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## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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**Spring Report: March-May 1994.**—The observations listed here are based on rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) Field Observations Committee (FOC). As these reports are not formally reviewed, they may be considered tentative.

Significant reports are welcomed for inclusion in future issues of this section. Reports should include the following information: the species; the number of individuals; the age and sex of the bird(s); the color morph if applicable; the location (including county); the date; the observer(s); and the significance of the report. Reporting periods are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit reports to regional compilers within two weeks after the close of each period, or to the state compiler within one month. Reports may be sent by FAX to the state compiler at (813) 699-1927.

Following the examples set by *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, FOS Spec. Pub. No. 6) and *The Birdlife of Florida* (Stevenson and Anderson 1994, University Press of Florida), sight-only observations are considered *reports*, while only those supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio tapes, or specimens) are called *records*.

The Thirty-ninth supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union *Check-list of North American Birds* was recently published (AOU 1993, *Auk* 110(3):675-682). This FOC report includes all changes to the nomenclature as published in the *Auk*.

Anderson and Baker (1994, *Fla. Field Nat.* 22(1):21-23) recently published the list of birds for which the FOS Records Committee requires documentation. These species are marked in this report with an asterisk (\*) to alert the observers of their need to supply the FOSRC with details of their sightings.

A county designation accompanies the first-time listing of each site; further listings of the same site lack the county name. Abbreviations used in this report are: APAFR-N = Avon Park Air Force Range (*Polk*); APAFR-S = Avon Park Air Force Range (*Highlands*); CP = county park; DTNP = Dry Tortugas National Park (*Monroe*); ENP = Everglades National Park; FOSRC = FOS Records Committee; NAMC = North American Migration Count; NWR = national wildlife refuge; SP = state park; SRA = state recreation area; WMA = wildlife management area; and N, S, E, W, etc. for compass directions.

For their assistance with this report, the state compiler thanks Howard Langridge, the spring editor for *National Audubon Society Field Notes*, and Bruce Anderson for supplying information from the forthcoming *The Birdlife of Florida*.

## SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

Compared to the 1992 and 1993 spring seasons, 1994 was characterized by relatively mild weather. Spring rains temporarily restored water levels in some areas, but drought conditions continued in most parts of the state. A cold front that passed through the state 7 April resulted in fantastic fallouts of birds in Pinellas County and at Dry Tortugas for the next few days. Highest-ever counts of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and Hooded Warblers were made at this time. Reports from other parts of the state were generally of fewer migrants than in other years.

Rarities reported this spring (all but a few verified) included five Caribbean species: La Sagra's Flycatcher (2), Bahama Mockingbird (3), Bananaquit, Stripe-headed Tanager (2), and Florida's second Yellow-faced Grassquit. At least 5 individuals of Antillean Short-eared Owls were observed in Monroe County. Other rarities included a Black-Hawk in North Florida, a Curlew Sandpiper present for at least 7 months in Lee

County, Florida's third Marbled Murrelet (and the first live individual), a Long-eared Owl roosting in scrub, a Couch's Kingbird, and a Townsend's Warbler in St. Petersburg. A record count of Band-rumped Storm-Petrels came from the Straits of Florida in May.

Lastly, the third annual North American Migration Count (NAMC) was conducted 14 May in 16 counties in the state. The results were compiled by the new state compiler, Rex Rowan. Some of the more significant observations from the NAMC are contained in this report.

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- RED-THROATED LOON: 1 found dead on Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 10 April was rare so far south (P. Blair, M. Hughes, B. and B. Wotton, specimen to University of Central Florida, Orlando).
- COMMON LOON: 2 at Marco Island (*Collier*) 21-25 March (T. Below et al.). Ted wrote, "We are seeing so few loons anymore that any sighting is almost noteworthy."
- EARED GREBE: 1 in *Hamilton* until 15 April (J. Krummrich).
- \*BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 1, 9 miles offshore from Riviera Beach (*Palm Beach*) 24 April (FOS group, details to FOSRC by D. Goodwin).
- SOOTY SHEARWATER: 1 on the bay side of Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*) 28 May (D. Gagne) was very rare so close to the mainland.
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 200 S of Key West (*Monroe*) 19 April (M. O'Brien et al.); 3 in DTNP 3 May (B. Hallett, H. Langridge et al.); 41 between DTNP and Key West 12 May (H. Robinson et al.) is the state's highest-ever count (*vide* B. Anderson).
- \*BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 8 between DTNP and Key West 12 May (H. Robinson et al.) was the highest-ever Florida count (*vide* B. Anderson).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: singles in DTNP 26 April (B. Hallett et al.) and 10 May (H. Robinson et al.); 1 in *Palm Beach* 15-31 May was visiting an office building covered with reflective glass (P. Quincy).
- MASKED BOOBY: 1 adult observed from shore at Ponte Vedra Beach (*St. Johns*) 19 March (R. Atkinson); no sign of "obvious nesting" on Hospital Key, DTNP this year (*vide* H. Langridge).
- BROWN BOOBY: 24 on buoys in DTNP 9 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.).
- \*RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 1 that landed on a boat 8 miles S of DTNP in early April was believed to be the same individual that was present in the park last year (P. Maiuri).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 3 near Newnan's Lake 8 April were the third *Alachua* report (B. Muschlitz, L. Fitzgerald); 200 on Choctawhatchee Bay (*Walton*) 10 March (G. Lucas); 17 over the Ochlockonee River (*Leon*) 6 April (G. Menk) were locally rare; 53 over Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*) 28 April (K. Tarvin); 23 at Rookery Bay Sanctuary 5 May through the period (T. Fish) were locally rare so late (*vide* T. Below).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 immature at Lake Clay (*Highlands*) 7 May (D. Stotz); 3 on Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 14 May (M. McMillian, L. Richman); 1 adult over Winter Park (*Orange*) 26 May and 1 June (H. Robinson).
- REDDISH EGRET: 1 white morph in St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 17 May (N. Wamer, J. Dozier) was far N for the white morph.
- WHITE × SCARLET IBIS: 1 pale pink bird, an apparent hybrid, in Lettuce Lake CP (*Hillsborough*) 27 April (D. Johnson, A. Summers).
- \*SCARLET IBIS: 1 bright red adult in Lakes Park (*Lee*) in May (V. Keerd, photo 4 May to FOSRC) was reported in Lakes Park since 6 August 1992 (Pranty 1993. *Fla. Field Nat.* 21(2):44), and in *Lee* as early as spring 1991 (Cox 1991. *Fla. Field Nat.* 19(4):128). This bird is probably also responsible for the frequent reports in the Charlotte Harbor area (*Charlotte* and/or *Lee*) (*vide* L. Atherton).

- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 on Dog Island (*Franklin*) 11-14 May was the first report from the island (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- WOOLLY-NECKED STORK (*Ciconia episcopus*): 1 in Goulds (*Dade*) 1 May was traced to a bird that escaped from Miami Metro Zoo after Hurricane Andrew in August 1992 (P. W. and S. Smith, *Fla. Field Nat.* in press). This is the first report of the species in Florida (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992).
- WOOD STORK: birds at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (*Collier*) did not initiate nesting until mid-March, believed to be the latest start time reported at the sanctuary. The rookery peaked at 511 nests on 18 April, but fledging success was extremely low due to a four-inch rise in water levels during the first half of June (T. Below).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 150-200 SW of Fellsmere (*Indian River*) 4 March (I. Weigley); 1 in a *Polk* phosphate mine 14 May was locally rare (P. Fellers).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 18 in Sanlan Campground, Lakeland 16 April (M. Schmidt) was the second *Polk* report.
- MOOTTLED DUCK × MALLARD: 25 hybrids in 4-corners phosphate mine (*Hardee, Hillsborough, Manatee, and/or Polk*) 7 May (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 male at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 18-19 March (G. Menk, J. Cavanagh).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 7 in 4-corners Mine 14 May were late (P. Fellers).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 in 4-corners Mine 14 May (P. Fellers).
- COMMON SHELDUCK (*Tadorna tadorna*): 1 in a phosphate mine W of Homeland (*Polk*) 13 March (P. Fellers). This is the first published report of the species in Florida (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992).
- SURF SCOTER: 1 in West Palm Beach 16 April (P. Donahue, W. Bracey); 1 male at Fort DeSoto CP (*Pinellas*) 20-31 May (H. Fagan, K. Christensen, B. Browning et al.).
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 50+ over fields near Tram Road Sewage Treatment Plant (*Leon*) 22 April, with smaller numbers on following days (G. Menk).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 W of Homestead Airport (*Dade*) 16 May (T. Brooks); 1 in Davie (*Broward*) 28 May and 1 June was near last year's nest site, but there was no indication of nesting this year (J. Baker).
- SNAIL KITE: 63 roosting just N of the Miccosukee Restaurant on US 41 (*Dade*) 27 May (T. Brooks).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 in APAFR-S 20 May (M. McMillian); 1 adult over Winter Park 23 May (H. Robinson).
- \*BLACK-HAWK species (*Buteogallus* sp.): 1 in Suwannee (*Dixie*) 25 April (J. Krummrich, details to FOSRC).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 light morph in Avon Park (*Highlands*) 4 April (D. Stotz); 1 light morph in APAFR-S 6 April (D. Stotz); 1 dark morph in Lake Placid 28 April (D. Stotz); 1 light morph on Johnson Ranch (*Highlands*) 29 April (K. Tarvin); 1 dark morph in APAFR-N 11 May (M. McMillian, D. Stotz); 1 dark morph at Lake Glenada (*Highlands*) 11 May (D. Stotz).
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 1 female apparently of the Cuban race *F. s. sparverioides* in Key West 7 April (B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden, W. Biggs et al.). The bird had a very pale grayish crown, dull brownish-gray back, and a plain whitish breast. This is the first Florida report since May 1977 (*vide* B. Anderson).
- MERLIN: 1 female at Snake Bight, ENP 21 May (T. Brooks).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 in APAFR-S 2 May (D. Stotz).
- RING-NECKED PHEASANT: 1 at the Fort Walton Beach spray field (*Okaloosa*) 13 April (D. Ware).
- COMMON MOORHEN: 1 first-year bird on the water between DTNP and Key West 11 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 60 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 14 May (N. Wamer, J. Dozier, C. Watt).

- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 2 in a *Polk* mine 10 April (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer), and 1 still there 17 April (C. Geanangel, P. Fellers) were that county's second and third reports.
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 27 in *Polk* mines 7 May (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 100+ at Snake Bight, ENP (*Monroe*) 21 May (T. Brooks).
- PIPING PLOVER: 110 in Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*) 23 March (D. Stotz); 1 in Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 2 April (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 7 over Placid Lakes (*Highlands*) 7 March (R. Bowman); 15 adults, including two pairs with nests, at St. Marks NWR (J. Reinman); several at Springhill Road Sewage Treatment Plant (*Leon*) through the period, with nesting suspected (G. Menk).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: singles in St. Marks NWR 13 and 22 March (P. Lorish, E. Killian) and 17 May (N. Wamer, J. Dozier); 4 at the Fort Walton Beach spray field 13 April (D. Ware); 4 at Zellwood (*Orange*) 16 April (S. Backes); 1 in Tallahassee (*Leon*) 7 May (G. Menk).
- WHIMBREL: 1 in West Palm Beach (*Palm Beach*) 25 April (C. Weber) was very rare in the county (*vide* H. Langridge).
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 1 in St. Marks NWR 7 April (E. and J. Shelton).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: 11,600 in *Polk* 14 May (NAMC, *vide* R. Rowan); 3200 in Merritt Island NWR 19 May, and 550 there 27 May (both H. Robinson).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: among 5 reports by H. Robinson (from *Brevard*, *Monroe*, and *Volusia*) were 205+ ("probably at least 300 present") in Merritt Island NWR 27 May; 16 in *Polk* mines 14 May (P. Fellers); 2 in St. Marks NWR 17 May (N. Wamer, J. Dozier); 2 at Snake Bight, ENP 31 May (T. Brooks).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 4 at Fort Clinch pier (*Nassau*) 2 April (E. Colborn).
- \*CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 at Fort Myers Beach (*Lee*), first noted 14 October 1993, was last observed 15 May 1994 (V. Keerd), by which time it had molted into full breeding plumage (videotape 6 May by B. Atherton, photo 7 May by V. Keerd, to FOSRC).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 2 at Springhill Road Sewage Treatment Plant 18 March (J. Cavanagh); 4600 in 4-corners Mine 7 May (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer) and 1400 still there 14 May (P. Fellers) are two very high Florida counts (*vide* B. Anderson).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 in Winter Haven (*Polk*) 17 March (M. Hartsaw, E. Connolly); 3 singles in 4-corners Mine 13 March, 17 March, and 14 May (P. Fellers, P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 1 light morph adult observed from Honeymoon Island SRA 6 March (D. Gagne).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 light morph adult over St. Joseph Bay (*Gulf*) 14 May (J. Schulenberg).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 1 immature over Bush Key, DTNP 9 April (D. Goodwin et al.) was rare there.
- HERRING GULL: the first-year bird photographed in DTNP 25-29 April 1993 has been confirmed as one of the European races (D. Sibley, *vide* H. Langridge).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 third-year bird at the Sunshine Skyway causeway (*Pinellas*) was last seen 5 April (L. Atherton).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 in Fort Clinch SP (*Nassau*) 5 May (J. Krummrich, details to FOSRC).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 immature at Manalapan (*Palm Beach*) 15 March (R. Paul); 1 first-year bird in Honeymoon Island SRA 27 March (D. Gagne); 1 adult found sick in Fort DeSoto CP 8 April (L. Fox) later died (B. Atherton, specimen to Archbold Biological Station); 1 immature in St. Marks NWR 23 April and 1 May (A. Gantzhorn et al.).

- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 in DTNP 14 May was rare there (P. Ryan, P. W. Smith); 3 (in breeding plumage) in Merritt Island NWR 1 May, and 2 (in winter plumage) there 27 May (both H. Robinson).
- ROSEATE TERN: about 75 birds on marker buoys in DTNP 9 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.).
- COMMON TERN: 1 immature at Lake June-In-Winter (*Highlands*) 8 April (D. Stotz).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1 in full breeding plumage at the mouth of the Alafia River (*Hillsborough*) 23 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf, J. Platt, J. Stuart).
- BRIDLED TERN: 36 between DTNP and Key West 12 May (H. Robinson).
- \*MARBLED MURRELET: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 16-28 March (B. Muschlitz, D. Henderson et al., videotape by B. Atherton to FOSRC) is the third record for Florida. The relatively long bill and the presence of white around the eyes confirms this bird as the Asiatic race *B. m. perdix*, like the two Florida specimens.
- WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 1 in Fort Lauderdale (*Broward*) 14 May (W. George et al.) was "late for an overshoot" (H. Langridge).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 in APAFR-S 5 April (D. Leonard, L. Richman); 1 at a new site in E Tampa (*Hillsborough*) from early April through the period (R. Paul).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 in Winter Park 4 May (H. Robinson); 1 in Bay Point (*Bay*) 28 May (T. Menart).
- TANIMBAR (GOFFIN'S) COCKATOO: 1 in A. D. Barnes Park 8 May (P. W. Smith) is the first *Dade* report (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:184).
- GRAY PARROT: 1 in Homestead (*Dade*) 14 May flying with Rock Doves (P. W. and S. Smith).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 in APAFR-N 28 March (D. Leonard); 20 in Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 22 May (B. Hope).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 2 in Weedon Island County Preserve (*Pinellas*) 15 May (R. Smith). This is the third year birds have been found here in mid-May, but the birds are never found subsequently (*vide* R. Smith); 1 at Terra Ceia Bay (*Manatee*) 19 May was "expected here" (R. Paul, A. Schnapf, P. Clark); 2 in Honeymoon Island SRA 22 May (D. Gagne).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 that wintered in Delray Beach was last seen 14 May (B. Hope et al.).
- BARN OWL: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 16 April (H. Robinson) is the first park report (*vide* L. Atherton).
- \*LONG-EARED OWL: 1 in Archbold Biological Station 20 March (K. Tarvin et al. 1994. *Fla. Field Nat.* 22:110-111, videotape by B. Atherton to FOSRC) was only the third verifiable record for Florida (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:90). The bird, which was not found subsequently, was presumably migrating north from a more southerly wintering site.
- SHORT-EARED OWL: birds of one of the Antillean races were again reported in the Keys this season: 2 in Key West (*Monroe*) in April (J. Ondrejko et al.); at least 3 in DTNP April-May (W. B. Robertson et al.); 1 (race not mentioned) in Fort DeSoto CP 23 April (B. Browning) was the first park report (*vide* L. Atherton).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 200+ in DTNP 8-9 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.) is the highest-ever Florida count (*vide* B. Anderson).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: 1 in *Orange* 14 May (NAMC, *vide* R. Rowan); 1 in *Taylor* 15 May (J. Dozier).
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 2 in Lake Kissimmee SP (*Polk*) 12 March (A. and R. Smith).
- PILEATED WOODPECKER: 1 flying S along US 1, 8 miles S of Florida City (*Dade*) toward Key Largo (*Monroe*) 20 March (P. W. and S. Smith), where the species is rarely reported.
- \*YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER: 1 seen well and heard calling on Garden Key, DTNP 8 April (G. Woolfenden, W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty et al., details to FOSRC); 1 that wintered in Delray Beach was last observed 11 April (B. Hope et al.).

- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 calling in Highlands Hammock SP 27 April (D. Stotz) was the first *Highlands* report in spring.
- \*LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER: singles in John U. Lloyd SRA, Dania (*Broward*) 20-21 April (J. Baker, E. Rosenberg, J. DiPasquale, details to FOSRC) and Delray Beach, also 20-21 April (B. Hope).
- \*COUCH'S KINGBIRD: 1 that wintered in Delray Beach was last seen 28 March (B. Blair et al., details to FOSRC). Although the bird was identified by its call, recordings were apparently not made, so the species remains unverified in the state (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:164).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 in Placid Lakes 20 March (D. Stotz).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 in APAFR-S 27 May (M. McMillian) was rare inland.
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 in Honeymoon Island SRA 9 April (*vide* L. Atherton).
- TREE SWALLOW: 150 in 4-corners Mine 7 May (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 3 in Archbold Biological Station 22 March (S. Schoech) were somewhat early.
- BARN SWALLOW: 200 in DTNP 8 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.).
- GRAY CATBIRD: 1 at Key West 25 May (J. Ondrejko) was late; 2 nests in Tallahassee (G. Menk, M. Evans).
- \*BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 male that has summered on Key West (*Monroe*) since 1991 was first seen this year 20 February (J. Ondrejko) and remained through the spring (many obs.); 1 singing on Hypoluxo Island (*Palm Beach*) 23-30 April (F. Broemer, audiotape by C. Potter, videotape by B. Atherton to FOSRC); 1 in John U. Lloyd SRA 27 April (J. Baker, J. DiPasquale et al., details to FOSRC).
- CEDAR WAXWING: 150 in Haines City (*Polk*) 10 May (P. Fellers).
- EUROPEAN STARLING: 1 on Dog Island 11-14 May was locally rare (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- COMMON MYNA: 3 (1 pair and a fledgling) in Iona (*Lee*) 6 May (L. and B. Atherton, M. Wilkinson). One adult appeared to be tending a second brood while the other adult fed the fledgling. These birds, not previously reported, were discovered in 1993 by V. McGrath (*vide* L. Atherton).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 5 in Saddle Creek CP 20 March (P. Fellers); notable by its virtual absence in *Pinellas* during the 7-10 April fallout (*vide* L. Atherton); "several" singing males about 5 miles S of Monroe Station (*Monroe*) 15 May, at the southernmost edge of the species' breeding range (P. W. and S. Smith, P. Ryan).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: "once again, none found in repeated checks of mangrove zone throughout Tampa Bay-Sarasota Bay region" (*Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota*). "Brown-headed Cowbirds, by contrast, were found daily" (R. Paul); 5 singing males on Panther Key, and "numerous" other males singing on nearby mangrove islands in Cape Romano-Ten Thousand Islands Aquatic Preserve (*Collier*), a little-studied area (no date) (T. Smith, B. J. Anderson); singles banded on Dog Island (*Franklin*) 14, 15, and 21 April (D. Evered, L. Messick) - the species is rare but regular along the eastern Panhandle coast (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992:120).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 banded on Casey Key (*Sarasota*) 29 March (A. Stedman); 11 in Fort DeSoto CP 7 April (M. Wilkinson); 9 in Bonner Park, Largo (*Pinellas*) 8 April (L. Atherton); 7 in DTNP 8 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 in Honeymoon Island SRA 10 April (D. Gagne); 1 on Estero Island (*Lee*) 29 April (L. Douglas).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 50-60 along a 2.5 mile stretch of Jungle Trail (*Indian River*) 4 March (I. Weigley); 102, including 8 families with fledglings and 2 nests with young, in Highlands Hammock SP 27 April (D. Stotz).

- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 "Audubon's Warbler" (presumably a male) in DTNP 11 April (M. Cudney); 1 "Myrtle Warbler" in Honeymoon Island SRA 7 May (D. Gagne) was late.
- \*TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: 1 male that wintered in Sawgrass Lake CP (*Pinellas*) was last observed 19 March, by which date it had acquired a nearly complete black throat, and had begun to sing (L. and B. Atherton, videotape to FOSRC).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: considered widespread, but in low density, in the Tampa Bay-Sarasota Bay region, with a "hotspot" in E Hillsborough Bay (R. Paul, A. Schnapf); 19 singing males in Honeymoon Island SRA 14 May (D. Gagne). Cowbird brood parasitism, which is presumably responsible for the decline of this and other species in the Tampa Bay area, is little-noticed on Honeymoon Island.
- PALM WARBLER: 3 that appeared to be of the subspecies *hypochrysea* on Garden Key, DTNP 14 May (P. W. and S. Smith, P. Ryan).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 1 in Fort DeSoto CP 29-30 April (M. Wilkinson, R. Smith); 1 male on Dog Island 10 May was the island's first spring report (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 19 banded on Dog Island this spring (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 male in Fort DeSoto CP 7 April (H. Robinson); 2 males on Loggerhead Key 8 April, and 1 there 9 April (D. Goodwin et al.); 7 in *Pinellas* 7-10 April, including 3 singing males in Bonner Park (M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton, D. Gagne et al.).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 136 in *Duval* 14 May (NAMC, *fide* R. Rowan).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: "several" singing males about 5 miles S of Monroe Station, at the southernmost edge of the species' breeding range (P. W. and S. Smith).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 7 on Loggerhead Key, DTNP 8 April (D. Goodwin et al.); 7 in *Pinellas* 7-10 April (M. Wilkinson, B. and L. Atherton et al.); 1 near Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 13 April (G. Menk); 1 in St. Marks NWR 23 April (A. Gantzhorn, F. Leonard); 3 males singing in Steinhatchee Springs WMA (*Lafayette*) 17 May (J. Krummrich) were probably attempting to breed (birds summered there last year); 8 banded on Dog Island this spring (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 30+ in DTNP 8 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.); 2 on St. George Island (*Franklin*) 14 May (D. Jue).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 male banded on Dog Island 8 May (D. Evered, L. Messick); singles banded at Casey Key 13 May and 20 May (A. Stedman); 1 in *Duval* 14 May (NAMC, *fide* R. Rowan); 2 on St. George Island (*Franklin*) 14 May (D. and S. Jue); 1 near Alachua (*Alachua*) 28 May (R. Rowan).
- COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: 69 in Honeymoon Island SRA 10 April (D. Gagne).
- HOODED WARBLER: 200+ on Garden Key, DTNP 8 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.); 800 in Honeymoon Island SRA 9 April (*fide* L. Atherton) is the highest-ever Florida count (*fide* B. Anderson).
- CANADA WARBLER: 1 female in DTNP 10-11 May (H. Robinson et al.).
- \*BANANAQUIT: 1 immature in Spanish River Park, Boca Raton (*Palm Beach*) 20 April-3 May (B. Hope et al., videotape by B. Atherton, to FOSRC).
- STRIPE-HEADED TANAGER: 2 in Spanish River Park: 1 female 16-20 April (B. Hope et al.) and 1 male 18-20 April (M. Ginsberg, B. Hope et al.).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 male in APAFR-S 25 March (D. Stotz).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 in Morris Bridge CP (*Hillsborough*) 4 March (S. Backes, D. Taylor) was the earliest-ever spring report if the bird did not winter locally (*fide* B. Anderson).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Parker Island (*Highlands*) 24 March (C. and D. Ford); 22 in Fort DeSoto CP 7 April (H. Robinson); 94 in Honeymoon Island SRA 10 April (D. Gagne).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 male in Fort DeSoto CP 7 April (H. Robinson).
- DICKISSSEL: 12 in DTNP 25 April (K. Karlson); 2 in Fort DeSoto CP 24 April (L. Atherton, R. Smith et al.), and 1 there 6 May (M. Wilkinson).



- \*YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 immature in DTNP 20-25 April (B. Nikula et al., photos to FOSRC).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: 94 in Hal Scott Preserve (a 4000-acre preserve in E Orange) 14 May (*vide* D. Freeman).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 that wintered at Springhill Road Sewage Treatment Plant was seen through 1 April (G. Menk).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 3 in Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary (*Okeechobee*) 6 March (H. Langridge, G. Hunter, W. Bracey, S. Hedges); 1 in Hal Scott Preserve 12 March (*vide* D. Freeman).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 4 in Honeymoon Island SRA 10 April (D. Gagne) is believed to be the highest-ever *Pinellas* count (*vide* L. Atherton); 1 on St. George Island 18 April (T. Menart); 1 banded on Dog Island 19 April (D. Evered, L. Messick).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 7 on Little Talbot Island (*Duval*) 7 April (M. Dolan); 7 in *Okealoosa* spray fields 9 April (D. Ware); 1 adult at a St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) feeder 2-7 May (B. Thomson, V. Morrison); 1 at Alligator Point 14 May (N. Wamer, J. Dozier, C. Watt).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1 adult male on Longboat Key (*Manatee* or *Sarasota*) 8 May (J. Ginaven); 1 female on Dog Island 9-14 May (D. Evered, L. Messick); 1 male on St. George Island 14 May (D. and S. Jue, M. Evans, C. Cauley); 25 on Key West 12 May (J. Ondrejko).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 35 in Fort DeSoto CP 7 April (H. Robinson); 60+ in *Pinellas* 7-10 April (M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton, D. Gagne et al.); 50+ in DTNP 8 April (W. Biggs, D. Goodwin, B. Pranty, G. Woolfenden et al.).
- NORTHERN ORIOLE: 6 male "Baltimore" Orioles at Parker Island 24 March (C. and D. Ford); 1 male "Baltimore" Oriole at Alligator Point 14 May (N. Wamer, J. Dozier, C. Watt).
- HOUSE FINCH: 1 pair in Cross City (*Dixie*) 9 April (B. and B. Wotton, L. Hopkins, R. Smith).

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Fall 1993 reports not published previously: Black-headed Parrot (*Pionites melanocephala*): 1 near Miami International Airport (*Dade*) 14 November (Wayne Hoffman) is the first report of the species in Florida (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992); Florida Scrub Jay: 124 birds in 39 territories in Disney Wilderness Preserve (*Osceola* and *Polk*) 15-19 November (B. Pranty). This large population was not known to Jeffrey Cox (1987. Status and Distribution of the Florida Scrub Jay. FOS Special Pub. No. 3).

Winter 1993-1994 report not published previously: Red-cockaded Woodpecker: 1 inactive cavity tree on Hollingswood Ranch (*Citrus*), along the Florida Power Corporation's powerline between the Cross-Florida Barge Canal and US 19, 24 January (Bill Pranty, Jim Thompson). This is a previously unreported location for the species.

Correction to Spring 1993 report (*Fla. Field Nat.* 21:125): the La Sagra's Flycatcher reported from MacArthur SRA 10 April was actually observed on 9 April (*vide* H. Langridge).

Correction to Fall 1993 report (*Fla. Field Nat.* 22:60): the Peregrine Falcon count from Boot Key 9 October should be 190, not 196.

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