

## NOTES

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**CORRECTED DATES OF OCCURRENCE FOR FLORIDA'S  
THIRD ACCEPTED REPORT OF THE CUBAN PEWEE**

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The Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee (FOSRC) has accepted three reports (two of them representing verifiable records) of the Cuban Pewee (*Contopus caribaeus*) in Florida (Anderson 1996, Bowman 2004). Confusion has surrounded the dates of occurrence for the second record (and third accepted report): FOSRC #02-490, a bird observed in late 1999 at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, and verifiably recorded via photographs and recorded call notes. No contemporaneous report of the pewee was submitted to the FOSRC, and it was not until 2002 that the FOSRC sought documentation for this bird (J. Greenlaw in litt.). One observer contacted did submit a copy of his videotape, but did not include the date the tape was recorded. Consequently, the FOSRC report (Bowman 2004) stated that the Cuban Pewee at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center was observed "...sometime during the Fall of 1999 (exact date not remembered)."

The dates for the Cuban Pewee at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center were published in the seasonal bird summaries in *Florida Field Naturalist* and *North American Birds*, but the published dates differ—even though I compiled both summaries! The FOS Field Observations Committee (FOC) report for the fall 1999 season (Pranty 2000a) listed the dates as 29 September-1 October 1999, while the fall 1999 report for *North American Birds* (Pranty 2000b) listed the dates as 29 October-2 November 1999.

After publication of the fall FOC 1999 report, I received a letter from John Schrader, who informed me that the dates of 29 September-1 October 1999 for the Cuban Pewee were incorrect, and that the correct dates were 29 October-2 November 1999—dates that match those published in *North American Birds* (Pranty 2000b). I published these corrected dates in a subsequent FOC report, for fall 2000 (Pranty 2001). Mr. Schrader also informed me that he had videotaped the pewee on 2 November 1999. However, after viewing a copy of Mr. Schrader's videotape, it was obvious that the bird in the videotape was not a Cuban Pewee, but was an Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*), which frequently pumped its tail, uttered rich *chip* notes, and lacked a discernible eye-ring. When I informed Mr. Schrader of my identification, he graciously acknowledged that it was a phoebe, and noted that he had wondered about the identification of the bird in the videotape, but that others had "confirmed" the identification of the bird as the Cuban Pewee.

To ascertain the dates for the Cuban Pewee at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center during fall 1999, I posted requests for assistance to two of the Florida Internet birding lists (BRDBRAIN and the Miami Bird Board) in March 2008. The six replies I received were unanimous in confirming that the pewee was seen in late October and early November (J. Boyd, R. Diaz, P. Cohen, B. Hansen, T. Gire, and P. Bithorn in litt.). The information provided by Tom Gire was especially helpful. Gire was one of the four birders who discovered the Cuban Pewee on 29 October. In the company of many other birders, he saw the pewee again on 30 and 31 October. Gire heard and audiotaped (but did not see) the Cuban Pewee on 2 November 1999. The bird was not reliably observed after the latter date. Gire provided to me a color photograph of the pewee taken 30 October 1999, and an audio recording of the pewee's call recorded on 2 November 1999. I have deposited both of

these items with the FOSRC file at the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, Gainesville.

Because I am partially responsible for the confusion regarding the dates of occurrence for Florida's third accepted report of the Cuban Pewee, I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the information here.

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