

FROM THE FIELD

AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2012

Note: The appearance of observations in this section does not suggest verification or acceptance of a record. Observations of Review Species need to be documented and a rare bird report submitted to the Georgia Checklist and Records Committee (GCRC) for consideration.

Mean temperatures were near normal or slightly below normal across the state throughout the period. Precipitation was above average in August and September, but below average in October and November, leaving much of the state in drought. The passage of Hurricane Isaac in late August resulted in a massive shorebird fallout in Bartow Co. (12 species recorded), a slew of inland Black Tern sightings, and a Sabine's Gull in Troup Co. Non-passerine highlights were a (presumed returning) drake Cinnamon Teal in Clayton Co., a Western Grebe in Troup Co., multiple Brown Boobies, and the first returning wintering hummingbirds including a Broad-tailed banded in Cobb Co. The most remarkable sighting of the period was the first state record of Dusky Flycatcher, banded on Jekyll Island. Other noteworthy passerines included a Say's Phoebe in Baker Co. and a Sprague's Pipit in Macon Co.

Abbreviations: ACOGB - Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds, 2003, Beaton, G. et al., GOS Occ. Publ. No. 14; AIC - Andrews Island Causeway and spoil site, Glynn Co.; AP - American Proteins settling ponds, Forsyth Co.; AWMA - Altamaha Waterfowl Management Area, McIntosh Co.; BCL - Bartow Co. Loop, a cluster of sod farms and cattle ponds on Brandon Farm Road and Taff Road, west of Cartersville, Bartow Co.; BUENWR - Bradley Unit of the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge, Stewart Co.; CBC - Christmas Bird Count; CCWA - Clayton Co. Water Authority, Clayton Co.; CINS - Cumberland Island National Seashore, Camden Co.; CLRL - Carter's Lake Re-regulation Lake area, Murray Co.; COP - Centennial Olympic Park, Fulton Co.; CRNRA - Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area; CSU - Cochran Shoals Unit of the CRNRA, Cobb Co.; GI - Gould's Inlet, St. Simons Island, Glynn Co.; HP - Henderson Park, DeKalb Co.; JI - Jekyll Island, Glynn Co.; JIBS - Jekyll Island Banding Station, Glynn Co.; KMT - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Cobb Co.; LCI - Little Cumberland Island, Camden Co.; LSSI - Little St. Simons Island, Glynn Co.; LTI - Little Tybee Island, Chatham Co.; LWFG - Lake Walter F. George, Clay Co.; MBBP - Merry Brothers Brickyard Ponds,

Richmond Co.; m. ob. - multiple observers; MSS - Marshallville Super Sod Farm, Macon Co.; MWSS (Mid-winter Shorebird Survey of the Georgia coast); *NAB* - *North American Birds* (journal of the American Birding Association); NWR - National Wildlife Refuge; OM - Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Muscogee Co.; PCR - Pine Chapel Road, Gordon Co.; ph. - photographed; PSNP - Phinizy Swamp Nature Park, Richmond Co.; Region - when capitalized, refers to Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina; SBG - State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Clarke Co.; SCI - St. Catherines Island, Liberty Co.; SF - sod farm; SP - State Park; SSI - St. Simons Island, Glynn Co.; TI - Tybee Island, Chatham Co.; WMA - Wildlife Management Area; WPD - West Point Dam, Harris Co. and Troup Co.

Note: Species that appear in a **bold-faced font** represent those that were considered “review” species by the GCRC during the year of the sighting. This list changes from year to year. The current review list may be viewed at the following link: <http://www.gos.org/checklists/reportables.html> GCRC activity, including the status of reports listed as “pending” as of press time, may be viewed at the following link: <http://www.gos.org/checklists/gcrc-activity.html>

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK - The highest count from AWMA was 52 birds on 24 November (Gene Keferl). Breeding was confirmed at 2 other sites: 2 adults with 18-20 ducklings were observed at Prison Farm pond, Lee Co., on 3 August (Wayne Schaffner), and at least 10 adults and 3 ducklings were at Tolomato Pond, McIntosh Co., on 3 September (Bob Churi). Three birds were at Okefenokee NWR, Charlton Co., on 27 September, and a maximum of 5 birds was recorded at PSNP on 1 October (Lee Adams).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE - Six birds flew over Buford Dam, Forsyth Co., on 10 October, representing a new early arrival date for the state (Jim Flynn). One was at Winfield Campground, Columbia Co., on 12 October (per www.eBird.org). One was at Faulk Lakes, Twiggs Co., on 30-31 October (Walt Chambers). Two were at MBBP on 10 November (m. ob.), and 3 were at Cherokee Brickyards, Bibb Co., on 17 November (m. ob.).

SNOW GOOSE - The first returning individuals were seen on the Altamaha Sound, McIntosh Co., on 2 November (Chris Depkin, Tim Keyes, Pat and Doris Leary), and the highest count was 11 birds at Huie Ponds, Clayton Co., on 10 November (Nathan Farnau).

ROSS'S GOOSE - One was at Lake Varner, Newton Co., on 18 November (ph., Patty McLean; GCRC 2013-02).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK - Unusual for the time of year, 1 bird was at Lake Blalock, Henry Co., on 25 August (Jeff Sewell), and 2 were at South Bypass Swamp, Whitfield Co., on 27 August (Derrick Ingle).

CINNAMON TEAL - A drake, probably last year's returning bird, was at the Treatment Wetlands of CCWA on 24 October (ph., Carol Lambert; GCRC 2012-46) and was still present at the end of the period (m. ob.).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - Two were observed in Murray Co. on 12 October, constituting a new early arrival date for the Cumberland Plateau, and 1 was observed in Murray Co. on 30 October (both Joshua Spence).

CANVASBACK - The first report was 2 birds at Lake Varner, Newton Co., on 2 November (Patty McLean), and the highest count was 8 at Reed Bingham SP, Colquitt Co., on 28 November (Tod Lanier, Wayne Schaffner).

REDHEAD - One seen in Murray Co. on 30 October represents a new early arrival date for the Cumberland Plateau (Joshua Spence).

GREATER SCAUP - Inland reports were received of 1 at Lake Varner, Newton Co., on 18 November (Patty McLean) and 2 at WPD on 24 November (James Holmes).

SURF SCOTER - This species was first reported from the coast off TI North Beach on 20 October (Cameron Cox). Inland reports received included 1 at PSNP on 3-4 November (Lois Stacey), 4 at Buford Dam, Forsyth Co., on 4 November (Jim Flynn), 5 at Lake Chapman, Clarke Co., on 16 November (Mirko Basen, Richard Hall, Mitchell Jarrett), and 1 from Lake Varner, Newton Co., on 17-18 November (Jim and Allison Healy).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - Single birds were recorded at Richard B Russell Dam, Elbert Co., on 28 October (Jim Flynn), Lake Oliver, Muscogee Co., on 21 November (Mason and Mitchell Jarrett), and JI on 26 November (Carol Lambert, Jeff Sewell). Three were at Lake Hartwell, Hart Co., on 15 November (Eric Beohm).

BLACK SCOTER - Away from the coast, one was at Buford Dam, Forsyth Co., on 7 November (Jim Flynn) and 4 were at Reed Bingham SP, Colquitt Co., on 26-28 November (Suzanne Passmore, Wayne Schaffner).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - One was at Huie Ponds, CCWA, on 16 November (m. ob.), and 1 was at Lake Acworth, Cobb Co., on 18 November (Patty McLean).

RED-THROATED LOON - Single birds were reported from Lake Hartwell, Hart Co., on 15 November (Eric Beohm), Lake Horton, Fayette Co., on 16-17 November (Jim Flynn, Bill Lotz), and GI on 24 November (Jeff Sewell).

COMMON LOON - Two birds over-summered at Lake Blue Ridge, Fannin Co., and were still present on 12 August (Tom Striker).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - An amazing 414 were counted from Lake Seminole Dam, Decatur Co., on 25 November, almost doubling the previous state high count (Ken Blankenship).

WESTERN GREBE - One was at WPD on 23-24 November (ph., Rodney McCollum, m. ob.; GCRC 2012-44).

RED-NECKED GREBE - One was at Lake Horton, Fayette Co., on 11-12 November (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

EARED GREBE - One was at Lake Loretta, Dougherty Co., on 1-2 October (Wayne Schaffner), and a maximum of 4 were at AIC on 24 November (Gene Keferl).

CORY'S SHEARWATER - Observers reported 150 seen on a pelagic trip on 22 September (m. ob.).

GREAT SHEARWATER - Observers reported 5 seen on a pelagic trip on 22 September (m. ob.).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER - One was seen on a pelagic trip on 22 September (m. ob.).

WOOD STORK - The northernmost sighting was 1 bird seen at Drummond Swamp, Bartow Co., on 2-15 September (m. ob.). Sixty were at BUENWR on 4 October, a good inland count (Walt Chambers).

BROWN BOOBY - A juvenile was seen from the north end of JI on 3 August (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd; pending, GCRC 2012-38). Four were seen around Navy Tower R5 on a pelagic trip on 22 September, along with 3 deceased birds (m. ob.; GCRC 2012-41).

GREAT CORMORANT - The wintering individual was back for the fifth winter at LWFG on 17 November (Patrick Addy, Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal; GCRC 2012-47).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN - In the Piedmont, 19 flew over Forsyth Co. on 24 September (Jim Flynn), 55 were on Lake Lanier, Hall Co., on 12 October (Jim Flynn), and an excellent count of 150 birds flew over WPD on 24 November (Frances and Roy Brown, Melissa Martin).

BROWN PELICAN - Away from the coast, 1 was seen at Lake Lanier, Hall Co., on 19 August (Tanna Lee). A good count of 800 birds was reported from LSSI on 27 September (Jay McGowan).

AMERICAN BITTERN - In the Piedmont, single birds were recorded at the Buford Hatchery, Forsyth Co., on 31 October - 18 November (Pat Markey), and Huie Ponds, CCWA, on 12-25 November (Patty McLean, m. ob.).

GREAT WHITE HERON - One was at Lake Allatoona, Cherokee Co., on 22 September (Sandra Garber), and another was at Paradise Public Fishing Area, Berrien Co., on 7 October (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).



Great Blue Heron, Cherokee Co., 22 September, by Sandra Garber

SNOWY EGRET - One was at PCR on 30 August (Joshua Spence).

TRICOLORED HERON - Six reports were received of single birds well inland in Baker, Lee, Long, Bulloch and Richmond counties.

CATTLE EGRET - In the northern part of the state, single birds were seen on the BCL on 11 August (Joel McNeal) and Cardinal Lake, Gwinnett Co., on 20 August (John Deitsch).

GREEN HERON - An excellent count of 22 birds was recorded on private property in Murray Co. on 16 August (Joshua Spence).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - Two juveniles were at Owens Chapel Road pond, Gordon Co., on 15 August, and an adult was at the Fagala Road, pond, Murray Co., on 17 August (both Joshua Spence).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - One was on private property in Murray Co. on 16 August (Joshua Spence), 1 was at Drummond Swamp on 14 November (Joel McNeal), and 1-2 birds were at CSU from the start of the period until 28 October (m. ob.).

WHITE IBIS - In the northern half of the state, the only report was 4 birds on PCR on 4 August (Joshua Spence).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL - Two continued in Dougherty Co. until 13 August (Roy Brown). An amazing 132 counted at the AIC spoil site constitutes a new state high count (Tim Keyes).

BLACK VULTURE - A large roost of 450 birds was at Panola Mountain SP on 12 September (Charlie Muisse).

TURKEY VULTURE - A large movement of 445 birds flew over the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Fulton Co., on 4 November (Stacy Zarpentine).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE - At least 40 birds were at the Brantley Co. aggregation on 7 August (Tim Keyes). In the northern part of the state, 1 was in Chattooga Co. on 7 August (David Brown), and 1 was seen along Mashburn Road, Gordon Co., until 14 August (Joshua Spence).

GOLDEN EAGLE - One was seen over the Wilmington River, Chatham Co., on 20 November (Diana Doyle).

BALD EAGLE - A good count of 11 was recorded at Lake Juliette, Monroe Co., on 8 October (Jeff Durden).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK - A migrant kettle of 17 birds was spotted over the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Fulton Co., on 15 September (Stacy Zarpentine).

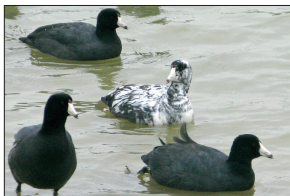
RED-TAILED HAWK - Single dark western birds were seen at Lake Hartwell, Hart Co., on 7 November (Eric Beohm), Fite Bend Road, Gordon Co., on 22 November (Mark McShane, Max Medley), and OM on 26 November (Walt Chambers). A Krider's Hawk was at OM on 27 November (Walt Chambers).

VIRGINIA RAIL - An excellent count of 7 birds were heard on private property in Murray Co. on 29 November (Joshua Spence).

SORA - An impressive 23 were recorded at the CCWA on 4 November (Jeff Sewell).

PURPLE GALLINULE - A maximum count of 8 birds was reported from Prison Farm Pond, Lee Co., on 9 August (Wayne Schaffner).

AMERICAN COOT - A bird in an interesting piebald plumage was at Garden Lakes, Floyd Co., on 28 October (Marion Dobbs).



Piebald American Coot, Floyd Co., 28 October, by Marion Dobbs

SANDHILL CRANE - The first migrant flock of 20 birds was seen from Boone Ford Road, Gordon Co., on 28 October (James Dietrich). The peak movement occurred from 25-30 November, with thousands of birds reported from the Atlanta area (m. ob.).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - Inland birds were seen on the BCL on 14 August (Joel McNeal) and Bostwick SF on 29 August (Mirko Basen, Mitchell Jarrett).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER - One was at Titan Turf Farm, Bulloch Co., on 6 September (Cameron Cox), 2 were seen on the BCL on 9 September (m. ob.), 1 was at North Georgia Turf Farms, Gordon Co., on 29 September (Patty McLean, Kathy Miller), with 2 there the next day (Larry Gridley), and 1 was on private property, Murray Co., on 17 October (Max Medley, Joshua Spence).

WILSON'S PLOVER - An impressive 86 were counted in the Altamaha Sound, McIntosh Co., on 2 November (Chris Depkin, Tim Keyes, Pat and Doris Leary).

BLACK-NECKED STILT - A good count of 87 was reported from AIC on 1 August (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

AMERICAN AVOCET - Rare in the interior of the state, 12 were at WPD on 2 November (Walt Chambers). An excellent count of 161 came from AIC on 2 August (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

SPOTTED SANDPIPER - One was in Murray Co. on 23 November, representing a new late date for the Cumberland Plateau (Derrick Ingle, Joshua Spence).

WILLET - Inland, single birds were at Allatoona WMA, Cherokee Co., on 19 August (Jim Flynn), and North Georgia Turf Farms, Gordon Co., on 29 August (Joshua Spence).

UPLAND SANDPIPER - Two were at Wright Turf Farms, Dougherty Co., on 4 August (Karen Seward, Cameron Thomas), and 1 was at Bostwick SF on 14 August (John Mark Simmons). The highest count of 14 came from MSS on 10 August (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW - The maximum count reported was 9 on LSSI on 28 September (Jay McGowan).

SANDERLING - Two were on the BCL on 3 September (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER - An excellent inland count of 42 was reported from the BCL on 28 August (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal).

WESTERN SANDPIPER - Recorded from 5 inland locations from 2 August - 9 September, the highest count was 8 on the BCL on 30 August (Joel McNeal).

LEAST SANDPIPER - An amazing 194 were on the BCL on 28 August (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - The only report was a single bird at AIC on 1 August (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd, Gene Keferl).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER - One was on the BCL on 28 August (m. ob.) and 1 was at Bostwick SF on 29 August (Mirko Basen, Mitchell Jarrett).

PURPLE SANDPIPER - Irregular away from TI, 3 were at SSI East Beach on 7 November (Bob Sattelmeyer).

STILT SANDPIPER - Reported from 9 locations around the state from 1 August - 26 October, the highest count was 48 at AIC on 2 August (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER - Reported from 9 locations around the state from 24 August - 23 September, the highest count was 11 on the BCL on 3 September (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER - Away from the coast, 1 was at Prison Farm Pond, Lee Co., on 3 August (Roy Brown), and 5 were at Owen and Williams Fish Farm, Baker Co., on 31 August (Larry Gridley).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER - Two were in Bulloch Co. on 21 October

(Cameron Cox, Lauren Deaner), 1 was on Skidaway Island, Chatham Co., on 12 November (Russ Wigh), and 2 were seen at the Highway 96 ponds, Twiggs Co., on 28 November (Walt Chambers).

WILSON'S SNIPE - The first report was a single bird at North Georgia Turf Farms, Gordon Co., on 11 August (Joshua Spence).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK - One was in COP on 6 November (Nathan Farnau).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - The highest count was 16 birds recorded from AIC on 25 August (m. ob.), and 4 were at Huie Ponds, CCWA, on 11 September (Carol Lambert).

SABINE'S GULL - One was at WPD on 1-2 October (Walt Chambers; GCRC 2013-01).

LAUGHING GULL - Away from the coast, the only reports were from WPD, with a maximum of 3 recorded on 18 September (Walt Chambers).

FRANKLIN'S GULL - At least 45 were at WPD on 19 October, representing a new state high count (Walt Chambers), and 4 were there on 2 November (Walt Chambers).

HERRING GULL - Inland, reports of 1-2 birds were received from WPD between 1 October - 25 November (m. ob.), and 6 were at Lake Lanier Park, Gwinnett Co., on 30 November (Nathan Farnau).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - An impressive count of 82 reported from LSSI on 29 September constitutes a new state high count (Jay McGowan).

BRIDLED TERN - Four birds were seen on a pelagic trip on 22 September (m. ob.).

LEAST TERN - Rare inland, 1 was at Lake Worth, Dougherty Co., on 7 August (Wayne Schaffner).

CASPIAN TERN - Inland, 1 was at the Owen and Williams Fish Farm, Baker Co., on 6 August (Roy Brown, Larry Gridley), 3 were at Cherokee Brickyards, Bibb Co., on 3 September (m. ob.), 1 was at WPD on 9 September (Jim Flynn), and 10 were at CLRL on 2 October (Joshua Spence). At the coast, an excellent count of 200 birds was tallied on the GOS trip to Sapelo Island, McIntosh Co., on 13 October (m. ob.).

BLACK TERN - Recorded from 7 locations in the interior of the state from 3 August - 2 October, the highest count of 70 came from WPD on 1 September (Patty McLean, Kathy Miller).

COMMON TERN - Inland reports included 1 at Huie Ponds, CCWA, on 5 August (m. ob.), 1 at CLRL on 25 August (Derrick Ingle, Joshua Spence), 3 at CLRL on 2 October (Joshua Spence), and 2 at WPD on 1 September (Patty McLean, Kathy Miller).

FORSTER'S TERN - The maximum inland count of 10 came from WPD on 2 October (Walt Chambers).

PARASITIC JAEGER - One was seen at Navy Tower R5 in Georgia pelagic waters on 22 September (m. ob.).

POMARINE JAEGER - The bird with an eye injury found on TI North Beach in July was released from JI on 6 August (Tim Keyes).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE - Two were on TI on 9-18 November (Patty McLean, m. ob.), 1 was on JI on 15 and 23 November (Lydia Thompson, Bob Zaremba), and 1 was at Harris Neck NWR, McIntosh Co., on 26 November (Chris Depkin).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE - Rare in the Piedmont, 1 was at the South Milledge fields, Clarke Co., on 19 October (Mark Freeman), and 1 was at Lake Varner, Newton Co., on 28 October (ph., Patty McLean, Kathy Miller).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - Single birds were at CSU on 4 September (James Fleullan) and 15 September (Jim and Allison Healy, m. ob.), the SBG on 23 September (Richard Hall), and Boat Ramp Road, Chattahoochee Co., on 23 September (Ted Theus). One recorded at Lake Conasauga WMA, Murray Co., on 5 October constitutes a new late date for the Cumberland Plateau (Tim Jeffers).

BARN OWL - The first Bartow Co. record was a calling bird in Cartersville on 20 August (Joel McNeal).

SHORT-EARED OWL - Two were seen on a GOS field trip on the Altamaha Sound, McIntosh Co., on 14 October (m. ob.).

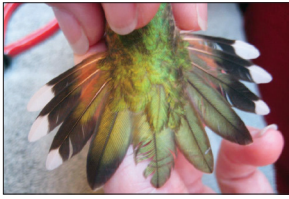
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL - Six different individuals were banded in Lamar Co. from 14-24 November, with 3 captured on the night of 18 November (Charlie Muise). Two more birds were banded at the same location in early December, amounting to an exceptional 8 individual birds captured this season.

COMMON NIGHTHAWK - A large movement occurred on 29-30 August, with the largest flock of 340 reported from Lake Herrick, Clarke Co., on 20 August (Richard Hall).

EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL - One was at COP on 1 October (Nathan Farnau).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD - One was in a backyard in Macon, Bibb Co., from 3 November until the end of the period (Jim Ferrari), and 1 was banded in Canton, Cherokee Co., on 24 November (Julia Elliott).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD - One was banded in Kennesaw, Cobb Co., on 20 November (Suzanne Boesl, Julia Elliott; GCRC 2012-43).



Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Cobb Co., 20 November, by Julia Elliott

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD - One was banded in a Cobb Co. backyard on 18 November, and was present until the end of the period (Bob and Deb Zaremba).

Calliope Hummingbird, Cobb Co., 18 November, by Luke Theodorou



RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD - The first report was a hatch-year male banded in Whitesburg, Gwinnett Co., on 11 August (*fide* Karen Theodorou).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER - This was an excellent fall for observations of this species in the northern part of the state. One was at CSU on 21-22 August (Jim and Allison Healy); it or another was there on 30 August - 6 September (m. ob.), and 2 were there on 15 September (Jim and Allison Healy). Elsewhere, single birds were seen at Leone Price Hall Park, Cobb Co., on 22 August (ph., Angela Jenkins), Big Canoe, Pickens Co., on 30 August (Theresa Hartz), Broad River WMA, Elbert Co., on 3 September (Jim Flynn), and Dawson Forest, Dawson Co., on 12 September (Georgann Schmalz).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE - A vocalizing bird at Drummond Swamp, Bartow Co., on 18 November constitutes a new late date for the state (Joel McNeal).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER - Confirmed from 8 locations in the state between 1 September - 5 October, 1 was banded on JI on 5 October (Evan Pitman).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER - One observed in Murray Co. on 4 October represents a new late date for the Cumberland Plateau (Joshua Spence).

ALDER FLYCATCHER - Single birds were voice-confirmed at West Point River Park, Troup Co., on 9 September (Jim Flynn), the SBG from 12-17 September (Joel McNeal, m. ob.), and Allatoona Creek WMA, Cobb Co., on 15 September (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - Single birds were voice-confirmed from Big Canoe, Pickens Co., on 30 August (Rebecca Byrd, Theresa Hartz), CLRL on 11-19 September (Joel McNeal), Georgia International Horse Park, Rockdale Co., on 21 September (Nathan Farnau), McDaniel Farm Park, Gwinnett Co., on 30 September (Karen Theodorou), and Athens Landfill, Clarke Co., on 3

October (Richard Hall). Two were at HP on 3 September (m. ob.). At the coast, 1 was banded on JI on 30 September (Evan Pitman).

TRAILL'S FLYCATCHER - One bird was banded at Panola Mountain SP, Rockdale Co., on 12 September (Charlie Muise).

LEAST FLYCATCHER - This species was reported from 9 locations in the northern half of the state from 22 August - 24 September.

DUSKY FLYCATCHER - One was banded on JI on 1 October (Charlie Muise, m. ob.; pending, GCRC 2013-38), representing the first state record, and aside from a record in Delaware in 2002, may be the only other well-documented record east of the Mississippi.



Dusky Flycatcher, Glynn Co., 1 October, by Evan Pitman

SAY'S PHOEBE - One was seen on Diaz Road, Baker Co., on 11 November (Larry Gridley; GCRC 2013-06)

GRAY KINGBIRD - Three were at AIC on 2 August (m. ob.), 2 were on TI on 7 August (Diana Churchill), 1 was on Sea Island, Glynn Co., on 25 August (Jerry and Marie Amerson), and another was on SSI the same day (Larry Gridley).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - A pair, which tried unsuccessfully to nest, remained in Sam Smith Park, Bartow Co., until 9 August (m. ob.), and 1 was on Hutchinson Island, Chatham Co., on 20 October (Cameron Cox).

WARBLING VIREO - One was on the Milledgeville Greenway, Baldwin Co., on 12 September (Steve Parrish, Chris Skelton).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - Recorded from 5 September - 17 October, the highest count of 7 came from the traditional site of CLRL on 25 September (Gene Koziara).

COMMON RAVEN - One was at Lake Russell WMA, Stephens Co., on 21 October (Jim Flynn).

PURPLE MARTIN - A late bird was at Birdsong Plantation, Grady Co., on 7 October (Janell Cleveland).

BANK SWALLOW - The highest count was 30 from PSNP on 11 September (Jim Hanna).

BARN SWALLOW - A late bird was in Glynn Co. on 23 November (Jeff Sewell).

CAVE SWALLOW - Four were reported from JI on 9 November (David Hedeem, Meg Walker; pending, GCRC 2013-35).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - The first migrant reported from HP on 13 September (Jeff Sewell) was the precursor to an irruption year, with large numbers reported statewide by the end of the period.

SEDGE WREN - The first report was 1 bird at AP on 11 August (Jim Flynn). Twenty-five (a good count) were recorded at BUENWR on 17 November (Patrick Addy, Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal).

MARSH WREN - One observed at Georgia International Horse Park, Rockdale Co., on 24 August represented a new early date for the Piedmont (Nathan Farnau).

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - One was at CSU on 25 November (Allison and Johnnie Greene).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - Rare in Georgia in the summer, at least 3 birds were observed at Lake Conasauga, Murray Co., on 4 August (m. ob.). At least 1 of these was a juvenile, strongly suggestive of breeding in the area. A bird seen at the Johnson Ferry Unit of CRNRA on 9 September represents a new early date for the Piedmont (Mark McShane).

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH - One reported from Murray Co. on 17 October represents a new late date for the Cumberland Plateau (Joshua Spence).

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - The last report was 1 observed at COP on 11 November (Nathan Farnau).

HERMIT THRUSH - A new state high count of 150 was recorded on the south end of Wassaw NWR, Chatham Co., on 3 November (Steve Calver).

WOOD THRUSH - The last report was 1 at COP on 7 November (Nathan Farnau).

BROWN THRASHER - Fifty-nine counted along a 4-mile stretch of Cook's Trail, Clarke Co., was an excellent single-site count (Joel McNeal).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT - One was at MSS on 28-30 November (ph., Walt Chambers; pending, GCRC 2012-45).

OVENBIRD - One was still present in COP on 28 November (Nathan Farnau).

WORM-EATING WARBLER - One recorded at CLRL on 25 September is a new late date for the Cumberland Plateau (Joshua Spence).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH - One found at Arrowhead Environmental Center, Floyd Co., on 21 August represents a new early arrival date for fall in the Cumberland Plateau, while one in Murray Co. on 12 October represents a new late date for the same region (both Joshua Spence).

BREWSTER'S WARBLER - This hybrid form was reported from 3 different locations in north Atlanta on 9 September.

LAWRENCE'S WARBLER - One was at CSU on 25 August (m. ob.).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - A late bird was in northern Greene Co. on 25 November (Paul Sykes).

TENNESSEE WARBLER - Seven birds were still present in COP on 27 November (Nathan Farnau).

NASHVILLE WARBLER - Scarce at the coast, 1 was at Forsyth Park, Chatham Co., on 15 September (Nathan Farnau, Steve Fox). One was still present in COP on 27 November (Nathan Farnau).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER - One was banded on JI on 9 October (Evan Pitman), and another was banded there on 20 October (Larry Gridley).



Connecticut Warbler, Glynn Co., 20 October, by Larry Gridley

MOURNING WABLER - One was in Catoosa Co. on 1 September (David Hollie). For the second consecutive year, an immature was found in COP on 18-21 October (Nathan Farnau, m. ob.).

HOODED WARBLER - A late bird was in an Upson Co. yard on 3 November (Rosemary Kramer).

CAPE MAY WARBLER - Many more records than usual originated from the western part of the state, including 6 reported in Murray Co. on 12 October (Joshua Spence).

CERULEAN WARBLER - This species was recorded in excellent numbers in the northern half of the state this fall. One found north of Cartersville, Bartow Co., on 22 September, represents a new late date for the Cumberland Plateau (Joshua Spence).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER - One was still in COP on 20 November (Nathan Farnau).

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - One was still in COP on 15 November (Nathan Farnau).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - One recorded in Adairsville, Bartow Co., on 1 November is a new late date for the Cumberland Plateau (Derrick Ingle).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - An impressive 5000 were estimated at Wassaw NWR, Chatham Co., on 3 November (Steve Calver).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - One was still in COP on 20 November, representing a new late date for the Piedmont (Gene Koziara).

WILSON'S WARBLER - One was at BUENWR on 27 November (Walt Chambers).

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT - One was still in COP on 20 November (Nathan Farnau).

CHIPPING SPARROW - Rare at the coast in summer, 2 adults were seen on Skidaway Island, Chatham Co., on 3 August (Stan Gray).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW - This was an exceptional fall for records of this species from the interior of the state. A single bird was reported from Sam Smith Park, Bartow Co., on 15-16 September (Jim and Allison Healy), with it or another there from 27 September - 2 October (Joel McNeal). Single birds were also observed at the Athens landfill, Clarke Co., on 21-22 September (Richard Hall), at Ocmulgee National Monument, Bibb Co., on 21 October (James Fleullan), at Etowah Bottoms, Dawson Co., on 2 November (Georgann Schmalz), at PCR on 4-20 November (Max Medley), and near the entrance to Rood Creek Park, Stewart Co., on 28 November (Walt Chambers). The highest count from the coast was 3 seen together at Rhett's Island, AWMA on 14 October (m. ob.).

LARK SPARROW - Single birds were recorded at AP on 25 August (Jim Flynn), Bostwick SF on 3-9 September (Rachel Cass, Steve Holzman), Sam Smith Park, Bartow Co., on 10-11 September (Steven Barlow), AWMA on 16 September (Nathan Farnau, Steve Fox), and JI on 20 October (Larry Gridley).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW - Single migrants were recorded at CSU on 14 October and 27 October (Mark McShane), the Johnson Ferry Unit of CRNRA on 16 October and during 3-4 November (Jim and Allison Healy), and at the South Milledge fields, Clarke Co., on 20 October (Richard Hall).

LE CONTE'S SPARROW - One was at the regular wintering site of BUENWR on 17 November (Joel McNeal), and 1 was on PCR on 18-24 November (JoAnn King, Kathy Schock).

NELSON'S SPARROW - The only inland record was 1 bird at the South Milledge fields, Clarke Co., on 20 October (Richard Hall).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW - The earliest report was 1 at the Johnson Ferry Unit of CRNRA on 30 September (Jim and Allison Healy).

SUMMER TANAGER - One was at Ocmulgee National Monument, Bibb Co., on 13 November (ph., James Fleullan), and 1 was in a DeKalb Co. yard on 25 November (John Brooks). This species is being seen increasingly frequently in small numbers in Georgia in the winter, and so it is unclear whether these records refer to extremely late migrants or overwintering individuals.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - A late bird was in Rome, Floyd Co., on 6 November (Ann Stewart).

BLUE GROSBEAK - A late bird was in Newton Co. on 17 November (Wayne Schaffner).

PAINTED BUNTING - One was at the Dilane Plantation WMA, Burke Co., on 24 November (m. ob.).

DICKCISSEL - The species nested successfully in northern Greene Co. for the third consecutive year (Paul Sykes). One was at the Athens Landfill, Clarke Co., on 12 October (Richard Hall), and 1 was at Bostwick SF on 14 October (John Mark Simmons).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD - Single birds were reported from AP on 3 November (Jim Flynn), Fite Bend Road, Gordon Co., on 7 November (Joshua Spence), and on private property in Cobb Co. on 22 November (Meg Walker). A large flock of 200 birds was present on the BCL on 18 November (Patty McLean).

RED CROSSBILL - Two birds seen in Pine Log WMA on 11 November, and 4 on 18 November, were positively identified as Type 3, western hemlock crossbills. This is the first Georgia record of this type, and appears to be the southernmost record of Type 3 Red Crossbill in the eastern U.S. (Joel McNeal). At least 18 birds present at Lake Conasauga, Murray Co., on 4 August (Rebecca Byrd, Ken Blankenship, Patty McLean) were identified as Type 1, until now the only crossbill type to be positively identified in the state by spectrographic analysis. Three birds observed over Wolf Pen Gap, Union Co., on 3 September were not identified to type (Joel McNeal).



Type 3 Red Crossbills, Bartow Co., 18 November, by Joel McNeal

PINE SISKIN - One observed in Athens, Clarke Co., on 5 September (Bill and Karla O'Grady) heralded the start of a large irruption into the state.

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