

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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**Fall Report: August-November 1996.**—The observations listed here are based on rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Field Observations Committee (FOC). As these reports are not reviewed formally, 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, FOS 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."

The FOS Records Committee (FOSRC) revised the list of birds for which they require documentation, in FFN 24(4):132-133, 1996. These species are marked in this report with an asterisk (\*) to alert the observers of their need to supply the FOSRC with details of their sightings. (Some reports that lack documentation may have been omitted from this report).

A county designation (in italics) 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: ABS = Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*), APAFR = Avon Park Air Force Range, CP = county park, DI = Dog Island (*Franklin*), EMCA = Emeraldal Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*), FDCP = Fort DeSoto CP (*Pinellas*), FWBSTF = Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*), HISRA = Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*), MINWR = Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*), NWR = national wildlife refuge, PPM = *Polk* phosphate mines, R&W 1992 = Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, S&A 1994 = Stevenson and Anderson 1994, SCCP = Saddle Creek CP (*Polk*), SLCP = Sawgrass Lake CP (*Pinellas*), SMNWR = St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*), SP = state park, SRA = state recreation area, STF = sewage treatment facility, WMA = wildlife management area, WSSP = Wekiwa Springs SP (*Orange*), and N, S, E, W, etc. for compass directions. Bold-faced species, if any, denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida.

R&W 1992 and S&A 1994 were used to determine the regional and seasonal status of many species. Todd Engstrom assisted with the editing of the manuscript.

### SUMMARY OF THE 1996 FALL SEASON

In contrast to the record-setting hurricane year of 1995, fall 1996 was a quiet season, although fronts associated with Tropical Storm *Josephine* in early October caused fall-outs of raptors in the eastern Panhandle, pelagics at Gainesville, and warblers in the central peninsula. On 5-6 October, following several days of rain, Peggy Powell counted 12 species of warblers in her yard in Jacksonville. On 10-11 October, other warbler fall-outs were reported at Key West by Joe Ondrejko, and at Bahia Honda SP by P. William and Susan Smith, who found 14 species on 11 October. At Dog Island, large numbers of

several species (e.g., 40 Hermit Thrushes) were found on 3 November, following a cold front. In September, an assemblage of shorebirds at Orange Lake (*Alachua*) included a dozen species.

FOSRC rarities reported this season were the Ross' Goose and White-cheeked Pintail at Merritt Island NWR, Razorbill at Juno Beach, Northern Saw-Whet Owl at Pensacola, Say's Phoebe at Bald Point, and Varied Thrush at Honeymoon Island SRA. Other rarities included a Sooty Shearwater off Port Canaveral, Greater White-fronted Geese at St. Marks NWR and Merritt Island NWR, Baird's Sandpipers at St. Marks NWR, Dovekie at Venice, Lesser Nighthawk at Dog Island, 3 Buff-bellied Hummingbirds at Pensacola, 5 Olive-sided Flycatchers at Gulf Breeze, Ash-throated Flycatcher at Gainesville, 4 Horned Larks at Smyrna Dunes CP, Bell's Vireo at Tallahassee, 2 Lapland Longspurs at Smyrna Dunes CP, and Snow Buntings at Smyrna Dunes CP and Canaveral National Seashore. Lastly, as suggested by the summer 1996 report, it seems that Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks bred successfully in *Hamilton*, a major range extension.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- RED-THROATED LOON: 1 at Huguenot City Park, Jacksonville (*Duval*) 23 Nov (P. Powell); 1 at Biven's Arm (*Alachua*) 28 Nov through the season (J. Hintermister).
- COMMON LOON: 1 at DI 25 Aug was "presumably summering" (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at Mashes Island (*Wakulla*) 22 Sep (H. Hooper); "a good flight" of 30-40 in 15-20 minutes at FDCP 9 Nov (R. Smith, P. Blair).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE: 116 at PPM 5 Aug (P. Fellers); an "influx" of 40 at SMNWR 13 Sep included 1 road-kill (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- EARED GREBE: 1 at Springhill STF, Tallahassee (*Leon*) 26 Sep (G. Menk); 2-3 at FWBSTF 21 Oct-11 Nov (B. Duncan et al.); 2 at *Okaloosa* holding ponds 26 Oct-5 Nov (D. Ware, E. Case).
- CORY'S SHEARWATER: 10 off Port Canaveral (*Brevard*) 19 Sep (R. Rowan, D. Cimbaro); 1 just off MINWR 22 Nov (R. Webb); 1 just off Guana River SP (*St. Johns*) 27 Nov (N. Wamer).
- SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 off Port Canaveral 19 Sep (R. Rowan, D. Cimbaro).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 dead on the beach near Guana River SP 9 Aug (P. Powell).
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 14 off Port Canaveral 19 Sep (R. Rowan, D. Cimbaro).
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 1 found alive at Clearwater Beach (*Pinellas*) 8 Oct following Tropical Storm *Josephine* (*vide* R. Smith, specimen to ABS).
- NORTHERN GANNET: 6 at Cape San Blas (*Gulf*) 17 Aug (J. Stevenson)—early fall reports are "puzzling" (S&A 1994:39).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 9 in N Jacksonville 9 Aug (R. Clark) may be the earliest fall report (S&A 1994:40); 66 at Lake Jackson, Tallahassee 1 Nov (G. Menk, F. Rutkovsky); flocks of 220, 180, 69, and 330 heading E over DI on 8, 12, 19 Oct and 3 Nov, respectively (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Lake Jessup Conservation Area (*Seminole*) 12 Oct (*vide* L. Malo).
- GREAT CORMORANT: 1 immature at Bahia Honda SP (*Monroe*) 12 Oct (P. W. and S. Smith) was the earliest fall report (S&A 1994:45).
- ANHINGA: 229 at EMCA 28 Sep and 391 there 23 Nov (both *vide* J. Marburger); 45 over US-1 at Indian Key Fill (*Monroe*) 11 Oct (P. W. and S. Smith).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 over Tallahassee 22 Sep, and a flock of 5 that flew out over the Gulf from DI at dusk 3 Nov (both D. Evered, L. Messick).
- GREAT BLUE HERON: a flock of 6 off Port Canaveral 19 Sep (R. Rowan, D. Cimbaro).
- REDDISH EGRET: 11 at Hagen's Cove (*Dixie*) 1 Sep included 1 white morph (R. Rowan) and was the first county report (S&A 1994:67); DI reports included 1 immature white morph 2 Sep through Oct joined by a second 30 Oct, and 4 "migrants" 3 Nov (all D. Evered, L. Messick).

- CATTLE EGRET: 69 at Springhill STF 12 Dec was a large number so far N (G. Menk).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 10 at Little-Big Econ State Forest (*Seminole*) 21 Sep (fide L. Malo); singles in *Leon* 21-26 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick) and 29 Nov (G. Menk).
- WOOD STORK: 3 at Fort Walton Beach 29 Oct (C. Ware) were "very rare" (B. Duncan).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 350 at Zellwood muck farms (*Orange*) 19 Aug included one brood of 17 young (P. Fellers, M. Hartsaw).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 at Occidental WMA (*Hamilton*), where birds summered, remained to 22 Aug (J. Krummrich); 3 "immatures" at Bienville Plantation (*Hamilton*) 13 Aug (R. Clark)—coupled with the report of 2-3 apparent pairs of ducks at Occidental WMA in July 1996 (see the Summer 1996 report), these immatures seem to indicate successful breeding; 25 at PPM 15 Nov (P. Fellers, B. and L. Cooper) and 32 there 17 Nov (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 2 at SMNWR 25 Oct (D. Hormuth); 3 at MINWR 23 Nov through the season (J. Dryja, D. Click et al.).
- SNOW GOOSE: 4 blue morphs at HISRA 4 Nov (S. Backes, B. Atherton); 1 blue morph at Imeson Airport, Jacksonville 5 Nov (D. Blasky); 7 at MINWR 9 Nov through the season (H. Robinson et al.); 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve (*Alachua*) 19 Nov (D. Keltling, R. Rowan); 5 (1 white, 4 blue) at Lake Kissimmee (*Osceola*) 27 Nov (D. and D. Freeman, M. Smith).
- \*ROSS' GOOSE: 1 adult at MINWR 9 Nov through the season (H. Robinson et al.).
- BRANT: 1 immature at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 12-30 Nov (E. Case, B. Duncan et al.) was the first regional report (fide B. Duncan, S&A 1994:101).
- EGYPTIAN GOOSE: 1 at the E end of Indian Peninsula (*Gulf*) 9 Nov (H. Loftin, T. Menart). According to T. Menart, up to 3 birds have been observed in the Panama City area (*Bay*) since fall 1993.
- MOTTLED DUCK: 210 at PPM 5 Aug (P. Fellers).
- \*WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL: 1 at MINWR through 27 Nov, when it was shot on the opening day of hunting season! The specimen reportedly was photographed by NWR staff then returned to the hunter.
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 2 females at Zellwood 2 Sep (R. Smith, P. Blair).
- GADWALL: 3 near Paynes Prairie 21 Sep (C. Lanciani); 4 at SLCP 10 Nov through the season were rare locally (R. Smith, P. Blair).
- EURASIAN WIGEON: 2 adult males at MINWR 9 Nov through the season (H. Robinson, W. Frost et al.); 1 at PPM 17 Nov (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- REDHEAD: 4 at PPM 17 Nov (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 3210 at PPM 15 Nov (P. Fellers, B. and L. Cooper).
- SURF SCOTER: 1 at Madeira Beach (*Pinellas*) 30 Nov (K. Nelson).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 1 at New Smyrna Beach (*Volusia*) 7 Oct (T. Palmer) was the earliest fall report (S&A 1994:134).
- RUDDY DUCK: 3 males in breeding plumage at Everglades National Park (*Dade* or *Monroe*) 15 Sep (T. Gilyard) may have summered.
- RAPTORS: The table below shows the results of two hawk watches, 1 at Mashes Sands CP (*Wakulla* and *Franklin*) between 1510-1630 the day following Tropical Storm *Josephine* [8 Oct?], all birds flying NW high over Apalachee Bay (D. Evered, L. Messick), and another in S *Hillsborough* from 0830-1200 on 15 Oct by M. Eagan, who wrote, "These were seen while doing field work and I must have missed many [birds]."

Species	Mashes Sands	Hillsborough
Osprey	3	0
Bald Eagle	18	4
Northern Harrier	8	0
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6	24
Cooper's Hawk	11	7

Broad-winged Hawk	470	0
American Kestrel	8	7
Merlin	40	1
Peregrine Falcon	10	0

- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 33 (in groups of 1, 3, 14, and 15) over Saddle Creek CP (*Polk*) 9 Aug (P. Fellers).
- SNAIL KITE: 1 female captured and ate a mud turtle (*Kinosternon* spp.) at Lake Kissimmee 4 Aug (G. Stoccardo, C. Read); 1 male at Lake Starr (*Polk*) mid-Aug-Nov (J. Hodgkinson).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 at Tallahassee 3 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- BALD EAGLE: 1 pair nested at DI for the 4th year (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- NORTHERN HARRIER: 1 male at Zellwood 25 Aug (J. Hintermister et al.); 1 over Hagen's Cove 1 Sep (R. Rowan); 96 E over DI 13 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: singles at 2 *Pinellas* sites 31 Aug (R. Smith, P. Blair).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 20 at Key West (*Monroe*) 11 Oct (J. Ondrejko).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 2 dark morphs over APAFR (*Highlands*) 2 Sep (T. Dean, M. Scheuerell); single dark morphs at Key West 2, 3, 19, and 21 Nov (all J. Ondrejko); 1 (maybe 2) dark morph(s) N of Hudson (*Pasco*) 29 Nov (B. Pranty).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 at ABS 15 Sep (R. Bowman); single adult light morphs at Key West 12 and 19 Nov, and 2 there 22 Nov (all J. Ondrejko).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 immature dark morph in *Alachua* 2 Sep (J. Hintermister, R. Rowan); 1 "Kriker's Hawk" at SMNWR 14 Nov (D. Woodard).
- GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 adult at Bald Point (*Franklin*) 5-10 Oct (J. Dozier, C. Watt); 1 N of SMNWR 17 Nov (R. Will, G. Herndon).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 3 at Canaveral Marshes (*Brevard*) 17 Nov (L. Malo).
- MERLIN: 3 at FDPC 3 Nov included 1 eating a Downy Woodpecker (R. Smith, P. Blair).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: a "big movement" along the NE coast 5-6 Oct included 30+ birds at Guana River SP 5 Oct (R. Rowan et al.) and 50+ from a nearby area 6 Oct (*vide* P. Powell); 14 moving W at Gulf Breeze in 3.5 hours, 7 Oct (B. Duncan); 8 at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) in 1 hour, 7 Oct (P. Tetlow); 19 at New Smyrna Beach 7 Oct (T. Palmer); 4 at the same time over Springhill STF 11 Oct (H. Horne); 1 adult male of the *tundrius* race over DI 28 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- YELLOW RAIL: 1 flushed from dry prairie at Three Lakes WMA (*Osceola*) 15 Oct (T. Dean et al.); 1 at Tiger Bay Country Club, Gulf Breeze "walked across the patio into a hedgerow!" 19 Oct (B. and G. Bremser).
- BLACK RAIL: 1 at Bienville Plantation 19 Oct (M. Dolan) was the first *Hamilton* report (S&A 1994:187).
- KING RAIL: 1 at DI 13 Nov was the first report there in 15 years (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: singles "frequent" at DI from 2 Nov on (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: singles at Air Products Sanctuary, Pace (*Santa Rosa*) 20-25 Nov (P. Tetlow, B. Milmore) and FWBSTF 20 Nov were the first Nov reports in the region (B. Duncan).
- AMERICAN COOT: 1 albino at Lake Jackson 4 Nov (D. Redfield); 52,650 at PPM 15 Nov (P. Fellers, B. and L. Cooper).
- LIMPKIN: 1 at Key West 1 Sep (J. Ondrejko).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 17 at Lake Kissimmee 27 Nov (D. and D. Freeman, M. Smith).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1 at Orange Lake (*Alachua*) 22-25 Sep was only the second county report (R. Rowan, J. Bryan).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 2 at Zellwood 19 Aug (P. Fellers, M. Hartsaw); up to 6 at Jacksonville 22 Aug-13 Sep (M. Dolan, N. Wamer, R. Clark); singles at Tallahassee 14 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick) and 2 Oct (G. Menk); 1 at FWBSTF 15 Nov (B. Duncan, L. Fenimore); 1 at Key West 17 Nov (J. Ondrejko).

- SNOWY PLOVER: 14 at DI 28 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 23 at PPM 11 Aug (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at Orange Lake 21-30 Sep (K. Sieving, R. Rowan).
- PIPING PLOVER: 1 at HISRA 30 Aug (P. Blair, W. Yusek); 1 at Key West 1 Sep (J. Ondrejko); 13 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 30 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 14 at DI 2 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick); 19 at Alligator Point 30 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick); 5 at Topsail Beach (*Walton*) 3 Oct (D. Sengler) was the first county report (S&A 1994:224); 1 in S *Gulf* 14 Oct (T. Menart, J. Richardson); 1 at St. Andrew SRA (*Bay*) 18 Oct (T. Menart, L. Rainbow); 3 at Fort Island Beach CP 21 Oct (B. Smyth) was the first *Citrus* report (S&A 1994:224).
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS: 1 leucistic bird at DI 1 Sep-5 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 3 at DI 1 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- WILLET: 2 at PPM 8 Aug (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at Cape San Blas 17 Sep was observed to eat "a full soft-shelled crab and then [a] minnow" (L. Perin); 1 at Carrabelle Beach (*Franklin*) 21 Sep ate ghost crabs (G. Sprandel).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 1 at Zellwood 1 Aug (S. Backes) and 3 there 2 Sep (G. Bretz).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Hickory Mound Impoundment (*Taylor*) 27-30 Aug (J. Cavanagh, J. LaVia et al.); 1 at FDCP 5-8 Oct (M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton et al.); 1 at HISRA 3 Nov (W. Yusek).
- SANDERLING: 4 at PPM 8 Aug (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: 2000 at Jacksonville 9 Aug (R. Clark).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 at Jacksonville 31 Aug (R. Clark); 2 at Orange Lake 21 Sep (K. Sieving).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 8 at SMNWR 8 Oct (D. Morrow) ties the state's highest count, and is the first *Wakulla* report (S&A 1994:248).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 12 at PPM 11 Aug and 1 there 20 Oct (both C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at FDCP 24 Aug (S. Backes, M. Wilkinson); 250 at Jacksonville 29 Aug (R. Clark); 15 at Orange Lake 21-30 Sep (K. Sieving, R. Rowan); 3 at Springhill STF 22 Nov (G. Menk).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Smyrna Dunes CP (*Volusia*) 17 Nov (D. Stuckey).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 230 at Zellwood 19 Aug (P. Fellers, M. Hartsaw); 1 at DI 2 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at Orange Lake 25 Sep (J. Bryan); 145 at PPM 15 Nov (P. Fellers, B. and L. Cooper).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 8 at 2 Jacksonville sites 25 Aug-13 Sep (R. Clark, N. Wamer); 1 at MINWR 31 Aug (B. and S. Hills); 6 at Zellwood 2 Sep (P. Blair, R. Smith).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 5 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 26-28 Nov were the first in the county since 1991 (R. Rowan); 226 at PPM 30 Nov (P. Fellers).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1 adult in breeding plumage called at DI 3 Aug (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at Orange Lake 25 Sep (J. Hintermister, R. Rowan); 114 at PPM 30 Nov (P. Fellers).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 6 at PPM 11 Aug (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer), 7 there 2 Sep (S. Riffe, M. Huffman, B. and L. Cooper), and 1 there 20 Oct (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 3 at Bienville Plantation 31 Aug (R. Clark); 1 at Springhill STF 4-12 Sep (G. Menk, J. Cavanagh).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 2 (1 light morph and 1 dark morph) at Newnans Lake following Tropical Storm *Josephine* 8 Oct (J. Hintermister, R. Rowan) was the first *Alachua* report (S&A 1994:265).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 near Guana River SP 9 Aug (P. Powell); 1 at Huguenot City Park 31 Aug (R. Clark); 1 adult at FDCP 21 Sep (R. Smith, B. and M. Hoffman) and 1 second-year bird there 26 Sep (L. Atherton); 1 first-year bird at Little Duck Key (*Monroe*) 11 Oct (P. W. and S. Smith); 1 at Smyrna Dunes CP 23 Nov (L. Atherton et al.).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 11 Oct (T. Kennedy).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: 1 at MINWR 22 Nov (R. Webb).

- SABINE'S GULL: 2 at MINWR 15 Nov during "serious" NE winds (S. Backes, details to FOSRC).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 adult at SMNWR 16 Aug (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at Zellwood 1 Sep (D. Goodwin, C. Buhrman, E. Haney).
- CASPIAN TERN: 30 at Phipps Preserve, Alligator Point 30 Sep-19 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick); 282 at PPM 15 Nov (P. Fellers, B. and L. Cooper); 1 at Kingsford Mine (*Polk*) 30 Nov was color-banded yellow/silver on R and yellow/red on L (P. Fellers).
- SANDWICH TERN: 225 at FDCP 27 Sep (R. Smith); 250 at DI 23 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- COMMON TERN: 150 at Fort Pickens 16 Sep, "greater numbers are appearing in recent years" (B. Duncan); 2 at Newnans Lake 8 Oct (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 1700 at PPM 8 Sep (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- LEAST TERN: young being fed at DI as late as 30 Aug (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- SOOTY TERN: 4 (3 adults and 1 immature) at Newnans Lake 8 Oct (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister).
- BLACK TERN: 221 at PPM 5 Aug (P. Fellers); 1 at MINWR 23 Nov (L. Atherton et al.) and 24 Nov (E. Carey, B. and L. Cooper).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 2 at Newnans Lake 8 Oct (J. Bryan); 475 at PPM 30 Nov (P. Fellers).
- DOVEKIE: 1 at Venice (*Sarasota*) 23 Nov (F. Verderosa, L. Bobb, A. Stedman et al. details to FOSRC) was only the second Gulf coast report (S&A 1994:314).
- \*RAZORBILL: 1 immature at Juno Beach (*Palm Beach*) 7 Nov died 9 Nov (*fide* H. Langridge, photo to FOSRC [no details about deposition of the specimen]) was the first county report (S&A 1994:315).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 2 at Palm City (*Martin*) 10 Aug (P. W. Smith); 1 at DI 12 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick); 393 at Winter Haven (*Polk*) 30 Oct through the season (T. Palmer).
- RINGED TURTLE-DOVE: 1 at PPM 17 Nov (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 6 DI reports: singles 22, 24-25, and 31 Oct and 2 Nov, and 2 on 30 Oct (all D. Evered, L. Messick); 2 at Bald Point 4 Nov (J. Dozier); 2 at Key West 24 Nov (J. Ondrejko); 1 in *E Bay* 25 Nov (A. and R. Ingram); 1 at a St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) feeder 27 Nov only (R. Smith).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Key West 1 Sep (J. Ondrejko); 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve 26 Oct (M. Manetz).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at DI 28 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 at Gulf Breeze 19 Oct (B. and L. Duncan, P. Tetlow); singles at DI 22 and 28 Oct (both D. Evered, L. Messick).
- \*NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL: 1 found injured (caught by a dog) at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 14 Nov died 16 Nov (*fide* B. Duncan, specimen to ABS).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1 observed closely and heard at DI 12 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick) was the earliest fall report (S&A 1994:371).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK: 150 over SLCP 10 Sep (R. Smith); 166 over Jacksonville 11 Sep (J. Cocke); 1 heard (only) at Pensacola 20 Nov (B. and P. Tetlow).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 1 at DI 25 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: 1 singing at Rock Springs Run State Reserve (*Orange*) 6 Aug was the latest "summer" report (P. Small, B. Sicolo); 2 singing at Bald Point 24 Aug, and 3 there 28 Aug (both J. Dozier).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 8 at WSSP 5 Oct (*fide* P. Small).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 banded bird at Pensacola 19 Sep (B. Kenney); singles at other Pensacola feeders 19 Oct (R. Asthey) and 9 Nov (J. Pfeiffer).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at a Longwood (*Seminole*) feeder 10 Oct through the season (G. Bretz); 1 at Gulf Breeze 29 Oct (E. Case) had been color-marked by B. and M. Sargent in Trussville, AL on 1 Oct (*fide* B. Duncan); 1 female at St. Leo Golf Course (*Pasco*) 27 Nov through the season (B. Pranty, R. Smith et al.).

- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Pensacola 1-10 Nov (C. Suggs); 1 male at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 21-22 Nov (D. Henderson).
- SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 1 at Gulf Breeze 10 Sep (R. Volcker *vide* J. Ballman); 1 banded at Pensacola 1 Nov (D. and D. Burger); 1 W of West Palm Beach (*Palm Beach*) 10 Nov (A. Paul, G. Hunter, H. Langridge); 1 at Gulf Breeze 21 Nov (J. Roose); 6 at various locations in *Alachua* Oct through the season (*vide* R. Rowan).
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Pensacola 12 Sep (C. Suggs, photo); 1 adult male at Gainesville 26 Sep through the season (B. Roberts); 1 adult male at a Jacksonville feeder 9 Oct only (P. Powell); 1 adult male at Pensacola 24 Oct (M. J. Pfeiffer); 1 adult male at Pensacola 1-10 Nov (C. Suggs); 1 first-year male at Lakeland (*Polk*) 25 Nov through the season (G. and G. Lucas et al.).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 5 at Tosohatchee State Reserve (*Orange*) 17 Aug (*vide* K. Fisher).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: 5 singles at Gulf Breeze between 14 Aug and 12 Sep, the most in any fall (B. Duncan)—the 14 Aug report is the earliest fall date (S&A 1994:411).
- EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE: singles at WSSP 11 Aug (S. Belson) and 9 Nov (M. Keim, R. Snyder); 30+ at FDCP 9 Oct (P. Blair).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: 3 banded at WSSP 31 Aug-3 Sep (P. Small); 1 at SCCP 3 Oct “called almost constantly for >1 hour” (P. Fellers); 1 banded at Casey Key (*Sarasota*) 11 Oct (A. Stedman); singles in *Leon* 11 Oct (J. Cavanagh) and 13 Oct (D. Harder).
- “TRAILL’S” FLYCATCHER: 1 banded at WSSP 8 Sep (P. Small, R. Poole).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at St. George Island 15 Sep (H. Horne); 1 in *Leon* 5-6 Oct (J. Cavanagh); 1 at FDCP 9 Oct (P. Blair); 1 that called at Fort Pickens 29 Nov was the region’s latest report (B., L., S., and W. Duncan).
- EASTERN PHOEBE: 30 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- \*SAY’S PHOEBE: 1 at Bald Point 14 Oct (J. Dozier et al., photos by J. Cavanagh, J. LaVia).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 immature male at Tallahassee 12 Oct (G. Menk); 1 adult male at DI 24 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 adult male at SMNWR 24 Oct-23 Nov (J. Reinman et al.); 1 adult male along McKendree Road in central *Pasco* at the precise spot where 1 wintered last year, 5 Nov through the season (S. Backes, S. Gross; B. Pranty [photos], P. Young et al.).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Gainesville 17-18 Nov (R. Rowan, G. McDermott).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 immature at Alligator Point 18 Oct, and 3 together at DI 30 Oct (both D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 in *Alachua* 2-5 Nov (M. Manetz); 1 at St. George Island SP 20 Nov (A. and B. Hansen); 1 in *N St. Johns* 29 Nov (P. Powell).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 9 migrants at PPM 11 Aug (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer) were the earliest fall report (S&A 1994:433); 350 at Amelia Island (*Nassau*) 31 Aug (R. Clark); 40+ at FDCP 5 Sep (M. Wilkinson); 1 at DI 28 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Tenoroc State Reserve (*Polk*) 7 Sep (C. Eastman, A. Bacon).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Fort Walton Beach 6 Aug (J. Speaker); 1 in *W Duval* 26 Oct (M. Dolan); 2 near Ruskin (*Hillsborough*), a traditional wintering site, 27 Oct (D. and S. Backes); 1 adult male at DI 31 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick); 7 E over Gulf Breeze 2 Nov was the region’s highest count (B. Duncan).
- HORNED LARK: 4 at Smyrna Dunes CP 20 Nov (H. Robinson).
- TREE SWALLOW: 1 over Newnans Lake 21 Aug (R. Rowan); 15 at Key West 21 Sep (J. Ondrejko).
- BANK SWALLOW: 2 at Three Lakes WMA (*Osceola*) 21 Aug (B. Pranty); 3 over Newnans Lake 24 Aug (J. Hintermister); 44 at Bienville Plantation 31 Aug (R. Clark); 2 at Alligator Point 19 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 2 at Tram Road STF (*Leon*) 5 Aug (G. Menk); 2 at St. Petersburg 4 Sep, where birds are “almost becoming regular” (R. Smith); 4 reports of 1-3 birds in *Alachua* 15 Sep-8 Oct (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister); 1 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 of the Central American race at FWBSTF 24 Sep (P. Tetlow).

- BARN SWALLOW: 125 at Zellwood 19 Aug (P. Fellers, M. Hartsaw); 1 at Delray (*Palm Beach*) 24 Nov (H. Langridge, G. Hollis).
- FISH CROW: 12 at Key West 26 Oct and 24 Nov was the "peak count to date" (J. Ondrejko); 10,000 at a roost near the junction of CR-540 and CR-553 (*Polk*) 30 Nov (P. Fellers).
- WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 S of Tallahassee 8 Sep (G. Menk, H. Horne) was considered a wandering bird (*fide* T. Engstrom); 1 at Gulf Breeze 14 Oct was "very rare along the coast" (B. Duncan).
- HOUSE WREN: 1 at Lake City (*Columbia*) 23 Aug (J. Krummrich) was early; 1 at John Chestnut CP (*Pinellas*) 23 Sep (D. Woodard).
- WINTER WREN: 1 in a bird bath at Tallahassee 12 Oct (F. Rutkovsky); 1 at Gulf Breeze 14 Oct was "very rare along the coast" (L. and W. Duncan); 1 at DI 24 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 40 on DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: 1 at Key West 27 Aug (J. Ondrejko).
- GRAY-CHEEKED/BICKNELL'S THRUSH: 4 at Chestnut CP 7 Sep (D. Woodard); 1 at SCCP 31 Oct (P. Fellers).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 25 at SLCP 8 Oct (M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 40 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 road-kill at Rock Springs Run State Reserve (*Lake*) 24 Sep (B. Emanuel).
- \*VARIED THRUSH: 1 male at HISRA 1-5 Nov (W. Yusek, photos to FOSRC, et al.) was the 4th Florida report.
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 50 "diurnal migrants" moving N and E at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- CEDAR WAXWING: 120 over Black Swamp (*Leon*) 26 Nov, and 400 there 6 Dec (both G. Menk); 10 over Longwood 28 Nov (G. Bretz).
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: 1 at DI 3-5 Nov was the first report there since 1960 (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- BELL'S VIREO: 1 at Tallahassee 20 Sep (J. Cavanagh).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 at Tallahassee 1 Nov (H. Horne); 1 at WSSP 9 Nov (T. Leibler).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Chestnut CP 5 Oct (D. Woodard); 1 at WSSP 5 Oct (L. Malo); 1 at Fort George Island (*Duval*) 10 Oct (R. Clark); 1 at Key West 11 Oct (J. Ondrejko); 1 at SCCP 31 Oct (P. Fellers).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 1 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 4 at SCCP 14 Sep (B. and L. Cooper); 18 in *Alachua* 21 Sep (*fide* R. Rowan) was the state's highest count (S&A 1994:540-541).
- VERMIVORA HYBRID: 1 "Lawrence's" Warbler in *Hamilton* 21 Sep (J. Krummrich); 1 "Brewster's" Warbler at Bonner Park (*Pinellas*) 12 Oct (K. Nelson, J. Fisher, B. Parkhurst).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 female at DI 22 Aug (D. Evered, L. Messick); 3 in *Hamilton* 21 Sep (J. Krummrich) tied the state's highest count (S&A 1994:542); 15 in *Pinellas* 6 Sep and 6-14 Oct (S. Backes, S. Gross et al.); 1 at Jacksonville 5 Oct (P. Powell); 2 at Fort George Island 5 Oct (N. Wamer); 1 male at Tallahassee 6 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at Orange Park (*Clay*) 8 Oct (L. McCullagh).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 6 in *Alachua* 19 Sep-3 Nov (R. Rowan et al.); 1 in *Okealoosa* 8 Oct (D. Ware); singles at Turkey Creek Sanctuary (*Brevard*) 9 Oct and 20 Oct (S. Hills et al.); 1 at FDCP 19 Oct (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Key West 24 Oct (J. Ondrejko); 1 at St. Petersburg 31 Oct-2 Nov (J. Alexander, M. Wilkinson et al.); 1 at Tallahassee 3 Nov (P. Homann).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 5 at Mead Gardens (*Orange*) 5 Oct (G. Bretz).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 male at Boyd Hill Nature Park (*Pinellas*) 9 Nov (P. Blair, R. Smith).



- BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER: 1 at Bonner Park 17 Oct (J. Fisher, K. Nelson et al.).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 female at SLCP 24 Aug (R. Smith, L. Atherton et al.); 1 banded at WSSP 8 Sep (P. Small); 1 at Longwood 15 Sep (G. Bretz); 1 at SCCP 21 Sep (T. Palmer).
- PINE WARBLER: 1 at Key West 11 Oct (J. Ondrejko).
- PALM WARBLER: 1 at FDCP 15 Sep (L. Atherton, J. Baker).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 6 in *Pinellas* 11 Aug-22 Sep (fide R. Smith); 1 in *Alachua* 15 Aug (J. Hintermister); singles in *Brevard* 28 Aug, 3 Sep, and 23 Sep (all B. and S. Hills); 1 at Fort George Island 14 Sep (N. Wamer); 1 at Newnans Lake 18-22 Sep (M. Manetz, G. McDermott); 1 male at Turkey Creek Sanctuary (*Brevard*) 23 Sep (B. and S. Hills); 1 at Jacksonville 5 Oct (P. Powell).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 in *St. Johns* 4 Aug (P. Powell); 6 at Fort George Island 4 Aug (N. Wamer); 105 (about one-third adult males) at SCCP 5-6 Oct (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 51 at WSSP 5 Oct (fide P. Small).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at SLCP 14 Aug (R. Smith); 1-2 in *Gadsden* 4-5 Oct (D. McBride); singles at Key West 7 and 11 Oct (both J. Ondrejko).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 5 in *Pinellas* 5-21 Sep (fide R. Smith); 1 banded at WSSP 6 Oct (P. Small et al.); 1 at Bahia Honda SP 11 Oct (P. W. and S. Smith).
- OVENBIRD: of 111 captured at WSSP this fall, 5 had been banded there in fall 1995 (fide P. Small).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at SMNWR 25 Oct (J. Reinman) was the latest fall report (S&A 1994:587).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 8 in *Pinellas* 20 Aug-9 Oct (fide R. Smith).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 at Key West 24-25 Oct (J. Ondrejko) was the latest fall report (S&A 1994:590).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Black Swamp 14 Sep (G. Menk); 1 female at Turkey Creek Sanctuary 6-8 Oct (B. and S. Hills, B. Paxson); 1 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- CANADA WARBLER: 1 at Chestnut CP 1 Sep (D. Woodard); singles at Tallahassee 3 Sep (P. Homann) and 8 Sep (S. Jue, F. Rutkovsky); 1 at FDCP 8 Sep (B. and M. Hoffman, R. Smith); 1 banded at WSSP 14 Sep (R. Mulholland); 1 at St. George Island 19 Sep (J. Cavanagh).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 21 Sep (J. Hopkins); 1 at FDCP 20 Oct (fide R. Smith); 1 late migrant at Alligator Point 4 Nov (J. Dozier); 1 at FSU Dairy (*Leon*) 28 Nov (D. Harder) may have been wintering.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 15+ at SLCP 8 Oct (M. Wilkinson, L. Hopkins).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 in *S Leon* 13 Nov (G. Menk).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 2 at Lake Jessup Conservation Area 12 Oct (fide L. Malo); 1 first-year male at Port St. Joe (*Gulf*) 14 Oct (T. Menart, J. Richardson); 1 female at Bonner Park 21 Oct (J. Fisher); 1 at Key West 24-25 Oct (J. Ondrejko); 2 females at FDCP 26-27 Oct (B. and M. Hoffman); 1 male at Tallahassee 30 Nov (P. Yood).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 at Niceville (*Okaloosa*) 19 Sep (M. Lambert); 1 at St. George Island 19 Sep (J. Cavanagh).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Cedar Key 6 Oct (S. Duncan, G. Shepherd) was the first *Levy* report (S&A 1994:631); 1 in *Polk* 10 Nov (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- LARK SPARROW: 2 at Tram Road STF, Tallahassee 29 Aug (J. Cavanagh); singles at DI 1 Sep (immature) and 21 Oct (both D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at SMNWR 7 Sep (J. Cavanagh, J. LaVia et al.); 2 in *Okaloosa* 20 Sep (D. Ware); 1 at Jacksonville 21 Sep (J. Cocke).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 1 at APAFR (*Highlands*) 13 Sep (M. Scheuerell) was early.
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 1 at DI 1 Sep (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at Smyrna Dunes CP 17 Nov (D. Stuckey).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Fort Pickens 19 Oct (P. Tetlow, P. Baker) was the region's earliest report (fide B. Duncan); 1 at DI 31 Oct (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 at St. Petersburg 9 Nov (J. Alexander et al.).

- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: ca. 25 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 6 "scattered around" DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 in *Leon* 4 Nov (K. MacVicar); 1 at Jacksonville 24 Nov (M. Dolan); 1 "Pink-sided Oregon" Junco at SMNWR 28 Nov (B. and L. Atherton).
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR: 2 at Smyrna Dunes CP 20-24 Nov (H. Robinson et al., videotape by B. Atherton to FOSRC).
- SNOW BUNTING: 1 female at Smyrna Dunes CP 17 Nov (D. Stuckey); 1 at Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 24 Nov through the season (L. Atherton et al.).
- BOBOLINK: several over ABS 10-11 Sep (G. Woolfenden); 25+ over APAFR (*Highlands*) 13 Sep (B. Pranty, M. Scheuerell), reported also this fall at Three Lakes WMA 19 Sep and Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary (*Okeechobee*) (B. Pranty).
- EASTERN MEADOWLARK: an "influx" of 35 at DI 3 Nov (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 female at the Kissimmee River (*Highlands* and *Okeechobee*) 12 Sep (S. Melvin, W. Davis) was the first report for *Okeechobee* (S&A 1994:671); 2 at Hague Dairy (*Alachua*) 12-13 Oct (M. Manetz), and 1 there 23-28 Nov (G. McDermott); 1 female at PPM 17 Nov (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- SHINY COWBIRD: numerous reports at Key West, the largest number being 6 males 29 Sep (J. Ondrejko).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at Bald Point 15 and 20 Aug (J. Dozier); 1 W of Florida City (*Dade*) 23 Nov (H. Langridge, G. Hollis).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: 300 at Orlando (*Orange*) 6 Aug (G. Bretz).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 2 at Boyd Hill Nature Park 10 Aug (R. Smith, B. and M. Hoffman); 1 at EMCA 28 Sep (*vide* J. Marburger).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 female at Tallahassee 24 Aug (G. Menk); 4 at SLCP 22-23 Sep (S. Backes, L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson et al.).
- HOUSE FINCH: 1 pair, including a singing male, at Ocala 29 Oct (R. Rowan) was the first report for *Marion* (S&A 1994:696); 55 at Gainesville 21 Sep (R. Rowan).
- PINE SISKIN: 1 banded at Casey Key 2 Nov (A. Stedman).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 in *Alachua* 28 Aug (R. Robinson) was the earliest fall report (S&A 1994:700).

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