

Southern Atlantic



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This fall's weather was generally mild, with few extremes in temperatures. Precipitation levels were about average over most areas, although tropical systems brought heavy rains locally from early August to late September. Avian fallout from these storms was evident in the mountains and along the coast. Cold fronts were once again limited in number, but a few did produce notable passages of migrants. Overall, most observers felt that the migration was similar to those of the past several years, exceptions being larger counts of migratory woodpeckers and Red-breasted Nuthatches and lower counts of the spotted thrushes.

Abbreviations: C. Hatt. (Cape Hatteras, Dare, NC); E.L.H. (E.L. Huie Land Application Facility, Clayton, GA); H.B.S.P. (Huntington Beach S.P., SC); Hoop. (Hooper Lane, Henderson, NC); K. Mt. (Kennesaw Mt. National Battlefield Park, GA); L. Matt. (L. Mattamuskeet N.W.R., NC); Pea I. (Pea Island N.W.R., Dare, NC); S.S.S. (Savannah Spoil Site, Jasper, SC).

LOONS THROUGH STORK

Inland Red-throated Loons of note were 2 at Falls L., NC 14 Nov (RD) and one at L. Hickory, NC 18–22 Nov (DM). The best inland Common Loon count was of 300 at Carters L., GA 14 Nov (LV). The peak fall count for Eared Grebe was of 28 at the usual Rum Creek W.M.A., GA area 15 Nov (TJ). Pelagic birding off North Carolina's Outer Banks produced several species of interest. The 15 Aug Hatteras trip produced 2 Manx Shearwaters and a Cape Verde Shearwater (BPI et al), the latter furnishing the first documented record for the w. North Atlantic (N.A.B. 58: 468–473). The 28 Aug Hatteras trip located one each of Herald Petrel, Red-billed Tropicbird, and Masked Booby (BPI). Other Masked Boobies were seen off Wassaw I., GA 10 Aug (RW) and off Murrell's Inlet, SC 10 Sep (JP). Georgia's 3rd report of Brown Booby was of 3 imm. at an offshore tower 19 & 21 Aug (RW et al.). American White Pelicans continue to increase in the Region. Impressive counts included a peak of 60 at Pea I. 27 Nov (JL), 50 at L. Walter F. George, GA 7 Nov (WC), 40 at Masonboro I., NC 19 Nov (JH et L.), and 49 at the S.S.S. 12 Nov (SC). This fall's Magnificent Frigatebird reports were of singles off Savannah, GA 19 Aug (RW et al.) and at Cape Lookout, NC 21 Aug (fide JF).

A very out-of-place Least Bittern was seen at a downtown parking deck in Durham, NC

28 Sep (fide JPI). Other long-legged wader reports involved the usual post-breeding assortment at inland sites throughout the Region. Reddish Egret numbers were about average, with the one exception being an impressive count of 20 (including five white morphs) on Little St. Simons I., GA in Aug–Sep (BN). Roseate Spoonbills continue to increase in the Region, with 21 at Little St. Simons I., GA 30 Aug (BN) and 19 at the S.S.S. 26 Sep (SC). Wood Stork sightings of note included one at Whispering Pines, Moore, NC 9–12 Oct (SCb), providing a county first, one at Covington, GA 28 Sep (TK), and 3 at Broad River W.M.A., Fairfield, SC 4 Sep (DS et al.).

WATERFOWL THROUGH CRANES

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck reports included 12 at Donnelley W.M.A., SC 17 Aug (JG), 2 at L. Seminole, GA 5–20 Sep (CB, MBe, DV), and 5 at the S.S.S. 12 Sep (SC et al.). The only Fulvous Whistling-Duck was at Magnolia Gardens, SC 19 Sep (PN et al.). Goose highlights involved an ad. Greater White-fronted at L. Julian, NC 18–20 Nov (WF et al.), 20 Snows at Maiden, Catawba, NC 29 Oct (fide LM), and 2 Brant photographed at Jekyll I., GA 27 Nov+ (SB et al.), providing about the 4th accepted report for that state since 1980. Five Cackling Geese were located at L. Matt. 27 Nov (KC; DC, RD). Photographs indicate the dark-breasted *minima*—a surprise, as practically all eastern specimens are of the lighter-breasted *hutchinsii* form. The recent (2004) split of Canada and Cackling Geese will certainly encourage Regional observers to pay closer attention to these difficult taxa from now on.

Puddle and diving duck numbers were generally down across the Region, most likely due to the mild conditions in the latter half of the season. Bay and sea ducks, however, were in higher-than-normal numbers. There were six reports of single Common Eiders, with an imm. male at H.B.S.P. 16 Nov+ (JP et al.) being the farthest south. Scoters were plentiful along the beaches, and all three species were detected inland. The most interesting inland report included 5 Blacks, a White-winged, and 2 Surfs at Jordan L., NC 13 Nov (RD), possibly the first inland occurrence of all three species at one location the same day in the state. Excellent inland Red-breasted Merganser counts included 45 at West Point L., GA 26 Nov (BL) and 84 at Carters L., GA 13 Nov (JFI).

Swallow-tailed Kites were well reported, with the most interesting reports being of 40 at Allendale, SC 1 Aug (DF), 7 near Winnabow, Brunswick, NC 12 Sep (JPa), one at North R. Farm, Carteret, NC 26 Sep (JF; JFe), and one absurdly late at Jekyll I., GA 10 Nov (fide MC). Late Mississippi Kites included one at Caesar's Head, SC 14 Oct (JC

SA Five tropical storms affected the Region this fall, and all displaced birds to some degree. Hurricane *Alex* passed through coastal North Carolina 2–4 Aug, with terns prominent among the storm-driven birds. Notable sightings included a **Brown Noddy**, 36 Sooty Terns, and 3 Bridled Terns at Emerald Isle 3 Aug (RD); an ad. **Masked Booby** in the outer Charleston, SC harbor 1 Aug (ND) was most likely brought in by *Alex*.

Hurricane *Charley* passed the Carolina coast 13–14 Aug, bringing an imm. **Red-billed Tropicbird** to Figure Eight I., NC 14 Aug (DC), a first onshore report of the species for the state. A **Royal Tern** was at the Winston-Salem, NC W.T.P. 14 Aug (PD et al.). After the storm, 131 Sooty Terns were counted off Hatteras, NC 15 Aug (BPI), and a **Brown Booby** was photographed on Deaux Bank, SC 18 Aug (*vide* WP), providing the 2nd documented report for that state.

Tropical Storm *Frances* inundated most of the Region 6–8 Sep, with many shorebird sightings in the inland areas. A Brown Booby was (again) found in South Carolina—an injured bird at Charleston 7 Sep (in rehabilitation until the end of the period, *vide* WP). Other highlights were a **Piping Plover** in *Floyd*, GA 11 Sep (MD), 2 **Marbled Godwits** at Hoop. 8–9 Sep (WF et al.), 3 **Hudsonian Godwits** at Hoop. 8 Sep (WF et al.), a **Red Knot** at Carters L., GA 8 Sep (JSp), 4 Baird's Sandpipers at Hoop. 9 Sep (WF et al.), multiple Red-necked Phalarope sightings (top count being 11 at Cartersville, GA 7 Sep; B&DZ), a **Parasitic Jaeger** at L. Norman, NC 11 Sep (TP, DW et al.), a **Sabine's Gull** at L. Junaluska, NC 8 Sep (JM), many Common and Forster's Terns throughout, a few Bridled Terns along the coast, many reports of numbers of Sooty Terns, highest counts being 7 each at Tybee I., GA (DB) and L. Lanier, GA, both 7 Sep (JFI et al.), and 4 single **Brown Noddies**: at the S.S.S. 6 Sep (SC), Bluffton, SC 7–8 Sep (*vide* IP), Jekyll I., GA 8 Sep (*vide* LT), and Bald Head I., NC 11 Sep (*vide* DC).

Ten days after *Frances*, Hurricane *Ivan* struck the same areas 16–18 Sep, yielding yet another Brown Booby in South Carolina, a sick individual at Folly I. 14 Sep (in rehabilitation until the end of the period, *vide* WP), five reports of **Black-necked Stilt** from Georgia, 2 **Marbled Godwits** in *Bartow*, GA 17 Sep (SPa), single **Pomarine Jaegers** at West Point L., GA 17 Sep (WC) and L. Walter F. George, GA 17 Sep (GH et al.), large numbers of Laughing Gulls throughout, a **Sabine's Gull** at Jordan L., NC 18 Sep (WCo), **Gull-billed Terns** including 2 at West Point L., GA 17 Sep (WC) and Hoop. 17 Sep (WF et al.), large numbers of Common and Forster's Terns throughout, 8 Sooty Terns at West Point L., GA 17 Sep (WC), Black Terns throughout, and **Black Skimmers** at five different locations in Georgia 17 Sep (m.ob.).

Tropical Storm *Jeanne* passed through inland and w. areas of the Region 26–27 Sep. In addition to many reports of small numbers of gulls and terns, **Black-necked Stilts** were widely reported inland: 4 in *Macon*, GA 30 Sep–3 Oct (DBu), one in *Burke*, GA 25 Sep (JFI, EH), one at Hoop. 25 Sep (WF et al.), and one in *Aiken*, SC 26 Sep (RC et al.).

et al.) and 2 at Emerald Isle, NC 13 Oct (*vide* JF). There were two reports of imm. Northern Goshawk, from Beaufort, NC 12 Oct (RB) and n. of Rodanthe, NC 6 Nov (RD, JW). Broad-winged Hawks migrated through the mountains in usual numbers this fall. The best one-day count received was 3681 at Caesar's Head, SC 28 Sep (JC et al.). The very rare Krider's Red-tailed Hawk was found twice: in *Murray*, GA 21 Nov (JSp) and at the S.S.S. 12 Nov (SC). The only Rough-legged Hawk was at North R. Farm, *Carteret*, NC 28 Nov (JF, JFe). Single Golden Eagles were reported at Hoop. 10 Sep (SG, TJo), Harris Neck N.W.R., GA 22 Oct (IS), Carters L., GA 13 Nov (JFI), Griffin, GA 16 Nov (EB), and Cloudland Canyon S.P., GA 20 Nov (JSp). Merlins moved through in fair numbers, the best count being of 16 at Ft. Fisher, NC 20 Sep (GM). Rail reports of interest involved an amazing count of 16 territorial Black Rails heard at the usual n. *Greene*, GA location 8–11 Aug (PS et al.) and a King Rail in the mountains at Hoop. 31 Oct (WF, BO). Always noteworthy, a Purple Gallinule was a rare find at *Macon*, GA 4 Sep (TI et al.). The only Sandhill Crane report was of 2 at Mt. Pleasant, SC late Oct–14 Nov (DF et al.). Members of the experimental e. flock of Whooping Cranes were once again found in the Region. Sightings came from all three states, and as in the past, locations of grounded birds were kept secret until the birds had moved on. Hopefully, this introduction effort will be successful for years to come.

PLOVERS THROUGH SKIMMER

Inland shorebirding was rather slow except for obvious storm-related groundings (see the S. A. Box above), which were especially notable in the mountains of North Carolina and Georgia. Coastally, a count of 60+ Wilson's Plovers at Little St. Simons I., GA 5 Nov (BN) was quite impressive for the late date. A Semipalmated Plover was rather late inland at the Goldsboro, NC W.T.P. 21 Nov (RD). The peak count of Piping Plovers at Little St. Simons I., GA was 130 on 3 Oct (BN). Black-necked Stilts normally depart the Region by Oct, but this fall there were several late reports. The latest were 2 inland at the E.L.H. 15 Nov (CL), 4 at the Altamaha W.M.A., GA 27–28 Nov (EH), and 4 at the S.S.S. 28 Nov (SC). Another lingering

bird was the Spotted Sandpiper at L. Crabtree, *Wake*, NC 13 Nov+ (RD). Upland Sandpipers migrated through in average numbers, with the best count received being 34 at the Orangeburg, SC sod farm 14 Aug (TKa). Long-billed Curlews were found at the usual sites: top counts were 3 each at Shackleford Banks, *Carteret*, NC during Oct (BH et al., JF et al.) and at Little St. Simons I., GA late Aug–Oct (BN). The high count for Red Knot at Little St. Simons I., GA was 5000 on 30 Aug (BN), an encouraging total for this declining species. Nine Baird's Sandpiper reports were submitted, all but two of which were inland and associated with tropical storms. Late Pectoral Sandpipers included 3 at L. Buchanan, *Haralson*, GA 10 Nov (MD) and one at the Altamaha W.M.A., GA 14 Nov (PS). Noteworthy Purple Sandpiper reports included one still in alternate plumage extremely early at H.B.S.P. 7 Aug (S&BT) and one far to the s. at Jekyll I., GA 25 Nov (SBa). At least 30 reports of Buff-breasted Sandpiper were received, all of singles or small groups of up to 5, and many were associated with tropical storms. Wilson's Phalarope reports numbered about eight, with the highest count being of 22 at the S.S.S. 22 Aug (SC). Red-necked Phalaropes were very prevalent during tropical storm passage, especially in the mountains. Coastally, the largest counts were of 66 at the S.S.S. 11 Sep (SC) and 43 off Hatteras, NC 15 Aug (BPI).



This juvenile Thayer's Gull was found at West Point Lake, Georgia 12 (here 20) November 2004 and remained there well into the winter season. If accepted, it would provide that state's first documented record and one of the earliest records ever for the East Coast. Photograph by Earl Horn.

Jaegers were observed just a few times from shore during the

late fall, which is normal. Unusual was the jaeger photographed at L. Eufaula, GA 28 Oct (MB), apparently a juv. Long-tailed, potentially the 2nd documented in that state. Two juv. Long-taileds were typical finds off Hatteras, NC 28 Sep (BPI). Laughing Gulls were widespread inland during and after the passages of tropical storms; other late-fall inland sightings of note included 18 at L. Eufaula, GA 28 Oct (MB), 10 at L. Walter F. George, GA 12 Nov (MB, EB), and 2–3 at Jordan L., NC 13–20 Nov (RD). Franklin's Gulls were reported more than usual, with the most notable sightings being 3 at West Point L., GA 31 Oct (JFI, EH, B&DZ), 2 at Jordan L., NC 24 Oct (RD et al.), 2 at the S.S.S. 12 Nov (SC), and singles at Jekyll I., GA 21 Oct (MB), S.S.S. 16 Oct (SC), and Tybee I., GA 13 Nov (PS). A juv. Thayer's Gull photographed at West Point L. Dam, GA 12 Nov+ (MB, EB et al.) was potentially the first documented in the state. Lesser Black-backed Gull counts of note included 33 at C. Hatt. 4 Nov (MS), 27 at Wassaw I., GA 17 Sep (SC et al.), and 21 at Tybee I., GA 22 Oct (MB). Inland, one was at Falls L., NC 9 Oct+ (DSh, BB, RD). The only white-winged gull reported was a Glaucous at Tybee I., GA 25 Nov (SBa). Juv. Black-legged Kittiwakes from shore were seen at Avon, NC 23 Sep (*vide* TP) and at Oregon Inlet, NC 24 Oct (W&PM) and 3 Nov (MS).

Some 85 Gull-billed Terns at North R. Farm, Carteret, NC 8 Aug (JF et al.) provided a high count, while one at Little St. Simons I., GA 5 Nov (BN) was quite late. Bridled and Sooty Terns were also observed in the context of most storms, with Bridleds mostly along the coast and Sooties both coastally and inland. Black Tern reports inland also coincided with the storms during Aug–Sep. The best coastal count reported was of 500 at Little St. Simons I., GA 26 Aug (BN). Caspian, Common, and Forster's Terns were well represented in the interior areas affected by tropical storms; also rare inland was a Least Tern at the E.L.H. 1 Aug (SBa). Black Skimmers are rarely found inland, but at least five inland records came from Georgia this fall, all tied to tropical storms. Elsewhere along the coast, an excellent total of 860 skimmers came from Tybee I., GA 13 Nov (PS).

DOVES THROUGH MIMIDS

White-winged Dove reports included 2 each on Jekyll I., GA 20 Oct+ (MC, m.ob.) and Tybee I., GA 30 Oct–6 Nov (SW, JFI, EH, D&BZ), and singles at Americus, GA 7 Nov (CR), Hilton Head I., SC 30 Oct–4 Nov (NL), Hunting I., SC 27 Nov (TA), North R.

Farm, Carteret, NC 15 Aug (JF et al.), and Oak I., NC 27–28 Nov (JHo, HS). In North Carolina, Common Ground-Doves have been extremely rare since the mid-1980s. This fall, singles were reported in Jones 14 Aug (CB) and at North R. Farm, Carteret 14 Nov (JF, JFe), the latter in a spot near where one spent part of last winter, possibly the same bird. All three states had Black-billed Cuckoos, although there were only five total reports. Of interest was the report of a Smooth-billed Ani from the Grand Prairie area of Okefenokee Swamp, GA 27 Oct (CC et al.). Although the bird was not relocated, it was observed closely enough to be identi-



This Gray Kingbird, which frequented Columbia, South Carolina 6 (here) through 12 September 2004, was extremely unusual in the Southern Atlantic Region in being so far from the coast. Photograph by Mike Turner.

fied as in juv. plumage—potentially the 2nd record of the species for that state.

A Long-eared Owl on Tybee I., GA 5 Nov (ph. SW) was remarkable; this secretive species is detected very rarely in the Region, and photographic evidence is exceptional. A group of 3 Common Nighthawks was very late at Jekyll I., GA 26 Nov (EH); in light of the Region's Dec 1998 record of Lesser Nighthawk, all late nighthawks should be carefully identified. Also late were 12 Chimney Swifts at the Trevezant's Landing, SC hawkwatch 1 Nov (JG) and one at Cochran Shoals, GA 8 Nov (NK). Hummingbird reports this fall included the usual number of Rufous scattered across all three states, several Ruby-throateds, at least 5 Black-chinneds, and 2 Calliopes. Woodpeckers staged one of their best fall migrations in recent memory. Higher-than-normal numbers of Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, and Northern Flickers were noted at sites from the mountains to the coast. At Caesar's Head, SC, a season total of 118 Red-headed Woodpeckers was impressive (JC), as were 14 Red-headeds at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt. NC 12 Sep (RK). Along the coast at Ft. Fisher, NC 18 Red-bellied Woodpeckers and 14 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers 16 Oct (GM) were notable tallies.

Olive-sided Flycatchers were found in all three states again, with 5 in Georgia, 4 in North Carolina, and one in South Carolina. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher reports were down somewhat from the past several years; 11 reports spanning the Region were received. Other *Empidonax* highlights were 3 Willow Flycatchers on the Greenville, SC N.A. Migration Count 18 Sep (*vide* PW) and a late Least Flycatcher on Skidaway I., GA 28 Oct (RW). Male Vermilion Flycatchers were at Santee N.W.R., SC 16–18 Oct (MT, LG et al.) and n. of Albany, Lee, GA 15 Nov+ (CG, AA et al.). Georgia and North Carolina each had 4 Western Kingbirds, about the normal number, while late Eastern Kingbirds in Georgia included singles in Grady 12 Nov (WE) and Coffee 19 Nov (AB). Georgia had four reports of Gray Kingbird, while one in South Carolina at Columbia 6–12 Sep (MT, CE) provided only the 5th inland record for the state. This fall's Scissor-tailed Flycatchers included singles at Hatteras, NC 28 Oct (*vide* SM) and in Brooks, GA 5 Nov (DG).

Vireo reports were highlighted by an impressive count of 11 Yellow-throateds at Corolla, NC 3 Oct (JL), 18 Blue-headed in Wee Tee S.F., Williamsburg, SC 6 Nov (RC), 6 Philadelphias near Asheville, NC 29 Sep (ST et al.), a singing Warbling at Asheville, NC 12 Sep (GL), and a late Red-eyed on Cumberland I., GA 3 Nov (RW). Common Ravens continued to show up in areas away from the mountains. Up to 2 were in the Orange-Durham, NC area (KF, DC, WCo), 2 were at Riverbend Park, Catawba, NC 6 Oct (DM), and one was at Cedar Creek Landing, Lancaster, SC 12 Sep (TA). A count of 166 Tree Swallows at K. Mt. 27 Sep (GB) was impressive for that location, where the species is considered uncommon. Several late Northern Rough-winged Swallow reports involved 3 at the Merry brickyards, Augusta, GA 27 Nov (EB, MB) and one at the Altamaha W.M.A., GA 29 Nov (SBa). Other interesting swallow reports included a high count of 876 Banks at the S.S.S. 18 Sep (SC) and a group of 3 Cliffs at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC 13 Sep, where considered very rare (RK). Cave Swallows were again found in the Region: Georgia reports involved one at Phinizy Swamp, Augusta 24–27 Oct (JS et al.), one at L. Pama, Liberty 6 Nov (JFI, EH), and 2 at Jekyll I. 14 Nov (PS). In North Carolina, 50 were observed migrating southward along the beach at Pea I. 25 Nov (KC), providing the only report for that state this season.

Red-breasted Nuthatches invaded the Region in droves this fall, for the first time since 1999. Interesting wren reports involved high counts of 80+ Carolina Wrens in

Catoosa, GA 7 Aug (PS) and 9 Sedge Wrens inland at Birdsong Nature Center, Grady, GA 30 Oct (MBe). A Ruby-crowned Kinglet was early at Mt. Pleasant, SC 11 Sep (ND et al.), but several Golden-crowned Kinglets at Bakkers Mt., Catawba, NC 14 Aug (*vide* DM) were so early that local nesting could have been a possibility. The thrush migration was uneventful, with much lower numbers than in recent fall seasons. Five Gray-cheekeds at Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC 3 Oct (RS et al.), a late Gray-cheeked along Tibwin Trail, Francis Marion N.F., SC 5 Nov (M&ECl), and late Wood Thrushes at Lilburn, GA 1 Nov (*vide* TM) and on James I., SC 2 Nov (DF) were some of the few highlights. A Hermit Thrush singing at Clingman's Dome, Great Smoky Mountains N.P., NC 8 Aug (CM, K&SH) and a juv. banded at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC 3 Sep (RK) were further indication of local breeding. Some 75+ Northern Mockingbirds moving southward at Ft. Fisher, NC 16 Oct (GM) were exceptional, perhaps double any other such coastal tally from the mid-Atlantic.

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

The warbler migration through the Region was considered average. High counts included 5 Blue-wingeds at Wassaw I., GA (SC), where normally rare, 6 Golden-wingeds at K. Mt. 19 & 29 Sep (PH et al., GB et al.), 6 Tennessees at Savannah, GA 17 Oct (SC), 3 Nashvilles on the Currituck Banks, NC 3 Oct (JL, JK), and 80+ American Redstarts along the Buxton Woods Nature Trail, Buxton, NC 11 Sep (M&HP). Noteworthy late migrant reports included a Tennessee at the Chattahoochee R. N.R.A., GA 13 Nov (JS, CL, DV), a Yellow at Augusta, GA 27 Nov (EB, MB), a Cape May at Augusta, GA 13 Nov (JS, CL, DV), a Black-throated Blue at Pea I. 28 Nov (DC, RD), 2 Black-throated Greens at Marietta, GA 2 Nov (KB), a Blackburnian at Alpharetta, GA 1 Nov (*vide* TM), a Blackpoll on Roanoke I., NC 5 Nov (JL), an Ovenbird in Atlanta, GA 10–18 Nov (PMi), and a Yellow-breasted Chat in Morehead City, NC 26–29 Nov (JF). Cerulean Warblers were located along the coast twice, where quite rare, at James I., SC 24 Aug (DF et al.) and at Mt. Pleasant, SC 11 Sep (ND et al.). Connecticut Warblers at K. Mt. 30 Aug (IS), in Beaufort, NC 29 Sep (SBo), and e. of Castalia, NC 30 Oct (JL) were the only ones reported. Mourning Warbler reports came from K. Mt. 16 Sep and 6 Oct (GB), Cochran Shoals, GA 25 Sep (IS), and n. Durham, NC 6 Oct (T&JKr). The warbler of the season was the MacGillivray's Warbler photographed at Duluth, Gwinnett, GA 28–29 Sep (KT, AS, EH et al.), the 2nd documented in Georgia, the first being a banded bird at Jekyll I. in Oct 1987.

Rarely noted in the Region, an American

Tree Sparrow was a good find at Pea I. 1 Nov (JL). Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from all three states this fall, with the top counts being 8 in the L. Seminole, GA area 13 Nov (MB, EB) and 5 at the Altamaha W.M.A., GA 10 Oct (PS et al.). Vesper Sparrows have been harder to find in the Region for several years now, thus of note was the excellent count of 50 from the L. Seminole, GA area 13 Nov (MB, EB). A dozen Lark Sparrow reports were received from across the Region, with the most notable being 2 on Jekyll I., GA 20 Aug (BBl) and one far inland in Warren, GA 7 Aug (GK). Grasshopper Sparrows were detected more than usual; 5 at Birdsong Nature Center, Grady, GA 30 Oct (MBe) and 2 at the S.S.S. 16 & 20 Oct (SC) were exceptional. Five reports of Henslow's Sparrow were typical; one at L. Seminole, GA 13 Nov (MB, EB) was on the late side. A dozen reports of Lincoln's Sparrow spanned the Region; the earliest one was at Cumming, GA 30 Sep (GMcC) and the latest in Clayton, GA 9 Nov (NK). A White-throated Sparrow was extremely early at Carver's Gap, Roan Mt., NC 3 Sep (RK). The sparrow of the season was the ad. Harris's Sparrow seen briefly at Pea I. 1 Nov (LG), about the 8th for North Carolina and the earliest fall date for the Region. A Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow on Little St. Simons I., GA 10 Oct (ph. GB, PH et al.), provided the 4th state report but only the 2nd documented record. South Carolina got its 4th Smith's Longspur, an imm. male at Folly Beach 7–11 Nov (BMcC, DF et al.). The only Snow Buntings reported were 15 at Oregon Inlet, NC 17 Nov (*vide* JPi) and 2 at H.B.S.P. 26 Nov (GS et al.). Late were an imm. male Rose-breasted Grosbeak in Manteo, NC 26 Nov (JL), a female Blue Grosbeak at Charleston, SC 15–20 Nov (ND), and an Indigo Bunting at the Altamaha W.M.A., GA 14 Nov (PS). Dickcissels were found in higher-than-normal numbers this fall. On North Carolina's Outer Banks, Lewis had nine days of sightings between mid-Sep and mid-Oct, plus one at Manteo, NC 26 Aug. A Dickcissel at North R. Farm, Carteret, NC (JF, JFe) remained into Dec, while singles inland were at K. Mt. 30 Sep (*vide* MB) and at Hoop. 17 Oct (WF, BO).

Always noteworthy in the Region, Yellow-headed Blackbird reports included an imm. male at Cane Creek Res., Orange, NC 21 Aug (DSh), a female on St. Simons I., GA 23–27 Aug (GG, LT), an imm. near Columbia, SC 12 Sep (CE), an ad. male near Goldsboro, NC 13–28 Nov (ED et al.), an ad. male at L. Seminole, GA 13 Nov (MB, EB), and an imm. male at St. Simons I., GA 2 Oct (LT). Twenty or more Brewer's Blackbirds were in n. Gordon, GA 30 Nov (JSp et al.), the largest group reported. The Shiny

Cowbird at Pea I. remained until at least mid-Nov; another male was at Folly Beach, SC 25 Sep (ND). Winter finch movement was considerably more evident this fall than in the past several years. Purple Finches and Pine Siskins were noted at many locations throughout the Region, especially along the coast, from early Nov through the end of the period. Once again, Evening Grosbeak went unreported.

Corrigenda: Delete references to the Magnificent Hummingbird in Georgia (N.A.B. 58: 61) and the Evening Grosbeaks at Skidaway I., GA (N.A.B. 58: 216). Previous reference to Seabirding, Inc. refers to Brian Patteson, Inc.

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