

FROM THE FIELD

AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2013

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Fall 2013 brought a spate of interesting sightings, including the first state record of Tropical Kingbird in Clarke Co. and the third record of White-faced Ibis in Sumter Co. followed by the discovery of a Say's Phoebe there the next day. At the coast, an adult Northern Goshawk and Snow Bunting delighted a lucky few on Little St. Simons Island. A very successful pelagic trip from St Mary's found multiple Black-capped Petrels, 7 Brown Boobies, and a Long-tailed Jaeger, while inland birders were treated to a remarkable 3 Sabine's Gulls at Lake Hartwell.

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; 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 and Troup cos.

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK - The high count for the period was 150 at AWMA on 21 September (Odie Durden).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE - A flock of 30 flew over Catoosa Co. on 1 November (David Hollie) representing a new state high count, and 4 were at Lake Lanier’s Buford Dam, Forsyth Co., the same day (Jim Flynn).

SNOW GOOSE - A blue phase bird at Ward Road, Greene Co., 4-20 August (Patrick Brisse, Hugh Garrett, Terry Moore) is likely to be the long-staying bird from the Bostwick area. The first fall migrant was seen in Dougherty Co. on 29 October (Larry Gridley) and a good count of 120 flew over Lake Oconee, Putnam Co., on 10 November (Jim Flynn).

ROSS’S GOOSE - One was in Crawfish Springs, Walker Co., on 29 November (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd; GCRC 2013-50).

TUNDRA SWAN - Six were seen at West Dam Park, Columbia Co., on 19 November (per www.ebird.org) and 10 landed briefly at PSNP on 20 November (Calvin Zippler).

MOTTLED DUCK - The high count from the coast was 50 at AWMA on 2 August (Rosemary Kramer). Inland, one was on Highway 32, Lee Co., on 2 September (Larry Gridley, Wayne Schaffner), and 2 were at PSNP on 29-30 November (m. ob.).

CINNAMON TEAL - One was at AWMA on 10-11 October (Patty McLean, Kathy Miller; GCRC 2013-47).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - An unseasonable bird was seen at McGinnis Ferry, Forsyth Co., on 7 August (Nathan Farnau); since this is a month earlier than the state early arrival date listed in ACOGB, this may be an injured or over-summering bird.

SURF SCOTER - Inland, one was at Lake Lanier on 1 November (Jim Flynn) with 2 there on 22 November (Patrick Addy, Nathan Farnau) and 2 were at WPD on 25 November (James White). The coastal high count for the period was 7 at Cockspur Island, Chatham Co., on 27 November (Steve Drilling, Christopher Rustay).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - Single birds were seen at Rock Eagle, Putnam Co., on 27 October (Matthew Schenck) and Lake Oliver Marina, Muscogee Co., on 26 November (Mason Jarrett).

BLACK SCOTER - The only inland report was one at Clarks Hill Dam, Columbia Co., on 10 November (Jim Flynn, Pat Markey).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - Single birds were at Lake Acworth, Cobb Co., on 13 November (Angie Jenkins), downstream of WPD, Troup Co., on 29 November (Jim Hanna, Mark McShane), and AP on 30 November (Jim Flynn). Four were at Lake Seminole Dam, Decatur Co., on 30 November (Lisa and Mark Hughes).

HOODED MERGANSER - One bird was at WPD on 25 August (Jim Flynn).

PACIFIC LOON - One was at Lake Lanier on 14 November (Jim Flynn; GCRC 2013-48) with presumably the same bird seen there on 22 November (ph., Patrick Addy, Nathan Farnau).



**Pacific Loon, Gwinnett Co., 22 November,
by Nathan Farnau**

COMMON LOON - An unseasonable bird at WPD on 21 September (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal) is a new fall early arrival date for the state.

HORNED GREBE - A very early bird was at Richard B. Russell Dam, Elbert Co., on 15 September (Jim Flynn, Pat Markey).

EARED GREBE - One was at Lake Blalock, Henry Co., from 22-28 September (Jeff Sewell, m. ob.).

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL - A good count of 27 was recorded on a pelagic trip from St. Marys on 7 September (m. ob.).

CORY'S SHEARWATER - Nine were seen on a pelagic trip from St. Marys on 7 September (m. ob.).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER - Nine were seen on a pelagic trip from St. Marys on 7 September (m. ob.).

WOOD STORK - Relatively few were seen above the Fall Line this year, with one in Oconee Co. on 3 August (Rick Lavender), one in Greene Co., on 5 August (Jim Hanna), and 2 in Oglethorpe Co. on 25 August (Brandon Adams).

BROWN BOOBY - Seven were seen on a pelagic trip from St. Mary's on 7 September (m. ob.; GCRC 2014-29).



Brown Booby, Georgia pelagic waters, 7 September 2013, by Mary Ann Teal

ANHINGA - The northernmost record was of one at Georgia International Horse Park, Rockdale Co., on 6 September (Nathan Farnau).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN - Inland, the high count from WPD was 96 on 11 November (Pat Markey), 2 were at Murphey Candler Park, DeKalb Co., from 15-24 November (Patty McLean, m. ob.), and one was at Lake Varner, Newton Co., on 16 November (Theresa Hartz, Georgann Schmalz). The coastal high count for the period was 172 at AIC on 12 November (Gene Keferl).

BROWN PELICAN - An inland bird was at Evans Co. Public Fishing Area on 21 November (Sandy Beasley, Brenda Brannen).

LEAST BITTERN - A late bird was still present in Albany, Dougherty Co., on 17 October (Wayne Schaffner).

SNOWY EGRET - Scarce above the Fall Line, a good count of 7 came from Huie Ponds, CCWA, on 4 August (Jeff Sewell).

LITTLE BLUE HERON - Rather late for the Piedmont, 2 birds lingered at Georgia International Horse Park, Rockdale Co., on 3 October (Jeff Sewell).

TRICOLORED HERON - Rare above the Fall Line, one was at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Putnam Co., on 21 August (Matthew Schenck).

CATTLE EGRET - The northernmost record was one on the BCL on 2-4 August (m. ob.).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - The only record north of the Fall Line was one at Huie Ponds, CCWA, on 22 November (Bill Lotz, Jeff Sewell).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - North of the Fall Line, this species was reported from the regular site of CSU through 4 September (m. ob.), and one was at Georgia International Horse Park, Rockdale Co., on 3 August (Nathan Farnau, Jeff Sewell).

WHITE IBIS - A lower than usual post-breeding dispersal into the state's

interior, with only one report north of the Fall Line in Oglethorpe Co., on the rather late date of 27 October (Leila Dasher).

GLOSSY IBIS - Rare north of the Fall Line, one was in Bartow Co. on 22 September (Reneé Carleton) and one was in Oglethorpe Co. on 15 October (James Neves).

WHITE-FACED IBIS - An adult present at Pryor Road Pond, Sumter Co., on 20 October (Larry Gridley; GCRC 2013-46) is the third state record. It was seen alongside a second, juvenile ibis that was not identified to species.



**White-faced Ibis, Sumter Co., 20 October,
by Larry Gridley**

ROSEATE SPOONBILL - Two were on Highway 32, Lee Co., from 28 August-2 September (Wayne Schaffner).

TURKEY VULTURE - A new state high count of 1747 was observed over 3.5 hours south of Savannah, Chatham Co., on 24 October (Steve Calver).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE - The highest count for the Piedmont was 8 at Bostwick SF, Morgan Co., on 2 September. The last report for the state during the period was one in Muscogee Co. on 7 September (Mason Jarrett).

MISSISSIPPI KITE - The highest count for the period was 150 at OM on 19 August (Mason Jarrett).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - An adult was seen on LSSI on the very early date of 7 September (Giff Beaton, m. ob.; GCRC 2013-53).

BALD EAGLE - A total of 14 seen south of Savannah, Chatham Co., on 24 October is a single-site state high count (Steve Calver).

BLACK RAIL - After an absence of several years, one was heard at a site in northern Greene Co. on 24 November (Bill Blakeslee, Paul Sykes).

VIRGINIA RAIL - The first report was one at AWMA on 10 September (Charlie Muisse). North of the Fall Line, migrants were found at the South Milledge fields, Clarke Co., on 14 October (James Neves) and Coweta Co. on 29 October (James White).

AMERICAN AVOCET - Inland, single birds were seen in Collins Hill Park, Gwinnett Co., on 24 September (Robert Dearth, m. ob.), Southwest Georgia Regional Airport, Dougherty Co., from 25-29 September (Wayne Schaffner), and WPD from 29 October - 1 November (Rodney McCollum). Three were at Owen and Williams Catfish Farm, Baker Co., on 6 October (Wayne Schaffner).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - Inland, one was at MSS on 16-17 August (Krista Gridley, Richard Hall, James Neves) with 2 at Shorty Mason SF, Macon Co., on 18 August (Joy Brown, Trey McCuen).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER - A good count of 11 birds was noted at North Georgia Turf Farm, Gordon Co., on 22 September (Josh Spence). Elsewhere, 1-2 individuals were noted from Bartow, Lee, Morgan and Walton cos between 31 August and 26 September (m. ob.).

PIPING PLOVER - One was seen several miles offshore on a pelagic trip from St. Marys on 7 September (m. ob.).

WILLET - Inland, one was on Highway 32, Lee Co., on 11 August (Wayne Schaffner), 2 were at Apalachee Road Pond, Morgan Co., on 17 August (Pat Markey, Mark McShane), and one was at the North Application Fields, Muscogee Co., on 26 August (John McMahan).

UPLAND SANDPIPER - The high count was 15 at MSS on 16-17 August (m. ob.) and the last report was 3 on Laramore Road, Lee Co., on 15 September (Wayne Schaffner).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW - Reported from Wolf Island, McIntosh Co., south to LSSI, the high count was 3 from Little Egg Island Bar, McIntosh Co., on 12 October (m. ob.).

RUDDY TURNSTONE - Inland, one was at Braswell Church Road, Walton Co., on 16 August (Krista Gridley, Richard Hall, James Neves) and one was at North Georgia Turf Farm, Gordon Co., on 19 August (Josh Spence).

STILT SANDPIPER - The high count for the period was 50 at AIC on 5 August (Rosemary Kramer).

SANDERLING - Scarce inland, one was at Wright Turf Farms, Dougherty Co., on 17 August (Wayne Schaffner).

DUNLIN - Inland migrants were reported from 8 different locations between 24 October and 17 November.

PURPLE SANDPIPER - The first returning individual was seen on TI on 11 November (Sandy Beasley, Brenda Brannen).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER - Single birds were recorded at the BCL on 1-2 August (m. ob.), Apalachee Road Pond, Morgan Co., on 7-10 August (James Neves, m. ob.), New York Road, Lee Co., on 26 August (Larry Gridley), and Highway 32, Lee Co., on 9 September (Wayne Schaffner).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - One was on the BCL on 1 September (James White), one was at CLRL on 5 September (Max Medley), 2 were at the Owens and Williams Catfish Farm, Baker Co., on 21-22 September (Wayne Schaffner), and 3 were at Southwest Georgia Regional Airport, Dougherty Co., on 26 September (Larry Gridley).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER - Two were on the BCL on 5 August (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal) and another was present on 31 August (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd). One was at MSS from 11-18 August (m. ob.), 2 were at Wright Turf Farms, Dougherty Co., on 16 August (Larry Gridley), 2 were at Apalachee Road Pond, Morgan Co., on 1-3 September (Richard Hall, m. ob.), and one was at AP on 4 September (Jim Flynn).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER - A new state high count of 500 was reported from Wright Turf Farms, Dougherty Co., on 18 August (Roy Brown).

WESTERN SANDPIPER - Inland, one was on Highway 32, Lee Co., on 9 August (Wayne Schaffner) and one was at the BCL on 31 August (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd) with 2 present the next day.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER - The peak inland count of 16 was recorded from Highway 32, Lee Co., on 15 August (Wayne Schaffner).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER - The only report was one on the BCL on 22 September (Trey McCuen, Joel McNeal, Mark McShane).

WILSON'S PHALAROPE - Single birds were at North Georgia Turf Farm, Peach Co., on 18 August (Mark McShane), Apalachee Road Pond, Morgan Co., from 30 August - 2 September (m. ob.), and Highway 32, Lee Co., from 11-14 August and 1-13 September, with 3 birds on 2-4 September (Wayne Schaffner, m.ob.). At the AIC spoil site, the high count was 10 on 8 September (Paul Sykes), and one still present on 13 October is a new state late date for a fall migrant (Lois Stacey).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE - There were no onshore records this fall, but 30 were recorded on a pelagic from St Marys on 7 September (m. ob.).

RED PHALAROPE - Rare inland, one was at the CCWA on 22 September (ph., Dave Hedeem, Jeff Sewell).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER - One was seen on a pelagic trip from St. Marys on 7 September (m. ob.; GCRC 2014-30); a second, more distant bird was also thought to have been this species.



Long-tailed Jaeger, Georgia pelagic waters, 7 September 2013, by Mary Ann Teal

SABINE'S GULL - Amazingly, 3 birds (one adult and 2 juveniles) were present on Lake Hartwell, Hart Co., on 15 September (Jim Flynn, Pat Markey, m. ob.; GCRC 2013-43), with one bird reported

sporadically until 21 September.

FRANKLIN'S GULL - One was at Huie Ponds, CCWA, on 27 October and an excellent count of 27 was at WPD on 1 November (Nathan Farnau).

SOOTY TERN - Eighteen were seen on a pelagic trip from St Marys on 7 September (m. ob.).

BRIDLED TERN - Five were seen on a pelagic trip from St Marys on 7 September (m. ob.).

LEAST TERN - A new state high count of 460 was recorded at the south end of SCI on 23 August (David Hedeem).

CASPIAN TERN - A new state high count of 400 was recorded on LSSI on 13 October (John Fitzpatrick). This species was seen at 8 inland sites, with the highest count of 3 at CLRL on 22 September (m. ob.).

BLACK TERN - Following storms, good numbers were reported from multiple locations around the state in mid-August, with the highest inland count of 15 at WPD on 12 August (Rodney McCollum). Five were present at Lake Hartwell, Hart Co., on 15 September (m. ob.) and a late bird was at Richard B. Russell Dam, Elbert Co., on 4 October (Jim Hanna, Mark McShane).

COMMON TERN - The only inland report was one at WPD on 21 September (Nathan Farnau, Joel McNeal).

SANDWICH TERN - A new state high count of 600 was recorded on TI North Beach on 16 August (Larry Carlile).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE - Single birds were seen in Cochran, Bleckley Co., on 6 August (Evan Thomas), Athens, Clarke Co., on 25 October (Mitchell Jarrett), WPD on 2 November (Jim Hanna, James White), and Savannah on 8 November (Patty McLean).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE - In the Piedmont, 2 were in Greene Co. on 2 September (Rick Lavender, Ben Williams), 2 were in Walton Co. on 9 October (Jason Lewis) and one was in Clarke Co. on 20 October (Mirko Basen, James Neves). Rare in the Ridge and Valley, one was in Sam Smith Park, Bartow Co., on 9 November (Joel McNeal).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO - Individuals were seen at the Newman Wetlands Center, CCWA, on 1 October (Paul Raney), Conyers, Rockdale Co., on 3 October (Jeff Sewell), and Pendleton King Park, Richmond Co., on 5 October (Mac McCall, John Patten Moss and Sam Murray).

SHORT-EARED OWL - One was picked up freshly dead at Robins Air Force Base, Houston Co., on 30 October (Bob Sargent). After the initial detection of a bird on Laramore Road, Lee Co., on 22 November (Wayne Schaffner), up to 3 were seen until the end of the period (m. ob.).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL - Three individuals were banded at the now-regular site in Lamar Co. on 7, 19 and 26 November (Charlie Muise).

COMMON NIGHTHAWK - The highest count of the season was 352 over the Chattahoochee River, Fulton Co., on 3 September (Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD - A bird banded in Henry Co. in December 2012 was recaptured in Butler Co., Ohio, on 10 November (*vide* Karen Theodorou).

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD - A female returned to a Macon, Bibb Co. backyard on 17 November for her second winter, and was still present through the end of the period (Jim Ferrari).

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD - One was banded in Mueller, Barrow Co., on 18 November (Karen Theodorou).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER - Single birds were seen at CSU from 18-20 August (Jim Hanna, Jim and Allison Healy) with it or another there from 23-26 August (m. ob.), Shakerag Park Pond, Fulton Co., on 26 August (Chris O'Neal), Ward Road, Greene Co., on 2-3 September (Josiah Lavender, Ben Williams, m. ob.), and Dawson Forest, Dawson Co., on 10 September (Georgann Schmalz).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER - The only photo-confirmed sightings were one in a Monroe Co. yard on 25 August (Rosemary Kramer) and a multi-observed bird at the SBG on 26 September - 1 October (Mirko Basen, m. ob.).

ALDER FLYCATCHER - The only voice-confirmed individual was at Little Lake Herrick, Clarke Co., on 2-6 September (Mirko Basen, Richard Hall).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - Fall migrants were banded at Panola Mountain, Rockdale Co., on 7 September (Charlie Muise) and JIBS on 30 September (Evan Pitman). Additionally, one was voice-confirmed at HP on 19 September (Trey McCuen, Jeff Sewell).

LEAST FLYCATCHER - One was at CSU on 16 August (Nathan Farnau), individuals were seen at 3 different locations in Clarke Co. between 26 August and 4 September (m. ob.), and one was at Westover Memorial Cemetery, Richmond Co., on 15 September (John Patten Moss, Sam Murray). A bird well-documented with photos and audio at McDaniel Farm Park, Gwinnett Co., on 20 October (Patrick Addy, Ken Blankenship, Rebecca Byrd, Trey McCuen) is a new late date for the Piedmont.



SAY'S PHOEBE - One was seen on Pryor Road, Sumter Co., on 21 October (Larry Gridley, Trey McCuen; GCRC 2013-45).

Say's Phoebe, Sumter Co., 21 October 2013, by Larry Gridley

TROPICAL KINGBIRD - The first state record was found in the SBG on 30 September (John Whigham, m. ob.).

In spite of not vocalizing, the finder's excellent photos allowed a number of diagnostic pro-Tropical features to be assessed, particularly the relative lengths of flight feathers P5 and P10. The species is currently undergoing a range expansion in the US, and breeding was documented in Florida for the first time this year (GCRC 2013-44).



Tropical Kingbird, Clarke Co, 30 September, by John Whigham

WESTERN KINGBIRD - Rarely recorded as a fall migrant, one was seen on Howard Road, Hall Co., on 21 September (Patty McLean).

GRAY KINGBIRD - Family parties of 4 were seen on TI on 13 August (Diana Churchill), 4 at GI on 16 August (Patty McLean, Bob Sattelmeyer), and 3 on AIC on 5 September

(Joseph Knoll).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - The last records of over-summering birds were one on the BCL on 9 August (Joel McNeal), 2 in Newton Co. on 2 August (Kathy Miller), and one in Oconee Co. on 14 August (Paul Raney). Elsewhere, one was at Pinova Outlet, Glynn Co., on 21-28 September (Gene Keferl, Tim Keyes) with possibly the same bird on 26-30 October (Bruce Dralle, m. ob.), and one was at Rock Springs Baptist Church, Hart Co., on 6 November (Chuck Flint).

WARBLING VIREO - Very rare at the coast, one was banded at JIBS on 2 October (Evan Pitman).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - The high count for the season was 8 at CLRL on 29 September (Pat Markey).

TREE SWALLOW - A large roost of 500,000 was recorded on CINS on 24 October (Richard Candler).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - Birds were recorded in breeding habitat in 3 sites in Rabun Co., 2 on Hale Ridge Road on 3 August (Tim Houghton, Patty McLean, Jane Seward), 2 on Crow Creek Road from 10 August - 8 November (Jane Seward), and 3 at Sarah's Creek on 31 August (Patty McLean, Jane Seward). Additionally, one was in Smithgall Woods, White Co., on 17 August (Jim Flynn), and one was in Ellijay, Gilmer Co. from 3-7 October (Bill Schmid).

SEDGE WREN - A singing bird was found on the Allatoona Creek WMA on 3 August (ph., Shannon Fair, Aija Konrad, Iris Schumacher), with 2 seen on 10 August (m. ob.). Did these birds over-summer?

SWAINSON'S THRUSH - A very late bird flew into a window in DeKalb Co. on 14 November (John Robert).

CEDAR WAXWING - South of the Blue Ridge, early reports were of 2 on Old River Road, Bartow Co., on 3 August (Joel McNeal) and 2 at AP on 4 August (Jim Flynn).

SNOW BUNTING - One was on LSSI on 9 November (Patty McLean, m. ob., GCRC 2013-49).



Snow Bunting, Glynn Co., 9 November, by Herb Fechter

OVENBIRD - Late migrants were reported in COP until 19 November (Nathan Farnau) and MBBP on 23 November (Mac McCall, John Patten Moss).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH - A new state high count of 18 was recorded at AWMA on 8 October (Bill Blakeslee, Paul Sykes). A late bird was in COP on 7 November (Nathan Farnau).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - An uncommon migrant in the Coastal Plain, one was in Bulloch Co. on 4 October (Brenda Brannen).

TENNESSEE WARBLER - Two birds were still lingering at COP on 25 November (Nathan Farnau).

NASHVILLE WARBLER - Scarce at the coast, one was at JI Amphitheater Pond on 9 October (Gene Keferl).

MOURNING WARBLER - One was at HP on 15 September (Jeff Sewell), and for the third consecutive fall, one was at COP on 22-23 September (Patrick Addy, Nathan Farnau).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT - A new state high count of 250 (172 of which were banded) was recorded at JIBS on 9 October (Charlie Muike, Evan Pitman).

HOODED WARBLER - One was at COP until 17 November (Nathan Farnau).

CERULEAN WARBLER - Always a good find in the eastern half of the state, one was in Pendleton King Park, Richmond Co., on 1 August (John Patten Moss). The latest record was one on Albany Riverfront Greenway Trail, Dougherty Co., on 6 October (Melvin Dees, Larry Gridley).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER - A late migrant was at PSNP on 17 November (John Patten Moss).

PRAIRIE WARBLER - A late bird was found at MBBP on 10 November (Sam Murray) and still present on 23 November (Mac McCall, John Patten Moss).

WILSON'S WARBLER - One lingered in COP until 13 November (Gene Koziara).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW - Always a good inland find, one was at

Piedmont Park, Fulton Co., on 3 October (Patrick Addy) and one was at the South Milledge Fields, Clarke Co., on 21-22 November (James Neves, m. ob.).

VESPER SPARROW - A good single-site total of 50 was recorded from the Albany Nursery, Dougherty Co., on 17 November (Roy Brown).

LARK SPARROW - Single birds were observed on Skidaway Island, Chatham Co., on 1 September (Andrew Baxter), Laramore Road, Lee Co., on 13 September and 23 November (Wayne Schaffner), and LSSI on 3-4 October (m. ob.).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW - No fall migrants were reported, but 6 individuals were at the regular wintering site of Paulk's Pasture WMA, Glynn Co., on 16 November (m. ob.).

SCARLET TANAGER - A late bird was in COP on 2 November (Gene Koziara).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - The latest record was one in Bibb Co. on 17 November (MaryAnn Fitzgerald).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD - The largest flocks were 150 on Laramore Road, Lee Co., on 30 November (Trey McCuen) and 134 at a private farm in Oglethorpe Co. (James Neves, John Mark Simmons).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE - The first report was of 2 immatures in northern Greene Co. on 20 August (Paul Sykes).

RED CROSSBILL - Two were on Hale Ridge Road, Rabun Co., on 3 August (Tim Houghton, Patty McLean, Jane Seward), with 3 (including a singing male) there on 10 August (Krista Gridley).

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