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The season began with above-average rainfall, supporting late nesting by some species, only to finish with two abnormally dry months over most of the state. Warm temperatures in turn were associated with late, lingering individuals of many species.

Abbreviations: A.B.C. (Arizona Bird Committee), A.V.S.T.P. (Avra Valley S.T.P.), B.T.A. (Boyce Thompson Arboretum S.P.), G.W.R. (Gilbert Water Ranch), H.R.P. (Hassayampa River Preserve, Wickenburg), L.C.R.V. (lower Colorado R. valley), N.C.A. (National Conservation Area), P.R.D. (Painted Rock Dam), S.P.R. (San Pedro R.), Sweetwater (Sweetwater Wetlands, Tucson), Whitewater (Whitewater Draw W.A.).

WATERFOWL THROUGH CARACARA

A Fulvous Whistling-Duck found at the same location as last fall, Chaparral Park, Scottsdale 24 Nov+ (MMo, ph. C. Oldham), was said by duck feeders to be resident there. A Cackling Goose in Goodyear 30 Oct+ (ph. J. Jantunen), of the subspecies *minima*, provided one of the small but growing number of Arizona reports. A Tundra Swan was a casual visitor at Watson L. 30 Nov (B. Thomen). Single male Eurasian Wigeons were reported from G.W.R. 24 Oct (DP) and Flagstaff 9 Nov (C. Holm). A few Mexican Ducks were reported again at G.W.R. through the season (MMo). Numbers of Blue-winged Teal in late fall and winter appear to be increasing in the Phoenix and Tucson areas; up to 10 were at Sweetwater (m.ob.) and 35 at Tres Rios, Phoenix (TC, D. Powell) into Dec. Single Greater Scaup were reported at Sun Sites 15

Nov (KK) and Page 30 Nov (CL). Surf Scoters had another good fall, with 9 reported statewide 21 Oct–26 Nov. Casual in the state, 2 White-winged Scoters were at Ashurst L. 24 Oct (NG). A Long-tailed Duck in Glen Canyon 24 Nov+ (CL) was the only one reported. As expected, Barrow's Goldeneyes were seen on the Colorado R. late in the season; 3 were at Parker Dam 26 Nov+ (M. San Miguel, J. Feenstra), and 20 were below Glen Canyon Dam 30 Nov (CL). Red-breasted Merganser is rare to casual away from the Colorado R.; 16 such birds were reported statewide, including one on the early date of 26 Oct near Flagstaff (JC).

A Pacific Loon on the Colorado R. above Lee's Ferry 10–16 Sep (ph. F. Talbott) was a month early. Others were reported at Show Low L. 15 Oct (SS), Upper L. Mary 23–29 Oct (B. Gatlin, ph. NG), and L. Havasu 10 Nov (A.Z.F.O.). The Flagstaff area again hosted good numbers of migrating Common Loons, with up to 15 on Upper L. Mary 24 Oct–12 Nov (T. Linda, m.ob.). More impressive was a tight group of 91 off of Site 6 on L. Havasu 11 Nov (A.Z.F.O.), blowing the previous published high of 24 on the L.C.R.V. out of the water. Also impressive was a total of 21 Horned Grebes on L. Havasu 11–12 Nov (A.Z.F.O.). Elsewhere, singles were documented at Casa Grande S.T.P. 30 Oct–28 Nov (†DJe et al.) and Palo Verde 24 Nov+ (TC, ph. MMS). A highlight of the season was a Red-necked Grebe on Kearny L. 15 Nov–1 Dec (†DJe, ph. GHR, MMS); there were fewer than 10 prior accepted records.

Neotropic Cormorants remained numerous in the Greater Phoenix area (m.ob.), while only one was reported at Patagonia L. (SH). Another was at San Carlos L. 16 Aug (ph. J. Estis), only a 3rd Gila record. Casual summer visitors, single frigatebirds, presumably Magnificent, were seen over Tucson 4 Aug (G. Warren) and Marana 5 Aug (ph. D. Hoffman), possibly the same individual. The 2 ad. Little Blue Herons at Rio Salado, Phoenix were last seen 2 Sep (m.ob.). A bird reported from there as an imm. Little Blue 23 Sep–8 Oct (m.ob.) turned out to be an imm. Snowy Egret in the photographs examined. Single Tricolored Herons, also summer and fall wanderers from Mexico, were in Green Valley 4–7 Aug (R. Wolcott, B. Buttery), at A.V.S.T.P. 10–30 Aug (B. Hester, ph. MMS), and at Marana 4 Oct (JM) and again 29 Oct (JM, KK). The enigmatic White Ibis was reported again from Arlington to Rio Salado, Phoenix on three occasions 13 Aug–9 Sep (BG, TG, D. Leuhrs, *vide* TC); the apparent prolonged stay of one very mobile individual has led to speculation about its provenance,

given that the species is kept in captivity and in Arizona is typically a single-season post-breeding summer visitor. Roseate Spoonbills were seen in numbers for the 3rd consecutive year. Reports were of one at A.V.S.T.P. 18 Aug (ph. PS), 2 at Las Cienegas N.C.A. 20 Aug (WR, ph. B. Russell), one at Las Cienegas 3–10 Sep (J. Nanatovich), and one at Tres Rios, Phoenix 11 Sep (†HD).

Black Vultures were seen again farther e than expected at Douglas, with 22 there 26 Oct (A. Morehouse, REW). White-tailed Kites were reported from fewer locations than in recent seasons: near Portal, the San Rafael Valley, the Santa Cruz Flats, and w. of Tucson (m.ob.). A wandering Mississippi Kite was in Rio Rico 22 Aug (RW). Single late Common Black-Hawks were at Page Springs 21 Oct (ph. G. Botello) and Tumacacori 22 Oct (KK, JM). The only Broad-winged Hawk reported away from the Grand Canyon was seen over the Pinal Mts. 26 Aug (P. Moulton, C. Donald, *vide* JW). In the Chiricahua Mts., 2 juv. Short-tailed Hawks were seen with ads. beginning 7 Aug (REW CDB, ph. J. Pike, ph. G. Wolbek), suggesting another successful nesting there. Reports of up to 3 Short-tailed Hawks in the Huachuca Mts. 13–31 Aug went undocumented. Crested Caracaras were wandering again. Singles were seen near Laveen 12 Nov (BG) and at Whitewater 29 Nov (M. Guest et al., *vide* EW). Caracaras have been noted in late fall and winter in the Santa Cruz Flats for several years (and as far back as 1965), but this season's numbers greatly exceeded past observations. Two seen on 2 Oct (RW) were followed by a report of 14 on 4 Nov (M. Kehl, m.ob.) and of 22 on 15 Nov (B. Winterfield), with at least 11 staying into the next season. The reasons for this atypically large concentration in agricultural land were not apparent.

RAILS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The ad. Purple Gallinule was reported at Sweetwater through 12 Aug (m.ob., A. Johnson). Black-bellied Plovers are rare fall migrants. Singles were at Palo Verde 13 Aug (TC) and Willcox 26 Sep (KK), and 2 were at Paloma Ranch 29 Sep (BG). Of 3 found at Whitewater 16 Oct (ph. SH), 2 remained through 15 Nov and one, with an injured leg, was seen until 12 Dec (m.ob.). Up to 88 Mountain Plovers were at sod farms in the Santa Cruz Flats 29 Oct+ (DP, m.ob.). A casual migrant away from the L.C.R.V., a calling Whimbrel flew past the Green Valley S.T.P. 5 Sep (RW, SS). Reports of 15 Semipalmated Sandpipers across s. Arizona represented an above-average number. Other rare-but-regu-

lar fall shorebirds included 7 Sanderlings, 7 Dunlins, and 10 Short-billed Dowitchers. Late-departing shorebirds included a Semipalmated Plover at G.W.R. 16 Nov (†MMo), a flock of 37 American Avocets at Ashurst L. 3 Nov (NG), perhaps the same flock, 30 avocets in Flagstaff on 9 Nov (C. Holm), a Lesser Yellowlegs in Phoenix 26 Nov (TC, D. Powell), a Solitary Sandpiper at G.W.R. 15 Oct (MMo), and a Stilt Sandpiper at Willcox 14 Oct (KK). A flyby Parasitic Jaeger at Fort Huachuca 4 Sep (ph., †DP) was a surprise; there is only one accepted record for se. Arizona. Eleven Sabine's Gulls reported statewide 8 Sep–9 Oct was about average for the season. At Mormon L., 8 Caspian Terns 9 Sep (T. Linda) was a large number away from the L.C.R.V. One at Picacho Res. 29 Sep (DJe) was also casual.

Ruddy Ground-Dove reports trailed off substantially from recent highs. Up to 3 were at Red Rock 2–15 Aug (MMS, MP, DJe), 3 were at Kino Springs 13–25 Aug (DJe, SH), and one was at Tumacacori 22 Oct (KK). Barn Owls nested late in se. Arizona, with downy young in Tucson 19 Oct (L. Bates) and Hereford 21 Nov (MM). An Elf Owl was brought in for rehabilitation in Tucson 26 Sep (*vide* L. Bates); another was at the Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix 2–3 Oct (A. Tarby, T. Gatz); most have left the state by mid-Sep. Northern Saw-whet Owls were found road-killed at two locations near Flagstaff in mid-Nov (CL); no other signs of the species' dispersal were noted. Two Lesser Nighthawks in Marana 1 Nov (AC) were late in departing. Seldom detected in migration, a Whip-poor-will was seen and heard at Tres Rios, Phoenix 6 Aug (TG).

Up to 6 White-eared Hummingbirds were in Miller Canyon in Aug (T. Beatty), a strong showing for this rarity. In Madera Canyon, a White-eared lingered until 23 Oct (GW). Berylline Hummingbirds were more numerous than usual. Two (possibly 3) came to a Portal feeder 4 Aug–5 Sep (RAR, ph., †REW). In Madera Canyon, a male was found 8 Aug, and a female appeared and started nest-building by 12 Aug (M. Bearse, SF, E. Latturmer, ph. O. Niehuis). The nest was abandoned after a tremendous Sep rainstorm (J. Burns). One came to feeders at the Portal visitors center 22 Aug (H. Snyder), and one continued in Ramsey Canyon through 20 Aug (TC). Violet-crowned Hummingbirds in unexpected locations included 3 at Muleshoe Ranch Cooperative Management Area 21–24 Aug (MA) and

one at Tumacacori N.H.P. 16 Sep (L. Norris). A peculiar hummingbird resembling a Violet-crowned found at B.T.A. 4 Sep+ (ph. JHo, m.ob.; b. 11 Nov [SW]) was apparently a Violet-crowned Hummingbird × Broad-billed Hummingbird hybrid ("Salvin's Hummingbird"), a combination documented only twice previously (*vide* SW). A singing male Blue-throated Hummingbird was n. of typical range on Pinal Peak 16 Aug (DP et al.). Reports of Allen's Hummingbird were few: 2 banded in Arivaca 1 Aug (GW), one in lower



This basic-plumaged Red-necked Grebe was discovered at Kearny Lake, Pinal County, Arizona 15 (here 16) November 2006 and remained there through the end of November. This was the first of several found in Arizona during the winter of 2006–2007. Photograph by Gary Rosenberg.

Ramsey Canyon 1 Aug (†J. & M. Hirth), 2 in Miller Canyon 4 Aug (T. Beatty), and another in Miller Canyon 12 Aug (R. Hoyer).

Green Kingfishers made a substantial comeback on the upper S.P.R., with as many as 7 reported between Charleston and Hereford (MM, SH, AM, m.ob.). Elsewhere, singles were at San Bernardino N.W.R. 23 Aug (REW), Patagonia Roadside Rest 13 Oct (J. Bock), and at Leslie Canyon N.W.R. during the summer season (*vide* REW). Above-average numbers of Williamson's Sapsuckers were seen in the s., with a few spilling over into the lowlands at Kino Springs 15 Oct (KK et al.), Morgan City Wash 15 Oct (TC), and B.T.A. 1 Nov (J. Backus, S. Stangeland). Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported in above-average numbers, with reports from A.V.S.T.P. 26 Oct (†PK), Portal 12 Nov (RAR, ph., †REW), B.T.A. 19 Nov+ (S. Burge, R. Witzeman, M. Scott), Catalina S.P. 20 Nov (†PK), Huachuca Canyon 22 Nov (†MMS, MP), and Phoenix 26 Nov (D. Powell). Casual in the lowlands, a Downy Woodpecker was at Lee's Ferry 24 Nov+ (CL). Some movement of Hairy Woodpeckers was apparent, with individuals in the lowlands at Sabino Canyon 30 Aug–20 Sep (WR), Cluff Ranch W.A. 19 Oct (PK), Dead Horse Ranch S.P. 3 Nov (B. Cooley et al.),

Catalina 18–24 Nov (M. Weinhold), and Haunted Canyon 19 Nov (M. Plagens).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH THRASHERS

A Greater Pewee along the S.P.R. at Escapule Wash 1–11 Oct (AM) was likely a late migrant, whereas one in Madera Canyon 8–16 Nov (RWt), one in Ramsey Canyon 9 Nov (R&RT), and one along the Santa Cruz R. near Tubac 30 Nov (GB) were all likely attempting to winter locally. Also late was a Western Wood-Pewee at Tumacacori 23 Oct (RF, BM). Buff-breasted Flycatchers are typically gone by early Sep, so 2 in Sawmill Canyon 17 Sep (SH), where they breed, were considered late, while one in Ash Canyon was away from known nesting areas and habitat 30 Sep (RB). Rare but regular, 7 Eastern Phoebes were reported this fall beginning 10 Oct. Late Dusky-capped Flycatchers were at Patagonia L. 13 Oct (JB, MP, MMS) and at Tumacacori 22 Oct (KK, JMo). A late Tropical Kingbird was at Paloma Ranch 29 Sep (BG), where the species is not known to breed. A wandering Thick-billed Kingbird was along the Santa Cruz R. near Tumacacori 30 Aug (MA), and,

amazingly, the individual that had wintered in Yuma the previous five winters, returned for a 6th by 23 Nov (HD, SD). Still considered rare but regular in the state during early fall, Eastern Kingbirds were at Wenima W.A. 1 Sep (GC, DR), at Cow Springs L. 8 Sep (CL), and in Eloy 8–10 Sep (W. Flack; ph. JHo, MMS). More casual in the fall, a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was reported from Papago Farms, Pima 6 Oct (K. Ellzey, *vide* PK). A Rose-throated Becard was heard in Guadalupe Canyon 6 Aug (DK), where it has been recorded breeding irregularly in the past, and a female was reported along the Santa Cruz R. near Tumacacori 1 Sep (MA), suggesting possible local breeding.

The White-eyed Vireo found at the Patagonia Roadside Rest during the summer season was seen there through at least 3 Sep (†AC, †MMS, †RWt; v.r. PD, ph. MBS). Late Bell's Vireos were reported from Gilbert 1 Oct (MMo), from Tumacacori 22 Oct (KK, JM), and from Fort Lowell Park, Tucson 6 Nov (DS). A Red-eyed Vireo, still considered casual in fall, was reported in Carr Canyon 8 Aug (J. Bangma, †A. Johnson et al.). Multiple Mexican Jays at Patagonia L. 31 Oct (SH) were away from usual breeding habitat for the species. Scattered Barn Swallows lingered into

mid-Nov, perhaps a result of the mild, dry fall weather experienced across s. Arizona. A flock of 15-20 Bushtits in Topock Marsh 11 Nov (A.Z.F.O.) was considered casual in the L.C.R.V. A late House Wren was in Pasture Canyon 6 Nov (CL). Winter Wrens were found in greater-than-usual numbers during the fall across cen. and s. Arizona, with no fewer than 28 reported 8 Oct+ (m.ob.).

A late Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was in Pasture Canyon 6 Nov (CL). The pair of Black-capped Gnatcatchers seen along Proctor Rd. below Madera Canyon during the summer was again reported there 31 Aug (MP, MMS). The pair at Patagonia L. was reported frequently throughout the late summer, with at least one juv. present 2 Sep (P. Santinello, M. Brown). The pair in Montosa Canyon was seen in the presence of at least 4 juvs. 25 Aug (RWf). An Eastern Bluebird along the S.P.R. near Hereford 5 Nov (MM) was noteworthy, as this species does not breed regularly along this river. Scattered reports continued in Madera Canyon after the summer season, with 3 there 8-13 Nov (RWf), and another 4 reported farther up canyon 13 Nov (B. & C. Postmus). Western Bluebirds were reported in moderate numbers across s. Arizona this fall. Mountain Bluebirds followed suit, with moderate numbers present in agricultural areas in both the Santa Cruz Flats and Sulfur Springs Valley by late Nov. An early Swainson's Thrush was at Morgan City Wash 4 Sep (TC). A Wood Thrush, casual in Arizona, was in Portal 2-7 Nov (ph., †REW). The only Rufous-backed Robin of the fall was one at the H.R.P. 5 Nov+ (†L. Harter; ph. J. Cochran). Varied Thrushes were more widely reported than usual, with individuals at Granite Basin 2 Nov (N. & A. Silacci), Kingman 13 Nov (ph. J. Porter), Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum 14-21 Nov (L. Sullivan, MP, MMS), Huachuca Canyon 17 Nov (AM), Peña Blanca L. 28 Nov (C. Braun), and along the S.P.R. near the San Pedro House 30 Nov (D. Beaudette). Aztec Thrushes continued from the summer incursion. The bird located in Garden Canyon in Jul was re-found 5 Aug (TC, R. Koury); 2 were at Old Sawmill Spring, Carr Canyon 15 Aug (L. Epstein, ph. M. Brown); and in Madera Canyon, at least one remained along the Hopkins Fork through 10 Aug (m.ob.), while a female or imm. remained in the main canyon 28 Aug-6 Sep (V. Rose et al.; ph. DS), with, perhaps, the same individual reported there 20 Sep (V. Gebert). The last report was of a male farther up the canyon 9 Oct (S. Birky). A Gray Catbird was in Flagstaff 27 Aug-9 Sep (K. Murphy), and another was in Glen Canyon 24 Nov (CL); this species is a rare transient away from breeding areas in the White Mts.

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Five Tennessee Warblers were reported during the fall, all undocumented. At least 8 Northern Parulas were reported between 7 Oct and 12 Nov, perhaps a few more than usual for a fall. Late Yellow Warblers were at Tucson 18 Oct (MMS), Sweetwater 29 Oct (JB), A.V.S.T.P. 3 Nov (DS), along the Santa Cruz R. w. of Red Rock 6 Nov (DJe), at Fort Lowell Park, Tucson 6 Nov (DS), at Topock Marsh 11 Nov (A.Z.F.O.), and at G.W.R. 12-16 Nov (J. Alcock). Single Chestnut-sided Warblers were at



Magnolia Warbler, annual but quite rare in the Southwest, was present at Gilbert, Arizona 7-20 (here 8) October 2006. Photograph by Dale Clark.

Tres Rios, Phoenix 5 Oct (CBa) and at Rio Salado, Phoenix 11-24 Nov (TG); se. Arizona Chestnut-sideds are usually found later in the season during Dec. A Magnolia Warbler was well documented at G.W.R. 7-20 Oct (B. Winterfield; ph. C. Marple, D. Clark, JHo). Two others were reported without details at Tolleison 15 Oct (BG) and Winkleman 19 Nov (PS, J. Mueller, R. Lasky); Magnolia Warbler is a casual transient in Arizona and remains on the A.B.C. review list. Male Black-throated Blue Warblers were at Eagar 14 Sep (DR), H.R.P. 3-9 Nov (R. & S. Skevington), and in Huachuca Canyon 25 Nov+ (H. Hansen, m.ob.). A Black-throated Green Warbler, casual in Arizona, was well documented at the B.T.A. 4 Nov (L. Mason, KR; ph. R. Forrest). Another was reported without details at Tumacacori 29 Sep (KK). A Palm Warbler was reported at G.W.R. 26 Sep (†MMo). A Blackpoll Warbler, also casual in the fall, was reported at Bullhead City 26 Sep (†J. McMorrán). We received 10 reports of Black-and-white Warbler between 4 Aug and 29 Nov, about average for a fall. Similarly, 8 American Redstarts were reported between 25 Aug and 24 Nov. Slightly less regular, Prothonotary Warblers were reported from Portal 21 Aug (J. & T. Gaetzi), singing in Sabino Canyon 9 Sep (WR), and near Tumacacori 22 Oct (KK, ph. JMo). A Worm-eating Warbler was in Flagstaff 19-20 Sep (†C. Holm, JC); this species is a casual visitor to the state. The only Ovenbird of the fall was at Sweetwater 24-29 Oct (JB). Louisiana Waterthrushes

apparently returning to past wintering territories included one along Sonoita Cr. above Patagonia L. 2-9 Sep (SH) and one along the S.P.R. near the San Pedro House 27 Oct+ (SH). Another was reported at Peña Blanca L. 27 Nov (B. McKnight, S. Johnsen). Kentucky Warbler, casual during the fall, was reported at G.W.R. 7 Oct (P. Moulton) and Cave Creek Canyon 22 Oct (P. D. Hulce). Late MacGillivray's Warblers were at Fort Huachuca 25 Oct (SH) and Sweetwater 8-16 Nov (JB). Five Hooded Warblers were reported during the fall, more than usual. Exceptional was a Painted Redstart at Sweetwater 7 Oct (JB). The Rufous-capped Warbler that has taken up residence in upper Sycamore Canyon was last reported 5 Sep (TC). A late Yellow-breasted Chat was in Phoenix 1-4 Nov (J. Jantunen).

A late Western Tanager was at the B.T.A. 4 Nov (KR). Given the very wet monsoon season, it was not surprising to find Cassin's Sparrows n. of their normal breeding range in the state, with at least a few observations as far n. as Phoenix (DJe et al.). Clay-colored Sparrows were reported in greater-than-normal numbers, with about 24 found between late Aug and the end of Nov; a very high concentration of 15 was at San Bernardino N.W.R. 2 Oct (REW). A Grasshopper Sparrow in the Santa Cruz Flats 27 Nov (DJe) was n. and w. of the species' usual winter range in the state. A Baird's Sparrow in the San Rafael Grasslands 21 Sep (SH) was an early arriver. Although Slate-colored Fox Sparrows are regular in se. Arizona in winter, a rather large concentration of 10-15 at Oak Flat Campground near Superior 24 Nov-2 Dec (PD) was unusual. Two Harris's Sparrows frequented the G.W.R. 12 Nov+ (J. Alcock; ph. RD, GHR), while another was in Payson 29 Nov (L. Estis). A Lapland Longspur was at the Rousseau Sod Farm in Scottsdale 14 Oct+ (ph. RJ); this is the 3rd time in the past six years that this species has been found there. Chestnut-collared Longspurs were found n. of their normal Arizona winter range, with one at Scottsdale 14 Oct (RJ), 15 in the Santa Cruz Flats 29 Oct (DP), and 15 in Arlington 24 Nov (TC).

No fewer than 11 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were reported during the fall, about average now for a single season. Late Black-headed Grosbeaks were at Tumacacori 23 Oct (RF) and along Tanque Verde Wash 5 Nov (WR). No fewer than 25 Painted Buntings were found, mostly during early to mid-Aug. A Common Grackle was at Portal 11 Nov (ph. S. DeLong); there have been fewer than 15 previous records of this species from Arizona. An Orchard Oriole was located at G.W.R. 17 Oct-28 Nov (ph. H. Bond, m.ob.); this oriole

is still only casual in the state. The male Streak-backed Oriole that wintered at G.W.R. in 2005–2006 returned again 7 Oct+ (TSG, ph. J. McKay, B. Grice). A small flock of 4–5 Black Rosy-Finches were reported along the Vermilion Cliffs 26 Nov (JB) without further details; this species is a casual winter visitor to rocky areas in extreme n. Arizona. Lawrence's Goldfinches were found across s. Arizona this fall beginning in late Sep, with the largest concentrations reported in the Santa Cruz R. valley s. of Tucson. One at Page Springs 17 Sep (NG) represented the most northerly report.

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Alaska



across the Aleutians in mid-September, coupled with United States Fish & Wildlife Service transects earlier in the month, produced an exciting account of pelagic distribution at the season's warm-water peak.

Seabird summaries from the VENT charter were influenced by targeted chumming and forays directed to steep banks, deep trenches, and

canyons from both sides of the Aleutians, from Sanak Bank west of the Shumagin Islands all the way to Stalemate Bank, just west of Attu Island. Gambell highlights were again dominated by rarities from both sides of the Bering Strait, and persistent coverage again produced a new species for North America. Passerines dominated this season's rarity highlights, all after 10 September, but late August and the first third of September—normally a productive period at offshore sites for Asian landbirds—were almost devoid of notable reports at Gambell and on Shemya Island.

SWANS THROUGH STORM-PETRELS

The mild early half of the season allowed Trumpeter Swans to linger in high numbers, at least in the Upper Cook Inlet basin, where a late count of 151 was made between Anchorage and Portage 21 Oct (RLS, TT). A family group of 5 Trumpeters was notable offshore at Kodiak, with Tundras 1 Nov (ph. RAM). Most Trumpeters are pushed off nesting lakes by freeze-up, usually in the early part of Oct. Wood Ducks made a strong

showing, with 2 different drakes in the Ketchikan area 18 Sep (RN) and 28 Nov+ (PR, ph. AWP), plus another in Juneau 29 Sep and again in Nov through at least the 20th (DM, ph. RA). These represent Ketchikan's 5th/6th records of this casual fall migrant usually located in s. Southeast. Eurasian Wigeons passed in average numbers at the usual Bering Sea–Aleutian sites, with a peak of 69 counted at Shemya I. 10 Oct (MS). Extralimital American Wigeons included one at Gambell 8 Sep (PEL), a Gambell first in autumn, and one on



With recent increased coverage during migration on Shemya Island, Alaska, in the western Aleutian chain, Eurasian Hobby has been found to be regular there. This adult was observed 24 September (here) through 2 October 2006. Photograph by Robert Trotter.

Attu I. (VENT), where casual, 18 Sep. Although Blue-winged Teal can be found most summers scattered on e. Interior lakes, 14 together, including a female with 8 young at Kenny L. 12–19 Aug (AL), made an exceptional fall total. The season's only Garganey report was of 3 imms. at Shemya I. 18 Sep (MS). Baikal Teal again reached the w. Aleutians, where they have been regular in Sep

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Weather-wise, fall 2006 was anomalous. High-pressure conditions expanded across the Mainland and displaced the Aleutian Low northward, such that the season's typical anticyclone flows were deflected south of the Aleutians. Even with excellent coverage, including a boatload of birders at Attu for the first time since 2000, it was a relatively quiet year for Asian species in the western Aleutians. North of the mid-season high-pressure band, several storms managed to draw both Nearctic and Palearctic species into the northern half of the Bering Sea, as at Gambell. The season remained generally warm and storm-free across the Region through October, when strong Arctic high pressure ushered in intense and widespread cold for most of November. Out-migration of Alaskan breeders was concentrated in the first half of the season, while the November cold ruined most chances for late records. The Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT) cruise