

a high count for that area (JPa). The Dickcissel that frequented a feeder in Brevard, 21 Nov+ (BM) represented a first record for *Transylvania*, NC. A flock of Baltimore Orioles at Jackson Park, NC, 6 Sep contained a remarkable 40+ birds (WF, BO, RSv); a late oriole was at a feeder near Franklin, PA, 18–20 Nov (JSt, KG). Single Brewer's Blackbirds were rare finds at Moraine S.P. 22 Oct (PH) and Indiana, PA, 16 Nov (SG). Northern finches were scarce: small flocks of Red Crossbills were seen at A.F.M.O. in Sep (GH), but none was reported from elsewhere in the Region. Pine Siskins were widely reported as far s. as Tennessee, but numbers were generally low, with a maximum of 30 near Polk, PA, 21 Oct (JSt). Evening Grosbeaks remained unreported at season's end.

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Western Great Lakes



“Sonoran Express” to Wisconsin. During the last 10 days of October, the Badger State recorded Broad-billed Hummingbird, multiple *Selasphorus* hummingbirds, and Fork-tailed and Ash-throated Flycatchers! The *coup de grace* was delivered on Thanksgiving weekend when a Rufous-crowned Sparrow inexplicably appeared at a feeder. Including Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, as many as four species were added to the Wisconsin list!

At about the same time as Wisconsin's first, Minnesota had its second Ash-throated Flycatcher. Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Black-headed Gull, and Painted Bunting were also outstanding in Minnesota. Michigan had several exceptional rarities, headlined by the first Manx Shearwater for the Region; third state records of Swallow-tailed Kite and Common Ground-Dove also galvanized observers.

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Weather and migration were unremarkable until late September, when multiple jaegers, flocks of Sabine's Gulls, and an Arctic Tern were found at Wisconsin Point on Lake Superior. Except in Michigan, the lack of sig-

nificant fronts produced poor hawk migration. A major weather system in early October produced a week of below-normal temperatures in Minnesota and Wisconsin, but waterbirds, shorebirds, warblers, and sparrows still lingered in all three states.

Later in October, several days of strong southwesterly flow apparently propelled an incredible array of vagrants to the region. Hummingbirds and flycatchers caught the

Abbreviations: C.C. (Concordia College, Ozaukee, WI); Horicon (Horicon N.W.R., Dodge, WI); H.R.N.R. (Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, Duluth, MN); M.C.G.I. (Milwaukee Coast Guard Impoundment, WI); Shiawassee (Shiawassee N.W.R., Saginaw, MI); S.M.R.R. (Southeast Michigan Raptor Research, including Lake Erie Metropark and Pte. Mouillee HQ, Wayne, MI); Wisc. Pt. (Wisconsin Point, Douglas, WI); W.P.B.O. (Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Chippewa, MI).

Loons Through Vultures

Minnesota's only Red-throated Loon was a juvenile in *St. Louis* 10–13 Oct (KE). Wisconsin had reports from four counties, including a trio at Wisc. Pt. 24 Oct (JW). W.P.B.O. tallied 326 for the season (peak 27 on 22 Sep). Record numbers of Pacific Loons were in Minnesota (10) and Wisconsin (9). Most were on the Great Lakes as expected, but Minnesota had "inland" reports in *Cass* 30 Sep (PS), *Aitkin* 29 Oct (WN), and a first for *Beltrami* 5–6 Nov (DJ). Wisconsin previously had only two inland records, so singles in *Dane* 13 Oct (AS), *Shawano* 23 Oct (DT), and *Portage* 10 Nov (KH, MB) were noteworthy. Still casual in Michigan, Pacifics at W.P.B.O. 30 Sep (AMB, JMc) and *Houghton* 17–18 Nov (ph. JY, m.ob.) bracketed an Arctic/Pacific at W.P.B.O. 7 Oct (RG et al.). The previous Minnesota high count for Common Loon (1688) was shattered by 2511 at Mille Lacs L. 18 Oct (AH, RJ, PS); W.P.B.O. had 3103 for the season.

Uncommon in Wisconsin, Red-necked Grebes were in three counties, yet 16,253 passed W.P.B.O. (peaking 15 Aug at 2041). Eared Grebes strayed to *Dane*, WI, 24–27 Aug (AS, KBU) and three Michigan locations. A Western Grebe was out of range in *Lake*, MN, 26 Nov+ (JL et al.); Wisconsin had 2 in *Ozaukee* 14 Oct (DT) and singles in *Manitowoc* 3–4 Nov (NC, BH) and *Washington* 25–26 Nov (BD), and Michigan had singles at Duck L., *Grand Traverse*, 1

Aug–5 Sep (RB, KW, AMB, ph. JG., m.ob.) and *New Buffalo*, *Berrien*, 30 Oct (KM). Minnesota reported the only Clark's, lingering from summer until 15 Aug in *Lyon* (RS) and 19 Aug in *Big Stone* (KB, SC, CM), plus one newly discovered at Agassiz N.W.R., *Marshall*, 12 Sep (RJ).

Snowy Egrets graced Minnesota (2), Wisconsin (2), and Michigan (7). The region's only Little Blue Heron was in *Macomb*, MI, 7–8 Aug (AJR). Summer's Tricolored Heron lingered at Nayanquing Pt., *Bay*, MI, through 18 Sep. Cattle Egrets were in four Minnesota and Wisconsin counties and two Michigan counties; the latest were in *Rice*, MN, 4 Nov (m.ob.), and *Houghton*, MI, 11 Nov (JY). *Plegadis* ibis were reported from all three states. In Minnesota, an adult White-faced near Montrose, *Wright*, 19–21 Aug (D&BM, AH, PS), was followed by unidentified ibis in *Anoka* 29–30 Oct (JA, AH) and *Grant* 10 Nov (DG). A well-documented White-faced at Horicon 22 Oct–8 Nov provided Wisconsin's first fall record and 8th overall (TS, DB, m.ob.). For Michigan, *Plegadis* were in *Manistee* 18 Oct (BA), *Washtenaw* 16–24 Oct (m.ob.), and *Wayne* 28 Oct (CFo, MC, JSc). S.M.R.R. counted a seasonal record 33,183 Turkey Vultures.

Waterfowl Through Rails

A Black-bellied Whistling-Duck on Prescott L., *Grant*, 6 Aug (SM) provided Minnesota's 6th record. Ross's Geese remain regionally rare in fall and casual in Michigan; singles were in *Otter Tail*, MN, 14 Oct (RJ), *Barron*, WI, 4 Oct (JP), and *Washtenaw*, MI, 21 Nov (m.ob.). Wisconsin also had 5 at Green Bay 26 Oct (T&IB). Eight Brant were at *New Buffalo*, *Berrien*, MI, 30 Oct (KM).

An imm. male King Eider on Good Harbor Bay, *Cook*, 14–16 Oct (JL et al.) provided the 14th Minnesota record and fit the recent pattern of Oct–Nov occurrences along the North Shore of L. Superior. An eider sp. was at W.P.B.O. 29 Oct (AMB, RG et al.). Harlequin Ducks (5–7) appeared in each state. Wisconsin had only one report of Surf Scoter on L. Michigan. Except for 3325 White-winged at W.P.B.O. for the season, all three scoters were scarce on L. Superior. Long-tailed Ducks included 2000+ in *Manitowoc*, WI, 28 Nov (JR) and 13,803 for the season at W.P.B.O. (peak 1674 on 22 Oct). A male **Barrow's Goldeneye** returned in early Nov to overwinter for the 7th consecutive year at Virmond Park, *Ozaukee*, WI (m.ob.). L. Maria in *Green Lake*, WI, traditionally hosts large numbers of Ruddy Ducks in the fall, but 27,000 staging 31 Oct (TS) was exceptional.

Late Ospreys were in *Washtenaw*, MI, 8 Nov (AZ), *Dane*, WI, 11 Nov (PA), and *Carver*, MN, 18 Nov (R&TD). Michigan's 3rd **Swallow-tailed Kite** in 100 years was near Empire, *Leenalau*, 22–24 Aug (BA, ph. BMU, KW et al.) and briefly in *Benzie* 23 Aug. Previous records are 1924 and 1992; specimens from the 1800s are no longer extant. An adult Mississippi Kite photographed at H.R.N.R. 11 Sep (FN et al.) was the 5th for that location. Sharp-shinned Hawks totaled only 9265 at S.M.R.R., while 15,063 was the lowest at H.R.N.R. since 1990. Seasonal totals for most raptors were down at H.R.N.R. and C.C. At S.M.R.R., 1098 Red-shouldered Hawks was a seasonal record, but 110,195 Broad-winged Hawks was low. Unusual for Michigan's Upper Peninsula were 30,000 Broad-winged at Manistique, *Schoolcraft*, 14–15 Sep (RBA). Wisconsin had 2 Swainson's Hawks, at C.C. 28 Aug (SCU) and 17 Nov (BC), while Michigan had 12 between 5 Sep and 21 Oct at S.M.R.R. Minnesota had Harlan's Hawks in *Otter Tail* 4 Oct (SM, DM) and *Sherburne* 11 Nov (TT); Wisconsin had singles at C.C. 17 & 20 Nov (BC). Other than 116 at H.R.N.R., Golden Eagles were scarce in Minnesota (7) and Wisconsin (2), but 252 (peak 53 on 21 Oct) was record-high at S.M.R.R. An ad. gray Gyrfalcon near Silver Bay, *Lake*, MN, 6 Nov (CM et al.) was followed by another (or the same) at H.R.N.R. 16 Nov (FN). A gray imm. stayed in *Muskegon*, MI, 26 Oct–27 Nov (DS et al., ph. m.ob.).

For the second consecutive fall Bolduan found a migrant Yellow Rail in sw. Minnesota, this year in *Jackson* 28 Sep (BB). Virginia Rails were late in *Dane*, WI, 23 Nov (PA), and *Hillsdale*, MI, 26 Nov (JRe). Increasingly rare in Minnesota, single Common Moorhens were in *Meeker* 26 Aug–3 Sep (DF) and *Blue Earth* 4–23 Sep (DA, BE et al.).

Shorebirds Through Terns

Black-bellied Plovers peaked at 140 in *Alpena*, MI, 20 Oct (KFS), and 148 American Golden-Plovers were in *Polk*, MN, 1 Oct (PS). Wisconsin and Michigan had the only Piping Plovers, one at Nine Springs W.T.P., Madison, 2 Sep (CS) and 2 at Ludington, *Mason*, 19 Aug (BA), respectively. Black-necked Stilts nested at Horicon in 1999, but none were there subsequently until 2 provided the 12th state record 2–3 Sep (DT). American Avocets were late in *Wabasha*, MN, 11 Nov (BF et al.), M.C.G.I 11–17 Nov (KJ, ph. JI et al.), and *Baraga*, MI, 9 Nov (TA). Michigan had 23+ for the season. Each state had 2–3 Whimbrels. Less common in fall, Hudsonian Godwits transited Minnesota (5), Wisconsin (2), and Michigan (8).

SA On 19 August 2000, 12-year-old Kelly Downing discovered a **Manx Shearwater** in her family's front yard in Armada Township, *Macomb*, MI. The bird was brought to the Detroit Zoo for possible rehabilitation, but died on 24 August. The specimen was deposited in the collection of the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, where JHi reported it as a male. Even more interesting, the bird was banded (no. ER 33263 by Kerry Leonard). Internet research by the Downing family revealed that it had been banded as a chick by Copeland Bird Observatory on an island near Belfast, Northern Ireland, 7 September 1991! Records from Copeland indicated no sightings since. Not only does this bird represent a first state and regional record, it may be the only inland occurrence of this species in North America. It does not appear that any notable weather system contributed to this bird's presence in Michigan.—A. Chartier.

Red Knots avoided Minnesota, but Wisconsin had 12 in eight different locations, including late in *Milwaukee* 29 Oct (TW). Michigan's peak was 21 in *Monroe* 4 Sep (AMB). Minnesota's record high 1017 Semipalmated Sandpipers in *Big Stone* 4 Aug (KB) presumably did not overlap with 986 at Big Stone N.W.R. 3 Aug (BO). Accidental in Minnesota (one acceptable record in 10 years!) but apparently more likely elsewhere in our region, single Western Sandpipers were in *Manitowoc*, WI, 7 Oct (DT); *Monroe*, MI, 1 & 4 Sep (AMB, KT); and *Mason*, MI, 16 & 25 Sep (JRa, TVB). Record-high were 1164 Pectoral Sandpipers in *Big Stone*, MN, 15 Aug (KB). A juv. **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** at Green Bay 24 Oct (DT) would be Wisconsin's first if accepted. Scarce compared to last fall, Purple Sandpipers were at Sheboygan, WI, 29–30 Oct (TW), and *Muskegon*, MI, 17 Nov (FD). Stilt Sandpipers peaked at 285 in *Lac Qui Parle*, MN, 1 Sep (KB), while one at Horicon 8 Nov (DT) was late. Nearly 300 Buff-breasted Sandpipers were scattered across 16 Minnesota counties; numbers were also up in Wisconsin (26 in eight locations). Michigan peaks were 21 in *Monroe*, 1 Sep (AMB) and 18 in *Baraga* 10 Sep (JMM). Reversing the normal sequence of migration, a Short-billed Dowitcher was record-late at Horicon 1 Nov (DT) but Long-billeds were early in *Big Stone*, MN, 8 Aug (SC), and *Eau Claire*, WI, 9–10 Aug (JP). A Red Phalarope seen on both sides of the Superior Entry at Wisc. Pt. provided records for Wisconsin and Minnesota 14 Oct (JHo, CJ).

Jaeger reports were up in all three states. A juv. Pomarine in Duluth 23 Sep (KE, PS) was the 13th for Minnesota. Another was at Wisc. Pt. 8 Oct (SP, CW). Minnesota had 9 more jaegers, about half Parasitic and the rest unidentified. At least 7 Parasitics were at Wisc. Pt. 21–23 Sep (v.ob.). W.P.B.O. carefully identified 20 of 54 jaegers as Parasitics; elsewhere in Michigan were 3 more Parasitics and 4 jaeger species. Best of all was the **Long-tailed Jaeger** at New Buffalo, *Berrien*, MI, 17 Nov (KM, AMB).

Franklin's Gulls peaked at 19,300 on L. Osakis in *Todd* and *Douglas*, MN, 15 Sep (KB). They turned up in five Wisconsin locations, including 4 at Green Bay 20 Oct (JR). Michigan had 2 in *Berrien* 22 Oct (KM). Juv. Little Gulls were at Duluth 21 Aug (PS) and French L., *Hennepin*, 30 Aug–2 Sep (SC, m.ob.), both Minnesota. Michigan had one at Tiscornia Beach, *Berrien*, 26 Aug (KM) and at least 4 more on L. Michigan in Nov. An adult **Black-headed Gull** at the n. end of Spirit L. in *Jackson*, MN, 8 Oct (ph. AH, PS) was the location where 1–2 adults were seen last year.

SA An unprecedented flight of Sabine's Gulls was noted on L. Superior from Wisc. Pt. 21–24 Sep during a Wisconsin Society for Ornithology weekend outing (TS, DT, CW et al.). Astounding for the Great Lakes Basin was the flock of 19 on 21 Sep. Observers were further amazed 23 Sep when 11 and 18 were seen simultaneously. All but 3 of these 29 Sabine's streamed past the Superior Entry into Minnesota waters (PS), and all but 3 or 4 were juveniles. While it is clear that at least 29 birds were present at one time, the total was probably higher. The last straggler was a juvenile 24 Sep (PS). The previous high counts for Minnesota (3) and Wisconsin (4) were paltry in comparison. Two juveniles in *Wilkin*, MN, 9–15 Oct (PS et al.), one in *Milwaukee*, WI, 5 Nov (SL), and 4 at W.P.B.O. between 7 & 15 Oct brought the regional total to at least three dozen for the season.

For the second consecutive year, a **Mew Gull** was found in *Milwaukee*, WI, this time an adult *brachyrhynchus* 11 Nov+ (ph. JI & SL). A second-winter California Gull at Bradford Beach, *Milwaukee*, 5 Nov (SL) would provide the 5th Wisconsin record, if accepted. In Minnesota, adult Thayer's Gulls were record-early at L. Calhoun, *Hennepin*, 23 Sep (PB) and Duluth 24 Sep (PS). Thayer's were in seven e. Wisconsin locations, while Michigan



The equal of the Middlewestern Prairie's Red-cockaded Woodpecker (see the Pictorial Highlights) for bizarre record of fall 2000, this Manx Shearwater was found alive at Armada Township, *Macomb*, Michigan, 19 August 2000. Rehabilitation failed; the specimen, an adult male, is now at the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. Remarkably, the bird had been banded as a chick near Belfast, Northern Ireland, in September 1991. Photograph by Dean Downing.

had 2 in *Muskegon* 25 Nov (PC). A juv. Iceland Gull in *Cook* 27 Nov (PS) was the only reported in Minnesota all year, but Michigan had 3 in Nov. The usual adult Lesser Black-backed Gull for the Twin Cities appeared at L. Calhoun, *Hennepin*, MN, 15 Oct+ (PB et al.) Up to 3 were in Milwaukee, and one was in Madison, presumably returning, beginning 1 Oct (v.o.). Michigan reported at least 24 in eight counties. Great Black-backed Gull remains rare in Minnesota, but immatures at Black Dog L., *Dakota*, 24 Nov+ (D&BS) and Duluth 26 Nov (PS) were at locations where most frequently found in past years Wisconsin had reports from Green Bay (JR) plus three other locations, including 4 in *Manitowoc* 21 Nov (DT).

Minnesota had possibly the same imm Black-legged Kittiwake at Grand Marais, *Cook*, 21 Oct (DBz et al.) and Two Harbors, *Lake*, 30 Oct–2 Nov (PS, AH et al.); Michigan had an amazing 22 in four counties, including 11 for the season at W.P.B.O. and 6 at New Buffalo, *Berrien*, 22 Nov (KM, AMB, PC). An ad **Arctic Tern** was documented on both sides of the Minnesota/Wisconsin state line at Wisc. Pt. 21 & 23 Sep (TS, CW et al.). It provided a first fall record for Minnesota and the latest-ever for Wisconsin.

Doves Through Woodpeckers

Among several purported **Eurasian Collared-Doves** in Minnesota only one was substantiated, at Odessa, *Big Stone*, 30 Sep–9 Oct (KE et al.). Providing only the 3rd Michigan record was a **Common Ground-Dove** near Vermilion, *Chippewa*, 30 Sep–3 Oct (RG, ph AMB & JMc, m.ob.). Exceptionally late was a Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Milwaukee, WI, 28 Oct (AS). Rare throughout the region, a Barn Owl was at M.C.G.I. 4 Nov (BM, NC et al.). By the end of Nov, it became clear that a major influx of "northern" owls was underway, with 32 Snowy, 75 Great Gray, 34 Northern Hawk, and 34 Boreal Owls in Minnesota alone Michigan had 4 hawk owls in *Chippewa* and one in *Manistee* 27 Nov+ (BA, m.ob.). An injured Boreal Owl in Superior, *Douglas*, 7 Oct (LE) provided Wisconsin's first October record. W.P.B.O. banded an incredible 176 Boreals between 25 Sep and 31 Oct, including 10 on the former date and 19 on 9 Oct Common Nighthawk peaks remain low in the region, though Nicoletti counted 3120 in just 45 minutes at Lakewood, *St. Louis*, MN, 22 Aug. One was late in Dearborn, *Wayne*, MI, 16 Oct (JAC). Providing the first Michigan record since 1980–1981, an extremely late **Chuck-will's-widow** was found dead at W.P.B.O. 18 Oct (ph. RG).

Hummingbirds made news in Wisconsin, headlined by the state's first **Broad-billed Hummingbird**, a stunning male at the Frerik's feeder in Waupun 22–31 Oct (m.ob., ph. JB). No fewer than *four Selasphorus* were in Wisconsin. A subadult male Rufous was at Neenah, *Winnebago*, 26 Oct–4 Nov (ph. DKu, m.ob.), while *Selasphorus* species were in Saukville, *Ozaukee*, 13 Sept–28 Oct. (ph. TU, m.ob.), elsewhere in *Ozaukee* 8 Nov (ph. JI), and *Milwaukee* 17 Nov (SD). Michigan had the region's only other rare hummer, a Rufous in Bridgman, *Berrien*, 26 Oct–20 Nov (KM). A recent burn in *Douglas*, WI, created excellent woodpecker habitat; one Three-toed was adequately documented (MZ) and up to 6 Black-backed were also seen (AS, DB).

Flycatchers Through Waxwings

Late Oct and early Nov were outstanding for vagrant flycatchers in the region. Wisconsin's 3rd **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** was at Patrick Marsh, *Dane*, 27–30 Oct (m.ob, ph. JB). Next came Wisconsin's first **Ash-throated**

Flycatcher, in *Kewaunee* 30 Oct–2 Nov (JR et al., ph. JB). Last but not least was Minnesota's 2nd **Ash-throated**, at Two Harbors, *Lake*, 3–5 Nov (MH et al., ph. PS), exactly 10 years to the day after that state's first (*Am. Birds* 45:107).

Loggerhead Shrikes were in four Minnesota counties, most notably late and unexpected in *Cook* 29 Oct (KE), but even later in *Dakota* 13 Nov (D&BS). Always rare in Wisconsin, reports came from traditional nesting areas in *Oconto* (J&KS) and *Door* (R&CL). One near Standish, *Arenac*, MI, 10 Sep (SS) is under review. For the first time in many years, a Tufted Titmouse strayed to Duluth, MN, 25 Sep (DK). Five Carolina Wrens in Minnesota reflected mild winters, but 2 seemed low for Wisconsin. Continuing the recent pattern of fall vagrancy along the North Shore of L. Superior were 2 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers in Duluth, but unexpected was Minnesota's latest ever in *Houston* 15 Nov (FL). W.P.B.O. had 7 in Oct.

No fewer than 9 Townsend's Solitaires were in Minnesota, all ne. except in *Norman* 15 Oct

SA During a season of spectacular vagrants in Wisconsin, a **Rufous-crowned Sparrow** may have been the most incredible. A sedentary species with no pattern of vagrancy outside its range, one appeared at the Gross' feeder at Mukwonago, *Waukesha*, 25–26 Nov (vt. MG). It was identified by Idzikowski from the videotape, but unfortunately the bird disappeared before it could be seen by others. The consensus among those who viewed the tape (JI, TS, JH) was that the condition of its plumage did not suggest captive release. Documentation will be reviewed by the records committee, who will make the final determination as to origin. Regardless of their decision, this will likely be remembered as one of the most bizarre records in Wisconsin ornithological history.—J. Hansen.

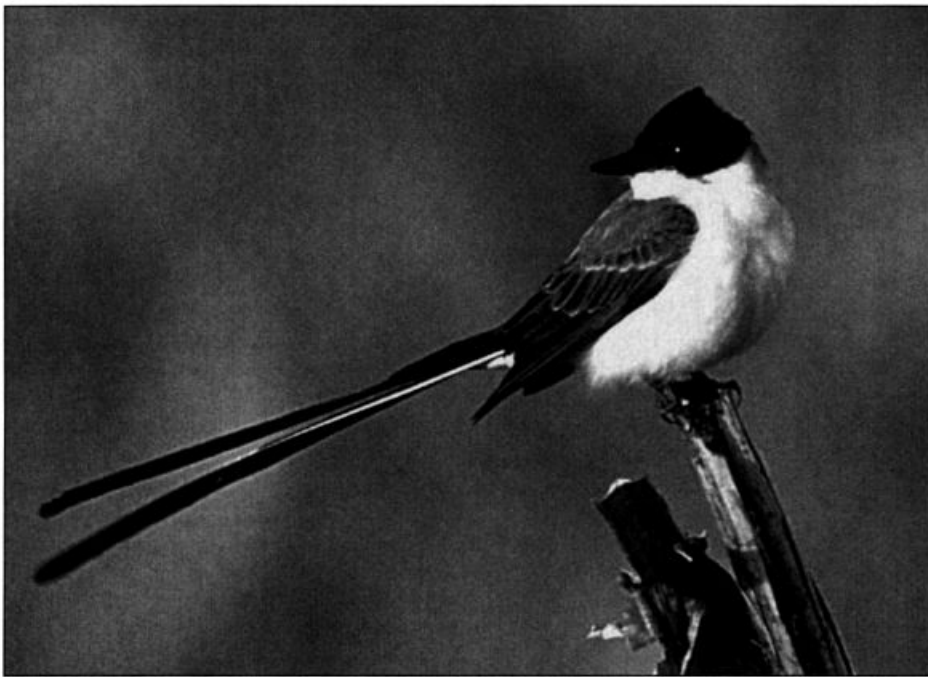
(MO, CN) and 2 in *Hennepin*. Two were at Wisconsin's traditional wintering area, Devil's Lake S.P., 4 Nov+ (*fide* JH), and singles were at W.P.B.O. 21 & 28 Oct (AMB, m.ob.). *Catharus* thrush migration was poor throughout the Region. Minnesota had 2 Varied Thrushes, including an early one in *Carver* 7 Oct (ST). Rare for Michigan were singles at Pentwater, *Oceana*, 17 Oct (DW) and Grand Haven Township, *Ottawa*, 16–17 Nov (LD, ph. CF). American Pipits peaked at 600+ along 2.5 mi of roadside in *Murray*, MN, 1 Nov (ND). Bohemian Waxwings were scarce, though one was early at W.P.B.O. 25 Sep.

Warblers Through Finches

Lingering warblers were too numerous to mention. A Northern Parula was record-late for n Minnesota in *Lake* 4 Nov (KE). Also late were Cape May Warblers in *Portage*, WI, 2 Nov (MB), and *Iosco*, MI, 26 Oct (JZ). Michigan had single Prairie Warblers in *Wayne* 13 Sep (WP) and *Keweenaw* 19 & 21 Sep (LCB). Not previously relocated, June's Yellow-throated Warbler was at William O'Brien S.P., *Washington*, MN, 2 Aug (AH, RJ). Almost record-late was the Bay-breasted Warbler in *Hennepin*, MN, 29 Oct (TT). A Common Yellowthroat lingering in *Rice*, MN, 17 Nov (TB) presumably survived, but one was picked up dead in Duluth 22 Nov (*fide* KE). In spite of being found along the North Shore of L. Superior for three consecutive Octobers, 1997–1999, Minnesota's only Summer Tanager came to a feeder in Faribault, *Rice*, 15–25 Nov (TB). One in *Marquette*, WI, through 9 Aug (JM) had been present all summer.



This gray immature Gyrfalcon at Muskegon Wastewater System, Muskegon, Michigan, proved more cooperative than most other birds of this near-mythic species. It remained 26 October–27 November 2000, allowing numerous individuals to observe it. The image was captured on 10 November. *Photograph by James Ponshair.*



Wisconsin's 3rd Fork-tailed Flycatcher was at Dane City 27-30 October 2000; it was photographed 28 October. Photograph by Jack Bartholmai.

Exceptional numbers of migrating Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were detected in Minnesota (23+ in six counties) and Wisconsin (max. 9 at M.C.G.I.). Unexpected in ne. Minnesota, multiple Oct reports of Smith's Longspurs in *Cook Lake*, and *St. Louis* (v.o.) were newsworthy. The male **Painted Bunting** present since early May in *Hennepin*, MN, was last seen 9 Aug (MAN).

Bardon's near-record 179 Bobolinks in *Wilkin*, MN, 15 Sep, almost equaled 200 at *Shiawassee* 13 Sep (BG, CSz). In Minnesota, no fewer than 4 orioles, presumably all Baltimore, lingered into late Nov at feeders; Bullock's was ruled out by Janssen for one in *Todd* 4-22 Nov. Another Baltimore was extremely late in *Berrien*, MI, 28 Nov+ (ph. JTW, KM). Apart from Pine Siskins, winter finches were very scarce. An **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** continued in *Clay*, MN, through at least 1 Sep (*vide* AH).

Non-natives

Though not "countable" in any sense, a pair of Whooping Cranes wandered to *Sanilac*, Michigan, from the reintroduction program in Florida. They arrived in late May and left in mid-Nov, heading southeast through Ontario and Ohio. Details were published in "Michigan's Whooping Cranes" by George Archibald (2000, *The ICF Bugle* 25(4):3).-A. Chartier.

Corrigenda/Addenda

Michigan, 1997: Add Western Grebe in *Marquette* 14-16 Nov (LT et al.); 3 eider species at W.P.B.O. 26 Oct; Mississippi Kite at S.M.R.R. 5 Sep; Gyrfalcon at S.M.R.R. 9 Nov; ad. California Gull at New Buffalo, *Berrien*, 27 Nov

(RTC); and Townsend's Solitaire at W.P.B.O. 7 Nov (KB, GB). Delete the Tricolored Heron (possible hybrid), King Eider, Gyrfalcon at Thorn L., and Black-legged Kittiwake at Metrobeach. Carl Freeman (not LR) photographed the Rufous Hummingbird. Observers for Say's Phoebe should be AMB, JBy, KB.

Michigan, fall 1998: Add Pomarine Jaeger at W.P.B.O. 7 Sep (KT, LDo), and female Western Tanager at *Fayette, Delta*, 23 Nov-6 Dec (ph. B. Collins). Delete Ruff at P.M., California Gull in *Charlevoix*, and Townsend's Solitaire at W.P.B.O.. Change Brambling record from Michigan to Minnesota. In *Changing Seasons* (*N. Am. Birds* 53:12-19) add an additional 1000+ Franklin's Gulls in at least 20 Michigan counties to Figure 3.

Fall 1999: For Minnesota, delete Red-throated Loon in *Rice*, Glaucous-winged Gull in Grand Marais, and undocumented Band-tailed Pigeon at H.R.N.R. Observer for Long-tailed Ducks at Presque Isle Lighthouse, MI, should be WG.

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