





Its presence kept confidential by wildlife agencies, this Whooping Crane was tracked by satellite from an introduced breeding population at Necedah, Wisconsin to Louisiana, where it wintered with a small flock of Sandhills near Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish 3 January–4 March 2007. The bird strayed off course while being led by ultralight aircraft to a new wintering site in Florida where, in a strange twist of fate, the rest of its flock mates were later killed by tornados on 2 February, the same date of this photograph. Photograph by Randy Myers.

an impressive count of 21 on 7 Feb (DBo, ph. JB). Also from the New Orleans lakefront were a male White-winged Scoter 7-14 Feb (DBo, ph. JB, DPM), 3 Black Scoters 3 Feb (PAW), and a Long-tailed Duck 23 Feb (PAW). A more dependable imm. male Long-tailed Duck was at the Tchefuncte R. mouth, *St. Tammany* 28 Dec–20 Feb (CGB, DBo, ph. JB et al.). At Cameron, *Cameron*, a Surf Scoter was present 6 Dec (JWB, MJM, JR), a female White-winged Scoter 18 Feb (ph. DLD, SWC), and a female Black Scoter 28 Jan (DBo, JB). There were three Arkansas reports of the rare Common Merganser: 7 at L. Pine Bluff, *Jefferson* 26 Dec (RD), 10 at Big Lake N.W.R., *Mississippi* 29 Dec (DB), and 3 at L. Dardanelle, *Pope* 1 Feb (K&LN). An ad. male Red-breasted Merganser on Kincaid L., *Rapides* 25 Jan (Steve Shively, Daniel Jordan) and a pair at L. Dardanelle, *Yell* 3 Feb (DS) were unusual inland.

## LOONS THROUGH FALCONS

An amazing 5 Red-throated Loons at L. Maumelle 21 Jan+ (DBr, WS, DS, Delos McCauley, Patricia Braddy, ph.) appears to be a record number for Arkansas. Fifty-three Pied-billed Grebes at L. Elmdale, *Washington* 27 Jan (MAM) and 500 at L. Dardanelle, *Yell* 16 Feb (KN) were impressive inland winter concentrations. American Bitterns nw. of Arkansas City 25 Dec (D&SB) and near Waldron, *Scott* 9 Jan (Ron Goddard et al.), and an imm. Black-crowned Night-Heron at L. Ashbaugh, *Greene* 18 Jan (George Hoover), added to the relatively few Arkansas winter records for those species. Out of place was an ad. Brown Pelican at Baton Rouge 11 Feb (BJO). A Least Bittern flushed by a rice harvester near Thornwell, *Jefferson Davis* 5 Dec (SWC, DLD) was late or possibly wintering. A very early Swallow-tailed Kite was at River Ridge, *Jefferson* 28 Feb (Craig Mineo). Up to 18 White-tailed Kites at the La-

cassine N.W.R. Pool Unit, *Cameron* 12 Dec–23 Jan (Becky Hariu, SWC, DLD, BMM, ph. DP et al.) were associating with a spectacular communal roost of Northern Harriers estimated at 200 on 14 Dec (SWC, DLD). Another harrier roost involving 28 individuals was found in *Poinsett*, AR 22 Jan (DB).

Although a few typically winter in lower *Plaquemines*, LA, a minimum of 12 Broad-winged Hawks there 28 Jan–19 Feb (vt. PAW, ph. DPM, ph. RDP, vt. DBo, JB) was above average. An imm. Swainson's Hawk at Cameron 3 Dec (JB, DBo) was likely a late migrant, but 4 in *Plaquemines* 30 Dec–19 Feb (vt. PAW, CR, ph. DPM, ph. RDP, JB, vt. DBo et al.) were clearly wintering. A second-year White-tailed Hawk e. of Holmwood, *Calcasieu* 10 Dec (ph. BMM, ph. DP, vt. PEC) and an ad. the same day just s. in *Cameron* (PEC) were only the 4th and 5th well-documented individuals for Louisiana. Despite the species' popularity with falconers, an ad. *Harris's Hawk* near Holmwood 3-18 Dec (Gay Gomez, ph. DLD, SWC, ph. JWB, JR et al.) was thought to be a legitimate vagrant and would represent only the 3rd accepted Louisiana record; another in *Orleans* 1 Jan (vt. PAW) is more likely to be labeled by some as a possible escapee. Somewhat regular in Arkansas but always of interest, Golden Eagles (all imm.) were found at Erbie, *Newton* 3 Dec (Jack & Pam Stewart) at the Bayou De View C.B.C., *Monroe* 22 Dec (WS, Jason Phillips, Katie Jacques), and at Wattensaw Bayou, *Prairie* 5 Jan (Brad Alexander).

Crested Caracaras continue to be reported with increasing frequency in sw. Louisiana, with at least 15 individuals reported 5 Dec–3 Feb from at least seven locations in *Calcasieu*, *Cameron*, *Jefferson Davis* (ph. DLD, SWC, ph. MJM, ph. JWB, ph. JR, BMM, DBo, JB, vt. PAW, DPM, Jeff Pittman, John Whittle), and, farther e. than normal, a pair in *Vermilion* at White

Lake W.M.A. (RPR et al.). Merlins at Chesney Prairie Natural Area, *Benton* 24 Dec (JN, MAM, JW, Scott Woolbright) and Holla Bend N.W.R., *Pope* 27 Jan (K&LN) were good winter birds for nw. Arkansas. Two Prairie Falcons seen together in the Maysville area, *Benton* 25 Dec (JN, MAM) apparently represented the first Arkansas occurrence involving multiple individuals; 2 were also suspected there 6 Jan (JN, MAM, JW), and another was at Holla Bend N.W.R. 27 Dec (LA, ph. Ben Meadors). Peregrine Falcons found unusually far inland in Louisiana included singles at Cotile L., *Rapides* 18 Dec and at Kateland Gin, *Grant* 23 Dec (both JVH), and another intermittently through the period in *Bossier/Caddo* (TD et al.).

## RAILS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Late rice harvesting near Thornwell 5 & 7 Dec produced 10+ Yellow Rails each day and a nice count of 81 Soras on 5 Dec (SWC, DLD, BMM). Both irregular in Arkansas in winter, a Virginia Rail was near Sanders lock and dam, *Jefferson* 27 Dec (RD, DS, WS), and a Sora was nw. of Arkansas City 25 Dec (D&SB). Arkansas reports of Sandhill Cranes included 19 in *Mississippi* 24 Jan (DB), 2 in *Faulkner* 20 Feb (Sharen Carter), and 2 in *Lawrence/Greene* 27 Feb (Corinne Fletcher). In Louisiana, the Holmwood area Sandhill Crane flock continues to increase, with a record 450 counted 10 Dec (BMM, ph. DP, PEC); elsewhere, 8 were in *Lafayette* 28 Dec (ph. DP, SS), 12 were near Maurice, *Vermilion* 3 Feb (ph. EIJ), and 9 were near Loranger, *Tangipahoa* 3 Jan+ (ph. RM). Shockingly, the latter flock was accompanied by a wayward Whooping Crane sporting a satellite transmitter; the bird had originated from an introduced flock at Necedah N.W.R., Wisconsin and remained at the Louisiana site through 4 Mar (*fide* RPR, Richard Urbanek, ph. RM).

An American Golden-Plover near L. Arthur, *Jefferson Davis* 13 Dec (SWC, ph. DLD) was exceptionally late and, suspiciously, at a location where one was found mid-Oct. Seldom reported in winter, American Oystercatchers were detected at five barrier island locations from Belle Pass, *Lafourche* e. to Grand Terre East, *Plaquemines* 20 Dec (CGB, RS) and 5-11 Feb (DPM, BMM, SWC, ph. DLD, RDe), with 2-5 per site except for an exceptionally large flock of 25 at Grand Isle, *Jefferson* 11 Feb (DPM). Unusual in winter away from the immediate coast, Semipalmated Plovers were noted near Thornwell 7 Dec (SWC, ph. DLD, BMM) and near Crowley, *Acadia* 25 Feb (ph. PEC, DP). During intensive plover surveys on Louisiana's barrier islands, 37 Wilson's Plovers were found from Timbalier I., *Terrebonne* e. to Grand Terre East

5-7 Feb (SWC, ph. DLD, DPM et al.), a much larger-than-expected winter presence; in *Cameron*, one was present at Rutherford Beach 7 Dec (vt. JWB, CJ), and one and 3 were at East Jetty on 28 Jan (DBo, JB) and 19 Feb (SWC, ph. DLD), respectively.

Scarce-in-winter Arkansas shorebirds included 20 Lesser Yellowlegs in *Poinsett* 2 Dec (NA, DB), 3 Spotted Sandpipers at Pine Bluff 27 Dec (DS, RD, WS), 250 Least Sandpipers nw. of Arkansas City 25 Dec (D&SB), and approximately 75 Dunlins near Cash, *Craighead* 2 Dec (NA, DB). Sixteen American Woodcocks (flushed using dogs in 1.5 hours) in *Yell* 17 Feb (Jack Davis) was a relatively high count for Arkansas and thought to involve a buildup of northbound migrants.

## GULLS THROUGH NIGHTJARS

A wintering Laughing Gull at L. Dardanelle remained through 25 Feb (K&LN). An imm. Franklin's Gull near *Cameron* 1 Feb (SWC, ph. DLD) was the only report. A second-cycle Thayer's Gull at L. Dardanelle dam, *Yell/Pope* 28 Jan+ (ph. K&LN, Cameron Cox et al.) was about the 3rd for Arkansas, and a first-cycle Lesser Black-backed Gull there 10 Dec (ph. KN, David Arbour, Berlin Heck) furnished about the 6th state record. Although gradually becoming more regular in winter on the coast, more noteworthy slightly inland Louisiana Lesser Black-backed Gulls included sightings of single ads. (some possibly involving the same bird) at flooded fields in *Lafayette* 28 Dec (MJM), *Vermilion* 20 Jan (JB, DBo), and *Acadia* 31 Jan (DLD, SWC), 3 different individuals at a landfill near Abbeville, *Vermilion* 17 Jan-25 Feb (ph. PEC), and one near Morgan City, *St. Mary* 8 Feb (ph. MJM). Southeast Louisiana produces the vast majority of the state's Great Black-backed Gull records, and possibly up to 7 were encountered this winter in the Grand Isle region, including a near-ad. at Port Fourchon 20 Dec (MW), 2 ads. or near-ads. and a first-cycle imm. on the Timbalier Is. 6 Feb (ph. BMM, RDe, SWC, DLD), 2 first-cycle imms. on Grand Terre 7 Feb (SWC, vt. DLD), and a first-cycle imm. on Grand Isle 24 Feb (ph. JB, vt. DBo). Rare anywhere in the Region, Black-legged Kittiwakes (all imms.) were noted in Arkansas at Murray lock and dam, *Pulaski* 29 Dec (ph. RD) and at L. Chicot, *Chicot* 6-7 Jan (ph. DB, DS); one in the Gulf of Mexico at Green Canyon block 610 on 24 Dec (ph. Brad Martin) provided one of relatively few offshore records.

Although continuing to expand northward in the Region, 2 White-winged Doves w. of Fayetteville, *Washington* 17 Feb (Kelly Chitwood) and one in *Bossier* 27 Feb (TD) provided the only reports outside s. Louisiana. One

or 2 Inca Doves at several locations in *Pointe Coupee*, e. *Iberville*, and *St. Tammany* 21 Dec-27 Feb (HLP, SWC, DLD, JB, DBo, RPR) were indicative that the species continues to spread eastward beyond sw. Louisiana. Increasingly erratic and possibly declining, 3 Common Ground-Doves in *Orleans* 23 Dec (PAW), 2 more on 2 Jan, and 2 in *Plaquemines* 15 Jan (both PAW, DPM) were the only reports. The bird of the season was Louisiana's first Mangrove Cuckoo along the Mississippi R. at Meraux, near Chalmette, *St. Bernard* 23-24 Dec (ph. GO, vt. DPM, vt. PAW, ph. JPS, ph. DP et al.). Declining and now a review list bird in Louisiana, 2-3 Burrowing Owls were seen intermittently at Grand Isle 19 Dec-24 Feb (CGB, EIJ, DPM, vt. PAW, vt. DBo, ph. JB et al.). It was a relatively good winter for



Representing one of few well-documented North American winter records, and only the second for Louisiana, was this Bobolink in *St. Martin Parish* 20 January 2007. Photograph by Danny Dobbs.

Short-eared Owls in Arkansas, with at least five reports from across the state, including counts of 8 individuals each in *Poinsett* 22 Jan (DB) and *Arkansas* 10 Feb (DS); in Louisiana, in addition to several expected sw. reports, one at Grand Terre East 7 Feb (DPM, BMM, RDe) was a good find on the se. coast. The only nightjar reports were of a Whip-poor-will at Grand Isle 20 Dec (EIJ, CGB), a Chuck-will's-widow there 20 Dec and 3 Jan (RS, Vicki LeFevers, DPM, CR), and another "Chuck" at Oak Grove, *Cameron* 16 Dec (MW).

## SWIFTS THROUGH VIREOS

The report of 2 Vaux's Swifts at University L., Baton Rouge 19 Jan (DBo, JB, ph. EIJ et al.) was consistent with the mid/late-winter appearances of a few there for the past several years. It was another exciting season for fall/winter hummingbirds in Louisiana, with approximately 750 individuals reported from late summer through winter, not including Ruby-throateds (primarily *fide* Tom Sylvest's Western Winter Hummer Summaries), and included at least 45 Buff-bellieds, an unprecedented 53 Calliopes, 9 Broad-taileds, and 7 confirmed Allen's. Highlights in-

cluded an ad. male Broad-billed Hummingbird at Hammond, *Tangipahoa* 5 Jan-25 Feb (ph. Rusty & DeeDee Mahoney, ph. Walter Clifton, b. LB et al.) and a banded ad. male Anna's at River Ridge through 20 Jan (Mike & Sue Roberts, Nancy L. Newfield), the first Louisiana "returnee" of that species. An ad. female Anna's Hummingbird in Little Rock, *Pulaski* through the period (ph. Debby Haines, b. MP on 19 Feb, HP, Perk Floyd et al.) and an imm. male Rufous Hummingbird at Stuttgart, AR 7 Dec (b. H&MP) were the only non-Louisiana hummers reported.

Completely unexpected were up to 3 Least Flycatchers at Cane's Landing, Red R., *Bossier* lingering from late fall through 10 Jan (TD et al.); somewhat more typical were a few wintering in s. Louisiana, including near Ft. Jackson, *Plaquemines* 30 Dec (vt. PAW, CR), near Kaplan, *Vermilion* 2 Jan (vt. Jane Patterson et al.), and near Thornwell 20-21 Feb (ph. DLD, SWC). A Say's Phoebe in *Greene*, AR 18 Jan (ph. DB, NA) provided one of very few Arkansas winter records. Four Ash-throated Flycatchers in coastal Louisiana was about normal and included birds at Bayou Sauvage N.W.R., *Orleans* 23 Dec (RS), New Orleans 13-14 Jan (vt. PAW, DPM et al.), s. of Gueydan, *Vermilion* 28 Jan (PEC, ph. DP, BMM), and W. Pointe a la Hache, *Plaquemines* 19 Feb (DPM, PAW). A relatively cooperative Great Kiskadee at Slidell, *St. Tammany* 31 Jan-20 Feb (Craig Lucker, vt. DBo, ph. JB, CGB, LB et al.) was about the 10th for Louisiana. Always exciting, a probable Couch's Kingbird was near Andrew, *Vermilion* 20-28 Jan (JB, vt. DBo, vt. PEC, ph. DP, BMM). At least 22 Western Kingbirds reported across s. Louisiana 13 Dec-19 Feb (SWC, vt. DLD, JVH, ph. Jim Johnson, ph. CGB, MW, ph. DPM, JWB, vt. PAW, vt. DBo, JB) was phenomenal. About 10 Scissor-tailed Flycatchers in s. Louisiana (mainly *Plaquemines*) was fairly typical, but one in *Faulkner*, AR 20 Dec (Gail Miller) was quite a surprise. A Bell's Vireo located near Crowley 2 Jan (ph. DP, BF, SS) was the only report.

## SWALLOWS THROUGH LONGSPURS

A Northern Rough-winged Swallow at Grand Isle 20 Dec (Phil Stouffer) could have been a late migrant; singles at Baton Rouge 30 Jan (SWC, DLD) and in *Assumption*, LA 2 Feb (JVH) could have been wintering or very early spring migrants. A Cave Swallow near Madisonville, *St. Tammany* 17 Feb (CGB, vt. DBo, JB) was Louisiana's first well-documented winter record. Barn Swallows near Alexandria, *Rapides* 1 Jan (JVH) and in *Plaquemines* 28 Jan were probably wintering; individuals on 27 Feb in *Concordia* (RPR) and *Bossier* (TD) were considered early migrants. Red-breasted Nuthatch went completely unreport-

ed, but Brown Creepers persisted in good numbers after the fall influx, e.g., 24 at the Lake D'Arbonne S.P. area 19 Feb (DB, JB). Of 3 Rock Wrens that arrived at Arkansas's Millwood L. during the fall, one in *Howard* was last observed 3 Feb, and 2 in *Hempstead/Little River* stayed through the winter (all CM et al.). An estimated 400 Marsh Wrens flushed during a few hours of rice harvesting near Thornwell 5 Dec (SWC, DLD) attested to the incredible concentrations present in some fields during late fall and early winter. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Holla Bend N.W.R. 27 Dec (LA) and 2 at Stuttgart 9 Jan (WS, DS) were very late or rare wintering birds for Arkansas. A late Wood Thrush was near Cameron 13 Dec (SWC, DLD); another in *Plaquemines* 6 Jan (vt. PAW) was probably wintering.

Leading off a fair assortment of rare winter parulids were a Tennessee Warbler at Bayou Sauvage N.W.R. 2 Jan (DPM, vt. PAW et al.) and a Northern Parula at Little Chenier, *Cameron* 16 Dec (ph. DP). A Yellow Warbler present at Lacassine N.W.R. since 1 Nov remained through at least 31 Jan (SWC, DLD, ph. JWB, MJM, BMM, DP); others were at Gibbstown, *Cameron* 16 Dec (ph. DP), near La Branche, *St. Charles* 29 Dec (Mahlon Ayme), and 8 km s. of Phoenix, *Plaquemines* 25 Jan (vt. GO). Surprisingly infrequent in Louisiana, an *Audubon's Warbler* was in New Orleans 25 Jan+ (Peter H. Yaukey, vt. PAW). Only one Black-throated Green Warbler, near Ft. Jackson 30 Dec (PAW, CR), was interesting, considering the relatively high numbers reported for some other rare-but-regular winter species, e.g., at least 10 Yellow-throated Warblers found in se. Louisiana 30 Dec–28 Jan (DPM, vt. PAW, RDP, J. T. Sylvest, LB et al.). In Arkansas, a Palm Warbler at Holla Bend N.W.R. 20 Jan (K&LN) and 2 male Common Yellowthroats at Wapanacca N.W.R., *Crittenden* 24 Jan (DB) were good mid-winter discoveries, as were 3 Prairie Warblers, 5 Black-and-white Warblers, an American Redstart, 4 Ovenbirds, 4 Northern Waterthrushes, and 3 Yellow-breasted Chats in s. Louisiana.

Putting in an appearance for its 5th winter was a male Summer Tanager at Fayetteville 16 Feb (ph. Sara Caulk); one in Pearl River, *St. Tammany* 26 Dec (Jeanne & John Wilson) was, surprisingly, the only Louisiana report. A female Western Tanager visited a feeder in Baton Rouge 23 Feb+ (ph. Kevin Morgan et al.), and an ad. male did likewise in New Orleans 25 Feb (Nancy Dickson, ph. EW). Above-average numbers of American Tree Sparrows were detected in nw. Arkansas (MAM), including a high of 23 at Chesney Prairie Natural Area 26 Jan (JN, JW). A Clay-colored Sparrow in Metairie, *Jefferson* 14 Jan+ (ph. Beth Wiggins)

provided one of few Louisiana late-winter records. A Henslow's Sparrow near Indian Bayou, *Vermilion* 20 Jan (vt. DBo, JB) added to mounting evidence of modest numbers wintering in "atypical" (non-pine) habitats. Other noteworthy sparrow concentrations included up to 8-10 Le Conte's in the Fayetteville area 4-10 Feb (JN) and 41 Harris's ("highest numbers since the 1960s") and 339 White-crowns ("all-time high") on the Fayetteville C.B.C. 17 Dec (JN et al.). A Harris's Sparrow was farther s. than normal in extreme sw. *East Baton Rouge* 14 Jan (J. V. Remsen, D. Cagnolatti). Concentrations of Lapland Longspurs included 170 in the Maysville area 20 Jan (JN, MAM) and an estimated 1000 in *Craighead* 2 Dec (NA, DB). Good numbers of Smith's Longspurs were reported in n. Arkansas, with 4 transients at Fayetteville 2 Dec (MAM), 198 at Newport, *Jackson* 14 Feb (KN, BH), and 125 at Stuttgart 23 Feb (BH, Theo Whitsell).

## GROSBEAKS THROUGH BLACKBIRDS

An imm. male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at *Cameron* 17 Dec (MW, ph. EIJ), another imm. male near L. Arthur 23-24 Jan (found moribund and died, \*Dale & Zan Hollister), and a Black-headed Grosbeak at Bonnet Carre Spillway, *St. Charles* 1 Jan (RJS, MW) were casual winter visitors. It was a relatively good winter for Blue Grosbeak in Louisiana, with singles near Johnsons Bayou, *Cameron* (Don Jeane, Ken Sztraky) and at *Cameron* 17 Dec (MW, EIJ), at Bonnet Carre Spillway 13 Jan (RJS), at E. Pointe a la Hache, *Plaquemines* 15 Jan (PAW, DPM), and an ad. male at L. Martin, *St. Martin* 28 Jan (ph. DMD). An ad. male *Lazuli Bunting* at Luling, *St. Charles* 9 Dec (ph. RS) may have been the same wintering bird documented there sporadically since winter 2000-2001; amazingly, another ad. male appeared at a New Iberia, *Iberia*, feeder 9 Jan (ph. MJM), only the 5th ever (and only the 2nd from winter) well-documented individual for Louisiana. No fewer than 25 Indigo Buntings were found on or near the Louisiana coast 2 Dec–4 Feb (DPM, vt. PAW, PEC, BMM, DP, vt. JWB, JB, DBo et al.); 16 were in *Plaquemines*, including a flock of 9 near Triumph 28 Jan (DPM, RDP, PAW). Even more astounding were at least 26 Painted Buntings across s. Louisiana 19 Dec–19 Feb (CGB, RJS, DPM, PAW, EW, Elias Landry, SWC, Cheryl Eberhardt, RDP, Tracey W. Sherry, JB, DBo, DP, Frank Rohwer, BF et al.). Two Dickcissels in Stuttgart 16 Dec (Gail Northcutt) were casual so far north; more expected were 4 in Louisiana: at *Cameron* 17 Dec (MW, ph. EIJ), near Duson, *Lafayette* 18 Jan (JWB, CJ), at Baton Rouge 31 Jan (SWC, DLD), and at L. Martin 24 Feb (ph. DMD).

Representing one of very few well-documented North American winter records and only the 2nd for Louisiana was a *Bobolink* at L. Martin 20 Jan (ph. DMD). Western Meadowlarks, infrequently detected in s. Louisiana, were singing near *Cameron* 28 Jan (DBo, JB) and near Thornwell 21 Feb (SWC, DLD). An ad. male Yellow-headed Blackbird at Madisonville 28 Dec (Heydi Lopes, Pam Morgan, CGB) and 2 near Chloe, *Calcasieu* 20 Feb (PEC) were the only reports. One of the rarer winter orioles, an Orchard Oriole was even more extraordinary visiting suet at Fairfield Bay, *Van Buren*, AR 15 Jan–20 Feb (ph. Jerry Goodman); 3 imm. males were also located in *Plaquemines*: E. Pointe a la Hache 15 Jan, Buras 28 Jan, and W. Pointe a la Hache 19 Feb (vt. PAW, DPM, RDP). Sixteen Baltimore Orioles in s. Louisiana 26 Dec–19 Feb (JVH, ph. BF, SWC, DLD, DPM, vt. PAW et al.) was above average and included 7 in *St. Tammany* 26-28 Dec (Renee Sawyer, LB, Joelle Finley, HLP et al.) and 5 wintering at one Baton Rouge residence (CF, vt. DBo, JB); more unusual was an ad. male at Hot Springs Village, *Garland*, AR late Jan–25 Feb (ph. Lu Otto). An ad. male Bullock's Oriole was an exciting yard visitor in Marrero, *Jefferson* 31 Dec–1 Jan (ph. Paul Wolf). Still unusual away from sw. Louisiana, 6 Great-tailed Grackles were in *Red River*, Louisiana 1 Jan (ph. Jeff & Jean Trahan); a whopping 200 at Craig Fish Hatchery, *Benton* 20 Jan (JN, MAM) was impressive but not unprecedented in nw. Arkansas. Rusty Blackbirds at *Cameron* 28 Jan (DB, JB) and at Oak Grove 31 Jan (SWC, DLD) were unusual on the immediate coast.

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