

birds at Okee-Tantie, *Okeechobee* 27 Jul (BP, PGr et al.) furnished the first breeding report for *L. Okeechobee* and the northernmost inland breeding report in Florida. Perhaps foreshadowing eventual breeding in the state, an ad. male Scissor-tailed Flycatcher enlivened Alachua, *Alachua* 29 Jul (JMe, ph.).

VIREOS THROUGH ORIOLES

Two Black-whiskered Vireos (including one in song) at Green Key 12-14 Jun (KT et al., ph.) provided the first *Pasco* report in more than 25 years. For the 4th consecutive summer, Purple Martins bred in cavities in cabbage palm snags at Viera Wetlands (DF). Early swallows at Lake Apopka N.S.R.A. included 3 Banks and 2 Cliffs 15 Jul (HR); other migrant Cliff Swallows were singles at Lake City 11 Jul (PB) and St. Marks N.W.R. 28 Jul (MH). Additional proof that Common Mynas are colonizing the cen. Gulf coast was provided by one near Clearwater, *Pinellas* in mid-Jun (DI). "Fall" migration for warblers begins during summer; earliest reports for some species were a Louisiana Waterthrush at Ichetucknee Springs S.P., *Columbia* 26 Jun (MF), a Black-and-white Warbler at Gainesville 6 Jul (CL), an American Redstart at St. Augustine, *St. Johns* 13 Jul (JK), 2 Prairie Warblers at Newnans Lake 18 Jul (RR), and a Yellow Warbler at Green Key 20 Jul (KT).

Furnishing the most inland report in Florida, a male olive-backed *Western Spindalis*

was a one-day wonder at J.W. Corbett W.M.A., *Palm Beach* 16 Jul (MBa, ph.). A Lark Sparrow at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa* 22 Jul (BD) established the earliest "fall" report for Florida. Thirty singing Seaside Sparrows enlivened the end of "The Road to Nowhere," *Dixie* 7 Jun (BA). Rare summer reports of Bobolinks were one at St. Sebastian Preserve S.P., *Brevard* 23 Jul (DS) and 2 at Cape Florida S.P., *Miami-Dade* 24 Jul (RD). Shiny Cowbirds are rare in the cen. pen., so singles at Tampa, *Hillsborough* 2 Jun (LS, DWs) and along County Line Rd., *Hillsborough* and *Manatee* 1 Jul (BA) were noteworthy. Seldom detected when southbound, an Orchard Oriole graced Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area, *Miami-Dade* 25 Jul (RD), while a male Baltimore Oriole at Gulf Breeze 13 Jun (BD) was quite unseasonable.

Unestablished exotics: A White-faced Whistling-Duck at Ellenton, *Manatee* 21 Jun (C. Beaton) represented the latest report of this presumed exotic. Egyptian Geese are now breeding in *Okealoosa*, with 12 there 22 Jun (DWr). Two Common Shelducks graced the Everglades Agricultural Area 28 Jul (BR et al.), as did a Yellow-collared (Masked) Lovebird near Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, *Collier* 23-28 Jul (JMc, ph.). At least one House Crow (missing several toes) persists at Nokomis Beach Park, *Sarasota* 10 Jun (BP, LG).

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The entire province experienced relatively uneventful weather during June and July. After a rather wet early June,

rainfall became sporadic and below average for the rest of the period, particularly in the north. Temperatures in the south were somewhat above normal, with the north experiencing a number of days well above average. Birding throughout the period was judged as mediocre by most observers. Rarities included Glossy Ibis, Black Vulture, Mississippi Kite, and Lesser Nighthawk.

Abbreviations: G.T.A. (Greater Toronto Area); K.F.N. (Kingston Field Naturalists); O.M.N.R. (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources); P.P.B.A. (Point Pelee Birding Area); T.C.B.O. (Thunder Cape B.O.).

WATERFOWL THROUGH VULTURES

A Snow Goose remained at Amherst I. 9 Jun-29 Jul (JS et al.), and an ad. Brant present at the Remic Rapids on the Ottawa R. 12-22 Jun was deemed a late migrant (m.ob.). A single Trumpeter Swan that wintered in the

Cobourg area appeared in Presqu'île P.P. 14 Jun paired with a Mute Swan and attempted to nest (m.ob.). In nw. Ontario, a lone Trumpeter Swan summered in Atikokan (DHE) for the 2nd year. Farther w. in the Fort Frances and Kenora areas, an aerial survey carried out by the O.M.N.R. in 2006 located a total of 140 swans, including many breeding pairs. The birds are likely descendents of Trumpeter Swans introduced in Minnesota, and the survey results indicate an expanding population. A male Eurasian Wigeon was present off Howe I. near Kingston, likely the same bird that wintered in the area (JCo). A Northern Shoveler raised 4 young at the Grand Bend S.T.P. (AR). A Redhead brood was found at Thunder Bay 15 Jul (BJM), a rare event for the area, and 2 ads. were noted on Amherst I. 17 Jul. (K.F.N.). A Canvasback, also on Amherst I. 14-17 Jul, was an expected summer find (K.F.N.). An exceptional 24 Long-tailed Ducks were noted on L. Ontario off Cobourg 14 Jun (LW). In Algo-



In Ontario, this Glossy Ibis was enjoyed by many birders during its stay at the Brighton Constructed Wetland 14 (here) through 18 June 2007, for Northumberland's third record. Photograph by Bill Edmunds.

nquin P.P., Wild Turkey was documented nesting for the first time. A hen with 2 young was found 11 Jul (JD), and another female with 4 young was seen 16 Jul (DCT).

American White Pelicans were widely scattered across the Province during the period, including 3 at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary 1 Jul (SB), an impressive flock of 60 at Thunder Bay in late Jun (BR), 6 on 30 Jun (JZ) and a single 2 Jul (DC) at Atikokan, a single flyby at Shirley's Bay on the Ottawa R. 3 Jun (BP, MC), and yet another single at Rondeau P.P. 9 Jun (RM et al.). Least Bittern, an unusual species in the Ottawa area, was seen 9 Jun near Perth (JS), 10 Jun in a small marsh in Ottawa (ARo), and in the Constance Creek Marsh at Dunrobin 11-15 Jun; in the G.T.A., one was noted periodically 10-24 Jun at the n. end of Bathurst St. (R&DP, KDu). The G.T.A. also had numerous Great Egrets reported, including 2 at High Park 4 Jun (SMF) and 3 at Rattray Marsh 7 Jul (DEP). The outcome of three Great Egret nests on the Leslie Street Spit is unknown (RS). A Cattle Egret made a surprising visit to Longlac 16 Jul (BR) far to



A Ruff (center) accompanied several Lesser Yellowlegs in its one-day appearance 20 July 2007 at the Dundas Marsh, Hamilton County, Ontario. Photograph by Barry Chermiere.

the n. of its usual range in the province. Black-crowned Night-Herons are rare in the Thunder Bay area. One was found 2 Jul (DW), and 2 were subsequently noted 15 Jul (BH), rais-

ing the possibility of breeding, which was subsequently confirmed by the discovery of a juv. later in the season. A Glossy Ibis present 13-18 Jun (EM, m.ob.) and then found again 26 Jun (KL) at the Brighton S.T.P. provided a rare record for the area. Very rare for the area, a Black Vulture was found near the e. edge of Kingston 14 Jun (IS).

RAPTORS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Three active Osprey nests were found during the period in the London area, two of these right in the city (PR). A Mississippi Kite at Sturgeon Creek 5 Jun provided the 33rd record for the P.P.B.A. (AW). Bald Eagles continue to do well throughout the province, with increased numbers noted in the cen. and s. parts. The 2nd and 3rd nests in Algonquin P.P. were found 8 May (JB) and 19 Jun (RD). An ad. was on a nest at the confluence of the Bonne Cherre R. and Ottawa R. 24 Jun (RC), and three active nests were observed in the London area (PR). A successful Merlin nest was found in Cobourg 17 Jul, the first confirmed for the area (KN, BPa), and another pair nested in the center of Kingston (BRo). The Ottawa "downtown" Peregrine Falcons fledged one young in late Jun (m.ob.), nesting successfully for the 11th consecutive year on the Crowne Plaza Hotel. On 1 Jul, 5 Yellow Rails were heard in the sedge marshes on Ship-sands I. near Moosonee (AA). A Common Moorhen pair with 9 fledged young was a nice discovery 23 Jun at the n. end of Bathurst Street in the G.T.A. (RJF). The species has been rarely noted in the area in recent years.

The time difference between northbound and southbound shorebirds can be very close and is complicated by the occasional summering bird. An ad. Black-bellied Plover at the Milne C.A. near Markham 19 Jun (AW) was considered a very late spring migrant, while an American Golden-Plover at Windermere Basin in Hamilton 14 Jun was considered a wandering non-breeder (GB). Early southbound Semipalmated Plovers were noted at Kettle Pt. 5-6 Jul (AR) and at the Tilbury S.T.P. 26 Jun

(AW). A pair of Piping Plovers was found at Sauble Beach 13 May (K&BT); their 4 chicks hatched about 25 Jun, and 3 fledged young were last seen 28 Jul. Both ads. were previously banded and found to be from the Michigan population. Piping Plovers also nested on the se. corner of the Lake of the Woods, but heavy rains in late May and Jun raised water levels, and all three nests were lost (LH). A multi-banded Piping Plover was at Kettle Pt. 10 Jul (AR). A very early fall American Avocet was at West Cranberry Pond, P.P.B.A. 29 Jun (DMC, MEC). On 11 Jul, 50 ad. Lesser Yellowlegs were at the Thedford S.T.P. with 5 Short-billed Dowitchers (AR). A record-late northbound alternate-plumaged Willet was at the Hillman Marsh P.P.B.A. 26 May-4 Jun (JR, PR, CS, DWa). By 18 Jul, the Thedford S.T.P. hosted 75 ad. Lesser Yellowlegs, an ad. Solitary Sandpiper, 40 Least Sandpipers, and a Pectoral Sandpiper (AR). Another gathering of 60 Lesser Yellowlegs was at the Holland Landing S.T.P.



This fledgling Piping Plover, hatched 25 June 2007 at Sauble Beach, Bruce County, represented the first successful nesting in southern Ontario for several years and was obviously thriving when photographed 12 July. Photograph by Tom Rook.

15 Jul (RJF), and 74 Least Sandpipers were counted at the same location 14 Jul (AK). A Marbled Godwit at Blenheim 8 Jul (KB, SC) was considered an early fall migrant, and a juv. was at Presqu'île P.P. 29-31 Jul, the first visit of this species to the area in 10 years (FH). The Dundas Marsh hosted a male Ruff 20 Jul (BC et al.). Two Wilson's Phalaropes near Cobourg 1 Jun (SM) and one at Hillman Marsh, P.P.B.A. 31 May-1 Jun (AW et al.) were late migrants.

GULLS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A late winter-plumaged Laughing Gull that frequented the Cobourg area earlier in the year reappeared 25 Jun (KN) and remained through 31 Jul (m.ob.). An ad. was noted 2 Jun on Pelee I. (DWa, ACP), and a very late spring ad. was found at Seaciff Beach, P.P.B.A. 13 Jun (AW). A second-summer Laughing Gull was found dead at the n. end of Pelee 17 Jul (BRH). An ad. Black-headed Gull was at Fish Pt. 8 Jun and 6 Jul (ACP et al.), and the



This juvenile Marbled Godwit frequented the beach at Presqu'île Provincial Park 29 (here) through 31 July 2007, a very early date for a young bird of the year in Ontario. Photograph by Bill Edmunds.

same bird was seen at Seacliff Beach, P.P.B.A. 19 Jun (ACP). Two ad. Bonaparte's Gulls at Kettle Pt. 25 Jun (AR) and another ad. visiting Holland Landing S.T.P. 14-15 Jul (RJP) were considered early fall migrants. Very high summer counts of imm. Bonaparte's Gulls were found in the P.P.B.A., with 2200 at the Tip 24 Jun and 1800 there 14 Jul (AW).

A Eurasian Collared-Dove that aggressively courted Mourning Doves 17-31 Jul furnished the 2nd record for Hamilton (SM, m.ob.). Yellow-billed Cuckoos are now quite unusual in the G.T.A. One was banded on the Leslie Street Spit 1 Jun (DD), and another was noted at High Park 6-11 Jun (SFM). Rare for the area, a Long-eared Owl found at Thunder Bay in early Jun (KW) suggests breeding. The 4th breeding record for the species in Algonquin P.P. was made 9 Jul when 5 young, just out of a nearby nest, were found (PSB). As was true of the three previous breeding records, small mammal populations were very high in the area, following exceptional seed crops during the previous year (RT). Remarkably, a Lesser Nighthawk was observed flying just inland from the L. Huron shore near Grand Bend 3 Jun (AR, CC). Rare in the Thunder Bay area, a Whip-poor-will was heard at Saganaga L. 17 Jun (S&MB). For the 6th consecutive year, Red-headed Woodpeckers were successful nesters at Constance Bay near Ottawa, where 2 fledged young were noted 22 Jul (BD). While no nests were found, two pairs of Red-bellied Woodpeckers present during the period n. of Rainy River suggest probable breeding (LB, CG). The first breeding record for the area, and northernmost for Ontario, occurred in the same area in 2005. A family of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers near Komoka in early Jun was an unusual find (PR).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH MOCKINGBIRDS

A White-eyed Vireo was noted near London 26 Jun (RS, JH), and a Blue-headed Vireo found 22 Jul was record early for the P.P.B.A. (AW). A very large colony of Cliff Swallows occupied a railway bridge in the G.T.A. A total of 240 nests was counted 3 Jun (BH). In Algonquin P.P., a detailed summer survey of Barn Swallow nesting locations indicated a continuing decline of the species in the park (RT). An imm. Tufted Titmouse found 22 Jul at the Tip, P.P.B.A. was an unusual post-breeding record for the area and the first for 2007 (AW). Extremely early fall migrant Red-breasted Nuthatches were noted throughout sw. Ontario 16-24 Jun (BAM, DAM, LWI). House Wrens bred widely in Algonquin P.P. up through about 1940, but as settlements and the associated open areas disappeared, so did the wrens. Today, House Wrens are rarely found in the Park, so a singing male 6-7 & 15 Jun (MR) and another 8 Jun (JI) are significant. A Northern Mockingbird was found at Longlac 16 Jul (BR), well n. of the normal Ontario range. Other singles were found 3-4 Jul at Carlingwood (J&MW) and at the Ottawa International Airport 6 Jul (CB).

WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

Yellow Palm Warblers nested again in the Mer Bleue Bog near Ottawa, with 2 fledged young noted 15 Jul (LS). A late migrant Pro-



Furnishing the second record for Hamilton, Ontario, this Eurasian Collared-Dove could be heard long before it was seen at Grimsby 17-31 (here 18) July 2007. Photograph by Barry Cheriére.

thonotary Warbler was at Bronte Harbour 3 Jun (GE, m.ob.). A large influx of Hooded Warblers was noted in the Ganaraska Forest near Newtonville, far to the e. of the normal range in sw. Ontario. Nine singing males and 3 females were found during the period in an abundance of suitable habitat (CG). Elsewhere, a singing male was found at Woodbridge 5 Jun (PNP), a rare find in the G.T.A. A Canada Warbler found perfect habitat in the Oxley Poison Sumac Swamp 30 Jun (AW)

furnished the first summer and breeding record for Essex. Yellow-breasted Chats were scarce in the P.P.B.A., with only 2 territorial males noted in the Anders Field area 2 Jul (AW).

A singing Eastern Towhee found 12 Jun (BDS, DS) made a rare record for Algonquin P.P. Two Clay-colored Sparrows, rare for the area, were present mid-May-12 Jun in Rondeau P.P. (BAM) and may have nested. A single was also found at the Cawthra-Mulock Federation of Ontario Naturalists Reserve, G.T.A. 10 Jun and was considered rare in the area (RJF). A male Dark-eyed Junco 3 Jul at the Heart Lake C.A. (BN) was found on an extremely unusual date for the G.T.A. A half-km circular walk in the sedge marshes on Ship-sands I. near Moosonee 1 Jul produced 10 Le Conte's and 15 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows (AA). A summering White-crowned Sparrow was an unexpected find on Amherst I. 14 Jul (JSc). Also unusual were 3 Orchard Orioles at Sandhurst, just w. of Kingston, 5 Jul (GG).

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