

Jul. A complete surprise was provided by the subad. male **White-winged Crossbill** present at a feeder in Tega Cay, L. Wylie, York, SC 6-8 Jun (LC; TP, v. o.). Interestingly, this bird was apparently present there for four days in late May as well.

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LOONS THROUGH SPOONBILL

Single Common Loons were found at Honeymoon I. S.R.A. 21 Jun (KA et al.) and off Alligator Pt., *Franklin* 29 Jun (JM). Fifty-four Cory's Shearwaters and 18 Wilson's Storm-Petrels were found 40 km se. of Port Canaveral, *Brevard* 3 Jul (DG, WB et al). A Greater Shearwater was retrieved from an air-conditioning duct at Jacksonville International Airport 22 Jun (PL). A Red-footed Booby was at Dry Tortugas N.P. 21 Jun–20 Jul (EH, JD, TD et al.). Single Northern Gannets were found off Alligator Pt., *Franklin* 16 Jun (JM) and at Ft. Myers Beach, *Lee* 24 Jul (WW, CE, WD), and likely the same individual was found incapacitated 26 Jul nearby at Sanibel I. Summering American White Pelicans were found at eight locations, with 770 at L. Apopka R.A., *Orange* 23 Jun (HR), particularly impressive. Brown Pelicans were found well inland at Mulberry, *Polk* 11 Jun (TP), L. Istokpoga, *Highlands* 14 Jun (MM), and *Polk* phosphate mines (PF) Unusual in summer was an American Bittern at Orlando Wetlands Park, *Orange* 7 Jun (TR). A good count of 20 Least Bitterns was made at L. Monroe Conservation Area, *Volusia* 8 Jun (LM). A "Great White Heron" was well n. of its typical range at Newnans L., *Alachua* 13 Jul (JH, MMA, HA). Also well n. of normal was a "Wurdeemann's Heron" 20 Jun at L. Alfred, *Polk* (AP) and 7 Reddish Egrets at Huguenot Memorial Park, *Duval* 3 Jul (RC) A second-summer **White-faced Ibis** was at L. Apopka R.A. 12 Jun (HR). With all the addi-

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Rainfall in June and July was heavy, replenishing drought-diminished wetlands and possibly signaling an end to the persistent drought. The problem this summer was finding appropriate shorebird habitat due to too

much rain, a welcome change. In the Jacksonville area, beach nesters suffered from high tides aggravated by several northeasters. Of special note, Harry Robinson conducted his 400th survey at L. Apopka Restoration Area.

Abbreviations/definitions: C.P. (county park); report (any observation); record (only those reports verifiable from photograph,

tional water around, Roseate Spoonbills were reported more often inland, as well as in n. Florida, with reports from *Wakulla* and *Leon*.

WHISTLING-DUCKS THROUGH PLOVERS

Two Fulvous Whistling Ducks at Newnans L. 16–23 Jun (MMA, BS et al.) were n. of normal Black-bellied Whistling Ducks continue to increase in the state, with reports from six counties away from their *Sarasota* stronghold Fifty at Newnans L., *Alachua* 5 Jun (MMe) and two reports from *Leon* (MC, TE) were particularly noteworthy. A pair of Wood Ducks was found on Loop Road, *Monroe* 23 Jul (RD), perhaps the first summer report for *Monroe*. Two Blue-winged Teal were at L. Apopka R.A. 5 Jun (HR); 3 were at *Polk* phosphate mines 8 Jul (PF), and one was at *Viera*, *Brevard* 14 Jul (DS). Single Northern Shovelers were at *Polk* phosphate mines 16 Jun (PT, CG), *St. Marks N.W.R.* 1–25 Jun (JD), and L. Apopka R.A. 21–25 Jul (HR). A Ring-necked Duck was found at *Polk* phosphate mines 16 Jun (PT, CG). A Lesser Scaup was at L. Apopka R.A. to 10 Jul (HR), and 2 summered in *Pinellas* (*fide* RS). Two Redheads lingered at *St. Marks N.W.R.* until 20 Jun, with one remaining until 25 Jun (JD et al.), while another was found at *New Port Richey*, *Pasco* 12 Jul (KT). A female Hooded Merganser was at *Viera* 17 Jul (DS). Five Ruddy Ducks were at *Polk* phosphate mines 8 Jul (PF), while another was at *Viera* 21 Jul (DS)

Thirteen Swallow-tailed Kites were w. of *Branford*, *Lafayette* 12 Jul (SK), and 82 were near *South Bay*, *Palm Beach* 21 Jul (MK). Five pairs of White-tailed Kites built six nests at *Kissimmee Prairie Preserve S.P.*, *Okeechobee* in May and Jun (CT et al.). Two male Snail Kites were at *Lake Istokpoga* 30 Jun (MM). Single Mississippi Kites were reported from *Crystal River*, *Citrus* 3 Jun (MG) and s. *Jacksonville*, *Duval* 15 Jun (JC). Fifteen Bald Eagles were at L. Apopka R.A. 1 Jun (DF, JCI), while a Northern Harrier was at *Kissimmee Prairie Preserve S.P.* 25 Jul (CT, PM). An ad. Short-tailed Hawk was at *Lettuce Lake Park*, *Hillsborough* 20 Jul (BA, RW). A Broad-winged Hawk nest at *Gainesville*, *Alachua* fledged young 11 Jul (ES, MP). An ad. and juv. Crested Caracara were at *Palm Bay*, *Brevard* 16 Jun (DS). Summering American Kestrels were at L. Apopka R.A. (HR), *Brandon*, *Hillsborough* (BP, DP), and *Pasco* (BP, DP). A Peregrine Falcon was found at *Green Key*, *New Port Richey*, *Pasco* 19–20 Jul (KT, JMCK). Forty-eight Northern Bobwhite were found at L. Apopka R.A. 5 Jun (HR), and a Black Rail was heard calling from

“semi-native prairie” at *Buck I. Ranch*, *Highlands* 23 Jul (MM). Forty-seven Purple Gallinules and one American Coot were at L. Apopka R.A. 3 Jul (HR). Two adult Sandhill Cranes with a juvenile were s. of normal at *Frog Pond W.M.A.*, *Miami-Dade* 28 Jul (RD). Plovers at L. Apopka R.A. included 3 Black-bellied and 4 Semipalmateds 10 Jun (HR). Eight ad. and 2 juv. Snowy Plovers and 40 Wilson’s Plovers were at *Little Estero Lagoon*, *Ft. Myers Beach*, *Lee* 27 Jul (CE), while 41 other Wilson’s were at *Huguenot Memorial Park*, *Duval* 3 Jul (RC). Another Semipalmated Plover was found 9 Jun at *Newnans L.* (RR).

OYSTERCATCHER THROUGH SKIMMERS

An impressive 50 American Oystercatchers were at *Little Estero Lagoon* 17 Jul (CE). A Black-necked Stilt nest with 4 eggs at *Springhill Road S.T.F.*, *Tallahassee* 10 Jun established the first breeding report for *Leon* (GM). Single American Avocets were at L. Apopka R.A. 2–23 Jun and 21 Jul (HR), *Ft. Green Springs*, *Hardee* 22 Jun (PG), and *Spoonbill Pond*, *Duval* 13 Jul (PL), while an impressive 248 were found at *Polk* phosphate mines 8 Jul (PF). Seven Greater Yellowlegs were at *Springhill Road S.T.F.* 16 Jun (GM), while one lingered until 26 Jun at *St. Marks N.W.R.* (JM). A Greater Yellowlegs at *Ft. De Soto C.P.* 3 Jul (LS, RS) was either an early returnee or a late lingerer; up to 10 southbound birds were at L. Apopka R.A. (HR) by the end of the season. The first returning Lesser Yellowlegs were 11 Jul at *Little Estero Lagoon* (CE) and 10 Jul at L. Apopka R.A., with up to 23 there by the end of the season (HR). Four Solitary Sandpipers were at L. Apopka R.A. 25 Jul (HR), with 4 others at *Springhill Road S.T.F.* 25 Jul (*fide* GM). Seventeen pairs of Willets were found at *Huguenot Memorial Park*, *Duval* (RC). Two Spotted Sandpipers were at L. Apopka R.A. 2 Jun (HR), with singles there 25–31 Jul (HR) and at *Ormond Beach*, *Volusia* 25 Jun (LM).

Three Whimbrels were at *Huguenot Memorial Park*, *Duval* 3 Jul (RC), while one was at *Green Key*, *New Port Richey* 13–27 Jul (JMCK). A Marbled Godwit was found at *Green Key* 13 Jul (KT). A single Red Knot was at *Huguenot Memorial Park* 26 Jun (RC), while 7 were at *Little Estero Lagoon* 11 Jul (CE). Northbound Semipalmated Sandpipers lingered until 12 Jun at L. Apopka R.A. (HR), with the first southbound individuals found 15 Jul at *Springhill Road S.T.F.* (*fide* GM). At L. Apopka R.A., the first southbound Western Sandpiper was seen 14 Jul, while Least Sandpipers lingered until 10 Jun and

returned 10 Jul (HR). Three White-rumped Sandpipers were at *Wesley Chapel*, *Pasco* 2 Jun (RW), with 13 at *Newnans L.*, *Alachua* 4 Jun (IS), and 8 on 10 Jun and 2 on 12 Jun at L. Apopka R.A. (HR). A truly impressive total of over 100 White-rumped were at *Homestead Racetrack*, *Miami-Dade* 2 Jun (JB, PB). Two Pectoral Sandpipers were at L. Apopka R.A. 14 Jul, with 21 there 28 Jul (HR), while 8 were at *Springhill Road S T F* 15 Jul (*fide* GM). Single Dunlins were at *Bunche Beach*, *Lee* 12 & 19 Jul (WW, B&CP) and at *Crandon Beach*, *Miami-Dade* 21 Jun (RD). Up to 7 Buff-breasted Sandpipers were at *Homestead*, *Miami-Dade* 1–4 Jun (JB, CS), possible the latest spring report for Florida. Other shorebirds at L. Apopka R.A. were 14 Stilt Sandpipers 25 Jul, 9 Short-billed Dowitchers 10 Jun, and a Long-billed Dowitcher 28 Jul (HR). Other Short-billed Dowitchers were at two sites in *New Port Richey*: 8 at *Gulf Harbors* 12 Jul (JMCK) and 9 at *Green Key* 14 Jul (KT). A Wilson’s Snipe was at *Kissimmee Prairie Preserve S P* in early Jul (PS), and an American Woodcock was found in a *Tallahassee* yard 9 Jul (HH)

Huguenot Memorial Park hosted 3300 Laughing Gulls with many nests 8 Jul, one Lesser Black-backed Gull 11 Jun (and 4 on 8 Jul), and 9 Great Black-backed Gulls 17 Jun (RC). Seven other Great Black-backed were at *Jetty Park*, *Brevard* 20 Jul (DS), and a Herring Gull was at L. Apopka R.A. 23 Jun (HR). *Crandon Beach*, *Miami-Dade* played host to an unusual accumulation of gulls for s. Florida, with a Ring-billed 27 Jul, a Herring all summer, and up to 8 Lesser Black-backed all summer (RD). Twenty-four pairs of Gull-billed Terns were at *Bird Is.*, *Nassau*, but only one chick survived (PL). Fourteen Gull-billed Terns with 7 young were at *Polk* phosphate mines 8 Jul (PF). Seventeen hundred Royal Terns were found at *Huguenot Memorial Park* 8 Jul (RC), while one was inland at L. Apopka R.A. 10 Jul (HR). A Sandwich Tern originally banded at *Kure Beach*, *North Carolina* in 2001 was found dead at *Ten Thousand Islands N.W.R.*, *Collier* 14 Jun (KC). A Roseate Tern was seen 23 Jun at *Sebastian Inlet*, *Brevard* (DD). Common Terns are unusual in Florida in the summer, so reports from L. Apopka R.A., *Duval*, *Nassau*, *Pinellas*, and *St. Johns* were quite unusual, with 15 in *Nassau Sound* 29 Jul (PL) being the largest number. Least Terns have taken to nesting on rooftops, with 40+ in *S Jacksonville* (JC), and 200+ and 30+ birds on two rooftops at *Fleming Island*, *Clay* (LMCC). On the negative side, no Least Terns nested at *Anastasia S.P.*, *St. Johns* (*fide* PP) or *Huguenot*

Memorial Park (RC), and only few nested at Guana River S.P., *St. Johns* (fide PP). Two Bridled Terns and one Sooty Tern were 40 km se of Port Canaveral 3 Jul (DG, WB et al.). More than 100 Black Terns were seen in Nassau Sound 29 Jun (PL), too late for northbound birds, so surely indicative of southbound birds, either nonbreeders or failed breeders, though not much earlier than mid-Jul average arrivals. A "large colony" of Black Skimmers at Bird Is. was washed out by extremely high tides 22 Jun; the birds renested, peaking at 600 ads., but all but 51 young were lost to high tides in Jul (PL).

DOVES THROUGH FINCHES

White-winged Doves have increased in the n. Peninsula, with reports from *Marion*, *Columbia*, *Hernando*, *Levy*, and *Alachua* (vo) Up to 22 individuals at four sites in *Columbia* was the highest number reported (RR) At L. Apopka R.A., Robinson recorded highs of 824 Mourning Doves 23 Jun and 63 Common Ground-Doves 2 Jun. A **Key West Quail-Dove** was at Long Key S.P., *Monroe* 19 Jun–7 Jul (JP, PR, JPu et al.). A report of Mangrove Cuckoo heard and glimpsed 5 Jul and heard twice in response to tape 14 Jul at Green Key, New Port Richey, *Pasco* (KT, JMCK) would represent the northernmost presumed breeding birds in Florida. Up to 7 Mangrove Cuckoos at J. N. "Ding" Darling NWR. (BA, CE et al.) and 3 at Weedon I. County Preserve, *Pinellas* (RS et al.) were at expected locations.

A Burrowing Owl at Viera, *Brevard* 14 Jul (DS) was the first at that location in five years An "Antillean" Short-eared Owl was found at Plantation, *Broward* 4 Jun (JH, WG). Seven Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in a St. Augustine yard 21 Jun (JHo) was a high number for summer. Returning Belted Kingfishers were found in St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve, *Indian River* on 20 Jun (DS), with one reaching *Collier* by 18 Jul (TD). Fourteen Gray Kingbirds found along Green Key Road, New Port Richey (RSm) was a high count. A migrant Yellow-throated Vireo was at L. Apopka R.A. 31 Jul (HR), while 12 breeding Black-whiskered Vireos 11 Jul at "Ding" Darling N.W.R. were a good count (BA). Two early migrant Red-eyed Vireos were at West Kendall 16 Jul (JB). Gathering for their southward migration, 450 Purple Martins were at Viera 14 Jul (DS). Two Tree Swallows were at L. Apopka R.A. 3 Jul (HR). Northern Rough-winged Swallows were found in the vicinity of a presumed nesting burrow 9 Jun along Moses Cr., *St. Johns* (ES); additional Rough-wingeds were reported from *Orange*,

Brevard, and *Polk*, but with no evidence of breeding. A Bank Swallow was at L. Apopka R.A. 25–28 Jul (HR), while Cliff Swallows were there 17 Jul (3) and 21 Jul (2; HR). A Barn Swallow was at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve S.P. 19 Jul (PS, PM, CT).

Fifteen Marsh Wrens were observed from an airboat at Werner–Boyce Salt Springs S.P., *Pasco* 3 Jul (KT). Two Wood Thrushes, one singing, were at Ponce De Leon Springs S.R.A., *Holmes* 2 Jun (DS). An American Robin was in Gainesville 4 Jul (RR, NR). The first migrant Northern Parulas were found 7 Jul in *Pinellas* (JF), while the first migrant Yellow Warbler was at St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve, *Indian River* 18 Jul (DS). A Cuban Golden Warbler was at Gullivan Key, Ten Thousand Islands N.W.R., *Collier* 6 Jun (TD). Migrant warblers at L. Apopka R.A. were Yellow-throateds 17 & 31 Jul, one Prairie 15 Jul, and a Palm on 30 Jun (HR). The latter observation is somewhat baffling, as it is too late for a northbound bird and much too early for a southbound bird. Two other Prairies were at St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve, *Indian River* 15 Jul (DS). The first southward bound Black-and-white Warbler was found 2 Jul at Cedar Key (DH), with numerous others thereafter at several locations (v.o.). An American Redstart 2 Jun at L. Apopka R.A. (HR) was a late lingerer, while the first fall returnee was found there 25 Jul (HR). The first southbound Prothonotary Warbler was found 25 Jul at Seminole, *Pinellas* (JF), and the first Louisiana Waterthrush was at Tallahassee 21 Jun (FR). A singing Hooded Warbler was at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve, *Citrus* 5 Jun (A&BH), while the first migrant was at Seminole, *Pinellas* 16 Jul (JF). Single singing Yellow-breasted Chats were at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve 5 Jun (A&BH) and at Sunnyhill Farms R.A., *Marion* 16 Jun (ES, IS). A seasonal total of 35 Yellow-breasted Chats was found at L. Apopka R.A., with 21 there on 10 Jun (HR).

Twenty Seaside Sparrows were observed from an airboat at Werner–Boyce Salt Springs S.P., *Pasco* 3 Jul (KT). Four singing Blue Grosbeaks and 20 singing Painted Buntings were at Scotsmoor, *Brevard* 26 Jul (DS). Seasonal totals of singing males at L. Apopka R.A. included 74 Blue Grosbeaks and 65 Indigo Buntings (HR). An early migrant Indigo Bunting was at Frog Pond W.M.A., *Miami-Dade* 28 Jul (RD). Twenty-eight Painted Buntings were in song at Mims, *Brevard* 21 Jul (DS). A male Dickcissel was at L. Apopka R.A. 30 Jun–31 Jul, while another male continued to sing at Frog Pond W.M.A.,

Miami-Dade until 6 Jul. This individual was present for more than two months, but despite considerable searching, neither a nest nor a female was ever found (LMa) An impressive 4050 Boat-tailed Grackles were there 21 Jul (HR). A male Shiny Cowbird was at Cedar Key throughout Jun (DH), and a very early Baltimore Oriole returned to Seminole 31 Jul (JF). House Finches continue to expand their range in Florida, with 5 at Lakeland, *Polk* 4 Jun (MCh), one at Ormond Beach, *Volusia* 28 Jun (FP), a single and a pair feeding young at two sites in s. Jacksonville (PP, JC), and 4 that summered at New Port Richey (JMCK).

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