

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Summer Report: June-July 2003.—This report consists of significant bird observations compiled by the Field Observations Committee (FOC). Submissions to the FOC should be in the following format: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and significance. Seasons are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit observations to regional compilers within two weeks after the close of each season, or to the state compiler within one month. Addresses of the compilers are found at the end of this report. We greatly prefer observations sent via e-mail.

Sight-only observations are considered “reports” while only those supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio tapes, or specimens) are called “records.” Species for which documentation is required by the FOS Records Committee (FOSRC; Bowman 2000, *Fla. Field Nat.* 28:149-160) are marked here with an asterisk (*). A county designation (*in italics*) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations in this report are: CP = county park, EOS = end of season, LARA = Lake Apopka Restoration Area (*Orange*), NWR = national wildlife refuge, SP = state park, SRA = state recreation area, STF = sewage treatment facility, and N, S, E, W etc., for compass directions. Bold-faced species denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida, or record counts.

SUMMARY OF THE SUMMER SEASON

This list is presented in the new taxonomic sequence prepared by the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list Committee, as published in the *Auk* (120:923-931, 2003). The long-term drought seems to finally have been broken, with above-average rainfall in many regions continuing from the spring. Tropical Storm *Bill* developed in the Gulf 29 Jun and moved N into Louisiana, with heaviest winds to the E. Several pelagic species reported in the W Panhandle, including two albatrosses, one of these 30 km from the coast! Other FOSRC rarities reported this summer were 2 White-faced Ibises at Lake Apopka in June, another at St. Marks in July, and the Heermann's Gull that continues at Fort De Soto Park. One new exotic was reported in Florida, and another was newly verified. A jaeger photographed at Jacksonville generated considerable discussion on the Internet, with no clear consensus to its identity. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks and White-winged Doves continued their explosive colonization of the northern peninsula and beyond. And, there were two summer observations of Bronzed Cowbirds in the state.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 4 Jun ff (M. Sees); 5 at Punta Gorda (*Charlotte*) 5 Jun (J. Bouton); 4 at Lake Miccosukee (*Leon*) 11 Jun (M. Hill); 1 juvenile at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) 12 Jun (P. Ping) and 2 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 26 Jun (B. Duncan) are the first W Panhandle reports, but they may refer to free-flying birds from the Gulf Breeze Zoo; 1 at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 13 Jun (G. Menk); 2 at Live Oak (*Suwannee*) 30 Jun-1 Jul (S. Starling); 2 at Blue Cypress Lake (*Indian River*) 4 Jul (M. McMillian); 2 at Viera (*Brevard*) 16 Jul (D. Freeland); 1 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 25 Jul (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 16 (2 adults and 14 young) at *Polk* phosphate mines 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); up to 6 (19 Jul) summered at LARA (H. Robinson).

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) to 16 Jun (L. Davis).

- CANADA GOOSE: 1 at Vanderbilt Beach (*Collier*) 4 Jun (J. Seitz, photo to FOC).
- MOTTLED DUCK: 200 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1 at LARA 1 Jun, and up to 2 there 21-27 Jul (H. Robinson); 3 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at Fort Myers (*Lee*) 13 Jul (V. McGrath).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 2 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 8 Jun (J. Puschock); 2 females summered at Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*; B. Richter).
- RUDDY DUCK: 1 male in breeding plumage at the Sarasota Celery Fields (*Sarasota*) 30 Jun (J. Bouton et al.); 3 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- COMMON LOON: 1 at Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 21 Jun (L. Atherton); 1 in breeding plumage at Bottoms Road (*Wakulla*) 22 Jun (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 1 at Redington Shores (*Pinellas*) 27 Jul (I. Hernandez).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE: several heard calling all summer at Ten Thousand Islands NWR (*Collier*), where breeding has not been confirmed (T. Doyle).
- PODICEPS SPECIES: 1 at Kingsley Lake (*Clay*) 12 Jul (J. Krummrich).
- *ALBATROSS SPECIES: 1 bird 14 km offshore and 1.6 km E of the Alabama state line (*Escambia*) 6 Jun (J. Pfeiffer, no details); 1 over Wright Basin E of Milton (*Santa Rosa*)—30 km inland from the barrier island!—2 Jul (M. Wilson, details to FOC).
- CORY'S SHEARWATER: 1 on a pelagic trip at Key Largo Hump (*Monroe*) 27 Jul (L. Manfredi et al.).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 2 off Hillsboro Inlet (*Broward*) 8 Jun, and 1 there 19 Jul (M. Berney).
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 1 captured near Fort Walton Beach (*Okaloosa*) following Tropical Storm *Bill* 1 Jul later died (M. Coerver et al.); 65+ off Hillsboro Inlet 19 Jul (M. Berney); 1 on a pelagic trip at 409 Hump (*Monroe*) 27 Jul (L. Manfredi et al.).
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 1 off Hillsboro Inlet 19 Jul (M. Berney).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 1 off Hillsboro Inlet 19 Jul (M. Berney, details to FOC); 1 at 409 Hump 27 Jul (L. Manfredi et al.).
- BROWN BOOBY: 1 subadult at Bayou Grande, Pensacola (*Escambia*) 5 Jul (D. Forster); single subadults at Fort Pickens, Gulf Islands National Seashore (*Escambia*) 7 Jul and Navarre Beach (*Escambia/Santa Rosa*) 9 Jul (K. McMullen).
- NORTHERN GANNET: 1 subadult swam close to Anclote Key Preserve State Park (*Pasco*) 19 Jul (K. Tracey, photo to FOC).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 30 at *Polk* phosphate mines 22 Jun, and 700 there 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 10 at Bottoms Road 3 Jul (J. Murphy); 8 at N Jacksonville (*Duval*) 5 Jul (R. Clark); 10 at Viera 16 Jul, and 5 there 23 Jul (D. Freeland).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 2 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) were seen thrice during 6 Jun-12 Jul (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 1 male S of Jetty Park (*Brevard*) 22 Jul (B. Paxson).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 at LARA 11 Jun-13 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park 14 Jun (C. Pierce, C. Paine); 1 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) 28 Jul (P. Small).
- LEAST BITTERN: singles "singing" in brackish marshes at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 17 Jun and 2 Jul (T. Doyle).
- "GREAT WHITE HERON:" 1 at LARA 1 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 at Destin (*Okaloosa*) 8-13 Jun (C. Saleebe); 1 at Alligator Point 1 Jul-EOS (J. Dozier [photo to FOC], J. Murphy).
- REDDISH EGRET: 1 at *Polk* phosphate mines 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 4 at Hudson (*Pasco*) 4 Jul (K. Tracey); 1380 at LARA 19 Jul (H. Robinson); 35 summered at Mayport (*Duval*; R. Clark).
- *WHITE-FACED IBIS: 2 adults in breeding plumage at LARA 1 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 with red irides and pinkish-red lores at St. Marks NWR 27 Jul (D. Simpson et al.).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 12 in a flooded field in E *Polk* 4 Jun (L. Cooper); 475 fledglings at Alafia Bank (*Hillsborough*) 6 Jun (A. and R. Paul); 68 at Holiday (*Pasco*) 6 Jul (R.

- Smart); 2 juveniles at Alligator Point 3 Jul (J. Murphy); 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 5-27 Jul (S. Flamand, M. Landsman et al.); 107 at N Jacksonville 5 Jul (R. Clark); 5 at Viera 16 Jul (D. Freeland); 47 N of Fort Pierce Inlet (*St. Lucie*) 17 Jul (J. Brooks); 1 at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) 21 Jul (*vide* M. McMillian); 2 at Alligator Harbor (*Franklin*) 25 Jul (J. Murphy); 29 juveniles summered at Cedar Key (D. Henderson).
- OSPREY: 18 nests with young N of Bartow (*Polk*) 24 Jun (P. Fellers).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 200 fed on dragonflies at Holey Land WMA (*Palm Beach*) 28 Jun (D. Powell et al.); 556 fed on dragonflies at LARA 25 Jul (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 at Hole-in-the-Donut, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 29 Jun (D. Powell et al.).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 26 N of Marianna (*Jackson*) 29 Jul (B. and L. Cooper); 3 juveniles over Jacksonville 31 Jul (B. Richter).
- COOPER'S HAWK: 3 fledglings fed by both adults at Orlando 4 Jul (B. Payne et al.); 1 at Merritt Island (*Brevard*) 23-25 Jul (D. Freeland).
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: 1 juvenile at Fort De Soto CP 15 Jul was the first summer report for the park (L. Atherton et al.).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: a light-morph male and dark-morph female that nested at New Port Richey (*Pasco*) fledged 2 dark young by 1 Jun (K. Tracey, photos to FOC); 2 dark morphs at Alexander Springs, Ocala NF (*Marion*) 9 Jul (J. Puschock); 2 light morphs at Saddle Creek CP (*Polk*) 16 Jul (B. Ahern); 1 dark morph at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 28 Jul (P. Miller); 1 dark morph at LARA 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 1 pair in NE *Pinellas* 4 Jun (K. Tracey).
- NORTHERN BOBWHITE: 69 at LARA 4 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BLACK RAIL: 1 at LARA 4 Jun (H. Robinson).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 44 at LARA 29 Jun (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN COOT: 1 at LARA 26 Jun-19 Jul (H. Robinson); 8 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 3 at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs SP (*Pasco*) 25 Jun (K. Tracey); 1 in winter plumage at Merritt Island NWR 24 Jul (D. Freeland).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 in winter plumage at Fort De Soto CP 7 Jul (J. Bouton et al.).
- SNOWY PLOVER: 15 at North Anclote Bar (*Pasco*) 19 Jul (K. Tracey).
- WILSON'S PLOVER: 18 adults and 5 juveniles at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs SP 25 Jun (K. Tracey); 8 at North Anclote Bar 19 Jul (K. Tracey); 116 on a single bar at Bird Islands, Nassau Sound (*Duval*) 27 Jul (P. Leary).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 2 at Alligator Point 8 Jul (K. McMullen); 3 at *Polk* phosphate mines 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- PIPING PLOVER: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 30 Jun (J. Bouton); 1 at North Anclote Bar 19 Jul (K. Tracey); 1 at Crandon Beach (*Miami-Dade*) 24 Jul (R. Diaz).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: up to 30 (evenly distributed among adults and juveniles) summered at Little Estero Lagoon (C. Ewell).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 1 at St. Marks NWR 8 Jun (A. Knothe); 2 at Fort De Soto CP 21-24 Jul (D. Powell, I. Hernandez et al.).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: several nests in brackish marshes in May and Jun furnished the first breeding reports for Ten Thousand Islands NWR (T. Doyle); 81 (non-breeding) at Mayport 20 Jun-EOS (R. Clark); 6 over Lake Wales Ridge SF (*Polk*) 14 Jul provided the first for that location (B. Pranty); 5 in central *Pasco* 30 Jul (K. Tracey).
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS: 2 at Mayport 20 Jun, and 19 there 25 Jul (R. Clark); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 2 Jul (D. Ware); 1 at LARA 6 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Springhill Road STF 7 Jul (G. Menk); 3 at Merritt Island NWR 24 Jul (D. Freeland); 1 in central *Pasco* 30 Jul (K. Tracey).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS: 2 at Mayport 20 Jun, and 56 there 25 Jul (R. Clark); 1 at LARA 9 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Merritt Island NWR 24 Jul (D. Freeland); 27 in central *Pasco* 30 Jul (K. Tracey).

- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Largo (*Pinellas*) 12 Jul (J. Fisher); 1 at LARA 19-23 Jul (H. Robinson); 2 in central *Pasco* 30 Jul (K. Tracey).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 17 (in breeding and winter plumages) at Tram Road and Springhill STFs (*Leon*) 28-31 Jul (G. Menk).
- WHIMBREL: 2 at Pensacola 5 Jun (C. Bunch).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Bird Islands 13 Jul (P. Leary); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 13 Jul-EOS (J. Puschock et al.).
- MARBLED GODWIT: 50 at Flamingo, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 12 Jun (J. Bouton); 1 at Fort Pickens 30 Jun-1 Jul (B. Duncan P. Baker); 3 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 1 Jul (A. Kratter, M. Hart); 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park 5 Jul (B. Richter); 1 at North Anclote Bar 19 Jul (K. Tracey); up to 4 in winter plumage summered at Little Estero Lagoon, while 23 in breeding plumage there 24 Jul were gone by the next week (C. Ewell).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 1 in breeding plumage at Crandon Beach 3 & 25 Jul (R. Diaz).
- SANDERLING: singles at Crandon Beach 3 Jun and (breeding plumage) 29 Jul (R. Diaz); 10 at Fort Pickens 9 Jul (K. McMullen).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: 25 at Pensacola 3 Jun (B. and L. Duncan); 4 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul, and 28 there 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 3 at LARA 19 Jul (H. Robinson).
- SEMPALMATED/WESTERN SANDPIPER: up to 100 in winter plumage that summered at Little Estero Lagoon included individuals of both species based on bill size and shape, and body structure (C. Ewell).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 9 Jul (H. Robinson); 30 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 2 at LARA 9 Jul, and 20 there 19 Jul (H. Robinson); 360 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul, and 930 there 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 partially leucistic individual at Fort De Soto CP 25 Jul, the 4th year it has been seen there (L. Atherton et al.).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 8 at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 1 Jun (R. Urgelles); 25 at Pensacola 3 Jun (B. and L. Duncan); 10 at Mayport 3 Jun (R. Clark); 8 at Little Estero Lagoon 3 Jun (C. Ewell), and 1 there to 8 Jun (T. Doyle); 5 at Tram Road STF 5 Jun (G. Menk).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at Fort Myers 13 Jul (V. McGrath); 1 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul, and 3 there 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 15 Jul (L. Atherton); 3 at LARA 19 Jul (H. Robinson); 3 at Mayport 25 Jul (R. Clark).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 1 at Gainesville 14-15 Jul (M. Landsman, B. Carroll); 6 at LARA 23 Jul (H. Robinson); 7 at Mayport 25 Jul (R. Clark).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 45 at Mayport 25 Jul (R. Clark).
- JAEGER SPECIES: the identification of 1 subadult at Huguenot Memorial Park 29-30 Jun (B. Richter, C. Buhrman, photos to FOC) was not conclusively determined. Images were posted online, and discussion on the ID-Frontiers listserver ensued. Nine observers—mostly from the New World—thought the bird was a Pomarine, while 7 others—mostly from the Old World—identified it as a Parasitic.
- LAUGHING GULL: up to 3300 at Huguenot Memorial Park in late Jul (R. Clark).
- *HEERMANN'S GULL: 1 at Fort De Soto CP 9 Jun ff (L. Atherton et al.).
- RING-BILLED GULL: 1 adult at Bald Point 11 Jul (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 1 at LARA 13 Jul (H. Robinson).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 first-summer bird at Englewood (*Charlotte*) 19 Jun (J. Bouton); 2 adults at Bird Islands 3 Jul (P. Leary); at least 1 summered at Huguenot Memorial Park (B. Richter); at least 2 summered at Crandon Beach (R. Diaz).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 first-summer at Crandon Beach 3 Jul (R. Diaz).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 at Flamingo 12 Jun (J. Bouton); 4 at Apalachicola 8 Jul (K. McMullen); 2 at Navarre 9 Jul (K. McMullen); 6 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul, and 12 there 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); up to 10 at Huguenot Memorial Park in late Jul (R. Clark).

- CASPIAN TERN: 2 at LARA 1 Jun, and 1 there to 23 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 at Newnans Lake 22 Jul (J. Hintermister).
- ROYAL TERN: up to 1000 at Huguenot Memorial Park in late Jul (R. Clark).
- SANDWICH TERN: 1 at Crandon Beach 26 Jul (R. Diaz); up to 70 at Huguenot Memorial Park in late Jul (R. Clark).
- COMMON TERN: 100 at Fort Pickens 7 Jul (K. McMullen); 4 at North Anclote Bar 19 Jul (K. Tracey); 2 at Pine Island (*Hernando*) 28 Jul (A. and B. Hansen).
- ROSEATE TERN: 1 at Flamingo, Everglades NP 29 Jun (D. Powell et al.).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1 at LARA 8 Jun (H. Robinson).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 1 juvenile at Springhill Road STF 28 Jul (G. Menk).
- LEAST TERN: at least 60 young fledged from 125 nests at Amelia Island (*Nassau*), the first successful breeding at Talbot Islands SP in 15 years (K. Ebersol); 50 at Lake Jackson 13 Jun (G. Menk); of 95 nests at Little Estero Lagoon 1 Jun, 50 were lost to a storm 27 Jun and only 2 juveniles were seen subsequently (C. Ewell); 1 at LARA 16 Jun (H. Robinson); 103 birds, including juveniles, at Mayport 24 Jun (R. Clark); 130 nesting adults at Stump Pass, Englewood 26 Jun, but only 1 chick survived by 2 Jul—flooding from heavy rainfall was blamed (J. Bouton); 7 adults and 2 juveniles roosted at a closed Spring Hill (*Hernando*) golf course 14-23 Jul (A. and B. Hansen); 150-200 at Crandon Beach 26-30 Jul (R. Diaz); 250 at *Polk* phosphate mines 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- BRIDLED TERN: 5 "loafing on the beach" at Pensacola Beach 1 Jul, after Tropical Storm *Bill* (B. Duncan).
- SOOTY TERN: 5 off Hillsboro Inlet 8 Jun, and 7 there 19 Jul (M. Berney); 6 at Gulf Breeze 1 Jul (L. Duncan).
- BLACK TERN: 30 at Bird Islands 13 Jun (P. Leary); 6 at Gandy Causeway, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 4 Jul (R. Smith); 350 at Fort Pickens 7 Jul (K. McMullen); 32 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul, and 150 there 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at North Anclote Bar 19 Jul (K. Tracey); 1 in breeding plumage at Merritt Island NWR 24 Jul (D. Freeland); 18 at Huguenot Memorial Park 28 Jul (R. Clark).
- BROWN NODDY: 2 off Hillsboro Inlet 19 Jul (M. Berney).
- BLACK NODDY: 1 at Three Rooker Island (*Pinellas*) 12 Jun (R. Baltrunas, photos to FOC) was the first Florida report outside Dry Tortugas NP; 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 23 Jun (A. Bankert) perhaps was the bird found dead at Garden Key 19 Jul (B. Mack, photos to FOC; specimen not saved).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 200 nests at Sand Key, Clearwater in late Jun (M. Korosy); 450 adults at Bird Islands in late Jul evidently produced no young (P. Leary); up to 150 summered at Little Estero Lagoon (C. Ewell).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: fledglings visited a Valrico (*Hillsborough*) feeder in mid-May, with 6 birds there 9 Jun (S. Backes); singles at Cedar Key 14 Jun and 3 Jul (D. Henderson); 2 at Punta Gorda 5 Jun (J. Bouton); 8 at LARA 16 Jun (H. Robinson); birds at feeders at Alligator and Bald points 17 Jun-EOS (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 1 at Temple Terrace (*Hillsborough*) 27 Jun (B. Ahern); 1 at Spring Hill 29 Jun (A. and B. Hansen); at least 2 pairs at Crystal River (*Citrus*) throughout Jun (B. Smyth); 3 at Ocala NF (*Marion*) 24 Jul (J. Puschock); 3 adults and 2 juveniles summered at Gulf Breeze (B. and L. Duncan); juveniles summered at Gainesville (R. Rowan, E. Perry); juveniles summered at Ocala (*Marion*; P. Orr).
- COMMON GROUND-DOVE: 69 at LARA 11 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 presumed migrant or vagrant—breeders occur no closer than 30+ km to the E—at Gulf Breeze 26 Jul (B. and L. Duncan).
- BUDGERIGAR: 1 blue morph at St. Petersburg all Jun (*vide* R. Smith); 2 at Holiday 29 Jun (K. Tracey).
- MONK PARAKEET: 4 at Dowling Park (*Suwannee*) 12 Jul (D. Dees); 5 at a nest on a billboard along US-1 N of Fort Pierce 27 Jul (J. Brooks); 8 summered at a nest at Black Hammock Island (*Duval*; R. Clark).

- SCARLET MACAW:** 2 along US-27, 5-8 km S of Clermont (*Lake*) 14 Jul (S. Christman, photo to FOC) furnished the first verifiable record in Florida.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** 12 at LARA 11 Jun (H. Robinson).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO:** 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 13 Jul carried a fecal sac (J. Puschock).
- BURROWING OWL:** 1 at LARA 18 Jun (H. Robinson); up to 12 near I-75 (*Hernando*) throughout Jun (A. and B. Hansen, K. Tracey et al.).
- SHORT-EARED OWL:** 1 of the Antillean race at Fort Zachary Taylor State Historic Site, Key West 22 Jun (A. Bankert).
- ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWK:** 1 possibly heard calling at Marco Island (*Collier*) 6 Jun (T. Doyle, K. O'Reilly-Doyle, K. Krauss), and 2 heard there 15 Jul (T. Davidowicz).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW:** 13 at LARA 4 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 at Lignumvitae Key (*Monroe*) 5 Jul (B. Ahern, D. Powell, S. Backes).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT:** a chimney at New Port Richey, apparently not used for breeding, contained 178 birds 18 Jul (K. Tracey).
- HUMMINGBIRD SPECIES:** 1 leucistic individual with dark irides at Bushnell (*Sumter*) 6 Jul (*fide* B. Ahern).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:** 1 male at Loop Road (*Monroe*) 28 Jun (J. Boyd); 6 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 15 Jul (J. Holstein); 1 at Castellow Hammock (*Miami-Dade*) 17-25 Jul (R. Hammer).
- BELTED KINGFISHER:** 2 at LARA 18 Jun only (H. Robinson); 1 at Naples 4 Jul (L. Albright); 1 at Panther Key, Ten Thousand Islands NWR 10 Jul (T. Doyle).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:** 1 at downtown Bradenton (*Manatee*) 21 Jun (E. Kwater).
- RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER:** 1 *in a ditch* at LARA 23 Jun (H. Robinson).
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:** 1 along the Ocklawaha River, Ocala NF (*Putnam*) 11 Jul (J. Puschock).
- GRAY KINGBIRD:** 10, including 2 dependent juveniles, at Mayport 3 Jul (R. Clark).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:** 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 15 Jul (J. Ellis, J. Brashears).
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** 2 young fed by adults 7 Jun established the first breeding report for N Hutchinson Island (*St. Lucie*; J. Brooks); 1 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SP (*Miami-Dade*) 26 Jul (R. Diaz).
- RED-EYED VIREO:** 1 at LARA 11-16 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 at Merritt Island 24 Jul (B. Paxson).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO:** no birds at Jack Island Preserve SP (*St. Lucie*) this season despite careful searches; birds have been absent from the site since 1995 (J. Brooks).
- PURPLE MARTIN:** dozens roosted at a 30-apartment nest box at St. Petersburg through 23 Jun, but 0 were present 24 Jun (*fide* R. Smith); numbers at LARA peaked at 610 birds 6 Jul, then declined to 0 by 19 Jul (H. Robinson).
- TREE SWALLOW:** 1 at LARA 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW:** 3 fledglings fed by an adult at Punta Gorda 1 Jun (V. McGrath).
- BANK SWALLOW:** 2 at LARA 1 Jun, and 1 there 19-21 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Gulf Breeze 26 Jul (B. Duncan).
- CAVE/CLIFF SWALLOW:** 1 at LARA 7 Jun (J. Clifton, N. Prine).
- BARN SWALLOW:** 1 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at Merritt Island 16 Jul (D. Freeland); observed all summer at LARA, with 170 there 19 Jul (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN ROBIN:** 1 at Orlando 9 Jun (J. Clifton).
- GRAY CATBIRD:** 2 at LARA 1 Jun, and 2 there 30 Jul (H. Robinson); at least three pairs summered at Gainesville (D. Leonard, C. McCaffrey); 1 heard at Hunters Lake, Spring Hill 2 Jul (A. and B. Hansen).
- NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD:** 102 at LARA 6 Jul (H. Robinson).
- SUPERB STARLING** (*Lamprotrornis superbus*): 1 at Hollywood Beach (*Broward*) 23 Jul (B. Roberts) furnished the first published Florida report, although B. Kelley (in litt.) ex-

- amined a photograph of an individual from *Miami-Dade* in the 1970s. The species is native to Africa.
- NORTHERN PARULA: 2 at LARA to 29 Jun (H. Robinson); 11 at Saddle Creek CP 30 Jul (P. Fellers).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 male sang at Gullivan Key (*Collier*) 5 Jun; other singing birds were heard from there in 2000 and 2002 (T. Doyle); 1 at LARA 19 Jul, and 5 there 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: singles at Ocala NF (*Marion*) 16, 17, 28, & 29 Jul (J. Puschock); 1 at LARA 19 Jul, and 30 there 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: 1 at San Felasco Hammock Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 7 Jul (B. Roberts).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Newnans Lake 19 Jul (R. Rowan); 1 at *Polk* phosphate mines 27 Jul (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 2 at Saddle Creek CP 30 Jul (P. Fellers).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 sang at St. Marks NWR 15 Jun (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 4 at St. James Island (*Franklin*) 22 Jun (J. Dozier, J. Murphy).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Fort Drum (*Okeechobee*) 9 Jul (M. Gardler); 1 at Ocala NF (*Marion*) 29-31 Jul (J. Puschock).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 2 at Fort George Island (*Duval*) 5 Jul (R. Clark); 2 at Fort Drum Marsh Conservation Area (*Indian River*) 9 Jul (M. Gardler, W. Biggs, B. and L. Cooper); 2 at LARA 13 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at San Felasco Hammock 15 Jul (E. and I. Scales).
- HOODED WARBLER: 3 along the Ocklawaha River, Ocala NF 11 Jul (J. Puschock); 1 in mid-*Pinellas* 31 Jul (J. Fisher).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 30 at LARA 11 Jun (H. Robinson).
- EASTERN TOWHEE: 228 at LARA 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
- FLORIDA GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 58 singing males at point counts (conducted in 9% of available habitat) at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP this season represented a 46% decline from 2002 (P. Miller et al.).
- NORTHERN CARDINAL: 186 at LARA 2 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 29 at LARA 29 Jun (H. Robinson).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 43 at LARA 6 Jul (H. Robinson).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 at Bald Point 2 Jun (J. Dozier); up to 6 (11 Jun) at LARA (H. Robinson).
- DICKCISSEL: 4 at LARA 18 Jun-EOS (H. Robinson).
- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 3020 at LARA 30 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE: 4500 at LARA 27 Jul (H. Robinson).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 2 female and 1 male at Homestead 4 Jul (J. Boyd); 3 at Alligator Point 12 Jul (J. Murphy); up to 2 males at Cedar Key summered for the first time (D. Henderson); 2 summered at LARA (H. Robinson).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at St. Marks NWR 20-25 Jun (S. McCool); 1 male at Castellow Hammock 25 Jul (L. Manfredi).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: 1 juvenile at Winter Park (*Orange*) 19 Jun (B. Anderson).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: observed all summer at LARA, with 14 there 26 Jun (H. Robinson).
- HOUSE FINCH: 1 pair at Orlando 5 Jun ff (N. Prine), and 1 female elsewhere in the city 6 Jul (J. Clifton); 1 female at Winter Park 9 Jun (B. Anderson); 1 pair at Sanford (*Seminole*) 13 Jun (N. Prine); 1 pair fledged 3 young at Tampa (*Hillsborough*) in Jun; but by 10 Jul, all were gone (B. Ahern); 1 male sang at Punta Gorda 25-27 Jun (J. Bouton); 1 female and 1 male at Sarasota (*Sarasota*) 29 Jun (D. Hayward); 1 at Mayport 3 Jul (R. Clark); 1 male sang at Lakeland 4 Jul (R. Paul).
- TRICOLORED MUNIA: 2 adults at Loop Road 28 Jun (J. Boyd, N. Freedman).

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