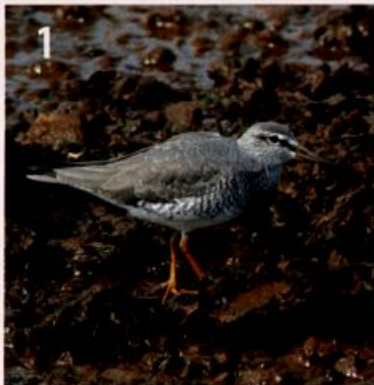


Pictorial Highlights



1 • Gray-tailed Tattler, a rare but regular migrant through the western Aleutian Islands, was found 23 May 2006 (here) at Sweeper Creek, Adak Island, Alaska, where present through month's end. *Photograph by John Puschock.*

2 • This adult Yellow-nosed Albatross was a complete surprise on the beach near Cape Hatteras, North Carolina 11 April 2006. This individual, being studied by a Great Black-backed Gull, represented the third documented Yellow-nosed for that state. Interestingly, the second was found exactly two years earlier (to the day) at the same location! *Photograph by Joseph Byrnes.*

3 • Numbers of Wood Sandpipers at Adak Island, Alaska topped 100 by 17 May 2006; this bird was found 15 May at Contractor's Camp marsh. *Photograph by John Puschock.*

4 • The male Eurasian Siskin attended the photographer's feeder in Alma, New Brunswick, on 29 April 2006 and lingered until the following morning. *Photograph by David Christie.*

5 • This White-winged Dove at Clarendville, Newfoundland 20 May 2006 marked the fifth record for the province of Newfoundland & Labrador. *Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.*

6 • This adult Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at Marana, Arizona 15 May was one of five found in the state in spring 2006 this spring, an above-average number. *Photograph by Al Tozier.*





1 - This Rufous-capped Warbler (here 25 March 2006) was photographed in Sycamore Canyon, Santa Cruz County, Arizona, where the species has been reported since at least November of 2005. Rufous-capped Warbler has become almost annual in the state since 1993. Photograph by Henry Detwiler.

2 - A Cory's Shearwater had returned to Baja California's Islas Los Coronados for a second year by 24 April 2006 (here 6 June, with Middle Rock as backdrop). The limited amount of white on the underwings is consistent with the subspecies *borealis*. Photograph by Marshall J. Iliff.

3 - This Tropical Parula at Todos Santos, Baja California Sur 19 May 2006 was the first to be recorded on the Baja California Peninsula since 1924. Two of the three earlier records also came from Todos Santos. Photograph by Marshall J. Iliff.

4 - This Spotted Woodcreeper mist-netted 22 March 2006 at Montecristo National Park represented only the third documented record for El Salvador and the first since 1941. An individual of the species (perhaps the same one?) was found in July 2005 several kilometers away in the Honduras portion of the park. Photograph by Victoria Galán.

5 - Scarlet Tanager is a very rare transient in interior northern Central America. This male mist-netted in broadleaf tropical forest at Rio Amarillo 4 May 2006 substantiated the first record for the Department of Copán, Honduras. Photograph by Knut Eisermann.

6 - This female Mangrove Hummingbird, a Costa Rican endemic, mist-netted at Tamarindo Mangroves (date not provided) was the first recorded on the Pacific side of the Nicoya Peninsula and the closest yet to the Nicaraguan border. Photograph by John and Maureen Woodcock.



1 • This White-crowned Pigeon was photographed on 7 May 2006 at Gautier, Mississippi. The bird, discovered by Lillie Easterling in her yard on 29 April, delighted birders through 10 May. This is the first record of the species for the state; western Florida has a few records, but there are no other records outside Florida in the United States, other than a sight record for Texas. *Photograph by Ken Hackman.*

2 • Colorado and Wyoming experienced an unprecedented flight of Gray-cheeked Thrushes in mid-May 2006, including this bird in Fort Lupton, Weld County, Colorado, on 14 May 2006. *Photograph by Tony Leukering.*

3 • A flock of 19 Short-billed Dowitchers at Brunner Reservoir, Broomfield County, Colorado on 17 May 2006 represented an unprecedented gathering of the species in the state. Groups of more than three are remarkable in Colorado, underscoring the significance of this photograph showing nine birds of the flock. *Photograph by Stephen J. Dinsmore.*

4 • A Red-necked Grebe visiting Willard Bay State Park, Box Elder County, Utah 20 (here) through 23 May 2006 was the ninth documented in Utah and only the third spring record. *Photograph by Brian Currie.*

5 • This purported Northern Mockingbird x Bahama Mockingbird hybrid frequented Boca Chica Key, Monroe County, Florida for part of the winter and spring (here 1 March 2006). *Photograph by Carl Goodrich.*

6 • This White-tailed Hawk at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, New Jersey, was photographed there 25 April 2006; remarkably, this species was documented at two other locations in the East this spring, both in Massachusetts. *Photographs by Jim Gilbert.*



1 & 2 • This Kirtland's Warbler was found and photographed by Hans Spiecker 23 May 2006 at Gillson Park in Wilmette, Illinois. The last accepted Kirtland's Warbler for the state was from September 1996, also at a lakefront park on Lake Michigan. *Photograph by Hans Spiecker.*

3 & 4 • The discovery of this White-tailed Hawk in Hadley, Massachusetts 22-24 (here 24 and 22, respectively) April 2006 was followed within a mere five-day span by two subsequent sightings of the same or different individuals in New Jersey and Cape Cod. Unfortunately, only the Hadley bird was well photographed, so we will never know whether one, two, or three birds were involved. Note the broken primaries, typical of damage that is often sustained by captive birds. *Photographs by Shawn Carey (flight) and Bruce deGraff (perched)*

5 • This beautiful male Brambling visited subregional editor Kathleen Cameron's yard in Bellevue, Idaho on 8 April 2006 (here) and stayed for another eight days, allowing many birders the opportunity to see it. *Photograph by Kathleen Cameron.*

6 • This Sooty Fox Sparrow (of the *unalaschcensis* subspecies group) at Whitehorse, Yukon on 22 (here) and 23 April 2006, provided the territory's first record of this subspecies away from its limited breeding grounds in the subalpine shrubs of the Coast Mountains. *Photograph by Cameron Eckert.*

7 • The white wisps over the eye and brownish tinge to the cap suggest that this bird is a Mountain Chickadee x Boreal Chickadee hybrid. Banded at Teslin, Yukon Territory 20 May 2006, this bird may well document the first recorded incidence of this hybrid combination. *Photograph by Ben Schonewille.*



1 • One of two found in New Mexico this season, this Kentucky Warbler frequented a beaver pond at Angel Fire (elevation 2565 m), Colfax County 10-16 (here 15) May 2006. Photograph by Elton M. Williams.

2 • This adult male Kirtland's Warbler furnished the twentieth record of the species for Point Pelee National Park, Ontario, on 21 May 2006; this location has more records of this species than any other site along the species' migration path. Photograph by Rosalee A. Hall.

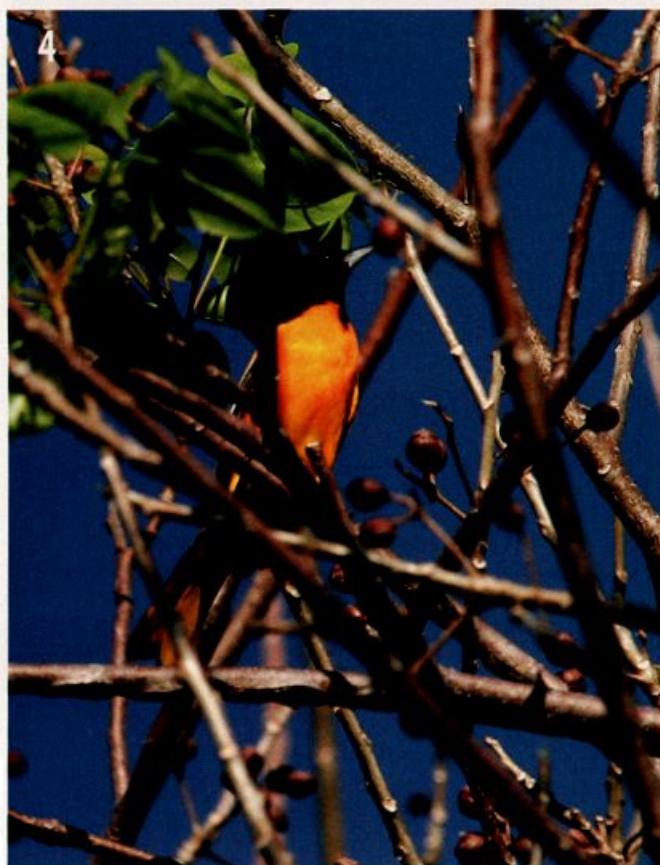
3 • This Short-tailed Albatross thrilled observers on a pelagic trip to Heceta Banks, Oregon 18 March 2006. Oregon has fewer than 10 modern-day records, and this bird furnished only the Region's second spring record, the first coming from the Puget Sound in April 1997. Photograph by Troy Guy.

4 • This year-old Whooping Crane from the Wood Buffalo National Park, Canada population frequented a marshy area near Niverville, Manitoba from late April into June (here 15 May) 2006. Whereas other recent sightings have usually involved migrating individuals and were rarely seen by more than one or two people, this bird attracted over 200 birders during its long stay. Photograph by Christian Artusa.

5 • This Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was one of several rarities that turned up at Fort Whyte Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba in May (here 5 May) 2006; it was about the 20th for the province. Photograph by Alfred Aug.

6 • This male Broad-tailed Hummingbird at a feeder in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba 16 (here 17) through at least 29 May 2006 was a first for the Prairie Provinces region and attracted birders from far and wide. The same feeder had hosted a Rufous Hummingbird in September 2004. Photograph by Larry de March.





1 • European Storm-Petrels were again found off North Carolina this spring, this one being off of Oregon Inlet 29 May 2006 (one of two seen that day). *Photograph by Michael L. Tove.*

2 • This Upland Sandpiper, one of two found in the Southern California region this spring, was at Galileo Hill Park in eastern Kern County, here photographed on the first day of its five-day stay, 4-8 June 2006. *Photograph by Kelli Heindel-Levinson.*

3 • In all probability, this Greater Pewee in Griffith Park, Los Angeles County, California 17 April 2006 had spent the winter locally. *Photograph by Larry Sansone.*

4 • Furnishing just the fourth record for Guadeloupe, this Baltimore Oriole was at Désirade Island 19-23 (here 19) April 2006. *Photograph by Anthony Levesque.*

5 • The highlight of the season in Texas was this Pacific Golden-Plover in transitional plumage, a bird picked out among hundreds of American Golden-Plovers near Edna, Jackson County 12 (here) and 13 April 2006. This exceptional find is the first for Texas. *Photograph by Martin Reid.*

6 • Marking the first record for Guadeloupe, a male Garganey (left) was with Blue-winged Teal at Le Gosier from 14 January (here) through 27 March 2006. *Photograph by Anthony Levesque.*