

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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**Spring Report: March - May 1993.**—The observations listed here are based on rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds as reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Field Observations Committee (FOC). As these reports are not formally reviewed prior to publication, they may be considered tentative.

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Abbreviations used in the accounts are: CP = county park; NWR = national wildlife refuge; SP = state park; SRA = state recreation area; and N, S, E, W, etc. for compass headings. A county designation accompanies the first-time listing of each location; further listings of the same location lack the county name. For their assistance with this report, the State Compiler thanks the following: Howard Langridge, the spring editor for *American Birds*; Bruce Anderson, for supplying information from the forthcoming *The Birdlife of Florida*; Dan Canterbury, for providing information on rarities submitted to the Florida Rare Bird Alert; and Peter Merritt and Glen Woolfenden, for helpful suggestions.

### SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

The weather event of the season was the 13 March "storm of the century" that resulted in the deaths of nearly 50 people, and many millions of dollars worth of property damage. Severe winds accompanying the storm also caused damage to nesting birds. Numerous Bald Eagle nests were blown down, causing the deaths of dozens of nestlings. Nests of other large birds such as Wood Storks, Ospreys, and Great Horned Owls suffered similar fates. Rich Paul reported that 60% of the active Brown Pelican nests at Alafia Banks in Tampa Bay were destroyed, but most of the birds re-nested.

Another species that suffered nest destruction due to the storm was, surprisingly, the Florida Scrub Jay. Eggs were tossed out of two nests in Archbold Biological Station (Bill Pranty), while 11 nests in nearby Placid Lakes were destroyed, which represented about

30% of the existing nests in that study area (Reed Bowman). Further north in the Wekiva Basin, Parks Small reported the storm delayed the jay's breeding schedule by two to three weeks.

Most observers considered this a good spring for migrants, with impressive totals reported from Fort DeSoto Park 6 April, the Dry Tortugas 28 April, and in the Panhandle 14 May, where Jim Cavanagh observed an estimated 30 Yellow-billed Cuckoos and over 100 thrushes, including 30 Gray-cheeked.

Rarities reported this spring included a Red-footed Booby, 2 La Sagra's Flycatchers, a Couch's/Tropical Kingbird, 3 Bahama Mockingbirds, 3 male "Audubon's Warblers," and 2 Black-faced Grassquits. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks continue to increase their numbers in Sarasota County and appeared in two new areas this spring, and an "invasion" of presumably wild White-winged Doves occurred in Santa Rosa County. A Coscoroba Swan observed in Jacksonville added another species to Florida's ever-growing list of exotics. Lastly, on 2 May 1993, researchers at Archbold Biological Station celebrated the birthday of "SAY," the first Florida Scrub Jay known to reach the age of 15 years.

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 2 May (B. and L. Duncan).
- COMMON LOON: 1 in a *Polk* mine 4 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel) and 1 over Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*) 10 Apr (G. Woolfenden) were rare inland.
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 1 about 16 km E of Cosgrove Shoals (*Monroe*) 20 Apr (D. Sibley).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 1 in the surf at Boca Raton Beach (*Palm Beach*) 23 Mar (B. Hope), and 1 at Rebecca Shoals (*Monroe*) 10 Apr (W. Russell, D. Sibley et al.) were the earliest-ever spring reports (*vide* B. Anderson).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 at the Dry Tortugas (*Monroe*) 1-2 May (J. Stevenson), where the species has recently become rather rare.
- BROWN BOOBY: 1 off Marco Island (*Collier*) 6 Mar (D. Fisher), and 2 (1 adult and 1 immature) there 12 Mar (R. Wooster).
- RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 1 in "intermediate" plumage at the Dry Tortugas 11 Apr-17 May (D. Goodwin et al.).
- NORTHERN GANNET: 12 feeding in a fresh-water pond on the Kennedy Space Center (*Brevard*) 6 Apr (*vide* D. Canterbury); "good numbers" reported this spring along the *Pinellas* coast, some birds even appearing in Tampa Bay (*vide* L. Atherton).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 on Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 20 Mar (M. McMillian); 1 immature on Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland (*Polk*) 24 Mar (T. Palmer); 1 over Medard CP (*Hillsborough*) 5 May (B. Pranty); 6 just S of Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 8 May (*vide* B. Pranty).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 female at Port St. Joe (*Gulf*) 11 Apr (A. and R. Ingram, T. Menart); 1 immature at Alligator Bay (*Franklin*) 6 May (J. Cavanagh, C. Watt).
- REDDISH EGRET: 1 near Fort Walton (*Okaloosa*) 8 May (D. Ware).
- SCARLET IBIS: 1 bird previously reported in Fort Myers (*Lee*) was seen there again 6 Apr (V. McGrath).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 on Snell Island (*Pinellas*) 15 May (R. Smith), and 4 over Archbold Biological Station 28 May (D. Stotz) were locally rare.
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 200 in a pond in Myakka Valley (*Sarasota*) 12 Mar (P. Stinchcomb *vide* A. Rawson) represents the largest-ever number reported in Florida (*vide* B. Anderson); 5 N of Blue Cypress Lake (*Indian River*) 15 Apr (K. Snyder, K. Vulinec, D. Mellow); 1 adult at the Aripeka sewage treatment ponds (*Hernando*) 30 May (L. Seeds, P. Young et al.) is the northernmost report from the Gulf Coast.

- COSCOROBA SWAN (*Coscoroba coscoroba*): 1 adult in a bay at Jacksonville Naval Air Station (*Duval*) 17-31 May (P. Powell). Native to southern South America N to southern Brazil, the bird was undoubtedly an escapee, although it was in perfect plumage, and was neither pinioned nor banded. This appears to be the first report of this species in the state.
- MUSCOVY DUCK: 1 male in "wild-type plumage pattern" (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:39) was observed with a pair of Wood Ducks in Archbold Biological Station, an area devoid of feral waterfowl, 27 May to 6 Jun (D. Stotz, A. Begazo, B. Pranty).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 6 in *Polk* mines 23 May (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel), and 1 male at the Orlando sewage treatment ponds (*Orange*) 28 May (B. Payne, J. Baker) were late.
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 3 in *Polk* mines 23 May (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel) were late.
- OLDSQUAW: 1 male in Punta Gorda (*Charlotte*) for most of Mar (O. Hewitt et al.).
- SURF SCOTER: 6 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 22 Apr (B. Duncan et al.).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 6 young accompanying a female in a pond N of Wilma (*Liberty*) 10 Apr (J. Palis) represents a rare Florida breeding report.
- RUDDY DUCK: 1 male and 2 females in *Polk* mines 23 May were considered probable breeders (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel).
- BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE: 1 pair W of US 27 on the *Broward/Palm Beach* line 3 Mar (*vide* H. Langridge); 1 pair building a nest NW of Homestead (*Dade*) 10 Mar (P. W. and S. Smith); 1 on Scarborough Ranch (*Highlands*), an area of frequent reports, 26 Apr (J. Fitzpatrick) likely indicates local breeding; the nesting pair in Davie (*Broward*) was last seen 2 May, but it is not known if young fledged (*vide* J. Baker).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 in Highlands Hammock SP (*Highlands*) 22 Mar (B. Cooper); 20+ on Tamiami Trail at the Miccosukee Indian restaurant (*Monroe*) 23 Apr (*vide* D. Goodwin).
- BALD EAGLE: 1 adult near Niceville (*Walton*) 6 Mar (D. Ware) and 1 immature near there 8 May (B. McKenney) were locally rare. Statewide, nest productivity this year was significantly lower than last year. Much of this decline can likely be attributed to the storm on 13 March (S. Nesbitt, pers. comm.).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph in Winter Haven (*Polk*) 7 Mar (L. Cooper); birds in both morphs continue to be seen in Arbuckle State Forest (*Polk*) (*vide* L. Cooper); 2 dark morph adults in Highlands Hammock SP 22 Mar (B. and L. Cooper et al.), and 1 there 3 Apr (D. Stotz) suggest local breeding; 1 light morph adult in Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands*) 26 May (D. Stotz); 1 dark morph immature found shot in DeBary (*Volusia*) 8 April (T. Callahan) died 9 May at Florida Audubon's birds of prey center (*vide* H. Kale, specimen to Archbold Biological Station).
- GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 adult in St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 23 Apr (D., J., and R. Ballman).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 1 on Boca Chica Key (*Monroe*) 19 Apr (P. Wong) was at least the 4th Keys report. The previous reports are believed to have been of escaped birds (*vide* B. Anderson).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 at Newnan's Lake (*Alachua*) 4 May (R. Rowan) was considered locally rare.
- YELLOW RAIL: 1 on St. George Island (*Franklin*) 16 Apr (J. Cavanagh) was the first report for the island (*vide* B. Anderson).
- BLACK RAIL: 5 calling in St. Marks NWR 19 Apr (N. Wamer).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: males are beginning to wander up to 40 miles (64 km) from their *Osceola* release site, but 3 more birds were killed by bobcats in June and July, leaving only 5 of the original 14 birds alive (S. Nesbitt).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1 in a *Polk* mine 23 May (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel).
- WILSON'S PLOVER: 1 on the Dry Tortugas 10 Apr (D. Goodwin et al.).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 33 in *Polk* mines 2 May (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer) was a "very good number" inland (P. Fellers).

- KILLDEER: 1 pair with 3 young on a rooftop in E Orange 28 May (B. Payne, J. Baker).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve (*Alachua*) 30 Mar (R. Rowan) was locally rare; the season's high in *Polk* mines was 360 birds 2 May (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 68 were still in *Polk* mines 23 May (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel).
- SANDERLING: 1 on Lake Lotela (*Highlands*) 18 May was rare inland (D. Ford).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 in N Jacksonville 14-15 May (J. Bledsoe); 20 in *Polk* mines 23 May (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 on Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 27 Mar (P. Blair).
- Calidris* species: 1 "peep", probably a Least Sandpiper, in Archbold Biological Station 27 Apr (S. Schoech) was locally rare.
- PARASITIC JAEGER: several at the N end of Anna Maria Island (*Manatee*) 18 Mar (J. Capitski), and 2 there 25 Mar (N. Joiner); 6 from shore at Turtle Beach (*Sarasota*) 22 Mar (M. Blackett, J. Wenzel).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 1 adult SE of Key West (*Monroe*) 30 Apr (D. Sibley, details to FOSRC).
- COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL: 1 that wintered at Riviera Beach (*Palm Beach*) was last seen 5 Mar (B. Hope).
- HERRING GULL: 1 in first-summer plumage photographed at the Dry Tortugas 25-29 Apr was thought to be of the European race *argentatus* (D. Sibley et al.). If confirmed, this would be the first record of this race in the state.
- ICELAND GULL: 1 photographed at the Pompano landfill (*Broward*) 10 Mar (R. Bowen, photos to FOSRC).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult inland at the Orlando sewage treatment ponds 3 Apr (B. Payne); 35 at the Pompano landfill 10 Apr (A. Weinrich) was the state's highest-ever count (*vide* B. Anderson); 1 in St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 30 Apr (J. Cavanagh) was rare in the Big Bend area.
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 in third-year plumage at Boca Raton Beach 23 Mar (B. Hope, H. Langridge et al.) was the second *Palm Beach* report (*vide* B. Anderson).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 6 at Port Everglades (*Broward*) 11 Mar (J. Baker, E. Rosenberg).
- ROYAL TERN: 5 in *Polk* mines 2-23 May (C. Geanangel et al.).
- COMMON TERN: 1000 in Fort DeSoto CP (*Pinellas*) 13 Mar were considered storm-related (B. and L. Atherton). This is the largest-ever, and earliest-ever spring report (*vide* B. Anderson).
- LEAST TERN: 3 at the Orlando sewage treatment ponds 26 Mar were the first arrivals there (B. Payne, J. Baker); 2 on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville (*Alachua*) 10 May (B. Muschlitz) were the first birds seen locally since 1978.
- BRIDLED TERN: 1 at the Dry Tortugas 28 Apr (D. Sibley et al.) was locally very rare (*vide* H. Langridge); 2 N of Archbold Biological Station 14 May (J. Fitzpatrick, details to FOSRC) were the first report for the county, but their presence so far inland cannot be explained by any weather condition.
- SOOTY TERN: 2 over Archbold Biological Station during the 13 Mar storm (G. Woolfenden).
- BROWN NODDY: 1 observed from St. George Island 28 Mar (C. Bersok).
- BLACK NODDY: 3 on the Dry Tortugas 21 Apr (D. Sibley) and 2 May (J. Gordon et al.).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: extending its range in *Collier* (T. Below); 1 on a nest in *Alachua* (*Alachua*) 22 Apr (J. Hintermister) was the first county breeding report; birds also present in Gainesville and Citra (*Marion*) (*vide* P. Powell).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 28 in Gulf Breeze 1 Mar (B. Duncan) was the highest-ever Panhandle report by far (*vide* B. Anderson); 6 in Panama City (*Bay*) 21 Mar (T. Menart).
- COCKATIEL: 1 local escape in Tampa (*Hillsborough*) 13 May (R. Paul).
- ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET: the small population in Naples (*Collier*) is increasing in range and numbers (T. Below).
- SCARLET MACAW: 1 adult in Gibsonton (*Hillsborough*) 11 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf).

- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 on St. George Island 16-17 Apr (J. Cavanagh, J. Cox, K. NeSmith); 1 in Guana River SP (*St. Johns*) 26 Apr (J. Zamer).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 in Lake Worth 25 Apr (A. Weinrich) was only the third *Palm Beach* report (*vide* H. Langridge); 1 at McKay Bay (*Hillsborough*) 4 May (R. Paul, N. Holland); 1 on Weedon Island (*Pinellas*) 10-12 May (A. and R. Smith et al.).
- BURROWING OWL: at least 16 nesting in Eglin Air Force Base (*Okaloosa*) (D. Ware, C. Petrick). Some of the birds will be trapped to determine to which race they belong.
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 in Payne's Prairie 12 Apr (J. Weimer).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1 on St. George Island 23 Apr (J. Stevenson).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: 1 calling in Lakeland 14 Apr was locally late (J. Edscorn).
- VAUX'S SWIFT: at least 1 over the Kanapaha sewage treatment ponds (*Alachua*) 7 Apr (T. Webber, details to FOSRC).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: the adult in Fort Lauderdale (Broward) was last seen 23 Mar (B. and T. Center). This is the latest-ever spring report (*vide* B. Anderson).
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 in Rock Springs Run State Reserve (*Orange*) 5 May (P. Small) was considered a potential local breeder (D. Freeman).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 seen (but not heard) near Fort Walton 8 May (D. Ware).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 in St. Marks NWR 5 Mar (D. Gluckman).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 in MacArthur SRA (*Palm Beach*) 10 Apr (A. Wormington) and 30 May (B. Hope); 1 on the Dry Tortugas 2-8 May (D. Canterbury, T. Crabtree et al.) was photographed (*vide* H. Langridge).
- COUCH'S/TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 1 photographed on the Dry Tortugas 5 May (J. Stevenson).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 5 W of Lake Placid 28 Mar (R. Smith et al.); 8 in E *Pasco* 11 Apr (S. Backes, R. Smith) was a locally very high number.
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 in Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands*) 19 Mar (D. Stotz).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 in Naples 8 Mar (L. Douglas) was locally unusual (*vide* T. Below); 1 at Lower Suwannee NWR (*Levy*) 10 Apr (K. Bjorndal, A. Bolton); 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 12 Apr (L. Atherton et al.); 1 in Fort Walton Beach (*Okaloosa*) 14 Apr (D. Ware).
- HORNED LARK: 1 photographed in Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 9-10 Mar (S. Rowe, photo to FOSRC) is the first Florida report in three years (*vide* B. Anderson).
- TREE SWALLOW: 250 000 to 300 000 estimated in a flock in Merritt Island NWR the last week in Mar (S. Rowe et al.) was probably part of the 1 000 000 birds estimated W of Titusville in December and January.
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 2 in Archbold Biological Station 22 Mar (B. Pranty) were early.
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at the lighthouse in St. Marks NWR 14 Mar (J. Stevenson).
- BARN SWALLOW: 20 in *Polk* mines 23 May (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel) were considered late migrants; 2 adults with 3 juveniles at the Orlando sewage treatment ponds 28 May represents a rare local breeding report (B. Payne, J. Baker).
- SCRUB JAY: 1 in *Bay* 13 Mar (C. Phillips, *vide* T. Menart).
- WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 in Niceville 8 May (B. McKenney) was locally rare.
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 near Fort Walton 8 May (D. Ware) was the latest-ever spring report, and the first May report (*vide* B. Anderson).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 in Morris Bridge CP (*Hillsborough*) 30 Mar (S. Backes) was locally rare.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 8-9 Apr was late (L. Atherton et al.).
- WOOD THRUSH: 15 in Fort DeSoto CP 7 Mar (R. Smith) were the earliest-ever spring migrants; 20 there 6 Apr (M. Wilkinson) was a high count, while 1 there 15-16 May (M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton) was late.
- GRAY CATBIRD: 1 singing at Lake Georgia (*Orange*) 28 May (T. Robinson) was presumably a late migrant.

- BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 singing on Key West 13 Apr through the end of the period was observed fighting with a Northern Mockingbird (J. Ondrejko et al.); 1 on the Dry Tortugas 25 Apr (G. Lunea, H. Langridge et al.); 1 singing in John U. Lloyd SRA (*Broward*) 21-24 May (J. Baker et al., details to FOSRC).
- WARBLING VIREO: 1 on the Dry Tortugas 19 Apr (T. Bishop et al.).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 on Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 15 May (J. and L. Hopkins) was the only report received.
- RED-EYED VIREO: 1 singing in Archbold Biological Station 26 Mar (J. Fitzpatrick, C. Fitzpatrick), and 1 at the Orlando sewage treatment ponds 26 Mar (B. Payne, J. Baker) were the first spring arrivals reported.
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 in Gulf Breeze 2 and 4 May; 1 at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 14 May (B. Duncan, O. Fang); 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 9 May was the only report there all season (L. Atherton).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 W of Newnan's Lake (*Alachua*) 7 Apr (R. Rowan) was locally rare; 1 in S *Pinellas* 15 May (J. McKenna) was the latest-ever spring report (*vide* B. Anderson).
- Vermivora* hybrid: 1 "Brewster's Warbler" in Fort DeSoto CP 11 April was like a Blue-winged Warbler, but had yellow wing-bars (L. Atherton).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 in Bonner Park in Largo (*Pinellas*) 4 Apr (K. Nelson).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 21 Apr (J. Hintermister) was the first local report in many years.
- NORTHERN PARULA: 94 in the Seminole State Forest (*Lake*) 8 May (*vide* D. Freeman) was a very high local count.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: a total of 5 this spring in Fort DeSoto CP (*vide* L. Atherton) was notable, as the species is very rare in spring.
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 female or immature in Archbold Biological Station 11 Mar (D. Stotz) was early.
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 3 reports of "Audubon's Warbler" this spring: 1 male in Vero Beach (*Indian River*) 3 Apr (J. Fitzpatrick); 1 male on Key West 17 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 1 male on the Dry Tortugas 26 Apr (D. Sibley et al.) was photographed (B. Small, to FOSRC). If accepted, this will be the first record of this race in Florida.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 male in Avon Park Air Force Range (*Polk*) 26 Mar (D. Ford).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 near Destin (*Okaloosa*) 30 Mar (J. Blair) was seasonally rare, and early.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: 1 pair feeding at least 1 young in Avon Park Air Force Range 17 May (D. Stotz) represents the first *Highlands* breeding report.
- KIRTLAND'S WARBLER: 1 on a barrier island in *Indian River* 22 Apr (I. Weigley, details to FOSRC).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: only 3 pairs on territory in Fort DeSoto CP (*Pinellas*) this spring, while other coastal locations supported many more birds; brood parasitism by cowbirds is blamed (R. Smith).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 1 near Fort Walton 8 May (D. Ware); 1 at Cedar Key 15 May (D. Henderson) was locally rare; 9 in Fort DeSoto CP 16 May (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson); 1 male on St. George Island 20 May (J. Cavanagh).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1 female in Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands*) 30 May (D. Stotz) was somewhat late.
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 2 in Fort DeSoto CP 6 Apr (R. Smith, M. Wilkinson et al.); 1 male at Cedar Key 11 Apr (B. Muschlitz); 1 on the Dry Tortugas 16-19 Apr (H. Langridge et al.); 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 15 May (L. Bielsa).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 in Rock Springs Run State Reserve 13 Mar (P. Small); 37 in Fort DeSoto CP 16 May (M. Wilkinson, C. Coleman, L. Atherton) was a high count.

- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 2 early reports from 6 Mar: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP (L. Atherton et al.), and 1 in Lettuce Lake CP (*Hillsborough*) (S. Backes).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 6 in Fort DeSoto CP 7 Apr (M. Wilkinson, D. Killinger) was a high count; 1 at Cedar Key 10 Apr (D. Henderson); 1 on the Dry Tortugas 17 Apr (W. Russell et al.); 1 in Mead Gardens (*Orange*) 17 Apr (P. Small, C. Rucker) was locally rare; 1 singing in Steinhatchee Springs WMA (*Lafayette*) 26 May (B. Muschlitz, K. Ogren), and 4 singing males there 1 Jun (B. Muschlitz, K. Garren) were undoubtedly breeding locally.
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 20 in Fort DeSoto CP 6 Apr (M. Wilkinson et al.) was a good number, while 2 there 15 May were late (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 29 Apr (D. J. Dozier); 1 male on St. George Island 6 May (J. Cavanagh).
- HOODED WARBLER: 100+ in Fort DeSoto CP 6 Apr (M. Wilkinson et al.) was high.
- YELLOW-BREADED CHAT: 1 in rural *Alachua* 13 Apr (R. Robinson).
- SCARLET Tanager: 1 on St. George Island 1 Apr (J. Cavanagh) and 2 in St. Marks NWR 3 Apr (J. Cox, K. NeSmith) were somewhat early.
- WESTERN Tanager: 1 near Lynn Haven (*Bay*) 15 Mar (D. Ware, J. Pascal).
- BLUE GROSBEEK: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 11 Mar (M. Wilkinson, L. McDaniels, S. Backes) was the earliest-ever spring report (*fide* B. Anderson).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 3 in Fort DeSoto CP 6 Mar were very early (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson et al.) were the earliest-ever in spring (*fide* B. Anderson).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 female in Lake Wales 13 Mar (P. Fellers) was locally rare; several reports from *Alachua* this Apr (*fide* P. Powell); 1 female in Fort DeSoto CP 8 May had a red color band on her right leg (S. Goodbred).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 at a Lake Wales feeder 13 February to 20 Mar (G. and J. Donaldson); 4 in Fort DeSoto CP 16-25 Apr (S. Goodbred et al.) was a locally high number; 2 (1 male and 1 female) in Ding Darling NWR (*Lee*) 18 Apr (N. Pettis, V. McGrath et al.); 1 singing male in Paynes Prairie 14 May (C. Reno, B. Muschlitz) was the first *Alachua* report since 1978.
- BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 male N of Homestead 26 Mar (J. Ogden, details to FOSRC); 1 male singing on Key West 6 May (J. Ondrejko, G. Schubarth, details to FOSRC).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 20 in a field W of Homestead in Mar (P. W. and S. Smith) was the state's highest-ever count (*fide* B. Anderson); 1 in Ding Darling NWR 27 Apr (N. Pettis).
- LARK SPARROW: 2 in Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 1-25 Mar (R. Bowen).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1 in a *Polk* mine 2 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel) was late.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: migration was indicated by 3 birds in SW *Highlands* 9-11 Mar in areas where they do not winter (B. Pranty, D. Stotz); 15 in a field W of Homestead in Mar (P. W. and S. Smith).
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 11 Apr was locally rare (R. Smith).
- HONG SPARROW: 1 at Big Sabine (*Escambia*) 30 Apr was late (B. Duncan).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 3 in a field W of Homestead in Mar (P. W. and S. Smith); 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 13-16 Apr (*fide* L. Atherton) was locally rare.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 20 in a field W of Homestead in Mar (P. W. and S. Smith).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 pink-sided "Oregon Junco" at Fort Walton 22 Mar (D. Ware).
- BOBOLINK: 3250 in the Phosphoria Mine (*Polk*) 2 May were foraging on planted grain on reclaimed phosphate land (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 adult male in Hudson (*Pasco*) 13 Mar to at least 15 Apr (A. Seaver); 5 that wintered in *Palm Beach* were last observed 6 May (B. Hope).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 2 males at Cedar Key 24 Mar to 16 May (D. Henderson, S. Goodbred, B. Pranty); 1 photographed in St. Marks NWR 8 Apr (R. Ballman); 1 male at Fort Pickens 9 Apr (B., L., and W. Duncan); 4 (3 males, 1 female) on St. George Island 16 Apr (J. Cavanagh); 1 at a feeder in *Wakulla* throughout Apr (J. Stevenson); 1 male in

Fort DeSoto CP 15 May was considered "still rare" there (L. Atherton et al.).  
 BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at a feeder in N Jacksonville 1 Apr to the end of the period (T. West).  
 ORCHARD ORIOLE: 34 in Fort DeSoto CP 6 Apr (M. Wilkinson) was a high count.  
 PURPLE FINCH: 1 male in NW *Clay* 3-10 Mar (D. Campbell); 6 at 2 Jacksonville feeders 5-27 Mar (*vide* P. Powell).  
 PINE SISKIN: 1 in Gainesville 16-18 Mar (J. and J. Mills), and another there 29 Mar (M. Manetz).

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Fall 1992 report not previously published: Yellow-headed Blackbird: 1 adult male at a feeder in Sebastian (*Indian River*) 19 November (Ellen and Ira Weigley).

Winter 1992-93 reports not previously published: Short-tailed Hawk: 1 dark morph at Kenansville (*Osceola*) 18 February (Steve Nesbitt); Shiny Cowbird: 3 males in Sebastian (*Indian River*) 31 January to 8 February (Ellen and Ira Weigley).

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