasco Co.) on 26 Dec (B. Pranty, P. Young).
- SANDHILL CRANE: in great abundance around Alachua Co. this year with 3690 recorded on Gainesville CBC and possibly another 1000 just S of count circle (B. Muschlitiz); 7 at St. Marks NWR from mid-Dec (D. Sandee) through early Jan; 18 at M-K Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 18 Jan (T. Menart, m. obs.).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at St. Marks NWR from 1 Dec (D. Navier, R. Smith, L. Hopkins) through 29 Feb (D. Sandee, N. Wamer, J. Reinman); 27 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 4 Jan for high count (P. Fellers, J. Palmer, K. Nelson); 1 on 27 Feb in Orange Co. was early (D. Freeman, D. Levy, T. Robinson, B. Payne).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 1 at St. Marks NWR from mid-Dec (J. Reinman) through 29 Feb (N. Wamer, D. Sandee, m. obs.); 300-400 in one flock on spoil island in Hillsborough Bay (R. Paul), good number.
- MARBLED GODWIT: 1 at Big Sabine (Escambia Co.) from early to late Dec (B. Duncan), first Dec record for area.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: more reports than usual: 1 at Merritt Island NWR on 6 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at Lake Woodruff NWR (Volusia Co.) on 28 Feb (H. Robinson); 2 at Walton County sewage plant on 3 Feb (D. Ware); 3 at sewage treatment plant S of Tallahassee on 28 Feb (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 4 at St. Marks NWR on 28 Feb (B. Neville, D. Emkalns) and 6 on 29 Feb (D. Sandee); 55 at Paynes Prairie SP (Alachua Co.) on 28 Feb (J. Hintermister).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1 in Pinellas County from 3-18 Dec (K. Nelson); 9 at St. Marks NWR on 9 Jan (N. Wamer).
- LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER: 1 at Ft. DeSoto Park (Pinellas Co.) on 14 Dec (L. Hopkins); 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 4 Feb (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 568 on Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 21 Dec (D. Gagne).
- PIPING PLOVER: 112 on Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 21 Dec (D. Gagne) and 60 recorded later on 30 Jan (H. Robinson); 7 at Ponce Inlet (Volusia Co.) on 9 Feb (H. Robinson); 18 at Ward's Bank (Nassau Co.) on 15 Feb (N. Wamer).
- SNOWY PLOVER: 28 at Big Sabine (Escambia Co.) on 7 Dec (B. Duncan), highest winter count for this area; 40 on Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 21 Dec (D. Gagne); 31 at St. George Island SP (Franklin Co.) on 25 Dec (D. Sandee).
- WHIMBREL: 20 on Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 21 Dec (D. Gagne).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 1 at Lake Seminole (Pinellas Co.) from 8-20 December (K. Nelson); 2 at sewage treatment plant S of Tallahassee ca. 14 Dec with 1 present on 9 Jan (J. Cavanaugh); rare in winter.
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 2 at retention pond in Largo (Pinellas Co.) where some have wintered for past 3 winters (m. obs.).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Black Point Marina (Dade Co.) from 20 Feb (B. Merkel) to 28 Feb (V. Edens).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 29 Feb (D. Sandee).
- JAEGERS: large southward movement off Ft. Clinch SP (Nassau Co.) on 1 Dec included several Parasitic Jaegers and at least 1 Pomarine Jaeger (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 5 jaegers seen off N St. Johns Co. on 9 Dec (P. Powell).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 200+ at Lake Maggiore (Pinellas Co.) on 14 Dec (R. Smith), unusually high number; very large flock of 1000+ seen off Alligator Point (Franklin Co.) on 5 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns).

- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 at Ponce Inlet (Volusia Co.) on 28 Jan (H. Robinson).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: reports from Ward's Bank (Duval Co.) include 5 on 1 Dec (B. Neville, D. Emkalns), 3 on 2 Dec (B. Richter), 2 adults on 28 Dec (P. Powell), adult on 1 Feb (B. Neville, D. Emkalns) and 7 adults on 15 Feb (N. Wamer); 1 on S Brevard CBC (first record) on 28 Dec (m. obs.); 1 at Merritt Island NWR through report period (m. obs.); 1 at Florida Bay on 29 Dec (W. Hoffman); adult near Longboat Key (Sarasota Co.) on 3 Jan (F. Frazier, T. Elliott).
- CALIFORNIA GULL: 1 on Dunedin Causeway (Pinellas Co.) on 7 Feb (D. Gagne); details sent to FOS Records Committee; only 10 previous records.
- COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL: 1 at Merritt Island NWR on 14 Dec (D. Simpson).
- FORSTER'S TERN: low numbers (61% below 18-year mean) reported from Marco Island (Collier Co.), which may result from winter erosion of sandbars and loss of roosting areas (T. Below).
- COMMON TERN: 1 at St. Andrews SP (Bay Co.) on 4 Jan (T. Menart, E. Fontaine) and 12 Jan (H. Loftin, T. Menart).
- ROYAL TERN: 1 at Biven's Arm (Alachua Co.) on 15 Jan (R. Rowan), rare inland; high count of 150 near Key West on 7 Feb (J. Ondrejko).
- CASPIAN TERN: 1 at sewage treatment plant S of Tallahassee on 31 Jan (J. Cavanaugh), second record for Leon Co.
- BLACK SKIMMER: 300 staging near Key West (J. Ondrejko) in Jan; 750 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 4 Jan (P. Fellers, J. Palmer, K. Nelson), very high number.
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 15 near Key West on 6 Dec (J. Ondrejko); 5 at Alligator Point (Franklin Co.) on 5 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns).
- RINGED TURTLE-DOVE: 1 on Cocoa CBC on 21 Dec, first count record; 75% of the approximately 100 birds seen on St. Petersburg CBC on 14 Dec showed signs of hybridization with Eurasian Collared-Doves (B. Pranty, D. Robinson, G. Stoccardo). Pure Ringed Turtle-Doves may soon become scarce due to hybridization with Eurasian Collared-Doves.
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: several reports indicate further spread: 40 in coastal SW Hernando County on 31 December (B. Pranty, D. Goodwin, P. Young); 1 on Cocoa CBC on 21 Dec, first count record; several at Alligator Point (Franklin Co.) on 5 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 1 in Groveland (Lake Co.) on 14 Jan (B. Pranty); pair in Steinhatchee (Taylor Co.) on 8 Feb (N. Wamer).
- SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 15 Dec (D. Aucoin, L. Gimlin).
- CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW: 1 at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) on 15 Feb (V. Edens), first report of year.
- BUDGERIGAR: 30+ S of Bayport (Hernando Co.) on 31 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Goodwin); many nesting boxes in this new area.
- MONK PARAKEET: 6 on Lakeland CBC on 14 Dec, first count record; 7-9 regular near Stuart (Martin Co.) where reported nesting last year (C. Hurd).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: male at feeder in Parker (Bay Co.) since late Sep; last seen on 30 Dec (T. Menart).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 in Tallahassee from early Dec to 11 Feb (J. Cavanaugh).
- RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Shalimar (Okaloosa Co.) from 12 Dec through Feb (G. Floyd); 1 (female?) on Bay Co. CBC on 28 Dec (*vide* T. Menart) and remained through Mar; male in Coral Gables (Dade Co.) on 30 Dec (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 1 at Ft. Walton Beach (Walton Co.) from 28 Jan through Feb (D. Ware).
- COMMON BARN OWL: 1 under I-75 bridge in W Broward Co. on 26 Jan (J. Baker, G. Myer).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 in NE Collier Co. on 26 Jan (J. Baker, G. Myer), first sighting in area.

- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 on Lakeland CBC on 14 Dec, first count record; 4 at Merritt Island NWR on 19 Feb (B. Cooper, L. Cooper); 1 along Route 846 in Hendry Co. on 15 Jan (J. Baker, E. Rosenberg).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 N of Gainesville throughout report period (J. Hintermister), in same area where 1 wintered last year.
- CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 on Ft. Pierce CBC on 28 Dec (*vide* C. Hurd; based on report filed by R. Elliott).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 near Newberry (Alachua Co.) on 6 Jan (G. Hart); 1 along Route 846 in Hendry Co. on 15 Jan (J. Baker, E. Rosenberg); 1 near Ft. Pierce on 2 Jan (C. Hurd).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 on Key Largo CBC on 27 Dec (W. Hoffman).
- COMMON MYNA: 1 on Cocoa CBC on 21 Dec, first count record.
- FISH CROW: 5 near Key West on 7 Feb (J. Ondrejko), seen irregularly since last summer and perhaps spreading into area as breeding species.
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 at Suwannee River SP (Suwannee Co.) on 12 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns).
- BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH: reported for first time in many years along Lower Wekiva SP (Seminole Co.) in Jan (D. Freeman).
- CEDAR WAXWING: flocks at Key West from Oct through early Feb (J. Ondrejko) with high count of 35 on 10 Feb.
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 on Lakeland CBC on 14 Dec, first count record; 1 at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 6 and 17 Dec (V. Edens).
- SOLITARY VIREO: abundant in Pinellas and Hernando Cos. throughout period (L. Atherton).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 on Wekiva River CBC (Seminole Co.) on 14 Dec; 1 on Econlockhatchee CBC (Seminole Co.) on 18 Dec; 1 along Tamiami Trail (Dade Co.) on 22 Jan (J. Baker, G. Myer); uncommon in winter.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 11 seen by 1 party on Brooksville CBC (Hernando Co.) on 14 Dec (L. Atherton, D. Grimes), indicative of high numbers in area this winter.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 in Seminole (Pinellas Co.) on 13 Feb (K. Nelson), rare winter visitor.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: female on Lake Placid (Highlands Co.) CBC on 22 Dec (D. Goodwin), first count record; 1 at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on several dates from early Dec through early Feb (V. Edens).
- BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER: 1 in Davie (Broward Co.) on 3 Jan (W. George); not located after initial sighting (*vide* D. Canterbury).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: male in Sawgrass Park (Pinellas Co.) throughout winter (M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton); 1 at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 17 Dec and 15 Feb (V. Edens); male on Lake Placid CBC on 22 Dec (G. Woolfenden, B. Pranty); rare but apparently regular in winter in S Florida; 1 at Guana River WMA on 25 Jan (members of Indian River Audubon), N of winter range.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 6 Dec and 11 Feb (V. Edens); female or imm. in Mahogany Hammock (Everglades NP) on 8 Dec (B. Pranty, H. Kale).
- NORTHERN PARULA: early arrivals in N Florida were noted by several observers.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 on Cocoa CBC on 21 Dec, first count record.
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: good concentration of at least 9 in a *Ficus* tree at Flamingo (Monroe Co.) on 8 Dec (B. Pranty, H. Kale).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 2 males on Lakeland CBC on 14 Dec, fourth record; 1 on Bay Co. CBC on 28 Dec (B. Cummings); 1 in Tallahassee on 2 Feb (B. Neville, D. Emkalns), unusual this far north in winter.
- OVENBIRD: reported at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 6 and 12 Dec and 22 Feb (V. Edens); 1 wintered in S Duval Co. (J. Cocke) and ate white millet and cracked corn that

- fell from a feeder; 1 at Suwannee River SP (Suwannee Co.) on 12 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 2 at St. Marks NWR on 15 Feb (D. Sandee).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 in coastal mangroves at Green Key Park (Pasco Co.) on 24 Dec (*fide* B. Pranty); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 18 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 1 banded at the Nokomis (Sarasota Co.) on 25 January (A. Stedman, S. Stedman).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 17 Dec and 31 Jan (V. Edens); 1 at Ding Darling NWR on 3 Feb (J. Baker, U. Feller), unusual in winter.
- MOURNING WARBLER: 1 on Cocoa CBC on 21 Dec, first count record.
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 in SE Jacksonville on 15 Dec (N. Wamer); male in S Jacksonville on 21 Jan (S. Buettner); 1 in Tallahassee on 17 Dec (J. Cox, K. NeSmith).
- HOODED WARBLER: male returned to an area in Melbourne Village (Brevard Co.) for second straight winter (B. Hills, S. Hills).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Ding Darling NWR on 3 Feb (J. Baker); 1 at Cedar Key (Levy Co.) from 27 Dec to 29 Feb (D. Henderson).
- WESTERN Tanager: 1 on Bay Co. CBC on 28 Dec (J. Underborn).
- SUMMER Tanager: 1 at Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 17 Dec and 15 Jan (V. Edens); 1 at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa Co.) on 4 Jan, second Jan record.
- STRIPE-HEADED Tanager: 1 in Delray Beach on 10 Dec (B. Hope); 1 at Goulds (Dade Co.) from 3 Jan to 29 Feb (L. Manfredi, V. Edens); seems likely that a single bird moved 5-6 miles.
- DICKCISSEL: 1 on Lake Placid CBC on 22 Dec, first count record; 2 at Belle Glade Marina (Palm Beach Co.) on 27 Dec (B. Neville, D. Emkalns).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 on Cocoa CBC on 21 Dec, first count record.
- NORTHERN ORIOLE: "Bullock's" variety at Flamingo (Monroe Co.) on 7 and 29 Dec (B. Robertson, J. Villamil, M. Cooper); female and imm. male "Bullock's" at Flamingo on 28 Dec (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); "Baltimore" in same tree with Bullock's (above) but not in apparent association (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); a "Bullock's" wintered at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) from 9 Jan to 11 Feb (V. Edens); 3 "Baltimore's" in Deering Estates (Dade Co.) on 15 Jan.
- SHINY COWBIRD: male at Tierra Verde (Pinellas Co.) on 7 Dec (L. Atherton); 30-40 wintering at Briggs Nature Center (Lee Co.) constitute first record of large flocks for area (T. Below); male with at least 1 female at Flamingo (Monroe Co.) for much of period (m. obs.).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: large flock of 20,000 at dairy farm in Highlands Co. on Lake Placid CBC on 22 Dec (m. obs.).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 4 in Lakeland on 11 Dec (B. Cooper, L. Cooper), in same location as last year.
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: several reports this winter: 1 on Lake Placid CBC (Highlands Co.) on 22 Dec for first count record; 1 at Loxahatchee NWR on 8 Feb (J. Villamil); male in Osprey (Sarasota Co.) on 13 Feb (J. Fuller); 1 at Treasure Coast Wildlife Hospital (Indian River Co.) from Jan-Feb (C. Hurd).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: many with other blackbirds and crows in farm field in Calhoun Co. on 15 Dec (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); several in farm field in Wakulla Co. on 5 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns), uncommon.
- PAINTED BUNTING: female at Paynes Prairie SP (Alachua Co.) on 15 Dec (E. Vanderwerf, B. Muschlitz, D. Henderson); male at University of Florida campus on 16 Dec (E. Vanderwerf); 1 at Turkey Creek (Walton Co.) on 16 Dec (A. Forster).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa Co.) on 4 Jan (B. Duncan, W. Duncan).
- LAZULI BUNTING: 1 at Belle Glade Marina (Dade Co.) on 21 Dec (P. Smith).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 at Niceville landfill (Okaloosa Co.) on 10 Dec (D. Ware); 1 on Lakeland CBC on 14 Dec, fourth count record; 1 "female-plumaged" bird near San Antonino (Pasco Co.) on the E Pasco CBC on 26 Dec (D. Goodwin, D. Robinson, G. Stoccardo).

- LARK SPARROW: 1 in Osprey (Sarasota Co.) on 28 Dec (S. McKernan, F. Frazier) and remained through Jan; 1 on Lake Wales CBC on 28 Dec, rare.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: high count of 7 reported on Lakeland CBC on 14 Dec; 11 near Lake Alfred (Polk Co.) on 5 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, B. Cooper, L. Cooper).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 in Osprey (Sarasota Co.) on 13 Feb (F. Frazier, E. Gano) and remained in area through 27 Feb; 1 at feeder in Venice (Sarasota Co.) on 29 Feb (R. Smith); 1 at Lake Alfred (Polk Co.) on 9 Dec (P. Timmer) and 5 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, B. Cooper, L. Cooper); 1 on Brooksville CBC (Hernando Co.) on 14 Dec (L. Atherton, D. Grimes), first count record.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) from 21 Dec (D. Gagne) to end of period (D. Gagne, K. Nelson, B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 9 Feb (D. Sandee); 1 at Paynes Prairie SP (Alachua Co.) on 28 Feb (J. Hintermister).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 in Alachua Co. from 22 Dec through at least 21 Jan (J. Hintermister, m. obs.); 1 at Paynes Prairie SP (Alachua Co.) on 22 Jan (R. Rowan).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 14 imms. found on Brooksville CBC (Hernando Co.) on 14 Dec (L. Atherton, D. Grimes), possibly regular in this area; several in Alachua Co. on 12 Jan (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); 1 at M-K Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 18 Jan (B. Kitteredge, H. Loftin); 1 at St. Andrews SP (Bay Co.) on 21 Feb (E. Fontaine).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: singing male in NE Collier Co. on 17 Feb (J. Baker, E. Rosenberg).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 3 at Payne's Prairie SP (Alachua Co.) on 15 Dec (E. Vanderwerf) and 1 along I-10 in Madison Co. (B. Neville, D. Emkalns) were only reports received.

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Errata: A Pomarine Jaeger reported near Venice in July 1991 was originally found by Edward Gano and confirmed by Frank Frazier. This information was regrettably omitted from the 1991 Summer Report. There was only 1 Kentucky Warbler at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 24 Aug, not 14 as reported in the 1991 Summer report.

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