

# Pictorial Highlights



This Lewis's Woodpecker frequented a feeder in Pictou County, Nova Scotia 1 through 3 (here) July 2004; the only other record of the species in the Atlantic Provinces region is from Newfoundland, in early autumn of 1986.

*Photograph by K. McKenna.*



Arriving too late for inclusion in the spring issue, this fine photograph of a Northern Wheatear was taken 21 April east of Lake Champlain in the town of Georgia, Vermont, one of few recorded south of the Arctic in spring 2004.

*Photograph by Rod Vallee and Betty Vallee.*



During past emergence years of *Magicicada* cicadas, Mississippi Kites have shown some extensions of summer range. This subadult female at Bull's Island, New Jersey (here 20 June 2004) was accompanied only by an immature bird, and no breeding attempts were recorded in the state. The birds fed heavily on the cicadas, though how cicada wings ended up set in the undertail coverts (inset) is unknown.

*Photographs by Elaine Ryan.*



Previously unrecorded in Guilford County, North Carolina, Mississippi Kite made its county debut by nesting: three adults and two just-fledged juveniles were present to the northwest of Greensboro 29 July through at least 17 (here 6) August 2004. Though no nest was discovered, the nest was probably not far from this location.

*Photograph by Melissa Whitmire.*



This female Lesser Nighthawk specimen collected at a men's correctional facility in Gilmer, West Virginia 28 April 2004 represents a first state record and one of few extralimital records away from Gulf Coast states and the southern Great Plains—Ontario and Alaska have the only other confirmed records well out of range. *Photographs by Gary Felton.*



This adult King Rail with one of its three chicks was photographed at Prairie Oaks Metropark, in Franklin County, Ohio 27 July 2004. The species is listed as Endangered in Ohio and as a species of "Highest Continental Concern" by the American Bird Conservancy. *Photograph by Brian Zweibel.*



Extremely rare anywhere in Appalachia since the mid-1980s, Bewick's Wren was discovered nesting at Chickamauga Battlefield Park in northwestern Georgia between late May and early (here 6) August 2004. On 24 July, two adults were seen feeding two juveniles, for the first confirmed breeding in the Southern Atlantic Region since the early 1980s. *Photograph by Sandy Pangle.*



An apparently healthy adult Snowy Owl was found in rural Indiana 15 (here 31) July and remained through 15 August 2004, when it was struck and killed by a vehicle. Such a summer record is without precedent for the state. *Photograph by John K. Cassidy.*



At Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge in Holt County, this female American Bittern was at one of two nests found 9 June 2004, the first nests found in Missouri since 1986. *Photograph by D. A. Easterla.*



Indiana's first Sage Thrasher made a one-day appearance in Vermillion County on 5 July 2004. The species has been recorded out of range in the East and Midwest with increasing frequency lately. *Photograph by Lisa Bowman.*



An apparent first-year Glossy Ibis at Freezeout Lake Wildlife Management Area 14-20 (here 19) July 2004 would provide a first record for Montana if accepted. *Photograph by M. T. Schwitters.*



The Yukon Territory's first confirmed breeding record for Canada Warbler was provided by a pair nesting along the lower La Biche River (here 4 July 2004) in the southeastern part of the territory. *Photograph by Cameron D. Eckert.*



Field Sparrows show up infrequently in southern Manitoba, which is just north of the species' breeding range. This bird was on territory near Lauder from 16 through at least 24 July (here) 2004 and was seen by many. *Photograph by Christian Artuso.*



This nestling Common Nighthawk was photographed 27 June 2004 at Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Comanche County, Oklahoma, where its coloration precisely matched the colors of the local soil. *Photograph by Victor W. Fazio, III.*



This female Magnificent Hummingbird photographed 11 July 2004 in rural Chautauqua County, Kansas provided the third record for the Southern Great Plains region; the species has been increasing as a vagrant out of range in recent years. *Photograph by Mark Corder.*



Central Oklahoma has only a handful of summer records of Black-headed Grosbeak, among them this adult male in Edmond, Oklahoma County on 27 July 2004. *Photograph by Terri Underhill.*



Maintaining a territory at the Sabal Palm Sanctuary, Cameron County, Texas from early February 2004 through the summer was this male Gray-crowned Yellowthroat, here photographed 11 July. During its stay, its vocalizations shifted from typical Gray-crowned song toward songs that closely resembled those of the nearby Common Yellowthroats. *Photograph by Mark W. Lockwood.*



One of the more interesting finds of the summer season was this pair of Least Grebes at Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area, Freestone County, Texas (here 26 July 2004). Not only did this represent the northernmost nesting record for the state, but the adults were still feeding young birds while brooding their second set of eggs. The northernmost nest record from the continent comes from Imperial County, California in October 1946. *Photograph by Jeff Gunnells.*



This Thick-billed Kingbird was found at a private residence outside of Parker, Douglas County, Colorado on 3 June 2004. The state's only previous record of the species is from 23 October 1992. *Photograph by P. J. Mestas and Gerry Mestas.*



A male Purple Martin peers out of one of two nests cavities found in the Sierra Madre Mountains in southern Wyoming on 21 July 2004. Breeding martins had not been found in Wyoming since the 1930s. *Photograph by Doug Faulkner.*



This worn male Yellow Warbler of the *erithachorides* ("Mangrove Warbler") subspecies group was netted near Roosevelt Lake in central Arizona 31 July 2004, representing a first Arizona record of this usually sedentary form that is normally restricted to mangrove habitat. The nearest area of regular occurrence of this species is coastal northern Sonora, Mexico. Photograph by Nathan Banfield.



This Purple Gallinule graced the Jordanelle Wetlands, Wasatch County from 24 to (here) 27 July 2004—only the third documented in Utah and the first in 65 years. Photograph by Jim Bailey.



Ash-throated Flycatcher is a casual early-summer or late-fall vagrant along the southern coast of British Columbia. This individual, showing the diagnostic adult tail pattern, was photographed 18 June 2004 at Half Moon Bay. Photograph by Jukka Jantunen.



These three Roseate Spoonbills graced a golf course pond in northwestern Tucson, Arizona, here photographed 23 July 2004, the last day of their two-day visit. The species is a casual visitor to the state, almost certainly from the Gulf of California. Photograph by Mark M. Stevenson.



This juvenile Short-tailed Albatross appeared with a Laysan Albatross some 41.6 km off Westport, Washington, on 26 June 2004—the first of the species during summer there since 1889! Before feather hunters took their toll in the late nineteenth century, this species was a regular visitor off Washington's coast, often close to shore. Almost all recent records are from pelagic rather than littoral waters. Photograph by Michael Donahue.



A first state record long expected—if not in summer—this molting adult male Common Eider of the declining western race *v-nigra* spent 5–18 (here 6) July 2004 in Crescent City, Del Norte County, California (shown here at Pebble Beach). No Common Eider had ever been found on the West Coast south of British Columbia, though another (or the same?) male Common turned up in August 2004 in Port Angeles, Washington. Photograph by Mike San Miguel.



Constituting only the second nesting record for Guadeloupe, this Antillean Nighthawk with a single egg was photographed 13 June 2004 at Belle-Plaine. Photograph by Anthony Levesque.