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FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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Spring Report: March - May 1992.—The observations listed here are based on accounts of rare birds and unusual numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Field Observation Committee, whose names and addresses appear at the end of this report. The observations are not subjected to a thorough evaluation and formal peer review and thus must be considered tentative pending further review. We encourage observers to report their sightings to the FOS Records Committee (c/o Jocelyn Lee Baker, Secretary, 851 N. Surf Rd., #302, Hollywood, Florida, 33019) for formal consideration. We also encourage observers to prepare formal notes and articles to describe extremely rare and unusual sightings more fully.

Several conventions are used to save space. The first name of contributors is abbreviated in the accounts of individual species; full names of contributors are presented at the end of the report. The common names of species are used exclusively. Persons interested in scientific names should consult AOU (1983. Check-list of the North American Birds, 6th ed., Am. Ornithol. Union, Washington D.C.) and revisions published in *The Auk*. Other abbreviations used occasionally are: imm., immature; m. obs., many observers; NM, national monument; NP, national park; NS, national seashore; 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 the location, the counties of named locations are omitted.

The FOS Field Observation Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed information. Please bring any unusual observations not reported here to the attention of Bill Pranty, compiler. The deadline for the submission of records to regional compilers (addresses listed below) is two weeks after the close of each period. Reporting periods are "Fall" (September-November), "Winter" (December-February), "Spring" (March-May), and "Summer" (June-August).

SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

Last spring began relatively dry and finished very wet in northern Florida, while conditions in southern Florida appeared more typical. The large numbers of waterfowl reported last winter disappeared by early March, but a few late reports received this spring were perhaps influenced by last winter's abundances. Notable observations from mid-May include an Oldsquaw at Tampa Bay, a Common Merganser at Pensacola, and Northern Pintail and Fulvous Whistling-Duck at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

A pelagic trip out of Sebastian Inlet on 30 May proved very productive for listers. Among the species reported were Band-rumped and Wilson's Storm-Petrel, White-tailed Tropicbird, Audubon's Shearwater, Pomerine Jaeger, and Bridled Tern. Meanwhile, Brown Pelicans were reported with great frequency inland in central Florida, and a Great Cormorant was observed several miles upstream on the Suwannee River.

A Peregrine Falcon seen in Jacksonville Beach from 8 to 10 April may have been searching for a new nesting area. The immature bird repeatedly attacked a maintenance worker who was climbing onto the roof. Pat Anderson (Duval County Audubon Society) went to investigate and was treated in a similar fashion. The bird had apparently been using the roof for several days as indicated by the whitewash of fecal matter, but it was not observed after 10 April. Although Peregrine Falcons maintain winter territories against other Peregrine Falcons in several urban areas in Florida, attacks on humans are extremely rare except in and around breeding territories.

Migration of songbirds along the Gulf coast appeared to slow after late March and early April and picked up again in early May. Several observers from Key West to Pensacola reported a good diversity of migrants on 2 and 3 April, and several warblers were found at St. George Island on 10 May. Bird watchers in at least two areas participated in the North American Migration Count conducted on 9 May. The most common migrant warbler observed on the count in the Gainesville area was Blackpoll warbler (89) followed by Cape May warbler (48), American Redstart (45), and Black-throated Blue Warbler (28). In sharp contrast, the count in Okaloosa and Walton counties turned up only one Cerulean Warbler and one Black-throated Green Warbler. An unprecedented number of reports of Connecticut Warbler was received from throughout the state. Some of the other notable reports of songbirds included a Bahama Swallow in the Keys, three reports of Bahama Mockingbird from southeast Florida, two reports of Lark Sparrow, a Sprague's Pipit, and two reports of Cassin's Kingbird that warrant additional review by the Records Committee.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- COMMON LOON: 100 estimated near Big Sabine (Escambia Co.) on 26 Mar (R. Duncan, D. Chafin, B. Chafin).
- PACIFIC LOON: 1 at St. George Island SP on 24 May (B. Neville, D. Emkalns); photos and description sent to Records Committee.
- HORNED GREBE: 74 in Indian River Lagoon (Brevard Co.) on 6 Mar (H. Robinson); 2 at Ft. Walton Beach sewage treatment plant on 12 Mar (R. Duncan).
- GREATER SHEARWATER: 1 at Pensacola Bay Pass on 4 Apr (J. Pfeiffer); 1 at Cape Canaveral NS on 21 May (H. Robinson).
- SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 at Cape Canaveral NS on 21 May (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 750 estimated off Big Sabine (Escambia Co.) on 2 Apr (R. Duncan, S. Nixon); 8 at Lake Seminole (Jackson Co.) on 14 Mar (T. Menart), birds apparently wintered here.
- BROWN PELICAN: inland records in central Florida were especially common this spring: 2 imm. at Lake Parker (Polk Co.) on 2 Apr (D. Nagel, C. Nagel); 1 W of Lake Wales on 10 Apr (C. Geanangel); 3 at Eloise (Polk Co.) on 15 Apr (P. Fellers); 1 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 17 Apr (H. Robinson, C. Geanangel); 20 in Winter Haven (Polk Co.) on 20 Apr (P. Schulz); 2 at Lake Griffin (Lake Co.) on 11 May (H. Morton, B. King); and 1 W of Archbold Biological Station (Highlands Co.) on 19 May (B. Pranty).
- GREAT CORMORANT: good description of imm. along Suwannee River (Levy Co.) on 17 Apr (R. Rowan), 19 Apr (D. Henderson), and 22 Apr (B. Muschlitiz).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Hagens Cove (Taylor Co.) on 18 Apr (N. Wamer), early.
- REDDISH EGRET: unusual looking dark-morph adult at Alafia Bank rookery (Hillsborough Co.) on 27 Mar with 60% of its wing surface white (R. Paul); up to 4 imm. at Hagens Cover (Taylor Co.) throughout Apr and May (N. Wamer).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 at Mashers Sand (Wakulla Co.) on 21 Apr (m. obs.); 1 at M-K Ranch WMA (Gulf Co.) on 18 May (S. Arbery); 1 at IMC phosphate mine (Polk Co.) on 24 May (H. Robinson).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 2 May (B. Drummond, D. Drummond).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 22 at Agrico phosphate mine (Hardee Co.) on 19 Apr (D. Yeomans) indicates continued increase in numbers in central Florida.
- NORTHERN PINTAIL: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 23 May (B. Neville, D. Emkalns), late.
- BLUE-WINGED/CINNAMON TEAL: hybrid male at Lake Woodruff NWR on 27 Mar (H. Robinson).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 3500 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 28 Mar (P. Fellers).

- OLDSQUAW: female at Alafia Bank (Hillsborough Co.) from 3 Apr to 19 May (R. Paul).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: flock off-shore of St. Marks NWR on 3 Mar (H. Beck, G. Beck).
- COMMON MERGANSER: 1 at Pensacola Bay on 9 May (A. Forster, D. Forster), first May record for area (R. Duncan).
- RED-BREADED MERGANSER: 700 estimated off Gulf Island NS (Escambia Co.) on 26 Mar (R. Duncan, D. Chafin, B. Chafin).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: dark-morph at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 21 Mar (H. Robinson); 1 at Tiger Creek Preserve (Polk Co.) on 7 Apr (B. Cooper) likely nested in area used in previous year; 1 light-morph adult over Poinciana (Osceola Co.) on 19 Apr (M. Bunn).
- GOLDEN EAGLE: imm. in Green Swamp WMA (Polk Co.) on 8 Mar (P. Fellers, D. Ford).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: juvenile bird attacked maintenance personnel at a Jacksonville Beach condominium on 8-10 Apr (P. Anderson) as if defending a breeding territory; bird apparently had occupied the site for several days but was not seen on later visits; 11 at Ft. DeSoto Park on 8 May (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson).
- AMERICAN COOT: 3 young with 2 adults near Key West on 28 May (J. Ondrejko), first nesting reported in area.
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 at Choctawhatchee Beach (Walton Co.) on 7 Mar (D. Ware), unusual in panhandle.
- BLACK RAIL: bird fished out of water near Key West on 8 Apr (J. Ondrejko) and later released.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 25 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel), rare at this inland location.
- LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER: 3 at Zellwood (Orange Co.) on 16 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at Big Talbot Island SP (Duval Co.) on 7 May (P. Leary); 1 in breeding plumage at Ft. Desoto Park from 12-16 May (D. Ford, C. Ford, m. obs.).
- KILLDEER: 150 in Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 16 Mar (P. Fellers).
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 24 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 3 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 150 at Hagen's Cove (Taylor Co.) on 10 May (N. Wamer); peak numbers for both locations.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 155 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 25 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); up to 9 throughout period at St. Marks NWR (J. Reinman), probable nesting; 1 east of Econfina River (Taylor Co.) on 24 May (N. Wamer); 1 at St. George Island SP on 26 Apr (m. obs.).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 125 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 11 Apr (P. Fellers, m. obs.) with 3 seen on 31 May (H. Robinson); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 11 Apr (E. Kirk) and 8 May (J. Reinman).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 2 at Lake Woodruff NWR on 13 Mar (H. Robinson), early; 20 at Lake Annie (Highlands Co.) on 10 May (S. Schoech), late.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 7 on Overstreet Ranch (Osceola Co.) on 12 Apr (G. Bretz); 23 at Zellwood Farms (Orange Co.) on 16 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 near Tallahassee on 26 Apr (m. obs.).
- WILLET: 1000 estimated at Hagen's Cove (Taylor Co.) on 18 Apr (N. Wamer), peak number for spring.
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: flocks of 30-40 seen along St. Lucie Canal between Stuart and Lake Okeechobee on 22 Apr (V. Edens).
- RED KNOT: 2 at Adams Beach (Taylor Co.) on 9 May (N. Wamer), rare in area.
- SANDERLING: 250 estimated at Big Sabine (Escambia Co.) on 26 Mar (R. Duncan, D. Chafin, B. Chafin).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 4 at Hagen's Cove (Taylor Co.) on 4 Apr (N. Wamer); 200 at end of County Road 361 (Dixie Co.) on 2 May (N. Wamer).

- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 at Lake Woodruff NWR on 25 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at end of County Road 361 (Dixie Co.) on 2 May (N. Warner); 1 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 25 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel) and 31 May (H. Robinson).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 17 May (D. Jue, S. Jue, N. Wamer).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Black Point Jetty (Dade Co.) from 22 Feb - 18 Mar (B. Merkle) and seen through 20 Apr (V. Edens).
- DUNLIN: 14 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 28 Mar (P. Fellers), rare at this inland site; 800 at Hagen's Cove (Taylor Co.) on 3 May (N. Wamer).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 60 at Merritt Island NWR on 25 Mar (H. Robinson); 24 at end of County Road 361 (Dixie Co.) on 2 May (N. Wamer).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 2 May (T. Leukering, D. Evered).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 2400 at Hagen's Cove (Taylor Co.) on 3 May (N. Wamer), peak numbers for area.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 4 adjacent to McKay Bay (Hillsborough Co.) on 28 Apr (R. Paul, F. Dunstan).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK: fledgling at East Bay (Bay Co.) on 25 Apr (R. Ingram, A. Ingram).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at St. Marks NWR on 17 May (D. Jue, S. Jue, N. Wamer).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 near Elliot Key (Dade Co.) on 22 Mar (V. Edens), observed for several minutes, photographs taken; 1 at St. George Island on 11 Apr (D. Jue, S. Jue); 1 at Cape Canaveral NS on 21 May (H. Robinson).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult and 1 sub-adult at Ponce Inlet (Volusia Co.) on 14 Apr (H. Robinson).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 22 at St. Marks NWR on 4 Apr (D. Sandee).
- CASPIAN TERN: 137 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 28 Mar (P. Fellers).
- ROSEATE TERN: 1 adult at Cape Canaveral NS on 21 May (H. Robinson).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1 at Cape Canaveral NS on 21 May (H. Robinson).
- BLACK TERN: 62 at IMC phosphate mine (Polk Co.) on 15 and 30-31 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Alafia Bank (Hillsborough Co.) on 30 May (R. Paul).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 499 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 28 Mar (P. Fellers).
- KEY WEST QUAIL-DOVE: 1 at H. T. Birch SP (Broward Co.) from 24 Apr through period (W. George); 1 reported at Florida Atlantic University (Palm Beach Co.) in Apr (G. Hunter).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 in Alachua (J. Hintermister) on 30 Mar, first report for Alachua Co.; 2 at Gulf Breeze on 5 Apr (R. Duncan) and 6 in Ft. Walton Beach on 16 May (D. Ware) indicate expansion from Destin area; 1 at Archbold Biological Station on 19 Apr (B. Pranty), first record at station though birds found 13 km N of Lake Placid; 1 at Bronson on 26 Apr (J. Hardy), first inland record for Levy Co.; up to 6 throughout period (N. Wamer) at Keaton Beach and Steinhatchee (Taylor Co.).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at Cedar Key on 4 Apr (D. Henderson) and 12 Apr (J. Hintermister).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Ft. DeSoto Park from 1-16 May (H. Robinson, m. obs.).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: heard repeatedly at Terra Ceia Bay (Manatee Co.) on 5 May (R. Paul, A. Scharf); 3 at Weedon Island SP (Pinellas Co.) on 10 May (R. Smith).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 with broken wing in Key West on 8 Apr (J. Ondrejko); 1 at Zellwood farms (Orange Co.) on 16 Apr (H. Robinson).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 at end of County Road 361 (Dixie Co.) on 19 Apr (N. Wamer); 1 at Ft. DeSoto Park from 30 Apr-1 May (D. Killinger, M. Wilkinson); 1 near Jena (Dixie Co.) on 8 May (B. Neville, D. Emkalns), late.
- CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at Florida City (Dade Co.) from 31 Mar through 4 Apr (M. Cooper, P. Smith); good description of 1 at Ft. Walton Beach on 9 May (D. Ware). If confirmed by Records Committee, third and fourth state records.

- COUCH'S KINGBIRD: good description of 1 at Okaloosa Co. sewage spray fields (D. Ware) on 9 May.
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Woodruff NWR on 13 Mar and 5 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 over Archbold Biological Station on 13 Apr (B. Curry); 1 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 15 May (H. Robinson); 2 at Paynes Prairie SP on 29 Apr (B. Muschlitz, J. Hintermister); 3 at Paynes Prairie on 9 May (R. Rowan, H. Adams).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: more reports than usual around Gainesville: 1 at Paynes Prairie SP on 29 Apr (J. Hintermister, B. Muschlitz); 5 at Lake Alice on 8 May (D. Wenny); 2 at Paynes Prairie SP on 9 May (R. Rowan, H. Adams).
- BAHAMA SWALLOW: 1 observed in Keys from March through 29 Apr (m. obs.); found killed by vehicle on 30 Apr (W. Biggs).
- SEDGE WREN: 1 in St. Petersburg on 16 May (R. Smith, P. Blair).
- CAROLINA WREN: leucistic bird at Corkscrew Sanctuary (Lee Co.) in Apr (R. Wooster); several historic records of similarly colored birds from this area (H. Colteryahn).
- HERMIT THRUSH: 1 in S Jacksonville on 8 May (J. Cocke), late.
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 at Ft. DeSoto Park on 3 May (L. Atherton, B. Atherton), late.
- BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at H. T. Birch SP (Broward Co.) on 22 Apr (W. George); 1 at Bill Baggs SRA (Dade Co.) on 25 Apr (J. Goodwin); 1 at Higgs Beach Park (Monroe Co.) from 27 Apr through period (J. Ondrejko).
- GRAY CATBIRD: 1 at Archbold Biological Station on 28 May (B. Pranty), presumably a late migrant.
- WATER PIPIT: 31 at IMC phosphate mines (Polk Co.) on 8 Mar; 105 at Zellwood (Orange Co.) on 16 Apr (H. Robinson).
- SPRAGUE'S PIPIT: 1 at end of County Road 361 (Dixie Co.) on 3 May (N. Wamer), seen while on ground and flushed from grass on salt flat.
- CEDAR WAXWING: 73 in Winter Park on 21 Mar (H. Robinson); 5 at Street Nature Center (Polk Co.) on 17 May (B. Cooper, L. Cooper); large flocks reported through early June in panhandle.
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO: 1 at Ft. DeSoto Park 21-22 Apr (M. Wilkinson, H. Robinson, m. obs.).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: notable by their absence in Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay all spring (R. Paul).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at St. George Island SP on 31 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 3 in Winter Park on 7 Apr (H. Robinson).
- Vermivora* hybrids: 1 "Brewster's Warbler" at St. George Island SP (Franklin Co.) on 4 Apr (N. Wamer); 1 "Lawrence's Warbler" at Ft. DeSoto Park from 2-7 Apr (M. Wilkinson); both hybrids rare.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 10 Apr (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 52 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 21 Mar (H. Robinson).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 at Bill Baggs SRA (Dade Co.) on 23 Apr (J. Goodwin).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 1 at St. George SP (Franklin Co.) on 30 Apr (J. Cavanagh); male at Ft. DeSoto Park on 6 May (H. Robinson); perhaps same male there on 9 May (P. Fellers, C. Geanangel).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 2 males at Cedar Key on 1 Apr and 1 male on 4 Apr (D. Henderson, D. Fagan, B. Witman); 1 at Matheson Hammock Park (Dade Co.) on 30 Apr (M. Wheeler); 1 near Ft. Walton Beach on 9 May (D. Ware).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: hundreds at Cedar Key on 2 May (D. Henderson); 48 in Alachua Co. (117.5 party hours) following a thunderstorm (B. Muschlitz).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Cedar Key on 8 Apr (D. Henderson); 1 at Bill Baggs SRA (Dade Co.) on 12 Apr (B. Baty).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 at Saddle Creek Park (Polk Co.) on 17 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 N of Lake Wales (Polk Co.) on 26 Apr (G. Clark).

- OVENBIRD: 1 in SE Jacksonville from 26 Apr-10 May (T. West); 7-8 in S Jacksonville on 8 May (J. Cocke); 1 singing in SE Hillsborough Co. on 25 May (P. Fellers), late.
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 banded on Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) on 31 Mar was caught again on 1, 2, and 8 Apr (S. Stedman, A. Stedman); 2 first seen on 2 Apr in Cedar Key were regularly observed for the following week (D. Henderson).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: male in S. Jacksonville on 12 Apr (J. Cocke).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 2 males at different locations in Alachua Co. on 9 May (J. Hintermister, T. Webber); 1 at Bill Baggs SRA (Dade Co.) on 9 May (M. Cooper); at least 10 at Ft. DeSoto Park 11-22 May (m. obs.), best numbers in years (L. Atherton); 7 banded on Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) from 9-24 May (S. Stedman, A. Stedman); male at Cedar Key on 14 May and 18-19 May (D. Henderson); male at Avon Park Bombing Range (Polk Co.) on 15 May (D. Ford). Reports from St. George Island SP (Franklin Co.) include female on 10 May (D. Emkalns, B. Neville), 1 on 12 May (J. Cavanagh), and male on 13 May (D. Emkalns); 1 at Bonner Park (Pinellas Co.) on 20 May (K. Nelson, B. Parkhurst).
- MOURNING WARBLER: male at Bonner Park (Pinellas Co.) on 20 May (K. Nelson, B. Parkhurst), very rare in spring.
- WESTERN Tanager: female at Ft. Pickens NM (Escambia Co.) on 6 May (W. Fullilove).
- STRIPED-HEADED Tanager: 1 near Redland (Dade Co.) until 3 Mar (L. Monfredi).
- PAINTED BUNTING: several reports from St. George Island SP: 1 on 19 Apr (B. Neville, D. Emkalns), 1 on 21 Apr (J. Cavanagh), 1 on 25 and 26 Apr (m. obs.).
- ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK: female at Archbold Biological Station on 31 May (G. Woolfenden) was late.
- BLUE GROSBEAK: bird wintering at Belle Glade (see Winter Report) last seen on 7 Mar (C. Ford, D. Ford).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 2 at Lake Alfred (Polk Co.) on 22 Mar (P. Timmer).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 singing at Ft. DeSoto Park from 4-5 Apr (H. Robinson); 1 at St. Marks NWR on 28 Apr (L. Elliott).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 banded at Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) on 17 Apr (A. Stedman, S. Stedman); 1 at Ft. DeSoto Park on 13 May (H. Robinson), late.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at end of County Road 361 (Dixie Co.) on 17 Mar, 9 Apr, and 5 May (J. Cavanagh, N. Wamer).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 in Dixie Co. on 4 Apr (L. Hopkins, R. Smith, S. Goodbread); 1 at Paynes Prairie SP on 27 Apr (R. Rowan) and 29 Apr (J. Hintermister, B. Muschlit).
- BOBOLINK: 52 at Zellwood farms (Orange Co.) on 16 Apr (H. Robinson); 40 at Inwood Recreation Area (Polk Co.) on 26 Apr (T. Palmer); 200 in N St. Johns Co. on 28 Apr (P. Powell); 65 over Winter Park on 7 May (H. Robinson); enormous flock (10,000+) reported in Bay Co. (T. Menart); late report of 2 from Key West on 31 May (J. Ondrejko).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 in Lakeland on 27 Mar (K. Reusch).
- SHINY COWBIRD: male in N Jacksonville on 18 Apr (R. Rowan); female at Ft. DeSoto Park on 25 Apr (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson, m. obs.); 1 in Cockroach Bay (Hillsborough Co.) on 9 May (L. Hopkins, L. Bieisa).
- HOUSE FINCH: 3 banded birds (2 male, 1 female) escaped from Denver Wildlife Research Center in Gainesville on 2 Mar (K. Brugger) after a break-in of the facility; male without a band was observed in NW Gainesville from 23 Apr - 26 May (J. Morris).

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