

Florida Region

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The Florida Region was lucky and escaped serious damage during what was the most active Atlantic tropical weather season on record. *Erin* crossed the central peninsula and the north Gulf of Mexico August 2-4. In its wake there were a number of notable sightings of pelagic species on both the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. *Opal* barely missed the Region, and produced no significant reports of storm waifs. Later in the season *Jerry* passed offshore on the Atlantic Coast, but the only notable sighting associated with it was a fall-out of Pectoral Sandpipers in Jacksonville. Aside from tropical storms, the weather over the Region was very average. The only distinctive climatological phenomena was a hot, dry August in the northern part of the Region, and abundant rainfall in the southern parts. Miami reported rainfall of 14 inches above normal August to October.

Notable trends for the season were an unprecedented invasion of western hummingbirds, only a weak invasion of northern species, and the continued spread of House Finch down the peninsula. This season saw the Region's first verified Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher. Other notable rarities were Ross' Goose, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Ruddy Quail-Dove, and Sage Thrasher.

Abbreviations: A.B.S. (*Archbold Biological Station, Highlands Co.*); C.P. (*County Park*); E.N.P. (*Everglades N.P.*); D.I. (*Dog I., Franklin Co.*); F.D.C.P. (*Ft. DeSoto C.P., Pinellas Co.*); F.O.S. (*Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee*); H.H.S.P. (*Highlands Hammock State S.P., Highlands Co.*); P.P.M. (*Polk County Phosphate Mines*); S.M.N. W.R. (*St. Marks N.W.R., Wakulla Co.*); S.T.P. (*Sewage Treatment Plant, Leon Co.*); S.R.A. (*State Recreational Area*); T.R.S.P. (*Tram Road Sewage Treatment Plant, Leon Co.*).

Loons to Waterfowl

The only Red-throated Loon reported was at Alligator Pt., *Franklin*, Nov. 25 (RS). Circumstances suggest that the Com. Loon seen over Gainesville, *Alachua*, Aug. 8 (RN) was a migrant. If so, it would provide the earliest fall report for the Region

by more than a month. The Com. Loon at S.M.N.W.R., Aug. 25 (JC) may have been summering. The only high count of Pied-billed Grebes came from P.P.M., where there were 430 Nov. 10 (BC, LC, PF). Reports of the rare Eared Grebe came from Occidental W.M.A., *Hamilton*, Oct. 26 (RC), and S.M.N.W.R., Nov. 9 (NW, WB). The passage of hurricane *Erin* across the peninsula and Gulf of Mexico produced numerous tubenose reports. The three Cory's and two Audubon's shearwaters off the lighthouse at S.M.N.W.R., Aug. 3 were close enough to shore for careful study, but the two storm-petrels seen could not be identified (NW). A Wilson's Storm-Petrel was carefully identified Aug. 4 as it flew within a hundred yards of shore, also at the lighthouse (JL). Single Wilson's and Band-rumped storm-petrels were at Tomoka Aquatic Preserve, *Volusia*, Aug. 4 (LMa, DSh, CD). The pelagic trip off *Brevard* Oct. 22 found 30-45 Cory's Shearwaters (LH *et al.*). A moribund Audubon's Shearwater found in the surf at Vilano Beach, *St. Johns*, Aug. 1 (DR) may have been a *Erin* victim.

Always notable, a Red-footed Booby was at Dry Tortugas N.P., *Monroe*, Sept. 20 (PWS). The 40 Am. White Pelicans at Huguenot Park, *Duval*, Sept. 19 (RR) provided a locally high number. A Brown Pelican reported inland at the T.R.S.T.P., *Leon*, Aug. 4 (DH) may have been *Erin* related, but another at the P.P.M., Sept. 4 (CG, PT) was in a more expected inland location. Also chaff from *Erin* were two Magnificent Frigatebirds over Newnans L., *Alachua* (RR) and another s. of Kissimmee, *Osceola* (RP), both Aug. 3. The frigatebird roost at Marco I., Collier contained 1111 birds at dusk Aug. 5 (TB). Below reports an increase in the proportion of females from one percent in 1992 to 10 percent this year. Migrating Great Blue Herons were noted inland in *Highlands*, where there were two over H.H.S.P., Oct. 8 (BP, AF), and seven high over A.B.S., Oct. 12 (BP, WH). Also migrating were 2 groups, totaling 18 Great Blues, flying S just off the beach at Gauna River S.P., Oct. 22 (NW, TW). The only out-of-range "Great White Heron" reported was at Zellwood, *Orange*, Aug. 8 (SB, RCA).

The 562 Little Blue Herons at Zellwood Aug. 20 (PS, EE, NP), and the eight Reddish Egrets at Huguenot Park Sept. 9 (NW) both represented locally high counts. Receding water levels in L. Lafayette, *Leon*, created rich wader habitat. Two imm. Roseate Spoonbills there Sept. 9 (GM, DH) provided the first *Leon* report. The only reported concentration of Wood Storks came from P.P.M., where 625 were seen Sept. 4 (GC, PT). An out-of-place Greater Flamingo was at S.M.N.W.R. during early October (HHo, m.ob.). A flamingo flock numbering ≥ 16 (PO) was present in Snake Bight, *Monroe*, Nov. 3-27. (m.ob.).

A Fulvous Whistling-Duck at L. Lafayette Sept. 13 was a local rarity (JL). The Zellwood muck farms continue to be a stronghold for this species. Among the 474 there Aug. 5 were many young (PS, EE, NP). The 250 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks at Sherwood Forest, *Sarasota*, Nov. 13 (AR) provided a Regional high count, and ample evidence that this species is still expanding in the s.w. peninsula. The three ad. Tundra Swans at S.M.N.W.R., Nov. 20+ (v.o.) were rare visitors to the Region. The 400 blue-morph Snow Geese seen over S.M.N.W.R., Oct. 29 (DMo) provided the 2nd highest count ever for the Region. Flights of Snows were seen at D.I., Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, containing 75 and 19 geese respectively (DE, LM). Nine Snow Geese at Occidental W.M.A., Nov. 16



(JK) provided *Hamilton's* first fall report. An ad. **Ross' Goose** was a one day wonder Nov. 8 (HH, NW) at T.R.S.T.P. Two of the previous 3 Regional reports were at the same location. Non-feral Canada Geese are seldom reported in the Region anymore, so 2 flocks seen this fall were of interest. Four were over D.I., Oct. 29 (DE, LM), and a small flock was at Panacea Unit, S.M.N.W.R., Oct. 29 (*fide* JD). The only high count of puddle ducks received was from *Polk*, where 1900 Blue-winged Teal were seen e. of L. Wales Nov. 10 (BC, LC, PF). A rare Eur. Wigeon was at Merritt Island N.W.R., *Brevard*, Nov. 21+ (SB, RCa). An ad. ♂ Com. Eider startled observers Port Canaveral, *Brevard*, Oct. 22 (LH *et al.*), and provided the earliest report for the Region. A rare inland report of scoters came from L. Rousseau, *Citrus*, where an imm. Surf was seen Oct. 28 (BS). A ♀ Com. Merganser seen Nov. 20 at Little Talbot Island S.P., *Duval* (RC) was a real rarity.

Raptors to Terns

The White-tailed Kite at S.M.N.W.R., Oct. 30–31 (GW *et al.*) was the only out-of-range report of this species. Slightly out-of-range were single Snail Kites at Orlando Wetlands Park, *Orange*, Sept. 14–21 (DF), and Rainey Slough, *Highlands*, Nov. 25 (RB, CW). The two N. Harriers at Tomoka Aquatic Preserve Aug. 9 (LMA) were within 4 days of being the earliest Regional report. A notable movement of harriers at D.I., Nov. 5 contained 23 birds (DE, LM). The spray fields at T.R.S.T.P. hosted a variety of Red-tailed Hawks during the last week of the period. Two were considered to be ad. "Krider's," and a 3rd was thought to be an imm. "Harlan's" (*v.o.*). An ad. Golden Eagle over Medart, *Wakulla*, Nov. 6 (DE, LM) was the first Regional report in several years. Also in *Wakulla* at Alligator Pt., Aug. 8 (JD) was the Region's earliest ever fall Merlin. The several Black Rails heard Aug. 1 & 15 at the Occidental W.M.A. (MD) were in an unexpected location and habitat. The two Sandhill Cranes near Greenville, *Madison* Aug. 16 (DB) were near the n. limits of the Florida race.

American Golden-Plovers were detected only 3 times: as many as four at Jacksonville Aug. 31–Sept. 22 (RC), one at T.R.S.T.P., Nov. 9 (NW), and another at Springhill Road S.T.P., *Leon*, Nov. 20–21 (HH, GM, DH). The 30 Piping Plovers at Shell Key, *Pinellas*, Nov. 4 (PB), and the 53 at D.I., Nov. 7 (DE, LM) were notable. A locally high count of Am. Avocets was made in *Hillsborough* Aug. 27, when there were 25 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A.

(LH, RS, PB). Notable counts of yellowlegs included 800 Greater and 900 Lesser at Zellwood Aug. 5 (PS, EE, NP), and 500 Lessers at P.P.M., Sept. 14 (PF). A Willet at P.P.M., Sept. 4 (CG, PT) provided a long overdue first fall report for *Polk*. Rarely seen inland in the Region, a Long-billed Curlew was at Duda Farms, *Palm Beach*, Sept. 4 (BH, MGi). Shell Key continues to be one of the best sites in the Region for shorebirds. This fall's reports included the first Long-billed Curlew for *Pinellas* since 1989 Oct. 24+; 4000 Red Knots Oct. 24 and Nov. 4; and 1000 Sanderlings Oct. 24 (all PB). A White-rumped Sandpiper at Springhill Road S.T.P., Aug. 8–9 (JC, NW) was the first fall report for *Leon*. It was preceded by a Baird's at the same location Aug. 7 (JL), the Region's sole report. The 385 Pectoral Sandpipers found in n. Jacksonville Aug. 25 (RC), after the passage of *Jerry*, provided undoubtedly the highest count ever from *Duval*. A juv. **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** at Lake Lafayette Sept. 15–25 was Florida's 3rd report (JC, DE). Buff-breasted Sandpipers were in good supply, with high counts of seven at Zellwood, five at n. Jacksonville Aug. 20–Sept. 22 (RC), and ten at L. Lafayette Sept. 14–15 (DJ, SJ). The only Wilson's Phalarope reported was also at L. Lafayette Sept. 14–15 (JC, JL). There were 2 reports of Red-necked Phalaropes from Atlantic offshore waters: four 10 km off Miami Sept. 30 (RM, HL), and one 24 km off Cocoa Oct. 22 (LH *et al.*).

The appearance of ≤seven Franklin's Gulls at T.R.S.T.P., Nov. 9–Dec. 8 (WB, m.ob.) was a unique event, all previous Regional reports apparently being of single birds. Three of the season's 4 reports of Lesser Black-backed Gulls were from Huguenot Park. One was seen there as early as Sept. 19 (RR). One seen there Oct. 9 (RC) was thought to be of the race *fuscus*, not previously reported from the Region. The 26 there Nov. 5 (NW, TW) provided the 2nd highest count for the Region. A single Lesser Black-backed was at Sunshine Skyway, *Pinellas*, Nov. 5–11 (LA, RS). An ad. Great Black-backed Gull at F.D.C.P., Aug. 13–27 (ML) was a local rarity.

Both Royal and Sandwich terns strayed inland. A single Royal at Newnans L., Aug. 11 (CR) was an unexpected find, while the 11 Sandwich Sept. 4 at P.P.M. (CG, PT) might have been expected, as this is the only inland location in the Region where the species occurs regularly. Several very high counts of terns were reported. On Aug. 25 there were 680 Commons and 560 Blacks resting on the beach at Huguenot Park (RC). There were

300 Commons at D.I., Oct. 4 (DE, LM) As impressive as these counts were, they are overshadowed by the amazing numbers reported from P.P.M. The Forster's Tern counts of 4150 Sept. 4 (CG, PT) and 4200 Sept. 14 (PF) both exceeded the previous Regional high. The 3900 Black Terns there Sept. 4 (CG, PT) was certainly the highest Regional count in 3 decades *Erin* brought Bridled and Sooty terns to both coastal and inland locations. Single Bridleds were at Fort George Inlet, *Duval*, and Amelia I., *Nassau*, Aug. 2 (both RC) Sooty Terns were more widespread. There were five at Little Talbot Island S.P., *Duval* (PP), and one at nearby Fort George Inlet (RC), both Aug. 2. There were three inland at Newnans L., Aug. 2 (BR). On Aug. 3 there were two at Newnans L. (JHi) and four at L. Lochloosa, *Alachua* (RR). The 450 Black Skimmers at MacDill Air Force Base Nov. 11 (MW) was a notable count for *Hillsborough*.

Doves to Vireos

As usual there were a few reports of White-winged Doves along the Gulf Coast. This season's earliest was at Cedar Key, *Levy*, Oct. 7 (DHe), where as many as three were present through the end of the period. One White-winged was at F.D.C.P., Nov. 1 (LA, MW), and one-two were at D.I., Nov. 4–14 (DE, LM). The 60 Com. Ground-Doves at Bull Creek W.M.A., *Osceola* (MK, RSn) provided a locally high count. The second-hand report of a **Ruddy Quail-Dove** at Dry Tortugas N.P., Sept. 18 (*fide* PWS) was certainly interesting. If accepted, this would represent about the 6th report in the Region, and the first since 1977. New locations for Monk Parakeets were Cedar Key, where there were two Oct. 7 (FD), and e. of Stanford, *Seminole*, where there were 13 Nov. 9 (CS, PS). Three Rose-ringed Parakeets were also at Cedar Key through the period (DHe). The only report of Black-billed Cuckoo was two at F.D.C.P., Oct. 7 (RW, BA). An impressive 60 Yellow-billed Cuckoos packed into S.R.P., Oct. 10 (BH, LB). All 3 reports of Groove-billed Anis were of single birds D.I., Oct. 22 (DE, LM); S.M.N.W.R., Oct. 30 (JL); Delray Beach, *Palm Beach*, Nov. 18 (BH). Migrant Barn Owls are seldom reported, so one at Alligator Pt., Oct. 16 (JD) and another at D.I., Oct. 21–22 (DE, LM) were notable. A late Chuck-will's-widow was at D.I., Nov. 16 (DE, LM). An early Whip-poor-will was at Alligator Pt., Aug. 28, and there were six singing at nearby Bald Pt., *Franklin* Oct. 6 (both JD). Neither the five *Chaetura* hummingbirds at Havana, Gadsden, Nov. 8

(DM), nor the one at P.P.M., Nov 12 (CG, PT), were identified to species. *Archilochrus* and *Selasphorus* were both detected in unprecedented numbers. Four Black-chinned Hummingbirds were identified by videotape in Tallahassee from Oct. 25+ (NW, JC). Another Black-chinned was at Panacea, *Wakulla*, Oct. 25–27, along with a *Selasphorus* Oct. 26 (both JD, v.o.). One of the two *Selasphorus* reported in Tallahassee was a ♂ Rufous Oct. 20+ (JC, v.o.). In *Alachua* ≥ nine *Selasphorus* were reported during October and November (v.o.).

A very early Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was at Gainesville, *Alachua*, Sept. 16 (TWO). Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were detected more frequently than usual. There was one at F.D.C.P., Sept. 18 (LA, MW), three were banded at W.S.S.P. between Sept. 26–Sept. 30 (PS) for the first report from *Orange*, and S.R.P. hosted one Oct. 7 and two Oct. 16 (both BH, JH). Small's banding operation at W.S.S.P. also produced the first *Orange* reports for "Traill's" Flycatcher Sept. 28 and Least Flycatcher Sept. 20. Other Least reports were *Levy's* first at Shell Mound, Lower Suwannee N.W.R., Oct 5 (TTa), and another at San Felasco State Preserve, *Alachua*, Oct. 12 (JK). The season total of four Ash-throated Flycatchers was remarkable. The one found at Turkey Cr. Sanctuary, *Brevard*, Oct. 13 (BHi, SH) probably was the same bird that wintered there last year. One at St. Marks N.W.R., Nov. 23–24 (BD *et al.*) and another at Tomoka Aquatic Preserve Nov. 28 (LMa, DSh, CD) provided the first reports from *Wakulla* and *Volusia*, respectively. A Great Crested Flycatcher at D.I., Nov. 12 (DE, LM) was probably the latest fall occurrence outside the species' normal wintering range in the Region. Two Brown-crested Flycatchers were present at Flamingo, E.N.P., Nov. 7+ (LMn *et al.*). Another *Myiarchus*, thought to be a Brown-crested, was seen briefly at D.I., Nov. 14 (DE, LM). Two individuals of genus *Myiodynastes* were found. The first was at St. George Island S.P., *Franklin*, Sept. 25, and was believed by the observers (DJ, SJ) to be a Streaked Flycatcher, a species unverified in North America. The 2nd found in Matheson Hammock C.P., *Dade*, Oct. 14–15, was photographed (MWh, PWS, SS, v.o.). It proved to be the first verified record of *Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher* in Florida. Six W. Kingbirds were reported. The most notable was one at Fort George I., *Duval*, Oct. 5 (RC), where the species is only rarely reported. Concentrations of migrating E. Kingbrds were found at Emerald Marsh Conservtion Area, *Lake*, where there were 83 Aug. 26 (JM),

and A.B.S., where >400 in groups of seven–ten headed S in the late afternoon Sept. 10 (RB). Ten reports of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were received. The only report of multiple birds was seven at a traditional wintering site s. of Ruskin, *Hillsborough*, Nov. 7+ (SB, RCa). The Scissor-tailed found at Guana River S.P., Oct. 16 (*fide* PP) was also notable, as the species is rarely reported from the n. Atlantic Coast area.

A Horned Lark, previously reported about 25 times in the Region, was at T.R.S.T.P., Nov. 8 (JL). An oddly plumaged ♀ or imm. martin was observed at A.B.S., Oct. 11 (BP). The dark forehead and white, unstreaked undertail coverts appear to rule out Purple Martin. A late Bank Swallow was at T.R.S.T.P., Nov. 9+ (v.o.). The Red-breasted Nuthatch invasion barely reached the Region. One was at Cedar Key Oct. 29 (BD), and another was at D.I., Nov. 13 (DE, LM). An early House Wren was at Tallahassee Sept. 19 (GM). Golden-crowned Kinglets were widely reported in the n. portion of the Region (v.o.). Small's banding operation at W.S.S.P. recorded 64 Veeries between Sept. 2–Oct. 13, and 26 Swainson's Thrushes between Sept. 18–Oct. 29. Late Swainson's were at D.I., Nov. 10 (banded), and Nov. 16 (not banded, injured; both DE, LM). The lack of Gray-cheeked Thrush reports was conspicuous. A late Wood Thrush at Bald Pt., Nov. 26 (JD *et al.*) was within 3 days of being the Region's latest fall report. Florida's 6th Sage Thrasher was banded at D.I., Nov. 8 and stayed until Nov. 11 (DE, LM). The 700 Am. Pipits found at T.R.S.T.P., Nov. 29 (DE, LM) were a notable number. Very late nesting of Loggerhead Shrikes was detected at A.B.S., where begging fledglings were found Sept. 27 (BP). A Thick-billed Vireo was at S.R.P., Sept. 17–18 (BH) for the first fall report for *Palm Beach*. The rare Bell's Vireo was found at Tallahassee Sept. 23–24 (JC). Perhaps rarer, and the latest report for the Region, was a Warbling Vireo at Orlando Oct. 14 (GB, TR). The 8 reports of Philadelphia Vireo were from Sept. 28–Oct. 24 (v.o.).

Warblers to Finches

Remarkable among the 10 reports of Blue-winged Warbler between Aug. 19–Oct. 29, the 14 in *Alachua* Sept. 16 (v.o.) was more than twice the previous high count for the Region. The maximum among the 22 reports of Golden-winged Warbler between Aug. 19–Oct. 17, was three at Bonner Park, *Pinellas*, Oct. 7 (KN). There were 3 reports of hybrids, all "Brewster's" (v.o.). The 10 reports of Nashville Warbler between Sept. 17–Nov. 17 were more than

usual. The only report of multiple individuals was three at F.D.C.P., Sept. 29 (KH, LA, MW). A Cape May Warbler Nov. 19 at Hickory Hammock, *Highlands* (RB, CW) was very late, if not wintering. A fallout Oct. 9 brought 150 Black-throated Blue Warblers to S.R.P. (BH, JH). Small banded 49 Black-throated Blues at W.S.S.P. between Sept. 16–Oct. 28. A late Black-throated Blue was at Bald Pt., Nov. 4 (JD). A ♂ Black-throated Gray Warbler at Tallahassee Oct. 18–Nov. 10 (GM, m.ob.) provided the first report from *Leon*. A Townsend's Warbler at Seminole, *Pinellas*, Nov. 5 (JF) was about the Region's 13th report. The Blackburnian Warbler at D.I., Nov. 4 (DE, LM) was very late. A rarity on the Gulf Coast was a Blackpoll Warbler at F.D.C.P., Oct. 18 (LA). A ♂ Cerulean Warbler at Paynes Prairie State Preserve Oct. 15 (DS) tied the late fall Regional date. The 90 Black-and-white Warblers in S.R.P., Oct. 17 (BH) provided a notable count. The 5 reports of Swainson's Warbler s. of the breeding range included two at F.D.C.P., Sept. 28 (LA). The first *Highlands* report of Kentucky Warbler was four at A.B.S., Sept. 2 (BP, AF, GWO). Two Mourning Warblers, a species frequently missed in the Region, were reported. One was at S.R.P., Sept. 30, and a calling bird was tape recorded in *Palm Beach* Oct. 29 (both BH). Three Wilson's Warblers were reported, all singles: Bonner Park Sept. 17 (KN); s. Jacksonville Oct. 8 (JCo); and L. Worth, *Palm Beach*, Nov. 23 (IT, GH). Canada Warblers were reported more frequently than usual, with 7 reports between Aug. 22–Oct. 16 (v.o.).

Both reports of rare tanagers came from *Palm Beach*. A ♀ Stripe-headed Tanager was found at MacArthur S.R.A., Aug. 26–Sept. 3 (CWe, v.o.), and a Western was at L. Worth Sept. 24 (TT). The "several" Lazuli Buntings reported from E.N.P., *Monroe*, Nov. 14 (PWS) could not be relocated. An early Chipping Sparrow was at Newnans L., Sept. 23 (BM). Oddly, Clay-colored Sparrows were found only in *Franklin* and *Palm Beach*. There were 2 reports from each county between Sept. 17–Nov. 12 (v.o.). The 6 reports of Lark Sparrows between Sept. 24–Nov. 28 (v.o.) were about normal numbers. The five Henslow's Sparrows in n.w. *Duval* Nov. 19 provided a very high count for that area. Among the Henslow's were three LeConte's (both RC), the first reported from *Duval*. Another LeConte's was at D.I., Nov. 15 (DE, LM), and another was in *Duval* Nov. 26 (PP). A Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow was reported Nov. 15 at D.I. (DE, LM). Defining the ranges of the 2 Sharp-tailed species in the Region will

be an interesting process. All reports of Lincoln's Sparrow were from D.I., where there were singles Oct. 14 & 27, and two Nov. 4 (all DE, LM). Dark-eyed Juncos were more frequent than in recent years in n. areas of the Region, and one at Melbourne Nov. 19+ (BB, v.o.) was s. of the species normal range.

The only Yellow-head Blackbird reported was at St. Petersburg Oct. 11-16 (BPa, v.o.). Two Brewer's Blackbirds at T.R.S.T.P., Nov. 15-16 (JL, v.o.) were the only reported. The 6 reports of single Shiny Cowbirds (v.o.) may have been encouragingly few. The two reports of Bullock's Oriole, Oct 8 at H.H.S.P. (AF, BP, MM) and Oct. 26 at T.R.S.T.P. (JC), were both problematic females. The continued expansion of the House Finch was documented by three at A.B.S., Oct. 31 (KT, MG). Small numbers of Pine Siskins were reported in the Big Bend area in the last 3 weeks of the period (v.o.). Very early Am. Goldfinches were reported in Gilchrist, where a male in alternate plumage was present Aug. 27-30 (JA, RA), and another was at s. Jacksonville Aug. 31 (JCo).

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Weather during the season threatened to be an exact repeat of the fall of 1994, with warm, relatively dry weather predominating until the beginning of November. At that point, old man winter awakened from his long summer nap and blew his icy breath across the Region. Temperatures plummeted and early snowfalls were widespread, even across the southernmost parts of the province.

Trends worth noting included the southward movement of some northern owls, likely due to heavy and persistent snowfall in the north, and a steady movement of several winter finches into the southern regions. The most obvious push was made by Northern Shrikes, which appeared in record numbers across the south.

Noteworthy rarities included Magnificent Frigatebird, Black-tailed Godwit, Ross' Gull, Least Tern, and White-winged Dove. All rarities mentioned in this report

