

As observers begin to look carefully for Little Egrets in eastern North America, records are likely to increase. This bird at Nantucket on May 14, 1992, was the second for Massachusetts. Photograph/Simon Perkins.



With increasing coverage of coastal Alabama hotspots, the Black-whiskered Vireo is proving to be regular there in small numbers in spring. This one was at Fort Morgan, Alabama, on April 11, 1992. Photograph/Jim Holmes.



Less than twenty years after the first United States sighting, Bahama Mockingbirds racked up an amazing four records in Florida this spring. This one was on the Dry Tortugas on April 25, 1992. The mottled chest of this bird led some observers to wonder if it were an immature, but the amount of wear on the wings suggests an adult. Photograph/Pat Courtney.



Greater Golden-Plover (one of three present) at Portugal Cove South, Newfoundland, on April 27, 1992. This spring represented only the fifth time that Newfoundland had recorded multiples of this species. Photograph/Bruce Mactavish.



About 35 miles east of Indian River Inlet, this subadult Pomarine Jaeger was photographed May 25, 1992, for one of the few fully documented records for Delaware. Photograph/A. P. Ednie.



A visual stunner was this male Ruff in full breeding finery that stopped at Steinbach, Manitoba, on May 10, 1992. Photograph/Dennis Fast.

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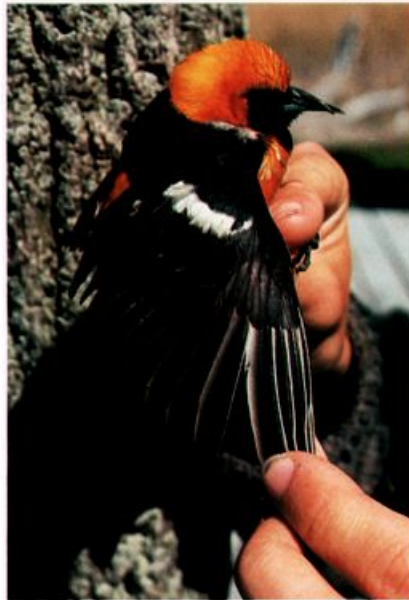
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Washington observers made a calculated search for their state's first Murphy's Petrel, and found 24 of them, far offshore from Westport on April 25, 1992. Photograph/T. R. Wahl.



Apparently dark-eyed, and with its face apparently outlined with pale skin, not pale feathers, this ibis was identified as an adult Glossy Ibis. Appearing in Jefferson County, Kansas, on May 3, 1992, it furnished a first state record. Photograph/Lloyd D. Moore.



Roseate Terns are generally rare along the southern Atlantic Coast, but recently they have been found regularly at Cape Hatteras Point, North Carolina. Taken there on May 20, 1992, was this classic portrait, showing the very long tail and long bill, and dark gray restricted to the outer three primaries. Photograph/Bruce Mactavish.

The hard-working banders at Long Point, Ontario, seem destined to handle every species of North American bird. This adult male Hooded Oriole (with slightly deformed bill), captured there May 19, 1992, provided a first record for Ontario and for Canada. Photograph/Pam Hickman.



The recent string of remarkable rarities at Grand Marais, Minnesota, continued with this Fork-tailed Flycatcher—only the second for the state—present for about the first half of May, 1992. Photograph/Anthony Hertzell.



A pioneering vagrant was this Violet-crowned Hummingbird at Kenwood, California, on March 3, 1992. It provided a first record for northern California, and perhaps the northernmost record ever for this Mexican species. Photograph/Tony Battiste.



At the tip of Point Pelee, Ontario, this female Least Bittern was out of normal habitat as well as being exceptionally early for Ontario on April 12, 1992. Photograph/T. Shimba.



Eurasian Bullfinch is among the most elusive of spring vagrants to Alaska, but no fewer than six were present at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, on May 29, 1992; two males are shown here. Photograph/Andy Kraynik.



This Piping Plover at Presque Isle State Park, Pennsylvania, during May 1992, appeared to be on territory; the species had not nested in this area since the 1950s. Photograph/Jerry McWilliams.



On the Galveston Seawall, this Wandering Tattler lingered for two weeks, giving many the chance to observe this first Texas occurrence. Photographed April 26, 1992, by Rob Thacker.



On March 14, 1992, a Great Frigatebird soared over California's fabled Southeast Farallon Island—providing a sensation for the local Western Gulls, and providing a second record for North America. Photograph/Peter Pyle.



An unprecedented six Le Conte's Sparrows were found in the Hudson-Delaware region this spring. This one, the first for eastern Pennsylvania, was at Struble Lake on April 26, 1992. Photograph/ Rick Wiltraut.



Some western forms of Clapper Rail are rather brightly colored, and they also inhabit some freshwater marshes, unlike the drab saltwater Clappers of the east. However, this bird in Desert Center, California, on May 31, 1992, was far from suitable habitat. Photograph/Gjon Hazard.



Berylline Hummingbird has become almost an annual visitor from Mexico to Arizona, but few records are as early as May. This individual, photographed May 11, 1992, was present most of the month at Portal in the Chiricahua Mountains. Photograph/Dale and Marian Zimmerman.



Central British Columbia had an unusual influx of Great Plains migrant shorebirds in May, including Hudsonian Godwits and Lesser Golden-Plovers. This Hudsonian Godwit furnished a first record for the Prince George area on May 12, 1992. Photograph/Laird Law.



Black-shouldered Kite continues to be reported more widely across North America. This one at Beaver Dam Wash on April 18, 1992, provided a third record for Utah. Photograph/V. A. Smith.



Remarkable numbers of Kentucky Warblers (and some other "southeastern" warblers) were found in southern California this spring. This male Kentucky Warbler was one of three found along the upper Santa Ynez River on May 28, 1992. Photograph/James M. Greaves.



A classic "stealth vagrant" was this Col-lared Plover, a first for the United States, at the Uvalde National Fish Hatchery, Texas, on May 9, 1992. Photograph/Gail Diane Luckner.