

Rend L., IL Feb. 2 (RD). In addition, a ♀ Yellow-headed visited an Ottawa, IL feeder Feb. 4 (†C&JMc). The peak Rusty Blackbird count was 50 seen Feb. 17 at Sangchris, IL (DBo) and the maximum Brewer's Blackbird tally consisted of 29 at Taberville, MO Mar. 5 (RF). About 75 Great-tailed Grackles were seen in w. Missouri near Nevada Feb. 10 (MR).

All winter finches were exceedingly scarce throughout the Region as illustrated by the following peak counts: Purple Finch 20, Red Crossbill 13, Com. Redpoll one, Pine Siskin 15, and Evening Grosbeak three.

### Corrigendum

Three singing Grasshopper Sparrows reported near Monticello, KY Jun. 4, 1994 (AFN 48:950) were observed by Stephen Stedman, not Herbert & Kathryn Clay.

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# Central Southern Region

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Warm temperatures again prevailed throughout the Region, and again produced a winter with a wonderful array of unexpected sightings. Unfortunately, this also meant that many species that would normally be reported in detail were encountered so often as to necessitate severe truncation of data, if the word limit of this report was to be met. Many coastal species wintered inland in substantial numbers. Nowhere was this more true than in *Pointe Coupee*, Louisiana, where a drawdown of the impoundment behind the Morganza Spillway resulted in some spectacular counts of species that normally do not winter away from the coast.

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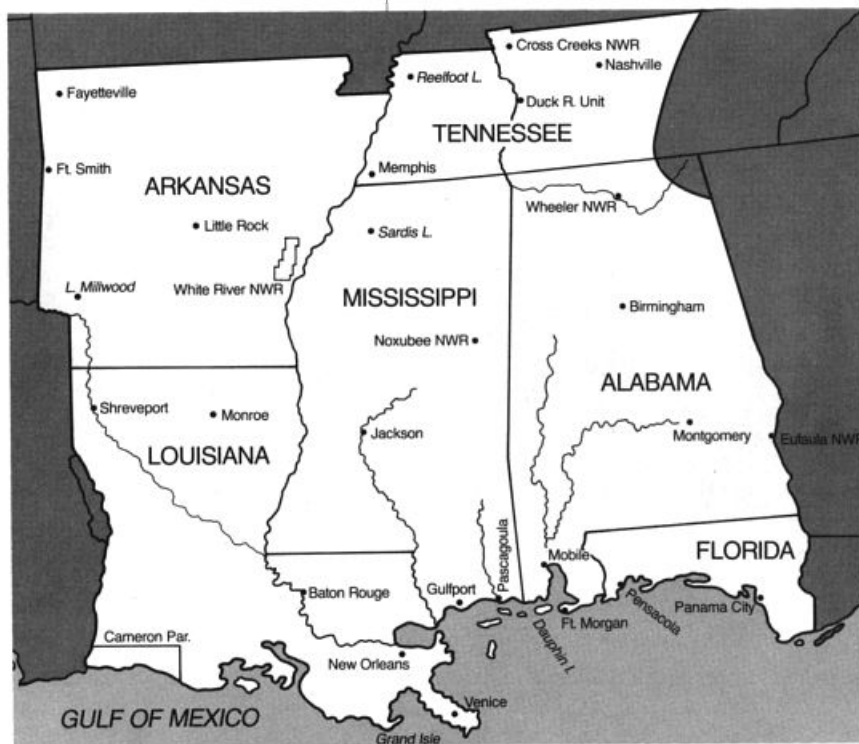
Abbreviations: A.B.R.C. (*Alabama Bird Records Committee*); L.B.R.C. (*Louisiana Bird Records Committee*); p.a. (*pending action*); T.B.R.C. (*Tennessee Bird Records Committee*).



**Adding to the growing tally of far inland records, this Yellow-billed Loon was a first for Tennessee at Dale Hollow Lake, Clay County, in February 1995.**  
Photograph/Stephen R. Satterfield.

### Loons to Herons

Rare inland, a Red-throated Loon tarried in *Marshall*, AL Nov. 29–Dec. 27 (WS, ES, SWM†, DJS); another lingered in *Yalobusha*, AR Jan. 24+ (GK†, SK, ph. JRW, m.ob.). Equally rare Pacific Loons were at widely separated sites in *Baldwin*, AL Dec. 31 (RRR†) and Jan. 2 (CK†). Tennessee's first **Yellow-billed Loon** visited *Clay* Feb. 18–22 (SJS†, BHS, ph. SRS†, ReS, ph. LM *et al.*). Concentrations of Horned Grebes continued to be reported from large impoundments in the far n. sectors of the Region, especially in Arkansas and Tennessee. Eared Grebes in *Okaloosa*, FL Dec. 7 (DMW), in *Mobile*, AL Dec. 17 (JoP, JP†), and in *Orleans*, LA Dec. 26 (DPM, JB) were somewhat out of the ordinary; similarly unusual Red-necked and Western grebes lingered in *Yalobusha*, MS Jan. 7+ (GK†, SK,



m.ob.), while another of the latter species was reported in *Cameron*, LA Dec. 17 (DLD†, SWC†).

Eight hundred Am. White Pelicans on Arkabutla L. in *Tate/DeSoto*, MS Dec. 3 (WRP, WPP) constituted a large number there, while >225 in *Obion*, TN Jan. 9+ (FJA, JRW, m.ob.) and >100 in *Dyer*, TN Feb. 28 (WGC) were also noteworthy; however, 10,000 were counted at the Morganza Spillway, *Pointe Coupee*, LA in late December (MAS *et al.*) and early January (SWC, DLD), an "incredible inland winter concentration" (SWC) that quickly declined to a mere 600 by Jan. 22 (JPK). In *Cameron*, LA 110 Brown Pelicans, mostly immatures, were noted Dec. 17 (SWC, DLD), indicating a robust increase where the species had been rare. Somewhat inland and e. of its normal range, an imm. Neotropic Cormorant visited *Pointe Coupee*, LA Jan. 1 (SWC, DLD). Tennessee's first winter Anhinga remained in *Obion* Dec. 2–8 (WGC).

Glossy Ibis continues to be present in small numbers in s.w. Louisiana where its status remains uncertain; sixteen in *Acadia* Dec. 21 (SWC, DLD) and one in *Cameron* Dec. 24 and Jan. 1 (JPK) may help resolve this distributional conundrum. Roseate Spoonbills are unusual in s.e. Louisiana, so one in *Terrebonne* Jan. 9 (DLD) was noteworthy.

Very rare locally in winter, an Am. Bittern was reported from *Prairie*, AR Dec. 30 (WMS, JLY). Up to 43 Cattle Egrets wintered in *Oktibbeha*, MS (MC), where the species had not been reported in winter for over a decade. A Great "White" Heron Feb. 5+ in *Colbert*, AL (GDJ†, DGJ, GNP, m.ob.) was the first in that state's Tennessee Valley region, the 3rd ever inland, and probably the first in Alabama since 1982. Six Green Herons on the Gulf Shores CBC Dec. 31 provided an Alabama winter maximum (*fide* GDJ).

### Ducks to Raptors

Certainly unusual, a Black-bellied Whistling-Duck appeared in *Lauderdale*, TN Dec. 20 (JRW), while nine Tundra Swans stayed there Dec. 18+ (JRW); in nearby *Lake*, TN an imm. Tundra Swan stayed Dec. 3+ (WGC, JRW ph.), and seven others were in *Dyer*, TN Feb. 27 (WGC). A Ross' Goose in *Oktibbeha*, MS Feb. 15 (TLS) represented the 4th locally, while 15 Blue-winged Teal there Dec. 17 (TLS) were the most ever locally in winter. A rare Cinnamon Teal in *Creole*, LA Dec. 12 was eclipsed by an even rarer Blue-winged x Cinnamon hybrid in *Orleans*, LA Jan. 28 and Feb. 6 (PW† ph.). Alabama's 4th Eur. Wigeon frequented *Lauderdale* Feb. 19–25 (SWM† *et al.*; p.a. A.B.R.C.).

Seven-hundred Canvasbacks was a large number for *White*, AR Dec. 24 (KN, LN), but >600 Redheads in *White* the same day (KN, LN) and still present Feb. 13 (MP, HP) represented the largest concentration ever reported in Arkansas. Eight Black Scoters in *Gulf*, FL Dec. 29 (SJS) represented the largest flock reported during the season, and two imm. White-winged Scoters in *Washington* Dec. 9, 10 & 22 (MM, PR, RD) provided the first record for n.w. Arkansas.

Fourteen Ospreys on the Gulf Shores CBC Dec. 31 represented an Alabama winter maximum and was only one shy of the state maximum for any season (*fide* GDJ). Quite rare and spectacular, Harris' Hawks visited *Vermilion*, LA Dec. 23–Feb. 24 (SWC†, DLD†, PW†) and *Lafayette*, LA Jan. 2 (DLD†, SWC†); since there was evidence of a northward dispersal of this species during the previous fall (SWC, DLD), they may well represent *bona fide* vagrants, the first and 2nd state records, respectively, if so (p.a. L.B.R.C.). Casual inland in winter, an ad. Broad-winged Hawk was sighted Jan. 10 & 12 in *Jefferson*, AL (EC†, LCa); two ad.

and two imm. Broad-winged were noted during the season in *Plaquemines*, LA (SWC, DLD, RDP; \*L.S.U.M.N.S.).

An imm. light-morph Swainson's Hawk was sighted in *Vermilion*, LA Dec. 23 & 31 (DLD, ph. SWC, PW†), and another immature visited *Cameron*, LA Dec. 24 (SWC, DLD, DA, GA). Golden Eagles in *Oktibbeha*, MS Dec. 17–18 (MC, TLS, MaS) and Jan. 26 (TLS) were considered rare, as were immatures in *Pope*, AR Jan. 15 (MM, MB, m.ob.), in *Hardeman*, TN Dec. 28 (VBR†), and on the Bossier-Caddo-Bienville, LA CBC Jan. 2 (PD†). Present for the 4th consecutive winter in *Yalobusha*, MS, a Prairie Falcon stayed the season (GK†, SK, m.ob.); another was unusual in *Yell*, AR Jan. 20 (MP, HP).



**Solitary Sandpiper in Pike County, Mississippi, January 15, 1995. The species is extremely rare in winter in most parts of North America. Photograph/Terence Schiefer.**

### Moorhens to Terns

Another "amazing inland winter count" (SWC) took place in *Pointe Coupee*, LA Dec. 11 (JPK), this time involving 200 Com. Moorhens. About 80 Sandhill Cranes stayed most of the season in n.e. *Obion*, TN (RG, *fide* MGW), somewhat n.w. of their usual wintering range. A further result of the drawdown at the Morganza Spillway was the establishment of first winter records for Black-necked Stilt and Am. Avocet in the Baton Rouge area, when ≥30 stilts and ≤18 avocets stayed in *Pointe Coupee* from late December–early February (SWC, DWG, m.ob.). Rare locally in winter, a late Am. Golden-Plover stopped in *Shelby*, TN Dec. 4 (CHB, VBR). A flock of 25 Snowy Plovers in *Cameron*, LA Feb. 25 (SWC, DLD) was notable.

Rarely, if ever, reported during winter in Mississippi, a Solitary Sandpiper was photographed in *Pike* Jan. 15 (ph. TLS†, MaS, JRe); another stayed Dec. 6–Jan. 21 in *Benton*, AR (MM, LN, KN, TB). The first win-



**At Reelfoot Lake, Lake County, Tennessee, this immature Tundra Swan remained throughout the 1994–1995 winter season. Photograph/Jeff R. Wilson.**

ter record of Pectoral Sandpiper in Alabama's Tennessee Valley region was established Jan. 29 when one appeared in *Limestone* (SWM†, JRW *et al.*); another was noted on the Lake Village, AR CBC Dec. 20 (DRS). Red Phalaropes generally winter far offshore on the Gulf of Mexico, so 125 seen from shore during the Gulf Shores, AL CBC Dec. 31 (ALM†, CDC†, JB, JoP) was unexpected.

Nine conservatively counted Pomarine Jaegers Dec. 17 in *Cameron*, LA (SWC†, DLD†, \*L.S.U.M.N.S.) were very well studied; others were present in the same parish the next day (MSw, JPK, PW†, CS). Well described in *Cameron*, LA Dec. 17 was a light-morph ad. or sub-ad. Parasitic Jaeger (SWC†, DLD†), while singles were present there the next day (MSw) and Dec. 21 (RB, RBr), and still another was in *Terrebonne*, LA Jan. 9 (DLD†).

In *Garland*, AR a Laughing Gull was somewhat out of place Dec. 9 (LA). Franklin's Gulls turned up Dec. 3 in *Tate/DeSoto*, MS (WRP, WPP) and in *Jefferson*, LA (PY), an immature was in *Cameron*, LA Dec. 17 (SWC, DLD, \*L.S.U.M.N.S.), and yet another enlivened New Year's Day in *Baldwin*, AL (GDJ†, DGJ). Two Little Gulls, an adult and immature, were noted in *Panola*, MS Dec. 30 (GK†, SK, TLS†, m.ob.); the immature stayed until Jan. 3 and the adult through the period. An imm. Lesser Black-backed Gull was well described in *Hardin*, TN Jan. 28 (JRW†), while others were present in 5 Louisiana parishes where the species is "increasing" (SWC). Mississippi's 2nd inland Glaucous Gull stayed Jan. 15–16 in *DeSoto* (JRW, GK†, SK), while *Crittendon*, AR hosted another Jan. 29 & 31 (JF†, JRW†). An ad. Great Black-backed Gull showed up in *Orleans*, LA Dec. 4 (RDP), 17 (DPM), & 30 (PW†). A Black-legged Kittiwake seen offshore Dec. 10 was Alabama's 8th (CDo†; p.a. A.B.R.C.).

A well studied Com. Tern complete with carpal bar was noted on the Reserve, LA CBC (BO). *Terrebonne*, LA hosted a Bridled Tern Jan. 9 (DLD†); the species has formerly been absent from Louisiana in January.

### Doves to Hummingbirds

The Regional Eur. Collared-Dove population continues to increase and expand its range. Every coastal CBC from St. Vincent Is., FL to Gulf Shores, AL reported these doves, including 150 at Pensacola, and they are now clearly "expanding range" in Louisiana (NN). Formerly collared-doveless, *Madison*, AL hosted them at 4 sites Jan. 28 (RAD, SWM *et al.*), while a lone pioneer visited far n.e. *Overton*, TN Feb. 26 (SJS†, TMS). An unprecedented concentration of 123 White-winged Doves was noted in *Jackson*, MS Feb. 13 (CD, LJ), while 11 in *Gulf*,

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FL Dec. 29 (WB) constituted a large number there. A first for winter in n.w. Louisiana was an Inca Dove in *Caddo* Dec. 22 & 29 (PD).

Burrowing Owls, seldom reported in the Region during winter, made a splash in Louisiana, where one was counted in *Cameron* Dec. 17 (WV, TSG) and Feb. 12 (JPK, RRo) and another in *LaSalle* Dec. 17 (RBr), as well as in Mississippi, where one stayed in *Washington* Feb. 7+ (EG, †TLS ph., m.ob.). Of six Com. Nighthawks present in *Davidson*, TN Dec. 6 (RPF), one stayed until at least Dec. 26 (PM). Seen entering a chimney to roost, 35 Vaux's Swifts in *Franklin*, TN Dec. 28 (*vide* †TL) must certainly represent a Regional high count (and then some) of a species that has wintered previously in Louisiana and somewhat more regularly just to the e. of the Region in Tallahassee, FL.

Hummingbirds once again put on a show and, once again, deserve more discussion than this report allows. A ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbird, Louisiana's 5th, paid a visit to *Orleans*, LA Jan. 5–Feb. 4 (GS, PW†, v.t. CS). A Buff-bellied Hummingbird *sans* details was reported on the Choctawhatchee, FL CBC Dec. 19 (DMW); the species was also reported from at least 5 Louisiana

parishes. Alabama's 2nd Magnificent Hummingbird (p.a. A.B.R.C.), an ad. male, appeared during fall 1994 (LC) in *Monroe*, received a band Dec. 3 (RS†, MS), and stayed to season's end (m.ob.). A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was banded (PF) Dec. 13 in *Pulaski*, AR, where it remained until Dec. 29; another was banded there Jan. 9 (PF); at least two were reported in Louisiana.

Mississippi and Tennessee hosted first-ever **Anna's Hummingbirds**: the former stayed from mid-December until late January in *Hancock* (LS, JT, RS, TLS†, m.ob.); the latter visited *Davidson* where it was banded Jan. 5 (RS, MS, m.ob.). A Calliope Hummingbird, Alabama's 3rd (p.a. A.B.R.C.), was briefly noted in *St. Clair* (RS†, MS); another, and first away from the coast in Mississippi, stayed the season in *Lowndes* (CC, RS, TLS†, MS, m.ob.); at least four were reported in Louisiana. Also banded by the Sargents, Alabama's first **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** (p.a. A.B.R.C.)—and only the 4th ever e. of the Mississippi (*Alabama Birdlife* 41 [1995]: 1–6)—stayed in *Calhoun* Dec. 8–25 (DG, WS, RS, MS, GDJ†, m.ob.); at least two Broad-taileds were noted in Louisiana. A Rufous Hummingbird wintered in *Davidson*, TN (MS, *vide* TJW), and an imm. ♂ Allen's

Hummingbird in *Calhoun* provided Alabama's 4th record (p.a. A.B.R.C.), staying from season's beginning until Feb. 2 (RS†, MS). A *Selasphorus* sp. remained in *Shelby*, TN Dec. 27–Feb. 18 (JR, *fide* VBR). Black-chinned and Rufous hummingbirds are now so abundant in Louisiana that counting them is a nigh impossible task at some sites (NN); fewer reports are now being submitted of these species even though more of them are probably present than ever before.

### Woodpeckers to Warblers

The Red-cockaded Woodpecker seen at an interstate rest area in *Clark*, AR Feb. 21 (RHD) must have provided the observer with an extra pick-me-up. Least Flycatchers were noted in *Cameron*, LA Dec. 19 (MW, JB) and *Plaquemines*, LA Jan. 21 (PW, CS), Jan. 28 (SWC, DLD, \*L.S.U.M.N.S.), and Feb. 22 (DLD, SWC). Louisiana's 2nd Pa-



An amazing winter treat was this Fork-tailed Flycatcher near the Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge, Yell, Arkansas, January 17, 1995. Photograph/Steve Metz.

cific-Slope Flycatcher stayed briefly in *Acadia* Dec. 21–23 (MJM, DP, SWC, DLD, CS, \*L.S.U.M.N.S.).

About the 4th or 5th in Mississippi, a Say's Phoebe was briefly noted in *Washington* Dec. 1 (DLi†); another in *Lauderdale* Feb. 14 (RP†, DP) represented one of very few records for Tennessee (p.a. T.B.R.C.). Vermilion, Ash-throated, and Brown-crested flycatchers were reported only from Louisiana with 3 parishes reporting Vermilion, at least 3 parishes Ash-throated (\*L.S.-U.M.N.S.), and one parish hosting Brown-crested (\*L.S.U.M.N.S.). What it was doing in N. America during its s. hemisphere breeding season we may never know, but a Fork-tailed Flycatcher flaunted its plumes for many Jan. 14–17 in *Yell*, AR (WMS†, ph. MP, ph. SM, m.ob.).

A N. Rough-winged Swallow sighted in *Lake* Dec. 8 (WGC) established the first winter record for Tennessee. Carolina Chickadees are quite rare along the s.w. coast of Louisiana, so one in *Cameron* Dec. 17 (JVR) and again Feb. 6 (SWC, DLD) and Feb. 12 (JPK, RRo) represented only the 3rd and 4th records ever there.

Red-breasted Nuthatches echoed last year's invasion flight in many areas, with far smaller numbers reported. Regionally scarce and apparently getting scarcer, a Bewick's Wren was studied in *Oktibbeha*, MS Dec. 4 (TLS, MS); singles showed up in *Iberia*, LA Dec. 26 (MJM) and *Avoyelles*, LA Dec. 31 (RBr), and another was reported in *Pope*, AR Jan. 15 (PR, RD). *Vermilion*, LA provided the only Bell's Vireo record of the season when one was observed Feb. 25–Mar. 5 (v.t. PC, DP, SWC, \*L.S.U.M.N.S.). First ever in winter for Mississippi, a Blue-winged Warbler delighted 2 observers in *Winston* Feb. 25 (TLS†, MS), a date that probably precludes its having been an early migrant. Alabama's 2nd winter Nashville and 4th winter Prairie warblers were included among many rarities on the Dec. 31 CBC at Gulf Shores (GDJ†, BCG, SaL†); another Nashville reported from *Hardin* Dec. 30 (LN, MSo†, *fide* DJS) represented the first winter record for Tennessee (p.a. T.B.R.C.). Many observers confirmed the Cape May Warbler also noted in *Hardin*, TN Feb. 4–5 (RDH).

Very rare in winter was a Magnolia Warbler in *Plaquemines*, LA Jan. 29 (RBr *et al.*). An "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler in *Pike*, MS Jan. 15 (TLS†, MS, JRe) was deemed rare. Three Louisiana parishes reported Black-throated Green Warblers. Yet another *Hardin* gem was the Townsend's Warbler, Tennessee's 2nd, found Dec. 30 (DJS†; p.a. T.B.R.C.). The only Am. Redstart report came from *Lafourche*, LA Dec. 18 (PC, GB). Very rare winter Worm-eating

Warblers were in *West Baton Rouge* and *Plaquemines*, LA Dec. 20 (SWC, DLD, \*L.S.U.M.N.S.) and Jan. 2 (RDP), respectively. Without doubt the warbler of the season was the Painted Redstart, Louisiana's 2nd, in *Cameron* Dec. 17–Feb. 24 (RSB†, GW, JPK†, ph. PW†, m.ob.). Quite unexpected locally in winter, a Yellow-breasted Chat was noted in *Maury*, TN Dec. 21 (AML, WNJ); more expected but still unusual was a single in *Cameron*, LA Dec. 17 (JVR).

### Tanagers to Grosbeaks

A first record for the Tennessee Valley of Alabama was provided by a Summer Tanager in *Lauderdale* Dec. 22 (DCP, WJR†); a female remained in *Shelby*, TN Feb. 14+ (CB, *fide* LCC). Regaling several observers in *Plaquemines*, LA Feb. 5 (JPK, RRo, GS) was a W. Tanager. Blue Grosbeaks were noted in 4 Louisiana parishes, where they are still considered rare; Indigo Buntings were in at least 3 parishes; Painted Buntings in 4; and Dickcissels in at least 2.

Two Rufous-crowned Sparrows were reported from the traditional site on Mt. Nebo in *Yell*, AR Dec. 22 (WMS, DL). Two Am. Tree Sparrows were reported from *Washington*, AR Dec. 15 (PR), while two others were noted in *Montgomery*, TN Feb. 15 (TJW), but as usual the high count was detected in *Lake*, TN where about 50 were noted Dec. 17+ (WCG, MAG). A well-described Clay-colored Sparrow was encountered on the Gulf Shores, AL CBC Dec. 31 (RS, MS†). Four Henslow's Sparrows in *Cleveland* Jan. 7 (WMS, SL) and Feb. 26 (DH, DoH, MP, HP), three in *Bradley* Jan. 28 (WMS, WH), and three in *Drew* Feb. 18 (JH, DLH) were deemed enough to warrant changing the species' status to that of winter resident in Arkansas; whether this change in wintering range continues during colder winters is, of course, essential to establish.

Five Harris' Sparrows in *Washington*, AR (PR) represented a good number; the only other reports were from *East Baton Rouge*, LA Dec. 20 (GS) and *Acadia*, LA Dec. 21 (DP, MJM). A modestly small—by past standards—concentration of >200 Lapland Longspurs was in *Limestone*, AL Jan. 29 (SWM, m.ob.).

A W. Meadowlark turned up in *LeFlore*, MS Feb. 19 (MS, TLS), six were in *Shelby*, TN Dec. 13+ (JRW), and five were in *Lake*, TN Feb. 26 (JRW). Perhaps only the 2nd Tennessee N. "Bullock's" Oriole remained in *Davidson* Dec. 3+ (MJE, *fide* TJW, m.ob.).

Purple Finches were quite scarce during the season in middle Tennessee, while Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks were nearly absent there and very scarce elsewhere in the Region.

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# Prairie Provinces Region

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The unusually mild fall ended with snow and low temperatures throughout the Region in early December. Conditions eased up later in the month and January was generally mild, especially in southern Alberta. The few cold snaps were short-lived; indeed, one of the harshest occurred in late February and early March. Bird-wise, there was a little bit of everything that might be expected, but few major highlights. The high diversity of lingering waterbirds across the Region was noteworthy.

### Grebes to Raptors

More lingering grebes than usual were reported: a Piedbilled at Pinawa, MB to Dec. 21 (PT, RZ); a Horned at Natalie L., MB Dec. 3 (PT *et al.*); a Red-necked at Wabamun L., AB Feb. 19 (DN); an Eared killed by a Bald Eagle on the Lower Kananaskis R., AB Nov. 27 (NP); one W. Grebe at McArthur Falls, MB Dec. 3 (PT *et al.*), and four at Wabamun L., Feb. 19 (DN). Also very late was an Am. White Pelican at Regina Dec. 1 (RKr, PC), and a Double-

crested Cormorant was still at Wabamun L., Feb. 19 (DN). Two out of five Great Blue Herons—one at Moose Jaw, (SK, *vide* LK<sub>n</sub>) and four in Alberta—were injured.

Twenty-eight species of waterfowl were reported in the period, but only 12 after December. Migrant Tundra Swans reached Taber, AB by Feb. 23, and 50 were there Feb. 28 (LB). Two Snow Geese overwintered near Taber (LB) and a Ross' Goose was at Regina Dec. 1 (RKr, PC). Five Alberta reports of Green-winged Teal included seven at Calgary Jan. 12 (WS, JR). The largest Mallard concentrations in Saskatchewan totaled 15,000 near Moose Jaw and 5000 near Cabri (WH). Four N. Pintails overwintered at Medicine Hat, AB (BV, *vide* DB), and there were several scattered reports in Saskatchewan (*vide* RKr). Three Greater Scaup were seen at L. Wabamun Feb. 19 (RD). The imm. ♂ **Common Eider** at Saskatoon remained until Dec. 10 (FR, BL). An ad. ♂ White-winged Scoter lingered at Gardiner Dam, SK Dec. 2–3 (RKr, MW, SSh). Red-breasted Mergansers were noted in all 3 provinces: three at Lethbridge, AB Dec. 26 (*vide* PS), one at Gardiner Dam Dec. 1–3 (RKr, FR) and Dec. 19 (JP, PC), and one at Silver Falls, MB Dec. 18 (PT). Lone Ruddy Ducks were noted at St. Albert, AB Dec. 1 (DN), Gardiner Dam Dec. 2–3 (RKr, MW) and Coronach, SK Dec. 19 (JP).

A Turkey Vulture was exceptionally late at Edmonton Dec. 2 (JA). Sharp-shinned Hawks remained in Alberta in unprecedented numbers: >nine birds were reported in December, four in January, and one in February (m.ob., *vide* PS). At least three Cooper's Hawks were also found in Alberta Dec. 9–Feb. 19 (m.ob.), plus one at Mile-

