

**FROM THE FIELD**

MARCH - MAY 2007

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The transition from winter to spring brought some exciting birds to Georgia. This season's neotropical migration was less than stellar. The number of warblers, vireos, and tanagers seemed to be fewer than usual in almost all of the usual migration hotspots. The exception to this was the widespread movement of CONNECTICUT WARBLERS through the state in May. We had unprecedented numbers of this species reported in multiple locations in the Mountains, Piedmont and Coastal Plain. There were several interesting sightings of rare birds as well this season. Probably the most interesting was the state's second BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD. This bird was only present at a backyard feeder for about one hour, but luckily the homeowner was observant enough to notice it and take some pictures of this rare visitor. Another rare sighting from the coast was a WESTERN GREBE photographed off the beach on Cumberland Island. This was the second appearance of this rarely seen species in the state this year, the first being the bird seen by many observers at Lake Walter F. George during the winter. The other interesting development was the continued presence of BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCKS and LIMPKIN in the southern parts of the state. Multiple sightings of LIMPKINS over the past several years lead one to believe that perhaps this species is breeding along one or more of the rivers in the Lower Coastal Plain. BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCKS were confirmed nesting in the southernmost part of the state this past March, and it appears that the population near Darien may also be breeding, although nesting has not been confirmed at this time. Hopefully, continued observation will result in confirmation. The last of the winter ducks and finches lingered into early spring, although this past season was dismal for finches and nuthatches. There were some good late-departing ducks though, including the COMMON MERGANSER, LONG-TAILED DUCK, and WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS found in area lakes.

Abbreviations used include: ACOGB - Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds, Beaton et al. 2003, GOS Occ. Publ. No. 14; AWEC - Arrowhead Wildlife Education Center in Floyd Co.; AWMA - Altamaha Waterfowl Management

Area, McIntosh Co.; CBC - Christmas Bird Count; CRC - Checklist and Records Committee; CRNRA - Cochran Shoals Unit of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Cobb Co.; ELHLAF - E.L. Huie Land Application Facility, Clayton Co.; ENWR - Bradley Unit of Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge, Stewart Co.; JI - Jekyll Island, Glynn Co.; KMT - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Cobb Co.; LSSI - Little St. Simons Island, Glynn Co.; m.ob. - many observers; MBBP - Merry Brothers Brickyard Ponds, Richmond Co.; NWR - National Wildlife Refuge; SCSP- Sweetwater Creek State Park, Douglas Co.; v.ob. - various observers; WMA - Wildlife Management Area; and WPD - West Point Dam, Troup Co.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK - Karen and Luke Theodorou reported finding 16 birds at the AWMA on 5 April. Multiple observers noted the increased number of birds over the remainder of the season, and noted pairing or breeding behavior in many of the birds. The highest count was more than 40 birds seen on 22 May (Tom Striker, Dave Tickner, Robert Kimsey).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE - The highest count was 12 birds seen at the Bartow Co. farm ponds near Floyd Creek Church Road on 3 March (fide Terry Moore).

SNOW GOOSE - Several reports of migrating birds were submitted this spring. A single bird was seen in Bartow Co. on 3 March (fide Terry Moore), and Karen Torghelle found a bird on Lake Hartwell on the same day. Walt Chambers observed one bird on DeKalb Reservoir on 14 March.

GADWALL - Patrick Brisse had a very good count of more than 200 birds in Coweta Co. on 11 March.

MOTTLED DUCK - Paul and Joan Sykes had a good count of 35 birds at the AWMA on 22 April.

SURF SCOTER - The only report was from Spaulding Co., where Tim Bethune found a bird on 1 May.

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - Marion Dobbs found a bird at Garden Lakes near Rome on 2 March, which remained until 23 March. Two birds were a good find at Clark Hill Reservoir by Jim Flynn and Earl Horn on 18 March. The bird that spent the winter on Bear Creek Reservoir in Athens was still present on 22 March (Mark Freeman). A bird found at ELHLAF by Dale Hardee on 5 May was a good find. The bird remained at that location until 12 May.

BLACK SCOTER - The bird that spent the winter on Bear Creek Reservoir in

Athens was still present on 22 March (Mark Freeman).

LONG-TAILED DUCK - Jim Flynn and Earl Horn had a rare sighting of a single bird at Clark Hill Reservoir on 18 March.

COMMON GOLDENEYE - Earl Horn and Jim Flynn discovered a bird in Whitfield Co. on 3 March for a rare Mountain Region sighting, and Jim Flynn found a female in Forsyth Co. on 19 March.

HOODED MERGANSER - Stacey Zarpentine observed a pair of birds at CRNRA with 3 ducklings on 14 April, for a rare nesting record in the Piedmont Region. Another successful breeding was noted at AWEC, when Dan Roper observed an adult with 10 chicks on 17 April.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - A single bird was seen at the DeKalb Reservoir on 9 April, which is a late sighting (Walt Chambers).

COMMON MERGANSER - One of the 4 birds found this past winter on Southwire Lake in Carrollton was still present on 11 March (Patrick Brisse; CRC 2008-16, pending).

RUDDY DUCK - Patrick Brisse and Hugh Garrett had a good count of more than 125 birds at Lake Horton on 25 March.

PLAIN CHACHALACA - A single bird was heard on a GOS field trip to Sapelo Island on 21 April (fide Bill Lotz).

RUFFED GROUSE - Dot Freeman found an adult bird with 5 chicks along Ivy Log Gap Road on 8 May. Ken Blankenship and Rachel Cass observed an adult bird performing a distraction display along Ivy Log Gap Road on 19 May. Evidently, the bird was still on a nest or had young in the area.

RED-THROATED LOON - A bird was seen on Lake Juliette by multiple observers between 3-25 March (Trey McCuen, Steve Barlow).

COMMON LOON - Joshua Spence had a good count of 53 birds at Carter's Lake on 2 April.

RED-NECKED GREBE - One or 2 birds were seen on Clark Hill Reservoir between 2-27 March by multiple observers.

WESTERN GREBE - Another rare sighting of this species was the bird photographed off Little Greyfield Beach, Cumberland Island, by Patrick Leary on 20 March (CRC 2007-16 accepted).

BROWN PELICAN - A bird observed in the Lake Park area was a very unusual sighting for that location (Julius Ariail).

ANHINGA - Two birds were observed in Spaulding Co. by Mike Ivie on 26 March, which is an unusual report from that area. Joshua Spence had an unusual sighting of a bird in Murray Co. on 9 April. Another rare sighting was the bird observed on Lake Chapman in Athens by Amy Barbe on 10 April. Finally, Jim

Flynn had a good sighting of a bird over Dawson Forest on 2 May.

AMERICAN BITTERN - Many reports were submitted from across the state this spring. A bird first seen last winter continued to be seen at ELHLAF through 31 March (Carol Lambert). Jeff Dixon found a bird at AWEC on 22 March. Also at AWEC, Dan Roper found a bird on 17 April. Chris Showalter had an unusual sighting of a bird at the Emory Campus in Atlanta on 19 April. Back at ELHLAF, Carol Lambert tallied 4 birds at Site G, a newly created wetland area, on 20 April. Two of those birds remained in the same location until 6 May. Walt Chambers observed a bird at Standing Boy WMA near Columbus on 21 April. On 6 May, Rusty Trump found a bird at Buford Fish Hatchery. Tim Miller found a very late bird in the Savannah area, when one flushed at the President Street Wastewater Treatment facility on 7 May. According to ACOGB, this represents a new late date for the Coastal Region.

LEAST BITTERN - The newly created Site G at the ELHLAF hosted a bird on 21 April (Carol Lambert), and Paul and Joan Sykes noted a high count of 8 birds at the AWMA on 22 April.

GREAT EGRET - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 159 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

SNOWY EGRET - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 139 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

TRICOLORED HERON - A bird seen at ENWR on 24 March was an unusual sighting for that location (Walt Chambers).

REDDISH EGRET - Pierre Howard and Nick Van Lanen had a good sighting of a bird on LSSI on 8 March.

WHITE IBIS - Gene Keferl counted between 1500 and 2000 birds at Paulk's Pasture in Glynn Co. on 19 March, a very good number.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE - Georgann Schmalz had a very good sighting of a bird in Dawson Forest on 1 April.

MISSISSIPPI KITE - Gene Wilkinson had a good count of 30 birds near Glenville on 30 April. Jim Hanna had an interesting sighting of a bird over the Buford Fish Hatchery on 10 May, and the peak count was 72 seen near Columbus on 26 May (Walt Chambers).

BALD EAGLE - Carol Lambert reported an adult feeding young at a nest at ELHLAF on 5 April.

NORTHERN HARRIER - Paul Sykes observed a late individual in northern Greene Co. on 6 May.

GOLDEN EAGLE - Tim Keyes observed a juvenile bird in Meriwether Co. on 16 April.

PEREGRINE FALCON - Paul Sykes observed a late individual in northern Greene Co. on 6 May.

BLACK RAIL - Paul Sykes had 5 birds calling in a freshwater marsh in northern Greene Co. on 6 May.

VIRGINIA RAIL - Two birds seen in Murray Co. by Jim Flynn and Earl Horn were a good find on 3 March.

SORA - Carol Lambert had a good count of 14 birds at Site G of ELHLAF on 11 April. Six birds were heard calling in a northern Greene Co. marsh on 13 May, which was late for that location (Paul Sykes).

PURPLE GALLINULE - Walt Chambers had an interesting sighting of a bird at Oxbow Meadows near Columbus on 20 April, which was a new record for that location.

COMMON MOORHEN - Carol Lambert found nesting birds at ELHLAF on 6 May, for an unusual Piedmont Region record.

LIMPKIN - A bird was seen at Reed Bingham State Park on 29 May (Cheryl and Panos Kanés; presumed to be same bird as CRC 2006-21 accepted).

SANDHILL CRANE - Joshua Spence had a good sighting of 95 birds near Carter's Lake on 12 March.

WHOOPIING CRANE - Although the species is not countable in the state, 3 birds from the Operation Migration flock were found near Perry on 28 March (fide Jim Ozier).

WILSON'S PLOVER - Max Medley had a very good sighting of a bird at Carter's Lake on 29 May.

PIPING PLOVER - Pierre Howard and Nick Van Lanen had a very nice count of 25 birds on LSSI on 8 March.

BLACK-NECKED STILT - Several observers noted breeding birds at the AWMA during May.

UPLAND SANDPIPER - The only report of this species was on 29 March when Chris Skelton found a bird at the Bostwick Sod farm.

WHIMBREL - Captain Rene Heidt had an excellent count of more than 200 birds on Little Tybee Island on 11 April. Jenifer Hilburn reported a good count of 52 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

LONG-BILLED CURLEW - Nick Van Lanen and Pierre Howard observed one bird on LSSI on 8 March.

MARBLED GODWIT - The only report was that of 8 birds found on LSSI by Nick Van Lanen and Pierre Howard on 8 March.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - Six birds were found at ELHLAF on 19

May (Patrick Brisse, Jeff Sewell).

STILT SANDPIPER - A bird was found at Robinson Nature Preserve in Cobb Co. on 14 and 15 April, which was very unusual for that area (fide David Hedeem).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER - Tommy Patterson and Jerry Amerson found a single bird in Laurens Co. on 14 April, which was unusual for that location.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER - The only report for the season was from Tommy Patterson and Jerry Amerson, who found a single bird in Laurens Co. on 14 April.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK - Tim Keyes found an adult bird with a chick in the southwest Atlanta area on 26 March.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE - Bob and Deb Zaremba found a bird in a Bartow Co. farm pond on 29 May.

LEAST TERN - Carol Lambert found a bird on the ELHLAF ponds on 25 May, which was unusual for that location, and unusual for the Piedmont Region.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE - Dot Freeman observed 2 birds copulating in Blairsville, Union Co., on 2 May. This species is now widespread over the state.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE - Steve Wagner observed a bird in his Savannah yard on 21 and 22 April. Jenifer Hilburn reported a single bird on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

COMMON GROUND-DOVE - A bird was found calling in northern Greene Co. by Paul Sykes on 31 March, which was very rare for that part of the state.

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - There are usually very few reports of this species, so a bird found at Dawson Forest by Earl Horn and Jim Flynn on 7 May was an excellent discovery.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO - The peak count of 33 birds was tallied at St. Catherines Island on 28 April (fide Jenifer Hilburn).

CHUCK-WILLS'S-WIDOW - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 51 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD - The state's second record for this species was an adult male that was photographed at a Camden Co. feeder on 3 March. The homeowner, Patricia McMillan, quickly photographed the bird, which only remained for about one hour (fide Gene Keferl). Subsequent attempts to relocate the bird were unsuccessful (CRC 2007-15 accepted).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD - The 2 birds that were visiting Pat White's Decatur feeder in Atlanta over the winter were last seen on 17 April (CRC 2007-07 and 2007-08 accepted).

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD - The bird first seen during the previous winter was still present at a Cobb Co. feeder through 22 March (fide Jeff Sewell; CRC 2007-06 accepted).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD - A bird showed up at a Harris Co. feeder on 15 April (fide Andrew Theus).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER - Hugh Garrett had a good sighting of a bird at KMT on 30 April. Another good find was a bird seen in Oglethorpe Co. on 7 May (Mark Freeman).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 46 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

ALDER FLYCATCHER - Grant McCreary found a bird in a subdivision greenbelt in the Atlanta area on 8 May, which was seen through 10 May (CRC 2007-17 accepted).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - The high count of 5 birds was tallied at the Ingles parking lot in Blairsville on 19 May (Georgann Schmalz). Two more birds were found in Stephens Co. by Jim Flynn on 26 May.

LEAST FLYCATCHER - Two birds were found in Rabun Co. along Hale Ridge Road by Jim Flynn and Earl Horn on 19 May. Ken Blankenship found a bird along Wolfpen Gap Road in Union Co. on 19 May.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 203 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

EASTERN KINGBIRD - Paul Sykes had a good count of 32 individuals in northern Greene Co. on 6 May.

GRAY KINGBIRD - Steve Wagner found a bird in downtown Savannah on 21 May.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - A male bird returned to the previous year's breeding location in McDonough on 29 April (Dan Vickers). A bird sighted on JI during the Youth Birding Competition on 29 April was an excellent find. The bird was seen again on 30 April by several of the youth birding teams (fide Rusty Trump).

WHITE-EYED VIREO - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 186 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

WARBLING VIREO - Two reports from KMT were good for this elusive species. A bird was found on 17 April, and a second bird was found on 30 April (fide Giff Beaton). Karen Theodorou found a bird at the Buford Fish Hatchery on 6 May, which remained in the area for several days and was seen by multiple observers.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - We normally have very few spring reports of this species in the state, so a bird found at AWEC by Owen Kinney on 6 May was a very good report. Also in the northern part of the state, Max Medley reported finding several birds on the songbird trail at Carter's Lake during May (fide Ken Blankenship).

RED-EYED VIREO - The peak count of 60 birds was tallied at KMT on 5 May (fide Giff Beaton).

COMMON RAVEN - Several observers noted a pair of birds at Brasstown Bald during the month of May.

HORNED LARK - On 7 April, Bill Lotz and Dan Vickers observed a bird at the Bostwick Sod Farm feeding 2 well-feathered juveniles, which is an interesting breeding record for that location.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW - The first reported birds were 6 seen at Oxbow Meadows on 2 March (Walt Chambers).

CLIFF SWALLOW - The 2 birds found where U.S. Route 17 crosses the Ogeechee River on 23 May could be the southernmost nesting record for the state, if confirmed (Michael Brothers). Another bird seen flying along the beach at St. Catherines Island on 19 May was very late for the coast (Paul Sykes).

BARN SWALLOW - Jim Flynn and Earl Horn had an early arriving bird at Garden lakes on 3 March.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - Mark McShane reported a bird from Burrell's Ford Road on 8 April. Two birds were found in the same area by Jim Flynn and Earl Horn on 19 May.

BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 224 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

BROWN CREEPER - Typically, we find these birds singly or in pairs, so a count of 7 birds at Salacoa State Park in Calhoun by Earl Horn and Jim Flynn on 3 March was very good.

MARSH WREN - Paul Sykes counted 6 migrating birds in a northern Greene Co. marsh on 6 May.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 342 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

VEERY - Several observers reported finding at least 6 birds at Brasstown Bald during the month of May.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - Adam Smith had a good count of at least 10 birds at the Dug Gap area of Rocky Face Ridge in Whitfield Co. on 30 April.

CEDAR WAXWING - Carole Ludwig discovered a pair of birds possibly nesting in Oconee Co. on 28 May.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER - Four birds were found singing on territory at Dawson Forest by Ruth Marley on 6 May.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - Several observers reported finding birds on territory along the Benton MacKaye Trail in the Chattahoochee National Forest in Fannin Co. throughout the month of May (v.ob.).

NASHVILLE WARBLER - Adam Smith found a single bird in Whitfield Co. on 3 May.

NORTHERN PARULA - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 398 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER - Ken Blankenship reported finding 19 individuals at various mountain locations on 19 May.

MAGNOLIA WARBLER - The highest count was from Whitfield Co., where Jim Flynn and Earl Horn tallied 8 birds on 5 May.

CAPE MAY WARBLER - The peak count during migration was 9 individuals tallied at KMT on 5 May (fide Giff Beaton).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - Several observers noted birds at Brasstown Bald in May (v.ob.).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - A female "Audubon's" type was found on St. Catherines Island by Jim Flynn and Bob Zaremba on 28 April.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - The peak count of 24 birds was from KMT on 29 April (fide Giff Beaton).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - Giff Beaton reported the high count of 18 birds from KMT on 29 April.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 416 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

PINE WARBLER - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 150 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

PRAIRIE WARBLER - Gene Keferl had a very good count of more than 100 birds at Blythe Island Regional Park near Brunswick on 9 April.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER - Giff Beaton had a good count of 13 birds at KMT on 5 May.

CERULEAN WARBLER - The peak count of 10 birds was tallied at KMT on 28 and 29 April (fide Giff Beaton). Two birds found along Gum Log Gap Road by Dot Freeman on 19 May were a good discovery.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - Jenifer Hilburn reported the highest count of 32 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

SWAINSON'S WARBLER - Cheryl and Panos Kanés had a good sighting of

a bird at Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve in Atlanta on 19 and 20 April. The same bird, or possibly a second one, was seen by Lisa Hurt on 5 May.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH - Terry Moore had a very good sighting of an early bird at the CRNRA on 23 March.

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH - One of the earliest reports was a bird in Talbot Co. on 10 March (Earl Horn and Jim Flynn).

KENTUCKY WARBLER - The peak number of 26 was tallied by Walt Chambers at Standing Boy WMA near Columbus on 28 April.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER - There were numerous reports of this difficult-to-find species from around the state. Two birds were seen by multiple observers at CRNRA on 5 and 6 May, and again on 10 May. Another bird was seen at Buford Fish Hatchery by Jim Flynn and Earl Horn on 7 May, and Tim Keyes found a bird in Atlanta on 9 May. A bird discovered by Charles Erwin and Alan Ashby in Calhoun Co. on 8 May was a good find. David Hollie found a bird in Catoosa Co. on 17 May, and Jerry Brunner found a bird in Decatur on 19 May. At Clyde Shepherd Nature Park, 2 birds were seen by various observers between 18-25 May. Finally, Ken Blankenship and Rachel Cass found a bird at the Jones Bridge section of CRNRA on 20 May.

MOURNING WARBLER - Jim Flynn and Earl Horn had a rare sighting of a male bird in Dawson Forest on 7 May.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 59 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

WILSON'S WARBLER - There were several reports this season from KMT. One bird was seen on 5 May, and another was seen on 15 May (fide Giff Beaton). Stan Chapman found a bird at Clyde Shepherd Nature Park on 6 May, and another bird was found in Cumming by Earl Horn on 9 May.

CANADA WARBLER - Tim Keyes had a good total of 8 birds seen in the Atlanta area on 9 May.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT - Lois Stacey had a very early report of a bird at Phinzy Swamp Nature Park on 17 March.

SUMMER TANAGER - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 108 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

SCARLET TANAGER - The peak count of 21 birds was tallied at KMT on 5 May (fide Giff Beaton).

WESTERN TANAGER - The bird frequenting a Dublin feeder during winter was last seen on 17 March (Marshall and Laurie Jackson; CRC 2008-23 pending).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW - Jeff Sewell had a good find of a bird at CRNRA

on 5 May.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW - Jenifer Hilburn reported a single individual on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April. An unusual sighting was a bird at a Cobb Co. feeder on 1 May (Bob and Deb Zaremba). Eric Beohm found a bird in Spaulding Co. on 1 May, and Steve Barlow found a bird in Cumming on 12 May.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW - Patrick Brisse had a good count of 10 birds in Morgan Co. on 31 March. Paul Sykes found an adult bird in northern Greene Co. on 13 May, which was late for that location.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - The peak count during migration was 13 birds at KMT on 2 May (fide Giff Beaton).

PAINTED BUNTING - Jenifer Hilburn reported a peak count of 40 individuals on St. Catherines Island during the migration count on 28 April.

DICKCISSEL - Several reports came from around the area this season. Eric Beohm found 2 birds in Spaulding Co. on 1 May, and another bird on 8 May. Another bird was seen at ELHLAF on 5 May (Carol Lambert). Ken Blankenship observed a bird in Gordon Co. on 6 May, and Patrick Brisse found a bird in Henry Co. on 12 May.

BOBOLINK - Jim Throckmorton had a good count of 250 birds in Bartow Co. on 5 May, and Eric Beohm had a good count of 150 birds in Jasper Co. on the same day.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD - A very rare sighting for the Atlanta area was a bird found at ELHLAF by one of the teams during the Youth Birding Competition on 28 April (fide Tim Keyes). The bird remained in the area until 29 April, and was seen by multiple observers.

SHINY COWBIRD - Bob Churi had a rare sighting of a bird visiting his feeder in McIntosh Co. on 27 May (CRC 2009-05 pending).

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE - The bird frequenting a Dublin backyard during the winter was last seen on 17 March (Marshall and Laurie Jackson; CRC 2008-25 pending).

RED CROSSBILL - Nedra Sekera had a very nice report of 3 birds at her Fannin Co. feeder on 29 March. Two birds were seen in Union Co. on 28 May (Patrick Brisse, Hugh Garrett).

PINE SISKIN - There were very few reports this season. A single bird came to Vicki DeLoach's Cherokee Co. feeder on 11 April, and a single bird was visiting Tom Striker's Fannin Co. feeder on 30 May.

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