

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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Winter Report: December 1995–February 1996—The observations listed here are based on rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (F.O.S.) Field Observations Committee (F.O.C.). As these reports are not formally reviewed, they may be considered tentative.

Significant reports are welcomed for inclusion in future issues of this section. Reports should include the following information: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and significance of the report. Reporting periods are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit reports to regional compilers within 2 weeks after the close of each period, or to the state compiler within 1 month. Reports may be E-mailed to the state compiler at blp414@aol.com.

Following the examples set by *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, F.O.S. Spec. Publ. No. 6) and *The Birdlife of Florida* (Stevenson and Anderson 1994, Univ. Press of Florida), sight-only observations are considered “reports,” while only those supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio tapes, or specimens) are called “records.”

Bruce Anderson (*in litt.* July 1995) revised the list of birds for which the F.O.S. Records Committee (F.O.S.R.C.) requires documentation. These species are marked in this report with an asterisk (*) to alert the observers of their need to supply the F.O.S.R.C. with details of their sightings.

A county designation accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report; further listings of the same site lack the county name. Abbreviations used are as follows: A.B.S.=Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*), *ca.*=circa, C.B.C.=Christmas Bird Count, C.N.S.=Canaveral National Seashore (*Volusia*), C.P.=county park, E.N.P.=Everglades N.P., F.B.R.=Florida Birding Report, N.P.=national park, N.W.R.=national wildlife refuge, P.P.S.P.=Paynes Prairie State Preserve (*Alachua*), R&W 1992=Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, S&A 1994=Stevenson and Anderson 1994, S.P.=state park, S.R.A.=state recreation area, W.M.A.=wildlife management area, and N., S., E., W., etc. for compass directions. Bold-faced species, if any, denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida.

We thank Rick West, the winter editor of *National Audubon Society Field Notes*, and Robbie Wooster of the F.B.R. for sharing information with us. R&W (1992) and S&A (1994) were used to determine the regional and seasonal status of many species. Editor Walter Taylor suggested many helpful comments. Lastly, we welcome Gail Menk as the new compiler for the Panhandle region, and we thank Jim Cox for his assistance in the first 24 F.O.C. reports.

SUMMARY OF THE WINTER SEASON

The clear highlight of the 1995-1996 winter season was the number of western-breeding hummingbirds found in Florida, especially in the western Panhandle. In *Escambia*, *Santa Rosa*, and *Okaloosa*, 60 individuals of 7 species were reported, including 2 species new for Florida. Bob Duncan called this event “a hummingbird invasion of unprecedented proportions.” The table below lists the wintering hummingbirds found in the western Panhandle this winter. Other winter residents reported in greater than usual numbers were Dark-eyed Juncos and Baltimore Orioles, with 12 or more individuals of the latter species reported at 3 feeding stations in Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

<u>Hummingbird Species</u>	<u>Individuals</u>
Buff-bellied	4
Magnificent	1
<i>Archilochus</i> spp.	5
Ruby-throated	1
Black-chinned	5
Calliope	7
Broad-tailed	1
Rufous/ <i>Selasphorus</i> spp.	36
Totals	60

In addition to the Buff-bellied, Magnificent, Calliope, and Broad-tailed hummingbirds listed above, F.O.S.R.C. rarities included in this report are: Red-necked Grebe at Cedar Key, Ross' Goose at Lake Woodruff N.W.R., White-cheeked Pintail at Kendall, Rough-legged Hawk at Sorrento, Northern Saw-Whet Owls at Tallahassee and Naples, Common Poorwill at Gulf Breeze, Vaux's Swifts at Apalachicola, Ringed Kingfisher at Deltona, Cassin's Kingbird at Homestead, Couch's Kingbird (the first verifiable Florida record) on the *Palm Beach/Broward* line, Sprague's Pipit at Apalachicola, and Bell's Vireos at St. Petersburg and in *Broward*.

With the addition of the 2 "new" hummingbirds and the kingfisher, the number of birds reported in Florida is 705 species, with 472 species on the accepted Florida list using the criteria established by Robertson and Woolfenden (1992). The remaining 233 species consist of unestablished exotics (161 species) and non-verifiable native species (72).

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON: 7 at Fort Clinch S.P. (*Nassau*) 10 Feb (R. Clark); 1 at St. Marks N.W.R. (*Wakulla*) 11 Feb (J. Stevenson, L. Paugh).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 off St. George Island (*Franklin*) 11-20 Jan (J. Stevenson, R. Perry).

EARED GREBE: 3 at Fort Walton Beach (*Okaloosa*) 12 Dec (B. Duncan); 1 at St. Joseph Peninsula S.P. (*Gulf*) 2 Feb (J. Stevenson, L. Paugh); 1 at St. Marks N.W.R. 11 Feb (J. Stevenson, L. Paugh); 1 in breeding plumage at Bienville Plantation (*Hamilton*) 26 Feb. (R. Clark).

*RED-NECKED GREBE: 1 off Seahorse Key, Cedar Keys N.W.R. (*Levy*) 30 Dec (D. Steadman, B. McNab). The species remains unverified in Florida.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 3963 S. of Everglades City (*Collier*) 20 Dec (T. Below); 300 moving E. off *Franklin* 3 Jan (J. Dozier); 4400 at *Polk* phosphate mines 8 Feb (P. Fellers).

BROWN PELICAN: 4 on the Lakeland C.B.C. (*Polk*) 16 Dec (B. and F. Henry).

LEAST BITTERN: 1 male at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 10 Jan-10 Feb (F. Davis).

GREATER FLAMINGO: 13 at Snake Bight, E.N.P. (*Monroe*) 21 Jan (*vide* F.B.R.).

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 121 at Lake Kissimmee (*Osceola*) 15 Feb (T. Palmer).

TUNDRA SWAN: 2 immatures at Lake Lafayette (*Leon*) 29 Dec-24 Jan (B. Stoutamire, G. Menk et al.); probably the same 2 birds at nearby Buck Lake through 10 Mar (H. Hooper et al.).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 4 at Fort Walton Beach 31 Jan-8 Feb (P. Tetlow et al.); 4 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 7 Feb (B. Bremser).

SNOW GOOSE: 7 in W. *Duval* 3 Dec-3 Jan (R. Clark); 1 adult blue morph at Freedom Lake City Park (*Pinellas*) 9-16 Dec (L. Hopkins, R. Smith, D. Goodwin et al.); 1 blue morph at Gainesville 22 Dec-12 Jan (J. Hintermister); 1 blue morph at *Polk* phosphate mines 12 Jan (B. and L. Cooper) and 21 Jan (L. Lane).

- *ROSS' GOOSE: 1 at Lake Woodruff N.W.R. ca. 17 Feb-13 Mar (*fide* F.B.R.) was the first *Volusia* report (S&A 1994:101).
- BRANT: 1 at C.N.S. 11-28 Jan (H. Robinson).
- MALLARD: 6 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. (*Pinellas*) 17 Dec (R. Smith, B. and M. Hoffman); 125 at St. Marks N.W.R. (*Wakulla*) 7 Jan (D. and P. Fellers).
- *WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL: 1 in Kendall (*Dade*) in Jan (*fide* W. Biggs).
- NORTHERN PINTAIL: 1 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 17 Dec was the first park report (R. Smith).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 male at St. Marks N.W.R. 8 Dec-2 Feb (R. Gidden, J. Reinman et al.).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 1000 at Bienville Plantation 26 Feb (R. Clark).
- GADWALL: 133 at Apalachicola (*Franklin*) 7 Jan (D. and P. Fellers).
- EURASIAN WIGEON: 1 in *Polk* phosphate mines 17 Feb (K. Nelson, P. Fellers, L. Hopkins et al.) was the first county report (S&A 1994:121).
- AMERICAN WIGEON: 1550 at *Polk* mines 8 Feb (P. Fellers).
- OLDSQUAW: 2 off Cedar Key 30 Dec (D. Steadman, B. McNab); 3 at C.N.S. 28 Jan (H. Robinson); 2 at St. Marks N.W.R. 11 Feb (J. Stevenson, L. Paugh).
- BLACK SCOTER: 35 off the *Pinellas* coast 16 Dec (D. Goodwin, C. Buhrman et al.) and 24 Dec (K. Nelson); 40 off Holiday (*Pasco*) 29 Dec (E. Haney, B. Pranty, D. Goodwin).
- SURF SCOTER: 51 off Naples (*Collier*) 14 Dec (J. Douglas) was the highest count for the Gulf coast (S&A 1994:134); 2 at Fort Walton Beach (*Okaloosa*) 26 Dec (J. Dunn, S. Tackett); 10 at St. Marks N.W.R. 21 Jan (J. Arnett, G. Hokit).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 2 at Bienville Plantation 16 Dec (J. Krummrich, R. Rowan); 1 at Shalimar (*Okaloosa*) 18 Dec (B. Ferris, B. Reid); 1 immature at Fort Walton Beach 26 Dec (J. Dunn, S. Tackett, photo).
- COMMON GOLDENEYE: 2 at Palm Harbor (*Pinellas*) 7-9 Dec (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson) were irregular so far south; singles at 2 *Polk* mines 16 Jan-17 Feb (B. and M. Kirtledge, P. Fellers et al.).
- RUDDY DUCK: 1500 at Bienville Plantation 26 Feb (R. Clark).
- TURKEY VULTURE: 1000 estimated migrating E. along the *Franklin* and *Wakulla* coasts 10-11 Dec (J. Dozier).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 near Frostproof (*Polk*) 28 Feb (T. Palmer); 1 at Freeport (*Walton*) 29 Feb (D. Ware).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 2 on the Lake Placid C.B.C. (*Highlands*) 27 Dec for the 5th consecutive year (*fide* G. Woolfenden); 1 at Three Lakes W.M.A. (*Osceola*) 22 Jan (D. Williams, W. Biggs); 1 at Kissimmee Park (*Osceola*) 7 Feb (W. Biggs); 1 near the S. shore of Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 10 Feb (S. McGehee) and 2 there 11 Feb (M. McMilian, S. McGehee, D. Todd).
- SNAIL KITE: 1 immature at P.P.S.P. 3 Feb (F. Davis, I. Fromberg).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 light morph over Lake Annie, A.B.S. 15 Jan (K. Tarvin); 1 dark morph at Tiger Creek Preserve (*Polk*) 24 Feb (C. Geanangel, B. Binschadler).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 adult light morph over A.B.S. 3 Jan (J. and L. Hailman).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 "Krider's Hawk" at St. Marks N.W.R. 20 Feb (J. Reinman); 2 "Krider's Hawks" wintered at Tram Road S.T.F. (*Leon*) (G. Menk et al.).
- *ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: 1 adult light morph over Sorrento 11 Feb (B. and W. Biggs) was the most recent report of this unverified Florida species, and the first report for *Lake* (S&A 1994:173).
- GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 adult at Lakeland 5 Dec (T. Palmer) was the first winter report for *Polk* (S&A 1994:174).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 6 at one small pond N.W. of Dade City (*Pasco*) 21 Dec (R. Smith, P. Blair, B. Hoffman); 1 adult at Lake Annie 15 Jan through the period (K. Tarvin et al.); 16 at Emeraldal Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*) 24 Feb (J. Marburger et al.).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 332 migrating N. high over Winter Haven (*Polk*) 19 Feb (B. and L. Cooper).

- WHOOPIING CRANE: 21 on the N.E. shore of Lake Kissimmee 25 Feb (B. and L. Cooper, D. Denys, K. Beecher); over 100 birds have now been released at Three Lakes W.M.A., but mortality remains high (Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1 at Lake Kissimmee 15 Feb (T. Palmer) was rare inland in winter.
- SNOWY PLOVER: 86 in *Pasco* and *Pinellas* 20 Jan (*vide* P. Blair); 9 at Lanark Reef (*Franklin*) 14 Feb (H. Bolte, C. Gunnels).
- WILSON'S PLOVER: 2 at Cape San Blas (*Gulf*) 24 Feb (J. Stevenson) were locally rare in winter.
- PIPING PLOVER: 179 in *Pasco* and *Pinellas* 20 Jan (*vide* P. Blair); 78 at Lanark Reef 14 Feb (G. Sprandel).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 in *W. Duval* 9-22 Dec (M. Dolan) was the first county report in winter (S&A 1994:222); 80 at *Polk* mines 13 Jan (Lake Region Audubon Society).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 4 at Fort George Island (*Duval*) 7 Dec (R. Clark).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS: 225 in a small pond E. of Dade City 21 Dec (R. Smith, P. Blair, B. Hoffman).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Oscar Scherer S.P. (*Sarasota*) 11 Dec (A. Rawson) was the first county report in winter (S&A 1994:228); 1 at Sawgrass Lake C.P. 24 Dec through the period (M. Wilkinson); 1 in *Escambia* 19 Jan (E. Case, M. Sands, R. Rose) was the first 1 there in winter (S&A 1994:228); 1 in *Santa Rosa* 20 Jan (P. Tetlow et al.).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 500 in a small pond E. of Dade City 21 Dec (R. Smith, P. Blair, B. Hoffman).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at Lake Pasadena, Dade City 21 Dec (P. Young, B. Pranty, D. Robinson).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: up to 3 at Convoy Point, Biscayne N.P. (*Dade*); 1 at Boynton Inlet (*Palm Beach*) 19 Dec-3 Jan (R. Hunter, H. Langridge, F. Broerman et al.); up to 10 at Fort Clinch S.P. through the period (*vide* P. Powell).
- STILT SANDPIPER: singles at Springhill S.T.F. (*Leon*) 11 and 22 Dec were considered "unusually late fall migrants" (G. Menk); 37 N. of Bartow 16 Dec (P. Fellers).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 445 at *Polk* mines 12 Feb (P. Fellers et al.); 8 that called at N. Jacksonville 14 Feb (R. Clark).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at Tram Road S.T.F. 5 Dec (J. Cavanagh) was the first winter *Leon* report (S&A 1994:262).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 1 dark morph adult at Fort Clinch S.P. 22 Dec (R. Clark); 1 at C.N.S. 28 Jan (H. Robinson).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 2 at C.N.S. 28 Jan (H. Robinson).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 remained at Springhill S.T.F. until 7 Dec (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Port St. Joe 4 Dec (P. Tetlow et al.) was the first winter report for *Gulf* (S&A 1994:272); 2 on the Choctawhatchee C.B.C. (*Okaloosa* or *Walton*) 18 Dec (P. Tetlow).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 along the Sunshine Skyway (*Pinellas*) 16 Dec (L. Atherton); 2 at Fort DeSoto C.P. (*Pinellas*) 2 Jan (L. Atherton); 1 inland at Lake Lafayette 15 Jan (D. Evered); 1 at Daytona Beach (*Volusia*) 27 Jan (Ruth Clark to F.B.R.); 1 at Crandon C.P. (*Dade*) 4 Feb (*vide* F.B.R.); 1 adult at Merritt Island N.W.R. (*Brevard*) 18 Feb (A. and R. Smith).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: 1 in first-winter plumage at Lake Worth Pier (*Palm Beach*) 17 Dec (D. Beech, H. Langridge, G. Hunter, F. Broerman).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 147 swimming in a raft off Round Key, 10,000 Islands (*Collier*) 7 Dec (T. Below, B. J. Anderson).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at St. Marks N.W.R. 9 Dec (D. Morrow); up to 12 in Crystal River in Jan (B. Smyth) were the first for *Citrus* (S&A 1994:323). Although the large number of birds suggests they are not wild birds from the western U.S., the nearest known exotic population is greater than 80 km S.E.; 10 at Key West (*Monroe*) 21 Jan (J. Ondrejko).

- WHITE COCKATOO (*Cacatua alba*): 1 feeding in a flowering *Bombax* tree at Key West 23 Feb (J. Ondrejko) was the first report for *Monroe* (S&A 1994:334).
- BUDGERIGAR: 36 at Hernando Beach (*Hernando*) on the Aripeka-Bayport C.B.C. 22 Dec (fide B. Pranty); 54 on the West Pasco C.B.C. (*Pasco*) 29 Dec (fide B. Pranty). Birds were not found on the St. Petersburg C.B.C. 17 Dec (fide D. Goodwin) and North Pinellas C.B.C. 18 Dec (fide J. Rippon), so the species seems to be extirpated from *Pinellas*.
- CANARY-WINGED PARAKEET: 1 (race not specified) on the Lake Wales C.B.C. 30 Dec (fide P. Fellers) was the first winter report for *Polk* (S&A 1994:345).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 S.W. of San Antonio (*Pasco*) 21 Dec through the period (C. Buhman, D. Goodwin, E. Haney et al., photos by D. Woodard to Tall Timbers Research Station) was the first for the county (S&A 1994:358); 1 at a *Polk* mine 9 Jan (B. and L. Cooper, J. Jackson) was never relocated.
- BURROWING OWL: 1 at St. George Island 2 Dec (H. Horne) was the first winter report for *Franklin* (S&A 1994:365).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: up to 3 at Tram Road S.T.F. 1-2 Dec (M. Mullenix) were the first in *Leon* in winter (S&A 1994:369); 1 at Dog Island (*Franklin*) 3 Dec (D. Evered); 2 at Larnark Reef 7 Feb (H. Bolte, C. Gunnels).
- *NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: 1 at Phipps Park (*Leon*) 16 Dec (N. Wamer) was the first Panhandle report (S&A 1994:370); 1 hunting at night in Fort Myers (*Lee*) 30-31 Dec (A. Bouchard, fide L. Messely) was described as being "small," with no "ear tufts" and with "large vertical rufous stripes . . . on the underparts."
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 1 at Bartow (*Polk*) 16 Dec (M. Bunn).
- *COMMON POORWILL: 1 at Gulf Breeze 1 Dec (B. and L. Duncan, details to F.O.S.R.C.) was the second Florida report, the first occurring 7 months earlier, on 5 May 1995 at Dry Tortugas N.P.
- CHAETURA* SPECIES: 2-4 at Gainesville 22 Dec-6 Feb (D. Cimbaro, R. Rowan, B. Roberts).
- *VAUX'S SWIFT: a small flock wintered in Apalachicola (*Franklin*) for the second consecutive winter (fide D. McNair, S. Stedman).
- *BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: singles at Destin 11 Nov-15 Dec (B. Hardison et al., banded by B. and M. Sargent 4 Dec) and 18 Dec (fide D. Ware) were the first in winter in *Okaloosa* (S&A 1994:385); 3 Pensacola (*Escambia*) reports: 1 present 27 Nov-11 Jan (B. Duncan et al., banded by B. and M. Sargent 5 Dec), 1 present 16 Dec-7 Feb (B. Duncan, J. Pfeiffer, J. French et al., banded by B. and M. Sargent 19 Dec), and 1 present 18 Dec-26 Jan (B. Milmore et al., banded by B. and M. Sargent 26 Jan) were also the first county winter reports (S&A *ibid.*)
- *MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD (*Eugenes fulgens*): 1 female at Pace (*Santa Rosa*) 22 Dec (E. Barbig et al., details to F.O.S.R.C.) and 24 Dec (H. Langridge et al.) was the first Florida report.
- ARCHILOCHUS* SPECIES: 1 in *Polk* through the period (B. and L. Cooper et al.); at least 4 in Jacksonville through the period (fide P. Powell); 1 at Gainesville 27 Jan through the period (fide T. Webber).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 in female plumage on the Pensacola C.B.C. 16 Dec (J. Pfeiffer); 1 adult male at feeder in Jacksonville through the period (H. Tynner); 1 adult male returned to Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 23 Feb (J. Dozier).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: singles at Pensacola 16 Dec-8 Jan (C. Suggs et al.), 27 Dec-21 Jan (B. Burroughs et al.), and 8-21 Jan (B. Duncan, B. Tetlow et al.); 1 female at Pace 22 Dec-7 Jan (E. Barbig, H. Langridge et al.); 1 female at St. Leo (*Pasco*) 10 Dec (R. Smith) and 1 male there in late Jan (J. and L. Hopkins, K. Nelson); 1 at Destin 18 Dec (B. Hardison); 1 at Milton (*Santa Rosa*) 22 Dec-7 Jan (E. Barbig et al.); 3 Tallahassee reports: singles present 23-31 Dec (H. Hooper, J. Cavanagh) and 22-28 Dec (J. Elliot, J. Cavanagh, N. Wamer), and 4 others through the period (N. Wamer et al.); 1 male at Dover 22 Feb through the period (S. Backes) was the first *Hillsborough* report (S&A 1994:388).

***CALLOPE HUMMINGBIRD**: 8 reports this winter: 4 birds at 2 Pensacola feeders: 1 female 30 Nov-19 Dec (specimen to A.B.S.), 1 immature male 12-16 Dec (B. Duncan, details to F.O.S.R.C., videotape by B. Atherton), 1 bird 16-19 Dec (J. Pfeiffer et al., details to F.O.S.R.C.), and 1 immature male 19 Dec (J. Pfeiffer et al., banded by B. and M. Sargent, details to F.O.S.R.C.); 1 at Jacksonville 20 Dec.-27 Jan (P. Anderson et al. details to F.O.S.R.C., videotaped by N. Wamer); 1 at Pace 24 Dec (E. and L. Case, R. Harrison et al.); 1 at Destin 24-26 Dec (B. Hardison); 1 female at Gulf Breeze 10 Jan (J. French, details to F.O.S.R.C.). Prior to this winter, only 1 Florida record existed!

SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 35 reports in the Panhandle, most identified as Rufous Hummingbirds (*vide* G. Menk); at least 4 reports in Jacksonville through the period (*vide* P. Powell); at least 3 at Gainesville and 1 at Cedar Key through the period (*vide* B. Muschlit).

***BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Selasphorus platycercus*): 1 adult male (wing whistle heard) at Pensacola 8 Jan-11 Feb (J. Pfeiffer, P. Sykes, H. Langridge et al., videotapes by B. Atherton, R. Wooster to F.O.S.R.C.) will be the first Florida record pending acceptance.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 13 banded in the Panhandle on various dates (B. and M. Sargent); 1 first-year female captured at Gulf Breeze 5 Dec (B. and M. Sargent) had been banded at Reserve, Louisiana, 18 Nov 1995 (N. Newfield); 1 male at Jacksonville through the period had acquired full adult plumage by Mar (P. Powell); at least 5 birds at 3 Tallahassee sites (J. Cavanagh, N. Wamer et al.).

***RINGED KINGFISHER** (*Ceryl torquata*): 1 at Deltona (*Volusia*) 30 Nov (L. Rabbit) and 1 Dec (W. Biggs) was never relocated. This was the first published Florida report.

EMPIDONAX SPECIES: 1 with "a prominent eye ring teardrop shaped coming to a point behind the eye" at Gulf Breeze 28 Dec was considered a "probable" "**Western Flycatcher**" (= Pacific slope Flycatcher, *E. difficilis* or Cordilleran Flycatcher, *E. occidentalis*) (B., L., and S. Duncan), the first Florida report; 1 that appeared to be of a species other than Least Flycatcher at Port Richey (*Pasco*) 29 Dec (P. Young).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 calling in N. *Pinellas* 24 Feb (J. and L. Hopkins, R. Smith) was the first winter report for the county (S&A 1994:419).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 7 (3 males and 4 females) at St. Marks N.W.R. through the period (J. Harrell, K. Avipa et al.) may be the largest Florida count; 1 adult male S.W. of San Antonio 4 Jan through the period (W. Yusek, R. Smith et al.) was the first *Pasco* report (S&A 1994:422); 1 male wintered at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) (M. McMillian et al.) for the second consecutive year; 1 first-year male at Parker Island (*Highlands*) 24 Feb (B. Hope), and 2 Mar (D. Goodwin, E. Haney et al.).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary (*Brevard*) through 23 Feb (B. and S. Hills, B. Brown et al.).

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 2 calling in *Polk* 22 Feb (P. Fellers).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 calling at Kapok Tree Park, Fort Lauderdale (*Broward*) 17 Dec was compared with a nearby Great Crested Flycatcher (H. Langridge, L. Manfredi, R. Buccholz); 1 at E.N.P. (*Dade*) 9 Jan-22 Jan (*vide* F.B.R.).

LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: 1 at Mahogany Hammock E.N.P. (*Dade*) 10 Feb (*vide* F.B.R.).

***CASSIN'S KINGBIRD**: 1 W. of Homestead 9 Jan-14 Feb (L. Manfredi et al.).

***COUCH'S KINGBIRD**: 1 W. of U.S.-27 on the *Broward/Palm Beach* county line 1 Feb-2 Mar (A. and B. Liberman, C. Kilmer et al., photo by Alice Smith to F.O.S.R.C., specimen to University of Central Florida, Orlando) was the first verified Florida record.

WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Melbourne (*Brevard*) in mid-Feb (B. Brown et al.) was rare locally.

GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Pahokee (*Palm Beach*) 2 Dec (C. Weber et al.).

HORNED LARK: 1 at Tram Road S.T.F. 1 Dec (N. Wamer).

PURPLE MARTIN: 2 (1 male and 1 in female plumage) at the A.B.S. martin house beginning 4 Jan (G. Woolfenden et al.) were the earliest "spring" reports (S&A 1994:441); 4 at Lake Alfred (*Polk*) 9 Jan (P. Timmer); 1 male at Key West 10 Jan (J. Ondrejko).

- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 2 at Ochlockonee Bay (*Wakulla*) 15 Dec (J. Dozier).
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Tram Road S.T.F. 1 Dec (G. Menk, D. Evered), 1 at Bienville Plantation 16 Dec (R. Rowan, J. Krummrich), and 1 at Eglin Air Force Base 18 Dec (L. Duncan) were the first winter reports for *Leon*, *Duval*, and *Okaloosa*, respectively (S&A 1994:449).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Gainesville 22 Dec (J. Hintermister) was the first winter report for *Alachua* (S&A 1994:450).
- BARN SWALLOW: 1 at Tram Road S.T.F. 28 Feb (G. Menk) was the first winter report for *Leon* (S&A 1994:453).
- FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY: 13 at a newly discovered site in Crystal River 28 Dec (*vide* B. Smyth).
- RED-BREADED NUTHATCH: 1 at Gainesville 13 Dec (D. Levey).
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 at Gainesville 17 Dec (K. Miller).
- WINTER WREN: 1 at S. Jacksonville 28 Nov-30 Jan (B. Rhodes); 1 at Seahorse Key 30 Dec (D. Steadman, B. McNab) was the first *Levy* report (S&A 1994:483).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Highlands Hammock S.P. (*Highlands*) 20 Jan (H. Langridge, G. Hunter et al.).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 200+ S.E. of Fort Meade (*Polk*) 20 Feb (C. and D. Ford, B. and M. Kitredge).
- *SPRAGUE'S PIPIT: 1 at Apalachicola Causeway (*Franklin*) 3 Feb (J. Stevenson, L. Paugh).
- *BELL'S VIREO: 1 at Sawgrass Lake C.P. 16 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Goodwin et al.) was the first *Pinellas* report (S&A 1994:528); 1 at Kapok Tree Park 17 Dec (H. Langridge, L. Manfredi) was found again 17 and 19 Dec by playing tape-recorded vocalizations of a Bell's Vireo (L. Manfredi et al.).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at St. Lucie Inlet State Preserve (*Martin*) 30 Dec (P. Merritt); 1 at Fort Clinch S.P. 11 Jan (E. Colborn).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 male at Six Mile Cypress Parkway (*Lee*) 11 Feb through the season (V. McGrath, N. Pettis) was the first winter report for the state (S&A 1994:541-542).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: singles in *Leon* 25-30 Dec (D. Harder, G. Menk, J. Alexander et al.) and 15 Jan (H. Horne); 1 male at Gainesville 31 Dec (T. Hocter); 1 at Everglades N.P. (*Dade*) 20 Jan (R. Smith).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 1 on the Tallahassee C.B.C. 1 Jan (M. Hill, D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at A.B.S. 9 Feb (G. Butcher, F. Lohrer et al.) was believed to be a migrant; if so, it was the earliest "spring" report (S&A 1994:547).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 4 wintered at Belle Glade Campground (*Palm Beach*) (C. Weber, H. Langridge, G. Hunter).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 S.E. of Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 25 Feb (S. Backes et al.).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 at Auburndale 14 Dec was the first winter report for *Polk* (P. Fellers, P. Timmer); 1 at Sawgrass Lake C.P. 16 Dec (L. Hopkins et al.).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 female at Homestead (*Dade*) through 29 Dec (B. and B. Robertson).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 at Sawgrass Lake C.P. 16 Dec-9 Jan (M. and L. Hopkins, M. Wilkinson); 1 at Tiger Creek Preserve 17 Feb (T. Palmer) and 2 males there 24 Feb (C. Geanangel, B. Binschadler).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 female at Sawgrass Lake C.P. 16 Dec (*vide* D. Goodwin); 1 at Talbot Island S.P. (*Duval*) 30 Dec (R. Wears); 1 in female plumage at Big Cypress National Preserve (*Collier*) 11 Feb (J. and L. Douglas).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at St. Lucie Inlet State Preserve (*Martin*) 30 Dec (P. Merritt); 2 at Everglades N.P. (*Dade*) 20 Jan (R. Smith); 1 at Big Cypress National Preserve 11 Feb (J. and L. Douglas).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 S.E. of Lake Placid 25 Feb (S. Backes et al.).

- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Gainesville 6-9 Jan (M. Manetz, R. Rowan).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 adult male at Gainesville 3 Jan-3 Feb (D. O'Neill).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 S.W. of San Antonio 21 Dec-18 Feb (D. Goodwin, C. Buhrman et al.); 1 at Homestead 27 Dec through the period (B. and B. Robertson); 1 at Hickory Mound Impoundment (*Taylor*) 15 Jan (R. Smith) was the first winter report for the county (S&A 1994:600).
- STRIPE-HEADED TANAGER: 1 male at Lake Worth 4 Dec (T. Trotsky).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 in female plumage at Gulf Breeze 1 Dec (B. Duncan); 1 male at Sawgrass Lake C.P. 29 Dec (V. Morrison); 1 at Tree Tops C.P. (*Broward*) 12 Feb (*vide* F.B.R.).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 male at Lecanto 7-16 Jan (B. Smyth et al.) was the first *Citrus* report (S&A 1994:609).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 at Pensacola 11 Jan (J. Yates, B. Bremser).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 9 Dec-10 Feb (L. Hopkins, R. Smith, W. Yusek, D. Gagne); 1 at Panacea (*Wakulla*) 12 Dec-2 Feb (J. Dozier); 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 16 Dec (J. and L. Hopkins); 1 at Destin 18 Dec (E. Case); 1 at Zellwood (*Orange*) 14 Jan-10 Feb (G. Bretz, T. Robinson); 1 male at Gainesville 9 Feb through the period (*vide* B. Muschlitz).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 at Gulf Breeze 1 Dec (B. Duncan) was the first winter report for *Santa Rosa* (S&A 1994:618); 1 "pair" at Pensacola 9 Feb (C. and S. Clark); 1 first-year male at Talbot Island S.P. 26 Feb (R. Clark).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 at Santa Rosa Island (*Escambia*) 7 Feb (R. Rowan); 2 at Ponce DeLeon City Park, Punta Gorda 18 Feb (R. Gribbs to F.B.R.) were the first *Charlotte* report (S&A 1994:620).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Alligator Point 19 Jan (J. Dozier).
- FIELD SPARROW: some birds seen off C.R.-184 N.E. of the Escambia River (*Escambia*) 25 Dec and at Phipps Regional Park, Tallahassee (*Leon*) 27 Dec were "quite drab in appearance" with "pure white" breasts, "no rufous on the back and reduced amounts of rufous on the head." The birds were possibly of the W. race *Spizella pusilla arenacea*, apparently never reported in Florida previously (both J. Dunn, S. Tackett).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 at Crestview 1 Dec (K. Gault) was the first winter report for *Okaloosa* (S&A 1994:635); 1 at Turkey Creek Sanctuary 23 Feb-2 Mar (B. and S. Hills et al.).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 3 in *W. Duval* 22 Sep through the period (R. Clark); 1 at P.P.S.P. 17 Dec (J. Weimer, A. Kratter); 1 at Bienville Plantation 13 Jan (J. Hintermister, J. Krummrich); 21 banded in Apalachicola National Forest (*Liberty*) 12-13 Feb (D. McNair) exceeds the previous published high count, and are the first published reports for the county (S&A 1994:641); 3 at Newport (*Wakulla*) 17-26 Feb (M. Collins, R. West et al.).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at P.P.S.P. 12-17 Dec (R. Rowan); 1 at St. Marks N.W.R. 14 Jan (K. and T. Engstrom); 1 at Dog Island 3 Feb (D. Evered); 1 at Lake Lafayette 4-17 Feb (J. Stevenson, L. Paugh, J. Childs); 1 at Newport 3-17 Feb (H. Horne, D. Harder et al.).
- FOX SPARROW: 2 in *Wakulla* 11 Jan (*vide* G. Menk); 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve 28 Jan-4 Feb (R. Smith, W. Yusek et al.) was very rare so far south; 1 at Shalimar 6 Feb (B. Dalton, D. Ware); 6 at Florida Caverns S.P. (*Jackson*) 4 Feb (R. Rowan et al.) and 4 there 9 Feb (S. Backes, R. Webb, R. Card).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Weedon Island Preserve 16 Dec (J. and L. Hopkins) was the first 1 for the St. Petersburg C.B.C.; 1 at Fort Clinch S.P. 22 Dec (R. Clark) was the first *Nassau* report (S&A 1994:653); 1 at Lake Wales 10 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1 immature at A.B.S. 15 Jan (M. McMillian).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 male at Melbourne 19 Nov-6 Mar (B. Brown et al.); 1 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 1 Dec (*vide* P. Powell); 1 at Pine Ridge (*Citrus*) 28 Dec (*vide* B. Smyth); 1 at S. Jacksonville 28 Dec (J. Cocke); 1 at Cedar Key 30 Dec (*vide* B. Muschlitz); more common in Gainesville than in typical years (B. Muschlitz).

- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 200,000 estimated E. of Marianna (*Jackson*) 5 Jan (D. and P. Fellers).
- EASTERN MEADOWLARK: at least 70 in W. *Duval* 22 Dec (R. Clark).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 2 adult males near Lakeland 16 Dec (T. Palmer); 2 males at Homestead in Jan (*vide* F.B.R.).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 65-70 at Black Swamp (*Leon*) 29 Jan (G. Menk).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 2 at Black Swamp 29 Jan (G. Menk).
- SHINY COWBIRD: up to 15 at a feeder in Homestead late Oct-early Dec included adult males and females and "probable immatures" (B. and B. Robertson); 1 immature male at Alligator Point found dead 22 Jan (J. Dozier) was the first winter report for the E. Panhandle (S&A 1994:678).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 6 at Lakeland for the 7th consecutive winter (B. and L. Cooper et al.).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: 50,000 estimated E. of Marianna 5 Jan (D. and P. Fellers) ties the highest Florida count (S&A 1994:681).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 at Fort Burgess Landing 2 Dec (H. Loftin, T. Menart) was the first winter report for *Gulf* (S&A 1994:687); up to 12 at feeders at Gainesville 20 Jan-15 Feb (S. Bynum); over 50 at feeders in W. Jacksonville all winter (R. Davis); 15 wintered at a feeder in S. Jacksonville (J. Cocke); dozens at a Tallahassee feeder all winter (N. Wamer); 1 male at Parker Island 10 Feb (G. Woolfenden) and 1 at DeFuniak Springs 13 Feb (G. Oakman) were the first winter reports for *Highlands* and *Walton*, respectively (S&A *ibid.*).
- BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: at least 7 wintered at 3 Jacksonville sites (R. Davis, J. Cocke, *vide* P. Powell); singles in female plumage in Crystal River 28 Dec and 15 Jan (both B. Smyth) were the first *Citrus* reports (S&A 1994:687); single males at two Tallahassee sites 27 Jan-Feb (N. Wamer, G. Menk).
- PURPLE FINCH: 12 at Fort Clinch S.P. (*Nassau*) 7 Jan (A. and R. Smith); 2 at Gainesville [date?] (*vide* B. Muschlitz); singles at 2 feeders at Jacksonville in Feb (*vide* P. Powell); reported this winter in *Wakulla* (J. and L. Epler, R. Christen), *Gadsden* (D. McBride, G. Menk), and *Leon* (R. Rutkovsky, B. Scott, N. Wamer et al.).
- HOUSE FINCH: up to 30 at Gainesville 26 Jan (D. Wenny); 1 male singing at Newberry (*Alachua*) in early Feb (C. Parenteau).
- PINE SISKIN: 1 at Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 7 Jan (H. Langridge).
- EVENING GROSBEAK: 1 adult male at Gainesville 9 Jan (H. Loescher).

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Fall 1995 reports not reported previously: Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 flying S. over *Liberty* 31 Aug was considered an early migrant (Jim Stevenson, R. Perry); White-winged Dove: 3 at Big Cypress Bend (*Collier*) 26 Nov (John and Linda Douglas); Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 S. of Marco Island (*Collier*) 16 Sep (Ted Below); Whip-poor-will: 1 found dead at Apalachicola (*Franklin*) 31 Jul or 1 Aug (Jim Stevenson) would be the earliest fall report if the bird did not summer there; Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1 at Golden Gate (*Collier*) 22 Aug (John Douglas).

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