for a very rare and unusual report. The species is not known to nest in that state. North Carolina got its 7th Black-whiskered Vireo when one was photographed at Manteo, NC 29 Jun (JL). The bird was present for a very brief time and was obviously on the move. Why has that state gotten substantially more Black-whiskered records than neighboring states? And of what subspecies are these birds? Common Raven sightings continued in the cen. North Carolina region again, with one at Umstead Park, Raleigh 11 Jun (BM) and one at Southern Pines 19 Jul (WI). A Swainson's Thrush was very late at Miller Park, Winston-Salem, NC 8 Jun (AR et al.). An American Pipit seen at close range on the Dortches B.B.S. route in extreme e. Nash, NC 22 Jun (MJs) was almost without precedent: there are perhaps two previous Regional reports of this species for Jun.

Sixteen male Blue-winged Warblers on territory in Murray, GA late May-Jun (JSp) was a very impressive total for this uncommon, localized species at the edge of its breeding range. Three territorial Magnolia Warblers on Roan Mt., NC (RK) during the summer was a good number for this very localized summer warbler. This summer's Yellow-rumped Warbler reports came from the usual North Carolina locations, with a male at Grandfather Mt. 20 Jun (JL) and up to 2 at Roan Mt. 25-28 Jun (RB et al.; RK). Several late warblers included a Blackpoll at Riverbend Park, Cataw-

ba, NC 3 Jun (DMa) and an American Redstart on Jekyll I., GA 2 Jun (LT). Several locally rare summer warblers for Congaree N.P., Richland, SC were a singing Worm-eating and 2 singing Ovenbirds 10 Jun (RC). This was a first Jun record for the Park for Ovenbird and one of only a handful of records for Wormeating. A Swainson's Warbler on territory near Charlotte, Mecklenburg, NC 20 Jul (AK) provided the 3rd breeding season report for this species in that county.

Locally rare were the 4 singing male Indigo Buntings in spruce-fir openings on Roan Mt., NC 19 Jul (RK). This species is unusual at that elevation. Painted Buntings also pushed their range somewhat inland and to the n. in North Carolina: 3 were found on the Merrimon B.B.S., Carteret 11 Jun (JF). Dickcissel reports were down somewhat from last year, with the best counts being up to 17 at North R. Farms, Carteret, NC 11 Jun (JF et al.), 9 at two sites in Gordon, GA 24 Jun (JFl), 5 in the Taff-Brandon Farm Rd. area of Bartow, GA 23 Jul (KB), and 3-4 near Pettigrew S.P., NC 21 Jun-1 Jul (HL, JPi, WC; RD). Of note at the Carteret, NC site, a nest was discovered 25 Jun (JFe), with several juvs. being seen by the end of the period. This summer's Red Crossbill reports involved 2 in Blowing Rock, NC 21-23 Jun (JL), 5 on Roan Mt., NC 28 Jun (RK), and 30 (3 females, 27 juvs.) along the road to the top of Mt. Mitchell, NC 7 Jul (MW). Obviously, there was excellent breeding success in the area this summer.

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ummer 2006 was fairly typical weather-wise. Aside from some pelagic species and potentially the Southern Lapwing-it was a quiet season for rarities. Tropical Storm Alberto hit the Gulf coast at the Big Bend region on 13 June, causing minimal damage. Predictably, several species of pelagic terns were found in the storm's wake. David I. Powell, who has authored the summer report for Florida since 2000, recently earned his doctorate and has moved to Arizona. We wish Dave well, and thank him for his past efforts.

Abbreviations/definitions: F.O.S.R.C. (Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee); N.S.R.A. (North Shore Recreation Area, *Orange*); report (any observation); record (only reports verifiable from photograph, audio/videotape, or specimen evidence).

WATERFOWL THROUGH SPOONBILL

Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks continue their colonization of n. Florida, with 18 at St Marks N.W.R., Wakulla 3 Jun (TC) and 12 at Springhill Road W.T.P., Tallahassee, Leon 12 Jun (GM). Two Black-bellied broods in a phosphate mine 10 Jul (PF) furnished the first Hillsborough breeding report. Two Fulvous Whistling-Ducks were n. to Paynes Prairie Preserve S.P., Alachua 6-11 Jun (MMa et al.), while a pair with 4 young in a phosphate mine 11 Jul (PT, CG) furnished the first

breeding for Polk. Other waterfowl at Polk mines included 580 Mottled Ducks 7 Jul, 18 Blue-winged Teal 25 Jul, and 4 Ruddy Ducks 11 Jul (PF, PT, CG). Four Mallard × Mottled Duck hybrids were among 142 Mottled Ducks and one Mallard at Trinity, Pasco 10 Jun (KTr). Surprising was the drake Redhead at Gulf Harbors, Pasco, where a large flock winters, 13 Jun (KTr, BP, ph.). Sea ducks found during the season at Merritt 1., Brevard included a Greater Scaup 9 Jun (RF, ph.), a Lesser Scaup 19 Jul, a Surf Scoter 8-14 Jun, and 2 Black Scoters 9 Jun (DF). Four other Lesser Scaup summered at Springhill Road W.T.P. (GM).

A Horned Grebe in alternate plumage at Ft. Walton Beach W.T.P., Okaloosa 2 Jun (RoS et al.) was late. Several pelagic trips were run this season, with some surprising results (Table 1); details are pending for the F.O.S.R.C. review species. Additionally, Hope conducted seawatches from Boynton Inlet, Palm Beach and tallied 25 Cory's Shearwaters 3 & 10 Jul, and 2 others 11 Jul, a Greater Shearwater 10 Jul, and single Audubon's Shearwaters 10 & 11 Jul. Another Cory's was observed at Destin, Okaloosa 31 Jul (BG). Three imm. Northern Gannets were in the Gulf at St. Andrew S.P., Bay 5 Jun (RoS et al.). Summering American White Pelicans were noted at St. Marks 12 Jun (25 birds; CB) and Polk mines 7 Jul (375; PF). An unusually high concentration of 280 Anhingas was at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 26 Jul (HR). The only report of inland Magnificent Frigatebirds post-Alberto was of 2 over Spring Hill, Hernando 13 Jun (A&BH). At least 140 frigatebirds roosted near Honeymoon Island S.P., Pinellas 8 Jun

(KTr). A Great White Heron was far nw. to Okaloosa 19 Jun-14 Jul (LDo, PGo). A count of 750 Snowy Egrets came from Viera Wetlands 30 Jun (DF). Two white morphs were included among 4 Reddish Egrets at Nassau Sound, Duval 15-22 Jul (PL). Still rare in the Tallahassee area, 2 Glossy Ibis frequented L. Jackson 6-12 Jun (GM). Whitefaced lbis are increasingly identified in Florida; this summer, one ad. graced Paynes Prairie 7 Jun (HA), while 2 ads. and one imm. were at St. Marks 17 Jun (TC). Roseate Spoonbills were reported widely; 50 at Gulf Harbors 14 Jun included juvs. color-banded as nestlings at Florida Bay (one) and Tampa Bay (4; KTr).

RAPTORS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Polk mines supported 117 Ospreys 11 Jul (PT, CG). Swallow-tailed Kite numbers at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A., where dragonflies are abundant, peaked at 1560 on 26 Jul (HR). A Snail Kite at Paynes Prairie 8-24 Jun (MMa, BC et al.) was casual so far n., and a kite photographed at Shadow Ridge, Hudson 6 Jul (BS, ph.) provided the first for Pasco. One hundred Mississippi Kites were found at Tram Road W.T.P., Leon, a favored spot 11 Jul (RL); one at Coleman 9 Jun (RR) provided the first recent report in Sumter. A Bald Eagle nest at Hudson fledged nestlings in Mar and Jun (KTr), furnishing a very rare case of double-brooding. Rare in Florida during summer, a

The Southern Lapwing (of subspecies cayennensis) remained at St. Marks through 11 Jun (JM et al.); its provenance is unknown, but natural vagrancy is conceivable, as the species has shown a strong pattern of pioneering n. of its core range over the past decade. This summer, birders seemed to focus an unusual amount of attention on shorebirds. Twenty-three nonbreeding species were reported this season, mostly at Merritt Island N.W.R. (including Shiloh Marsh, Volusia) and the Polk mines. The significance of most of these reports is difficult to discern, as few observers provided details on plumage condition and/or the frequency that the birds were observed. An American Golden-Plover at

A More than 100 Purple Swamphens were estimated at Stormwater Treatment Area 5, Hendry, an Everglades restoration site, 24 Jun (ME et al.). Some agency personnel have begun to control swamphen numbers in the Everglades, although it is not yet clear whether eradication is possible. Stomach contents will be analyzed to determine whether swamphens feed on the eggs or young of native species (fide PGr and BP).

Northern Harrier was a surprise at the Sarasota Celery Fields 27 Jun (JD, EM). At least two pairs of Cooper's Hawks produced young at West Kendall, Miami-Dade (JB, JW). Raptors at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. included 101 Red-shouldered Hawks 30 Jul and one juv. Broad-winged Hawk 12 Jul (HR), evidently a post-breeding wanderer. There were eight reports of Short-tailed Hawks, all singles, between Gainesville and L. Okeechobee. Four American Kestrels, presumably of the Threatened race paulus, were at Golden Aster Scrub Preserve, Hillsborough 18 Jun (GP). The maximum count for King Rails at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. was 209 on 23 Jul (HR).

Viera Wetlands 29 Jul (ABa) provided the first accepted summer report for Florida. Sixty Wilson's Plovers, including 2 chicks, were at Nassau Sound 15 Jul, while 3 Piping Plovers, presumably early returnees, were there 22 Jul (both PL). A high count of 181 Black-necked Stilts came from Loughman's L., *Brevard* 19 Jun (MB). American Avocets, many in alternate plumage, were reported from six sites between St. Marks and Stormwater Treatment Area 5, with the largest count of 45 at *Polk* mines 11 Jul (PT, CG); this species has never been reported to breed in Florida. Providing the first summer report for Tallahassee was an Upland Sandpiper at Springhill Road W.T.P.

29 Jun (GM). Good counts of White-rumped Sandpipers were 18 at Ft. De Soto Park, Pinellas 2 Jun (LA), 30+ at Shiloh Marsh 15 Jun (BW), and 80 at the Everglades Agricultural Area, Palm Beach 21 Jun (BH). An alternate-plumaged Stilt Sandpiper 30 Jul furnished the first for Ten Thousand Islands N.W.R., Collier (TD). An American Woodcock at Gainesville 16 Jul (MMe) was most likely a post-breeding wanderer.

Table 1. Results of summer 2006 pelagic trips off Miami (first three trips; RT et al.), off Jacksonville (19 June; RCI), and to Marathon Hump (final two trips; LM et al.).

| Species | 15 Jun | 24 Jun | 3 Jul | 19 Jun | 24 Jun | 15 Jul |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Black-capped Petrel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cory's Shearwater | 0 | 3 | 9 | 300+ | 5 | 0 |
| Greater Shearwater | 0 | 0 | 1 | 300+ | 3 | 0 |
| Audubon's Shearwater | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Wilson's Storm-Petrel | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Band-rumped Storm-Petrel | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| unidentified tropicbird | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown Booby | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glossy Ibis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| South Polar Skua | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Long-tailed Jaeger | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bridled Tern | 20 | 1 | 40 | 0 | 77 | 35 |
| Sooty Tern | 15 | 3 | 100+ | 0 | 37 | 8 |
| Brown Noddy | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 |

JAEGERS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A Pomarine Jaeger landed on a road at No Name Key, *Monroe* 4 Jul (KW), providing a rare onshore report for Florida. Casual in the w. Panhandle, a

Gull-billed Tern enlivened Ft. Walton Beach W.T.P. 2 Jun (RoS et al.). Fourteen other Gullbilleds at Polk mines 11-16 Jul (PT et al.) represented a good count. There were 2500+ Royal Terns at the Huguenot Park, Jacksonville colony 27 Jul (RCl). Increasing inland in the cen. pen., 2 Sandwich Terns were found at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 30 Jul (HR). Presumably related to Alberto-but originating from where?—Common Terns showed up around Tampa Bay 13 Jun, with 4 at Gulf Harbors (KTr), 3 at Fred Howard Park, Pinellas (RaS), and one at Ft. De Soto (LA). Certainly related to the same storm were Sooty Terns at Gulf Harbors 13 Jun (one, KTr), Dunedin Causeway, Pinellas 13 Jun (15; SC), and inland at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 14 Jun (one; HR), Black Terns at St. Marks 13 Jun (2; SM), Gulf Harbors 13 Jun (3; KTr, BP), and Honeymoon Island S.P. 13 Jun (LK), and Brown Noddies at St George 1., Franklin 13 Jun (2; KTh) and Dunedin Causeway 13 Jun (7; SC). A good count of 130 early-migrant Black Terns was made at Gandy Bridge, Pinellas 29 Jul (RoS). Storm surge from Alberto destroved 50 Least Tern nests and 150 Black Skimmer nests at Caladesi Island S.P., Pinellas (SC), while 100+ Least Tern nests fledged young at Ft. Pickens, Escambia (BD). Polk mines supported 280 Least Terns 16 Jul (PT, CG) and 84 Black Skimmers, including young, 10 Jul (PF). The latter report represents a very rare inland breeding colony.

Twenty or more White-winged Doves were s. of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve all season (PM, MK). Monk Parakeets out of their known breeding range were 2 at South Daytona, Volusia 24 Jun (MB) and one at Panama City, Bay 4-10 Jul (RI). Robinson's surveys at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. tallied 52 Yellow-billed Cuckoos 8 Jun and 150 Chimney Swifts 30 Jul. Belted Kingfishers typically begin to arrive at "wintering" areas in the latter half of Iul; early arrivals this year were singles s. of Florida City, Miami-Dade 3 Jul (B&LC), Orlando Wetlands Park, Orange 4 Jul (EK), and Cape Romano, Collier 5 Jul (DSu). Two Redcockaded Woodpeckers at Golden Gate Estates, Collier 17 Jun were very rare there (DSu), and another Red-cockaded at Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve 31 Jul (RCa) furnished the first Alachua report since 1997.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH FINCHES

A singing Willow Flycatcher at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 28 Jul (HR) provided only the 2nd summer report for Florida; the first report was from the same site 27 Jul 1999. Two Gray Kingbirds at Weekiwachee Preserve, Hernando 9 Jun (A&BH) were 8 km inland; other kingbird pairs bred at Gulf Breeze, Santa Rosa

and downtown Pensacola, Escambia this year (fide BD). South of its known breeding range, a Yellow-throated Vireo sang at Winter Haven, Polk 14 Jul (PF). The first migrant Red-eyed Vireo appeared at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 26 Jul (HR). Six pairs of Purple Martins bred in cavities in Cabbage Palm snags at Viera 14 Jun (DF), while a post-breeding assemblage of 375 martins at Polk mines was noted 11 Jul (PT, CG). Single Tree Swallows were carefully identified at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 10 & 19-21 Jul (HR) and Ft. Walton Beach W.T.P. 25 Jul (BD). Other swallows at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. included one Bank 19 Jul and 5 others 28 Jul, one Cliff 23 Jul, and 3520 Barns 28 Jul (HR). Two other Bank Swallows were at Altamonte Springs, Seminole 23 Jul (PH), and single Cliffs were spied at Merritt Island N.W.R. 24 Jul (ABa) and Ft. Walton Beach W.T.P. 25 Jul (BD). South of its breeding range, a male Gray Catbird sang at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. 8 Jun-28 Jul (HR).

al.). Very late were the female and male Rosebreasted Grosbeaks at Gulf Breeze 4 Jun (BD LDu). A Blue Grosbeak nest with 2 nestlings at Orangedale, St. Johns 16 Jul perhaps represented a 2nd brood; ads. and 2 juvs. were nearby (PP). Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. supported the following numbers of breeding or presumed breeding species: 33 Blue Grosbeaks 19 Jun, 33 Indigo Buntings 10 Jul, and 4 male Dickcissels all season (HR). Late was the female Bobolink at St. Marks 11 Jun (JM). The highest count of Boat-tailed Grackles at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A this summer was 12,000 on 26 Jul (HR). There were eight reports of 15 Shiny Cowbirds between Bald Pt., Franklin and Everglades N.P., Monroe. Daily highs of 12 Orchard Orioles at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. were tallied 4 & 16 Jun (HR). An American Goldfinch lingered at Gainesville through 1 Jun (MJ).

Unestablished Exotics: Three Egyptian Geese made a surprise showing at Lake Apopka

SA For the 4th summer in a row, Bronzed Cowbirds were found in *Miami-Dade*, with singles near Florida International University 3 Jun (SS) and at Miami Shores 22 Jul (AH); one male, one female, and 2 juvs. at Pinecrest 17 Jul (LM); and up to 14 at Homestead in Jul (LM). Although fledglings were not observed, juvs. molting into first basic plumage were photographed at Homestead. The presence of these juvs. at a site where ads. were observed all season probably provides sufficient proof of breeding, the first report for the United States e. of the Mississippi River.

Migrant warblers at Green Key Road, Pasco included 5 Yellow Warblers and 2 Prothonotary Warblers 29 Jul and 14 Prairie Warblers (probably including some resident paludicola) 19 Jul (KTr). Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. supported the following warblers: one Yellow 26 Jul; one Prairie 16 Jul and 7 others 28 Jul; and one Louisiana Waterthrush 12-16 Jul, with 3 others 28 Jul (HR). A Black-and-white Warbler in song lingered at Cedar Key, Levy 7 Jun (DH), while the first fall migrant was noted at Tallahassee, Leon 11 Jul (DM). Other migrant warblers included one American Redstart at St. Marks 16 Jul (A&JW), single Northern Waterthrushes at Wekiva Springs S.P., Orange 27 Jul (ABo) and Gulf Breeze 28 Jul (TK, window casualty), one Louisiana Waterthrush at Ft. George 1., Duval 14 Jul (RCl), and a Kentucky Warbler at Alligator Pt., Franklin 31 Jul (IM). Fifteen+ Louisiana Waterthrushes were along the Santa Fe R., Alachua 29 Jul (AR). The high count of Yellow-breasted Chats at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. was 12 on 21 Jun (HR).

Very late sparrows, all in Alachua, were a Chipping 3 Jun (BM, HA) and 2 Savannahs 8 Jun (RR) at Paynes Prairie, plus another Savannah at Hague 11 Jun (SF). Seasonal point-count surveys at Kissimmee Prairie tallied 72 Florida Grasshopper Sparrows, the lowest number since surveys began in 1999 (PM et

N.S.R.A. 23 Jul, and a male Pin-tailed Whydah appeared there 11 Jun (HR). An African Collared-Dove was detailed at Tampa, Hillsborough late May-early Jun (DSn). One of 4 House Crows at Nokomis Beach, Sarasota 7 Jul was observed as it flew into a powerline and was electrocuted (KB). A single Nutmeg Mannikin was at e. Pensacola 29 Jul (MJM).

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fter a generally cool wet spring, a short-lived heat wave brought spring migration to an abrupt end at the beginning of June. Weather during the breeding season was less extreme than in recent years. Although many birds appeared to take advantage of benign conditions, fewer birders in the field (due to the end of the *Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas* field work) may have resulted in fewer reports. Rarities included Whitewinged Dove, Barn Owl, Swainson's Warbler, Kirtland's Warbler, and Green-tailed Towhee.

Abbreviations: L.P.B.O. (Long Point B.O., Norfolk); N.P.H (Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch, Niagara); P.P.B.A. (Point Pelee Birding Area; Point Pelee National Park and environs, Essex); s.l. (sewage lagoons); T.C.B.O. (Thunder Cape B.O., Thunder Bay). Place names in *stalics* refer to districts and regional municipalities as well as to counties.

WATERFOWL THROUGH VULTURES

By the beginning of Jun, most Arctic-breeding waterfowl had moved on from s. portions of the province. Late lingering migrants included a single Snow Goose in Ottawa 15 Jun (EDT) and a flock of 10 Brant at Presqu'ile P.P., Northumberland 6 Jun (fide FMH). A Trumpeter Swan that summered in Atikokan, Rainy River was an indication that this species may be expanding into nw. Ontario (DHE).

A breeding-plumaged Red-throated Loon was on L. Erie near Dunnville, Haldimand 18 Jun (RZD), well s. of its breeding range. However, a Common Loon at Leamington, Essex 27 Jul was likely an early fall migrant (AW). Red-necked Grebes bred for the 10th successive year at Bronte, Halton in spite of an everexpanding marina (GRE). This is the only active breeding in the province well s. and e. of the current breeding range. A regular accumulation of non-breeding birds off Rattray Marsh, Peel during this summer (estimates as high as 200) would suggest that the species is close to expanding within the Region (MHC). An ad. Eared Grebe in worn breeding plumage was at Exeter 30 Jun and may have been the same bird that appeared at this location in recent summers (RZD, BNC). The only American White Pelican reported in s. Ontario during the period was a single bird offshore between North and South Limestone Islands in Georgian Bay 25 Jun (MC, JC, JHu, WH).

Great Egret, though a regular nester in sw. Ontario, is rare e. of Presqu'ile P.P., so singles at Amherst 1., Lennox & Addington 31 May-1 Jun (VPM et al.) and at Bells Corners, Ottawa 28 & 31 Jul (TFMB, DM) were noteworthy. Single Snowy Egrets were at Miramichi Bay near Port Elgin, Bruce 9-23 Jun (JK et al.) and Rattray Marsh, Peel 27 Jun (DEP). An ad. Little Blue Heron at Old Cut, Long Pt., Norfolk 8 Jun was another good find (fide SAM). The only Cattle Egret reported was at Wheatley Harbour and Hillman Marsh, Essex 1-5 Jun (DJW et al.). Single Black Vultures were in Scarborough, Toronto 14 Jun (MW) and at Forest, Lambton 22 Jul (CC).

RAPTORS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

A Mississippi Kite was reported from Selkirk P.P., Haldimand 30 Jul (JD); details have not yet been seen for this report, which would be very unusual at this season. Unusual for the

location, a large wooded urban park in Toronto, 4 recently fledged Cooper's Hawks were observed in their nest tree in High Park 2 Jul (GC). An imm. Golden Eagle seen in flight between Dunrobin and Constance Bay 4 Jun was unprecedented for the Ottawa area at this time of year (BL, JS). An imm. Swainson's Hawk was over East Hamilton Mt., Hamilton 27 May (DC).

Surprisingly, there were no reports of American Kestrel in the P.P.B.A. during the period (AW). Urban Peregrine Falcons continue to breed, with nests reported from London (PAR), Hamilton (two; RZD), Toronto (SH), and Ottawa (EDT). While single Peregrines have been seen in past summers in the area, a pair at an abandoned open pit mine represented Atikokan's first breeding record (DHE, JH).

Most of the province's Sandhill Cranes breed in the n., but they have greatly expanded their breeding range across the province from Manitoba to Québec in recent years. Birds reported from Essex and Lanark illustrate this species' evolving breeding status in Ontario (m.ob., fide AW, JG).

As expected, the majority of northbound shorebirds departed from the lower Great Lakes by the beginning of Jun, with the first southbound migrants arriving back in s. Ontario by early Jul. Early indications are that shorebirds had an excellent breeding season, with huge numbers of birds massing on the shores of Hudson Bay and James Bay in late Jul (KA, fide RJP). The last significant flight of shorebirds at Presqu'ile P.P., Northumberland occurred on 4-5 Jun, including 50 Black-bellied Plovers and 2 Whimbrels among good numbers of other shorebirds (FMH). Two Semipalmated Plovers 28 Jun in the P.P.B.A. were early southbound migrants (AJH). A single banded Piping Plover was at Kettle Pt., Lambton 27-28 Jul (MA, PC, AHR). An American Avocet at the Grand Bend s.l., Lambton 14 Jul and later was a good find (MA). A Greater Yellowlegs at Presqu'ile P.P. 2 Jun was a late northbound migrant (FMH), but an Upland Sandpiper in the P.P.B.A. 11 Jun was an early southbound migrant. Eight Marbled