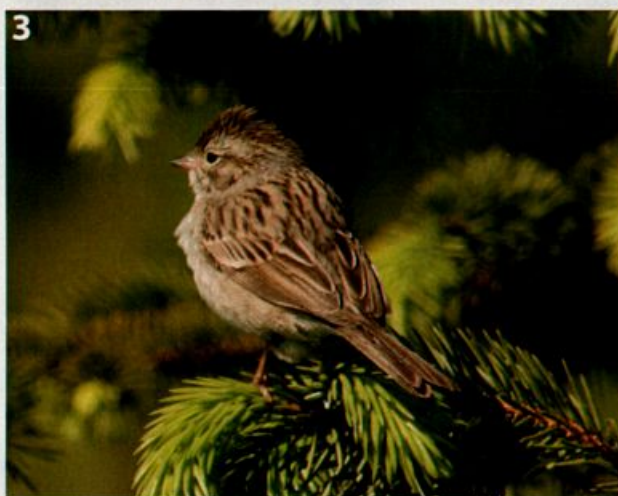


Pictorial Highlights



1 • After years of June sightings from the Hyder, Alaska area, Magnolia Warbler has gotten scarce, with few documented since the late 1990s. This bird hung around a territory at Juneau for several days after this photograph was taken 17 June 2007. *Photograph by Paul Suchanek.*

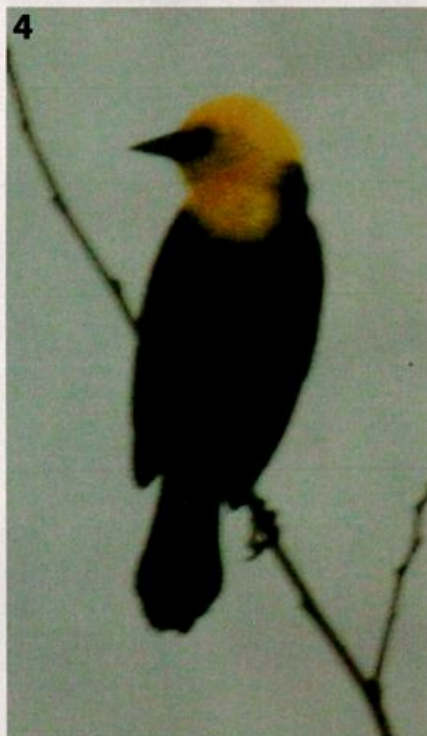
2 • This cooperative Mourning Warbler, likely an overshoot from east of the Coast Range in east-central British Columbia, was found in Juneau 24 June 2007 and furnished Alaska's third documented record and first in spring. *Photograph by Patty Rose.*

3 • This handsome Brewer's Sparrow, probably of the Alaska-breeding taxon *taverneri*, appeared near sea level in Juneau 10 June 2007—only the Region's third spring record. The bird was likely on its way to alpine breeding sites in the northern Coast Range, where it is known from Chilkat Pass. The clean supercilium, large bill (darker than in the nominate subspecies), and clean gray tone to the nape and dorsum point towards *taverneri*, but these are subtle and tricky characters. *Photograph by Patty Rose.*

4 • This Pacific Golden-Plover at Trepassey, Newfoundland 27 June to 15 July (here) 2007 furnished a first record for eastern Canada and one of a handful from eastern North America. *Photograph by Bruce Mactavish.*

5 & 6 • This adult Crescent-chested Warbler was discovered feeding this recently fledged juvenile 12 through 16 (here) 2007, documenting what must have been the first breeding record for the United States and only a seventh record overall for Arizona. *Photographs by Richard E. Webster.*





1 - Ohio's first nesting record for Mississippi Kite was confirmed in summer 2007. On 7 June, a pair was found at a private golf course near Logan in Hocking County. The pair was observed copulating and carrying food to a potential nest site a few weeks later. Golf course staff reported seeing "a noisy youngster" around 20 August, and a young bird (here) was observed being fed by an adult on 30 August (here). *Photograph by Aaron Boone.*

2 - Determining the provenance of free-flying flamingos in southern Florida is difficult, given the feral population of nearly 400 unopinioned and unbanded birds at the former Hialeah Race Track in Miami. This unbanded adult Greater (American) Flamingo with mottled plumage and undamaged flight feathers graced Cutler Wetlands in the Miami area 5 July (here 10) July 2007 through the season. *Photograph by Tricia Martillo.*

3 - This Merlin was one of four young that successfully fledged from a nest at Promised Land State Park, Pike County, Pennsylvania, apparently the southernmost nesting location ever in the eastern United States (here 10 August 2007). *Photograph by Rick Wiltraut.*

4 - On 16 June 2007, at least two pairs of Yellow-hooded Blackbirds in Darien, Panama, one of them followed by a begging cowbird juvenile, provided incontrovertible evidence for a new "resident" species for North America. Successful breeding and year-round presence, however, remain to be confirmed. *Photograph by Kevin Easley.*

5 - King Rail, rare in Ohio, was found this season at Turkey Foot Lake in Summit County (here on 17 June 2007). *Photograph by Sandy Brown.*



1 • This frigatebird was photographed at Lagunas de Chametla, Baja California Sur as it came in to bathe on 19 July 2007. Current understanding of the identification of immature *Fregata* leads to the conclusion that this bird is a Great Frigatebird, the first for the Baja California Peninsula. Its extensively buffy throat and head, flesh-colored feet, rounded posterior belly patch, and tail formula all indicate Great Frigatebird. For a detailed discussion of Magnificent and Great Frigatebird identification, see S. N. G. Howell 1994 (*Birding* 26: 400–415). Photograph by Steven G. Mlodinow.

2 • Following several spring 2007 reports of vagrant Hooded Warblers in Nevada, this beautiful male Hooded Warbler was located 2 (here) and 3 June at Lida, Esmeralda County. Photograph by Greg Scyphers.

3 • This handsome male Painted Bunting was found by Matt Mills and friends on 24 (here 29) July 2007 at Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge in northern Snake Valley, Juab County, Utah. Fortunately, the bunting remained through 8 August, drawing a steady pilgrimage of birders to this remote location. Doubt about wild provenance has prevented previous records of this species from being accepted in Utah; however, the remote location, timing, and the lack of bands or abnormal feather wear all suggest that this individual was a wild bird. Photograph by Paul Higgins.

4 • This Western Reef-Heron (here with Snowy Egret) at Dreier-Offerman Park, Brooklyn, New York, New York 9 July 2007 furnished a first state record, though the species has been recorded recently in adjacent states. Photograph by Llyod Spitalnik.

5 • This adult male Common Merganser, likely present for most of summer 2007, was photographed on Lake Monroe, Indiana on 15 July and represented only the sixth summer record of the species for the state. Photograph by Jason Greenberg.

6 • This Harris's Sparrow, representing the Yukon Territory's second well-documented record, was found at Herschel Island 28–24 (here 20) June 2007. Photograph by Cameron D. Eckert.

7 • Yielding a first record for the state of Morelos, this Mangrove Cuckoo was one of a surprising five individuals discovered near Yautepec, Mexico 9 June 2007. Photograph by Manuel Grosselet and Georgita Ruiz.





1, 2, & 3 - Peter Trimble discovered breeding Clay-colored Sparrows 19 June 2007 (as well as in previous summers) at the Massachusetts Military Reservation, Massachusetts. Photographs by Peter Trimble.

4 - The adult Red-billed Tropicbird (here with Razorbills) graced Matinicus Rock, Maine 9 July 2007. Photograph by Peter Vickery.

5 - Furnishing (at last!) New Mexico's first confirmed record, this male Green Kingfisher in the Cliff-Gila Valley, Grant County was discovered 14 May 2007, was photographed multiple times in June (here 14 June), and was still present 6 July. Photograph by Dale A. Zimmerman.

6 - This fluffy youngster is one of four fledglings raised by a pair of Northern Hawk Owls near Winthrop, Okanogan County, Washington, furnishing the state's first breeding record. The pair was first noted in May, and the young had fully fledged by 26 June 2007, five days after this photograph was taken. This species has bred close to Washington before, at British Columbia's Manning Provincial Park. Photograph by Victor Glick.

7 - Furnishing the first breeding confirmation for North Dakota, this Snowy Plover at Long lake National Wildlife Refuge 24 June 2007 was part of a major invasion into the Dakotas this summer. Photograph by Mark Gonzalez.



1 • A brief visitor to Little George Island, in the middle of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba on 17 June 2007, this Band-tailed Pigeon was nicely documented with photographs and provided the eighth record for the province. A second bird was seen elsewhere in the province on 1 July. *Photograph by Randy Mooi.*

2 • This glorious Lazuli Bunting x Indigo Bunting hybrid (here 21 June 2007) was near Eugene, Oregon during much of the summer. This hybrid combination has been found only a handful of times in Oregon, and only a few pure Indigo Buntings are found in that state annually. This lucky bird paired up with a Lazuli, perhaps producing more interesting offspring. *Photograph by Kit Larsen.*

3 • This juvenile Common Redpoll was one of several seen at various locations between Montmagny and Rimouski, Québec during the summer and photographed at Rimouski on 25 July 2007. *Photograph by Gérard Proulx.*

4 • A number of Red-naped Sapsucker x Red-breasted Sapsucker hybrids were found farther west and at lower elevations than normal in Washington. Most of these were obviously of hybrid derivation, but this bird closely resembles a "pure" Red-naped upon first inspection. However, the red of the crown is somewhat contiguous with the red of the nape and actually extends below the nape (not readily evident in this photograph). The red on the auriculars is apparently shown by some pure Red-naped, but note the broken supercilium. This bird also had very narrow pale stripes down the back, more like a typical Red-breasted Sapsucker. This interesting bird inhabited Vashon Island, King County 1-17 (here 17) June 2007. *Photograph by Thomas Mansfield.*

5 • This White-faced Storm-Petrel was photographed nicely off Hatteras, North Carolina 28 July 2007; multiple subspecies (or species?) of this widespread complex are thought to occur off the state, but further study is needed to determine which ones. *Photograph by Steve N. G. Howell.*

6 • This Wilson's Plover, photographed on the first day of its 13-21 June 2007 stay at Delta Beach on San Diego Bay, California, fed almost exclusively on small crabs frequenting the beach. *Photograph by Matt Sadowski.*

7 • Mick Mackey, the seabird and cetacean watcher aboard the *RRS James Cook*, a vessel surveying an area over the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (49° N, 29° W), was photographing pilot whales on 20 July 2007 when he took a quick photograph of a passing Greater Shearwater. When he was sorting through the pictures that evening, he noticed the small gadfly petrel in the frame. Although the photograph is not sharp enough for certainty, the very pale crown, tiny bill, and rather rounded look to the wingtip suggest Zino's Petrel, an endangered species whose populations are rebounding in the high mountains of Madeira, off northwestern Africa, thanks to conservation efforts. Field identification of the species has yet to be fully worked out, and so most such suspected Zino's Petrels are identified as "Fea's/Zino's Petrels." This bird was a mere 1544 nautical miles (2860 km) from the nearest point of land in North America—Sable Island, Nova Scotia! *Photograph by Mick Mackey.*