

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Winter Report: December 2005-February 2006.—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: EOS = end of season, NP = national park, NSRA = north shore restoration area, NWR = national wildlife refuge, SF = state forest, SP = state park, STF = sewage treatment facility, WEA = wildlife and environmental area, 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

It seemed to be a good season for rarities this winter, with 10 FOSRC rarities: **11** Ross’s Geese (9 at Fort Walton Beach and singles at St. Marks NWR and Rockledge); Cackling Goose at Fort Walton Beach; four Manx Shearwaters off Ponce Inlet; Rough-legged Hawk at Lake Apopka; two Iceland Gulls at the Volusia County landfill; Calliope Hummingbird at Gulf Breeze; two Allen’s Hummingbirds at Tallahassee; Tropical Kingbird at Apalachicola; two Cassin’s Kingbirds at Lake Apopka and one at Wimauma; and Bullock’s Oriole at Tallahassee. Other significant sightings included single Eurasian Green-winged Teals at Gainesville and Lake Apopka, reports of *Chaetura* swifts from three sites (including 20 individuals at Paynes Prairie), the Fork-tailed Flycatcher at Lake Apopka, Florida’s first verifiable winter record of the Common Nighthawk, and the first state report and record of a Paradise Shelduck at Ding Darling NWR. We received very few Christmas Bird Count reports, and BP did not have the time to transcribe all the rarities submitted to him as CBC editor.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 230 at W Cocoa (*Brevard*) 14 Dec (D. Freeland); 235 at Bartow (*Polk*) 17 Dec (P. Fellers); 159 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 18 Dec (D. Pearson); 160 E of Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 29 Dec (J. Gaetzi et al.); 345 at Lake Apopka NSRA 1 Jan (H. Robinson); 36 at Fellowship (*Marion*) 2 Jan (S. McCool); up to 17 in NE *Leon* 3-7 Jan (D. Bethancourt et al.); 18 near Jupiter Inlet (*Palm Beach*) 3 Jan (J. and L. Hailman); 100 at *Polk* phosphate mines 9 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); a high of 100 at Stormwater Treatment Area (STA)-5 (*Hendry*) during Jan-Feb (M. England et al.).

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 1000 at STA-5 in Feb (M. England et al.).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 2 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 2 Dec (J. Taylor); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF (*Okaloosa*) 10-19 Dec (D. Ware et al.); up to 5 (2 adults and 3 juveniles)

- at Lake Apopka NSRA (*Lake*) 17 Dec-7 Jan (G. Basili, B. Anderson et al.); 5 at Dinner Island Ranch WMA (*Hendry*) 27 Jan (L. and T. Panto); (the same?) 5 at STA-1W (*Palm Beach*) 25 Feb (J. Lopinot, photo to FOC).
- SNOW GOOSE: 1 at Alachua (*Alachua*) 6 Dec (P. Burns); up to 23 at St. Marks (*Wakulla*) 8-13 Dec (A. Wraithmell); 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*) 10 Dec (B. Richter); 1 at Gainesville 11 Dec (M. Joos, D. Robbins); 1 blue morph at Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 11-15 Dec (A. and B. Hansen et al.); 3 blue morphs at Tram Road STF (*Leon*) 12 Dec (G. Menk); 2 at Kanapaha Prairie (*Alachua*) 18 Dec (R. Rowan et al.); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 21 Dec (H. Robinson); 6 N of Wesley Chapel (*Pasco*) 26 Dec-4 Jan (D. Goodwin et al.); 1 white morph adult at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 7 Jan (D. Goodwin); up to 2 white morphs at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 12 Jan-28 Feb (P. Hueber, D. Freeland et al.); 30 or more at Fruitville (*Sarasota*) 21 Jan (T. Mossbarger); 1 blue morph adult at Barber Park, Orlando (*Orange*) 28 Jan (P. Hueber et al.).
- SNOW × ROSS'S GOOSE: 1 hybrid N of Wesley Chapel 26 Dec-4 Jan (B. Pranty et al.).
- *ROSS'S GOOSE: 1 at St. Marks NWR 20 Nov-13 Dec (T. Curtis, P. Lehman et al., accepted by FOSRC); 9 at Fort Walton Beach STF 10-19 Dec (L. and B. Duncan, P. Johnson et al.; accepted by FOSRC); 1 adult at Rockledge (*Brevard*) 17 Dec-3 Jan (D. Freeland et al.).
- *CACKLING GOOSE: 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 10 Dec-4 Jan (D. Ware, L. Duncan et al.).
- CANADA GOOSE: 3 possibly wild birds E of Tampa 31 Dec-1 Jan (T. Mann et al.).
- EGYPTIAN GOOSE: 1 at Indian River Shores (*Indian River*) in Dec (*vide* B. Wagner).
- PARADISE SHELDUCK** (*Tadorna variegata*): 1 at J.N. "Ding" Darling NWR (*Lee*) in mid-Feb (D. Driemeyer, photo to FOC) furnished the first report and record for Florida. The species is native to the Stewart Islands of New Zealand.
- EURASIAN WIGEON: 2 drakes at Eagle Lakes Park (*Collier*) 9 Dec (A. Murray) for the third year out of the past four.
- AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: 4 at Merritt Island NWR 8 Feb (D. Freeland).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 adult drake at Lake Apopka NSRA 4-9 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 adult drake at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 18 Dec-6 Feb (E. Kwater, L. Atherton et al.).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 4900 at *Polk* mines 9 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 1500 at *Polk* mines 23 Jan (P. Fellers et al.); 1 drake of the Eurasian race at Lake Apopka NSRA 22 Jan (H. Robinson); 1 drake of the Eurasian race at Gainesville 27 Jan-10 Feb in the same location as the previous winter (B. Roberts, P. Burns et al.).
- CANVASBACK: 1 at Gainesville 10-18 Dec (S. Flamand, M. King et al.); 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 18 Dec (J. Hintermister).
- REDHEAD: up to 4 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 18 Dec-25 Feb (J. Hintermister); 5 at Sugden Park, Naples (*Collier*) 23 Dec (H. McGuinness et al.); 2500 at Gulf Harbors, New Port Richey (*Pasco*) in Dec-Jan (K. Tracey, photos to FOC).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 leucistic female with a white head at Lake Morton, Lakeland (*Polk*) 14 Feb (H. Moulden, photo to FOC).
- GREATER SCAUP: 4 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 14 Dec (P. Lehman et al.); up to 2 (20-25 Jan) wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (H. Robinson et al., photo to FOC by A. Vinokur).
- SURF SCOTER: 1 at St. Marks NWR 13 Dec (P. Lehman); 2 off Key Biscayne (*Miami-Dade*) 23 Dec (R. Torres et al.); 2 at Coconut Point (*Brevard*) 20 Feb (A. Bankert).
- BLACK SCOTER: up to 8 in mid-*Pinellas* 2 Dec-5 Feb (Judy Fisher, I. Hernandez); 520 off Amelia Island (*Nassau*) 14 Dec (P. Lehman); 1 at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 17 Dec (B. and L. Duncan et al.); 320 off Hutchinson Island (*St. Lucie*) 17 Dec (J. and L. Hailman); 1 at Hudson Beach, Hudson (*Pasco*) 20 Dec ff (K. Tracey et al.); 200 off Amelia Island (*Nassau*) 3 Feb (R. McGregor).
- LONG-TAILED DUCK: 1 female at PCS Waterfowl Management Area (*Hamilton*) 13-17 Dec (J. Krummrich, P. Lehman et al.).

- BUFFLEHEAD: up to 4 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 15 Jan (H. Robinson); up to 7 at Gainesville 3 Dec-14 Feb (R. Rowan et al.); 1 at Lake Maggiore, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 10 Dec (R. Smith); 1 female at Windmill Park (*Broward*) 21 Jan-EOS (M. Berney).
- COMMON GOLDENEYE: 1 at Viera Wetlands (*Brevard*) 10 Dec (D. Reed); 2 at *Hamilton* mines 14 Dec (P. Lehman, J. Krummrich); 1 at Gainesville 14-15 Dec (S. Flamand, R. Rowan et al.); 1 female at Tangerine (*Orange*) 20 Dec-7 Jan (A. Vinokur, D. Richardson); 1 female at Lake Apopka NSRA (*Orange*) 27 Dec-27 Jan (A. Vinokur, H. Robinson et al.); 1 at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 30 Dec (S. McCool); 1 at a *Polk* mine 9 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 15 at Crystal River 15 Jan (M. Gardler).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 300 at Gainesville 15 Dec (S. Flamand); up to 32 (28 Jan) wintered at Hole-in-the-Donut, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*; J. Boyd).
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 male at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 23 Feb (G. Menk).
- RUDDY DUCK: 3875 at Lake Ariana, Auburndale (*Polk*) 17 Dec (P. Fellers); 34,000 at Lake Apopka 4 & 15 Jan (H. Robinson); 2000 at *Polk* mines 5 Jan (P. Fellers).
- RED-THROATED LOON: 4 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 16 Jan (J. Murphy); 2 at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 23 Jan (R. Cassidy).
- COMMON LOON: 8 off Key Biscayne (*Miami-Dade*) 23 Dec (R. Torres et al.); 1 at Flamingo, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 31 Dec (J. Boyd); 2 off Long Key SP (*Monroe*) 20 Jan (B. Anderson et al.); 200 at St. George Channel (*Franklin*) 21 Feb (R. McGregor).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE: 240 at *Polk* mines 28 Dec (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- HORNED GREBE: 6 at Black Point (*Miami-Dade*) 3 Dec (J. Boyd); 1 at Springhill Road STF, Tallahassee 13 Dec (G. Menk); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 21 Dec-20 Jan (H. Robinson et al.); 80+ in *Franklin* 21 Feb (R. McGregor).
- EARED GREBE: 1 at PSC Waterfowl Management Area 13-14 Dec (J. Krummrich, P. Lehman); 1 at Lake Ariana, Auburndale 20 Dec (P. Fellers, L. Albright).
- MASKED BOOBY: 1 salvaged at Ponce Inlet (*Volusia*) 9 Dec (M. Brothers, UF 45042 *vide* T. Webber).
- BROWN BOOBY: 1 off Jupiter Inlet Colony (*Palm Beach*) 20 Dec (J. and L. Hailman).
- NORTHERN GANNET: 7900 in 3 hours (an average of 44/min) passed Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 9 Dec (D. Freeland et al.).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: up to 7 at Gainesville 22 Dec-11 Feb (C. Lockwood, B. Carroll et al.); 2 at Talquin Dam (*Liberty*) 11 Feb (S. McCool); 119 W of Fernandina Beach (*Nassau*) and 69 up the St. Mary's River (*Nassau*) 15 Feb (P. Leary); 10 at Lake Talquin (*Gadsden*) 16 Feb (S. McCool).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Gainesville 27 Dec (H. Warren); 1 at Piney Z Lake (*Leon*) 25 Jan-10 Feb (G. Menk et al.).
- GREAT CORMORANT: 1 adult at Doctor's Lake (*Clay*) 23 Feb-EOS (D. Wears et al.).
- ANHINGA: 211 at Lake Apopka NSRA 11 Dec (H. Robinson).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 immature over Fort George Island (*Duval*) 15 Dec (R. Clark); 2 at S St. Petersburg 10 Jan (D. Powell).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 2 at St. Vincent NWR (*Franklin*) 9 Dec (T. Lewis); 25 at Lake Apopka NSRA 27 Feb (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: 1 at Piney Z Lake 25 Jan G. Menk).
- SCARLET-TYPE IBIS: 1 at Fort Myers Beach (*Lee*) 3 Feb (J. Dougherty, photo to FOC).
- WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 at St. Marks NWR 8 Dec (A. Wraithmell); 3 at Lake Tusawilla, Micanopy (*Alachua*) 26 Feb-EOS (J. Hintermister, A. Kratter et al., photo to FOC).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 1 at Lakewood Ranch (*Sarasota*) 24 Feb (L. Jakubowicz); 2 in mid-*Pinellas* 26 Feb (Judy Fisher).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 at Hole-in-the-Donut 4 Dec (J. Boyd); 1 at Sanibel Island (*Lee*) 15-25 Jan (K. and P. Kiefer et al.); 1 along Canoe Creek Road (*Osceola*) 8 Feb (B. and L. Cooper).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: 14 at Lake Apopka NSRA 9 Dec & 6 Jan (H. Robinson).
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: 1 juvenile at Winter Park (*Orange*) captured a squirrel 7 Feb (*vide* C. Takacs, photo to FOC).

- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 3 wintered at Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) (L. Atherton et al.).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph at Eagle Lakes Park, Naples 23 Dec (H. McGuinness et al.); 3 dark morphs E of Okeechobee (*Okeechobee*) 4 Jan (K. Tracey); 1 dark morph near Port of the Islands 4 Jan (T. Doyle, C. Ewell); 1 dark morph at IMC Peace River Park (*Polk*) 21 Jan-2 Feb (P. Fellers et al.); 1 dark morph at New Port Richey 29 Jan (K. Tracey); 1 light morph over the Joe Overstreet Road marina (*Osceola*) 8 Feb (B. and L. Cooper); 1 dark morph at Yeehaw Junction (*Osceola*) 14 Feb (B. and L. Cooper); 1 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve 18 Feb (B. and L. Cooper); 1 light morph at Sumica Preserve (*Polk*) [no date] (P. Fellers et al.).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 E of Bradenton 8 Dec (E. Kwater); 1 light morph at Fort Walton Beach STF 10 Dec (B. Duncan et al.); up to 2 juveniles at Lake Apopka NSRA 20 Dec-16 Jan (J. Dunn, A. Vinokur); 1 juvenile dark morph in a NE *Hillsborough* mine 1 Jan (P. Fellers); up to 4 at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 7 Jan-EOS (M. Berney et al); 1 dark morph adult in SE *Hillsborough* phosphate land 28 Jan, and 1 adult intermediate morph there 16 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 Krider's-type at *Hamilton* mines 14 Dec (P. Lehman).
- *ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: 1 juvenile light morph at Lake Apopka NSRA 9-21 Dec (H. Robinson et al.).
- GOLDEN EAGLE: 1 immature at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) attempted to kill a Wild Turkey 20 Feb (G. Quigley, J. Richardson).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 1 at Turtle Mound, Canaveral National Seashore (*Volusia*) 23 Feb (P. Hueber).
- YELLOW RAIL: singles at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve 28 Jan & 23 Feb (M. Korosy et al.).
- SORA: 260 at Lake Apopka NSRA 4 Dec (H. Robinson).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 14 at Lake Harris Park, Leesburg (*Lake*) 12 Feb (R. Smith).
- AMERICAN COOT: 10,700 at *Polk* mines 28 Dec (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 2000+ at Inglis 15 Jan (M. Gardler).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 over Fernandina Beach (*Nassau*) 1 Dec (P. Leary); 21 over St. Marks NWR 8 Dec (A. Wraithmell); 24 southbound over *Madison* 1 Jan (S. McCool); 2500 near Okahumpka (*Lake*) 10 Feb (P. Fellers, D. Brooke); 15 S of Greenville (*Madison*) 19 Feb (S. McCool).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 6 at Alachua 10 Dec (G. Gertzel).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 at St. Marks NWR to 29 Jan (J. Cavanagh et al.); up to 3 at Hole-in-the-Donut 21-22 Dec (R. Diaz et al.); 1 at Merritt Island NWR 1 Feb (D. Freeland).
- SNOWY PLOVER: 16 at Big Sabine (*Escambia*) 14 Dec (B. and L. Duncan); 1 at Talbot Islands SP (*Duval*) 23-26 Dec (P. Leary).
- WILSON'S PLOVER: 6 at Bald Point SP (*Franklin*) 1 Jan (S. McCool).
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 20 at *Polk* mines 9 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- PIPING PLOVER: 1 at Cedar Key 29 Dec (D. Henderson et al.); 5 at Bald Point SP 1 Jan (S. McCool); 11 at Fred Howard Park, Tarpon Springs (*Pinellas*) 11 Jan (M. Gardler); 38 at Crandon Beach (*Miami-Dade*) 31 Jan (R. Diaz).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 1 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 8 Dec (B. Duncan); 1 at Pensacola 17 Dec (J. Lloyd).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at Merritt Island NWR 1 Dec-21 Feb (D. Freeland et al.); 8 at Myakka River SP (*Sarasota*) 17 Jan (B. Anderson et al.); 12 at *Polk* mines 23 Jan (P. Fellers et al.); up to 19 wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (A. Vinokur et al.).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 8 at St. Marks NWR 8 Dec (A. Wraithmell); 182 on Quarantine Island, Jacksonville 26 Dec (B. Richter); 1 at Hole-in-the-Donut 14 Jan. (A. Bankert, D. Simpson); 346 at *Polk* mines 8 Feb (P. Fellers et al.).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Celebration (*Osceola*) 22 Jan (T. Tams).
- WILET: 100 at Fernandina Beach 15 Feb (P. Leary).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 33 at Inglis Barge Canal 6 Feb (M. Gardler).

- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 2 at Cedar Key 29 Dec (D. Henderson et al.); 1 at Fort Myers Beach 17 Jan (B. Anderson, C. Ewell et al.).
- RED KNOT: 525 (including 12 banded individuals) at Huguenot Memorial Park 25 Feb (P. Leary).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 2690 at *Polk* mines 9 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 8000 at *Polk* mines 9 Jan & 8 Feb (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, P. Fellers).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Port Canaveral Jetty Park (*Brevard*) 1-23 Jan (J. Thomson et al.); 1 at Sebastian Inlet SP (*Indian River*) 13 Jan (F. Haas).
- STILT SANDPIPER: singles at Springhill Road STF 8 Dec (A. Wraithmell) and 1-22 Feb (S. McCool et al.); 308 at *Polk* mines 28 Dec (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 180 at Merritt Island NWR 1 Feb (D. Freeland); 17 at Brooksville 15 Feb (M. Gardler).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: up to 60 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve 10-14 Dec (G. Quigley, P. Miller); 1725 at *Polk* mines 28 Dec (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel), and 1150 there 8 Feb (P. Fellers et al.); 15 at Brooksville 15-19 Feb (M. Gardler).
- WILSON'S SNIBE: 434 at Lake Apopka NSRA 4 Dec (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK: 12 at Lake Apopka NSRA 7 Dec (H. Robinson); 2 at Gulf Breeze 8-26 Dec (B. and L. Duncan); up to 3 at Weekiwachee Preserve 20 Dec-4 Feb (A. and B. Hansen et al.); 2 calling N of Marianna (*Jackson*) 27 Dec (R. Smith); 1 at Medart (*Wakulla*) 10 Jan & 14 Feb (S. McCool); 1 at Cedar Key 18-22 Jan and 2 Feb (D. Henderson et al.); 2 at Long Pine Key, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 14 Feb-EOS (M. Berney).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 9 at Amelia Island during strong NE winds 14 Dec (P. Lehman).
- LAUGHING GULL: 1 melanistic individual at Fort De Soto Park 3 Dec (L. Atherton, photo to FOC); 1 aberrant adult with orange legs and bill at Sanibel Island in Jan (D. and L. Stokes et al., photo to FOC); 11,000 at the *Volusia* landfill, Daytona Beach 15 Feb (D. Freeland et al.).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 juvenile at Sugden Park 23 Dec (H. McGuinness); 1 juvenile at Punta Rassa (*Lee*) 4-10 Jan (C. Ewell et al., photo to FOC by L. Stokes).
- HERRING GULL: 1 apparently of the Scandinavian race *argentatus* at the *Volusia* landfill 11-21 Feb (A. Vinokur, L. Atherton et al.).
- *ICELAND GULL: 1 second-year "Kumlien's" Gull at the *Volusia* landfill 11-21 Feb and 2 juveniles there 12-15 Feb (A. Vinokur et al., photos to FOC).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 2 Dec-6 Jan (H. Robinson); singles at Green Key, New Port Richey 11 Dec and Trouble Creek, Holiday (*Pasco*) 12 Dec (K. Tracey); 1 adult at Fort Walton Beach 19 Dec (M. and R. Rose); up to 4 wintered at Sanibel Island (V. McGrath et al.); 1 adult wintered at the *Collier* landfill (D. Suito).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at Green Key, New Port Richey 11 Dec (K. Tracey); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 27 Jan (H. Robinson).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 2 at *Polk* mines 28 Dec (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 5 at Pine Island 18 Jan (M. Gardler); 3 at Weekiwachee Preserve 21 Jan (C. Black et al.); 3 at Green Key 7 Feb (K. Tracey).
- ROYAL TERN: 8 at *Polk* mines 28 Dec (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- COMMON TERN: 1 on the St. Petersburg CBC (*Pinellas*) 17 Dec (D. Powell).
- BLACK TERN: 1 at Merritt Island NWR to 6 Dec (R. Diaz et al.).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 22 at Lake Mirror, Lakeland (*Polk*) 8-15 Feb (T. Palmer).
- RINGED TURTLE-DOVE: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 10 Feb (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at Alligator Point 19 Jan (S. McCool); 2 at Pine Level (*DeSoto*) 4 Feb (R. Smith); 2 at Bronson 13 Feb (R. Rowan); birds now are apparently resident in Newberry and Archer (*Alachua*; B. Carroll et al.).
- BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: 50 at Holiday (*Pasco*) 16 Dec (K. Tracey); 30 at Fort Myers through the season (M. Fitzpatrick, C. Ewell et al.).
- BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET: 12 at Holmes Beach, Bradenton (*Manatee*) 23 Feb (Jeff Fisher).
- MONK PARAKEET: 2 at Gainesville 21-26 Feb (S. Porvasnik, D. and S. Hartman).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 9 Dec (H. Robinson).

- BARN OWL: 1 at Seven Springs (*Pasco*) 31 Jan (K. Tracey); 1 at St. Vincent NWR 21 Feb-EOS (T. Lewis).
- BURROWING OWL: 15 at Range 70, Eglin Air Force Base (*Okaloosa*) 15 Jan (L. Fenimore); 1 on the barrier island E of Vero Beach (*Indian River*) 13-17 Feb (*vide* B. Wagner).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1 along Research Road, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 3 Dec (D. Simpson, A. Bankert); 12+ at Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 3 Dec ff (B. Roberts et al.); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 7 Dec (H. Robinson).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK:** 1 videotaped (calls audible) at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 14 Dec (L. Manfredi, to FOC); up to 3 at Lake Apopka NSRA 28 Dec-EOS (H. Robinson et al.); up to 9 at Old Town amusement park, Kissimmee (*Osceola*) in Jan reportedly have been present during winter for the past 8 years (J. Brown, T. Tams).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 1 flushed at St. Marks NWR 29 Dec (R. Smith); 1 sang at Lutz (*Pasco*) 25 Feb (D. Bowman); 1 sang at Merritt Island (*Brevard*) 27 Feb (D. Freeland).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: 1 sang at Merritt Island 27 Feb (D. Freeland).
- CHAETURA* SPECIES: up to 20 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 9 Dec-5 Jan (S. Collins, J. Hintermister et al.); 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve 10 Dec (C. Black); 1 at St. Marks NWR 17-20 Dec (E. Shaw, E. Horn et al.).
- HUMMINGBIRD SPECIES: 11 in a Valrico (*Hillsborough*) yard in a 24-hour period: 7 Ruby-throated, 2 *Archilochus* sp., and 2 *Selasphorus* sp. 15-16 Jan (S. Backes, F. Bassett); 66 individuals (with 26 of these at Tallahassee) of six species were banded this winter: 32 Rufous (+ 7 recaptures), 24 Ruby-throated (+ 7 recaptures), 7 Black-chinned, 2 Buff-bellied, 2 Allen's, and 1 Calliope (F. Bassett, F. Dietrich et al.).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: singles banded at Mary Esther (*Okaloosa*) 8 Dec and Tallahassee 13 Dec (F. Bassett et al.); 1 at Fairchild Tropical Gardens (*Miami-Dade*) 20 Jan ff (A. Harper et al.).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Gainesville 18 Dec (S. Robinson); 1 at Fernandina Beach 18 Jan (P. Leary).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Castellow Hammock Park (*Miami-Dade*) 28 Dec (D. Goodwin, E. Haney et al.).
- *CALLOPE HUMMINGBIRD: 1 juvenile male banded at Gulf Breeze 26 Jan (F. Bassett et al.).
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 female at Brooksville 12 Dec-EOS (S. Walsh et al., banded by F. Bassett).
- *ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: singles banded at Tallahassee 14 Jan and 22 Feb (F. Bassett et al.).
- SELASPHORUS HUMMINGBIRD: 2 at Brooksville ca. 1 Jan-4 Feb (S. Walsh); 1 male at Orlando late Feb-EOS (H. Dowling); 1 female at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 22 Feb for the fourth consecutive winter (E. Kwater); 1 at Spring Hill 27-28 Feb (A. and E. Maywalt).
- SILVERY-CHEEKED HORNBILL: 1 along Krome Avenue (*Miami-Dade*) 25 Feb (J. Bacquie, photo to FOC).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 1 at Golden Gate Estates (*Collier*) 11 Dec (T. Doyle).
- EMPIDONAX* SPECIES: 1 at Hague 15 Jan (R. Rowan).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 2 at Frog Pond WMA 3 Dec (A. Vinokur, D. Simpson); 3 at Oviedo (*Seminole*) 24 Dec (B. Anderson); up to 9 (30 Dec) wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (H. Robinson).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 adult male at Alligator Lake Recreation Area (*Columbia*) early Nov-late Feb (J. Krummrich et al.); 1 male at Tiger Point (*Santa Rosa*) 11-12 Dec (B. Bremser); 1 juvenile female at St. Vincent NWR 17 Dec (T. Lewis); 1 female at St. Marks NWR 17 Dec (E. Shaw), and 1 male there 18-22 Dec (J. Murphy et al.); 1 female at Pautot Pond 18 Dec-EOS (J. Boyd et al.); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 21 Jan-25 Feb (J. Sulek, R. Rowan et al.).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Garcon Point (*Santa Rosa*) 14 Dec (D. Ware); 1 at Oviedo (*Seminole*) 24 Dec (B. Anderson); 1 at Fort Walton Beach STF 4 Jan-17 Feb (B. Duncan); up to 12 (23 Dec) wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (H. Robinson).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 2 at Lake Wales Ridge SF (*Polk*) 3 Jan (P. Fellers).

- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Black Point Marina (*Miami-Dade*) 24 Dec ff (L. Manfredi et al.); up to 2 at Lake Apopka NSRA 28 Dec-EOS (B. Anderson et al.).
- *TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 1 at Apalachicola (*Franklin*) 27 Dec-EOS (T. Engstrom, S. Kelling et al., photos to FOC by S. McCool) was identified by its calls.
- *CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 NE of Wimauma (*Hillsborough*) 18 Dec-6 Feb (D. Powell, B. Pranty et al., photos to FOC by D. Stumbaugh; accepted by FOSRC); up to 2 wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (H. Robinson et al.).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 6 Dec (F. Goodwin); up to 36 at Lake Apopka NSRA 10 Dec-EOS (H. Robinson et al.); 1 at Gulf Breeze 12-18 Dec (B. Duncan, J. French); 1 at Pensacola 17 Dec (L. Duncan et al.); 7 NE of Wimauma 18 Dec-6 Feb (B. Pranty, D. Powell et al.); 1 at Tallahassee 28 Dec-9 Jan (P. Flynn, J. Cavanagh); up to 37 at The Villages (*Marion*) 18 Jan-EOS (J. Dinsmore, A. Rouch); 1 NE of Lake Wales 19 Jan (J. Dubois); 1 at Tallahassee 21 Jan (S. McCool); 3 W of Fort Pierce (*St. Lucie*) 30 Jan (H. and J. Rufe).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: up to 8 at Lake Apopka NSRA 10 Dec ff (A. Vinokur et al.); 5 NE of Wimauma 18 Dec-6 Feb (B. Pranty, D. Powell et al.); 1 at Miccosukee Greenway Park (*Leon*) 7-22 Jan (M. Hartley et al.); up to 4 at The Villages 18 Jan-EOS (J. Dinsmore, A. Rouch); 7 NE of Lake Wales 19 Jan (J. Dubois); 3 W of Fort Pierce 29-30 Jan (B. Wagner et al.); 1 at Gainesville 29 Jan (D. Thompson).
- FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA and vicinity 10 Dec-15 Jan (A. Vinokur et al., photos to FOC).
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: 1 plucked and may have swallowed cabbage palm fruit along the Halifax River (*Volusia*) 6 Feb (C. Tague).
- BELL'S VIREO: 1 at Frog Pond WMA 15 Jan (A. Bankert, D. Simpson); 1 wintered at Southern Glades WEA (*Miami-Dade*; R. Diaz, L. Manfredi et al.).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 at Collier-Seminole SP 4 Jan (K. O'Reilly-Doyle et al.); 1 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SP 28 Feb (R. Diaz); 1 wintered at W Kendall (J. Boyd).
- PURPLE MARTIN: 3 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 14 Jan (R. Smith); 2 males over East Lake, Tampa (*Hillsborough*) 16 Jan (D. Wassmer, L. Saul); 1 male at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 26 Jan (G. Menk); 1 at Weeki Wachee 28 Jan (M. Gardler).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 2 at St. Marks NWR 8 Dec (A. Wraithmell); 1 at Rockledge (*Brevard*) 17 Dec (D. Freeland); 1 at Viera Wetlands 16 Jan (D. Freeland); 2 at Lake City (*Columbia*) 28 Jan (R. Smith); 3 in *Hernando* 15 Feb (M. Gardler).
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 13 Dec (H. Robinson); 1 at Viera Wetlands 28 Feb (D. Freeland).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at Cantonment (*Escambia*) 8 Jan (L. Catterton); 150 at Homestead Airport (*Miami-Dade*) 15 Jan (J. Boyd, B. Mulrooney); 1 of the Mexican race at Springhill Road STF 22 Feb (G. Menk et al.).
- BARN SWALLOW: 2 at Lake Apopka NSRA to 13 Dec, and 1 there 27 Feb (H. Robinson); 3 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 19 Dec (R. Rowan, G. McDermott); several at Homestead Airport 15 Jan (J. Boyd, B. Mulrooney); 1 at Merritt Island NWR 27 Feb (D. Freeland); 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve 28 Feb (A. and B. Hansen).
- CAROLINA CHICKADEE: 1 wintered at Greynolds Park, Miami (A. Harper et al.).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 2 at Gainesville 10-30 Jan (S. Daniels); 1 at Alligator Point 17 Dec-17 Jan (J. Murphy).
- WINTER WREN: 1 at Lake Jackson, Tallahassee, where 1 has wintered the past several years, 14 Dec (P. Lehman); 1 wintered at O'Leno SP (P. Burns et al.).
- SEDGE WREN: 1 at Long Pine Key 5 Dec (R. Torres).
- MARSH WREN: 2 at Loggerhead Key, Dry Tortugas NP 4 Jan (R. Diaz) established the first report for the park.
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Eco Pond 31 Dec (J. Boyd).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 2 at Royal Palm, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 16 Jan (R. Diaz).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: up to 21,000 (15 Jan) wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (H. Robinson).

- COMMON MYNA: 1 remained at Holmes Beach to 23 Feb (Jeff Fisher).
- HILL MYNA: 30 on powerlines at Coral Gables 23 Jan (B. Anderson et al.).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: several at Frog Pond WMA 7 Jan (J. Boyd); 41 at Fernandina Beach 25 Feb (P. Leary).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Topeekeegee Yugnee ("TY") Park (*Broward*) 11 Dec (A. Harper et al.); 1 at Weeki Wachee 23 Dec (B. Hansen, R. Grant); 1 at West Lake, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 22 Jan & 14 Feb (M. Berney, M. Stickel); 1 at Sarasota 24 Jan (J. Dubi, J. Ginaven et al.).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 at Royal Palm 4 Dec (J. Boyd); 1 at Merritt Island 17 Dec (D. Freeland et al.); 1 at Greynolds Park 17 Dec (J. Boyd, G. Jones); 1 at Castellow Hammock Park (*Miami-Dade*) 10 Jan (J. Boyd); 1 at Southern Glades WEA 5 Feb (T. Mitchell, photos to FOC).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at "TY" Park 11 Dec (A. Harper et al.); singles at Lake Apopka NSRA 14 Dec (A. Vinokur, D. Richardson) and 20 Jan-EOS (H. Robinson); 2 at Greynolds Park 17 Dec (J. Boyd); 1 at Fort Walton Beach 19 Dec (J. Kowalski); 1 at Lake Lotus Park, Altamonte Springs (*Seminole*) 5 Jan (P. Hueber); 1 at Jacksonville 6 Jan & 25 Feb (J. Cocke); 1 at Mashers Island (*Franklin*) 8 Jan (J. Murphy); 1 at Matheson Hammock Park (*Miami-Dade*) 8 Jan (A. Harper); 1 at Melbourne 21 Jan (A. Bankert).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 3 migrants at Cape Florida 31 Jan (R. Diaz); 4 migrants at Lake Apopka NSRA 22 Feb (H. Robinson); 2 at Alligator Point 25 Feb (S. McCool).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 immature female at W Kendall 11 Dec & 4 Jan (J. Boyd); 2 at Pensacola 17 Dec (M. and R. Rose).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Lutz (*Hillsborough*) ca. 16-26 Jan (J. Hartzler).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 3 at Merritt Island 17 Dec (D. Freeland et al.).
- BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER: 1 at New Port Richey to 16 Dec (K. Tracey); 1 at Gainesville to 13 Feb (G. Kiltie).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 7 Dec (E. and I. Scales); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park, St. Petersburg 17 Dec (E. Haney et al., photo to FOC by D. Stumbaugh); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 19 & 21 Dec (A. Vinokur, D. Richardson); 1 at Fort White (*Columbia*) 21 Jan (J. Sulek); 1 at Clewiston (*Hendry*) 19 Feb (R. Smith).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 at Fernandina Beach 3 Dec & 23 Feb (P. Leary); 2 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 17 Feb (J. Kern).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Gainesville 18 Dec (S. Robinson); 1 at Oakland Nature Preserve (*Orange*) 27 Dec-7 Mar (T. Rodriguez); 1 at Citra (*Marion*) 24 Feb (A. Kratter).
- OVENBIRD: 1 in Jacksonville 9 Dec (J. Cocke); 1 at Orange Park (*Clay*) 10 Jan (L. McCullagh).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: up to 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 18 Dec-4 Feb (M. Paczolt, M. Manetz); 1 at Fernandina Beach 23 Feb (P. Leary).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 wintered at Royal Palm (J. Boyd et al.).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 male at Eagle Lake area of PCS Waterfowl Management Area 17 Dec (J. Ault); 1 female at Oviedo 24 Dec (B. Anderson); 1 at Gainesville 21 Jan-14 Feb (M. Manetz, R. Rowan); 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 27 Jan (H. Robinson); 1 female at Jacksonville 14 Feb (J. Cocke).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 18 Dec (A. Kent); singles at Lake Apopka NSRA 6 Jan & 14 Feb (H. Robinson).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 at Gainesville 18 Dec (P. Burns); 1 at Nalcrest (*Polk*) 31 Dec (P. Fellers, D. Brooke); 1 female at Rookery Bay (*Collier*) 20 Jan (T. Doyle, K. O'Reilly-Doyle et al.); 1 female at Pensacola 24 Jan-EOS (P. Palmer); 1 male wintered in the same yard at Tallahassee where it was banded the previous winter (P. Homann).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 male at Pensacola 24 Jan-EOS (P. Palmer).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: 1 sang at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve 20 Jan (P. Miller), with 73 banded there through the season (M. Korosy, G. Quigley et al.).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Valrico 7 Jan-8 Mar (S. Backes et al.).

- FIELD SPARROW: up to 13 (12 Feb) wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (H. Robinson).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 70 of the Eastern race banded at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve through the season (P. Miller et al.).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 at a *Polk* mine 28 Dec (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 26 banded at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve through the season (P. Miller et al.).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: up to 4 at Lake Apopka NSRA 18-21 Dec (J. Dunn, B. Anderson, A. Vinokur); 1 at a *Polk* mine 9 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); singles banded at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve 20 Jan & 22 Feb (G. Quigley).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 10 sang at Crystal River 19 Feb (M. Gardler).
- FOX SPARROW: 2 at O'Leno SP 5-25 Feb (P. Burns, M. Manetz).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 2 at Lake Apopka NSRA 11 Dec, and 1 there to 4 Jan (H. Robinson); 1 at Inglis 19 Feb (M. Gardler).
- SWAMP SPARROW: up to 273 (11 Dec) wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 13 at Apopka 1 Jan (M. Gardler).
- ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK: 1 male at Fort Walton Beach 19 Dec (P. Baker).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 first-winter male at Apalachicola 29 Dec (J. Dozier, J. Murphy et al., photo to FOC); 1 first-winter male at East Point (*Franklin*) 10 Jan-EOS (S. Klink et al., photos to FOC).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: **30** (mostly juveniles) at Lake Apopka NSRA 27 Dec (A. Vinokur); 1 at Lake Wales 31 Dec (P. Fellers, D. Brooke).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at San Felasco Hammock Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 3 Dec (P. Laipis et al.); 1 at Tallahassee 12-13 Feb (R. McGregor).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 4 female-types at Fernandina Beach 3 Dec (P. Leary); 1 female-type at Jacksonville 3 Feb (J. Cocks); 1 female at Cedar Key 6-15 Feb (D. Henderson).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve 18-19 Dec (A. Kent, S. Collins); up to 3 wintered at Lake Apopka NSRA (B. Anderson, H. Robinson et al.).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 26 Dec-6 Jan (H. Robinson); 1 at the end of Joe Overstreet Road 18 Jan (T. Tams).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 1 at Bald Point 11 Dec (J. Dozier).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 1 at Lake Apopka NSRA 6 & 22 Jan (H. Robinson).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at Sugden Park 28 Dec (A. Murray).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: 12 males in a "tight flock" at Jupiter Inlet Colony 25 Feb (J. and L. Hailman).
- *BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: 1 female at Tallahassee 18 Feb-EOS (F. Rutkovsky et al., photo to FOC by D. Jue).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: up to 5 at Spring Hill 14 Sep-24 Dec (A. and E. Maywalt); up to 11 (27 Feb) wintered at Altamonte Springs (P. Hueber).
- HOUSE FINCH: 3 (orange-variant male and 2 females) at Fort Lauderdale (*Broward*) 28 Dec (L. Manfredi); 1 male at Dekle Beach (*Taylor*) 7 Jan (S. McCool); 1 sang at Jacksonville 11 Feb (R. Rowan); 1 at Fernandina Beach 23 Feb (P. Leary).
- PINE SISKIN: 1 at San Felasco Hammock Preserve 1 Jan (M. Manetz et al.).
- EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH: 1 at Pensacola 21 Dec (M. Clark).
- NUTMEG MANNIKIN: continued reports from the Pensacola area (*vide* B. Duncan).

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Summer 2005 corrigenda: The White-faced Ibis listed for Springhill Road (*Leon*) should have been listed as St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*); the two Red-necked Phalaropes at Fort Walton Beach STF 21 Jun-5 July should have been listed as Wilson's Phalaropes.

Fall 2005 reports not published previously: Greater White-fronted Goose: 2 at PSC Waterfowl Management Area (*Hamilton*) 12 Nov (Jerry Krummrich et al.); Cave Swallow: 1 of the Mexican race at Melbourne Beach (*Brevard*) 23 Nov (*vide* Tom Webber, specimen UF 45039).

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