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Constituting a first record for Québec, and one of the few for North America away from western Alaska, was this adult Common Ringed Plover in alternate plumage at Les Escoumins 7 Jul 2000. Note the wide black breast band, thick loral stripe, and wide black forehead patch. Diagnostic calls were noted. *Photograph by Claude Auchu.* 

Eurasian stints put on a show on Long Island. A brightly-colored Red-necked Stint (right), New York's sixth, appeared at Cupsogue County Park and Pike's Beach, Suffolk, 12-18 Jul 2000, with this image captured 15 Jul. Note the unmarked reddish coloration extending across the throat and breast. Amazingly, a Little Stint (above), New York's third, appeared at the same locale 15-16 Jul 2000, with this image captured on the latter date. Note the white throat and orange-red coloration across the breast. Photographs by Angus Wilson (Red-necked Stint) and Rex G. Stanford (Little Stint).



A remarkable find for the location and date, this stunning male Chestnut-collared Longspur provided a second Connecticut record at Haddam, *Middlesex*, where it was photographed the second day of its 18–19 Jun 2000 stay. *Photograph by Julian Hough*.

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Always an exciting find in the United States, this Fork-tailed Flycatcher, photographed at Viera, *Brevard*, Florida, 14 Aug 2000, fit a wellestablished pattern of fall vagrancy to temperate North America. *Photograph by Kurt A. Radamaker.* 





A true tropical and subtropical species, the Anhinga seldom strays into northern temperate areas. Not so with this male at a marsh near London, Middlesex, 17 July–14 Sep 2000, the first recorded in Ontario since 1904. *Photograph by Alf Rider.* 

Although the Curlew Sandpiper is recorded annually in fall on the Atlantic Coast, this lovely adult in alternate plumage was the first to be recorded in Georgia. It appeared at Little Tybee Island, *Chatham*, 5–10 Jul 2000. This terrific in-flight shot, revealing the clean white underwing coverts was taken 9 Jul. *Photograph by James F. Flynn, Jr.* 

## June Through July 2000

In the United States, the Great White Heron (Ardea [herodias] occidentalis) is not normally found away from southernmost Florida. This bird, at a golf course near Brevard, Transylvania, North Carolina, 10 Jul 2000, therefore furnished a remarkable record, being not only a first for the western part of the state, but also one of a few west of the Appalachian divide (it has reached the Great Lakes). Photograph by Ludwig Kempe.





This adult Black-billed Cuckoo (left) was one of a pair that successfully nested (below) in Lake, furnishing the first nesting record for western Tennessee in 50 years.

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Alberta's first Field Sparrow, a singing male, was noted at Bryant Creek west of Clagary 8–11 Jun 2000, with this photo taken on the last date. *Photographs by Terry Korolyk*.

A singing male Slate-throated Redstart in the Davis Mountains 25 Jun furnished the third record for Texas and one of the fewer than ten for the United States. This bird was apparently defending territory during its 21–25 Jun 2000 stay. Photographs by Mark Adams.



All of the ±16 records for California of the Black-bellied Whistling-Duck are from the Salton Sea region. The most recent record was provided by these two birds at a marsh near the southwestern shoreline 28 May–22 Jun 2000, with this photo taken 13 Jun. Photographs by Kenneth Z. Kurland.

