FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Winter report: December 2003-February 2004.—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: CA = conservation area, EOS = end of season, NP = national park, NWR = national wildlife refuge, RA = restoration area, SP = state park, 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 WINTER SEASON

The season was relatively uneventful birdwise, with relatively few reports of American Robins and Cedar Waxwings. No new native species were documented, although Florida's first Gray Heron was reported at Lake Apopka. A Green-rumped Parrotlet at Key West provided another new exotic to the state's list. As is now expected, western-breeding hummingbirds were found this winter, primarily in the Panhandle. Fred Basset of the Hummingbird Study Group banded 87 hummingbirds of seven species: 50 Rufous, 15 Ruby-throated, 11 Black-chinned, 5 Buff-bellied, 3 Calliope, 2 Allen's, and one Broad-tailed. Eight other hummingbirds banded during previous winters were recaptured at the same feeders, and Rufous Hummingbirds banded previously at Tallahassee were recaptured by others in Georgia and Tennessee.

In addition to the Gray Heron, FOSRC rarities reported with documentation were the Common Merganser at Jacksonville; Iceland Gull at Port Canaveral; Calliope, Broad-tailed, and Allen's hummingbirds in the Panhandle; one Tropical and two Cassin's kingbirds at Lake Apopka; MacGillivray's Warbler at Davie; Red-legged Honeycreepers at Cape Florida and Everglades National Park; and Harris's Sparrow in Hendry County.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 70 E of Lake Poinsett (*Brevard*) 20 Dec (D. Simpson); 9 at Zephyrhills (*Pasco*) 22 Dec (K. Tracey, D. Powell, B. Pranty); 1 at Lady Lake (*Lake*) 3 Jan (J. Filley); 93 at Emeralda Marsh CA (*Lake*) 17 Jan (P. May).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 18 at Emeralda Marsh CA 5 Dec (J. Puschock); 65 at Lake Apopka RA (*Orange*) 9 Dec (H. Robinson); 4 at Newnan's Lake (*Alachua*) 17 Dec (A. Kratter); 500 S of Observation Island, Lake Okeechobee (*Glades*) 11 Feb (P. Gray, C. Farrell).
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 1 presumed wild bird at Lake Davis, Orlando (*Orange*) in late Feb (A. Boyles, photo to FOC).
- SNOW GOOSE: 3 blue morphs remained at St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) to 27 Dec (B. Bilodeau et al., videograbs by B. Pranty to FOC); 43-44 (with ca. 20 blue morphs) at Tram Road

STF, Tallahassee (Leon) 12 Dec (G. Menk); 18 white morphs (12 adults and 6 juveniles) at Lake Santa Fe (Alachua) 18 Dec (J. Bolte et al.); 5 (4 white and 1 blue) in the St. Johns River (Seminole Volusia) 28 Dec (D. Simpson); 10 at Lake Apopka RA 31 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 blue morph at Seven Springs (Pasco) 2 Jan (A. Madsen).

ROSS'S GOOSE × SNOW GOOSE: 1 apparent hybrid among a flock of 10 Chen geese at Lake Apopka RA 28 Dec (T. Doyle et al., photos to FOC by D. LaPuma) resembled a darkmorph adult Ross's Goose but had a blackish belly; this observations seems to represent the first Florida report of a hybrid.

ROSS'S GOOSE: 1 with 15 Snow Geese at Fort Walton Beach STF to 2 Dec (J. Williams, B. Duncan et al.); 1 at Niceville (Okaloosa) 15 Dec (B. McKenney, J. Fabozzi); 1 in the St. Johns River 28 Dec (D. Simpson, details to FOC); 3 in NE Leon 17-29 Jan (M. Hill et al.).

CANADA GOOSE: 1 at Naples 27 Dec (H. and W. Strickland); 3 at Tampa (Hillsborough) 1-3 Jan (K. Allen).

BRANT: 3 at Pelican Island NWR (Indian River) 3 Jan ff (J. Taylor et al.).

EGYPTIAN GOOSE: 6 (4 of these white avicultural morphs) at Lady Lake 3 Jan (J. Filley, photos to FOC).

MUTE SWAN: 1 at Pembroke Pines in Feb (K. Schnitzius, photo to FOC).

DUCK SPECIES: 19 species found in *Polk* 31 Jan (P. Fellers).

GADWALL: 186 at *Polk* mines 29 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: 2 at Lake Apopka RA to 11 Feb (H. Robinson); 8 at St. Marks NWR (Wakulla) 10 Jan (J. Hintermister, D. Morrow et al.).

CINNAMON TEAL: 1 adult male at Myakka River SP (Sarasota) 15 Dec (K. Alvarez, B. Perry).

NORTHERN SHOVELER: 1000 at *Polk* mines 5 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

NORTHERN PINTAIL: 3000 at Merritt Island NWR (Brevard) 12 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 1000-1200 at Polk mines 8 Jan-20 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

CANVASBACK: 1 at W Boca Raton (Palm Beach) 13 Jan (L. McCandless); 8 at Polk mines 14 Jan (P. Fellers et al.).

LESSER SCAUP: 6000 at Charlotte Harbor (Charlotte) 14 Dec (J. Bouton, T. Doyle); 3500 wintered at Lake Arietta (P. Fellers).

SURF SCOTER: 3 in the Indian River Lagoon (Brevard) 20 Dec (D. Simpson); 1 adult male at Fort Island Gulf Beach (Citrus) 22 Feb (M. Gardler).

BLACK SCOTER: 6 at Fort Myers Beach (Lee) 5 Dec-27 Mar (M. Gonsalo, C. Ewell et al.); 30 flew N past the Fort Clinch SP Pier (Nassau) 13 Dec (J. Holstein); 20 (2 adult males) off Lido Key Beach (Sarasota) 20 Dec (J. Ginaven); 1 first-winter male at Huguenot Memorial Park (Duval) 20 Feb (B. Muschlitz).

BUFFLEHEAD: 2 females at Charlotte Harbor 14 Dec (J. Bouton, T. Doyle); 28 at Lake Santa Fe (Alachua) 18 Dec (J. Bolte et al.); 41 at Fort Island Gulf Beach 22 Feb (M. Gardler).

COMMON GOLDENEYE: 1 female at Punta Gorda (Charlotte) 27 Nov-4 Dec (J. Bouton, M. Gonsalo); 9 variously in Leon 8 Dec-13 Jan (fide G. Menk), with 6 at Lake Talquin 14 Dec (J. Murphy, G. Menk); 21 at Fort Island Gulf Beach 2 Feb and 22 Feb (M. Gardler).

HOODED MERGANSER: 1100 at *Polk* mines 10 Jan (P. Fellers et al.).

*COMMON MERGANSER: 1 adult male at the mouth of the St. Johns River 27 Dec (N. Penny et al., details to FOC).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 18 at Gainesville (Alachua) 2 Dec (M. Landsman); 100+ at Huguenot Memorial Park 13 Dec (J. Holstein).

RUDDY DUCK: 12,000 at Lake Apopka 4 Feb (H. Robinson).

RED-THROATED LOON: 1 at Choctawhatchee Bay (Okaloosa) 115 Dec (J. Williams, S. Tiesciero); 1 at Fort Pickens, Gulf Islands National Seashore (Escambia) 29 Jan (B. and D. Wallace).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Choctawhatchee Bay 15 Dec (J. Williams, S. Tiesciero); 1 at Fort Pickens 7-29 Jan (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Alligator Point 24 Jan ff (J. Dozier, J. Murphy).

COMMON LOON: 50 at Lake Santa Fe 18 Dec (J. Bolte et al.); 5 at Lake Arietta (*Polk*) 19 Jan (P. Fellers et al.); 11 at Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) 31 Dec (P. Sykes); 2 birds 5 km off Naples (*Collier*) 30 Jan (D. Suitor).

HORNED GREBE: 105 at Lake Santa Fe 18 Dec (J. Bolte et al.); 28 at Lake Arietta 19 Jan (P. Fellers et al.); 47 at Fort Island Gulf Beach 22 Feb (M. Gardler).

EARED GREBE: 2 at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) remained to 22 Jan (B. Duncan et al.); 1 at Lake Arietta 20 Dec (P. Fellers); 1 at Quarantine Island, St. Johns River (*Duval*) 27 Dec (B. Richter); 1 at *Polk* mines 8 Jan-26 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

BROWN BOOBY: 2 off St. Lucie Inlet (*Martin*) 3 Jan (J. Greenlaw, J. Hailman, details to FOC). NORTHERN GANNET: 18 birds 5 km off Naples 30 Jan (D. Suitor).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 110 at Ten Thousand Islands NWR (*Collier*) 23 Jan (T. Doyle et al.).

ANHINGA: 1 wintered at Key Biscayne (Miami-Dade; R. Diaz).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 2 Jan (D. Henderson et al.); 1 male over *Wakulla* 25 Feb (J. Murphy).

AMERICAN BITTERN: 23 at Lake Apopka RA (Orange) 31 Dec (H. Robinson).

"GREAT WHITE HERON:" 1 SW of San Antonio (*Pasco*) 22 Dec (E. Haney et al., video to FOC by B. Pranty); 1 at Crystal River 27 Dec (K. Spilios et al., photos to FOC).

*Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*): 1 at Lake Apopka RA 7 Dec and 18 Feb (H. Robinson) never was relocated; this furnished the first Florida report.

LITTLE BLUE HERON: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 13-15 Dec (B. Duncan et al.).

REDDISH EGRET: 1 white morph at Fort Island Gulf Beach 14 Feb (B. Smyth).

CATTLE EGRET: 80 at Fort Walton Beach STF 2-15 Dec (J. Williams, B. Duncan et al.).

WHITE \times SCARLET IBIS: 1 pink ibis E of Dade City (Pasco) 22 Dec (R. Smith et al.); 1 pink ibis in S Duval 1 Feb-EOS (C. Green et al.).

*WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 winter adult at Lake City (*Columbia*) 17-21 Jan (J. Hintermister et al.).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 2 at Brooksville (*Hernando*) 19-25 Jan (K. Wood et al.); 13 at *Polk* mines 31 Jan (P. Fellers et al.); 1 at Crystal River (*Citrus*) 17 Feb (B. Smyth).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 at Myakka River SP (Sarasota) 15 Dec (S. Harris et al., details to FOC); 1 at Faka Union Canal (Collier) 6 Feb (D. Suitor); 1 at Paurotis Pond, Everglades NP (Miami-Dade) 9 Feb (T. Fitzgerald); 1 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (Okeechobee) 19 Feb (P. Miller); 28 over Eastpoint (Franklin) 24 Feb (S. Klink).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 immature with Turkey Vultures over Tavernier, then later over Rock Harbor (*Monroe*) 6 Dec (B. Mulrooney et al., photo to FOC) furnished the first verifiable Florida record during winter.

GREAT BLACK-HAWK: 1 adult at Virginia Key (Miami-Dade) 20 Dec (R. Diaz, details to FOC). SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 light morph over Lake Wales Ridge State Forest, Frostproof (Polk) 19 Dec (B. Pranty, video to FOC); 1 light morph E of Lake Placid (Highlands) 30 Dec (D. Ferrell); 2 at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 30 Dec (D. Suitor et al.); 1 dark morph at Port of the Islands (Collier) 12-15 Jan (D. Jansen, T. Doyle et al.); 1 light morph at New Port Richey (Pasco) 18 Jan (K. Tracey); 1 dark morph at Homeland (Polk) 5 Feb (P. Fellers et al.); 1 over Seminole State Forest, Sorrento (Lake) 22 Feb (T. Rodriguez); 1 light morph at Merritt Island NWR 24 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 at Anhinga Trail, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 2 Dec (B. Rapoza); 1 light morph at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 11 Jan (J. Boyd, R. Diaz); 1 immature dark morph over Stock Island (*Monroe*) 29 Feb (N. Brinkley); at least 1 dark morph from Frog Pond WMA to Paurotis Pond, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) throughout the season (R. Diaz, J. Boyd et al.).

RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 "Krider's" at Lake Apopka RA 21 Feb (J. Holstein et al.).

GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 juvenile headed S over Lake Wales Ridge State Forest (*Polk*) 12 Dec (B. Pranty, video to FOC); 1 juvenile over Pay-ha-okee, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 23 Dec (B. Row et al., details to FOC).

CRESTED CARACARA: 1 at Sanford (Seminole) 5 Jan (L. Malo); 1 along Government Road (Broward) 28 Feb (J. Boyd et al.).

MERLIN: 1 at Tallahassee 14 Dec (J. Cavanagh); 4 at Green Key Road, New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 2 Jan (M. Gardler); presumably the same individual captured separate Semi-palmated Plovers 3 hours apart at Fort De Soto Park 31 Dec (P. Sykes).

NORTHERN BOBWHITE: 9 at Southern Glades WEA (Miami-Dade) 5 Feb were the first report from there (R. Diaz).

YELLOW RAIL: 1 heard calling at Lake Apopka RA 11 Feb (H. Robinson); 1 heard calling at Lake Jackson 29 Feb (J. Cavanagh).

BLACK RAIL: 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve (Hernando) 29 Dec (B. Pranty).

KING RAIL: 53 at Lake Apopka RA 1-3 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at Bill Baggs/Cape Florida SP (Miami-Dade) 5-30 Dec and 21 Jan (R. Diaz).

VIRGINIA RAIL: 5 at Lake Apopka RA 19 Jan (H. Robinson).

SORA: 156 at Lake Apopka RA 9 Dec (H. Robinson).

PURPLE SWAMPHEN: 3-4 at Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (*Hendry*) 7 Dec ff (S. Siegel et al.); 3 at Moonshine Bay, Lake Okeechobee (*Glades*) 11 Feb (P. Gray, C. Farrell).

PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 at St. Marks NWR 22 Dec-5 Feb (J. Erickson et al.).

SANDHILL CRANE: 35 southbound over Lake Wales Ridge State Forest 1 Dec (B. Pranty); 200-300 near Greenville (*Madison*) 10 Jan, and 380-415 there 11 Feb (R. Atchison); 100+ at Viera Wetlands (*Brevard*) 11 Jan (J. Holstein); northbound flocks over Lake Wales Ridge State Forest of 5, 42-43, and 8 on 5 Feb, 70+ on 9 Feb, and 150, 250-300, 130, 14, and 19 on 10 Feb (B. Pranty); 126 over Lake Apopka RA 11 Feb (H. Robinson); 3 at Fort Walton Beach STF 26 Feb (D. Ware et al.).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 27 (J. Williams et al.).

SNOWY PLOVER: 1 at Talbot Islands SP (*Duval*) 27 Dec. (D. Wears); 10 at Honeymoon Island SP (*Pinellas*) 11 Feb (B. Hansen).

WILSON'S PLOVER: 63 at Fort De Soto Park 31 Dec (P. Sykes); 65 migrants at Weekiwachee Preserve 14 Feb, and only 1 there the next day (A. and B. Hansen).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 400 at Fort De Soto Park 31 Dec (P. Sykes).

PIPING PLOVER: 1 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (D. Henderson et al.); 46 at Fort De Soto Park 31 Dec (P. Sykes); 34 wintered at Crandon Beach (*Miami-Dade*), including 2 colorbanded in the Canadian Maritimes (R. Diaz).

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 1 at Morningside Park (*Miami-Dade*) 20-23 Dec (B. Mulrooney et al.); 88 on one oyster bar at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 23 Jan (T. Doyle et al.).

AMERICAN AVOCET: 220 at Quarantine Island 27 Dec (B. Richter); 105 at *Polk* mines 20 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Gainesville 14 Dec (A. Kent); 1 at Venice (Sarasota) 15 Dec (B. Brigham et al.); 1 near Lakeland (Polk) 20 Dec (B. Bratlie et al.); 1 at Sarasota 20 Dec (J. Palmer et al.); 1 on the Fort Lauderdale CBC (Broward) 21 Dec (P. Cunningham); 1 at S Naples (Collier) 27 Dec (D. Suitor); 1 near Lake Wales (Polk) 3 Jan (S. Riffe et al.); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 4 Feb (H. Robinson).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 S of Marco Island (*Collier*) 30 Dec (T. Below); 3 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (D. Henderson et al.); 2 at Fort De Soto Park 10 Feb (M. Gardler); 3 at Honeymoon Island SP 11 Feb (A. and B. Hansen); 1 wintered for at least the third consecutive year at Bunche Beach (*Lee*) (*fide* C. Ewell).

MARBLED GODWIT: 1 at Hernando Beach (*Hernando*) 6 Dec (B. Hansen et al.) and possibly the same bird at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) 29 Dec (D. Goodwin, D. Powell et al.); 1 at Shell Island, Panama City Beach (*Bay*) 3 Jan (J. Harbison).

RED KNOT: 15 at Weekiwachee Preserve 29 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Powell); 237 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (D. Henderson et al.); 650 at Bird Islands in Nassau Sound (*Duval*) 19 Feb (P. Leary); 1500 at Huguenot Park 26 Feb included birds color-banded at Delaware Bay, Georgia, and South Carolina (P. Leary).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 5 at Calusa Key, Florida Bay (Monroe) 19 Dec (B. Mulrooney); 5 at Snake Bight Channel, Everglades NP (Miami-Dade or Monroe) 3 Jan (B. Mulrooney, photo to FOC).

LEAST SANDPIPER: 7200 at Polk mines 29 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Biscayne NP (Miami-Dade) 8-12 Dec (L. Manfredi et al.).

DUNLIN: 2 SW of San Antonio 22 Dec (D. Goodwin et al.); 3 E of Lake Placid 30 Dec (L. Atherton, photos to FOC); 1620 at Fort De Soto Park 31 Dec (P. Sykes); 16 at *Polk* mines 7 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

STILT SANDPIPER: 2 at Trinity (Pasco) 2 Jan (M. Gardler); 1 at Gainesville 13-20 Jan (R. Rowan, P. Burns); 1200 at Polk mines 29 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 20 at Brooksville 21 Jan (A. and B. Hansen); 6 at Fort De Soto 11 Feb (M. Gardler): 400 at *Polk* mines 20 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

DOWITCHER SPECIES: 1900 at *Polk* mines 29 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

WILSON'S SNIPE: 1090 at Lake Apopka RA 4 Jan (H. Robinson).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK: 1 male displayed at Withlacoochee State Forest (*Hernando*) 25 Dec-21 Feb (B. Hansen et al.).

POMARINE JAEGER: 1 immature off Key Biscayne 27 Dec (R. Diaz); 2 birds 5 km off Naples 2 Feb (D. Suitor).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: 310 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Feb (H. Robinson).

HEERMANN'S GULL: the 1 at Fort De Soto Park 31 Jan ff (L. Atherton et al.).

RING-BILLED GULL: 12,250 at Lake Apopka 4 Feb (H. Robinson).

HERRING GULL: 2 at *Polk* mines 31 Jan (P. Fellers et al.).

*ICELAND GULL: 1 first-winter bird at Canaveral Jetty Park (*Brevard*) 25 Jan-3 Feb (L. Atherton et al.).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 3-21 Dec (H. Robinson) 1 adult at Sanibel Island (*Lee*) 14 Dec (B. and C. Postmus); 1 third-winter bird E of Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 20 Dec (B. Bremser et al.); 20 at Cocoa (*Brevard*) 20 Dec (D. Simpson); 1 or 2 at Huguenot Park 10 Jan-EOS (R. Clark); 1 bird 5 km off Naples 2 Feb (D. Suitor); 2 adults at Little Estero Lagoon 21 Feb (C. Ewell et al.); 3 adults (including an apparent *intermedius*) and 7 immatures wintered at Virginia Key (*Miami-Dade*) and Key Biscayne (R. Diaz et al.).

GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 adult at Canaveral Jetty Park 26 Jan-2 Feb (L. Atherton et al.), and 1 first-winter bird in weakened condition there 31 Jan, which was rehabilitated and released 20 Feb (L. Atherton et al.).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 second-winter bird at Green Key Road 2 Jan (M. Gardler) established the first for *Pasco*; 1 adult at Little Estero Lagoon 21 Feb (M. Gonsalo et al.).

SABINE'S GULL: 1 inland at Lake Emerald, Fort Lauderdale (Broward) 20 Feb (S. Epps).

GULL-BILLED TERN: 2 at Lake Harney (Seminole) 28 Dec (D. Simpson); 6 at Weekiwachee Preserve 29 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Powell, E. Haney); 1 at Polk mines 24-26 Jan (P. Fellers et al.).

CASPIAN TERN: 1 at Okaloosa Island (Okaloosa) 15 Dec (B. Bremser).

ROYAL TERN: 8 at *Polk* mines 29 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

SANDWICH TERN: 50 at Little Estero Lagoon 6 Dec (C. Ewell); 2 at Destin (*Okaloosa*) 15 Dec (B. Duncan et al.); 1 at Hernando Beach South (*Hernando*) 29 Dec (B. Pranty, D. Goodwin).

COMMON TERN: 4 at Bahia Honda Key (*Monroe*) 14 Dec (B. Mulrooney et al., photo to FOC by D. LaPuma).

BLACK SKIMMER: 500 at *Polk* mines 7 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 1 wintered at Cape Florida SP (R. Diaz).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: up to 22 at Gulf Breeze 6 Dec-30 Jan (B. Duncan et al.); 50 at Spring Hill 29 Dec (B. Hansen et al.); 8 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (D. Henderson); 90 at Micco (*Brevard*) 3 Jan (R. Book); 16 at Roseland (*Indian River*) 3 Jan (P. Mansfield).

BUDGERIGAR: 65 at Hernando Beach (Hernando) 29 Dec (B. Pranty et al.).

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET: 16 at the Cape Coral roost (Lee) 15 Dec (C. Ewell).

BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: 18 (including one juvenile) at St. Augustine Beach (St. Johns) 15 Feb (J. Holstein, J. Baker et al.).

GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET (Forpus passerinus): 1 at Key West (Monroe) 28 Feb (N. Brinkley) furnished the first Florida report of this Tropical American genus.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 near Lake Helen (*Volusia*) 20 Dec (R. Putnam, details to FOC). GREAT HORNED OWL: 1 W of Research Road 17 Dec (R. Diaz).

Burrowing Owl.: 1 chick ca. 24 days old at Cape Coral (*Lee*) 7 Dec apparently was from a very late second brood (C. Ewell); 1 at Research Road 17 Dec (R. Diaz).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 along Bottoms Road (*Wakulla*) 10 Jan-15 Feb (J. Hintermister et al.); 2 or more wintered at Lake Apopka RA (H. Robinson).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 8 at Eco Pond, Everglades NP (Monroe) 10 Jan (J. Boyd et al.).

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 1 heard singing at Golden Gate (Collier) 24 Feb (T. Doyle); 1 heard singing at Land O' Lakes (Pasco) 28 Feb (D. Bowman).

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Niceville 14 Nov-15 Feb (M.A. Friedman, banded by F. Bassett); 1 at Pensacola 20 Dec (J. French, banded by F. Bassett).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Brooksville 1 Jan (A. and B. Hansen); 1 adult male at Cedar Key 2-29 Feb (D. Henderson).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 2 wintered at Gainesville (B. Muschlitz, H. Bellot et al., banded by F. Bassett).

*CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Bald Point (Franklin) 9-12 Dec (J. Dozier); 1 at Gainesville 21 Dec-27 Feb (J. Hintermister, L. Hensley et al., banded by F. Bassett); 1 at Niceville 11 Feb (B. McDonald et al., banded by F. Bassett).

*Broad-tailed Hummingbird: 1 adult male at Pensacola 30 Dec-30 Jan (G. Bowman et al., banded by F. Bassett).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Pinecrest (*Miami-Dade*) to 9 Dec (L. Manfredi et al.); singles at Niceville 1 Feb-mid-Feb and mid-Feb-6 Apr (M.A. Friedman, banded by F. Bassett); 2 at Mary Krome Park 25 Jan (J. Boyd et al.); 1 at Gainesville 13 Dec-EOS (B. Muschlitz, banded by F. Bassett).

*ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 1-16 Feb (G. Bowman et al., banded by F. Bassett).

SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 1 at Cedar Key 7 Jan-25 Feb (D. Henderson).

HAIRY WOODPECKER: 1 male near Orangedale (St. Johns) 24 Jan. (P. Powell).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 14 Dec (J. Hintermister et al.); 1 at Cape Florida SP 21 Dec-12 Feb (R. Diaz); 1 E of Lake Placid 30-31 Dec (L. Atherton et al., photos to FOC); 20 at Lake Apopka RA 19 Jan (H. Robinson); 2 wintered at Frog Pond WMA/Southern Glades WEA (R. Diaz).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER: up to 3 at Gainesville 14 Dec-3 Jan (G. McDermott, R. Rowan et al.); 1 adult male at Fort Walton Beach STF 16 Dec (L. Fenimore et al.); 1 adult male at Anclote River Ranch, Odessa (*Pasco*) 15 Jan-21 Feb (M. Lopez, R. Smart et al.); 1 at Lake City 18 Jan-15 Feb (D. Robbins, J. Hintermister et al.); 1 adult male at Piney Z Lake (*Leon*) 29 Feb (G. Menk et al.); 1 wintered at Frog Pond WMA (*fide* J. Boyd).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Guana River S.P. (St. Johns) 4 Dec (A. Kent); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 15 Dec (D. Ware); 10 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Feb (H. Robinson).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Matheson Hammock CP (*Miami-Dade*) 27 Dec (D. Cunningham et al.); 1 at North Key Largo (*Monroe*) 11 Jan (B. Mulrooney, details to FOC); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Feb (H. Robinson).

*TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 1 again wintered at Lake Apopka RA (H. Robinson et al., photos to FOC by J. Bouton and D. LaPuma).

*CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 2 wintered at Lake Apopka RA (H. Robinson et al., photo to FOC by D. LaPuma).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Horseshoe Beach (*Dixie*) 3 Dec (J. Dozier, J. Murphy); 2 at Gainesville 14 Dec (R. Rowan, L. Davis); 1 on the Apalachicola CBC (*Franklin*) 29 Dec

- (B. Steadman et al.); 2 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 30 Dec (S. McCool); 2 at Everglades City (*Collier*) 2 Jan (T. Doyle); 1 at Pensacola 2-23 Jan (M. Clark); 1 at Gulf Breeze 6 Jan (B. Duncan); up to 35 wintered at Lake Apopka RA (B. Anderson et al.).
- Gray Kingbird: 1 at Lake Apopka RA to 28 Jan (H. Robinson et al.); 1 at Islamorada (*Monroe*) 6-7 Dec (B. Mulrooney, photo to FOC); 1 at Black Point Marina (*Miami-Dade*) 27 Dec (B. Mulrooney et al., photo to FOC by D. LaPuma).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: up to 7 at Lake Apopka RA 26 Dec-EOS (H. Robinson); 7 near Cypress Isle (*Highlands*) 30 Dec (J. Greenlaw et al.); 1 at Fritchey Road (*Collier*) 30 Dec-3 Jan (H. and W. Strickland et al.); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 3-15 Jan (A. Knothe et al.); 1 at Lake City 21 Jan (J. Hintermister); 1 at Umatilla (*Lake*) 23 Feb-EOS (J. Puschock); 6 in a "tight flock" at Key West Airport (*Monroe*) 27 Feb (N. Brinkley); 1 again wintered at Seven Springs (K. Tracey et al.).
- Bell's Vireo: 1 at Frog Pond WMA to 5 Jan (R. Diaz).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1-2 at W Kendall (Miami-Dade) to 2 Feb (J. Boyd); 1 at Niceville 15 Dec (J. Williams, S. Tiesciero); 2 at Collier-Seminole SP (Collier) 24 Jan (T. Doyle et al.); 1 at Street Nature Center (Polk) 26 Feb (P. Fellers).
- PURPLE MARTIN: 1 male at Lake Region Village (*Polk*) 8 Jan (B. and L. Cooper); 1 at Springhill Road STF (*Leon*) 20 Jan (J. Morrell); 3 males and 3 females at Port of the Islands 16 Jan (T. Doyle et al.); 4 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Jan (H. Robinson).
- TREE SWALLOW: 200,000 or more at St. Marks NWR 20 Dec (R. Lengacher); 40,000 at *Polk* mines 7 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 100+ at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 24 Jan (J. Boyd et al.); 1 in *Franklin* 16 Feb (J. Dozier, J. Murphy).
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Maggiore, St. Petersburg 20 Dec (R. Smith, details to FOC).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 5 Jan (R. Diaz); 2 of the northern subspecies at Fort De Soto Park 26 Feb (L. Atherton, photos to FOC).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 perhaps of the Mexican subspecies at Fort Walton Beach STF 13 Dec (S. Duncan, L. Dougherty); 120 at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 27 Dec (B. Boeringer, P. Bithorn, D. LaPuma); 1 of the Mexican subspecies at Frog Pond WMA 11 Jan (J. Boyd, R. Diaz).
- BARN SWALLOW: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 16 Feb (B. Monk); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 20-22 Feb (L. Atherton, H. Robinson et al.); 1 at St. Marks NWR 27 Feb (H. Charest).
- BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH: 1 in pines at Lake Apopka RA 7 Dec (H. Robinson).
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 or more at San Felasco Hammock Preserve SP 28 Dec-8 Feb (D. Steadman et al.); 1 at Gainesville 4 Jan (D. Steadman).
- HOUSE WREN: 138 at Lake Apopka RA 9 Dec (H. Robinson).
- SEDGE WREN: 3 off Research Road Everglades NP (Miami-Dade) 17 Dec (R. Diaz).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Sanford (Seminole) 14 Dec (L. Malo); 2 at Florida Caverns SP (Jackson) 22 Jan (D. Chaffin).
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: 111 at Lake Apopka RA 4 Feb (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 10,300 at Lake Apopka RA 4 Feb (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 50-60 at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 5-14 Jan (R. Diaz); 200+ at Viera Wetlands 11 Jan (J. Holstein et al.); 123 at Lake Apopka RA 11 Feb (H. Robinson). CEDAR WAXWING: 1200 at Tallahassee 14 Feb (M. Evans).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park, Hollywood (*Broward*) 10 Dec-25 Jan (R. MacGregor, W. George, M. Berney et al., videotape to FOC); 1 at West Lake 4 Jan-3 Feb (R. Diaz, D. Ervin); 1 at Bear Lake Trail, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 3 Feb (D. Ervin). TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 at Pensacola 6 Jan (L. Atherton).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Cape Florida SP to 14 Feb (R. Diaz, B. Boeringer); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 15 Dec-14 Jan (H. Robinson); 1 again wintered at New Port Richey (K. Tracey et al.).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 10-12 migrants at Cape Florida SP 1 Feb (R. Diaz); 3 in two St. Petersburg sites 7 Feb (R. Smith); 25+ in one oak at Jupiter Inlet Colony (*Martin*) 16 Feb (J. Hailman).

- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 at Valparaiso (*Okaloosa*) 15 Dec (C. and P. Goodyear); 1 at Pensacola 20 Dec (C. Brown et al.); 1 female at Wakodahatchee Wetlands 24 Jan (J. Boyd, R. Diaz et al.); 1 male at Southern Glades WEA 14 Jan (R. Diaz); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 24 Jan (B. Monk et al.).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Myakka River SP 15 Dec (J. Ginaven et al., details to FOC); 1 at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (*Collier*) 20 Dec (A Murray et al.); 1 at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve SP (*Collier*) 29 Feb (V. McGrath et al.).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 male at Pensacola 6 Dec (M. Clark); 1 male at Jacksonville 2 Jan-EOS (J. Ross).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 at Niceville 15 Dec (J. Williams, S. Tiesciero); 1 at Pensacola 20 Dec (B. and L. Duncan et al.).
- PALM WARBLER: 430 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Feb (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Gainesville 14 Dec (A. Kent); 1 at A.J. Henry Park (*Leon*) 21 Dec-11 Feb, and 2 there 24 Feb (D. Chaffin, M. Evans et al.).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: perhaps becoming more numerous during winter in *Broward*, with 2 at Fern Forest, Coconut Creek 9 Dec and 1 at Easterlin Park, Oakland Park 11 Dec ff (W. George); 1 near Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 3 Jan (W. George).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 5 at Lake Apopka RA 4 Feb (H. Robinson).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 11 Feb, and 2 there 29 Feb (H. Robinson). *MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER: 1 at Tree Tops Park, Davie (*Broward*) remained to 5 Jan (W. George).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 male at Pensacola 20 Dec (B. and L. Duncan et al.); 1 at Ravine Gardens SP (*Putnam*) 30 Dec (B. Carroll); 2 at Gainesville 1-14 Jan (P. Burns et al.); 1 at A.D. Barnes Park (*Miami-Dade*) 6 Jan-EOS (J. Rosenfield et al.); 1 at West Lake, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 4 Jan (R. Diaz); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 21-25 Jan (H. Robinson).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Niceville 15 Dec (J. Williams); 1 at Jacksonville 27 Dec (L. Johannsen); 2 wintered at Cape Florida SP (R. Diaz); 1 wintered at Frog Pond WMA (R. Diaz); 1 wintered at Lake Apopka RA (H. Robinson).
- *RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER: 1 breeding-plumaged male at Cape Florida SP 18-19 Jan (A. Harper et al., photo to FOC); 1 breeding-plumaged male at Royal Palm, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 21 Feb-26 Feb (D. Cunningham, J. Weber et al., photos to FOC by L. Manfredi).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 at Tallahassee 1 Jan-EOS (P. Homann).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 female-plumaged bird at Osprey (Sarasota) 20 Dec (A. Bishop et al., details to FOC); 1 at Tallahassee 1 Jan-EOS (F. Rutkovsky et al.); 1 female at Jacksonville 17 Jan (J. Cocke); 1 in female-plumage at Easterlin Park 7 Feb (W. George, M. Berney).
- WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 adult black-backed male at Windley Key (Monroe) 23 Jan-12 Feb (M. O'Brien et al., photo to FOC by J. Boyd).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: 1 heard singing at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 3 Feb (P. Miller). CHIPPING SPARROW: 1 at Plantation Key (*Monroe*) 19 Dec (A. and R. Paul).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Fort Pickens 4 Dec-6 Feb (B. Duncan et al.); 1 at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 11 Dec (R. Diaz); 3 at N Jacksonville 10 Jan (R. Clark); 11 at the Dundee/Lake Wales area 18 Jan (P. Timmer); 4 or more wintered at Lake Apopka RA (H. Robinson).
- FIELD SPARROW: 2 at Babcock-Webb WMA (Charlotte) 14 Dec (D. Mathewson); 4 at Lake Kissimmee SP (Polk) 1 Jan (T. Palmer).
- VESPER SPARROW: 22 at Lake Apopka RA 15 Dec (H. Robinson); 12 at N Jacksonville 10 Jan (R. Clark).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 at Fort Pickens 8 Dec-22 Jan (B. Duncan et al.); 3 at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 11 Dec-29 Jan (J. Boyd et al.); 1 at Balm (*Hillsborough*) 14 Dec (D. Goodwin et al.); 1 at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 20 Dec (A. Forster et al.); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 W of Umatilla (*Lake*) 3 Jan (M. Remer et al.).

- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 487 at N Jacksonville 10 Jan (R. Clark); 312 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Jan (H. Robinson).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 6 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 24 Jan (J. Holstein et al.).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 2 at San Felasco Preserve SP 27 Dec (J. Holstein, B. Muschlitz et al.); 1 at Goldhead Branch SP (*Clay*) 22 Jan (J. Hintermister); 10 found 9 km W of Sumatra (*Liberty*) in Apalachicola NF 22 Feb (J. Cavanagh, J. Murphy).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at San Felasco Hammock Preserve SP 20 Dec-1 Jan (B. Carroll et al.).
- NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 10 at Weekiwachee Preserve 29 Dec (B. Ahern, D. Goodwin, D. Powell et al.); 2 at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 30 Dec (T. Doyle).
- SALTMARSH SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 1 at Caladesi Island SP (*Pinellas*) 27 Dec-9 Jan (E. Kwater); 1 at St. Marks NWR 8 Jan (J. Cavanagh).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 10 singing at Fort Island Gulf Beach 22 Feb (M. Gardler).
- FOX SPARROW: 1 at Lochloosa WMA (*Alachua*) 14-15 Dec (M. Manetz et al.); 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 22 Feb (A. Kent).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 5 at Lake Apopka RA 7 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at Kanapaha Prairie (*Alachua*) 14 Dec (R. Rowan); 1 at Lake Wales 1 Jan (P. Fellers, S. Riffe); 1 at Eco Pond, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 3 Jan (R. Smith); 1 E of Sunniland Station (*Hendry*) 7 Feb (J. Boyd).
- SWAMP SPARROW: 283 at Lake Apopka RA 7 Dec (H. Robinson); 175 at N Jacksonville 10 Jan (R. Clark).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 singing at Cape Florida SP 21 Dec (R. Diaz); 1 heard singing at Key Largo (Monroe) 21 Dec (S. Pimm).
- *HARRIS'S SPARROW: 1 first-winter bird E of Sunniland Station 24 Jan ff (A. Murray, A. Wilson et al., photo to FOC).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1 at Lake Placid 30 Dec (R. Lavoy); 6 at the Dundee/Lake Wales area 18 Jan (P. Timmer).
- Dark-Eyed Junco: 1 at San Felasco Hammock 12-20 Dec (G. Kiltie, B. Carroll); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 17 Dec (H. Robinson); 5 at a rest area on I-10 (*Gadsden*) 16 Jan (B. Wallace et al.); 2 at Tallahassee 14 Feb (H. Hooper).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 male at Tallahassee 5 Dec (D. Houle); 1 female E of Lake Placid 31 Dec (J. Greenlaw, details to FOC); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 27 Feb (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 female at Pensacola 20 Dec-7 Feb (B. Francisco et al., details to FOC by B. Bremser).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 3 at Emeralda Marsh CA 5 Dec (J. Puschock); 3 in *Alachua* to 7 Dec (S. Collins, G. Kiltie, M. Manetz); 2 at Homestead 27 Dec (B. Boeringer et al.); **16** at Lake Apopka RA 31 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at Alligator Point 7 Feb (J. Dozier).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 32 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 winter-plumaged male in Wakulla 7 Feb (J. Epler); increasingly frequent in the W Panhandle, with three reports this winter (fide B. Duncan).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 female-plumaged bird S of St. Leo (*Pasco*) 22 Dec (D. Powell, B. Pranty); 1 female at Jacksonville 1 Jan-EOS (A. Turner); 1 male again wintered at Tallahassee, and was joined by a female-plumaged bird 18 Feb (B. Buford); 3 or more wintered at Lake Apopka RA (H. Robinson).
- DICKCISSEL: 6 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Dec (H. Robinson).
- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 54,000 at Lake Apopka RA 15 Dec (H. Robinson).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 female at Dunedin Causeway (*Pinellas*) 7 Dec (K. Nelson); 1 at West Boca Raton (*Palm Beach*) 21 Dec (L. McCandless).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 3 at St. Marks NWR 22 Dec (S. Barlow); 4 at Lake City 25 Feb (J. Hintermister).
- BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE: **9550** at Lake Apopka RA 15 Dec (H. Robinson).

SHINY COWBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 3 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at Cedar Key 12 Dec (J. Hintermister, G. McDermott); 1 male at Pensacola 28 Dec (M. Clark et al.).

BRONZED COWBIRD: 3 males near Skyview Golf Course, Lakeland 20 Dec (B. and L. Cooper, S. Riffe); 4 males at Serenoa Golf Club, Sarasota (*Sarasota*) 20 Dec (J. Palmer et al.); 1 male at Apalachicola (*Franklin*) 17 Jan (S. McCool); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 30 Jan (A. Knothe et al.); 40 wintered at Eagle Lakes Park, Naples (*Collier*; D. Suitor et al.).

Brown-Headed Cowbird: 1000 at Polk mines 20 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 first-winter male at Cape Florida SP 3 Feb (R. Diaz).

Baltimore Oriole: 7 in Collier 30 Dec (D. Suitor et al.).

PURPLE FINCH: 1 female at Alligator Point 19 Dec (J. Dozier); 1 female at Tallahassee 12 Jan (F. Rutkovsky); "several" wintered at Pensacola (G. Bowman et al.).

HOUSE FINCH: birds expanding their range in the Jacksonville area: 1 at Mayport 27 Dec (J. Cocke), 4 at Fort Caroline Historical Monument 27 Dec (L. Johannsen), and 1 at Kingsley Plantation Historical Monument 13 Jan (R. Clark); 1 at St. Augustine Beach 14 Feb (J. Holstein, J. Baker); 4 at Spring Hill 29 Dec (B. Hansen et al.); 4 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (D. Henderson et al.).

PINE SISKIN: 1 at Valrico (Hillsborough) 24 Jan (S. Backes).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: rare in SE Florida this season: 2 at Royal Palm, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 11 Dec (R. Diaz); 2 at Wakodahatchee Wetlands 24 Jan (J. Boyd et al.).

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