

While numbers of waterfowl, sparrows, and shorebirds were disappointing—and depressed for several species, such as Buff-breasted Sandpiper—invasive species were legion in late fall 2004. Not many current birders witnessed the last irruption of Bohemian Waxwings in the early 1960s, and although this season's was modest by comparison, it drew scores of birders out to search for them at season's end. Perhaps a once-in-a-century event was the drift of Pine Grosbeaks into the Region, which continued into the winter season. Purple Finch numbers recalled old times, before the advent of House Finches, and there were scattered reports of Clark's Nutcracker and Evening Grosbeak, both irruptive rarities in the Region. Adding to these exciting invasions were state firsts such as Least Grebe, Reddish Egret, and Broad-billed Hummingbird, all commendably documented. Regional birders have been increasingly conscientious about documenting late dates, and many species show clear trends toward later lingering (e.g., avocets in November) in recent years. Birders have also become more accomplished at finding secretive species such as Yellow Rail and sparrows such as Nelson's Sharp-tailed, Henslow's, and Baird's, all reported this season.

Abbreviations: Cheyenne Bottoms (Cheyenne Bottoms W.M.A., Barton, KS); Hackberry (Hackberry Flat W.M.A., Tillman, OK); Quivira (Quivira N.W.R., Stafford, KS); Rainwater Basin (playa wetlands of s.-cen. Nebraska); Red Slough (Red Slough W.M.A., McCurtain, OK); Tenkiller (L. Tenkiller, Sequoyah, OK).

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL

Tenkiller had 4 Pacific Loons 8 Nov (JWA, JS), while singles were in Jefferson, KS 6 Nov (MM, GP), Lancaster, NE 21 Nov (WRS), and Oklahoma, OK 22 Nov (JAG). The only Red-throated Loon detected was at Tenkiller 8 Nov (JWA, JS). Most exciting was a first state (and Regional) record of Least Grebe at Red Slough 8–29 Sep (DA, m.ob.). Rare in the Region any time, a Red-necked Grebe was in Sarpy, NE 26 Oct (CHy). Easterly was a Western Grebe in Shawnee, KS 15 Nov (DG). Single Brown Pelicans were in Oklahoma, OK 20 Oct (NH, MF) and Wagoner, OK 20–30 Nov (JWA, m.ob.). A Neotropical Cormorant in Cimarron, OK 20 Aug (VF) furnished one of few records from w. Oklahoma, and 2 were in Coffey, KS 14 Nov (DG, ML, m.ob.). Large counts of Double-crested Cormorants were the 3000 at Harlan 2 Oct (G&WH) and several thousand in Coffey, KS 25 Oct (MG).

An American Bittern in Sedgwick, KS 18 Nov (PM) was tardy; the only Least Bittern reported was in Sarpy, NE 21 Aug (EB). Lingering very late were single Great Egrets in

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Knox, NE 20–21 Nov (MB) and Lancaster, NE 21 Nov (WRS), as was a Cattle Egret in Scotts Bluff, NE 15–18 Nov (KD, AK, P&DD). Tricolored Herons remained through 8 Sep at Salt Plains (BH, JSi), with up to 2 at Red Slough through 22 Sep (DA, BH). Another Oklahoma first was a Reddish Egret at Lake Keystone, Osage/Pawnee 25 Aug–2 Sep (PP, m.ob.), only the Region's 2nd. Three juv. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were in the Rainwater Basin, where rare, 28 Aug (JGJ) and 12 Sep (PDu). Quite a surprise was a flyby White Ibis in Douglas, KS 16 Sep (AN); 4 were at Red Slough, where expected, through 5 Oct (DA), and one was at Hackberry 5 Sep (KM, L&MT). A juv. White-faced Ibis in Buffalo, NE 13 Nov was late (PDu). Roseate Spoonbills and Wood Storks were restricted to Red Slough, where up to 8 spoonbills were seen 6 Aug–26 Oct (BH, DA), while 5 of the storks stayed until 5 Oct (DA).

Up to 53 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks were present 17–24 Aug at Red Slough (DA,

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m.ob.); a single was in *Cotton*, OK 20 Aug (MT, JAG, DB), the only other report. The newly-split Cackling Goose drew much attention. The regularly occurring subspecies in the Region is *hutchinsii*, but 3 dark-breasted birds in *Seward*, NE 16 Nov (JG) were unidentified to subspecies. A Brant in *Texas*, OK 24–28 Nov (SM, m.ob.) was possibly the same individual present the previous winter. Good finds were the 3 Tundra Swans in *Custer*, OK 3 Dec (BLo) and 2 at *Quivira* 13 Nov (DK, JC, JWA). Increasingly rare, American Black Duck was reported just twice this season: singles at *Quivira* 14 Nov (SS, MR) and in *Seward*, NE 16 Nov (JG). Single Mottled Ducks were reported at Red Slough three times 2–16 Aug (DA, BH), but at least one of these sightings involved an apparent Mallard x Mottled Duck hybrid (JWA, JAG); the same was true of a bird found 4 Aug in *Coffey*, KS (ASw).

The highest Canvasback count was a remarkable 1000 in *Cherry*, NE 12 Nov (JED); probably summering were 2 at *Quivira* 9 Aug (HW). The fall scoter list included only one Surf Scoter, a juv. in *Lancaster*, NE 15–17 Oct (KP, LH, TEL); 5 White-winged Scoters 10–21 Nov from *Nebraska* (TJW, WRS, CE, MB), with one in *Johnson*, KS 2 Nov (ML); and a lone Black Scoter in *Sarpy*, NE 30 Oct (CHy). Long-tailed Duck reports were limited to *Kansas*, where singles were in *Lyon* 7–8 Nov (GP, DG), at *Quivira* 7 & 14 Nov (RW, SP, CH, MR), and in *Labette* 25 Nov (HA).

RAPTORS THROUGH TERNS

A nesting pair of Mississippi Kites was in *Webster*, NE in early Aug, only the 2nd known nesting site in the state (BT, LR, RH). Single Northern Goshawks were in *Cass*, NE 21 Nov (WRS) and *Douglas*, NE 28 Nov (JT). Rare in *Oklahoma* at any time, a *Harris's Hawk* was n. of its expected range in *Texas*, OK 24–26 Nov (SM, BH et al.). Rather late was a Broad-winged Hawk at Red Slough 24 Oct (DA); westerly were single Broad-winged Hawks in *Morton*, KS 24–25 Sep (SS) and *Garden*, KS 26 Sep (T&SS). Not bad for recent times were the 837 Swainson's Hawks 1 Oct along the *Sumner/Cowley*, KS county line (GY). A Golden Eagle in *Otoe*, NE 29 Oct (RE) and another over *Johnson*, KS 11 Nov (ML) were a bit e. of usual passage areas. Prairie Falcons appeared a little early, both in *Oklahoma* (*vide* JAG) and in *Nebraska*, where one was as far e. as *Dixon* 12 Sep (JJ).

Perhaps the best place to find Yellow Rail in the Region is Red Slough, where an amazing 16 were flushed by rope-dragging in late Oct, with at least 1–3 present for over a month, 14 Oct–16 Nov (DA, BH, m.ob.). Exciting were several Black Rails at various lo-

cations in *Meade*, KS 2 Oct, where they apparently occur regularly in summer (TF). A King Rail was found at Red Slough 22 Oct (DA, MW, BH), and a late Sora was there 16 Nov (DA). A rare summer visitor in the area, a Purple Gallinule was at Red Slough 3 Aug (DA, BH); 10 Common Moorhens lingered there through 5 Oct (DA).

Some 200,000 Sandhill Cranes estimated at *Quivira* in early Nov (*vide* DT) made an ex-



This Least Grebe at Red Slough Wildlife Management Area, McCurtain County, Oklahoma 8 September 2004 provided a first Regional record. Photograph by David Arbour.

cellent count. Whooping Cranes had one of the best showings ever in the Region this fall. Birds were at Salt Plains 16 Oct–7 Nov, with a peak count of 32 on 7 Nov (AW); 59 different individuals passed through *Quivira* 13 Oct (LHi) through 6 Nov (22 present on latter date; *vide* LM). Unfortunately, hunters shot at a group of 3 near *Quivira* 6 Nov, ultimately resulting in the death of 2 birds, the other lingering at *Quivira* through the period. Elsewhere, 6 Whoopings stopped briefly in *Brown*, NE 7 Oct (Cha), 3 flew over *Rush*, KS 6 Nov (SS, DSe), and up to 3 were at *Hackberry* 21 Oct–8 Nov (L&MT, KM, KS).

Rare and local as breeders and migrants in the Region, 4 Piping Plovers were in *Osage*, OK 27 Aug (BH, JM, JSt). Two Black-necked Stilts in *Grant*, NE 14 Sep (RG) were tardy. Almost unheard of during Nov in times past, 300+ American Avocets were still in *Alfalfa*, OK 14 Nov (JWA, JC). Five Long-billed Curlews at *Hackberry* 9 Oct (JAG, TG) were rather late, and one strayed eastward to *Osage*, OK 26 Aug (JWA, JL, JAG). A Red Knot at Red Slough 1 Sep (DA, BH) provided one of few records for se. *Oklahoma*. Most unusual in fall, a White-rumped Sandpiper was in *Lancaster*, NE 5 Sep (RD); very late were 2 Baird's Sandpipers in *Lancaster* 20 Nov (LE). A Dunlin at *Hackberry* 5 Sep (KM, L&MT) recalled

the 11 Jul record from that location. Quite late were 2 Stilt Sandpipers at Salt Plains 14 Nov (JWA, JC). The high count for Buff-breasted Sandpipers was only 50+ in *Rice*, KS 3 Aug (MK); the overall showing in the Region was poor this season (*vide* JGJ), as elsewhere through the species' midcontinental migratory route. Certainly good counts for Short-billed Dowitchers were the 16 in *Douglas*, NE 7 Aug (JT) and 8 in *Finney*, KS 4 Aug (DL).

Other reports were of up to 3 at Red Slough 3 Aug–1 Sep (DA, BH) and a juv. in *Clay*, NE 12 Sep (PDU). A very late Wilson's Phalarope was at Salt Plains 14 Nov (JWA, JC). Single Red-necked Phalaropes were in *Morton*, KS (PJ, CG, KG) and *Texas*, OK (BH, JM, JSt), both 5 Sep. A definite "zootie" was a Red Phalarope at *Cheyenne Bottoms* 14–17 Oct (SS, StS, LHi); there are about a dozen previous records for the state.

Rather early were 50 Bonaparte's Gulls in *Scotts Bluff*, NE 5–6 Sep (KD); most arrive in mid-Oct. Rare in *Oklahoma*, a California Gull was in *Oklahoma* 22 Nov (JAG), and the observations of a single in *Wagoner* 22 Aug–22 Nov (JWA, JL) may all have been of the same individual. The only Thayer's Gull reported was an ad. in *Dixon*, NE 28 Nov (JJ); the same location also hosted the only Lesser Black-backed Gull, a first-winter bird 12 Nov (DSw). Rare in *Oklahoma*, 2 Common Terns were in *Wagoner* 2 Oct (JWA), and one tardy Caspian Tern was at the same location 6 & 20 Nov (JWA). Also late were 2 Black Terns in *Wayne*, NE 26 Sep (NBR).

DOVES THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

An amazing 59 White-winged Doves were in *Finney*, KS 27 Nov (T&SS, LEd, BKP), testament to the species' northward spread in the Region. Three at Red Slough 22 Nov (DA) were still a rarity there, as were singles in *Saline*, KS 4 Sep (NH) and *Pawnee*, KS 13 Nov (LS). As with White-winged Dove, reports of Inca Dove continue to increase in the Region. Most notable was the count of 18 at *Garden City*, *Finney*, KS 19 Nov (T&SS), where the environment clearly favors doves. On the other hand, Common Ground-Dove is still a Regional rarity, especially in *Nebraska*; one in *Clay* 26 Nov (JD) was exceptional, while the 2 in *McCurtain*, OK 22 Oct (BH, BHe, FH) were still unusual. A Snowy Owl in *Johnson*, KS 20 Oct (NB) was early; no other reports of the species were received for the season. A Barred Owl in *Morton*, KS 24 Sep (MT, SP, SS, MR) was quite far west. The only Northern Saw-whet Owls reported were in *Kansas*: singles in *Riley* (JN) and *Morton* (SP, CH, MR), both on 13 Nov. Rather late was a road-killed Common Poorwill in *Lincoln*, NE 1 Oct (TJW).

A good count of 31 White-throated Swifts came from *Scotts Bluff*, NE 5 Sep (P&DD). A very cooperative male Broad-billed Hummingbird appeared at a *Finney*, KS residence 10 Oct (PR, T&SS, m.ob.), a first state record. The bird was found near death on 29 Nov, a very cold day, and taken to a local zoo, where it spent the winter (*vide* KH). Two different *Archilochus* hummingbirds in *Scotts Bluff*, NE 11 (AK) & 12 Sep (KD) were thought to be Ruby-throateds. The only Calliope Hummingbirds reported were 2 in *Pawnee*, KS 16–17 Aug (JN, SP, CH, MR). Broad-tailed Hummingbirds, still a find in the Region, were at *Pratt*, KS 20 Aug (LL), *Finney*, KS 5 Sep (T&SS), and *Morton*, KS 3 Sep (SP, DS, MM, GP). A total of 8 Rufous Hummingbirds was reported, all in Kansas and Oklahoma between 8 Aug and 30 Nov, with some remaining later (*vide* JWA, LM).

PASSERINES

A well-described Eastern Wood-Pee-wee in *Lancaster*, NE 11 Oct (RD) was the latest ever documented for the state. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher banded 7 Aug in *Washington*, NE (RS) documented the early fall date for the state. Detailed measurements documented an Alder Flycatcher in *Washington*, NE 7 Aug (RS). Undocumented reports of *Empidonax* flycatchers are difficult to evaluate, but some sightings with details included Hammond's Flycatchers in *Morton*, KS 5 Sep (PJ, CG, KG) and *Cimarron*, OK 11 Sep (JAG) and a Dusky in *Cimarron*, OK also 11 Sep (JAG). A Gray Flycatcher in *Scotts Bluff*, NE 5 Oct (TR, EW) was remarkable. Extralimital Pacific-slope/Cordilleran Flycatchers were found in *Sheridan*, NE 31 Aug (SJ), *Morton*, KS 5 Sep (PJ, CG, KG), and *Sioux*, NE 11 Sep (AK). Quite tardy were single Say's Phoebes in *Pawnee*, KS 23 Nov (SS) and *Cimarron*, OK 30 Nov (BH, m.ob.) and a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in *Cherokee*, OK 20 Nov (RSm). As many as 7 Vermilion Flycatchers were found in *Cimarron*, OK 6–11 Sep (BH, JM, JSt, JAG).

At least in Nebraska, Northern Shrikes were numerous this season; the earliest reported were 3 in sw. Nebraska 21 Oct (TJW), and southernmost was one in *Trego*, KS 13 Nov (SS). A Yellow-throated Vireo in *Dundy*, NE on 25 Oct (TJW) was the latest and westernmost for the state. A Plumbeous Vireo in *Cimarron*, OK 6 Sep (BH, JM, JSt) and a Cassin's Vireo in *Morton*, KS 5 Sep (PJ, CG, KG) were the only ones of their species reported. A westerly Philadelphia Vireo was in *Scotts Bluff*, NE 6 Sep (KD). A Western Scrub-Jay appeared a bit out of range in *Finney*, KS 10 Nov (L&BR). Single Clark's Nutcrackers

reached the Region in *Cimarron*, OK 5 Sep (PS) and *Stanton*, KS during Sep (PB); 3 in *Dawes*, NE 13 Oct were also a hint of things to come (TJW). Edging onto the Plains were 2 Bushtits in *Clark*, KS 30 Oct (GP); 8–12 were in *Wichita*, KS 22 (LHi) & 27 Nov (MR). A Rock Wren in *Harlan*, NE 3 Oct (G&WH) was e. of typical range, while a Sedge Wren in *Lancaster*, NE 25 Oct (LE) was late.

Townsend's Solitaire appeared in good



This Bohemian Waxwing in *Leoti*, *Wichita County*, Kansas 21 November 2004 was part of a small influx of the species into the Southern Great Plains Region, a very rare event. Photograph by Pete Janzen.

numbers in Nebraska and Kansas, with one in *Cimarron*, OK as early as 7 Sep (BH, JSt, JM) and singles e. to *Douglas*, KS 20 Nov (GPa), *Harvey*, KS 6 Nov (RW), and *Sedgwick*, KS 24 Oct (PJ). A very late Wood Thrush was in *Tulsa*, OK 19 Nov (TMi, BC). A Varied Thrush was seen 8 Nov in *Shawnee*, KS (JB), where quite rare. A Gray Catbird was rather late as far n. as *Thomas*, NE 4 Nov (TJW). A Sage Thrasher at *Red Slough* 22 Oct (DA, MW, RT) was well se. of typical range, whereas the Curve-billed Thrasher in *Morton*, KS 5 Sep (PJ) was less unexpected; one has been resident for two years in *Sioux*, NE (LF). Certainly a surprise of the season were the numbers of Bohemian Waxwings found in w. Kansas (best count 21 in *Wichita*; PJ, KG) beginning 12 Nov (SP, CH, MR, TM), and in Nebraska, where the first were singles with Cedar Waxwings in *Washington* 15 Nov (CE) and *Lancaster* 20 Nov (LE). A more complete accounting of this flight will be presented in the winter season's report

Among the seasonal "zooties" was a Golden-winged Warbler in *McCurtain* 14 Sep (DR). A Northern Parula feeding a fledgling in *Sarpy* 20 Aug (B&LP) provided the 3rd confirmed breeding record for Nebraska. Two Black-throated Blue Warblers were reported, one rather late in *Sedgwick*, KS 19 Oct

(D&FV) and another even later in *Douglas*, NE 30 Oct (PSw). Black-throated Green Warblers were located w. to *Comanche*, OK 26 Sep (BHo). Regular-but-rare migrants along the w. edge of the Region in fall, 4 Townsend's Warblers were in *Cimarron*, OK 6–7 Sep (BH, JM, JSt). Surprising were the five reports of Pine Warbler from Kansas in *Sedgwick* 9 Oct (MLi) and 13 Nov (KG), *Ellis* 14 Nov (TM, GF), *Harvey* 21 Nov (GFr), and as far w. as *Stevens* 3 Sep (DS, SP, GP, MM). A very late Prairie Warbler in *Sedgwick*, KS 30 Oct–25 Nov (PG) was unexpected, as were a tardy Palm Warbler in *Tulsa*, OK 12 Oct (PP), a Prothonotary Warbler in *McCurtain*, OK 12 Sep (BH), a Worm-eating Warbler in *McCurtain* 12 & 14 Sep (BH, DR), and a Yellow-breasted Chat in *Scotts Bluff*, NE 2 Oct (AK). Connecticut Warbler is a casual fall migrant in the Region; one was in *Sarpy*, NE 4 Sep (EB).

Among the more difficult species to locate in the Region, a Greentailed Towhee was found in *Morton*, KS 6 Sep (PJ, CG, KG). Early American Tree Sparrows were in *Jefferson*, NE 25 Sep (RR) and in *Sioux*, NE 29 Sep (HKH). Presumably regular but rarely seen in the Region, 2 Baird's Sparrows in *Beaver*, OK 15 Oct (JAG, MGr) provided the only fall record for the species in Oklahoma.

Departure dates for Henslow's Sparrow are difficult to assess because the species is quite secretive on migration; one in *Lancaster*, NE 30 Oct (RE) and 3 at *Red Slough* 26 Oct (DA, BH) were of great interest. With more attention, the status of Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow has become clearer in the Region; there were seven reports of the species 29 Sep (GP) through 1 Nov (AP). Fox Sparrow arrives in Nebraska in late Sep (earliest arrival date was 26 Sep in *Wayne* [NBr] this season) but often much later in Kansas and Oklahoma. At the e. edge of the migration corridor was a Dark-eyed (White-winged) Junco in *Lincoln*, NE 9 Nov (TJW).

There were "hundreds" of Snow Buntings in *Knox*, NE 21 Nov (MB), and a few were found as far s. and w. as *Stafford*, KS 13 Nov (BL). The 100+ Chestnut-collared Longspurs in *Cimarron*, OK 17 Oct (JAG, MGr) seemed a week or so early. A pure-looking singing male Lazuli Bunting in *Dixon* 2 Aug (JJ) provided about the 4th summer record for e. Nebraska. An Indigo Bunting at *Red Slough* 3 Nov (DA) and 2–3 Dickcissels there 19–22 Oct (DA) were rather late, as was a Bobolink far to the n. in *Dixon*, NE 26 Sep (JJ). At the peak of migration, flocks of Common Grackles estimated at 100,000 were observed in cen. and e. Nebraska—5 Oct (TJW) and 25 Sep (EB), respectively. Lingering Orchard

Orioles were noted in *Clay*, NE 25 Sep (JGJ) and *Muskogee*, OK 19 Oct (JM). Carefully observed was a somewhat easterly ad. male Bullock's Oriole in *Sarpy*, NE 4 Sep (EB).

Perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime event was the small invasion of **Pine Grosbeaks** in the Region. A female in *Sedgwick*, KS 6 Nov (R&PB) was the first discovered, but all others were westerly: one in *Wichita*, KS 12 Nov+ (SP, CH, MR), a female in *Morton*, KS 13 Nov (SP, CH, MR), and 4 in *Grant*, KS 22 Nov+ (KH, SG). This was also the season for an upsurge in Purple Finch numbers, recently almost rare, the first a westerly bird in *Sioux*, NE 27 Sep (HKH). Rare anywhere in the Region, a Cassin's Finch appeared in *Grant*, KS 27 Nov (T&SS). And Red Crossbills were widespread in generally low numbers in Nebraska and Kansas; easterly were 4 females in *Nemaha*, NE 12 Nov (WRS, JoS) and one in *Douglas*, KS 20 Oct (MRo); the best counts were 20 in *Riley*, KS 28 Oct (LJ) and 15–20 in *Ellis*, KS 11–14 Nov (TM, GF). Unexpected was a female White-winged Crossbill at a *Douglas*, NE feeder 15 Nov (DSt), the only report. Common Redpoll reports included 2–4 in *Dixon*, NE 27–28 Nov (JJ) and scattered singles in *Grant*, KS 22 Nov (KH, SG). Pine Siskins were at last widespread and in good numbers this fall in Nebraska and Kansas. A Lesser Goldfinch of the black-backed form was found in *Sedgwick*, KS 25 Jul–7 Aug (BR); an-

other stayed in *Johnson*, KS 19–28 Aug (M&EC). An Evening Grosbeak was in *Sarpy*, NE 25–30 Oct (KCR, CNK), a somewhat early date, with another in *Ellis*, KS 8 Nov (TM) and 3 in *Cheyenne*, NE 12–15 Oct (AS).

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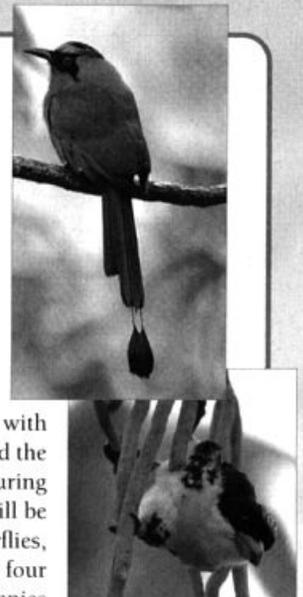
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