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The observations listed here are based on reports submitted to the FOS Field Observation Committee (Linda Cooper, Jim Cox, Peggy Powel, Bill Pranty, and Wayne Hoffman). These sightings are not subjected to a formal peer review and must be considered tentative pending further review. We encourage observers to report their sightings to the FOS Records Committee (c/o Jocie Baker, Secretary, 851 N. Surf Rd., #302, Hollywood, FL 33019) for formal review. We also encourage observers to prepare notes and articles to document extremely rare and unusual sightings.

Several conventions have been adopted to save space. A 3-character set of alpha-numeric initials is used to identify contributors within the accounts of individual species. A complete list of observers and corresponding initials is provided at the end of the report. The list of observers is organized alpha-numerically using the 3-character initials. Names of observers for this report are drawn from a master list containing names of > 150 observers, and this procedure may result in occasional gaps in the alpha-numeric sequence (e.g., the listing of BB2 without a previous BB1). Another convention adopted is the use of common names exclusively. Persons interested in scientific names should consult AOU (1983. Check-list of the North American Birds. 6th ed. Washington, D.C., Am. Ornithol. Union) and revisions as published in *The Auk*. Other abbreviations used occasionally are: imm., immature; m. obs., many observers; NF, national forest; NP, national park; NWR, national wildlife refuge; SP, state park; SRA, state recreation area; WMA, wildlife management area; and S, W, N, E, etc. for compass headings. Unless necessary to clarify location, the counties of named locations are omitted.

SUMMARY OF THE FALL SEASON

The fall season will probably rank as one of the more unusual seasons of 1990. Though no great concentrations of migrants were reported, and more observers reported low numbers of common migrants, high counts of several uncommon/accidental species were reported from around the state. One of the more unusual observations in this category was 10 Wilson's Warblers in Gulf County in mid-September, and many sightings of Yellow-headed Blackbirds and Canada Warblers. There were also several "early" observations of wintering species in several areas, particularly along the central Gulf coast, which were in some cases south of normal winter ranges. Included in this category are southerly/early records for Winter Wrens, Golden-Crowned Kinglets, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and others.

Raptor migration in the Keys was spectacular. Falcon migration began in earnest around 30 September and was heavy at least through 25 October. Broad-winged Hawk migration began about 27 September, paused for unfavorable weather (tropical storms) from 3 to 12 October, and resumed on 13 October. In November, most Broad-winged Hawk movement was north through the Keys, presumably by birds that decided against crossing to Cuba. Sharp-shinned Hawks began to move through beginning about 1 October, and movement was heavy throughout the month.

Drought conditions continued to produce low counts of wading birds and ducks, particularly in southern and central Florida. However, reports of high numbers of ducks and

certain wading birds in rice fields of western Palm Beach County deserve mention. Agricultural fields in this area are dominated by sugar cane, which has limited value to birds and wildlife. A conversion of some areas to rice production offers a potentially beneficial change for many species. Areas converted to rice production had some interesting occurrences of important species such as Glossy Ibis, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, and Blue-Winged Teal.

The FOS Field Observation Committee thanks all who contributed to this column. Please write to Jim Cox, compiler, concerning any unusual sightings that were not reported here.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- PACIFIC LOON: 2 at Santa Rosa Island (Escambia Co.) on 21 and 27 Nov (RD1), 5th area record.
- EARED GREBE: 8 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 11 Nov (PF1, CG1, PT2), rare but regular for several years.
- SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 at Alligator Point (Franklin Co.) on 24 Nov (LA1, BA1, LH1); the bird was observed from land as it fed offshore behind a shrimp boat; very rare in Gulf.
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: many reports from around the state, including several inland reports; 34 S of Wewahitchka (Gulf Co.) on 14 Nov (SA1); high count of 8000 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 25 Nov (PF1).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Cinco Bayou (Ft. Walton Co.) on 4 Oct (BR1); 1 at Gulf Breeze (Ft. Walton Co.) on 4 Nov (SD2).
- GREAT BLUE HERON, white morph: 1 at Archbold Biological Station (Highlands Co.) on 17 Sep (JL1); second record for station.
- REDDISH EGRET: continues to show up in strong numbers in N Florida; 1 imm. at St. Marks NWR 15 Aug - 14 Oct (DS1); 1 imm. at Cedar Key (Levy Co.) on 10 Sep (DH2); 2 at Ward's Bank (Duval Co.) on 18 Oct (LB1); 4 imm. at Santa Rosa Island on 12 Nov (RD1, JP1), largest count for this area.
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1200 in rice fields (Palm Beach Co.) on 2 Sep (PS1); 1 in Key West on 23 Sep (JO1), rare in Keys.
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 1 Sep (RW2); 1 at Marquesas Keys on 13 Sep (TW1); unusual locations.
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 800 in rice fields (Palm Beach Co.) on 2 Sep (PS1), high count.
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 in rice fields (Palm Beach Co.) on 2 Sep (PS1); new locality.
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 4 at St. Marks NWR on 11 (DS1) and 13 Nov (DM2); 7 S of Wewahitchka (Gulf Co.) from 14 to 18 Nov (SA1, BN2); 3 at Ft. Walton Beach sewage treatment plant from 9 Nov (RD1) to 5 Dec (DW1, CW1).
- SNOW GOOSE: many reports from around the state; 50+ S of Wewahitchka (Gulf Co.) from 14 to 18 Nov (SA1, BN2) was a high count; 1 white morph imm. at Cudjoe Key on 20 Nov (MB2) was unusual.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1500 in rice fields (Palm Beach Co.) on 2 Sep (PS1), high count.
- AMERICAN WIGEON: high count of 450 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 11 Nov (PF1).
- GREATER SCAUP: a flock of ca. 500 off St. Marks NWR on 25 Nov (BP1).
- BLACK SCOTER: 13 at Ft. Pickens SP (Escambia Co.) on 10 Nov (RD 1).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 5 at Ft. Pickens SP (Escambia Co.) on 10 Nov (JP1); rare in area.
- RED-BREADED MERGANSER: unusual inland record at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 12 Nov (DF1, BK1, MK1).
- TURKEY VULTURE: albino along Route 60 (Polk Co) on 16 Oct (HA1).

- BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE: as many as 14 in a small area of the east Everglades from Oct to Nov (m. obs.); few other aggregation areas known.
- SNAIL KITE: 1 on Lake Arbuckle (Polk Co.) on 27 Oct (DF4) was new for area; banded male and female and unbanded male at Orlando Wilderness Park in Nov (DF3, TR1, BP2); several other reports of birds in N portion of range, apparently avoiding drought conditions in S Florida.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: late adult at M.K. Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 1 Nov (SA1).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: 66 at Boot Key on 6 Oct (WH1).
- COOPER'S HAWK: high numbers reported from the Keys this fall; 10 seen from 6 Oct to 30 Nov (WH1); 8 other sightings reported. One crashed into a window on Islamorada on 12 Oct while chasing a White-crowned Pigeon (both died).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: ca. 200 soaring over Crews Lake (Pasco Co.) on 16 Sep (DR2); 295 at Marquesas Keys on 6 Oct (TW1); 350 at Key Largo on 6 Nov (*vide* MC1).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: light morph S of Masaryktown (Hernando Co.) on 13 Sep (PY1), rare for area; 3 at Boot and Big Pine Keys from 6 Oct to 30 Nov (m. obs.).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK: 3 at Key Largo and 1 at Marathon (Monroe Co.) on 27 Oct (HR1); 1 at Big Pine Key on 28 Oct; 10 at Big Pine Key on 4 Nov (WH1); 12 at Plantation Key on 6 Nov (WH1). The Plantation Key birds were moving NE up the Keys and included 2 recognizable birds also seen on 4 Nov on Big Pine Key. Fourteen at a plowed field in Dade Co. on 24 Nov (*vide* MC1).
- GOLDEN EAGLE: 3 adults S of Wewahitchka (Gulf Co.) on 14 Nov (SA1), a very unusual number.
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 2 high counts reported: 120+ from Upper Keys to Boot Key on 19 Oct (WH1); 154 along Hwy. 27 between Homestead and Winter Park on 30 Oct (HR1).
- MERLIN: 37 at Boot Key on 6 Oct (WH1), very high count.
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 at Dead Lakes (Calhoun Co.) on 18 Sep (MH4), early and inland; 45 at Boot Key on 6 Oct and 35 at Boot Key on 13 Oct (WH1), including 18 seen simultaneously; rare inland record from SW Gainesville on 5 Oct (AK1); many reports from downtown Jacksonville from Oct to Nov where pair wintered last year; 2 and 3 at St. George Island (Franklin Co) on, respectively, 6 and 13 Oct (DS1).
- LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER: 17 at Zellwood (Orange Co.) on 20 Sep (HR1), good number.
- SNOWY PLOVER: 36 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 1 Nov (HR1), good number.
- PIPING PLOVER: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 2 Sep (BN2, BN1, WN1) was unusual for area; counts of 13 at Ohio Key (Monroe Co.) on 27 Oct (HR1) and 40 at Honeymoon Island SRA on 1 Nov (RH1) were largest of period.
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 1 at M.K. Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 18 Nov (BN2, SA1) was rare for area; high count of 348 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 25 Nov (PF1).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: albino at Zellwood (Orange Co.) on 1 Sep (GB1).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Ft. Myers Beach on 5 Sep (VM1).
- SANDERLING: 1 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 5 Nov (BC2), uncommon in area.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 near entrance to Everglades NP on 15 to 16 Sep (PS1); high count of 21 at Zellwood (Orange Co.) on 20 Sep (HR1).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 1 at Ponce Inlet (Volusia Co.) on 24 Oct (HR1), rarely seen.
- FRANKLIN'S GULL: 2 first basic plumage birds at Ponce Inlet (Volusia Co.) on 24 Oct (HR1); 1 at Rickenbacher Causeway (Dade Co.) on 27 Oct (LA1, BA1); 1 adult at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 6 Nov (DG2); first basic plumage bird at Tierra Verde (Pinellas Co.) on 6 Nov (LA1); first basic plumage bird at Port St. Joe (Gulf Co.) on 23 Nov (LA1, BA1); first basic plumage bird at Santa Rosa Island on 27 Nov (RD1, WF1).
- COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL: 1 at Naples on 17 Nov (*vide* MC1).

- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 2 adults at Wards Bank (Duval Co.) on 18 Oct and 1 adult on 20 Oct (LB1); adult returned to Reddington Long Pier (Pinellas Co.) on 26 Oct (KN2, DG2), at least 1 has been seen here for past 8 or 9 years.
- CASPIAN TERN: 415 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 1 Sep (PF1), 4-times the usual number.
- SANDWICH TERN: 478 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 26 Sep (KN2, DG2), locally high number.
- COMMON TERN: 1020 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 26 Sep (KN2, DG2), locally high number.
- FORSTER'S TERN: high count of 550 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 16 Oct (CG1).
- BLACK SKIMMER: high count of 1117 at phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 14 Oct (PF1); another high count of 764 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 29 Nov (KN2, DG2).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 in Key West on 29 Sep (JO1), unusual location; 1 at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa Co.) on 25 Oct (WD1) and 1 at Gulf Breeze on 2 Nov (LD2), casual for this area.
- BLACK-HOODED PARAKEET: flock of 70 in Lassing Park (Pinellas Co.), high number (SB1, MT1).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Highlands Hammock State Park (Highlands Co.) on 21, 22 Sep (CF1, DF1); 1 at Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa Co.) on 28 Oct (LD1, WD1), late for area.
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 at Ft. Walton Beach on 28 Sep (JS4) was somewhat early.
- BURROWING OWL: 1 at Big Pine Key in mid-Oct (MB2) was unusual as sightings beyond 7-mile bridge are rare.
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 5000 in Tallahassee on 15 Oct (DM2), good concentration.
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Fort Lauderdale on 19 Nov (*vide* MC1), in same yard as last winter.
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: high numbers reported from Western Panhandle and Big Bend area this fall; 15-20 present at certain feeders from mid-Sep through early Oct.
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: imm. male in rural Alachua Co. from 10 Oct to 22 Nov (RR2, m. obs.); female at Mary Krome Sanctuary (Dade Co.) on 5 Nov (VE1).
- Selasphorus* spp.: 2 (probably Rufous) in Gainesville from 15 Nov to end of period (DF3).
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) from 16 to 17 Oct (VE1).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 18 Oct (PF1), very rare; 1 banded at Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) on 13 Oct (SS1, AS1).
- Empidonax* spp.: 2 other reports of unusual *Empidonax* flycatchers. A possible Traill's Flycatcher was observed near Wakulla Springs SP on 1 Sep (BN2, NW1). Plumage was most akin to Traill's, but the call was more akin to Yellow-bellied Flycatcher. A silent *Empidonax* was seen on 22 Nov in rural Alachua Co. (JH2), a late date for any *Empidonax* in this region.
- EASTERN PHOEBE: 1 in Pensacola on 15 Sep (PT1) was early.
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: adult male at St. Marks NWR on 25 Nov (DG1, LH1, m. obs.).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: late bird in rural Alachua Co. on 28 Nov (JH2).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 113 at Fort DeSoto Park (Pinellas Co.) on 16 Sep. (KN2), locally high fall count.
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 in Gainesville on 3 Oct (MJ1), rare inland sighting.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 3 in Key West (JO1) and 1 in Key Largo (WH1) ca. 28 Oct; 1 at St. Marks NWR on 4 Nov (DS1); 6 in Key West on 4 Nov (JO1); 6 near Homestead (Dade Co.) on 9 Nov, and 7+ in same area on 11 Nov (PS1).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at St. George Island SP (Franklin Co.) on 13 Oct (DS1) 7 at Marathon (Monroe Co.) on 27 Oct (HR1); 4 in Key West on 4 Nov (JO1); 12+ around Homestead (Dade Co.) on 11 Nov (PS1).

- PURPLE MARTIN: ca. 1100 on wires throughout the Keys on 29 Aug (JO1), largest group totalled 200; flock of ca. 12 over Crews Lake (Pasco Co.) on 19 Nov (DR2), very late date.
- BANK SWALLOW: adult over NW Pasco County on 19 Nov (PY1), late date for area.
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at Zellwood (Orange Co.) on 2 Sep (HR1); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 2 Sep (BN2); 1 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 19 Oct (PF1, DF1, TP1).
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 in St. Petersburg on 20 Sep (JH3), 2nd county record and very early; early report also at St. Marks NWR on 28 Oct (DE2, BN2).
- BEWICK'S WREN: 1-2 near Marianna (Jackson Co.) from 9 to 15 Nov (LH1, m. obs.).
- WINTER WREN: 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 27 Oct (DG2), 2nd county record.
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park (Pinellas Co.) from 23 Nov (BP3) through mid-Dec, rare for area.
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: total of 5 banded at Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) from 13 to 20 Oct (SS1, AS1), good number.
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH: highest count was 10 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 6 Oct (HR1).
- WOOD THRUSH: only 3 migrants reported from central Florida, lower than usual; 11 at Bonner Park (Pinellas Co.) on 14 Oct (KN2), locally high count.
- THICK-BILLED VIREO: remained at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) from 26 Aug to 21 Sep (PS1, MC1).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 at Long Key on 6 Sep (WH1); 1 at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) on 17 Nov (VE1).
- WARBLING VIREO: 1 at Long Key on 19 Sep (WH1), viewed from short range; 1 (possibly 2) at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) on 24 Sep (PS1); rare during fall migration.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve (Alachua Co.) on 5 Oct (WH2); 2 at Cedar Key (Levy Co.) on 7 Oct (BC2, LC2, BB2, DF3, DH2); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 12 Oct (GP1); 1 at Wakulla Beach (Wakulla Co.) on 13, 14 Oct (BP1, DG1, m. obs.); 1 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 18, 28 Oct (PF1); 1 at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) on 19 Oct (VE1, MW1).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 8 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) on 24 Sep (PS1), high count for area.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) on 30 Nov (VE1), very late.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: numerous reports of 1-2 individuals from mid-Sep through mid-Oct indicate that numbers were high this fall.
- Vermivora* hybrids: 1 hybrid "Brewster's Warbler" at Bonner Park (Pinellas Co.) on 14 Oct (KN2); 1 hybrid "Lawrence's Warbler" at Newnan's Lake (Alachua Co.) on 23 Sep (CL1, RR3).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1 at Newnan's Lake (Alachua Co.) on 6 Sep (BM3, JD3), very early.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 in Seminole (Pinellas Co.) on 20-21 Sep (JF3, BP3, m. obs.); 2 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) on 8 Oct (PS1); 1 ate persimmons at Melbourne Village (Brevard Co.) on 17 Oct (SH1); 1 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) on 27 Nov (LA1, JB1), late.
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 at Ft. DeSoto Park (Pinellas Co.) on 17 Sep, and 2 on 18 Sep (MW2, LA1), very early dates.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 banded at Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) on 14 Nov (SS1, AS1).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 9 in Melbourne Village (Brevard Co.) on 17 Sep (SH1, BH2), high number; 1 in Tallahassee on 12 Nov (BN2) was late.

- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 3 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) on 28 Oct (LA1, BA1, JB1), rare in fall.
- CERULEAN WARBLER: several reports from Big Bend area from late Aug through early Oct; 3 in Bonner Park (Pinellas Co.) on 19 Aug (KN2, BP3, DG2), highest count for this area.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Melbourn Village (Broward Co.) on 18 Sep (SH1, BH2); total of 6 at Bonner Park (Pinellas Co.) from 15 Sep to 14 Oct (KN2, BP3, DG2).
- MOURNING WARBLER: 1 imm. at Cedar Key on 6 Oct (WH2, SF2); 1 at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) on 17 Oct (VE1).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 in Melbourne Village (Brevard Co.) from 18 Sep through end of Nov (SH1, BH1); this straggler appeared to be attracted to an aviary.
- WILSON'S WARBLER: many more reports than usual from all around the state. The most unusual report was a small flock of 10 near Wewahitchka (Gulf Co.) on 21 Sep (SA1). Other reports include: 1 female at Ft. DeSoto Park (Pinellas Co.) on 17 Sep (LA1); 1 male at Key West on 20 Sep (JO1); 1 male at Castello Hammock Park (Dade Co.) on 19 Oct (PS1); and 1 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 17 Oct (HR1) and 3 Nov (PF1).
- CANADA WARBLER: more reports than usual: 1 in Bonner Park (Pinellas Co.) on 17 Sep (KN2, BP3); 1 at Deering Estate (Dade Co.) on 20 Sep (VE1); 1 banded at Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) on 6 Oct (SS1, AS1); recaptured on 8, 9, and 12 Oct.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 banded at Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) on 22 Sep (SS1, AS1); 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 25 Sep (KN2, BP3, DG2); 1 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) on 29 Sep. (PS1); 1 at Merritt Island NWR on 7 Oct (HR1).
- WESTERN TANAGER: female at Ft. DeSoto Park (Pinellas Co.) on 10 Nov (LA1, BA1, m. obs.).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 2 late reports: 2 females at M.K. Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 3 Nov (RI1); pair stayed at feeder in Panama City from 21 Oct to 10 Nov (BM4).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: female near M.K. Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 3 Nov (RI1); 1 in S Jacksonville on 14 Nov (JC2); late reports.
- DICKCISSEL: 1 in Winter Park (Orange Co.) on 11 Oct (HR1).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: more reports than usual: 1 at Boot Key on 17 Oct (WH1); 1 at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SRA (Dade Co.) on 21 Oct (*vide* MC1); 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 27 Oct (DG2); 1 imm. near Lake Alfred (Polk Co.) on 23, 24 Nov (PT2, CG1), 2nd county record.
- LARK SPARROW: several reports: 1 at Plantation Key (Monroe Co.) on 5 Sep (RS2); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 20 Sep (BN2, JB4); 1 adult W of Avon Park (Highlands Co.) on 9 Oct (DF1); 1 at Cedar Key (Levy Co.) on 10, 11 Oct (DH2, DF3).
- LARK BUNTING: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 9 Sep (BN2, m. obs.), viewed at close range.
- SAVANNAH SPARROW: 3 at Key West on 18 Oct (JO1), rare for area.
- SWAMP SPARROW: 1 banded at Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) on 4 Nov (AS1, SS1), rare for area.
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 5 north of Lake Alfred (Polk Co.) on 23, 24 Nov. (PT2, CG1).
- FOX SPARROW: 1 at M.K. Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 18 Nov (BN2, SA1) was early.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 in Glades Co. on 16 Nov (DF1); 1 N of Lake Alfred (Polk Co.) on 23, 24 Nov (PT2, CG1); rarely observed.
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: somewhat early report from Tallahassee (LS1) on 24 Sep.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 2 at Ft. Pickens SP (Escambia Co.) on 24 Sep (RD1), early; 1 imm. at St. Marks NWR on 4 Nov (DS1); large flock of ca. 12 at M.K. Ranch (Gulf Co.) on 18 Nov (BN2, NW1, SA1); 4 imm. N of Lake Alfred (Polk Co.) on 24 Nov (PT2, CG1).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: many reports: imm. male appeared at feeder in Key West on 12 Sep and was joined by a female on 14 Sep and by another imm. male on 29 Sep

(JO1); all stayed till 6 Oct. At least 2 (1 female, 1 imm. male) on Lake Seminole (Pinellas Co.) from 11 Sep to 3 Oct (KN2); 1 female at Honeymoon Island SRA (Pinellas Co.) on 10 Oct (DG2); imm. at Cedar Key (Levy Co.) from 28 Sep to early Oct (DH2); imm. at a roost in Bay Co. on 15 Oct; 3 imms. near Lynn Haven (Bay Co.) in 2nd week of Oct (AH2); 1 in W Dade Co. on 2 Nov. (*vide* MC1).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 7 at Ft. Walton Beach sewage treatment plant on 12 Nov (RD1, JP1); rare for area.

SHINY COWBIRD: 3 males and 3 females at feeder in Key West on 11 Sep (JO1); 4 (2 females, 2 males) at Lake Seminole (Pinellas Co.) from 2 Oct through end of period (KN2, m. obs.); male at Bay Point (Bay Co.) on 28 Oct (TM1); male in St. Petersburg on 4 Nov (LH1, JH3), first "winter" record for area.

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: 1 male in Key West on 29 Aug (JO1), increasing in S Florida.

HOUSE FINCH: increased numbers reported from many areas of N Florida (Ft. Walton Beach, Pensacola, Tallahassee); 30+ near Marianna (Jackson Co.) on 23 Nov (LH1), first large concentration reported for this area.

PURPLE FINCH: 1 at Niceville (Okaloosa Co.) on 26 Oct (BM5), first Oct record for area; 75+ at Blackwater Fish Hatchery (Santa Rosa Co.) on 28 Nov (MH4), high count.

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