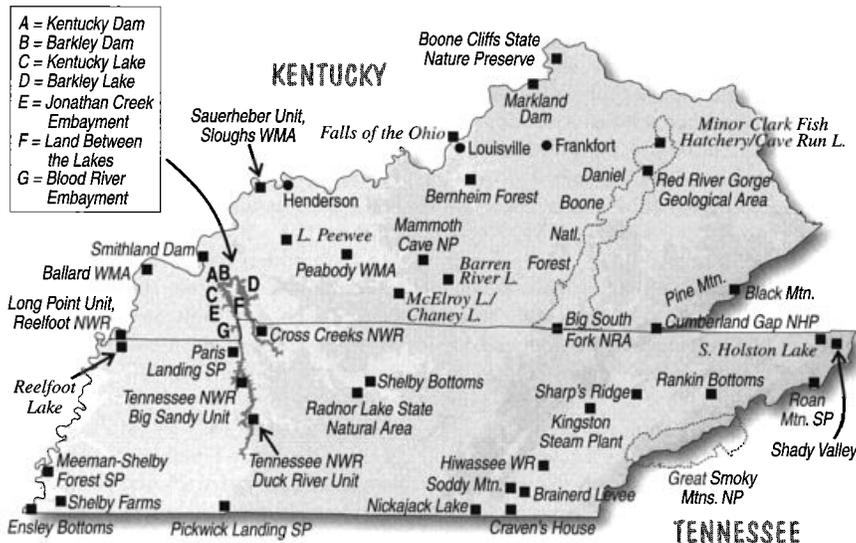


# Tennessee & Kentucky



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The spring 2004 season was a relatively uneventful one. Precipitation was below normal, especially early in the period, resulting in a dearth of shorebird habitat in most areas. Relatively normal early spring temperatures yielded to well above-average readings during the latter three weeks of May. Avian highlights included up to three Yellow-billed Loons, a vagrant Gull-billed Tern, and continuing

Little Gull, California Gulls, and Spotted Towhee. Many observers noted that this spring's songbird migration was very poor; most likely, the relatively warm, stable weather throughout the Region during much of May resulted in most transients flying right through.

**Abbreviations:** Duck River (Duck River Unit of Tennessee N.W.R., TN), Ensley (Ensley Bottoms, including the EARTH Complex, in sw. Shelby, TN), Kentucky Dam (Kentucky Dam, Marshall/Livingston, KY), Pace Pt. (Pace Pt., Big Sandy Unit of Tennessee N.W.R., Henry, TN), Radnor (Radnor Lake State N.A., Nashville, TN), Rankin Bottom (Rankin Bottom, Cocke, TN), Sauerheber (Sauerheber Unit Sloughs W.M.A., Henderson, KY), White L. (White Lake W.M.A., Dyer, TN).

## LOONS THROUGH IBISES

The loon spectacle at Pace Pt. continued through early Mar, highlighted by a 2nd Yellow-billed Loon discovered near the Region's 3rd on 8 Mar (ph. JRW, m.ob.). Soon thereafter, Kentucky's first (and Region's 5th) Yellow-billed Loon was discovered and photographed 56 km to the n. on Kentucky L., Marshall 13–30 Mar (ph. BP, AC et al.). An amazing 5 Red-throated and 2 Pacific Loons

were at Pace Pt. 6 Mar (JRW), and single Red-throated and Pacific Loons were found nearby in Henry, TN 19 Mar (JRW, MG, MT). A basic-plumaged Red-throated Loon at Nickajack L., Marion, TN 27 Apr–1 May (KC, DJ, m.ob.) represented a first for se. Tennessee. In Kentucky, one to 2 Red-throateds were observed on Kentucky L., Marshall 13–24 Mar (BY, BP, AC, ME, DR), and a Pacific was observed on Kentucky L., Marshall 10 Mar (DR). Eighty-four Common Loons at Watuaga L., Carter 2 Apr (TM) was a noteworthy concentration for ne. Tennessee. Up to 3 Red-necked Grebes were present at S. Holston L., TN 7–27 Mar (LMcD, WC, m.ob.), but a total of 15 there 10 Mar (RK) furnished a new high count for the Region. Singles were also present at Pace Pt. 13 Mar (†JRW et al.) and on Kentucky L., Marshall, KY 10–15 Mar (vt. DR et al.). Up to 9 Eared Grebes, which now winter annually at S. Holston L., TN/VA, remained through 11 Apr (m.ob.). There are only a few dozen records of Western Grebe for the Region, most in fall and winter, so one reported at Duck River 14 Apr (CF) was a nice find.

American White Pelicans are unusual in e. Tennessee, so 6 at Douglas L. 27 Mar–7 Apr (MSI, m.ob.) and 5 in Hamilton 15 May (DTr) were noteworthy; the easternmost report for Kentucky was of 9 in Warren 29 Apr (LD). An estimated 2000 pelicans at Ballard W.M.A., Ballard 10 Mar (SVi) shattered Kentucky's previous high count. In w. Tennessee, it was a good spring for Anhingas, with a male at Eagle Lake W.M.A., Shelby 3 Apr & 22 May (JRW), a female at Mud L., Shelby 10 Apr (JRW), and 3 at Shelby Forest, Shelby 8 May (†WRP et al.).

An American Bittern in Muhlenberg, KY 27 Mar (HC, RD, ME) may have overwintered. Snowy Egrets are uncommon in ne. Tennessee, so three separate reports of single birds in Sullivan (DH, RC, BSv) were noteworthy. Single Tricolored Herons were reported 8–9 May in Lake, TN (JRW et al.) and 30 May at Murfreesboro, Rutherford, TN (DTh). A White-faced Ibis, the rarest of the three ibis species in the Region, was present in Dyer, TN 9–11 May (†KL, m.ob.). Single Plegadis ibis were reported in Gibson, TN 6 Apr (MG), at Lower Hatchie N.W.R., TN 16–19 Apr (fide DBr), and crossing I-40 at the White/Smith, TN line 17 May (AE, KDE).

## WATERFOWL THROUGH FALCONS

A Snow Goose in Hamilton, TN 8 Apr–8 May (JC et al.) was a rare spring sighting. A blue-morph Snow Goose in Rowan, KY lingered into late May (LH), suggesting that its presence in late summer 2003 was the result of injury or unnatural origin rather than a record-early fall arrival. A Greater White-fronted Goose in Lake, TN 8 May (JRW) was exceptionally late; 2 orange-billed Greater

White-fronted Geese at Duck River 3 Apr (†CS, JSD) were possibly of the subspecies *flavirostris*. The flock of Tundra Swans that wintered at Sauerheber numbered 29 birds 1 Mar; all departed ca. 4 Mar (MMr). Two were observed in ne. Fayette, KY 7 Apr (SM).

At least 3 male and one female Gadwall lingered at the 2003 nesting locale in Union, KY through at least 18 May (BP, MMn). A Blue-winged Teal nest with 12 eggs at Standifer Gap Marsh furnished the first breeding record for Hamilton, TN (CS, m.ob.). A number of ducks remained later than normal; although it is difficult to ascertain in most cases, many of these were likely injured survivors of the previous hunting season. A pair of Northern Shovelers at Ensley 8–31 May+ (CB et al.) showed no signs of breeding; one at White L. 31 May (JRW) was also late. Other late ducks included an American Wigeon at White L. 28 May (WGC, KL); a male Northern Pintail in Dyer, TN 23–28 May (WGC et al.); a Green-winged Teal at White L. 31 May (JRW); a Redhead in Union, KY 18 May (BP, MMn); a female Greater Scaup in Dyer, TN 20–31 May (WGC et al.); 7 male Lesser Scaup at McKellar L., Shelby, TN 29 May (JRW); and a female Bufflehead at Black Bayou W.M.A., Lake, TN 12 May (WGC, KL).

A few sea ducks, quite rare in the Region in spring, were detected. There were three reports of Surf Scoters: 2 on Douglas L., TN 29 Mar (DH), 3 on Green River L., Taylor, KY 7 Mar (ph. RD, HC), and one at Hickman, Fulton, KY 17 Apr (ph. HC). Black Scoters were found twice: a female at Ensley that lingered through 3 Mar (ph. JRW) and 3 on Herrington L., Boyle/Garrard 6 May, the latter establishing a new late spring departure date for Kentucky (KP). A female White-winged Scoter was found on Robco L., Shelby, TN 13 Mar (WRP, CB et al.), while a female Long-tailed Duck was reported at Rankin Bottom 20 Apr (MSJ). A hen Hooded Merganser with 10 ducklings in White 16–23 May (SJS, WW, DDo) made the 2nd consecutive year in which this species bred far to the e. of its normal breeding range in the w. Tennessee bottomlands. Red-breasted Mergansers were present in above-average numbers in ne. Tennessee late Mar–early Apr (fide WC). At least 6 Ruddy Ducks were still in Union, KY, where a pair nested in 2003, 30 May (BP, AC).

A Mississippi Kite in Memphis, TN 25 Mar (LZ) was exceptionally early. A pair of Red-shouldered Hawks fledged 3 young at

Kingsport, Sullivan, TN 21 May (RP, BG); this was only the 2nd nest ever found in the Upper Holston R. drainage and the first in 40 years (fide WC). Two Golden Eagles in e. Smith, TN 12 Mar (SSH) were a noteworthy discovery. Single Merlins were reported four times during the period: at Bowling Green, KY 11 & 18 Mar (DR), at Mammoth Cave N.P., Edmonson, KY 26 Mar (MMn), and at the Soddy Mt. Hawkwatch 16 Apr (WGB, JW). For the 2nd consecutive year, there were at least two Peregrine Falcon nests in Great Smoky Mts. N.P. (fide CMu, SH). A pair also nested again on the railroad trestle below Chickamauga Dam in Chattanooga, TN (fide KC). Five nests were again initiated this year on the Ohio R., KY from Jefferson to Greenup (Svo, TC).



This Yellow-billed Loon, discovered 6 March 2004 (here) at Pace Point in the Big Sandy Unit of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, Tennessee accompanied another of its species that had been present there since late February. Photograph by Jeff R. Wilson.

### RAILS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Two calling King Rails at Mossy Creek Wildlife Viewing Area, Jefferson 8 May (KDE) furnished only the 3rd record for ne. Tennessee (fide WC). Only Sauerheber hosted this declining species in Kentucky during the period (DR, BP, JE). A tally of 8 Virginia Rails at Sauerheber 18 Apr (DR et al.) represented a new high count for Kentucky. Common Moorhens were observed at three Kentucky locales (CMo, LMcn, BP).

An impressive concentration of 6000 shorebirds at Ensley 2 May (JRW) included the following season high counts: 48 Semipalmated Plovers, 241 Solitary Sandpipers, 3540 Least Sandpipers, and 76 Long-billed Dowitchers. Other noteworthy season high counts included 90+ Semipalmated Plovers at McElroy L., Warren, KY 24 May (DR, NR), 3100 Lesser Yellowlegs at Lower Hatchie N.W.R. and Chickasaw N.W.R., TN 14 Apr (JRW), over 700 Semipalmated Sandpipers at Ensley 17 May (JRW), 933 Pectoral Sandpipers at Ensley 11 Apr (JRW), 700+ Pectoral Sandpipers in w. Fulton, KY 17 Apr

(HC), and 133 Dunlin at McElroy L., Warren, KY 16 May (MSt). A Western Sandpiper at Ensley 10 Apr (JRW) was unusually early. Three Baird's Sandpipers at Shelby Farms, Shelby, TN 12 Mar (JRW) add to an increasing number of reports suggesting that a small late Feb/early Mar push is regular; this species, normally a rare to uncommon spring migrant in the Region, was reported in greater numbers than normal, with high counts of 4 at Obion W.M.A., Fulton, KY 17 Apr (HC), 4 at Ensley 24 Apr (JRW), 5 at Kingston Steam Plant, Roane, TN 18 Apr (SJS, WW), and 9 in Union, KY 21 Apr (ph. BP). A Long-billed Dowitcher in w. Henderson 27 Mar (vt. BY) was relatively early for Kentucky.

Unusually late transient shorebirds included the following: a Black-bellied Plover at White L. 31 May (KL, BL, JRW); an American Golden-Plover in Dyer, TN 23 May (KL, BL); an American Avocet at Ensley 29 May (JRW, TW); 3 Lesser Yellowlegs at Ensley 30 May (CB, VR, LZ); a Willet at Ensley 25–26 May (JRW, CB, VR); and 3 Pectoral Sandpipers at White L. 31 May (KL, BL). There were also several reports of the less common transient shorebirds. Two Piping Plovers were observed in Union, KY 29 Apr (ph. BP, JE). There were five reports of Black-necked Stilts away from the Mississippi R., where the species is now locally fairly common in the Region: 2–3 at Sauerheber 15–20 Apr (DR,

CC); one in Boone 2 May (DMT) that was a first for n.-cen. Kentucky; 2 at Rankin Bottom 8 May (CMu et al.); 2 in Dekalb, TN 8 May (CW, JF); and 2 at Duck River 14 May (CF). Six Willets and 4 Marbled Godwits were a surprising sight at Cross Creeks N.W.R., Stewart, TN 24 Apr (JSD). A flock of 12 Willets at Austin Springs, Washington, TN 26 Apr (RK, m.ob.) was unusual for e. Tennessee; one to 23 were seen on seven occasions 21 Apr–9 May in Kentucky. Whimbrels were observed on three occasions in Tennessee: one at White L. 20 May (MR, m.ob.); 3 in Dyer 22 May (†JRW); and 5 in Lake 25 May (WGC, KL, NM). Always a very rare find in the Region, a Hudsonian Godwit was observed in Tipton, TN 13 May (DB, DP), and 2 were at White L. 28 May (WGC, KL). Single Ruddy Turnstones were reported from three locations in Tennessee 20–30 May and at McElroy L., Warren, KY on the relatively early date of 30 Apr (DR). From one to 4 Sanderlings were reported from three locations in Tennessee 16–23 May, but the species was not found in Kentucky.



Baird's Sandpiper, normally rare east of the Mississippi River in spring, was unusually widespread east of its typical corridor in spring 2004. A record number was found in Kentucky and Tennessee this spring, primarily in mid-April, with multiples reported at no fewer than five locations. This individual was one of a record high count of nine present in Union County, Kentucky 21 April. Photograph by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

## GULLS THROUGH OWLS

The first-year Little Gull found on the n. end of Kentucky L., *Livingston/Marshall*, KY in Feb lingered through 17 Mar (BP, MMn). The ad. California Gull discovered at Pace Pt. 25 Feb was still present as of 9 Mar (MT); another ad., likely a different individual, was present at Kentucky Dam 17–29 Mar (MMn, ph. BP et al.). A first-year Thayer's Gull lingered in the Kentucky Dam vicinity to 29 Mar (TD). One to 2 first-year Glaucous Gulls lingered on n. Kentucky L., KY through 29 Mar (TD). A Caspian Tern at Kentucky Dam 27 Mar (BY) established a new early arrival date for Kentucky. A well-described Gull-billed Tern in *Dyer*, TN 22 May (†MT) was a very unexpected first for Tennessee; Kentucky has but one record of the species. Five Common Terns at Rankin Bottom 29 May (MSI, LG) were late. Somewhat amazingly, Black Tern went unrecorded in Kentucky during the season.

A Common Ground-Dove in Memphis, TN 23–29 May (†KM) was a rare find for the Region. It was an above-average spring for Black-billed Cuckoos, with 5 reported from four locations across Tennessee and five locales in Kentucky. Two or 3 Northern Saw-whet Owls were calling on territory on Roan Mt., *Carter*, TN 27 Mar (CS, DH). Two *Seiastrophus* hummingbirds became the first ever known to overwinter successfully in Kentucky: a female Rufous in s. *Warren* that lingered through 7 Apr (ph. JE, DE) and a probable female Rufous at Lexington that lingered to 24 Mar (ph. RS).

## FLYCATCHERS THROUGH MIMIDS

It was an average spring for Olive-sided Fly-

catcher in Tennessee, with 5 reported from five locations 29 Apr–15 May, but only one was reported from Kentucky, in *Pulaski* 12 May (RD). A Least Flycatcher at Radnor 14 Apr (PC, MZ) was early. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher at Radnor 26 May (FF) was the only one reported for the season. Two *Tyrannus* flycatchers, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and Western Kingbird, continued their apparent



This adult California Gull (at right; with Herring Gull) at Kentucky Dam, *Livingston* and *Marshall* County 17 (here) through 29 March 2004 provided a fifth state record for Kentucky. Photograph by Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.

range expansion in the Region. At least three pairs of Scissor-taileds—one in *Murfreesboro*, *Rutherford*, TN 15 & 25 Apr (TW, JSD), one in s. *Pittsburgh*, *Marion*, TN (JI), and one in s. *Livingston*, KY (m. ob.)—appeared to be breeding. Single individuals at *Ensley* 16 May (CB, VR, LZ) and at *Eagle Lake* W.M.A., *Shelby*, TN 19 May (MR et al.) may have been transients. Four Western

Kingbirds with some nesting behavior detected were at *Ensley* 24 May (JRW, MR et al.); a single bird was also found in *Lauderdale*, TN 31 May (JRW). The imm. male Vermilion Flycatcher discovered at *Hatchie* N.W.R., TN 22 Feb was still present 13 Mar (KO, JI).

Loggerhead Shrikes are rare in ne. Tennessee, so a breeding pair discovered in *Washington* (RK) was noteworthy. For the 2nd consecutive year, a Bell's Vireo appeared to be on territory at *Black Bayou* W.M.A., *Lake*, TN 7–31 May+ (NM, m.ob.). A Blue-headed Vireo in *McCreary* 17 Mar (RD) represented a new early-arrival date for Kentucky. Warbling Vireos are very rare in se. Tennessee; one in *Hamilton* 26 Apr (KC, DJ) represented only the 3rd county record, with the 2nd only last year (*vide* KC). A Red-eyed Vireo at Ft. Donelson National Battlefield, *Stewart*, TN 9 Apr (SJS, BS) was early.

Two Fish Crows at *Chickamauga* L., *Hamilton* (KC et al.) provided further evidence that the species has begun to colonize the Tennessee R. in se. Tennessee; one farther upriver at the *Kingston* Steam Plant 8 Apr (SJS, WW) may be the first e. Tennessee record outside of *Hamilton*. A Common Raven nest discovered in *Morgan*, KY in mid-Apr (*vide* CL) represents another expansion in nesting range farther nw. from the Appalachian Mts. Single Barn Swallows from two different middle Tennessee locations 13 Mar (GC et al., SJS, WW) were early.

Cliff Swallows had returned to *Barkley* Dam, *Lyon/Livingston*, KY by the record-early date of 17 Mar (MMn, BP).

A Bewick's Wren in Kentucky reappeared at a 2002 nesting location in *Scott* but did not appear to find a mate (LB). Two Wood Thrushes, one at *Shelby* Forest, *Shelby*, TN 2 Apr (WRP) and one in *Bledsoe*, TN 9 Apr (DG), were early. Conversely, a Hermit Thrush at *Old Hickory* L., *Davidson*, TN 8 May (SSH, JB) was relatively late. Two Gray Catbirds at the *Shelby* Farms, *Shelby*, TN 10 Mar (CB, VR, LZ) either had

overwintered or were unusually early.

## WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Warbler numbers were reported to be overall significantly lower than average in most areas, likely at least in part due to weather patterns that allowed for unimpeded northward movement during most of May. A Northern Waterthrush at *Nashville*, TN 1

Apr (LK) was very early. A Black-throated Green in *Wolfe* 20 Mar (FR) tied the early arrival date for Kentucky. Unusually late were a Palm Warbler in *Putnam*, TN 17 May (WW) and a Yellow-rumped Warbler in *Putnam*, TN 25 May (SJS). It was a good spring for Connecticut Warbler, with at least 10 reported from six locations in Tennessee, including an exceptional count of 4 at Shelby Bottoms, *Davidson*, TN 17 May (PC et al.); 5 were reported from as many locations in Kentucky.

Two Brewster's Warblers—one 2 May (TH) and one 8 May (DH, AT, m.ob.)—were reported in *Carter*, TN, where this hybrid occurs regularly among the breeding Golden-winged Warblers. A new breeding area for Golden-winged (and Brewster's) was discovered in *Whitley*, KY during early May (LP et al.). Black-throated Blue Warblers are relatively rare outside of their breeding territories in the e. Tennessee mountains; the Nashville area had two reports—22 Apr in *Shelby Park* (PC) and 26 May at *Radnor* (FF)—as did *Chattanooga*, 26 Apr (DJ) and 2 May (MW, KC, CS). The *Radnor* report established a new late date for the Nashville area.

The wintering male *Spotted Towhee* in *McCracken*, KY lingered to 17 Apr (SR). Up to 15–20 *Bachman's Sparrows* were found on territory at *Ft. Campbell*, *Trigg*, KY & *Stewart/Montgomery*, TN during the period (DMo); one was also reported in *White*, TN 1–15 May (SJS, DDo, m.ob.). Four *Lark Sparrows* in *Weakley* and 2 in *Henry* 31 May (DM, MT) suggest that this species has become a local breeder in w. Tennessee. The species continues to be locally distributed in *Rutherford* and *Wilson* in middle Tennessee, as evidenced by one in *Rutherford* 8 May (JSD, TW, JM). A *Henslow's Sparrow* at *Standifer Gap Marsh*, *Hamilton*, TN 24 Apr (KC) and one in *Washington*, TN (†DH, m.ob.) were rare transients. At least 6 singing in *Coffee* 26 May represent the only known Tennessee breeding population outside of two military bases (DDa, TW). Eight *Le Conte's Sparrows* at the *Big Sandy Unit* of Tennessee N.W.R., *Henry*, TN 19 Mar (JRW, MT, MG) was a noteworthy concentration. Extraordinary was the report of 3 *Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows* (a species that should theoretically appear as a spring transient in the Region in mid-May) at the *Big Sandy Unit* of Tennessee N.W.R., *Henry*, TN on the unprecedented early date of 19 Mar (†JRW, MT, MG). A *Lincoln's Sparrow* at *Mammoth Cave N.P.*, *Edmonson*, KY 26 Mar (MMn) either had overwintered or was an extremely early migrant. The wintering *Harris's Sparrow* in *Ballard*, KY lingered through 5 May (RH).

An *Indigo Bunting* in *Millington*, *Shelby*, TN 18 Mar (VH) either had overwintered or

was very early. Ten *Western Meadowlarks* in *Lake*, TN 14 Mar (JRW) was a noteworthy concentration for the Region; a female and a singing male were in *Fulton*, KY 28 Mar (JRW). There was a noticeable movement of *Purple Finches* and *Pine Siskins* through the Region in Mar and early Apr. *Purple Finches* were reported from five counties in Tennessee, with a high of 13 in *Shelby* 2 Apr (GP), while up to 25 were present in *Grayson*, KY into late Mar (JP); a few lingered at a feeding station in se. *Jefferson*, KY to the end of May (E&JH). Small numbers of *Pine Siskins* were reported from seven counties in Tennessee and two in Kentucky, the latest of which was one heard over *Whitley*, KY 8 May (BR, JDu).

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