

## Fall Migration

Given its gaudy plumage and the paucity of North American records, the appearance of a Northern Lapwing on this continent always creates a stir. This juvenile (note the buff fringes to the coverts and scapulars) was captured on film the last day of its three day visit to Cape Spear, Newfoundland, 17–19 Nov 1999. Photograph/Bruce Mactavish

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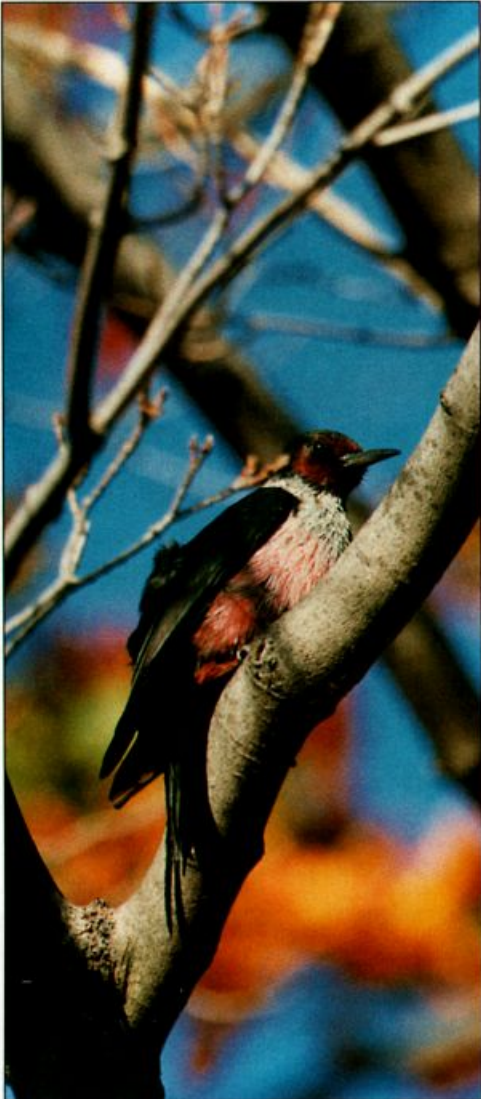
Flaunting the trappings of youth was this immature male Bullock's Oriole that attempted to winter at Stafford Springs, Connecticut. It appeared on 5 Nov 1999, remained well into Dec, and was photographed 8 Nov. Photograph/Mark Szantyr



This brightly-colored immature female Lapland Longspur at Raccoon Ridge, New Jersey, 11 Oct 1999 could easily be passed off as a Smith's Longspur were it not for the golden auriculars and chestnut nape. Photograph/Brian Hardiman



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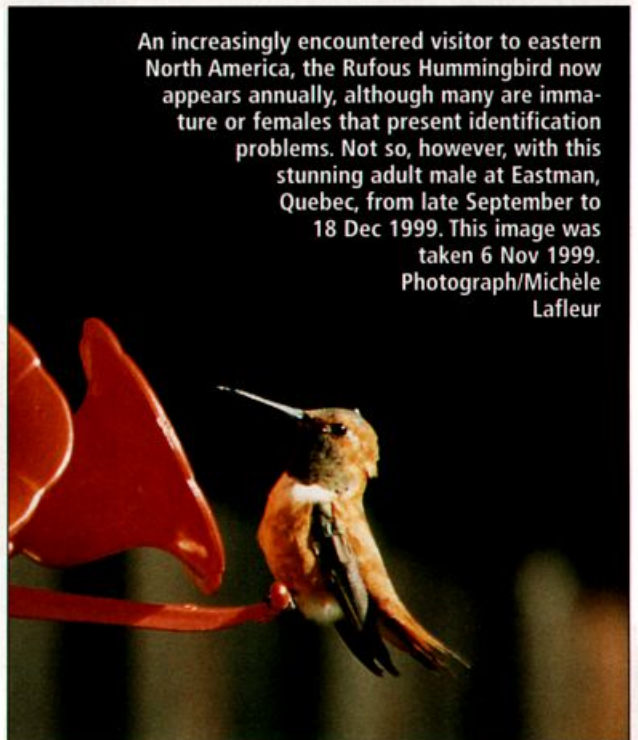
The Lewis's Woodpecker is a rare bird in eastern North America, with most records being of immatures in autumn. By contrast, this striking adult at Brockville, Ontario, 1–7 Oct 1999, and photographed 6 Oct, provided the fourth provincial record. Photograph/Al Boisvert



Providing only a second record east of the Mississippi River was this remarkable Elegant Tern at Honeymoon Island, Florida, 3 Oct–22 Nov 1999, with this photo taken 8 Oct. Note the long, slender, slightly decurved bill and the extensive black surrounding the eye. Photograph/Bill Pranty



Two views of a Pink-sided Junco, *J. h. mearnsi*, that remained at Kiptopeke State Park, Virginia, 10 Nov 1999 into Jan 2000, providing one of few documented records for eastern North America. There are numerous sight records, many of which are tentative at best. Of the various identifiable forms of the Dark-eyed Junco, only *J. h. mearnsi* shows the combination of a pale gray head, black lores, warm chestnut-brown mantle, and extensive pinkish flanks, with this color often expanding across the upper breast. Photographs/Robert L. Anderson (upper photo) and James Cameron (lower photo)



An increasingly encountered visitor to eastern North America, the Rufous Hummingbird now appears annually, although many are immature or females that present identification problems. Not so, however, with this stunning adult male at Eastman, Quebec, from late September to 18 Dec 1999. This image was taken 6 Nov 1999. Photograph/Michèle Lafleur



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Their march northward through central Tennessee is now complete as this Brown-headed Nuthatch below Wolf Creek Dam, *Russell*, 26 Sep–12 Oct 1999 provided a first for Kentucky. Photograph/ Brainard Palmer-Ball

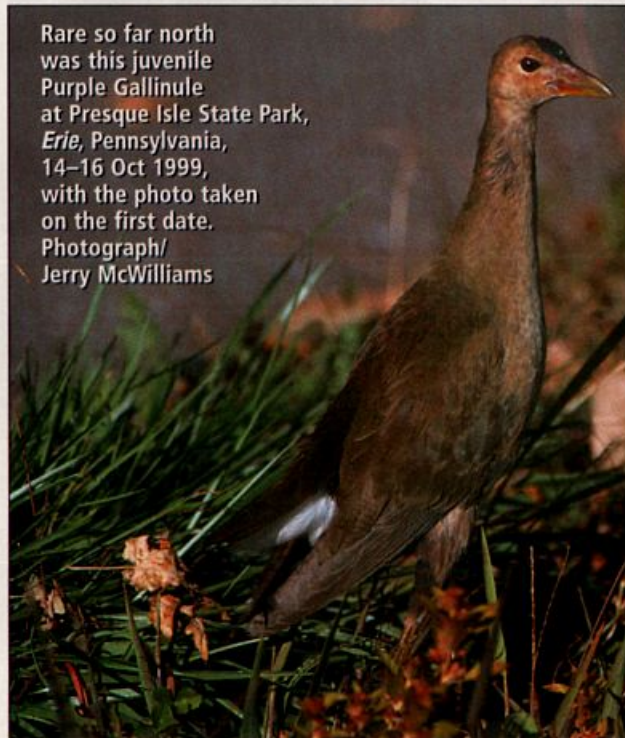


Continuing a trend of extralimital records in the north and east was a family group of two adult (pictured here 22 Oct) and eight immature Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks at Lake Marinuka, Galesville, Wisconsin, 10–27 Oct 1999, providing the third state record. Photograph/Fred Leshner



Despite roughly 15 sight reports for Florida, this remarkable Kirtland's Warbler at New Smyrna Dunes Park, *Volusia*, 17 Oct 1999 provided only the second verified record for the state, the first being an 1896 specimen.

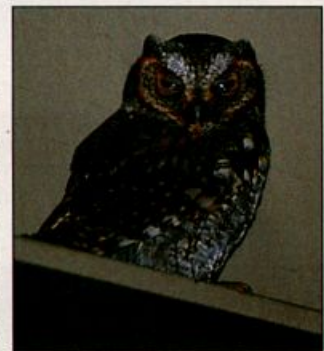
Photograph/ Kurt A. Rademaker



Rare so far north was this juvenile Purple Gallinule at Presque Isle State Park, *Erie*, Pennsylvania, 14–16 Oct 1999, with the photo taken on the first date. Photograph/ Jerry McWilliams

Providing only the second record for Louisiana, this Flammulated Owl was a stunning visitor 11 Oct 1999 to an oil platform 120 km south of Terrebonne Parish. Amazingly, another reached the Gulf of Mexico the previous day on an oil platform off *Calhoun*, Texas.

Photograph/Marshall Iliff



A surprising vagrant was this Western Scrub-Jay at Tippecanoe City, Indiana, during November 1999. There was but one previous record of this species east of the Mississippi River. The fairly bright gray-blue plumage and white undertail coverts suggests *A. c. suttoni*, the subspecies of the Rocky Mountain region. Photograph/Kyle Arvin



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Defying its name was this adult male Summer Tanager dusted with snow at Fort Collins, Colorado, 21–22 Nov 1999 and photographed on the latter date. Photograph/Stephen J. Dinsmore



This immature Golden-crowned Sparrow was a rare sight in Colorado, where this image was taken at Crow Valley Campground, *Weld*, 1 Oct 1999. Photograph/David A. Leatherman



A Violet-crowned Hummingbird at Fairhaven, *Humboldt*, California, 17–23 Sep 1999 provided the northernmost known occurrence of the species and just the fifth record for California. Photograph/Gjon C. Hazard

This Cassin's Sparrow off Kenedy, Texas, 31 Oct 1999 was one of many remarkable and unexpected finds emerging from the on-going Louisiana State University study of avian migration by a team of field ornithologists manning oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. Photograph/A Ian Wormington



The Philadelphia Vireo is a regular fall vagrant to California, but fall 1999 produced an amazing eleven records statewide. This immature was photographed on the first day of a two day stay at Galileo Hill Park, *Kern*, 25–26 Sep 1999. Photograph/John C. Wilson



California's first Shy Albatross thrilled observers off Pt. Arena, Mendocino, 24 Aug 1999. Its large size (compared to the adjacent Blackfooted Albatross), mostly white underwings, and blackish "thumb print" at the base of the forewing are visible. The white cape and pale gray head and neck are typical of the nominate subspecies. Photograph/Debra L. Shearwater