

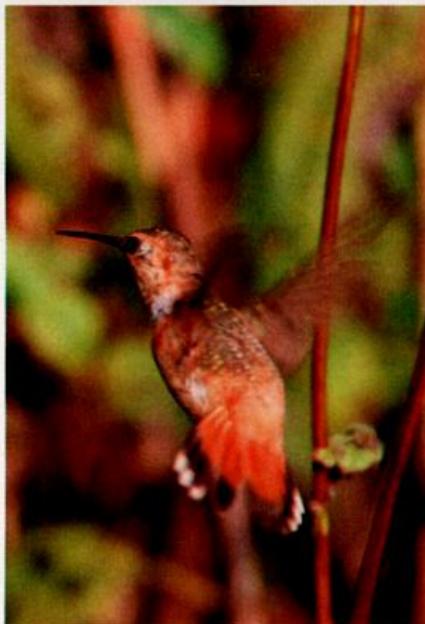
Pictorial Highlights



Three Townsend's Warblers were present in St. John's, Newfoundland in autumn 2005 (here 19 November): all twelve records of the species in the province fall are from November–December. Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.



This female Anna's Hummingbird at Montmagny, Québec 12-23 (here 18) November 2005 provided an unexpected first provincial record. Photograph by Alain Côté.



Virginia's second record of Allen's Hummingbird was furnished by this immature male at Cape Charles 25 October (here 3 November) through 30 December 2005. Photograph by Edward S. Brinkley.



Present from 18 (here 21) October through 10 November 2005, this adult Black-tailed Gull was Vermont's first. It was very cooperative, eventually perceiving birders as a cue for feeding. Photograph by Heather Forcier.



This Green Violet-ear at Highlands, Monmouth County, New Jersey 23 and (here) 24 August 2005 was not only a first for New Jersey but a first for the Atlantic seaboard as well. Photograph by Scott Elowitz.



A second for Maryland but one of very few records for the East, this Hammond's Flycatcher was found along the North Central Railroad Trail, near Monkton, Baltimore County, Maryland 23 (here 28) November 2005 and superbly documented. It lingered through 2 December. Photographs by George Jett.

The first for Virginia, this MacGillivray's Warbler was captured at Kiptopeke State Park, Northampton County, where 306,054 birds have been banded in over 517,000 net-hours since 1963. Photograph by Jethro Runco.





One of two Le Conte's Sparrows found at the Bradley Unit of Eufula National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia in late (here 29) October through November 2005, this bird was uncharacteristically approachable. Photograph by Bob Zaremba.



This Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was netted and banded during its stay at Thunder Cape Bird Observatory, Ontario 23-27 (here 22) October 2005. Photograph by John Woodcock.



A first for Ohio was this Green Violet-ear in Holmes County 15 and (here) 16 August 2005. Photograph by Gabe Hostetler.



Providing the first record for Indiana, this Gray Kingbird was found in southern LaPorte County on 5 November 2005 (here). Photograph by John K. Cassidy.



This Black-throated Blue Warbler showed greenish female-like plumage on its right side but typical male plumage on its left; it appears to be a bilateral gynandromorph, a very rare aberration but reported at least twice previously in this species. It was captured and banded 20 September 2005 at the Dolly Sods Banding Station, West Virginia. Photograph by Stephen W. Sandford.



Completely unexpected in Michigan, this adult light-morph Short-tailed Hawk was photographed at Whitefish Point, Chippewa County 20 November 2005, the second and final day of its stay at this legendary location. Photograph by Scott Jennex.



In what was certainly one of the best years for White-eared Hummingbirds in the Southwest, several made extralimital appearances, the most eccentric of which was this one in Hamburg township, Livingston County, Michigan 18-20 (here 19) August 2005. Photograph by Roger Eriksson.



Alberta's second Long-billed Murrelet was found along the highway between Hinton and Jasper National Park on or before 8 August 2005 and was turned in at the park gate. The finder is unknown, as is the fate of the bird. Photograph by Mark Bradley.



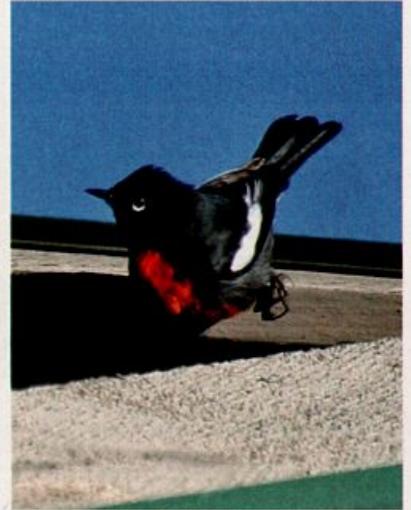
Two Long-eared Owls, part of a remarkable extralimital breeding record, lingered near their nest site at Sulphur Lake in southwestern Yukon Territories until at least 21 September 2005, when this bird was photographed. Unfortunately, one was taken by a Northern Goshawk the next day. Photograph by Cameron D. Eckert.



This Gray Hawk in Wichita, Kansas 20-30 (here 20) October 2005 represents the northernmost confirmed record of the species in North America. *Photograph by Mark Bryant.*



This Lawrence's Warbler, found in Boise's Barber Park on 21 October 2005 by the photographer, was a first for Idaho and also a first for the Pacific Northwest. The Gem State has just one report each for Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers! *Photograph by Mark Collie.*



The warbler highlight of Colorado's fall season was a Painted Redstart that visited a residence near New Castle 16 through 18 (here 18) November 2005. The bird gleaned frozen and dormant insects from the eaves of a house. *Photograph by Glenn Walbek.*



White-winged Scoter, a rare migrant in South Dakota, was detected once this season—this flock of five at Pierre 22 October 2005. *Photograph by Doug Backlund.*



A first for South Dakota, and one of six hummingbird species recorded in the state in 2005, this Costa's Hummingbird delighted birders 9-17 (here 12) September in the Black Hills in Lawrence County. *Photograph by Scott Weins.*



Idaho's newest banding station at Camas National Wildlife Refuge captured this immature female Connecticut Warbler on 30 August 2005, a state first. Remarkably, this banding crew netted another immature Connecticut 15 days later. *Photograph by Craig Fosdick.*



Utah's first documented Ruby-throated Hummingbird was this young male, discovered 29 August 2005 by Larry Tripp in his backyard in Central, Washington County, Utah. It lingered through 2 September (here). Idaho and Arizona also have recent first records. *Photograph by Rick Fridell.*



A combination seldom reported, this apparent hybrid Green-tailed Towhee x Spotted Towhee was in Ash Canyon, Arizona 26-27 (here 26) November 2005. *Photograph by Jim Burns.*



Off the California coast, Southeast Farallon Island has recorded single Dusky and Lanceolated Warblers in past autumn seasons, so this Arctic Warbler, banded 27 September 2005, was almost an expected island first; it furnishes the third record for northern California. Photograph by Adam Brown.



There are few records of Temminck's Stint in the New World away from the Bering Sea islands and only one south of Alaska: a juvenile near Vancouver, British Columbia in September 1982. This individual was present at Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor County, Washington 9 (here) through 13 November 2005. Photograph by Ruth Sullivan.



This Sedge Wren, a first for British Columbia, was a remarkable find at Cecil Green Park, Vancouver 29 October 2005. Photograph by Walter Ammann.



This juvenile Little Stint (left) at Boundary Bay furnished British Columbia's ninth 14 (here 21) September through 7 October 2005; the province's eighth record, an adult, came 5 September 2005 at the same location. Photograph by Rick Toochin.



Alaska recorded a good run of grosbeaks in October 2005. This Rose-breasted Grosbeak (right) was at Ketchikan 17 October, one of three found there that month, while this Black-headed was also at Ketchikan 5-13 (here 4) October. Photographs by Steve Heint.



The crisp whitish wing bars, heavy streaking without dusky sides, streaked back, and lack of bright red tones mark this bird as a potential *altivagans* Fox Sparrow (near Monroe, Washington, 20 November 2005). This taxon has been placed with both the Red and the Slate-colored Fox Sparrow group (and often closely resembles *zaboria* Red Fox). It is thought to winter mainly in California, but there have been several fall and winter reports from Washington. Photograph by Steven G. Mlodinow.



Slate-colored Fox Sparrow winters regularly in the mountains of northern Baja California but is seldom seen along the coast. This migrant was near the beach at San Quintin on 9 October 2005. Photograph by Robert A. Hamilton.



This *stejnegeri*-type Stonechat at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska 6 September 2005 was the first documented there in fall and just the state's fourth autumn record. Photograph by Aaron Lang.

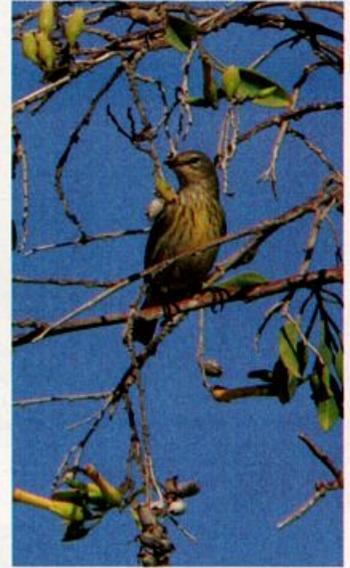
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Perhaps part of California's "Madrean" summer and fall, four Grace's Warblers were found on Point Loma, San Diego County, in November 2005 (here 5 November). Photograph by Matthew T. Heindel.



The Baja California Peninsula's fifth Bay-breasted Warbler was this first-year female at El Rosario, Baja California on 9 October 2005. The faint blush of color on this bird's flank was difficult to perceive in the field. Photograph by Robert A. Hamilton.



This first-year female Cape May Warbler was one of several eastern warblers found in the small town of Bahía Asunción, Baja California Sur, Mexico on 6 October 2005. Photograph by Robert A. Hamilton.



An unusual gull at Ria Lagartos, Yucatan, Mexico 19 September 2005 (here) and later was determined to be a Laughing Gull with orange bill and legs. A similar bird was noted in Lee County, Florida 30 September 2005. Photographs by Diego Núñez.



This male Golden-winged Warbler was captured 15 November 2005 at the bird monitoring station in Montecristo National Park. It was El Salvador's second fall record for the species, the first coming from the same park 27 October 2005. Photograph by Leticia Andino.



This Bicknell's Thrush was banded by the Kirtland's Warbler Training and Research Project 28 October 2005 near Rock Sound, Eleuthera, Bahamas. It furnished the second or third confirmed record for this species in the Bahamas. Photograph by Dave Currie.



Three Canvasbacks accompanied this Redhead at the Kullima Sewage Treatment Plant in Kahuku on O'ahu Island on 29 October 2005 (here); both species are rare in Hawaii. Photograph by Tom Dove.