



These three Cave Swallows at Fort Morgan, Baldwin County, Alabama were part of the 100+ that appeared 7 April 2007—easily the highest documented Regional count ever. During their brief stay, three flock members were banded and one dead specimen was recovered. Examination determined all to be of the southwestern subspecies *pallida* (*pelodoma*). Photograph by Tom Siegwald.

nished a new maximum spring count for Alabama (GDJ, DGJ). The male Shiny Cowbird

21 Apr on Dauphin I. was the only spring report received for this occasional species (LRD). Up to 5 Bronzed Cowbirds were observed 5 May+ at Ansley, Hancock, MS, with some observed in courtship (NB). Impressive Bobolink numbers were noted 24 Apr–17 May at Waveland, Hancock, MS, with 300-400 early in the period falling to 60 by mid-May (NB).

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Passage of a strong cold front through the region 3-5 April allowed a cold air mass to penetrate unusually far south, resulting in a late freeze affecting the Ozarks region

of Arkansas on 7-8 April. The freeze caused widespread damage to buds, foliage, and flowers on many bird-important species of trees. Although some recovery and re-leafing was apparent later in the season, the timing of this event undoubtedly impacted northbound migrants and early nesting species. This same front, backing up as a warm front and then interacting with a second cold front on 9-12 April, precipitated fair numbers of trans-Gulf migrants on the Louisiana coast 10-11 April. Birding activity in southwestern Louisiana surged during late April and early May, fortunately in association with the joint American Birding Association–Louisiana Ornithological Society convention in Lafayette.

Abbreviations: County/parish names are italicized; counties/parishes are indicated only for the initial mention of a specific locality, and states are indicated only for the initial mention of counties/parishes, except to avoid confusion. For records of “review list” species, documentation has been received and records have either been accepted by, or acceptance is pending by, the respective state bird records committee. Significance for Arkansas records is based on James and Neal (1986) plus the Arkansas Audubon Society online bird record database, and, for

Louisiana, on the Louisiana bird record database at the Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science (LSUMNS).

WATERFOWL

Although Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks are spreading in Arkansas, Fulvous Whistling-Ducks are still considered rare, so one near Arkansas City, Desha 25-26 May (ph. DB) and 11 at Bald Knob N.W.R., White (KN) were of interest. A Greater White-fronted Goose was a strange sight heading southwestward over Lacassine, Jefferson Davis, LA on the late date of 28 Apr (DLD, SWC). Breeding Mottled Ducks continued to thrive in Desha, with 20 ads. and 15 young counted 28 May (DB); a dozen Blue-winged Teal and 2 male Northern Shovelers there 26 May (DB) were most likely late migrants. An ad. male Cinnamon Teal in extreme sw. Cameron 8 May (PEL) established a new late spring record for Louisiana, and a female Greater Scaup at Craig Fish Hatchery, Benton 12 May (MAM, DC) was the 2nd latest all-time for Arkansas. The wintering male Tufted Duck on L. Dardanelle, Yell/Pope, AR (K&LN, m.ob.) was last seen 18 Mar. Late scoters included 4 Surfs at New Orleans 17 Mar (vt. PAW), one Surf at L. Fayetteville, Washington, AR 14 Apr (DC), an imm. male White-winged near Little Rock, Pulaski, AR

17-20 Mar (ph. Kelly Jobe, DM), a female Black at New Orleans 10 Mar (PAW, DMD), and another at Holly Beach, *Cameron*, LA 6 Apr (ph. PEC, BMM, Gay Gomez, Robin Doughty), and possibly the same bird there 27-28 Apr (JHo, PEL et al.). A Long-tailed Duck at New Orleans 3 Mar was likely the same bird seen 23 Feb (PAW, CCS). Spring migrant Red-breasted Mergansers are seldom detected inland, so 8 moving up the Red R. near Shreveport, *Caddo*, LA 16 Mar (TD) were of interest.

GREBES THROUGH CARACARA

At L. Fayetteville, 115 Pied-billed Grebes 14 Apr (MAM, DC) was an impressive Regional spring concentration. Fifty-eight Horned Grebes at False R., *Pointe Coupee* 4 Mar (DBo, JBo) was an excellent count for the Baton Rouge area; one in *Desha* was rather late 27 Apr (D&SB). A Red-necked Grebe at Treadway Fish Farms, *Prairie* 5 Mar, with 2 birds on 11 Mar and at least one present to 14 Apr (ph. DBr, KN, DM, D&SB, ph. NA), would represent the 6th/7th Arkansas occurrences (if accepted as separate records). Single Eared Grebes at New Orleans 3 Mar (PAW) and on False R. 4 Mar (DBo, JBo) were unusual for s.-cen. and se. Louisiana; 2 in alternate plumage in *Prairie* 6 Apr (Rob Doster, DM) and one in *Craighead* 12 Apr (NA) were relatively late for Arkansas. An imm. Brown Pelican flying westward along I-10 in *Jefferson Davis* 1 May (PEL) was certainly out of place.

Single Swallow-tailed Kites in Louisiana at Palmetto I., *Vermilion* 9 May (JVH) and near St. Gabriel, *Iberville* 12 May (JVR) were probable late migrants away from known breeding locations. A White-tailed Kite at Mt. Magazine S.P., *Logan* 7 Mar (DSi) was completely unexpected and only about the 10th for Arkansas. Lingered female Northern Harriers were in *Desha* 10 May (DB) and at Searcy, *White* 24 May (KN). A very late Sharp-shinned Hawk at Fort Polk, *Vernon* 30 May (JJ) was suggestive of breeding; there is one previous confirmed nesting record from that area of w.-cen. Louisiana. A pair of Cooper's Hawks at Grand Isle, *Jefferson* 20 May (DPr) was also suggestive of breeding and would be a new coastal locale for the species. Swainson's Hawks were widely reported in sw. Louisiana; although some may have been migrants, most were thought to be territorial pairs. A pair with nest material near Chloe, *Calcasieu* 1 Apr (BMM, PEC, MJM, DP); a pair copulating at a com-

pleted nest near Bell City, *Calcasieu* 29 Apr (SWC, DLD et al.; nest inactive 5 Jun); and sightings relatively far e. in extreme se. *Vermilion* 11 Apr and 9 May (JVH) were among the more interesting reports. About a dozen Crested Caracaras reported from sw. Louisiana included 2 ads. and a subad. seen repeatedly near Bell City 24-29 Apr (two sightings of birds carrying nest material; SWC, ph. DLD, BMM et al.), and an ad. relatively far ne. (and n. of I-10) near Lacassine, *Jefferson Davis* 24 Apr (SWC, DLD, Jeff Gordon et al.). Ten Sandhill Cranes in *Poinsett*, AR 8 Mar (ph. NA) were relatively late for the Region.

SHOREBIRDS

At Port Fourchon, *Lafourche*, LA, 130 Black-bellied Plovers 29 Apr (PAW) qualified as one of the larger state counts, and 6 American Golden-Plovers were late at Grand Isle 20 May



In Arkansas, a Red-necked Grebe at Treadway Fish Farms, *Prairie* County 5 March 2007 was joined by a second individual on 11 March, and at least one was present through 14 April 2007 (here). These represent the sixth and seventh state records. Photograph by Nick Anich.

(DPr). A Louisiana record high of 520 Semipalmated Plovers 21 Apr, mainly in *Acadia* and *Jefferson Davis* (SWC, DLD), and a concentration of 25 in *Benton* 28 Apr (MAM, Paige Mullhollan), clustered nicely with previous Regional spring high counts; 100 at Grand Isle 20 May (DPr) was a large number for the coast so late, and 3 in *Benton* 24-27 May (MAM, JN) were relatively late for Arkansas. Earliest ever for nw. Arkansas was a Lesser Yellowlegs in *Benton* 2 Mar (MAM, JN). Among four Arkansas reports of Willets, 2 in *Lonoke* 14 Apr (K&LN) were relatively early, and 14 in *Nevada* 30 Apr (ph. Eddie Daniel) was a relatively high number. Also record early was a Hudsonian Godwit in *Prairie* 12 Apr (KN), and several other reports in *Prairie*, *Lonoke*, and *White* 14-18 Apr (D&SB, ph. NA, K&LN, LY, Ken Dayer, DBr, Pat Braddy) were also relatively early; 200+ in se. *Calcasieu* and s. *Jefferson Davis* 6 May (BMM, ph. DP, PEC) surpassed the previous Louisiana high count by a wide margin. Very rare away from the coast, especially in spring, single Marbled Godwits

turned up in *White* 15 Apr (LY), *Prairie* 21 Apr (K&LN, D&SB), and se. *Calcasieu* 6 May (ph. DP, BMM, PEC). Somewhat more regular in the far interior but still noteworthy were a Ruddy Turnstone in *Benton* 24-25 May (MAM) and a Sanderling in *Prairie* 2 May (KN). About 300 Red Knots at Grand Isle 14-15 Apr (SWC, DLD, DBo, JBo) was an encouraging number. A Western Sandpiper in *Prairie* 1 Apr (K&LN) was considered a very early migrant. Thirty Baird's Sandpipers in *Lonoke* 14 Apr (NA, D&SB) was a relatively large number in Arkansas. An estimated 3000 White-rumped Sandpipers at *Cameron Prairie* N.W.R., *Cameron* 8 May (PEL) surpassed the previous Louisiana high total. About 5500 Stilt Sandpipers in ne. *Cameron* and *Jefferson Davis* 21 Apr (SWC, DLD) was also a new record, but was quickly eclipsed by 12,000 at *Cameron Prairie* N.W.R. 8 May (PEL). A total of 374 Buff-breasted Sandpipers in *Acadia* and *Jefferson Davis* 21 Apr (SWC, DLD) set yet another new state record. A male Ruff at Treadway Fish Farm 22 Mar (DBr) would be about the 11th for Arkansas and one of the earliest spring records. An aggregation of 2000 Short-billed Dowitchers at Grand Isle 14 Apr (SWC, DLD) was a fairly impressive number for one location. An estimated 17,000 Long-billed Dowitchers at *Lonoke/Prairie* fish farms 14 Apr, including 15,000 by one party (K&LN), appear to be unprecedented numbers in Arkansas (NA, D&SB); 155 in *Benton* 28 Apr (MAM et al.) was a new high for nw. Arkansas. Rounding out the array of record shorebird numbers were 440 Wilson's Phalaropes in *Cameron* 8 May (PEL), the 2nd highest count for Louisiana.

GULLS THROUGH NIGHTJARS

A Laughing Gull in *Prairie* 2 May (K&LN) was a good spring bird for cen. Arkansas, and 5 Franklin's Gulls in *Benton* 24 May (MAM) were rare and relatively late for the state. Casual in Louisiana, a Little Gull was well described at *Cameron* 31 Mar (DBo, JBo). Up to 400 Bonaparte's Gulls in the Holly Beach area 6 Apr (BMM, PEC) coincided with the species' migration peak during late Mar-early Apr. Now almost expected in spring, at least 3 Lesser Black-backed Gulls in the Holly Beach-Cameron area 28 Apr-12 May (PEL, ph. BMM, DP, DBo, ph. JBo, DPM) were the only ones reported. A first-cycle Glaucous Gull was seen at *Cameron* 24-27 Apr (Jeff Antonellis-Lapp, ph. Gary H. Rosenberg, DPM, PEL, ESB, JHo et al.). Great Black-backed

Gull encounters included a third-cycle bird at Grand Isle 6 Apr (EJ), possibly the same bird there 13-14 Apr (vt. PAW, CCS, SWC, ph. DLD, JBo, DBo), and a first-cycle bird at Cameron 26-29 Apr (DPM, PEL, ph. Alvaro Jaramillo, JBo, DBo). A Black-legged Kittiwake near Holly Beach 20 Mar may have been the same individual found at nearby Cameron 29 Apr (ph. DBo, JBo et al.).

A Gull-billed Tern heard overhead near Sorrento, Ascension 6 May (SWC, DLD) was well inland from the species' normal spring coastal haunts. Also unexpected inland in sw. Louisiana were at least six pairs of nesting Least Terns along I-10 near Lacassine (BMM, SWC, ph. DLD et al.). Increasingly scarce, 3 ad. Common Ground-Doves near Franklinton, Washington, AR 18 May (Laura Palasz, A. Taylor) were a pleasant surprise and possibly suggestive of local breeding. A smattering of Yellow-billed Cuckoo reports in Baton Rouge and near St. Gabriel 24 Mar (SWC, DLD, JVR, R. Brumfield) and at New Orleans 25 Mar (DPM) represented an exceptionally early wave of arriving migrants. A Burrowing Owl wintering near Holmwood, Calcasieu was reported intermittently 9 Mar-11 Apr (vt. JB, JBo, DBo, BMM, PEC, ph. DP). Rarely detected spring Whip-poor-wills included singing males at Shreveport 28 Mar (TD) and near St. Gabriel 21 Apr (DLD).

HUMMINGBIRDS THROUGH VIREOS

A wintering female Calliope Hummingbird that remained near St. Gabriel through 13 Apr (ph. DLD, SWC) represented one of the latest spring departures. In Ouachita N.E., Scott, AR, 32 active Red-cockaded Woodpecker nests 8 May (JN) was the same number reported in 2006. Difficult to explain was a Pileated Woodpecker at Johnsons Bayou 25 Apr (DPM); there are only three previous records from the immediate sw. coast, all from mid-late Apr. Exceptionally rare in spring for se. Louisiana was an Olive-sided Flycatcher at New Orleans 19 May (DPM). An Acadian Flycatcher in Faulkner 3 Apr (John Workman) was very early for Arkansas. Up to 3 calling/singing Alder Flycatchers per day were noted in Caddo/Bossier 19-27 May (TD); the species is likely a regular spring migrant in nw. Louisiana, but there are still relatively few convincing records. Still considered extremely rare in Louisiana, Willow Flycatchers in Caddo/Bossier included 1-2 unusually early individuals calling/singing 25-30 Apr, then not detected again until 8 May, with numbers then building to a peak of 7+ on 19 May and at least 3 territorial birds through the end of the period (TD). A female Vermilion Flycatcher in Desha 30 May (D&SB) may furnish

the first May record for Arkansas and certainly one of very few spring/early summer records for the Region. Two Western Kingbirds at Grand Isle 15 Apr (SWC, ph. DLD et al.), 6 in Pulaski 11 May (DS, Robert Herron, Doris Boyles), and one in White 30 May (KN) were all relatively far east. Three male Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were relatively early in Bossier 22 Mar (TD).

A Yellow-throated Vireo near St. Gabriel 11 Mar (DLD) was apparently record early for the Baton Rouge area (and among the earliest



This Cave Swallow at Millwood Lake, Little River County 24 March through 15 (here 8) April 2007 supplied the second record for Arkansas. Photograph by Charles Mills.

ever for Louisiana); one in Craighead 23 Mar (Norman Lavers) was early for Arkansas. Some of this spring's exceptional vireo counts from the Louisiana coast included 143 White-eyed and 66 Yellow-throateds at Grand Isle 10 Apr (PAW, CCS) and 120 White-eyed and 25 Yellow-throateds at Johnsons Bayou 11 Apr (PEC, BMM). A Blue-headed Vireo near St. Gabriel 19 Apr (DLD) tied the area late record. Warbling Vireos at Homer, Claiborne 24 Mar (John Dillon) and in Bossier 28 Mar (TD) were very early, especially for n. Louisiana. Five Warbling Vireos in coastal Cameron 11 Apr (PEC, BMM) and 25-26 Apr (DPM) would normally be impressive, but an estimated 50-60 there 15 Apr (MJM) and 40 e. of Cameron the same day (DFL) were unprecedented Louisiana counts by an order of magnitude. Philadelphia Vireos on the Cameron coast numbered about 50 between multiple sites 25 Apr (PEL, ESB, m.ob.); one at Grand Isle 20 May (DPr) was late; and 8 in Benton 12 May (MAM, DC) was a large number for nw. Arkansas. Relatively early Red-eyed Vireos in Louisiana were near St. Gabriel 18 (DLD) & 19 Mar (JVR), in St. Martin 20 Mar (DBo, JBo), and in Union 4 Apr (SP). A Black-whiskered Vireo was a good find at Johnsons Bayou 13 May (ph. EJ).

SWALLOWS THROUGH PIPITS

A Tree Swallow at Cotile L., Rapides 28 May,

and 2 there 31 May (JVH), were in an area where a pair nested the previous two years Northern Rough-winged Swallows in Pulaski 7 Mar (DBr) and Arkansas 10 Mar (DS) provided some of the earliest records for Arkansas. A Cliff Swallow at Shreveport 6 Mar (TD) was apparently record early for the state, much less for n. Louisiana. Representing a 2nd Arkansas record, a Cave Swallow made itself available at Millwood L., Little River 24 Mar-15 Apr (ph. CM, Dolores & Donald Harrington, m.ob.). Another Cave Swallow found dead on a drilling ship in the Gulf of Mexico approximately 174 km sse. of South Pass of the Mississippi R. 10 Apr (Troy Reitan, *LSUMNS) was the first specimen for Louisiana. Three or 4 Barn Swallows at Shreveport 1 Mar (TD) were early, and an estimated 700 on the Cameron coast 11 Apr (BMM, PEC) apparently made a new Louisiana spring high count. Although always scarce along the extreme sw. coast, 2 Carolina Chickadees in a beach chenier e. of Rutherford Beach, Cameron 9 Apr (PEC, BMM) was the first post-Hurricane Rita report from the area. Lingering Red-breasted Nuthatches at Little Rock 6 Mar (Mel White) and Searcy 2 Apr (KN) were the only reports. Presumably one of the birds that had wintered locally, a Rock Wren at Millwood L., Hempstead 16 Apr (WS) was the latest spring date for the state other than a 31 May 1958 record in Pike. Also very late was a Ruby-crowned Kinglet in Craighead 22 May (DB). A pair of Eastern Bluebirds using a nest box sw. of Thornwell, Jefferson Davis 21 & 24 Apr (SWC, DLD), and another pair s. of Holmwood 29 Apr (DBo), were at the sw. limit of the species' breeding range in Louisiana; a male at Cameron 6 May (PEC, DP, BMM) was exceptionally late for the coast.

Arkansas's 6th Townsend's Solitaire at Mt Magazine S.P. 2-3 Apr (DSi, DBr) also represented the latest spring record. A Swainson's Thrush at Johnsons Bayou 6 Apr (PEC, BMM) and a lingering Hermit Thrush near St. Gabriel 19 Apr (DLD) ranked among the state's earliest and latest records, respectively. A Wood Thrush at Johnsons Bayou 17 May (BMM, PEC) was late for the coast, and Golden-crowned Kinglets at Grand Isle 1 Apr (DPM) and near Johnsons Bayou 2 Apr (JBo) were among the latest records for the coast and the state in general. Also late were 18 American Pipits near Lacassine 24 Apr, with one still present 26 Apr (SWC, DLD). At least one Cedar Waxwing on a drilling ship 24-32 km s. of South Pass 12 May (ph. Taylor Sullivan, Jessica Mucci) may represent the first spring record from the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana.

WARBLERS

A conservative count of 27 Blue-winged Warblers at Johnsons Bayou 11 Apr (PEC, BMM) was a record number for Louisiana; 19 at Grand Isle 10 Apr (PAW, CCS) were also notable. A good bird in nw. Arkansas, a male Golden-winged Warbler at Mt. Sequoyah, Washington 18 May (MAM) was also late. Always interesting, reports of Blue-winged Warbler × Golden-winged Warbler hybrids/backcrosses included a male Lawrence's at Grand Isle 10 Apr (CCS, PAW) and a male Brewster's there 15 Apr (DLD, SWC). A scarce spring migrant on the coast, 2 Nashville Warblers were near Johnsons Bayou 11 Apr (PEC, BMM), and another was there 14 Apr (DMD, R. C. Dobbs); one at Mt. Sequoyah 28 Mar (MAM) was apparently a new early date for Arkansas. Forty Northern Parulas near Cameron 15 Apr (DFL) was a relatively high count of spring migrants. Most notable among four Arkansas reports of Cape May Warbler were a rather early singing male 25 Apr (DB) and an impressive 5 in *Craighead* 6 May (D&SB et al.); one at Grand Isle 29 Apr (PAW) was the sole Louisiana report. Late Yellow-rumped Warblers included one near Bell City 29 Apr (SWC, DLD), a late high count of 22 in *Washington*, AR 4 May (MAM), and singles at two other locations in *Washington* 6 & 12 May (MAM, DC). A rare Audubon's Warbler wintering at New Orleans was last reported 10 Mar (PAW). Early Black-throated Green Warblers included singles at Johnsons Bayou 18 Mar (BMM, PEC) and in *Caddo* and *Bossier* 25 Mar (TD), plus 3 in *Ouachita* 26 Mar (JH, Robert Vinet). Also in *Ouachita* was an early male Blackburnian 2 Apr (JH); 15-20 in *Craighead* 3 May (DB) was a remarkable number inland. A rare spring migrant on the coast, a Prairie Warbler was at Oak Grove 26 Apr (DLD). The Palm Warbler in *Crittenden*, AR 29 Mar (ph. Ron Howard) could have been either a lingering winterer or a very early migrant. A Bay-breasted Warbler in *Caddo* 27 May (TD), a Blackpoll in *Washington*, AR 26 May (JN, MAM), and a Cerulean Warbler in *Ouachita*, LA 12 May (SP, JBr, CH) were all new local late records. A Black-and-white Warbler in *Caldwell* 10 Mar (JBr, SP, CH) and a Worm-eating in *Ouachita* 1 Apr (JH) were relatively early for n. Louisiana. Forty-five Worm-eating Warblers at Grand Isle 10 Apr (PAW, CCS) tied for the 2nd highest number ever in Louisiana. A Northern Waterthrush at Johnsons Bayou 31 Mar (JBo, DBo) was presumably a very early migrant, but an Ovenbird at New Orleans 17

Mar (C. Seidenberg) had most likely wintered locally. The 11 Apr fallout at Johnsons Bayou produced a nice count of 120 Hooded Warblers (PEC, BMM).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

An Eastern Towhee at Johnsons Bayou 11 Apr (PEC, BMM), a Chipping Sparrow there 5 May (DBo, JBo), and 2 Field Sparrows e. of Cameron 15 Apr (DFL) all provided some of the latest records for the Louisiana coast. A wintering Clay-colored Sparrow at Metairie, *Jefferson* mid-Jan-2 Apr (ph. Beth Wiggins)



This wintering Clay-colored Sparrow at Metairie, Jefferson Parish remained from mid-January through 2 (here 1) April 2007; this represents Louisiana's second known instance of a wintering individual present for an extended period and provided a new late "last observed" date. Photograph by Beth Wiggins.

was only the 2nd known instance of a wintering bird present for an extended period and gave us a new late "last observed" date. One at Johnsons Bayou 11 Apr (BMM) was one of relatively few spring records for the coast and the first since 1998; there are also surprisingly few spring records for nw. Louisiana, so 1-2 in *Bossier* 14 Apr-1 May (TD) were of interest. Ten late Savannah Sparrows were in *Bossier* 16 May, with one still present 20 May (TD). Generally a seldom-detected inland migrant in the Region, a Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Fayetteville 13 May (JN, Ricky Corder, Rob Wiedenmann) marked only the 2nd spring record for the Ozarks. Lingering White-throated Sparrows included different birds in *Caddo* 13 & 30 May (TD) and a "defective" bird (with skin inflammations on its face) near St. Gabriel 30 Apr-4 Jun (SWC, DLD). An ad. male Harris's Sparrow in *Washington* 13 May (Jason Luscier) set a new late date for Arkansas. A dozen White-crowned Sparrows in *Jefferson Davis* 29 Apr (SWC, DLD) were thought to be late wintering birds; one was also late near Cameron 5 May (DBo, JBo). Late for the coast was a Blue Grosbeak at Grand Isle 20 May (DPr). The state's 8th

Lazuli Bunting, an ad. male, appeared in *Garland*, AR 3 May (ph. Carolyn Minson). Although not unprecedented as a breeder in se. Louisiana, up to 15 territorial male Dickcissels at Bonnet Carre Spillway 2 May+ (C. G. Brantley) was an exceptional concentration.

Reports of Yellow-headed Blackbirds, another scarce spring migrant, included an ad. male at *Lecompte, Rapides* 6 Apr (JJ), a female at Grand Isle 15 Apr (SWC, ph. DLD), and a singing ad. male near *Lacassine* 26 Apr (SWC, ph. DLD). Four female Brewer's Blackbirds were late near *Sweet L., Cameron* 26 Apr (SWC, DLD). A pair of Great-tailed Grackles at Lake End, *Red River* (Bill Fontenot) added another record for nw. Louisiana; at *Craig Fish Hatchery*, following a Jan count of 200, numbers had increased to 300 by 10 Mar (JN, MAM). A male Shiny Cowbird was at Grand Isle 14 Apr (JBo, vt. DBo). Still surprisingly scarce and of uncertain status in sw. Louisiana, a Bronzed Cowbird was observed at Johnsons Bayou 28 Apr. (PEL et al.), and a male displaying to a female at *Thornwell* 12 May (BMM, PEC, DP) was suggestive of breeding. Separate counts of 148 and 140 Baltimore Orioles in *Cameron* 25 Apr (JBo, DBo, DPM) were, surprisingly, unprecedented; 3 wintering males at *Thibodaux, Lafourche* were last observed 22 Apr (Beth & Sammy Maniscalco). A pair of Red Crossbills in *Pope*, AR 13 May (Roger Gunter) provided the only report of the species.

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