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The summer monsoon petered out after a fairly wet August, placing this fall among the warmest and driest on record in most parts of the state. Late departures appear now to be a recurrent theme in this season.

**Abbreviations:** A.B.C. (Arizona Bird Committee), A.V.S.T.P. (Avra Valley S.T.P.), B.T.A. (Boyce Thompson Arboretum), G.W.R. (Gilbert Water Ranch), L.C.R.V. (lower Colorado R. valley), P.R.D. (Painted Rock Dam), P.A.P. (Pinal Airpark Pecan grove), S.C.L. (San Carlos L.), S.P.R. (San Pedro R.), Sweetwater (Sweetwater Wetlands, Tucson), Whitewater (Whitewater Draw W.A.).

## WATERFOWL THROUGH SPOONBILL

Accidental in recent decades, a Fulvous Whistling-Duck discovered at Scottsdale 10 Nov (M. Eckman et al.; ph. G. Wall) was a harbinger of things to come in winter. Historically very scarce in Arizona, a Cackling Goose reported from G.W.R. 28 Nov (†B. Percival) will be reviewed by the A.B.C. Small white-cheeked geese are receiving greater attention following the splitting of Canada Goose. Nicely documented was a Brant on the Colorado R. near Blythe 27 Nov (vt. R. Higson); there are few recent Arizona records. A drake Wood Duck on the lower S.P.R. 23 Sep+ (P.D. Hulce) was two weeks early for a south-bound migrant. Still rare in Arizona, a drake Eurasian Wigeon returned to Scottsdale for a 3rd year 26 Oct+ (J. Pavlock, ph. R. Fray), and another was found at Ashurst L. 11 Nov (JP, ph. JC). Attentive observers noted up to 3 apparent Mexican Ducks at G.W.R. 28 Nov+ (ph. MM et al.). This subspecies is not ex-

pected outside se. Arizona, and there are few *Maricopa* records. Observer disinterest (and intergrades with Mallards) limit our knowledge of its status. Twenty or more Blue-winged Teal were on L. Mary 4–11 Nov (CL, JC et al.), a late date for such a concentration there; the status of the species in n. Arizona in late fall remains unclear. Ashurst L. also hosted Surf Scoters, with one there 24 Oct–5 Nov (†JJP) and 2 present 11–20 Nov (†JJP et al.). Another was on nearby L. Mary 11–15 Nov (CN), and one was on L. Havasu 15 Nov (PL). Creating more of a stir, a trio of Black Scoters was on Ashurst L. 2 Nov (†JJP, ph. CN); there are only seven prior Arizona records. A single Barrow's Goldeneye had arrived at Parker Dam by 14 Nov (PL).

A Pacific Loon was on L. Havasu 24 Nov (MMS, MP), where they are rare but regular in fall. Common Loon is a regular migrant, but 10 in the Flagstaff area 11 Nov (JP), including 8 on L. Mary, was a large single-day count away from the L.C.R.V. One reported from Long L. 18 Sep (E. Morral) was two weeks early. Otherwise casual in the state, both Tucson Least Grebes were seen again, at Sweetwater 13 Oct+ (MMS) and Sam Lena Park 26 Nov+ (K. Kroesen). The only Horned Grebe reported was at Willcox 25 Oct (RW). At Lyman L., 5 juv. Western Grebes accompanying ads. 16 Aug (SH) indicated a new nesting locality. Wandering Brown Pelicans were seen into Nov. Concentrations of 15 at P.R.D. 17 Aug (PD) and up to 8 at Bill Williams N.W.R. 14 Sep+ (K. Blair et al.) were remarkable. Far east, 3 were on S.C.L. 13 Nov (DJ, KK).

An imm. Little Blue Heron at Whitewater 22 Nov (†REW) was two months later than most records. The only Tricolored Heron of the season was at Tucson 18–19 Sep (D. West, ph. MMS). A late report was received of one at Willcox 16 May (ph. T. Whetten). Reddish Egrets continued their recent trend of multiple fall reports: one was near Rio Rico 4–6 Aug (C. Smith, S. Carnahan), while another was e. to Willcox 13 Aug (G. Harritt, ph. KR). An exciting find at P.R.D. was an imm. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** 13 Aug–5 Sep (ph. B. Grossi), the first documented in the state in 20 years. At Palo Verde, the White Ibis turned up again 12 Nov+ (BG, ph. PD). A first for se. and only a 3rd for the state, an alternate-plumaged **Glossy Ibis** was at A.V.S.T.P. 26 Aug (MP, ph., †MMS; ph. CB, DS). A basic-plumaged individual in the

same *Plegadis* flock was likely also a Glossy (ph. †MMS, †MP; PS); both will be reviewed by the A.B.C. For the 2nd year in a row, it was a good season for Roseate Spoonbills. Reports included 2 that touched down in a San Manuel yard 30 Aug (ph. J. Wahimier, J. Dicus) and singles near Catalina 3 Sep (J. Spoonamore, ph. B. Hall), at Patagonia L. 11–12 Sep (P. Walsh, ph. R. Tess), at Rio Rico 14 Sep (D. Touret), at Marana 11 Oct (B. Herrmann), and at Gila Bend 20 Oct (ph. J. Zierenberg).

## KITE THROUGH FLICKERS

White-tailed Kites were more widely reported than in recent years. Singles were seen at several locations near Sierra Vista 11 Oct–6 Nov (m.ob.), 2 were in the Santa Cruz Flats 27 Oct+ (D. Smyth et al.), one was at P.A.P. 13 Nov (RW), 2 were near Sonoita 18 Nov+ (PL et al.), and up to 3 were in the San Rafael Valley 26 Nov+ (RH, RW). Three Gray Hawks in se. into late Oct followed the recent trend of later departures (D. Dunford, C. Braun, MMA). Short-tailed Hawk remains very rare and localized in Arizona. In the Chiricahua Mts., a juv. was seen on 11 Aug (CB), and a dark morph was reported without details 30 Aug (RT). In the Huachuca Mts., one was reported again over Carr Canyon 4 Aug (MP, SF). A Zone-tailed Hawk was at G.W.R. 8

Nov+ (MM), and 2 were reported over Papago Park, Phoenix 12 Nov (T. Gaskill). They are casual in late fall and winter in *Maricopa*. A Harlan's Hawk was at the Santa Cruz Flats 17 Nov+ (JM). Well away from their core range, individual Crested Caracaras were seen along the upper S.P.R. 15 Nov (SH) and over Yuma 26 Nov (HD, S. Detwiler). There appears to be an increase in wandering caracaras.

An ad. Common Moorhen with 4 young at Page S.T.P. 1–19 Sep (J. Spence) marks only the 2nd nesting of this species n. of the Mogollon Rim. Rare fall migrants, single

Black-bellied Plovers were noted at Sunrise L. 15 Aug (SH), Dateland 13 Sep (ph. HD), St. Johns S.T.P. 18 Sep (J. Videle), and Wenima W.A. 24 Sep (GC, DR). Six Mountain Plovers in the Santa Cruz Flats 17 Sep (MP, SF) were about a month early. Up to 35 were seen there in Nov (TM, m.ob.), while 13 were at Yuma 26 Nov (HD). Flocks totaling 1500+ Long-billed Curlews s. of Yuma 11 Nov (HD et al.) far exceeded previous counts anywhere in the state. Among rare-but-regular shorebirds re-



This **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** at Painted Rock Dam 13 August (here 14 August) through 5 September 2005 provided only a fourth record of the species for Arizona. Photograph by Roy Jones.

ported were totals of 3 Sanderlings, 7 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 10 Dunlins, and 13 Short-billed Dowitchers. Late shorebirds included: a Semipalmated Plover at Ashurst L. 2–11 Nov (CN, JC), a flock of 17 American Avocets 13 Nov at S.C.L. (DJ, KK), a Lesser Yellowlegs at G.W.R. 9–19 Nov (MMS, m.ob.), a Willet at St. Johns S.T.P. 25 Oct (J. Videle), and 2 Marbled Godwits at L. Pleasant 27 Nov (KR, CR). Late Wilson's Phalaropes comprised one at Tuba City S.T.P. 27 Oct (CL), one at Tempe 24 Nov (T. Gaskill), and a total of at least 7 at the Phoenix Rio Salado project 27 Nov (T. Gaskill).

Casual fall migrants, a jaeger identified as a Parasitic was at Roosevelt L. 21 Aug (†KR). A Heermann's Gull was at Arizona City 28 Oct (†DJ). Sabine's Gull numbers were lower than in recent falls, with only 7 reported. A flock of 35 Caspian Terns on L. Mary 18 Sep (J. Hildebrand) was a large number away from the L.C.R.V. Casual in fall, a Least Tern was reported at Willcox 25 Aug (G. Harritt, *vide* KK). A banded juv. Black Skimmer at Gillespie Dam 16–19 Sep (D. Paulson, ph. O. Niehuis, PD) was hatched at the Salton Sea (K. Molina). The species is casual in Arizona from spring through fall.

The prevalence of Ruddy Ground-Doves in the state has been growing, but numbers this fall were simply astounding: as many as 75 were reported statewide. Notable concentrations included: 6 at Patagonia 9–19 Oct (R. Baxter), 13 at El Mirage 10 Oct (TC, ph. MW), 7 at Whitewater 13 Oct (ph. SH), 13 at Red Rock 13 Nov (M. Kehl), 15 at Tacna-Welton 16 Nov (PL), and 21 at El Mirage 27 Nov+ (BG). Outliers included 3 near Wikieup 11 Sep (K. Penland) and one at Prescott 21 Nov (B. Pranter et al.). It was also a good fall for Groove-billed Ani, which is nearly annual in the state, with documented singles at G.W.R. 7 Nov+ (O. Harbour, ph. PD et al.) and Whitewater 22–26 Nov (W. Wallraven, ph. RSh); 3 others were reported without details.

A Spotted Owl in the Dragoon Mts. 19 Oct (ph., *vide* R. Fray) was away from known nesting areas. Late caprimulgids were another sign of warm temperatures: 6 Lesser Nighthawks were reported in se. Arizona late Oct–early Nov (m.ob.), a Common Poorwill was found freshly dead at Catalina S.P. 19 Nov (RW), a calling Buff-collared Nighthawk was at Brown Canyon, Baboquivari Mts. 19 Sep (L. Liese et al.), and a Whip-poor-will was calling in the Chiric-

ahua Mts. 7 Nov (M. Brooks).

Formerly casual along the upper S.P.R., Broad-billed Hummingbirds have become regular fall visitors in small numbers at Marsden's Hereford feeders. Coincident with va-



One of likely two different Glossy Ibis at Avra Valley Sewage Treatment Plant in Tucson 26 August 2005, this photograph documents just the third Arizona record of the species. Photograph by Dave Stejskal.

grancy of the species to other states, a White-eared Hummingbird found along the S. Fork of the Little Colorado R. 16–17 Sep (vt. C. Babbitt; B. Johnson) was still a surprising first for n. Arizona. The female Berylline Hummingbird at Ramsey Canyon remained until 1 Oct (ph. J. Woodley) after being banded on 7 Sep (*vide* TC). Away from typical areas, Violet-crowned Hummingbirds reported from French Joe Canyon 21 Aug (RH), Green Valley 31 Aug (A. Tozier), se. Tucson 1 Sep (D. West), and Green Valley 24 Oct (B. Massey) and 11 Nov (S. Johnsen) were likely post-breeding wanderers. An Anna's Hummingbird at an Overgaard feeder on 4 Oct (K. Penland) was only the 2nd for Navajo; they are not expected n. of the Mogollon Rim. A Broad-tailed Hummingbird high in the Catalina Mts. 20 Nov (B. Bickel) was very late. Only 2 Allen's Hummingbirds were re-



This banded immature Black Skimmer at Gillespie Dam along the Gila River, Arizona 16–19 (here 19) September 2005 was discovered to have been hatched (and banded) at the Salton Sea, California on 19 August 2005. Photograph by Oliver Niehuis.

ported: a male seen at Miller Canyon 24 Aug (W. Wallraven) and an ad. female banded at Madera Canyon 22 Aug (G. West). An Elegant Trogon returned to Patagonia L. to winter by 18 Nov+ (JM et al.), while singles lingered into late Nov at Madera Canyon (MP et al.) and Huachuca Canyon (A Miller). Exciting (and exasperating) was an Eared Quetzal found at S. Fork Cave Cr., Chiricahua Mts. 11 Oct (vt. M Decker, v.r. REW) and thereafter reportedly heard through 23 Oct; there have been few Arizona reports in this century of this casual visitor from Mexico. Still scarce in the state, single Green Kingfishers were at Patagonia L. 25 Sep+ (M Barnhill, ph. G. Massey) and along the upper S.P.R. near Kingfisher Pond 28 Sep+ (EW). What may have been a different bird was reported farther s. along the S.P.R. 8 Nov (MMa). An early arrival was made by a Williamson's Sapsucker in the Chiricahua Mts. 13 Sep (C. Lundblad). Annual in small numbers, single

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported above Patagonia L. 18 Nov (†RH) and near Topock 25 Nov (MP, MMS).

## FLYCATCHERS THROUGH THRASHERS

Greater Pewees were reported away from normal breeding areas in the Sonoita grasslands (Audubon Research Ranch) 1 Aug (J. Ruth), along the S.P.R. near Hereford 5 Sep (MMa) and near Tubac 5 Oct (B. McKnight); migrants of this species are seldom reported away from breeding habitats. One at Randolph Golf Course, Tucson 11 Nov (JH) may have tried to winter. Similarly, Buff-breasted Flycatcher is almost never reported away from known breeding areas, so one in lower Pinery Canyon 29 Aug (SH) may suggest that a pair bred locally in that canyon; one at Catalina S.P. 27 Oct (RH et al.) was clearly a wandering migrant, virtually unprecedented in Arizona. It was an excel-

lent fall for Eastern Phoebe in the state, normally a very rare but regular fall and winter visitor, with at least seven reports received, mostly from the southeast. Of great interest was the report of a possible Great Crested Flycatcher along Morgan City Wash near L. Pleasant 25 Sep (TC, J. Jones), this report will be evaluated by the A.B.C., as there are only three previously accepted reports from Arizona. Tropical Kingbirds lingered well into Sep at a number of "regular" haunts (Rio Rico, Kino Springs, Ft. Lowell Park), last reported 28 Sep at Rio Rico (C. Cathers). Amazingly, a Thick-billed Kingbird returned for the 4th



One of several reported from Arizona in autumn 2005, this Groove-billed Ani was at Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area 22-26 (here 23) November. Photograph by Robert Shantz.

consecutive winter at Yuma 26 Nov+ (HD). Always considered casual in the state, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were reported from along Stateline Rd. near Portal 9 Aug (S. Kirm et al.) and 23 Sep–3 Oct (S. Kennedy, Dja et al.). The famous pair of Rose-throated Becards at Patagonia was feeding 3 fledglings by 22 Aug, last reported 7 Sep (MBr et al.). This continues to be the only known active nesting location for this species in Arizona.

A very late Bell's Vireo was at the G.W.R. 21 Nov (RH et al.); there are only a few documented winter reports for Arizona. A very late Warbling Vireo was at the B.T.A. 19 Nov (TC, KR). Numbers of lingering Tree Swallows were reported in Nov around the se., with a high count of 30 at Whitewater 26 Nov (EW et al.). Very late were 2 Violet-green Swallows at Whitewater 12 Nov (JHi et al.), a Northern Rough-winged Swallow at Sweetwater 30 Oct (JM), and 2 Barn Swallows at Whitewater 5 Nov (EW).

Arizona's 3rd ever Carolina Wren was an outstanding find at the Southwest Research Station in Cave Creek Canyon, Chiricahua Mts. 3 Sep+ (†T. Wurster; B. Stocku; v.r. REW, RAR; †MMS); the two previous records for the state included a long-surviving individual near Dudleyville 18 Jun 1999–fall 2000, and one frequenting a Tolleson feeder 7 Sep–11 Oct 2003. No fewer than 14 Winter Wrens were reported 2 Oct–Nov, which is a bit more than typical for a fall; one along Cave Cr. Canyon 20 Nov (REW) was heard giving a typical "eastern" call note. Birds of both "eastern" and "western" subspecies groups are

known to winter in Arizona, based on different call-types, but their relative abundance and distribution are still poorly understood here. Reports of migrant Golden-crowned Kinglets, an irregular visitor to the lowlands during fall and winter, included one along Morgan City Wash 10 Nov (TC), one in Yuma 16 Nov (HD), and 2 at Topock Marsh 25 Nov (MMS, MP). Black-capped Gnatcatchers continued to persist and perhaps spread in s. Arizona. Continuing birds included at least one pair at Patagonia L. (MB, SH), a pair in Montosa Canyon, Santa Rita Mts. (M. Kehl), a pair near the Patagonia Roadside Rest (M. Kehl), one near Tumacacori (S. Johnsen), and up to 5 in Leslie Canyon (*vide* NMC).

An Eastern Bluebird at San Bernardino N.W.R. 15 Nov (REW) was well away from known breeding areas in se. Arizona. Rufous-backed Robins are seldom reported away from the se. corner of the state, so singles in Morgan City Wash 1 Oct (J. Jones, TC) and Scottsdale 4–9 Oct (JBa) were unexpected; another was at a more typical locality in Ash Canyon, Huachuca Mts. 19–23 Oct (MJB). The only report of Varied Thrush this fall was one at the Desert Museum, Tucson 5 Nov (M.J. Hage et al.). More exciting were up to 3 Aztec Thrushes in Carr Canyon near Comfort Spring 3–12 Aug (†JLD et al.) and one well described from Madera Canyon 6 Aug (†B. Fitch); these are only the 2nd credible re-



This Streak-backed Oriole at the Gilbert Water Ranch 8 November 2005 (here) was the second individual found in Arizona this year; it remained at least through month's end.

Photograph by Mark Brown.

ports of this species in se. Arizona since the mega-invasion of 1996, when 15–20 were reported from the Huachuca Mts. A Gray Catbird was reported from Catalina S.P. 17 Oct (PK), and another was in Portal 2 Nov (REW); this species is a rare transient anywhere in the state away from breeding areas in the White Mts. Also rare around the state, Brown Thrashers were found in Pasture Canyon 22 Sep (CL), at the B.T.A. 22 Oct+ (ph. MW, PD), in Sabino Canyon 9 Nov (WR), and in an Ash Canyon yard 22 Nov+

(K. LeMay, ph. RB). Although Curve-billed Thrashers are known to wander, they are seldom reported in Arizona away from breeding grounds; this fall, one was reported near Becker L. 13 Aug (SH), providing only a 2nd report of this desert species from ne. Arizona above the Mogollon Rim.

## WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

A Tennessee Warbler, still considered casual in the fall, was at Sweetwater 12 Oct–9 Nov (†RT, †PK et al.). A Crescent-chested Warbler was reported from Miller Canyon 12–14 Aug (†M. & L. Conrad, †C. Shields et al.); if accepted by the A.B.C., this would represent only a 6th Arizona record. Nine Northern Parulas were found statewide 3 Sep–25 Nov, slightly more than usual for a fall season. Chestnut-sided Warblers, casual in the fall but usually more regular in lowland riparian areas later in the season and into winter, were near Pinal Peak 5 Sep (D. Pearson) and along Morgan City Wash 1 Oct (TC), with another there 2 Oct (KR). Black-throated Blue Warbler sightings were up this fall, with at least 5 reported 2 Oct–17 Nov, all males. A Pine Warbler reported from Flagstaff 3 Nov (†JP), if accepted by the A.B.C., would represent a first n. Arizona record. Outstanding was a Prairie Warbler at G.W.R. 17–28 Nov (†MM; ph. PD, O. Niehuis); there are only about 10 previous records from the state. No fewer than 8 Black-and-white Warblers, 16 American Redstarts, 4 Prothonotary Warblers, 4 Worm-eating Warblers, 4 Ovenbirds, 7 Northern Waterthrushes, 4 Louisiana Waterthrushes, and 3 Hooded Warblers were found during the fall; all these species are rare regular migrants, and no longer considered review species by the A.B.C., but all these numbers are high for a single fall. A Canada Warbler at the Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix 23–26 Sep (C. Brenner; †D. Heron et al.), if accepted, would represent only about a 10th Arizona record. A Rufous-capped Warbler was reported from Sycamore Canyon, Santa Cruz 27 Nov+ (M. Griffiths), perhaps representing one of a pair that has persisted in this canyon for a few years.

Strangely out of place was a female Hepatic Tanager at a lowland feeder in Tolleson 3 Sep (BG), well away from known breeding areas in the state. A late Summer Tanager was along the S.P.R. near Hereford 31 Oct (MMA). An apparent Green-tailed Towhee × Spotted Towhee hybrid was photographed in Ash Canyon 26–27 Nov (ph. JBu), a combination that is seldom reported. Individual Clay-colored Sparrows were at Duncan 4–12 Sep (ph. RSh), at San Bernardino N.W.R. 7 Oct (REW), with 2 there 15 Oct (REW), and at Whitewater 15 Oct (RW). A Brewer's Sparrow at Page 22 Nov (CL)

was considered late, as this species does not winter regularly in that part of the state. Only 2 Golden-crowned Sparrows were found, one at Hidden Valley near Maricopa 1 Nov (N. Lange) and one near Patagonia 26 Nov (JM).

The last Varied Bunting of the season was a late one reported from Kino Springs 7 Oct (PS). Quite amazing for s. Arizona were relatively large numbers of Painted Buntings, with nearly 40 reported during Aug, mostly from the extreme se. portion of the state; the largest concentrations reported included 12 together at the Slaughter Ranch e. of Douglas 5 Aug (G. Smith) and 7 at Portal 17–22 Aug (RAR, REW). Several Dickcissels were near Duncan 9 Sep (ph. RSh); there are few, if any, records for *Greenlee*. Bobolink reports included singles at Willcox 12 Sep (KK), in Sierra Vista 13 Sep (SH), and at Sweetwater 22 Sep (M. Ander-

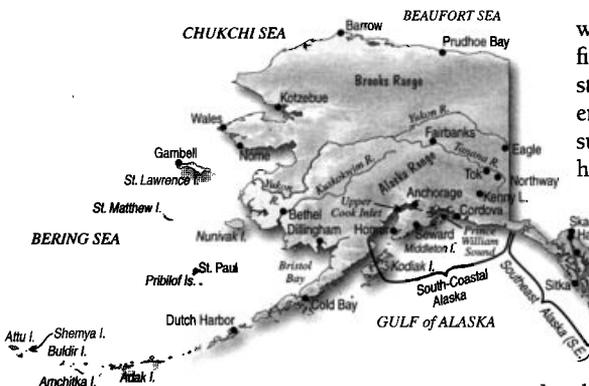
son). Orchard Orioles returned for the 3rd year in Tucson 5 Nov+ (J. Ogden) and for the 4th year in Ahwatuckee 15 Nov+ (G. & S. Barnes). Outstanding was a Streak-backed Oriole at G.W.R. 8 Nov+ (ph. Mark Brown; TC; ph PD, KR, MW). A male Baltimore Oriole was in Portal 26 Sep (B. Stocku et al.); one seen at Ganado 21 May (vt., †CBA) was inadvertently left out of the spring report. Pine Siskins were definitely on the move, with several seen at odd locations in the lowlands during the fall. Lawrence's Goldfinches were virtually unreported this fall.

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## Alaska



weather event came in the last five or so days of September: strong southeasterly winds generated between a huge low-pressure system and a continental high-pressure ridge in the eastern Gulf of Alaska. This huge system certainly moved migrants towards the Bering Sea and slowed southbound movements for over a week in the Southeast. Birders

push in decent numbers across the w. Aleutians. Schwitters provided a clear picture of Eurasian Wigeon migration in the Aleutians from Shemya I., where a single arrived 16 Sep and was followed by peaks of 17 birds 21 Sep and up to 28 through 15 Oct (CS, MS). Blue-winged Teal at the outer fringes of its range included a female with a small brood on Kenny L. 3 Aug (AL), where they have been suspected of breeding before, and another eclipse-plumaged male offshore in the North Gulf at Middleton I. 22 Sep (UAM). Northern Pintails peaked at an above-average 135 at

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The combination of extensive coverage at many of the Region's known hotspots and prolonged mild weather conditions defined one of Alaska's most exciting fall migrations ever. The migration was at its most protracted in a season that is often cut short by high-pressure systems that drop snow and freeze fresh water quickly. Highlights from Asia were limited mostly to passerines and a strong early movement of waterfowl; Asian shorebirds and passerines were noteworthy across the breadth of the coastal perimeter. As was noted last year, nearly all of the semi-hardy forms were slow to leave; warbler highlights actually outshined emberizids this season.

Most observers provided good documentation of rarities. The season's significant

managed a short trip to isolated Middleton Island after an eight-year fall hiatus, adding another four species to that hotspot's total list, which now stands at about 228 species. And at Gambell, where this fall's highlights were mostly Nearctic, Lehman's comprehensive coverage still provides a thrilling pace.

### GEESE THROUGH FALCONS

Emperor Geese were on the move early into North Gulf coast winter sites, including one way e. at Juneau 20 Sep (ph. MSch); there are few records from this area. Emperors otherwise arrived early at their North Gulf winter stronghold around Kodiak 18 Sep, and numbers built to a local record 457 by 21 Nov (JPM, RAM). Asian waterfowl made an early



One of at least four Baikal Teal noted in the Aleutians at Shemya 13-28 September 2005, this bird was photographed 27 September. Photograph by Michael T. Schwitters.

Shemya 18 Sep (CS, MS). A few dozen for the season is more typical in the w. Aleutians. Casual in fall, eclipse-plumaged Baikal Teal