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FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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Spring Report: March-May 1995.—The observations listed here are based on rare or unusual species or significant numbers of birds reported to the Florida Ornithological Society (F.O.S.) Field Observations Committee (F.O.C.). 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: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and 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 2 weeks after the close of each period, or to the state compiler within 1 month. Reports may be sent by FAX to the state compiler at (941) 699-1927.

Following the examples set by *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, F.O.S. Spec. Publ. No. 6) and *The Birdlife of Florida* (Stevenson and Anderson 1994, Univ. 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."

Bruce Anderson (*in litt.* July 1995) revised the list of birds for which the F.O.S. Records Committee requires documentation. These species are marked in this report with an asterisk (*) to alert the observers of their need to supply the F.O.S.R.C. with details of their sightings.

A county designation accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations used are as follows: A.B.S.=Archbold Biological Station (*Highlands*), A.P.A.F.R.=Avon Park Air Force Range, ca.=circa, C.P.=county park, D.T.N.P.=Dry Tortugas N.P., E.N.P.=Everglades N.P., F.B.R.=Florida Birding Report, F.D.C.P.=Fort DeSoto County Park (*Pinellas*), F.O.S.R.C.=F.O.S. Records Committee, N.A.M.C.=North American Migration Count, N.P.=national park, N.W.R.=national wildlife refuge, R&W 1992=Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, S&A 1994=Stevenson and Anderson 1994, S.P.=state park, S.R.A.=state recreation area, S.T.F.=sewage treatment facility, W.M.A.=wildlife management area, and N, S, E, W, etc. for compass directions. Bold-faced species, if any, denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida.

The state compiler thanks Howard Langridge, the spring editor of *National Audubon Society Field Notes*, for sharing information submitted to that journal. Bruce Anderson supplied information on species reported to the F.O.S.R.C. Robertson and Woolfenden (1992) and Stevenson and Anderson (1994) were used to determine the regional and seasonal status of many species. Information from the 4th annual North American Migration Count (N.A.M.C.) conducted 13 May was generously supplied by Rex Rowan, the state compiler for Florida. Walter K. Taylor suggested many helpful comments to the manuscript.

SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

Weatherwise, spring 1995 was relatively quiet. Fallouts of migrants were reported at F.D.C.P. 6-9 April, Fort Pickens 21 April (21 warbler species and 41 total migrant species), and St. George Island 24 April.

The first verified North American record of **Greater Antillean Pewee** was recorded in Palm Beach County when 1 was seen and videotaped in March and April. Another probable first for North America was a **Leptotila dove** photographed at D.T.N.P. 6-7 April; the bird has not yet been identified specifically. The first Florida (and east of the

Mississippi River) **Common Poorwill** was also reported at D.T.N.P. 5 May, but was not photographed.

Other unverifiable reports included a female **MacGillivray's Warbler** observed at Ichectucknee Springs S.P., and a Long-eared Owl flushed from scrub at A.B.S., where one was photographed in 1994. The Black-Hawk controversy in Dade County was renewed when a Great Black-Hawk was studied carefully on Virginia Key. Although reported 9 times previously, the **Cuban Grassquit** observed in April in Miami appears to have been the first individual photographed in the U.S. However, the bird showed "obvious" signs of recent captivity. Other rarities reported this spring were Red-billed Tropicbird, 3 Red-footed Boobies, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Gull, Sabine's Gull, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Loggerhead Kingbird, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Thick-billed Vireo, and Townsend's Warbler.

Some of the more interesting exotics reported include the Scarlet Ibis still present at Fort Myers, White Spoonbill still at Tampa Bay, White-cheeked Pintails in Escambia County and McKay Bay, Blue-and-yellow Macaw and 2 unidentified cockatoos at A.B.S., 2 Hill Mynas at Naples, and 2 **Bar-headed Geese** at Jacksonville, the first for Florida. This is the 5th consecutive F.O.C. report to add a new exotic to the state's avifauna; 12 exotics have been added since the publication of Robertson and Woolfenden (1992).

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- RED-THROATED LOON: 2 at Talbot Island S.P. (*Duval*) 4 Mar and 11 Mar, and 1 at Huguenot Park (*Duval*) 14 Apr (all R. Clark).
- COMMON LOON: 1 over J. B. Starkey Wilderness Park (*Pasco*) 25 Mar was the first park report (P. Blair, R. Smith, B. and B. Wotton); 300 "pairs" estimated 16-40 km off Longboat Pass (*Manatee*) 26 Mar (R. Meyers); 1 in breeding plumage at Rock Bluff Springs (*Gilchrist* and *Dixie*) 23 May (J. Krummrich).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE: 84 in *Polk* phosphate mines 7 May (P. Fellers).
- HORNED GREBE: 1 in "full breeding plumage" off the lighthouse at St. Marks N.W.R. (*Wakulla*) 27 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- EARED GREBE: 7 (1 in breeding plumage) at Occidental W.M.A. (*Hamilton*) through at least 28 Mar (J. Krummrich).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 regularly at D.T.N.P. 29 Apr-10 May (P. Mauiri et al.); 1, 10 km off *Palm Beach* 9 May (T. White).
- *RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD: 1 adult 10 km S of Key West (*Monroe*) 11 May (W. Biggs et al., photos by S. Allan, G. Stoccardo to F.O.S.R.C.) was the 5th published Florida report, and the first in spring.
- MASKED BOOBY: 60 (57 adults and 3 chicks) at Hospital Key, D.T.N.P. 12 Apr (D. Goodwin, W. Biggs et al.) was the highest ever Florida count (S&A 1994:35).
- *RED-FOOTED BOOBY: 1 at D.T.N.P. 12 Apr (D. Lysinger, P. Mauiri), and another 1 with a pale head there 17 May (W. B. Robertson, B. Kittleson et al.); 1 found in a Miami (*Dade*) shopping center on 4 May died the next day (*vide* W. Hoffman, specimen to A.B.S.).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 1650 at *Polk* mines 2 Mar (P. Fellers).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Lake Lochloosa 11 Apr (R. Rowan) and 1 at Newnans Lake 13 May (V. Greenhill) indicate increasing occurrences in *Alachua*; 1 immature at Lake Jackson 14 Apr (N. Wamer) was the third *Leon* report (G. Menk); 2 *Polk* reports: 1 at Lake Pierce 5 May (P. Fellers) and 1 adult at Mulberry 22 May (B. and L. Cooper).
- *SCARLET IBIS: the 1 still at Lakes Park (*Lee*) to at least 24 Mar (J. Beaver to F.B.R.).
- WHITE SPOONBILL: the 1 still present in *Hillsborough* through mid-May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf, M. Lopez).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 at D.T.N.P. 21 Apr (K. Karlson) was rare there.
- WOOD STORK: 120 nesting pairs at Tower Road (*Leon*) 3 May (G. Sprandel).

- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 with Blue-winged Teals moving W off Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 21 Mar were rare there (B. Duncan).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 3 in Mulberry 22 May (B. and L. Cooper); 25+ in phosphate mines in *Polk* and *Hardee* throughout the season (T. Sanders).
- BAR-HEADED GOOSE (*Anser indicus*): 2 tame banded birds at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 30 May (G. Gilbert) were the first Florida report.
- MOTTLED DUCK: 101 in *Polk* mines 7 May (P. Fellers).
- *WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL: 1 at Davenport Bayou (*Escambia*) 22 Mar was later determined to be 1 of "several" that escaped from a local bird collector (B. Duncan); 1 "all-white" bird with orange in the bill at McKay Bay 1 Apr (P. Blair, J. King, S. Backes) and later (R. Paul, A. Schnapf) was presumed to be an escape.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1800-2500 moving W off Fort Pickens in a 2 1/2-hour period 21 Mar (B. Duncan).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 male at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) remained to at least 17 Mar (G. Menk).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 2 at *Polk* phosphate mines 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (P. Fellers); 1 male at Bayonet Point (*Pasco*) 23 May (D. Robinson).
- GADWALL: 1 at an *Okaloosa* S.T.F. 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (C. and D. Ware).
- EURASIAN × AMERICAN WIGEON: 1 at Wakulla Springs S.P. (*Wakulla*) 3 Mar (B. Russell to F.B.R.).
- COMMON EIDER: 1 still at Port Canaveral (*Brevard*) to at least 8 Mar (L. Manfredi).
- SURF SCOTER: 3 at Carrabelle Beach (*Franklin*) 6 May (G. Sprandel).
- HOODED MERGANSER: 1 female with 8 small ducklings in Lower Wekiva River State Preserve (*Lake*) 2 Apr (D. Leonard, N. Hamel) was a very rare central Florida breeding report.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 at Lake Santa Fe (*Alachua*) 6 May (B. Roberts).
- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 15-20 in a flock moving E over Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 7 Mar (J. Dozier).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 2 adults in the E Everglades (*Dade*), a traditional breeding site, 26 Apr acted as if paired and nesting nearby (P. W. Smith et al.).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 2 adults in S Jacksonville 19 May through the season were suspected of nesting nearby (J. Cocke).
- COOPER'S HAWK: 1 in Naples (*Collier*) 8 May (L. Douglas) was late; 1 nest in Lakeland (*Polk*) fledged 4 young in early June (R. Snow); 1 nest in E *Orange* fledged 3 young also in early June (P. Lantz).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 adult that wintered at Turkey Creek Sanctuary (*Brevard*) was last seen 20 Mar (B. and S. Hills).
- GREAT BLACK-HAWK: 1 adult on Virginia Key (*Dade*) 6 May (noted earlier by D. Lysinger et al.) was "almost certainly" *Buteogallus u. urubitinga* from continental South America (P. W. Smith). Black-hawks have been reported from this area intermittently since 1972. Smith believes all S Florida *Buteogallus* reports refer to this species and are escapes that have subsequently experienced "very limited" breeding.
- HARRIS' HAWK: the 1 continued to be seen at Pine Island (*Lee*) until at least 4 Mar (J. Ester).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph in A.P.A.F.R. (*Polk*) 3 Mar (J. Arnett); 1 dark morph over coastal *Collier* 24 Mar was rare there (E. J. Reimann); 1 light morph adult plucking a bird in flight over Carnestown (*Collier*) 25 Apr (P. W. Smith et al.); 1 light morph adult over U.S. 27 at Josephine Creek (*Highlands*) 24 May (M. McMillian).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 1 at Tosohatchee State Reserve (*Orange*) 15 Apr (K. Fisher, E. Egensteiner) was rare so far north.
- AMERICAN KESTREL: breeding was confirmed in *Pinellas* when a pair was seen feeding 3 fledglings in Brooker Creek Preserve 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (J. and L. Hopkins). This appears to be the first *Pinellas* breeding report in about 40 years (*vide* D. Goodwin).

- MERLIN: 1 migrating N over *Polk* 7 May (P. Fellers).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 2 in *St. Johns* 13 May on the N.A.M.C.: 1 at Anastasia Island (G. Gilbert) and 1 at Guana River S.P. (D. Reed); 1 at Gulf Breeze 19 May (B. and L. Duncan).
- BLACK RAIL: 1 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. (*Pinellas*) 1 Apr (L. Hopkins, K. Nelson, V. Morrison); 2 calling from 2010-2030 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve (*Alachua*) 22 May (D. and E. O'Neill).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: 3 "oinking" at Bayonet Point 23 May (D. Robinson) were late.
- AMERICAN COOT: 20,000 in *Polk* mines 16 Apr was the highest county total (P. Fellers); 6 at Lake Jackson through May (G. Menk).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 100+, possibly 1000, in *Madison* ca. 5-6 Mar (D. Evered).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 300 on Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 12 May (P. Blair).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 1 Apr (V. Morrison, L. Hopkins, K. Nelson); 1 at St. Augustine 22-24 May (A. and M. C. Morgan).
- SNOWY PLOVER: 1 nest with 3 eggs at Shell Key 23 Mar (P. Blair) was the earliest clutch reported in Florida (S&A 1994:213).
- SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: 48 at a Homeland (*Polk*) mine 5 Apr (B. and L. Cooper).
- PIPING PLOVER: 1 at Shell Key 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (P. Blair, K. Nelson).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 at Kanapaha S.T.F. (*Alachua*) 5-6 Apr was locally rare (B. Roberts); 3 pairs with young (broods of 2, 2, and 3), and 1 bird on a probable nest at Driggers Road pond (*Highlands*) 26 May (B. Pranty, M. McMillian).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS: 1032 at a Homeland mine 5 Apr (B. and L. Cooper); 1000 in a flooded field S of Clewiston (*Hendry*) 11 Apr (D. Goodwin, W. Biggs et al.).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 6 at Lake Annie, A.B.S. 17 Apr (J. Fitzpatrick); a flock of 23 in E.N.P. (*Dade* or *Monroe*) in early May (J. Ogden); 1 at Sanibel Island (*Lee*) 27 May (A. and R. Smith).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 17 at Fort Walton Beach spray fields (Okaloosa) 4 Apr (B. Duncan et al.).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Fort Pickens 10 Apr (E. Case).
- RUDDY TURNSTONE: 12 at Shell Island (*Bay*) 4 May were eating Rice Chex cereal! (G. Sprandel).
- SANDERLING: 6 at *Polk* mines 15 Apr (P. Fellers).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER: 80 at Spring Hill S.T.F., Tallahassee 13 May was a locally high inland number (G. Menk, R. Christen).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 1 at Air Products Sanctuary, Pace (*Santa Rosa*) 20 May was thought to be the latest spring report in the region (B. Milmore).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 10,000 at *Polk* mines 2 Mar (P. Fellers).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 8 at *Polk* mines 7 May (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 2 at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (D. Goodwin, C. Buhrman); 3 at F.D.C.P. (*Pinellas*) 20 May (B. and L. Atherton et al.).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 2 in *Okaloosa* 9 May (D. Ware) and 1 there 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (C. and D. Ware, B. Dillon, J. Wright, details to F.O.S.R.C.).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 2 at Panama City Beach Municipal Park (*Bay*) 2 Apr (E. Fontaine, T. Menart); 1 at Kanapaha S.T.F. 9 May (B. Roberts).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 2 E of Titusville (*Brevard*) 31 Mar-1 Apr (D. Stuckey et al.).
- *CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 in breeding plumage at the end of Snake Bight Trail, E.N.P. (*Monroe*) 25 Apr (M. Austin et al., details to F.O.S.R.C.).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 1 at Kanapaha S.T.F. 2 Apr (R. Rowan), and 4 there 25 Apr (B. Roberts); 1858 at *Polk* mines 16 Apr and 1150 still present 7 May (both P. Fellers); 2 in coastal *Collier* 28 Apr (B. J. Anderson) were locally rare.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 70 in a flooded field S of Clewiston 11 Apr (D. Goodwin, W. Biggs et al.); 6 at a spoil pond in N Jacksonville 23 May (R. Clark).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at a Homeland mine 5 Apr (B. and L. Cooper).

- POMARINE JAEGER: 1 immature at Talbot Island S.P. 4 Mar (R. Clark).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 adult at Talbot Island S.P. 4 Mar (R. Clark); 2 light morphs at Fort Pickens 21 Mar (B. Duncan); 1 adult between D.T.N.P. and Key West 13 May (J. Dozier).
- LAUGHING GULL: 100+ flying N over Placid Lakes Estates (*Highlands*) 8 Apr (F. Lohrer) was evidence of migration.
- *LITTLE GULL: the 1 at Port Canaveral remained to at least 8 Mar (L. Manfredi).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL: 35,000-45,000 estimated between Pensacola Beach (*Escambia*) and Fort Pickens 1 Mar (B. Duncan).
- *SABINE'S GULL: 1 immature at D.T.N.P. 6 Apr (K. Karlson, D. Rosselet).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 14+ foraging in the evening over Eco Pond, E.N.P. (*Monroe*) 15 Apr (P. W. Smith et al.).
- SANDWICH TERN: 600+ in coastal *Collier* in May (B. J. Anderson, T. Below).
- ROSEATE TERN: 5 pairs visited the Key West Navy Annex for 2-3 weeks in mid-May, but did not nest (J. Ondrejko).
- COMMON TERN: 1000+ at Shell Key 12 May (P. Blair) was the highest ever spring total.
- BLACK TERN: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 20 May (R. Rowan); 1 at Air Products Sanctuary, Pace 20 May (B. Milmore et al.).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 1 at Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 5 Apr (H. and M. Parker); 448 at *Polk* mines 16 Apr (P. Fellers).
- STREPTOPELIA* SPECIES: 1 at a Tallahassee feeder 30 Apr (D. McBride) was probably *Leon's* first Eurasian Collared-Dove.
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at F.D.C.P. in mid-Apr (M. and S. Turner).
- MOURNING DOVE: 1 fledgling at D.T.N.P. 20 Apr (S. Finnegan et al.) was a rare breeding report from there.
- **LEPTOTILA* SPECIES: 1 at Garden Key, D.T.N.P. 6-7 Apr (K. Karlson, D. Rosselet, photo to F.O.S.R.C.) was reported as a White-tipped Dove (*L. verreauxi*), but this species seems to be ruled out by the photograph. The first Florida record of the genus, and probably the first record for North America if the species can be determined.
- ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET: 2 at Cedar Key in the spring had increased to 4 birds by late summer; 2 of the birds with shorter tails and no collars were suspected of being young-of-the-year. The species has been seen in Cedar Key since 1990, exclusively Apr-Jun; this is the first year the birds have been seen year-round (all information by D. Henderson).
- BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW: 2 over A.B.S. 13 Apr (K. Tarvin, M. Garvin, K. Dayer, J. Jawor) and 1 near there 19 May (R. Bowman) were the first *Highlands* reports.
- CACATUA SPECIES: 2 small cockatoos over A.B.S. 20 May (G. Woolfenden) was the first *Highlands* report.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Fort Pickens 21 Apr (B. Duncan et al.); 1 in N Jacksonville 22 Apr (R. Clark); 1 at St. George Island S.P. (*Franklin*) 24 Apr (D. and S. Jue); 1 at A.B.S. 23 May (G. Woolfenden).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Canal Point (*Palm Beach*) 26 Mar (J. King, P. Blair, R. Smith) was one of the earliest spring reports (S&A 1994:352); 13 at F.D.C.P. 20 May (B. and L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 4, including 1 that fed on nesting wasps, on N Key Largo (*Monroe*) 27 Apr (P. W. Smith et al.).
- BURROWING OWL: 11 in an area near Sorrento (*Lake*) soon to be developed, 24 May (P. Small, R. Ozmore, E. Egensteiner).
- *LONG-EARED OWL: 1 flushed from its roost at A.B.S. 2 Mar (B. Pranty, T. Gionfriddo, accepted by F.O.S.R.C.) was 1000 m NE of the site where 1 (the same?) was found 20 Mar 1994. In both cases, lack of "whitewash" and pellets beneath the roosts indicated one-time use.

- ***COMMON POORWILL** (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*): 1 at Garden Key, D.T.N.P. 5 May observed on the ground at night for 30-40 minutes (H. Langridge, details to F.O.S.R.C.) was the first Florida report, and the first E of the Mississippi River.
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW**: 51, including a flock of 40, migrated off the Gulf at dusk in coastal Collier 24 Mar (T. Below, J. Douglas).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL**: 6-8 were singing at A.B.S. 6 Mar (J. Fitzpatrick); 1 at Alligator Point sang through 7 May (J. Dozier); 1 at Rock Springs Run State Reserve (*Orange*) sang through the season (C. and P. Small et al.).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT**: 1 over Placid Lakes Estates 29 Mar (F. Lohrer).
- ***BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD**: the 1 at Fort Lauderdale (*Broward*) was last seen 18 Mar (B. and T. Center).
- ***ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD**: the 1 that wintered in Tallahassee (*Leon*) was last seen 14 Apr (G. Rico, J. Cavanagh, N. Wamer et al.). This will be the second Florida record if accepted by the F.O.S.R.C.; both from Tallahassee.
- SELASPHORUS SPECIES**: 1 adult female, probably a Rufous Hummingbird, at S Jacksonville through 23 Mar (P. Powell); 1 at a Tallahassee feeder until 23 Mar (*vide* G. Menk).
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD**: 1 immature male in Lutz (*Hillsborough*) was last seen 8 Mar (D. Grimes to F.B.R.); 1 that wintered at Fort Walton Beach was last seen 15 Mar (*vide* D. Ware, banded by B. and M. Sargent); 1 that wintered in Tallahassee was last seen 22 Mar (F. Stoutamire); 1 at Fort Walton Beach 31 Mar (W. Young); 1 male at Titusville 29 Mar (S. Stuckey); 1 female at F.D.C.P. 21 May (B. and L. Atherton).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER**: 1 female at Eglin Air Force Base (*Okaloosa*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (G. Eller, M. Cox, D. Revine).
- EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE**: 1 sang at Wekiwa Springs S.P. (*Orange*) 20 May (C. Catron).
- GREATER ANTILLEAN PEWEE** (*Contopus caribaeus*): 1 in Spanish River Park (*Palm Beach*) 11-17 Mar and 1-4 Apr (B. Hope et al., videotape to F.O.S.R.C.) was the first verified North American record.
- EASTERN PHOEBE**: 2 on the N.A.M.C. 13 May; 1 at Little Talbot Island S.P. (*Duval*) (D. and R. Wears) and 1 at Little-Big Econ State Forest (*Seminole*) (T. Liebler, details to F.O.S.R.C.).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER**: the 1 adult male that wintered at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) was last seen 13 Mar (M. McMillian).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER**: the 1 that wintered at Turkey Creek Sanctuary remained until at least 6 Mar (B. and S. Hills).
- LA SAGRA'S FLYCATCHER**: 1 at Miami 12 Apr (L. Manfredi); 1 at Spanish River Park 1 May (L. Manfredi, B. Hope, M. Padura).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD**: single migrants at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 19 Apr (S. Backes et al.) and Tierra Verde (*Pinellas*) 26 Apr (Jean Turner, A. Kretschmar et al.).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD**: 1 in A.P.A.F.R. (*Polk*) 21 Mar (D. Leonard); 40 at D.T.N.P. 6 Apr (K. Karlson, D. Rosselet).
- GRAY KINGBIRD**: 1 near A.B.S. 21 Apr (K. Tarvin, M. Garvin et al.) was rare inland in spring.
- ***LOGGERHEAD KINGBIRD**: 1 at D.T.N.P. 2 May (W. Biggs et al.).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER**: 1 in F.D.C.P. 2 Apr (E. Heise to F.B.R.); 1 at Port St. Joe (*Gulf*) 2 Apr (L. Case); 1 outside Gainesville (*Alachua*) 3 May (B. Roberts); 2 at Gulf Breeze 4 May and 1 there 16 May (both B. Duncan).
- ***FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER**: 1 at D.T.N.P. 24 Apr (M. Austin et al. photo to F.O.S.R.C.).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW**: 2 at a bridge in Coral Gables (*Dade*) 1 May appeared to be nesting there (P. W. Smith); 2 adults and 3 juveniles at Holiday 25 May (D. Robinson) were the 3rd *Pasco* breeding report (*vide* B. Pranty).
- BANK SWALLOW**: 1 at the lighthouse at St. Marks N.W.R. 31 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Tram Road S.T.F., Tallahassee 12 May (G. Menk); 1 at N Jacksonville 25 May (R. Clark).

- HOUSE WREN: 1 at Emerald Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (R. Wheeler).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 1 at Paynes Prairie State Preserve 27 Mar (A. Kent) was the earliest ever spring report (S&A 1994:498).
- WOOD THRUSH: 1 at Disney Wilderness Preserve (*Osceola*) 28 Mar (P. Hawkinson, E. Roberts); 6 at F.D.C.P. 7 Apr (M. Wilkinson et al.); 1 at A.B.S. 21 Apr (J. Fitzpatrick).
- BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 that sang at Spanish River Park 1 May (H. Langridge, L. Manfredi, B. Hope, M. Padura).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 1 at Spring Hill S.T.F. 11 Apr (G. Menk).
- CEDAR WAXWING: 500 at McKay Bay (*Hillsborough*) 2 May (R. Paul, A. Schnapf et al.); 1 at D.T.N.P. 21 May (W. B. Robertson, B. Kittleson et al.).
- HILL MYNA: 2 at the junction of Alligator Alley and Davis Boulevard in Naples (*Collier*) 16 Mar (S. Hodge) have apparently been present for about 1 1/2 years (*vide* L. Douglas).
- COMMON MYNA: 1 at Fortymile Bend on U.S. 41 (on the Miccosukee Indian Reservation (*Dade*) 25 Apr was further evidence the Miami area population is expanding (P. W. Smith et al.). Additionally, Smith states that the Miami area population was "seriously impacted" by Hurricane *Andrew* in Aug 1992, but has now recovered, and "probably now meets the usual criteria for establishment (i.e., breeding and spreading for 10 years)."
- WHITE-EYED VIREO: 100+ at F.D.C.P. 6-9 Apr (M. Wilkinson et al.).
- *WARBLING VIREO: 1 just N of Choctaw Beach (*Walton*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (T. Maxwell, details to F.O.S.R.C.).
- *THICK-BILLED VIREO: 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch S.R.A. 27 Apr-7 May (W. George, J. DiPasquale et al.) was the first *Broward* report (S&A 1994:528).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 8 at F.D.C.P. 8 Apr (B. and L. Cooper et al.).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at Cedar Key 29-30 Apr (R. Webb, F.O.S. group); 1 at St. George Island S.P. 12 May was believed to be *Vireo a. altiloquus* (J. Cavanagh).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at D.T.N.P. 5 May (S. Mlodinow et al.).
- VERMIVORA HYBRID: 1 "Brewster's Warbler" at Fort Pickens 21 Apr (B. Duncan et al.).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 2 at Fort Pickens 2 Apr (E. Barbig et al.); 1 at St. George Island S.P. 22 Apr (S. Jue, C. Cauley); 1 at Theodore Roosevelt Preserve (*Duval*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (B. Richter).
- NORTHERN PARULA: adults feeding young at Cedar Key 29 Apr (P. Powell et al.) was an early date for fledglings (S&A 1994:548).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 in *Leon* 6 May was late (G. Menk).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 1 male at Laidlaw Preserve, Vernon (*Washington*) 15 Apr (T. Menart, R. Houser et al.); 1 at D.T.N.P. 16 May (W. B. Robertson, B. Kittleson et al.).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 50+ at Key Biscayne (*Dade*) 26 Apr (P. W. Smith et al.).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: 1 male "Audubon's Warbler" at E.N.P. (*Dade*) 6 Mar (F. Davis et al.).
- *TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: 1 in Royal Palm Hammock, E.N.P. (*Dade*) 31 Mar (B. Krikorian).
- PINE WARBLER: 1 at D.T.N.P. 18-20 Apr (G. McCaskie et al.) was a rarity there.
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 2 at F.D.C.P. 6 Apr, 1 remaining until 15 Apr (A. Etienne, M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton et al.); 1 male at Melbourne (*Brevard*) 23 Apr (B. and S. Hills).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 150+ at Key Biscayne 26 Apr (P. W. Smith et al.); 234 in *Duval* 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (*vide* R. Rowan); 76 in *Palm Beach* 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (*vide* H. Langridge); 1 immature male in A.B.S. 25 May (K. Tarvin, M. Garvin).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 on Turner River Road (*Collier*) 12 Mar (B. and B. Wotton) would be the earliest ever spring report if the bird did not winter locally (S&A 1994:580); 20 at Spanish River Park 6 Apr (B. and J. Hope); 3 at Rock Springs Run State Reserve 7 Apr (P. Small, D. Freeman).

- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Fort Pickens 2 Apr (E. Barbig et al.); singles banded at Casey Key (*Sarasota*) 3 Apr and 8 Apr (A. Stedman); up to 8 at F.D.C.P. 6-9 Apr (M. Wilkinson, L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Jacksonville 20 Apr (M. Dolan); 3 birds, including 1 that built a nest, at Steinhatchee Springs W.M.A. (*Lafayette*) 20 Apr, where birds summered in 1993 and 1994 (J. Krummrich).
- OVENBIRD: 30+ in N Jacksonville 19 Apr (R. Clark).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 45 at D.T.N.P. 28 Apr (K. Karlson, D. Rosselet).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 at F.D.C.P. 6 May (B. and L. Atherton et al.); 1 male at Bivens Arm Nature Park (*Alachua*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (R. Rowan); 1 banded at Casey Key 24 May (A. Stedman).
- MOURNING WARBLER: 1 immature male at Spanish River Park 1 May (L. Manfredi, B. and J. Hope, H. Langridge).
- ***MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER** (*Oporornis tolmei*): 1 female with "very conspicuous eye crescents" at Ichetucknee Springs S.P. (*Gilchrist* or *Suwannee*) 23 Apr (B. Burkstrom to F.B.R.) - the species is unverified in Florida.
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 at MacArthur S.R.A. (*Palm Beach*) 3 Mar (C. Weber); 100+ at F.D.C.P. 6-9 Apr (M. Wilkinson et al.).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 at Bonner Park, Largo (*Pinellas*) 8 Apr (P. Blair, B. and B. Wotton).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 2 Paynes Prairie State Preserve reports: 2 at Bolen Bluff Dike, 16 Apr-22 May (F. Davis, H. Lake et al.), and 1 at Cones Dike 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (H. Adams, R. Rowan); 2 at Cedar Point (*Duval*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (R. Clark, J. Bledsoe).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 at Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 4 Mar (B. Hope).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 2 singing males and 1 female at North Pinellas Wellfield (*Pinellas*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. were probably breeding (J. and L. Hopkins).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at a feeder at Alligator Point 3-16 Mar (J. Dozier).
- CUBAN GRASSQUIT** (*Tiaris canora*): 1 male at Miami International Airport (*Dade*) 22 Apr (L. Lewis et al., photos by L. Manfredi) that showed cage wear, "including a bloody base to the bill" (P. W. Smith) was apparently the first verified occurrence in the state (S&A 1994:625). All Florida reports are presumed to be escaped cagebirds.
- DICKCISSEL: 1 female at N Jacksonville 18 Apr (P. Powell).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: widespread singing at A.B.S. 16 Mar, but none previously (G. Wolfenden, B. Pranty, K. Tarvin, M. Garvin, J. Fitzpatrick).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 15+ in a flock in an abandoned citrus grove W of Homestead (*Dade*) 5 Mar were thought to be migrants (P. W. Smith); 2 at Titusville 9 Mar (D. Stuckey, R. Bird).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 in Fruit and Spice Park (*Dade*) 12 Apr (D. Goodwin, W. Biggs et al.).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at Madison (*Madison*) 4 Mar (James and K. Turner, details to F.O.S.R.C.).
- SONG SPARROW: 1 male singing in DeFuniak Springs (*Walton*) 13 May on the N.A.M.C. (B. Ketch).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Bonner Park 7 Apr (K. Nelson); 1 at N Jacksonville 16-18 Apr (R. Clark); 1 at Garden Key, D.T.N.P. 23 Apr (M. Austin et al. to F.B.R.); 1 in a large migrant "wave" at Key Biscayne 26 Apr (P. W. Smith et al.).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 at A.B.S. 6 Mar and 14 Mar (K. Tarvin, J. Jawor, K. Dayer).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: up to 8 at Talbot Island S.P. 18 Mar-9 Apr (R. Clark, M. Dolan).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 at Cedar Key 15 Apr (J. Hintermister); 1 at Garden Key, D.T.N.P. 16-17 Apr (K. Karlson et al.).
- BOBOLINK: 500 at Orlando Wetlands Park 25 Apr (D. Turner); 200 at Shingle Creek (*Osceola*) 28 Apr (J. Thomas).

- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: 1 immature at D.T.N.P. 12 Apr (H. Langridge et al.) and 18-20 Apr (G. McCaskie et al.) was rare there.
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1-2 males at Cedar Key 31 Mar through the season (D. Henderson, N. Taylor); 1 male at Alligator Point 18 Apr-10 May (J. Dozier); 1 male at Honeymoon Island S.R.A. 29 Apr (B. and B. Wotton, A. and R. Smith); a peak count of 25 (11 males and 14 females) at Key West mid-May-8 Jun (J. Ondrejko); 12 (11 males and 1 female) at D.T.N.P. 16-20 May (W. B. Robertson, B. Kittleson et al.).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 8 SW of Florida City 5 Mar (*Dade*) (P. W. Smith et al.) with some remaining into May (W. Hoffman).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 first-year male at Lake Alfred (*Polk*) 15 Apr (C. Geanangel).
- NORTHERN ORIOLE: 1 male "Bullock's Oriole" at a feeder in N *Escambia* Mar-early Apr (E. and H. Barbig).
- PURPLE FINCH: 1 heard calling over A.B.S. 11 Mar (J. Fitzpatrick) was the first *Highlands* report.
- HOUSE FINCH: 1 nest with 3 eggs at Gainesville 9 May (M. Manetz) was the southernmost breeding report in the state.
- PINE SISKIN: 1 at Gainesville 26 Mar (M. Manetz).

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