

# PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS



This Curlew Sandpiper delighted many observers at Whitewater Lake, Manitoba between 2 and 7 June, while frustrating a few Manitoba birders "stranded" at Churchill for the week! *Photograph by Dennis Fast.*



Completely unexpected this summer was the discovery of nesting Boreal Owls in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. This image of a juvenile bird was captured 4 August 2001 near the summit of Mount Pierce. Other northern owls (Northern Hawk Owl and Great Gray Owl) also nested well south of typical range in other regions, following a remarkable winter invasion of all three species. *Photograph by Steve Mirick*



This dapper Brown-headed Nuthatch was present from 11 July through 15 September at Illinois Beach State Park, the same site occupied by last year's unbelievable Red-cockaded Woodpecker! The nuthatch provided Illinois's first confirmed record. *Photograph by David B. Johnson.*



One of two birds present, this somewhat ragged Cave Swallow at Cheyenne Bottoms, Barton County, Kansas raises prospects that they may be breeding in the Region. The cinnamon auriculars (not dark, as in juvenile Cliff Swallow), pattern of face/cap and early wing molt indicate Cave Swallow. *Photograph by Ted Cable.*



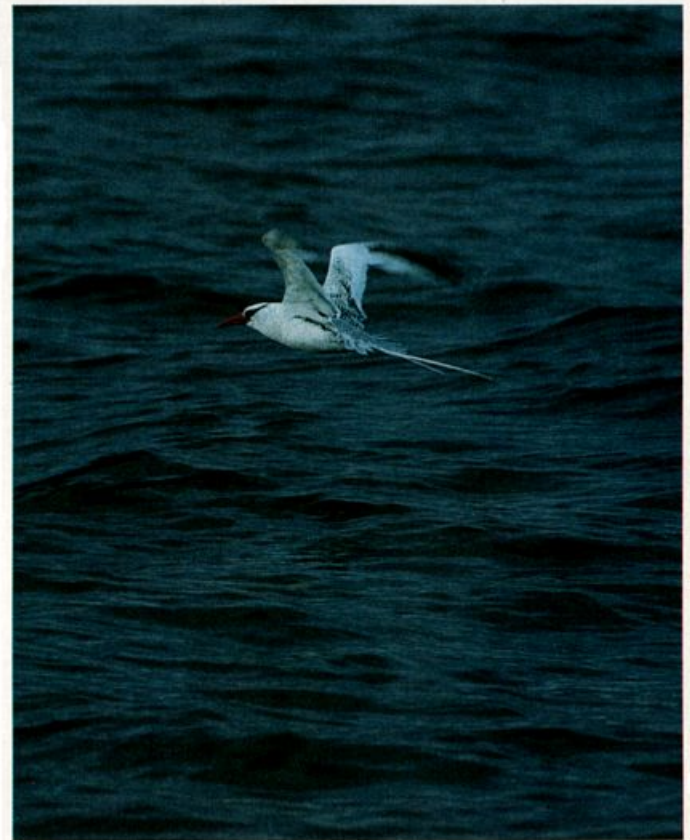
The second documented record for North Dakota, this male Yellow-throated Warbler was photographed 8 June 2001 in the Ponderosa Pine Area of Slope County in the southwestern corner of the state. *Photograph by Jack Leflor.*



The second Elegant Tern in New Mexico was found at Farmington 18 July 2001, just two months after the state's first record. *Photograph by T. Reeves.*



This juvenile Short-tailed Albatross was photographed 24 March 2001 at Perpetua Bank, off Newport, Oregon. This record constitutes the state's third but first photographically documented. *Photograph by Timothy Shelmerdine.*

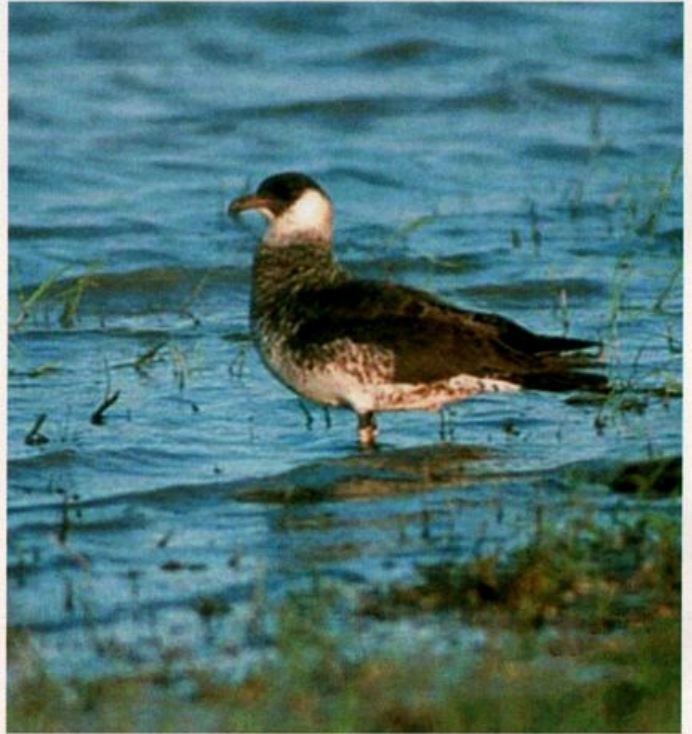


This adult Red-billed Tropicbird was one of 15 to 20 seen off China Point on San Clemente Island on 29 July 2001. *Photograph by Brian Sullivan.*

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This Shy Albatross photographed over Bodega Canyon, Marin on 27 July 2001 may be the same individual, or one of the same individuals, involved in multiple sightings in the same waters in 2000, but this has yet to be determined. Amazingly, this is the third year in a row in which this species has occurred in California waters. *Photograph by Dan W. Nelson.*



A Pomarine Jaeger at Lubbock on the first of July 2001 represents the first record of this species for the High Plains of Texas. Are Pomarine Jaegers the most likely summer jaeger in the continent's interior? Read the "Changing Seasons" essay for thoughts on jaegers and more. *Photograph by John Brunjes.*



This digiscoped image taken on 20 July nicely documents Colorado's first Black Skimmer from Jet Lake, Kiowa County, which remained 19-21 July. The species was also found as a vagrant in New Mexico this summer. *Photograph by Chris Wood.*



One of up to seven immature Black-legged Kittiwakes near San José del Cabo 4-8 July 2001. Even one kittiwake in Mexico would seem a good find, but seven in summer is extraordinary! *Photograph by Alvaro Jaramillo.*



The *yumanensis* subspecies of the Clapper Rail is a taxon federally listed as Endangered; its status in Nevada was virtually unknown until the late 1990s. In recent years, however, this furtive denizen of emergent wetlands has been documented as a breeder at various sites in the Colorado River drainage above Lake Mead. This bird was photographed at Overton Wildlife Management Area. *Photograph by Jack Walters.*



The shorebird highlight of the summer in California was this alternate-plumaged Red-necked Stint at Moss Landing, Monterey County photographed on 14 July. *Photograph by John Sorensen.*



With only about 14 previous Northern Hawk Owl sightings in Idaho, the report of a hawk owl found by Earl Chapin on 7 July 2001 at Snow Lake—a remote cirque lake in the Selkirk Mountains of Boundary County—was truly exciting. News of this find enticed Pocatello birder Marty Collar to make the long trip north to Snow Lake, where he then discovered Idaho's first nesting pair of Northern Hawk Owls with two small nestlings on 12-14 July. This image of fledgling was taken 18 July. *Photograph by Larry Barnes.*



This Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet photographed at Cibolo Creek Ranch on 19 July 2001 was a first for West Texas and well away from its normal haunts of the Lower Rio Grande Valley in that state. It was so far out of range, in fact, that observers wondered whether it might not have strayed from western Mexican populations. *Photograph by Barry Zimmer.*



One of four Chestnut-sided Warblers reported at the end of spring and early summer in the Yukon/British Columbia Region, this individual furnished the first record for the Sunshine Coast; it was present 16 June to 1 July. *Photograph by Chris Charlesworth.*



This fledgling Northern Wheatear was one of a brood of six raised at Cape Pine, Newfoundland. This location is 700 km south of the southern breeding limit at Black Tickle, Labrador. *Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.*