## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Spring report: March-May 2005.—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 2004, *Fla. Field Nat.* 32: 7-33) 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, CP = county park, EOS = end of season, NP = national park, NSRA = north shore restoration area, NWR = national wildlife refuge, RA = restoration area, 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 SPRING SEASON

It was a good season for vagrants, with 11 FOSRC rarities reported: (Eurasian) Green-winged Teal at Gainesville, Masked Duck at Viera, Northern Fulmar at Satellite Beach (first Florida record), White-faced Ibis at St. Marks NWR, Surfbird at Smyrna Dunes Park, Heermann's Gull at St. George Island, Razorbill at Dunedin, Thick-billed Vireo at Hollywood, Kirtland's Warbler at Fort De Soto Park, and Red-legged Honey-creeper at Key West. A notable movement of Mexican Cave Swallows was noted throughout the peninsula 12-20 March. Murray Gardler noted a fallout at the Dry Tortugas on 27 Apr, with 25 species of warblers. Finally, we thank Linda Cooper for her 16 years of service to the FOS Field Observations Committee; we welcome Paul Miller <a href="Paul.Miller@dep.state.fl.us">Paul.Miller@dep.state.fl.us</a> as the new compiler for the area that includes Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk counties.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 4 at SE *Polk* phosphate mines 13 May (E. Kwater), and 18 there 14 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 8 at Emeralda Marsh CA (*Lake*) 18 May (P. May); 150 at Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 30 May (M. McMillian).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 17 at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 17 Mar (A. and D. Forster); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) 5 Apr-6 May (B. Duncan et al.); 2 at *Polk* mines 14 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- Greater White-Fronted Goose: 1 at Springhill Road STF (*Leon*) 2 Mar (G. Menk); 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) to 25 May (P. Laipis et al.).
- SNOW GOOSE: 1 white morph at Lake Apopka NSRA 13 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 white morph at Springhill Road STF 11 Apr (A. Wraithmell).
- CANADA GOOSE: 1 attended a nest at Hudson (*Pasco*) 31 Mar (K. Tracey); 1 flew N over Bill Baggs Cape Florida SP (*Miami-Dade*) 14 May (R. Diaz).

MOTTLED DUCK: 1 at downtown Pensacola 8 Apr (C. Bunch et al.); 74 at *Polk* mines 6 May included broods of 9 and 10 (P. Fellers); a brood at Ten Thousand Islands NWR (*Collier*) 6 & 22 May furnished the first breeding report for the refuge (T. Doyle); 100 at Eagle Lakes Park (*Collier*) 31 May (D. Suitor).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 27 at *Polk* mines 6 May (P. Fellers); 1 male at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 17 May (J. Dozier); 1 male at Sarasota (*Sarasota*) 24 May (J. Dubi, B. Thomas)

NORTHERN SHOVELER: 9 at Polk mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers).

NORTHERN PINTAIL: 1 at Merritt Island NWR (Brevard) 29 May (T. Dunkerton).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL (ANAS C. CRECCA): 1 of the Eurasian subspecies at Gainesville to 9 Mar (P. Burns et al.).

GREATER SCAUP: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 31 May (D. Ware, B. Duncan et al.).

LESSER SCAUP: 2 at Springhill Road STF 28 Apr (G. Menk).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 4 at Lake Alto (*Alachua*) 1 Apr (S. Collins); 1 female at Jupiter Inlet Colony (*Palm Beach*) 22 Apr (J. and L. Hailman); 1 at *Polk* mines 14 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 female-type at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 27 May (T. Doyle).

\*MASKED DUCK: 1 female at Viera Wetlands 16 Mar reportedly was accompanied by a male (E. Heath, photo of female to FOC).

RUDDY DUCK: 12,400 at Lake Apopka 20 Mar (H. Robinson).

PACIFIC LOON: 2 at Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) 6 Apr (B. Duncan), and 1 in full breeding plumage there 6-7 May (P. Baker, C. Bunch).

COMMON LOON: 12+ off Key Biscayne (*Miami-Dade*) 7 Mar (R. Diaz); 52 flew over Gainesville 4 Apr (A. Kratter); 1 flew over Mead Garden (*Orange*) 24 Apr (A. Vinokur); 1 in breeding plumage at Tallahassee 15-21 May (G. Menk).

EARED GREBE: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 2 Mar-2 Apr (B. Duncan).

\*NORTHERN FULMAR (FULMARUS GLACIALIS): 1 found at Satellite Beach (Brevard) 19 Apr died later and furnished the first Florida record (UF 44664 fide T. Webber).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 landed on a boat 48 km S of Pensacola Beach 4 Apr (J. West). NORTHERN GANNET: 100 at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 5 May (J. Cavanagh); 1 near

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 100+ at SE Polk mines 16 May (E. Kwater).

Panther Key, Ten Thousand Islands NWR 12 May (T. Doyle).

BROWN PELICAN: 1 immature at Mead Garden 16 Mar (T. Rodriguez); 1 at S Orlando 14 Apr (B. Anderson); 6 at Lake Apopka NSRA 30 Apr-1 May (H. Robinson); 1 adult at Tibet-Butler Preserve (*Orange*) 21 May (T. Rodriguez); 1-3 at various *Polk* locations throughout the season (*fide* L. Cooper).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Gainesville 18 Apr (B. Carroll).

AMERICAN BITTERN: 10 at Lake Apopka NSRA 20 Mar, and 2 there to 26 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Lake Kissimmee SP (*Polk*) 7 May (T. Palmer); 2 at Lake Jackson 8 May (M. Hill).

Great White Heron: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 27 Mar-6 Apr, and 2 there 30 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 at Melbourne Beach (*Brevard*) in late Apr (A. Bankert); 1 at St. George Island 30 May (J. Dozier).

REDDISH EGRET: 1 along Bottoms Road (Wakulla) 13 Apr (J. Dozier); up to 10 at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 30 Apr-6 May (T. Doyle).

CATTLE EGRET: 18 at Southwood (Leon) 17 Mar (G. Menk); 1 near Polk City (Polk) 19 Apr was nearly entirely buff-colored (D. and P. Fellers et al., photo to FOC by L. Cooper).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: 5 at Gainesville 1 Apr (A. Kratter).

SACRED IBIS: a nest with two nestlings at Loxahatchee NWR (Palm Beach) 23 May (G. Herring, photos to FOC) furnished the first breeding report for Florida.

WHITE IBIS: 5970 at Lake Apopka NSRA 30 Mar (H. Robinson).

GLOSSY IBIS: 25 flew over the Atlantic Ocean 8 km off Ponce Inlet (Volusia) 25 Mar (J. Hintermister, B. Wallace); 2 in breeding plumage at Lake Jackson 15 May (G. Menk).

\*WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 immature at St. Marks NWR 9-12 Apr (B. Richter et al.).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 28 at *Polk* mines 6 May (P. Fellers); 3 in a rookery at Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area for 4 weeks through 18 May (P. May); 1 at Lake Istokpoga 28 May (M. McMillian).

TURKEY VULTURE: 635 at Lake Apopka NSRA 2 Mar (H. Robinson).

SNAIL KITE: up to **6** at Lake Tsala Apopka (*Citrus*) 20 Apr-14 May (E. and M. Smith); 2 (female and male) at Lake Istokpoga 30 May (M. McMillian).

MISSISSIPPI KITE: a pair tended a nest at Apalachicola (*Franklin*) 6 May (K. Malone); 200+ over Tram Road STF (*Leon*) 6 May (E. Woodruff); 1 at Green Cay Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 7 May (B. Mulrooney); 30 at Ocala 27 May-EOS (A. Luzader).

NORTHERN HARRIER: 165 at Lake Apopka NSRA 13 Mar (H. Robinson).

COOPER'S HAWK: 2 fledged from a nest at W Kendall (*Miami-Dade*) in May (J. Boyd); 4 fledged from a Cape Coral (*Lee*) nest at Cape Coral (T. Allen, C. Bear); 3 fledglings at Pinecraft Park, Sarasota (J. Dubi et al.).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 2 at Fort De Soto Park 24 Apr (P. Fellers et al.).

SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph at Lake Istokpoga 10 Mar (M. McMillian); 1 light morph at Edgewater (Volusia) 10 Apr (A. Vinokur et al.); 1 dark morph along the Pithlachascotee River, New Port Richey (Pasco) 19 Apr marked the 9th consecutive year of reports from that area (K. Tracey); 1 light morph at Crooked River Preserve (Lake) 22 Apr (S. Benedetto); 1 dark morph at Casselberry (Seminole) 8 May (A. Vinokur).

GREAT BLACK-HAWK: 1 at Key Biscayne 23 Apr appeared to be of the South American race *urubitinga* (J. Boyd).

CRESTED CARACARA: 1 at S Merritt Island (Brevard) 27 Apr (B. Paxson).

AMERICAN KESTREL: 1 pair unsuccessfully nested at an electrical substation in mid-*Pinellas* 23 Apr-14 May, then attempted nesting in a wooden pole 27 May-EOS (J. Fisher).

PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 at Lake Istokpoga 10 Mar (M. McMillian); 1 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (Okeechobee) 19 Apr (P. Miller); 1 at Gainesville 20 Apr (S. Collins).

KING RAIL: 25 at Lake Apopka NSRA 6 Mar (H. Robinson).

PURPLE GALLINULE: 56 at Lake Apopka NSRA 20 Apr (H. Robinson).

LIMPKIN: a pair with 5 young at Lake Munson (*Leon*) 17 Apr (*fide* M. Hill).

WHOOPING CRANE: 6 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (Alachua) 2 Mar (G. Kusch); 6 at Watermelon Pond (Alachua) 2-3 Mar (S. Nesbitt et al.).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1 at *Polk* mines 10 Apr (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 17 Mar, and 3 others there 18-19 Mar (L. Atherton et al.); up to 2 at Merritt Island NWR 30 Mar-4 Apr (T. Dunkerton); up to 3 at St. Marks NWR 7-15 Apr (B. Richter, A. Wraithmell); 1 at Emeralda Marsh CA 10 Apr (A. Luzader); 1 at Crandon Beach (*Miami-Dade*) 19 May (R. Diaz).

SNOWY PLOVER: 1 at Matanzas Inlet (St. Johns) 14 May (N. and T. Shuler).

WILSON'S PLOVER: 50 at Little Estero Lagoon (*Lee*) 25 Mar, and 19 adults and 2 chicks there 19 May (C. Ewell).

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 41 at *Polk* mines 6 May (P. Fellers); 100+ in winter plumage at Little Estero Lagoon 28 May (C. Ewell).

PIPING PLOVER: 3 at Little Estero Lagoon 25 Mar (C. Ewell).

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 1 at Little Estero Lagoon had been color-banded in 2004 as a chick at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina 28 May (C. Ewell).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: 2 adults at St. Vincent NWR (Franklin) 4 Mar (T. Lewis); 2 at Little Estero Lagoon 25 Mar (C. Ewell).

AMERICAN AVOCET: 79 at Little Estero Lagoon 25-26 Mar (C. Ewell); 900, mostly in breeding plumage, at *Polk* mines 10 Apr (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer) had declined to 139 birds 29 Apr (P. Fellers).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 24 Mar, and 10 there 26 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Alachua (*Alachua*) 26 May (B. Wallace).

- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: flock of 11 at Jupiter Inlet (*Palm Beach*) 15 Apr (J. and L. Hailman); 1 in breeding plumage at Sarasota 24 May (J. Dubi).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: singles at Viera 19 Mar and 3-4 Apr (A. Vinokur, T. Dunkerton); 2 at St. Marks NWR 3 Apr (T. Curtis); 1 at Ruskin (*Hillsborough*) 7 Apr (K. Tracey); in mid-*Pinellas* 22 Apr (J. Fisher).
- WHIMBREL: 5 flying north off John D. MacArthur SP (Palm Beach) 7 May (D. Richardson, A. Vinokur).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Cedar Key 4-17 Mar (P. Frederick, J. Hintermister); 1 at Little Estero Lagoon 26 Mar (C. Ewell).
- \*SURFBIRD: 1 at Smyrna Dunes Park 10-11 Apr provided the first Atlantic coast report (D. Novier, D. Richardson, photo to FOC by B. Richter).
- RED KNOT: 700 at Huguenot Park in Mar-Apr (P. Leary); 300 (75 in breeding plumage) at Little Estero Lagoon 19 May, and 165 (5 in breeding plumage) there 28 May (C. Ewell).
- SANDERLING: 2 at Lake Apopka NSRA 1 May (H. Robinson).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 450 at Merritt Island NWR 17 Apr, and 900 there 30 Apr (A. Vinokur et al.); **16,000** at *Polk* mines 6 May (P. Fellers); 20 Springhill Road STF 23 May (G. Menk).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 20 at Polk mines 6 May (P. Fellers).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 10,000 at Polk mines 10 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel), and 7000 there 29 Apr (P. Fellers).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 2 at Eagle Lakes Park 25 Apr, and 12 there 31 May (D. Suitor, C. Ewell); 2 in central Pasco 29 Apr (K. Tracey); 2 at Polk mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers); 65 at Merritt Island NWR 30 Apr (T. Dunkerton, A. Vinokur); 1 at Sarasota 30 Apr-3 May (J. Dubi); 9 at Springhill Road STF 12 May (G. Menk); 1 at Big Pine Key (Monroe) 14 May (M. Berney); 17 in the Everglades Agricultural Area (Palm Beach) 22 May (B. Hope, M. Berney); "several" flocks of about 10 each at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 23 May (T. Doyle).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 2 at Fort Walton Beach STF 29 Mar (B. Duncan, C. Brown).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at Egan's Wetland, Fernandina Beach (Nassau) 18 Mar (P. Leary, photo to FOC); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 18 Mar (L. Atherton); 4 at Merritt Island NWR 19 Mar (A. Vinokur, T. Dunkerton); 4 at Green Cay Wetlands 23 Mar (B. Boeringer); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 9 Apr (B. Mulrooney); 3 at Lake Apopka NSRA 30 Apr (H. Robinson); 2 at Polk mines 6 May (P. Fellers); 1 at Springhill Road STF 19 May (G. Menk).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Smyrna Dunes Park 10 Apr (A. Vinokur et al.).
- DUNLIN: 31 at *Polk* mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 2 at Tram Road STF 24 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 2600 at *Polk* mines 29 Apr increased to 5200 there 6 May (P. Fellers), and 9700 on 14 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 50 at Browns Farm Road (*Palm Beach*) 8 May (M. Berney).
- RUFF: 1 female at Merritt Island NWR 15 May (T. Dunkerton et al., photo to FOC by A. Vinokur).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 3 at Fort Walton Beach STF 29 Mar, and 2 there 27 Apr (B. Duncan, C. Brown).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1280 at Polk mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers); 2 at St. Marks NWR 16 May (J. Dozier).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at St. Marks NWR 19 Mar (J. Murphy), and up to 3 (13 May) there 7-17 May (T. Curtis et al.); 1 male at Merritt Island NWR 20-21 May (T. Dunkerton).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 1 adult light morph at Fort De Soto Park 6 Mar (P. Sykes).
- LAUGHING GULL: 9 in breeding plumage soaring high and calling over Mead Garden 14 May (B. Anderson).
- \*HEERMANN'S GULL: 1 adult at St. George Island 27 May (J. Erickson et al.) was thought to be the same individual first found at Fort De Soto Park in Oct 2000.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: up to 24 (28 Mar) at Crandon Beach through 17 May included at least 1 adult *intermedius* 8 Mar (R. Diaz, photo to FOC); 1 adult at Pensacola Bay Bridge 8 Mar (B. Bremser); 1 at Panama City (Bay) 14-19 Apr (C. Matkovich).

GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 first-year bird at Longboat Key (Manatee) 31 Mar (J. Ginaven).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 2 first-year birds at Crandon Beach through 18 May (R. Diaz).

GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 near Weeki Wachee (*Hernando*) 18 Mar (M. Gardler); up to 2 at Lake Apopka NSRA 27 Mar-22 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 7 May (P. Fellers et al.); 10 at *Polk* mines 14 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 2 in flight display at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 23 May (T. Doyle).

CASPIAN TERN: 1 at Gainesville 2 Apr (A. Kratter).

ROYAL TERN: 1000 at Little Estero Lagoon 25 Mar (C. Ewell); 6 at *Polk* mines 18 May (P. Fellers).

SANDWICH TERN: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 6-10 Apr (H. Robinson).

ROSEATE TERN: 5 at Marathon (*Monroe*) 14 May appeared to be breeding at the Government Center again (J. Boyd, N. Freedman).

COMMON TERN: singles at Lake Apopka NSRA 20 and 30 Apr (H. Robinson); 20+ at Bird Islands (*Duval*) 11 May (P. Leary).

LEAST TERN: 1 at Altamonte Springs 27 Mar (A. Vinokur); 45 adults and 10 nests at *Polk* mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers); 110 in a tight group at an industrial complex near Progress Village (*Hillsborough*) 17 May (E. Kwater); 266, including 147 incubating adults and 5 chicks, at Little Estero Lagoon 28 May (C. Ewell).

BLACK TERN: 3 at Lake Apopka NSRA 30 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 in winter plumage at Bird Islands 11 May (P. Leary); 1 adult in breeding plumage at SE *Polk* mines 16 May (E. Kwater).

BROWN NODDY: 1 immature at Fort De Soto Park 1 May (P. Timmer et al.).

BLACK NODDY: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 23 Apr-1 May (M. Gardler, M. Berney et al.).

BLACK SKIMMER: 1 at Gainesville 2 Apr (P. Laipis, J. Stahl); 350 at *Polk* mines 18 May (P. Fellers).

\*RAZORBILL: 1 at Dunedin Causeway (*Pinellas*) 13 Apr died at Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary (*fide* S. Crawford, photos to FOC; UF 44677 *fide* T. Webber).

WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 1 at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 4 May (T. Doyle).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 8 Apr (B. Mulrooney); 24 along the Sunniland Grade BBS route (*Collier*) 29 May (T. Doyle).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 pair that attended a nest with one egg at Inverness 19 Mar furnished the first *Citrus* breeding report (K. Spilios); 1 at Talbot Islands SP (*Duval*) 25 May (P. Leary); 2 at Bald Point (*Franklin*) 26 May (J. Dozier); 1 at Fernandina Beach 30 May (P. Leary).

COCKATIEL: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 30 Mar (H. Robinson).

BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: 1 pair copulated at Fort De Soto Park 7 Mar (V. McGrath); 6 at New Port Richey 10 May (R. Smart).

MONK PARAKEET: 2 observed building a nest at Gainesville 15 Mar-EOS (W. Ellis et al.). SCALY-HEADED PARROT (PIONUS MAXIMILLIANAE): 3 at Matheson Hammock Park (Mi-ami-Dade) 30 Apr (J. Boyd et al., photo to FOC) provided the first verifiable record for

Florida. YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 50+ at Dry Tortugas NP 27 Apr (M. Gardler).

MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 at Bald Point 3 May (J. Dozier).

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 1 adult at Blue Cypress Conservation Area (*Indian River*) 5 Mar (B. and C. Paxson).

GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 at Fort Lauderdale Airport (*Broward*) through 18 Apr (M. Berney et al.).

SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 6 Apr (H. Robinson); 2 of the West Indian race at Dry Tortugas NP 1 May (M. Berney et al.).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1 at St. George Island 2 Apr (J. Cavanagh, photo to FOC); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 8 Apr (B. Mulrooney, photo to FOC).

CHIMNEY SWIFT: 3 at Mead Garden 30 Mar (A. Vinokur).

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Gainesville to 30 Mar (H. Bellot); 1 at Fairchild Tropical Gardens (*Miami-Dade*) 29 Mar-6 Apr (L. Manfredi et al., photo to FOC by J. Boyd).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 in Okaloosa 14 May (D. Ware).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 melanistic individual at Goethe State Forest (*Levy*) 17 Mar was wholly dark except for a red head (J. Hintermister).

HAIRY WOODPECKER: 1 at Bonita Springs (*Lee*) 3 Apr (D. Suitor); 1 male near Orangedale (*St. Johns*) 8 April (P. Powell); 1 in SE *Leon* 16 Apr (R. Lengacher).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 20 Apr (H. Robinson).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 8 Apr (B. Mulrooney); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 1 May (H. Robinson).

LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 14 Apr (H. Robinson).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 male at Blue Cypress Conservation Area 5 Mar (B. Paxson); 1 male that wintered at Flatwoods Ranch, Odessa (Pasco) was joined by a female 12 Mar (C. Spicuglia); 1 female at Paurotis Pond, Everglades NP (Miami-Dade) remained to 13 Mar (M. Berney); 1 male at Frog Pond WMA (Miami-Dade) remained to 13 Mar (M. Berney); 1 that wintered at Alligator Lake (Columbia) remained to 19 Mar (J. Hintermister, M. Manetz).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 3 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 30 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 at Largo Central Nature Park (*Pinellas*) 20 Apr (P. Blair).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 2 heard calling at Key Largo (Monroe) 5 Mar (P. Bithorn, R. Urgelles); 1 at Mosier Hammock, Everglades NP (Miami-Dade) 13 Mar (R. Diaz); 2 heard calling at Frog Pond WMA (Miami-Dade) 10 Apr (P. Bithorn).

La Sagra's Flycatcher: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 26 May (M. Gardler et al., photo to FOC by D. Fulton); 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (*Broward*) 6-12 May (M. Berney et al.).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: 17 at Lake Apopka NSRA 16 Mar, and 1 there to 14 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 in mid-*Pinellas* 26-27 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 17 Apr (M. Collins); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 27 Apr (B. and L. Duncan, C. Brown); 1 at Fort De Soto 6 May (B. Ahern); 1 at Bald Point 8 May (J. Murphy).

EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands*) 15 Mar (B. Pranty, J. Benson); 2 attended a nest in mid-*Pinellas* 23 May-EOS (J. Fisher).

Gray Kingbird: 1 in SW *Miami-Dade* 16 Mar (R. Diaz); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 18-19 Mar (L. Atherton).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 10 at Cypress Isle, Lake Istokpoga 8 Mar were feeding on "blind mosquitoes" (M. McMillian); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 30 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 at St. Marks NWR 3-6 Apr (T. Curtis et al.); 2 at Key West Botanical Gardens (Monroe) 10 Apr (S. Pimm); 1 at Mrazek Pond, Everglades NP (Monroe) 10 Apr (P. Bithorn); up to 7 in E Polk through 12 Apr (J. DuBois); 1 at St. George Island 17 Apr (K. Malone); 1 at W Kendall 25 Apr (J. Boyd); 2 at Hagens Cove (Taylor) 9 May (G. and R. Kiltie).

\*THICK-BILLED VIREO: 1 at Anne Kolb Nature Center, Hollywood (*Broward*) 4-15 May (J. Wraithmell et al., photo to FOC by B. Mulrooney).

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 at Melrose (Putnam) 2 Mar (E. Farley).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO: singles at Fort De Soto Park 19 Apr, 2 May, and 6 May (L. Atherton, B. Ahern).

RED-EYED VIREO: 1 at Morris Bridge Park (*Hillsborough*) 7 Mar (B. Ahern); 11 at Kewannee Park (*Seminole*) 21 Mar (A. Vinokur).

BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 2 Apr (L. Atherton); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse (*Lee*) 24 Apr (C. Ewell, W. Winton et al.).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 13 Mar (H. Robinson).

BANK SWALLOW: 4 at Lake Apopka NSRA 3 Apr, and 1 there to 29 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area 28 Apr (P. May); 2 at Lake Apopka NSRA 26 May (A. Vinokur, T. Dunkerton).

CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 18 Mar (H. Robinson).

CAVE SWALLOW: 1 of the Mexican race at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) 12 Mar (J. Boyd); 3 of the Mexican race at Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 13 Mar (M. Berney); 7-8 of the Mexican race at St. Marks NWR 17-18 Mar (J. Dozier, J. Cavanagh, J. Howland), and 1 there 3 Apr (T. Curtis); 4 at Springhill Road STF 18 Mar (G. Menk); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 20 Mar (L. Atherton); 1 at the Ochlockonee River (*Wakulla*) 1 Apr (J. Dozier); 1 at Bald Point 3 Apr (J. Murphy); 1 of the West Indian race at Fort Walton Beach STF 25 Apr (B. Duncan); 1 of the Mexican race at Lake Apopka NSRA 22 May (H. Robinson).

BARN SWALLOW: 2 at Springhill Road 2 Mar (G. Menk); 390 at Lake Apopka NSRA 17 Apr (H. Robinson).

CAROLINA CHICKADEE: 1 in mid-*Pinellas* 9 Mar (J. Fisher); 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 2-3 Apr provided the first for *Miami-Dade* (A. Harper et al., photo to FOC by S. Siegel).

TUFTED TITMOUSE: 1 at S Miami 5 Mar (F. Guajardo); 1 at Deerfield Island Park (*Broward*) 5 Mar (G. Cashin); 2 at A.D. Barnes Park all season (J. Boyd et al.).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Eastpoint (Franklin) 22 Mar-4 Apr (S. Klink); 1 at St. Marks NWR 7 Apr (T. Curtis).

HOUSE WREN: 1 at Alachua 11 May (S. Hofstetter); 1 at Ocala 12 May (P. Orr).

WINTER WREN: 1 at Black Swamp Nature Park (Leon) 3-4 Mar (G. Menk, T. Curtis).

SEDGE WREN: 8 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 26 Apr (H. Robinson).

MARSH WREN: 36 at Lake Apopka NSRA 26 Apr, and 1 there to 1 May (H. Robinson); 1 singing at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 2 May (T. Doyle); 1 at Paynes Prairie 12 May (R. Rowan).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 2 at Tallahassee 6 Mar (D. and S. Jue, D. Harder); 1 at Gainesville 20 Mar (M. Manetz).

HERMIT THRUSH: 1 at San Felasco Hammock (Alachua) 25 Apr (R. Rowan, T. Spahr).

VEERY: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 7 May (S. Rayer).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: 1 at Gainesville 28 Apr (R. Rowan).

WOOD THRUSH: singles at Dry Tortugas NP 27 Apr (M. Gardler) and 1 May (M. Berney et al.); 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 2-5 Mar (P. Bithorn, R. Urgelles).

AMERICAN ROBIN: 2 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 24 Apr (B. Carroll); 1 at Casselberry (*Seminole*) 25 Apr (A. Vinokur); 1 at Bald Point 29 May (J. Murphy).

GRAY CATBIRD: 100s at Dry Tortugas NP 27 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 sang at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) 25 May (A. and B. Hansen); 1 bird 11 km S of Monroe Station (*Monroe*) 28 May (T. Doyle).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT: **5** at Eglin Air Force Base (*Okaloosa*) 5-12 Mar (L. Fenimore, C. Parkel). CEDAR WAXWING: 176 at Lake Apopka NSRA 15 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Alligator Point 26 May (S. McCool); 2 in the Upper Keys (*Monroe*) 30 May (A. Harper).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Mead Garden 6 Apr (A. Vinokur); 1 at St. Marks NWR 7 Apr (T. Curtis); 1 at Quick Point Preserve, Longboat Key (Sarasota) 8 Apr (J. Dubi, R. Greenspun); 2 at Melbourne Beach 13 Apr (A. Bankert); 1 at Lori Wilson Park (Brevard) 17 Apr (A. Vinokur); 1 mid-Pinellas 20 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse 24 Apr (C. Ewell, W. Winton et al.); 1 at Flamingo 24 Apr (M. Berney); 1 at Key Largo Hammocks SP (Monroe) 25 Apr (R. Urgelles).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 female at Fort De Soto Park 2 May (L. Atherton et al.).

TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 at Mead Garden 24 Apr (D. Richardson); 1 male at Flamingo 24 Apr (M. Berney).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 1 May (M. Berney et al.).

NASHVILLE WARBLER: singles at Gainesville 27 Mar (A. Kratter) and 8 May (B. Carroll); 1 at Fairchild Tropical Gardens 29 Mar (R. Diaz); 1 that wintered at Fern Forest Nature Center (*Broward*) remained to 9 Apr (M. Berney et al.).

- NORTHERN PARULA: 52 at Lake Apopka NSRA 18 Mar (H. Robinson).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 10 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 "Cuban Golden Warbler" sang near Gullivan Key, Ten Thousand Islands NWR 14 April (T. Doyle); 1 at Hague (*Alachua*) 6 May (B. Carroll, B. Enneis).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 female at Mead Garden 19 Mar (B. Anderson et al.); 1 male in mid-Pinellas 13 May (J. Fisher).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: singles in mid-*Pinellas* 26 & 28 Apr (J. Fisher); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 1 May (M. Berney et al.); 3 at Cape Florida 6 May, and 1 sang there 7 May (R. Diaz).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 2 May (G. Parks); 1 male sang at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs SP (*Pasco*) 5 May (A. and B. Hansen).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 male sang at Tallahassee 5 May (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Newberry (Alachua) 17 May (L. Holt).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 male "Audubon's" at Dry Tortugas NP 7-8 Apr (A. Piston, S. Heinl, photo to FOC); 1 at Mead Garden 14 May (B. Anderson).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 at Mead Garden 3-16 Apr (A. Vinokur); 1 male at Dry Tortugas NP 1 May (M. Berney et al.).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 at Crooked River Preserve 22 Apr (S. Benedetto).
- \*KIRTLAND'S WARBLER: 1 female at Fort De Soto Park 10 May (J. Hintermister et al., photos to FOC by L. Atherton).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 2 males sang at Tallahassee 3 Apr (R. Lengacher); 1 at Gainesville 30 May (M. Manetz).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 1 at Sanibel Lighthouse 24 Apr (C. Ewell, W. Winton et al.); 1 at Cedar Key 7 May (D. Henderson).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1 at Bill Sadowski Park (*Miami-Dade*) 11 Mar (R. Torres); 40 at Fort De Soto Park 7 May (P. Fellers et al.); 1 female at Cedar Key 30 May (D. Henderson).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 9 Apr (S. Robinson); 1 male at Maitland Community Park (Seminole) 9 Apr (A. Vinokur).
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: 25 at Mead Garden 23 Apr (A. Vinokur).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 singing 8 km S of Monroe Station (Monroe) 28 May (T. Doyle).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at St. George Island 28 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Tallahassee 3 Apr (F. Rutkovsky), and 2 others elsewhere in the city 8 Apr (D. and S. Jue); a total of 8 in *Alachua* variously 6 Apr-1 May (P. Burns, M. Manetz et al.); 5 at Maitland Community Park 9 Apr (A. Vinokur); 5 at Merritt Island NWR 17 Apr (A. Vinokur, D. Richardson).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 1 Mar (A. Darrah), and several there 17 Apr (G. Pardo et al.); singles at Birch SP 21-26 Mar, 8-9 Apr, and 25-27 Apr, and 4 there 28 Apr (J. Pesold, M. Berney et al.); 1 at Mead Garden 25 Mar (A. Vinokur); 1 at Paynes Prairie 3 Apr (C. Burney); 1 at Spanish River Park (Palm Beach) 4 Apr (L. Miller); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 8-9 Apr (B. Mulrooney); singles at Evergreen cemetery, Fort Lauderdale (Broward) 9 and 24 Apr (M. Stickel et al.); singles at Gainesville 13 Apr (E. Farley, S. Howell) and 17 Apr (S. Robinson); 2 at Fort De Soto 16 Apr (C. Gjerwold et al.); 1 at Cape Florida 25 Apr (L. Golden).
- OVENBIRD: 1 at Paynes Prairie 22 May (P. Laipis, S. Porvasnik).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Gainesville 10 Mar (S. Collins); singles at Bald Point 16 Mar and 9 May (J. Dozier); 15 at Birch SP 7 May (A. Vinokur).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Tallahassee 11 Mar (G. Menk); 34 at Lake Apopka NSRA 27 Mar (H. Robinson); 3 at Evergreen cemetery 8 Apr (M. Berney et al.); 1 at Melbourne Beach 1 May (A, Bankert).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at Bonita Springs 6 Apr (D. Suitor); singles at Sanibel Lighthouse 9 & 24 Apr (D. Konz et al.); 1 at Gainesville 11-19 Apr (R. Rowan); 1 at Birch SP 27-28 Apr (M. Stickel et al.); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 1 May (M. Berney et al.).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 at Spanish River Park 5 May (A. Vinokur); 1 at Paynes Prairie 6 May (P. Burns, D. Robbins); singles at Birch SP 6 and 22 May, and 2 there 24 May (M. Stickel et al.); 2 at Fort De Soto Park 7 May (L. Atherton, P. Fellers et al.); 2 males at Cape Florida 7 May (R. Diaz, G. Jones); 1 in mid-Pinellas 11 May (J. Fisher); 1 at Mead Garden 14 May (B. Anderson); 1 salvaged at Fort Lauderdale 22 May (fide T. Webber, UF 44662); 1 salvaged at Pompano Beach 26 May (fide T. Webber, UF 44691).

MOURNING WARBLER: 1 male in mid-Pinellas 2 May (J. Fisher, photo to FOC).

HOODED WARBLER: 2 at Mead Garden 21 May (B. Anderson et al.).

WILSON'S WARBLER: singles at A.D. Barnes Park 25 Mar-9 Apr (P. Bithorn, R. Urgelles) and 17 Apr (G. Pardo); 1 male at Bald Point 2 Apr (J. Murphy); 1 at Sawgrass Recreation Area (*Broward*) 5 Apr (S. Heinl, A. Piston).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Altamonte Springs 29 Mar (A. Vinokur); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 8 Apr (B. Mulrooney); 3 singing at Crystal River Preserve SP (*Citrus*) 7 May (A. and B. Hansen); up to 6 territory males at Emeralda Marsh CA 18 May (P. May).

\*RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER: 1 male in mostly breeding plumage at Fort Zachary Taylor, Key West 21-22 Apr (C. Goodrich et al., photos to FOC by C. Wood).

SCARLET TANAGER: 4 at Tallahassee 14 Apr (R. Lengacher); 5 (4 males) at Mead Garden 16 Apr (B. Anderson et al.); 40+ at Cedar Key 24 Apr (J. Hintermister); 20 at Fort De Soto Park 24 Apr (P. Fellers).

WESTERN TANAGER: 1 male at Pensacola 18 Feb-1 Mar (P. Swope); 1 male at Valrico (*Hillsborough*) 7-9 Mar (S. Backes); 1 immature at W Pensacola 20 Apr (R. Bonwit, V. Murphy); 1 that wintered at Tallahassee remained to 27 Apr (F. Rutkovsky).

WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 green-backed male that wintered at Indigenous Park, Key West (Monroe) to 7 Mar (M. Hedden) presumably moved to Key West Botanical Gardens 7 Mar-27 Apr (J. Halleron, M. Hedden et al.).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Key Largo 5 Mar (P. Bithorn, R. Urgelles); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 10 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Tallahassee 18 Apr (D. Houle).

VESPER SPARROW: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 6 Apr (H. Robinson).

LARK SPARROW: 1 at Hague (*Alachua*) to 18 Mar (D. Levey, P. Burns); 1 in N *Hillsborough* 28 Mar (G. and R. Kruetzman); 1 in *Franklin* 26 Apr (J. Dodge).

SAVANNAH SPARROW: 6 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 1 May (H. Robinson); 1 at Lake Kissimmee SP 7 May (T. Palmer).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 8 Apr (B. Mulrooney).

SONG SPARROW: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 14 Apr (H. Robinson).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 2-9 Mar (B. Duncan, C. Brown); 1 at Paynes Prairie 6-12 Mar (J. Hintermister, S. Collins); singles at Lake Apopka NSRA 10 and 20 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Hague 16 Apr (M. Manetz).

SWAMP SPARROW: 80 at Lake Apopka NSRA 20 Apr, and 9 there to 30 Apr (H. Robinson). WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 2 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 20 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Tallahassee 24 Apr (P. McTarsney); 1 in Wakulla 30 Apr (S. McCool).

DARK-EYED JUNCO: 2 in S Leon 13 Mar (G. Menk); 1 at Niceville (Okaloosa) 14 May (B. McKenney).

NORTHERN CARDINAL: 307 at Lake Apopka NSRA 14 Apr (H. Robinson).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: a total of 14 in *Alachua* variously 14 Apr-12 May (B. Quinn, M. Walsh-McGehee et al.); 2 at Mead Garden 15 Apr (D. Richardson); 60+ at Cedar Key 24 Apr (J. Hintermister).

ROSE-BREASTED × BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 apparent hybrid male at Bald Point 28 Apr (J. Dozier) (J. Dozier, photo to FOC).

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 female at Gulf Breeze 26 Apr (B. and L. Duncan et al.).

BLUE GROSBEAK: 20 at Cedar Key 24 Apr (J. Hintermister).

INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Gainesville 5 Mar (S. Collins); 1 at Bald Point 9 Mar (J. Dozier); 20 at Cedar Key 24 Apr (J. Hintermister); 32 at Palatka (*Putnam*) 28 Apr (P. Bowen, J. Stewart).

- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 wintered at Alachua to 28 Mar (D. Werner); 2 males at St. George Island 7 Apr, and 1 female there 27 Apr (J. Cavanagh); 1 male at Bald Point 24 Apr (*fide* J. Dozier); 1 at Gainesville 28 Apr (S. Flamand); 1 of 6 that wintered in Orlando remained to 3 May (B. Dowling).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 at Flamingo 17 Apr (J. Boyd); 1 at Bald Point 26 Apr (J. Dozier); 2 at Fort De Soto Park 26 Apr (J. Gaetzi, L. Atherton et al.); 40 at Sanibel Lighthouse 27 Apr (V. McGrath et al.); 42 at Dry Tortugas NP 27 Apr (M. Gardler); 1 at St. Marks NWR 28 Apr (J. Howland); 1 male at Cedar Key 28 Apr (D. Henderson, N. Taylor); 1 at Springhill Road STF 29 Apr (R. Cassidy); 1 male at Winter Park (*Orange*) 29 Apr (A. Vinokur, B. Anderson); 1 at Alligator Point 2 May (J. Murphy); 7 in *Okaloosa* and *Walton* 14 May (D. Ware, M. Theberge); 134 singing males and 9 females at Lake Apopka NSRA 22 May (H. Robinson), and a nest with 4 eggs there 19 May (A. Vinokur, photo to FOC).
- BOBOLINK: 1735 at Lake Apopka NSRA 26 Apr (H. Robinson); 250 at *Polk* mines 6 May (P. Fellers); 12 females at Sarasota celery fields (*Sarasota*) 26 May (J. Dubi).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 at Gainesville 8 Mar (B. Christensen); 1 male at Altamonte Springs 27 Mar (*fide* A. Vinokur); 1 immature at Crystal River in late Mar (J. Washington); 1 immature female at Cedar Key 26 Mar-6 May (D. Henderson et al.).
- SHINY COWBIRD: single males at Bald Point 9 Apr and 21-22 May (J. Murphy, J. Dozier); 1 male at Cedar Key 15 Apr and 3 May (D. Henderson); 1 male at Gulf Breeze 28 Apr (B. Duncan); 1 male at Lake Apopka NSRA 1 May (H. Robinson); 1 male in *Okaloosa* 14 May (D. Ware); 2 males at Fort De Soto Park 28 May (L. Atherton).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 at Winter Park 22-30 Apr (B. Anderson).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 7 at Maitland 16 Apr (A. Vinokur et al.); 5 at Winter Park 30 April (B. Anderson).
- PURPLE FINCH: 1 at Gainesville 3 Mar (B. Carroll); 1 at Tallahassee 23 Mar (F. Rutkovsky).
  HOUSE FINCH: 1 yellow variant male at Orlando 13 Apr (G. Bretz); 1 pair (female carrying Spanish Moss) at Orlando 27 Apr (G. Stoccardo); 2 juveniles at Sanford (Seminole) 29 Apr (A. Vinokur); 1 male at Lakeland (Polk) 5 May (E. Kwater); the first Polk nest fledged 3 young at Winter Haven 2-4 May (J. and T. Seitz); 1 pair (male fed female seeds) at Sorrento (Lake) 27 May (C. Pierce).
- PINE SISKIN: 1 at Kanapaha Prairie (*Alachua*) to 12 Mar (J. Carter); 1 at Cedar Key to 21 Mar (D. Henderson); 2 at Tallahassee 17 Mar (F. Rutkovsky), and singles at other yards there 8 Apr (D. and S. Jue), 13 Apr (M. Huggins), and 25 Apr (J. Langley).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: about 75 at Eco Pond, Everglades NP (Monroe) 17 Apr (J. Boyd); 3 at Winter Park remained to 7 May (B. Anderson); 1 male at Tallahassee 27 May (J. Langley).

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