

Regional Reports Pictorial Highlights Summer 1989



A springtime highlight from Ontario: Scarlet Tanager at Point Pelee, May 18, 1989. On this bird's wings, the black tertials and coverts contrasting with the dusky-brown flight feathers indicate a one-year-old male—and age could account for the somewhat orange tint to the bird's usual scarlet. Photograph/Ray Schwartz.



Pair of King Rails (male in foreground) preening on the boardwalk at Huntley Meadows County Park in Fairfax County, Virginia, July 15, 1989. Photograph/Edwin P. Weigel.



Herring Gull nest (with prickly-pear cactus in background) on an island in the lower Laguna Madre, Texas, June 9, 1989. The species does not usually nest within a thousand miles of this point. Photograph/Mike Farmer.



This bird at Marina del Rey, California, was variously considered to be either a Little Blue Heron x Snowy Egret hybrid or a partially albinistic Little Blue Heron. As seen in this photo, the bird had the bill pattern, bill shape, and foraging posture of a Little Blue, suggesting that the latter identification was correct. Photograph/Arnold Small.



Juvenile Thick-billed Kingbird at Cottonwood Campground, Big Bend National Park, Texas, July 29, 1989. This bird fledged from the first known Texas nest. Photograph/Barry R. Zimmer.



Adult Long-tailed Jaeger at Carson Lake, Nevada, August 11, 1989. This bird, the second Long-tailed for the state, apparently arrived in mid-July. Photograph/Larry Neel.



Adult White-winged Tern at Bombay Hook, Delaware, July 22, 1989. Photograph/Kevin T. Karlson.



White-winged Tern in first-summer plumage at Cape May, New Jersey, June 5, 1989. This age class of the species had apparently never been found in North America before. Photograph/Bob Mitchell.



Green Violet-ear at Sinton, Texas, July 6, 1989. Photograph/Thad and Beverly Harden.



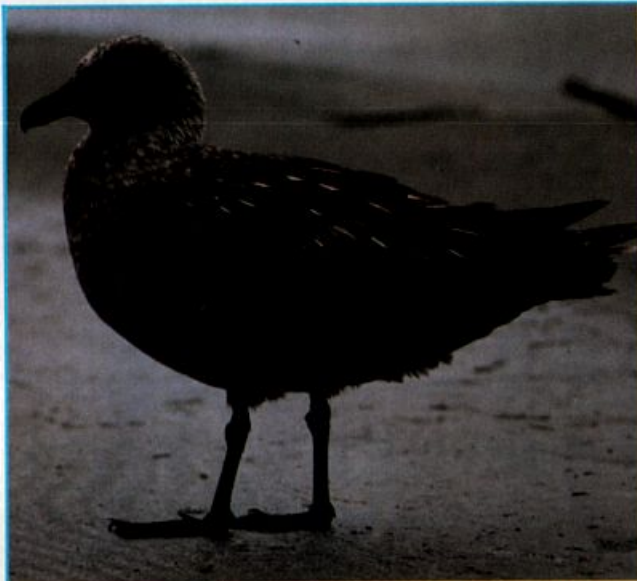
Probable Mourning Warbler x Common Yellowthroat hybrid at Sherbrooke, Quebec, June 2, 1989. Photograph/P. Fragnier.



Violet-green Swallow entering a nest at the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota, July 8, 1989. First confirmation of breeding for the state. Photograph/David O. Lambeth.



Male Gray-crowned Yellowthroat at the Sabal Palm Grove, Texas, June 6, 1989. Photograph/Mike Krzywonski.



In one of the most astounding records of the decade, this skua—probably a South Polar Skua—was found July 13, 1989, on Lake Oahe, North Dakota. Photograph/Chris Grondahl.



Northern Rough-winged Swallow at Washington, D.C., June 24, 1989. In very fresh juvenal plumage, this bird shows broad rusty edges on the tertials and a wash of buff on the throat. Photograph/David Czaplak.



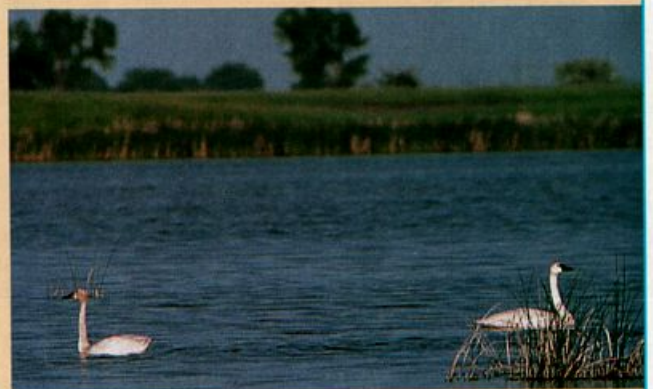
Yellow-green Vireo at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, Texas, July 9, 1989. A pair of these vireos nested at the refuge this season. Photograph/Mike Krzywonski.



Black-vented Oriole south of Kingsville, Texas, July 29, 1989. Second documented record for the United States. Photograph/Mike Krzywonski.



Zone-tailed Hawk carrying nest material at Devil's River State Natural Area, Texas, April 22, 1989. The species is local as a breeder in the Texas hill country. Photograph/Kelly Bryan.



Trumpeter Swan (the larger bird) and Tundra Swan at Lake Lunby, Grand Forks County, North Dakota, June 10, 1989. Photograph/David O. Lambeth.