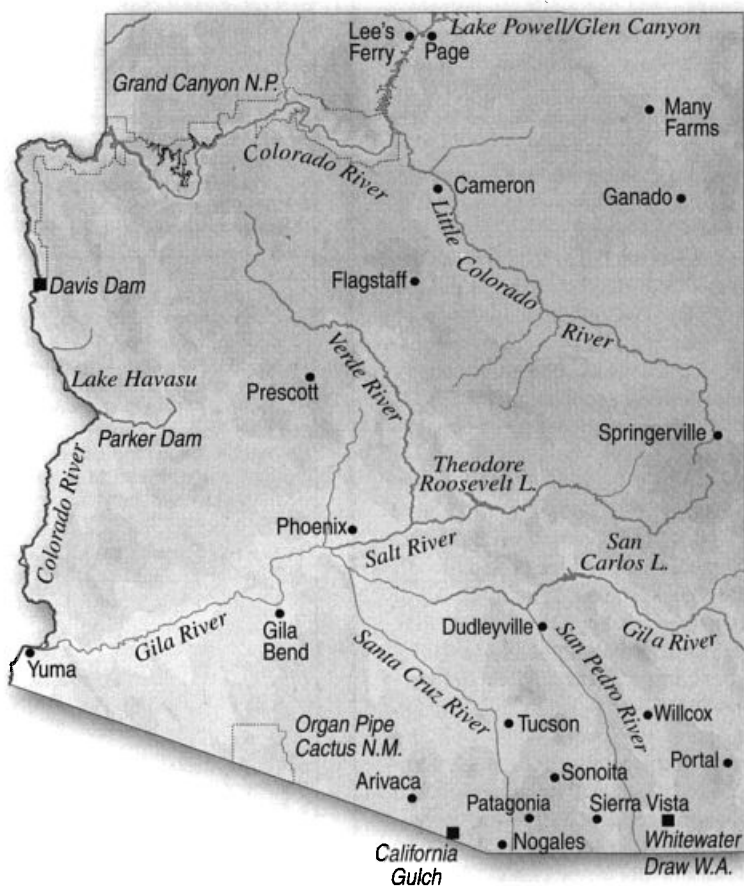


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Many observers commented on the generally low numbers of migrants across the state but also on the early arrival of numerous species, particularly flycatchers. Sufficient rain had fallen by the end of May that southern Arizona was briefly upgraded from "drought" to "abnormally dry" conditions.

Abbreviations: A.B.C. (Arizona Bird Committee); H.R.P. (Hassayampa R. Preserve); L.C.R.V. (lower Colorado R. valley); P.L.S.P. (Patagonia L. S.P.); N.I.R. (Navajo Indian Reservation); P.R.D. (Painted Rock Dam); S.C.L. (San Carlos L.); S.P.R. (San Pedro R.); Sweetwater (Sweetwater Wetlands, Tucson).

### LOONS THROUGH TURKEY

Casual as a spring migrant, a Pacific Loon was reported at Ashurst L. 1 May (T. Linda, †JP). A Common Loon was late at Martinez L. 14–26 May (ph. HD). Tucson's intermittent Least Grebes were seen again: at Sweetwater 18 Mar+ (T. Staudt, ph. MMS) and at Sam Lena Park 23 Apr–5 May (R. Wright). A

Red-necked Grebe at Willcox provided a first for se. Arizona on the late date of 19 May (ph., †DS et al.). Winter rains partly filled the res. above P.R.D., and on 7 May two pairs of Eared Grebes were observed building nests there; falling water levels ended their attempt by 14 May (TC). Sixty Western Grebes were at refilled Mormon L. 21 Apr (T. Linda). At Roosevelt L., Western and Clark's Grebes were building nests on freshly-drowned mesquites 17 May (A. Smith, *vide* TC). Sparse migrants, single Clark's Grebes were noted at L. Pleasant 12–25 Mar (SO), P.L.S.P. 1–20 Mar (ph. SH), Watson and Willow L. 11–12 May (TM, MMS), and 4 were above P.R.D. 14 May (TC). Away from more expected areas, 2 Neotropical Cormorants were below P.R.D. 7 May (TC, TM). Good numbers were seen along the Gila R. in Phoenix in Mar and Apr (TC, TM).

Little Blue Herons wander northward from Mexico in spring in small numbers. One was at Sweetwater on the very early date of 27 Mar (JB), and singles were at Gila Bend (ph. PD) and S.C.L. (KK) 14 May, a more typical date. Several Cattle Egrets in high color in w. Phoenix 2 Apr suggested nesting (TC), still an unusual event in Arizona. A Black Vulture near the Salt R./Verde R. confluence 14 May (C. Fischer, A. Peyton) was well e. of expected sw. Phoenix locations. Another was seen at San Bernardino N.W.R. 26 Apr (RW), where they are only irregularly reported. In n. Arizona, three pairs of reintroduced California Condors were reported nesting in May (Arizona Game & Fish).

A Trumpeter Swan neck-collared and translocated in the fall in Idaho was at Havasu N.W.R. 6 Mar (A. Haskew, ph. K. Blair) after wintering in s. California. A late migrant Tundra Swan was on the San Carlos R. near S.C.L. 4 Apr (ph. JE). At Fountain Hills L., a Greater White-fronted Goose lingered into summer (KR). Accidental in Prescott, 4–6 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks seen at Watson and Willow L. 19–20 Apr (D. Barnes, W. Bull, CST, TM) was the largest number ever reported there. A pair of Gadwall nested at Dateland, with 3 young present 30 May (HD); there are few nesting records for the L.C.R.V. A real oddity was an apparent hybrid Green-winged Teal × American Wigeon at St. David 30 Mar (ph. R. Carlson). Two Greater Scaup were on Lower L. Mary 19–22 Mar (CB, ph. JC). A Red-breasted Merganser at Hereford 2–4 Mar (MM, ph. J. Woodley) was apparently a first for the upper S.P.R.

Few White-tailed Kites were reported: one continued near Red Rock 5 Mar (MA), 2 were along Stateline Rd., Portal 24 Mar+ (DJ, RWe), and one was near Arlington 7 May (D. & J. Luehrs). Sightings of a single Mississippi Kite at both Rio Rico 14 May (F. Pinilla) and Patagonia 21 May (C. Cathers) suggested one wandering individual. The recently established kite colony at St. David

was represented by a single individual 20 May (D. Palmer et al.). Near Portal, 4+ Northern Harriers 26 Apr+ (RWe, DS) included a territorial male. Most harriers depart s. Arizona by the end of Apr. A Northern Goshawk over Brown Canyon, Baboquivari Mts. 1 Apr (I. Archer, †W. Anderson) was away from known nesting areas. One Red-shouldered Hawk remained at H.R.P. in May (*fide* TC). Broad-winged Hawk is a casual spring migrant; one was at San Bernardino N.W.R. 26 Apr (†RWe). A single Short-tailed Hawk was reported from the Chiricahua Mts. without details 11 Apr+ (m. ob.). A Crested Caracara far n. to Tuzigoot 1 May was a first for *Yavapai* (ph. D. van Guasig). Singles seen at Sweetwater 25 Mar (MP, MMS) and in nw. Tucson 6 Apr (LN) were unexpected in urban areas.

Two Wild Turkeys at San Bernardino N.W.R. 10 May (RWe) appeared to be Gould's Turkeys. The status of that taxon in the state remains unclear. Arizona Game & Fish translocated 28 turkeys (said to be Gould's) from the Huachuca Mts. and San Bernardino N.W.R. to the Pinaleno Mts. in Mar.

## PLOVERS THROUGH TROGONS

Many observers noted low numbers of migrant shorebirds statewide this spring. Rare transients, 2 American Golden-Plovers were at Gilbert 23–24 Apr (B. Higgins, ph. C. Marple, vt. M. Rupp). Up to 8 Snowy Plovers were seen 7–22 May above P.R.D. (TC, KR), where they have occasionally nested. A Black-necked Stilt was early at Whitewater 23 Mar (SH). Occasional nesters in ne. Arizona, two American Avocet pairs were active ne. of Holbrook 18 May (L. Gardella). Single Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs at Willcox 22 May (S. Finnegan) were late migrants. Willets were seen in good numbers. A flock of 70+ at Benson 26 Apr (DS) was the largest noted. Casual away from the L.C.R.V., a Whimbrel was at Willow L. 14 May (†CST). A Marbled Godwit at Willcox 14–24 May (MMS, MP) was quite late. The only Sanderlings reported were singles at Willcox 29 Apr–7 May (J. & MH) and above P.R.D. 7 May (TC, TM). The only Semipalmated Sandpiper reported with details was at Kayenta S.T.P. 22 Apr (†CL). A very casual late spring migrant in Arizona, a White-rumped Sandpiper was reported at Dateland 28 May (†HD). Casual in spring, single Stilt Sandpipers were seen at Gilbert 8 May (TM) and at Willcox 14–19 May (EW). Also casual in spring, a Short-billed Dowitcher was heard at Willcox 14 Apr (PS). A Red-necked Phalarope at Whitewater 10 Apr (KK) was about two weeks early. At L. Pleasant, flocks of up to 27 California Gulls 23 & 26 Mar (SO) represented large numbers for s. Arizona. A great but puzzling find was a

worn large gull at Willcox 26 May (ph. RT) showing some characters of a first-winter Glaucous-winged Gull. It will be evaluated by the A.B.C.; however, extreme wear would seem to preclude definitive identification. There are no se. Arizona records of Glaucous-winged Gull or its hybrids.

Terns are sparse away from the L.C.R.V. in spring. Six Caspian Terns were at Watson L. 12 May (MMS), and up to 10 were seen at once at P.R.D. 12–22 May (F. Pinilla, TC, PD, KR). A Forster's Tern was at Willcox 29 Apr (J&MH). Least Terns put in another good showing, with singles at Sells 3 May (B. Meiklejohn), Bill Williams N.W.R. 4 May (K. Blair), Gilbert 14 May (R. Edwards), Willcox 14 May (MK), and Dateland 24 May (HD).



This Red-necked Grebe found by David Stejskal at Willcox 19 May 2005 (here) furnished a first record for well-birded southeastern Arizona—and only the eighth record for the state. Photograph by Gary H. Rosenberg.

Up to 2 were in Tucson 3–6 May (D. West, MP), and 3 were at Willcox 22 May (S. Finnegan, ph. MMS). Single Black Terns were at Quigley W.A. 3 May (HD) and Willow L. 11 May (TM).

With Ruddy Ground-Doves recently in year-round residence near Red Rock, nesting has been suspected. Up to 4 continued there this spring (m.ob.), with singing heard 6 May (R. Hoyer) and a nest reported (without details) 14 May (MK). A bright male Ruddy near Arlington 14 May (TC) was a good find outside the cooler months. Yellow-billed Cuckoo is one of the latest-arriving migrants in Arizona, with few ever observed before 1 Jun. This spring, there were early individuals at P.L.S.P. 13 May (†SH) and Fort Bowie the next day (EW).

Near Portal, Flammulated Owls were noted feeding young about two weeks early on 26 May (DJ). Elf Owls arrived early in Portal 10 Mar (DJ) and Green Valley 11 Mar (G. Crandall). Perhaps taking advantage of abundant prey following winter rains, nesting Long-eared Owls were found near Portal in Apr–May (P. D. Hulce, DJ) and at Cow Springs L. in May (CL), with two pairs at each location. The species is a sparse nester

anywhere in the state. Seldom found nesting in Arizona, Northern Saw-whet Owls were feeding young near Rustler Park in late May (DJ). A Lesser Nighthawk was two weeks early in Tucson 30 Mar (MA). A Buff-colored Nightjar at the Oro Blanco Mine site near California Gulch 11 Apr+ (KK) represented the earliest arrival ever for the species. Up to 2 were subsequently reported (m. ob.).

Hummingbird numbers remained generally low according to most observers. A Broad-billed Hummingbird at Black Canyon City 25–26 Mar (S. Fortier, *fide* CST) was n. of the species' usual range. Up to 3 White-eared Hummingbirds in Miller Canyon, Huachuca Mts. 8 May+ (TB, ph. KK) and one in the

Chiricahua Mts. at Southwestern Research Station 13–18 May (D. Utterback et al.) were in expected areas for this rarity. Berylline Hummingbird is nearly annual in Arizona; one reported at Chiricahua N.M. 1 May (†L. Rogers et al.) was not unexpected. Unprecedented was a female Berylline banded at Tumacacori National Historical Park. 3 & 31 May (ph. LN), at an elevation of 990 m in riparian habitat adjacent to desertscrub, marking the lowest altitude record of this species in Arizona (there is a record from Guadalupe Canyon, NM at a similar elevation). Apparent Berylline-type hybrids appeared in eastside Huachuca Mt. canyons again: 22 Mar+ and 11 May+ in Miller Canyon (TB, m. ob.) and 1 May in Ramsey Canyon. Violet-crowned Hummingbirds away from nesting areas were n. to Tucson 11 (RT) & 14 Mar (K. Kaufman) and at Tumacacori National Historical Park 3–31 May (LN, R. Tess). Lucifer Hummingbirds returned to several eastside Huachuca Mt. canyons by 29 Mar+ (m.ob.), with up to 5 at Ash Canyon feeders 14 May+ (M.J. Ballator). The only other report was of one in the Mule Mts. 2 Apr (S. Williamson). An aberrant-appearing hummingbird at a feeder near Wickenburg 5 Apr (ph. D. Keiser) was considered by Sheri Williamson to be a Costa's Hummingbird × Broad-billed Hummingbird hybrid. In Yuma, a Calliope Hummingbird on 25 Mar (ph. HD) was early for the L.C.R.V. A pair of Elegant Trogons in South Fork Cave Cr. on 14 Mar (DJ) was nearly a month early; one was seen 6 Apr–14 May in the Patagonia Mts. (MB), where they are not known to breed.

## FLYCATCHERS THROUGH THRASHERS

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet continued its apparent range expansion, with a number of extralimital sightings this spring, including a pair nesting along Ranch Cr., San Carlos Indian Reservation 4 May (ph. JE), one at Portal 9 May (RWe), and one well n. near Sunflower 14 May (CBa). Greater Pewees were

also found n. of their normal range in Arizona, with 2 in Black Canyon near Overgaard 14 May (K. Penland) and one in Oak Creek Canyon 8–14 May (JC). There are very few n. Arizona records for this species. A singing Hammond's Flycatcher along the road to Dry Lake Hills near Flagstaff 22–26 May (JC, CL) was in the same location where one nested in 2003. Early-arriving Cordilleran Flycatchers were found in the Huachuca Mts. at Sawmill Canyon 15 Apr (SH) and Carr Canyon 16 Apr (EW) and in Bear Canyon, Santa Catalina Mts. 16 Apr (MA); this species typically arrives in late Apr–early May. A Buff-breasted Flycatcher seen and heard in Hull Canyon near Jerome 13 May (MMS) represented the northernmost report for the state. Numerous pairs were located this spring in both the Chiricahua and Santa Rita Mts. during Apr and May (DJ, RWe, DS); clearly this species' evolving distribution in Arizona is in need of study. Several Eastern Phoebes, casual in spring, were reported during the early portion of the season, including singles at Whitewater 10 Mar (EW), at Las Cienegas 13 Mar (PS), along Sonoita Cr. near Patagonia 20 Mar (M. Tyner), and at Paulden along Granite Cr. 30 Apr (J. Saar).

Numbers of Dusky-capped Flycatchers had arrived at several se. Arizona locations by the end of the first week of Apr, early for this species. One reported near Prescott 29 Mar (V. & E. Miller, *vide* CST) provided a first local report, and one at Overgaard was there for the 2nd consecutive year 15 Apr–2 May (K. Penland). Ash-throated Flycatchers also arrived earlier than expected, with one at Sabino Canyon 1 Mar (WR), one at L. Pleasant 7 Mar (SO), and one on Navajo Mt. in n. Arizona 16 Apr (CL). Brown-crested Flycatcher was also an early arriver by more than a week near Patagonia 5 Apr (KG) and along the upper S.P.R. 6 Apr (MM). At least 2 Thick-billed Kingbirds were apparently nesting at H.R.P. 7–28 May (M. Vandewater, P. Moulton, C. Donald), the 2nd consecutive year that this casual species for *Maricopa* has been found nesting at this location. Four Western Kingbirds at Cameron 15 Apr (CL) were early for the N.I.R. Casual in Arizona during the spring, single Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were reported from Martinez L. 14 May (*vide* HD) and from Jake's Corner 26 May (R. & R. Bowling). The pair of Rose-throated Becards arrived at the Patagonia Roadside Rest right on schedule 20 May (S. Mahoney, MB).

A Bell's Vireo e. of Tacna 30 May (HD) was intriguing, as it was w. of the normal breeding range in cen. Arizona yet s. and e. of historic nesting areas in the lower Colorado R. Valley. A Gray Vireo at Soren Pass in the Dragoon Mts. 21 Apr (SH) may represent a previously undiscovered breeding area

in se. Arizona. A singing Yellow-throated Vireo, casual in spring, was at B.T.A. 7 May (J. Holloway). A Plumbeous Vireo at Navajo Mt. 16 Apr (CL) tied the earliest arrival for the N.I.R. Also early was a Warbling Vireo at Apache L. 6 Mar (J. McKay).

At least 2 Clark's Nutcrackers, holdovers from a small winter invasion, lingered through May near Bear Wallow, Santa Catalina Mts. and were seen carrying "sticks" 24 May (MA); there are no breeding records from s. Arizona. Two pairs of Tree Swallows were occupying nest boxes at Kachina Wetlands 4 May+ (E. Morral); there is still only a handful of confirmed nesting records for this species in Arizona. A Barn Swallow at A.V.S.T.P. 7 Mar was about a week earlier than expected (P. Kline). A singing Golden-crowned Kinglet on Black Mesa 1 Apr (CL) was of interest, as this species is not known to nest in these mountains. At least one Black-capped Gnatcatcher remained in Montosa Canyon, Santa Rita Mts. 17 Mar+ (RH, DS, RT et al.), where present for at least two years running. The small population at and above P.L.S.P. seemed to be thriving this spring. The pair at the ne. end of the lake again nested successfully, as evidenced by 2 ads. feeding 3 fledged young there 1 May+ (SH, MK et al.). Along Sonoita Cr. above the lake, there appeared to be at least two different pairs present 29 Apr+ (WR, MB et al.). It is not surprising that several pairs of Black-capped are being found up and down Sonoita Cr., after at least three years of successful nesting. Casual at any season, yet even rarer as a spring visitor anywhere in s. Arizona, a Varied Thrush was in downtown Phoenix 19–21 Apr (ph. J. McKay, T. Gaskill). A Brown Thrasher located at Las Cienegas 21 Mar (KK) likely wintered locally.

### WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

A singing male Tennessee Warbler in a cen. Tucson yard 9 May (†MMS) was the only report of this casual spring transient. A Lucy's Warbler along Aztec Cr., *Coconino* 9 Apr (CL) was at a new location for the N.I.R. Three Northern Parulas, about average for a spring, were found, including one in E. Whitetail Canyon 10 May (RT), one at San Bernardino N.W.R. the same day (RWe), and one in Ramsey Canyon 25–28 May (JH et al.). A Yellow Warbler at P.L.S.P. 7 Mar (SH) was about a week ahead of the normal arrival date. Casual in spring, single Chestnut-sided Warblers were reported from Portal 16 Apr (DJ) and from the S.P.R. near Kingfisher Pond 7 May (C. Rucker). A Townsend's Warbler was at Pasture Canyon near Tuba City 20 May (CBa, B. Johnson), where it is a sparse spring migrant. A nice find was a male Palm Warbler of the nominate subspecies at Whitewater 23 Apr (†J&MH); this species is casual at best during spring in se.

Arizona. The only Black-and-white Warbler of the season was one from Pasture Canyon 13 May (CL). The imm. male American Redstart that wintered in Sabino Canyon was last reported 9 Apr (WR). Always scarce in Arizona, a Prothonotary Warbler was reported along the S.P.R. near Hereford 1 May (J. Koehler, *vide* MM). A singing Ovenbird, rare in spring, was along Sonoita Cr. near Patagonia 29 May (MB). No fewer than 5 male Hooded Warblers, a few more than usual, were found in the se. corner of the state 17 Apr–30 May (J. Hand, M. Hodges, R. Wright, RWe, KK). A Red-faced Warbler in the Santa Catalina Mts. 27 Mar (B. Bickel) was early for a spring arrival. One along the upper S.P.R. 9 May (A. Miller) was at an unusually low elevation, as there are fewer than 10 prior reports of migrants from the upper S.P.R. Several Painted Redstarts were detected at low elevations during migration 16–27 Mar (m.ob.); one reported from the Grand Canyon below Indian Gardens 30 Mar (B. Gatlin) was likely a spring overshoot. Certainly the warbler of the spring was a Slate-throated Redstart near Comfort Spring, Carr Canyon in the Huachuca Mts. 26 May–3 Jun (†L. King, P. Norton, †MMS; ph. KK, KR, L. Feltner), providing only a 5th Arizona record of this Mexican species. Remarkably, it was found dead 5 Jun (J. Hand, \*University of Arizona), apparently killed by an *Accipiter*, providing the first specimen for Arizona and only the 3rd specimen for the United States. A Rufous-capped Warbler in Sycamore Canyon, *Santa Cruz* 9 May (KK) frequented the same location at which a pair was present in 2004. The famous French Joe Canyon Rufous-capped Warblers, present for at least five years, appear to be gone, with no reports received this spring despite searching.

Hepatic Tanagers usually arrive in spring around 1 Apr, but, as was true of many migrants, they appeared to arrive early in the Huachuca Mts., with one reported in Miller Canyon 1 Mar (T. Beatty, Jr.), 2 in Ash Canyon 12 Mar (R. Behrstock), and another in Ash Canyon 21 Mar (M. J. Ballator). Also early was a male Western Tanager at Madera Canyon 8 Apr (MMS, MP), as was one in the Santa Catalina Mts. 16 Apr (MA) Quite exciting was the return of a pair of Flame-colored Tanagers to the exact spot in Madera Canyon where they nested in 2003 and 2004. First detected 14 Apr (J. Murray, ph. C. van Cleve), they had fledged at least one young by the end of May (K. McBride, m.ob.). Always a concern when identifying a Flame-colored Tanager in Arizona, hybrids with Western Tanager were reported from Miller Canyon 24 Apr–15 May (R. Weissler et al.), and from Rucker Canyon (for the 2nd year in a row) 23 May (RWe).

Casual as a spring transient, a Clay-col-

ored Sparrow was reported in Flagstaff 14 Apr (JP). Well w. of this species' normal wintering area or migratory route in the state, 2 Lark Buntings were found near Colorado City 14 May (F. Dunell, *vide* K Grandison). Extremely scarce in se. Arizona, particularly in spring, 2 Harris's Sparrows were in Portal 25–26 Apr (DJ), and another 2, in alternate plumage, were at San Bernardino N.W.R. 3 May (RWe). Very late was a white-lored White-crowned Sparrow at Portal 4 Jun (RWe). As in recent springs, Rose-breasted Grosbeak numbers were impressive, with no fewer than 17 individuals found statewide 7 Apr–31 May.

A singing male Western Meadowlark adjacent to a lush field in the Sulphur Springs Valley 19 May (SH) was noteworthy, as this species does not breed anywhere in se. Arizona. A Common Grackle was reported

from Flagstaff 4 May (†CL); this species is a very casual visitor, mainly in fall and winter, to Arizona. A female Purple Finch, casual in spring in Arizona, was at a Patagonia feeder 12 Mar–10 Apr (T. Staudt et al., ph. M. Coker). Cassin's Finches were reported widely around se. Arizona, mainly in the Huachuca and Chiricahua Mts., with groups of up to 20+ seen. Numbers were also seen in Flagstaff, and along the Mogollon Rim, suggesting a widespread movement into Arizona—but from where? A Red Crossbill at Canyon de Chelly 26 Apr (LN) was away from usual areas of occurrence in pine forests in n. Arizona. Large numbers of Pine Siskins were reported during the spring in most of the mountain areas of the southeast. After a lackluster winter for Lawrence's Goldfinch around s. Arizona, scattered individuals turned up at a number of odd loca-

tions from near Yuma to Carr Canyon to the B.T.A. More interesting were two pairs thought to be nesting at H.R.P. near Wickenburg 12–16 Mar (*vide* TC) and a nest with 3 young at B.T.A. 10 Apr (CST, *vide* TC).

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Following a very mild, mostly storm-free late-winter season, which produced relatively weak snowpack accumulations, spring 2005 started fast and furious. Much of the Region was enveloped in a record-warm, high-pressure surge in April, which set the tone for incredibly early and synchronous arrival dates. In particular, areas between Ketchikan and Anchorage posted several record-early arrivals, but even the Interior had very early birds. Observers were likewise impressed at the early onset of breeding for most summer visitors.

This season's warm, mostly settled air must have influenced the Aleutian Low in such a way for it to have had a minor impact in the Region's western interface with north-bound Asian birds: only one large late-May anticyclone produced significant fallouts in the Aleutians and Bering Sea outposts this season.

### LOONS THROUGH RAILS

Continuing the trend of the past decade or so, Arctic Loons were well represented, with up to 4 noted around Shemya I. 16 Apr–7 May (CS, MS) and a peak of 12 counted passing Gambell 6 Jun (PEL et al.). Single Pied-billed Grebes, rare to casual in spring, were reported from Ketchikan 15 Mar (SCH, AWP), possibly a winter bird from s. Southeast, and n. to Juneau 2–9 May (LE, GVV, SZ). An Eared Grebe in alternate plumage was nicely documented from Valdez Arm 21 May (ph. LD, ph. NH, ND, TS). Although the photographs submitted were marginal, this individual is the Region's 2nd substantiated report; the other record is from Fairbanks in early spring. Fourteen Mottled Petrels tallied between Shemya and Attu Is. 29 May (KB, BB) was

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unexpected, as these *Pterodroma* typically reach their n. North Pacific peak in late Aug. Most unusual for the Interior and a first for Fairbanks was a Double-crested Cormorant there 22 May (QE).

With the recent Canada Goose split, many coastal observers commented on and/or documented migrant Cackling Geese in route to points north. Confusion still exists with various subspecies within this new group, and I urge readers to find an old but still relevant treatise of the two new species groups by

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