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## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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**Winter Report: December 1997-February 1998**—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 reviewed formally, 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 E-mailed to the state compiler at billpranty@hotmail.com.

Following the examples set by *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List* (Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, FOS 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.”

The FOS Records Committee (FOSRC) revised the list of birds for which they require documentation, in *FFN* 24(4):132-133, 1996. 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. (Some reports that lack documentation may have been omitted from this report). Bold-faced species, if any, denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida.

A county designation (in italics) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report; further listings of the same site lack the county name. Abbreviations used are as follows: CP = county park, ENP = Everglades National Park, NWR = national wildlife refuge, PPSP = Paynes Prairie State Preserve (*Alachua*), R&W 1992 = Robertson and Woolfenden 1992, S&A 1994 = Stevenson and Anderson 1994, SP = state park, SRA = state recreation area, STF = sewage treatment facility, WMA = wildlife management area, and N, S, E, W, etc. for compass directions.

We thank Rick West, the winter editor of *Field Notes* for sharing information with us. R&W 1992 and S&A 1994 were used to determine the regional and seasonal status of many species. Todd Engstrom assisted with the editing of the manuscript.

### SUMMARY OF THE WINTER SEASON

The big event of the winter season was the appearance of an El Niño Southern Oscillation, which deposited extremely large amounts of rainfall statewide. As examples, Tampa International Airport received 39.3, 11.6, and 27.4 cm of rain for December, January, and February respectively. Average rainfall from that site is 5.3, 4.8, and 7.6 cm, respectively. At Gainesville, the seasonal rainfall was 73.4 cm, compared to an average of 21.3 cm. The water level at Paynes Prairie reached 18.5 m ASL, the highest ever recorded. Virtually all areas of the state reported similar conditions.

Florida's first documented Northern Lapwing was found along Mossy Cove Road, a little-traveled road to a small resort on Lake Istokpoga in Highlands County. Many hundreds of birders—some from as far away as Alaska!—traveled to the area and spent thousands of hours waiting for the lapwing to appear. Nearly 70 other bird species, including White-tailed Kite, Groove-billed Ani, Least Flycatcher, and 3 Northern Waterthrushes, were observed along the road during this time, proof of P. William Smith's

theory of the "Patagonia Picnic Table effect," whereby birders searching for one rarity find others.

Other FOSRC rarities this season were 3 (!) Least Grebes in Polk County, 1 Ross' Goose at Tallahassee, 1 Calliope Hummingbird at Pensacola, 1 Allen's Hummingbird at Tallahassee, 1 Say's Phoebe in Hamilton County, and a Harris' Sparrow at Fort Walton Beach. The highest Florida count of Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks was obtained in Sarasota County, and a new exotic—a Great White Pelican—was found in Polk County in January.

Bob Brown submitted a newspaper article detailing the killing of at least 100 Brown Pelicans in Brevard County in February. Some of the pelicans had been shot, others had their neck broken, and others had their wings broken and tied in knots. The first carcasses washed up on beaches on 4 February, and 70 more were found between Melbourne and Cocoa Beach in early March. The Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies are investigating the crime.

#### SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON: 1 off Virginia Key (*Dade*) 20 Dec (R. Cunningham, M. Cooper); 3 at Huguenot Park, Jacksonville (*Duval*) 31 Jan (R. Rowan); 1 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 22 Feb (H. Horne, T. Kennedy).

PACIFIC LOON: 1 with a throat strap at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 7 Jan-6 Feb (B. Duncan); 1 with a throat strap at J. N. "Ding" Darling NWR (*Lee*) 8 Jan (D. Mages, S. Fried, sketch to FOC).

COMMON LOON: 1 at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 5 Dec-17 Feb (G. Menk); 56 in a raft on Lake Santa Fe (*Alachua*) 21 Feb (B. and J. Bolte).

\*LEAST GREBE: 3 at *Polk* phosphate mines 15 Feb could not be relocated (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel, details to FOSRC).

HORNED GREBE: 5 at Bivens Arm (*Alachua*) 19 Feb (M. Landsman, R. Rowan).

EARED GREBE: 2 at a *Sarasota* STF 1 Dec-11 Jan (J. Palmer et al.).

MASKED BOOBY: 1 at Playalinda Beach, Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 23 Jan (A. and B. Hansen).

NORTHERN GANNET: 2 at St. Marks NWR 15 Feb (T. Kennedy).

**GREAT WHITE PELICAN** (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*): 1 with American White Pelicans at *Polk* phosphate mines 11 Jan (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

BROWN PELICAN: 12 on the Lakeland CBC (*Polk*) 20 Dec (*vide* P. Fellers); 8 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 21 Dec-20 Feb (J. Bryan et al.); 5 at Lake Kissimmee (*Osceola*) 30 Jan (B. and L. Cooper).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: 1 with all-white plumage (soft parts normal in color) at Bivens Arm 19 Dec through the season (R. Rowan).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 8-9 Jan (D. Henderson).

LEAST BITTERN: singles at Destin Pointe (*Okaloosa*) 21-25 Dec (D. Ware, E. Case) and Destin Bridge West (*Okaloosa*) 22 Dec (A. Knothe) were the first regional reports in Dec (*vide* B. Duncan).

WHITE IBIS: 400 in central *Pasco* 11 Jan (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson, J. Alexander).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 131 at ENP, Lake Ingraham (*Monroe*) 4 Jan (B. Berringer et al.).

WHITE SPOONBILL: 1 at McKay Bay (*Hillsborough*) 17 Jan (P. Fellers, M. Chakan, D. McCoy).

GREATER FLAMINGO: 16 at Snake Bight Trail, ENP (*Monroe*) 1 Jan (R. Smith); 65 at ENP 4 Jan (J. Villamil, D. Dillman, W. Gilbert).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: up to "502" in *Sarasota* through the period (*vide* J. Palmer); 26 on the Lakeland CBC 20 Dec (P. Fellers et al.); 1 at Florida City (*Dade*) 7 Jan (R. Cunningham).

- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 12 near Fort Walton Beach Spray Field (*Walton*) 11 Jan (G. McDermott et al.); 6 at St. Marks NWR 10-11 Jan were described as having orange bills (D. Morrow, G. McDermott et al.).
- SNOW GOOSE: 5 blue morphs E of Sarasota (*Sarasota*) 1-14 Dec (J. Palmer et al.); 3 (1 white and 2 blue) at Tram Road STF (*Leon*) 1-5 Dec (J. Cavanagh et al.); 1 white morph at Lynn Haven (*Bay*) 14 Dec (J. Oswald); 1 white morph at Weedon Island County Preserve (*Pinellas*) 20 Dec (B. Hoffman et al.); 1 near Wewahatchka (*Gulf*) 27 Dec (J. Richardson, D. Brahier); 8 (5 white, 3 blue) at N Jacksonville 3 Jan (R. Clark); 1 at PPSP 25 Jan (T. Wronski).
- \*ROSS' GOOSE: 1 at Tram Road STF 1-5 Dec (J. Cavanagh et al., photo to FOSRC).
- BRANT: 1 at Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*) 20 Dec through the period (W. Yusek et al.).
- WOOD DUCK: 1 pair nesting in a box at Melrose (*Putnam*) 2 Feb (B. and J. Bolte); 13 warm eggs in a box at Solutia [formerly Monsanto] Sanctuary (*Escambia*) 7 Feb (C. Davis).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL: 150+ near Royal Palm, ENP (*Dade*) 31 Jan (R. Cunningham).
- MALLARD: 1 male at Buck Island Ranch (*Highlands*) 26 Jan through the period (B. Pranty).
- CINNAMON TEAL: 1 male near Royal Palm, ENP 31 Jan had been present "for several days" (R. Cunningham); 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 7 Feb through the period (R. Harrison et al.).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 140 at Springhill Road STF (*Leon*) 19 Jan (G. Menk et al.).
- GADWALL: 2 near Royal Palm, ENP 31 Jan (R. Cunningham).
- EURASIAN WIGEON: 1 at Merritt Island NWR 10 Jan (R. Webb et al.) and 17 Jan (W. Stinehelfer); 1 male at *Polk* phosphate mines 11 Feb through the period (J. Jackson et al.).
- CANVASBACK: 1 at Bivens Arm 21 Dec-12 Jan (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister).
- OLDSQUAW: 1 at St. Marks NWR 12-16 Dec (C. Black et al.); 1 male at Hunter Lake, Spring Hill (*Hernando*) 23 Dec (A. and B. Hansen, C. Black); singles at Huguenot Park and N Jacksonville 27 Dec (R. Rowan, J. Hintermister); 1 at Cedar Key 3 Jan-25 Feb (D. Henderson); 1 near Turtle Mound, Canaveral National Seashore (*Volusia*) 11 Jan (K. Allen); 1 female at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 14 Feb (H. Adams, B. Muschlitz, M. Landsman).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: 1 immature at Choctawhatchee Bay (*Okaloosa*) 22 Dec (A. and J. Knothe et al.).
- COMMON GOLDENEYE: singles at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 22 Nov-20 Jan (J. Hintermister) and 10-17 Jan (K. Johnson); 22 at St. Marks NWR 20 Dec (*vide* J. Cox); 1 at Fort Island Beach Park (*Citrus*) 10 Jan (A. and B. Hansen, C. Black); lower numbers than normal reported from the western Panhandle (*vide* B. Duncan).
- OSPREY: 1 pair nesting at Lake Talquin (*Gadsden*) 28 Jan (G. Sprandel).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 6 at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (*Collier*) 23 Feb (S. Merrill); 2 in *Taylor* 23 Feb (K. Bowman); 1 near Royal Palm, ENP 24 Feb (R. Cunningham); 1 at Ellzey (*Levy*) 28 Feb (T. Webber).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 at Mossy Cove Road, Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 8 Dec (W. Biggs, G. Woolfenden et al.); 1 adult just NW of Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 28 Dec (B. Snow); 2 S of Fort Basinger (*Highlands*) 30 Dec (*vide* D. and H. Hull); 2 at Buck Island Ranch 8 Dec-5 Feb had built a nest by 5 Feb, but a prescribed fire a few days later singed the nest tree, and the kites deserted the area (M. McMillian, W. Jess, B. Pranty).
- SNAIL KITE: 1 at Lake Jackson, Sebring (*Highlands*) 8 Feb (D. Leonard).
- COOPER'S HAWK: 1 at Key West (*Monroe*) 21 Jan (R. Cunningham).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 at Ponce Inlet (*Volusia*) 20 Dec (D. Hartgrove); 1 light morph at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 20 Jan (B. Postmus) and 23 Feb (S. Merrill); 1 dark

- morph at Buck Island Ranch 27 Feb (M. McMillian) was a first for the ranch; 2 dark morphs wintered at Key West (J. Ondrejko).
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 1 with a white belly "Cuban race?" at Key West 1 Jan through the period (J. Ondrejko).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 at Gainesville 26 Jan (B. Eichhorn).
- BLACK RAIL: 2 *Hernando* reports: 1 apparently run over by a vehicle (!) at Weekiwachee Preserve 20 Dec (D. Robinson, M. Barnwell et al., specimen to Archbold Biological Station and 1 responded to a tape at 0655 at Pine Island 23 Dec (D. Goodwin, E. Haney).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 138 on the Lakeland CBC 20 Dec (*vide* P. Fellers); 1 at Orange Lake (*Alachua*) 21 Jan (J. Bryan).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 at Niceville Spray Field (*Okaloosa*) 18-24 Dec (G. Estes, D. Ware et al.); 5 calling over N Jacksonville 27 Dec (B. Roberts); 77 on the Tallahassee CBC (*Leon*) 1 Jan (*vide* G. Menk).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 2 near Haines City (*Polk*) 9 Jan (D. Gore).
- NORTHERN LAPWING** (*Vanellus vanellus*): 1 adult in a pasture along Lake Istokpoga (*Highlands*) 7 Dec-4 Jan (E. and F. Pratt et al., note by G. Woolfenden and B. Pranty in prep.) was the first Florida record of this Eurasian species.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 500 at Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 26 Feb (P. Blair).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 2 inland near Royal Palm, ENP 31 Jan (R. Cunningham).
- PIPING PLOVER: 38 at Shell Key 6 Jan (P. Blair, W. Yusek).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at Buck Island Ranch 31 Jan (R. Webb).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: singles through the period at Fort DeSoto CP (*Pinellas*) (L. Atherton et al.) and Honeymoon Island SRA (*Pinellas*) (W. Yusek et al.).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 1 in central *Pasco* 11 Jan (L. Atherton, M. Wilkinson, J. Alexander); 1 at Royal Palm, ENP 4 Feb (R. Cunningham).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 20 in central *Pasco* 19 Jan (R. Webb et al.); 8 at Carillon (*Pinellas*) 28 Feb (A. and R. Smith); 2 near Royal Palm, ENP 31 Jan (R. Cunningham).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK: 5 birds in courtship display E of Brooksville (*Hernando*) 7 Jan-5 Feb (A. and B. Hansen et al.).
- JAEGER SPECIES: 1 "probable" Parasitic Jaeger at St. Marks NWR 24 Jan (M. Keese).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 subadult light morph on the beach at Cape San Blas (*Gulf*) 21 Feb (T. Menart et al.).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 at Venice (*Sarasota*) 12 Jan (A. Van Netta); 2 along SR-406 (*Brevard*) 18 Jan (B. Bergstrom).
- HERRING GULL: 200 at Shell Key 23 Feb (P. Blair).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at Lake Istokpoga 28 Feb (M. McMillian); 1 adult at Fort DeSoto CP through the period (*vide* R. Smith); 1 at Merritt Island NWR 23 Jan (A. and B. Hansen); 1 at Fort Myers Beach (*Lee*) 3 Feb (C. Ewell); 1 adult at Carillon 26 Feb through the season (L. Atherton et al.), and 2 there 8 Mar (B. Pranty, G. Stoccardo, W. Biggs).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 first-year bird at Egmont Key NWR (*Hillsborough*) 19 Feb (J. Chi-coine).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult at Virginia Key 20 Dec (R. Cunningham).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: 1 immature at Jetty Park (*Brevard*) 21 Dec (R. Halpin et al.); 1 adult at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 29 Dec (D. Ware et al.).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 1 at Pine Island CP (*Hernando*) 26 Dec (B. Pranty, C. Letcher); 1 inland near Royal Palm, ENP 31 Jan (R. Cunningham).
- CASPIAN TERN: 70 on the Lakeland CBC 20 Dec (*vide* P. Fellers); 35 at Shell Key 6 Jan (P. Blair, W. Yusek).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 2800 at ENP, Lake Ingraham 4 Jan (B. Berringer et al.); 1 at Gainesville 19 Jan (J. Krummrich).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 10 old nests in two trees 15 m apart along Croom Road (*Hernando*) 27 Dec, a recently colonized area (K. Spiliotis et al.).

- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 near Newberry (*Alachua*) 13 Dec (E. Gravely).
- MONK PARAKEET: 25 near Lake Tohopekaliga (*Osceola*) 23 Jan (*vide* L. Lane).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 at J. N. "Ding" Darling NWR (*Lee*) 28 Jan through the period (B. Postmus).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI: 1 along Mossy Cove Road 13 Dec-Jan (D. Wright et al.); 1 at Fort Pickens 24 Jan (M. Scheller) and 27 Feb (B. Duncan).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 8 at Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 24 Nov-24 Dec (C. Weber, B. Hope et al.).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: 1 at John Chestnut CP (*Pinellas*) 7 Dec (J. King); 1 at Fort Pickens 21 Jan (B. Duncan); 1 at Bonner Park, Largo (*Pinellas*) through the period (J. Fisher).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL: 12 between Snake Bight Trail and Flamingo, ENP (*Monroe*) 16 Jan (R. Smith).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Cantonment (*Escambia*) 20 Sep-12 Dec (B. Kenney, banded by B. Sargent); singles at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 10 Nov-20 Dec (J. Pfeiffer et al.) and 9-20 Dec (C. Suggs et al.).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 first-year male at Tallahassee 9 Feb through the period (A. Camp et al., banded by B. Sargent); 1 female at Tallahassee 10 Feb through the period (J. Elliott et al., banded by B. Sargent).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Tallahassee 10-22 Feb (M. Friedeman et al., banded by B. Sargent).
- ARCHILOCHUS SPECIES: 1 probable Black-chinned Hummingbird at Orange Park (*Clay*) 16-23 Dec (L. McCullagh).
- \*CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult female at Pensacola 5-10 Jan (M. Carson et al., banded by B. Sargent).
- RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Pensacola 15 Dec-21 Dec (C. Suggs et al.); 1 female at Dade City (*Pasco*) mid-Nov-6 Mar (D. Ward, L. Atherton et al.); 1 first-year female at Tallahassee 5 Jan through the period (B. and D. Gruender et al., banded by B. Sargent); 1 adult female at Tallahassee 10-26 Feb (J. O'Malley et al., banded by B. Sargent); 1 male wintered at Edgewater (*Volusia*) (G. Dombroski); 1 female banded by B. Sargent at Melrose last winter returned 8 Jan through the period (D. Abbott et al.).
- \*ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult male at Tallahassee 5 Jan (L. and R. Short et al., details to FOSRC).
- SELASPHORUS SPECIES: 1 at Gainesville 1 Jan through the period (M. Manetz, E. Perry).
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: 1 adult at Boyd Hill Nature Park (*Pinellas*) 7 Dec only (V. Morrison).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 calling just S of Mossy Cove Road 9 Dec (J. Fisher); 1 calling at Brooker Creek County Preserve (*Pinellas*) 11 Jan, where 1 was found in mid-Feb 1996 (A. and R. Smith, B. Hoffman).
- \*SAY'S PHOEBE: 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 17 Jan-24 Feb (M. Dolan et al., details to FOSRC).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 immature at St. Marks NWR 10 Jan through the period (G. McDermott et al.); the male at Buck Island Ranch was seen last 27 Feb (M. McMillian).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Fort Walton Beach Spray Field 29 Oct-24 Feb is probably the same bird that has wintered there the past three years (B. Duncan et al.).
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Peace River Park (*Polk*) 11 Jan (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 at Gainesville 21 Feb (S. Duncan).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 2 at Lake Lowery (*Polk*) through the period (*vide* P. Timmer); 2 at Ruskin (*Hillsborough*) 3 Dec (R. Smith et al.); 2 at Banana Lake Park (*Polk*) 5 Dec (T. Palmer); 1 at Weedon Island 20 Dec (B. Hoffman et al); 2 at Mayport (*Duval*) 27 Dec (M. Davidson); 1 at St. Joseph Peninsula SP (*Gulf*) 18-19 Jan (R. Halpin, C. Perrin); 1 at Egmont Key NWR 18 Jan (J. Shrewsbury); 2 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (D. Henderson, R. Christen); 18 at Homestead (*Dade*) 14 Jan (L. Manfredi).

- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Lake Lowery through the period (E. Bostleman et al.); 3 at Ruskin mid-Dec-1 Feb (*vide* R. Smith); 8 at Homestead 18 Jan (L. Manfredi).
- PURPLE MARTIN: 2 in female plumage over Hernando Beach (*Hernando*) 26 Dec (B. Pranty); several at Highland City (*Polk*) 12 Jan (P. Blair); 2 at Kanapaha Prairie (*Alachua*) 17 Jan (L. Badger).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 without details at St. Marks NWR 30 Dec (D. Morrow).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at Monticello (*Jefferson*) 4 Dec-23 Feb (R. Atchison et al.); 1 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (G. Basili, R. Christen); 1 at Jacksonville 10 Jan through the season (N. Wamer).
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 at Tall Timbers Research Station (*Leon*) 1 Dec (L. Manfredi et al.) was the only report received.
- WINTER WREN: 1 at Swift Creek (*Hamilton*) 20 Dec (R. Rowan); 1 at Black Swamp (*Leon*) 12-25 Jan (G. Menk, L. Atherton).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: an unspecified number at Joe Budd WMA (*Gadsden*) in Jan (G. Sprandel); 1 N of Gainesville 8-18 Feb (J. Hintermister).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 150 along Southport Road (*Osceola*) 30 Jan (B. and L. Cooper).
- SPRAGUE'S PIPIT: 1 at Apalachicola Airport (*Franklin*) 30 Nov-12 Jan (L. Manfredi, J. Cavanagh et al.).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at PPSP 21 Dec (G. McDermott).
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: 1 *lutescens* at Honeymoon Island 21 Dec (L. Atherton).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Fort DeSoto CP 17 Dec-8 Feb (L. Atherton et al.); 1 at Tallahassee 28 Jan-1 Feb (D. Harder, J. LaVia).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 2 at Newnans Lake 21 Dec (L. Terry); 4 at Peace River Park 11 Jan (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer); 1 singing at PPSP 22 Feb (B. Muschlitiz); 3 singing at Joe Budd WMA 27 Feb (G. Sprandel).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 at Loxahatchee NWR 13 Dec (H. Langridge, G. Hunter); 1 near Mossy Cove Road 11 Jan (L. Atherton).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Tampa (*Hillsborough*) 22 Dec (K. Allen, P. Rawls); 1 at Emerald Marsh Conservation Area (*Lake*) 2 Jan (J. Bryan).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 male near Newnans Lake 21 Dec (M. Manetz); 1 at Peace River Park 11 Jan through the period (C. Geanangel, P. Timmer, B. Bratlie); 1 male and 1 female at West Palm Beach (*Palm Beach*) 10 Feb (A. Hunter, A. Kanafel).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: 1 male at Royal Palm, ENP 7 and 25 Jan (R. Cunningham); 1 at San Pedro Center (*Seminole*) 29 Jan (D. Freeman).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 at Destin 22 Dec (E. Case, P. Beasley, P. Berry); 1 at Gainesville 17 Jan (R. Rowan); 1 at Jacksonville through the season (P. Powell).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Gainesville 20 Nov through the winter (M. Manetz et al.); 1 at Bivens Arm 21 Dec (R. Rowan); 1 "presumed migrant" E of Florida City 24 Feb (R. Cunningham).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 near Newnans Lake 6 Dec (M. Manetz); 3 near Mossy Cove Road 13 Dec (L. Atherton); 1 near PPSP 21 Dec (M. Manetz).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 female at Key West 15 Jan (J. Ondrejko).
- WILSON'S WARBLER: 1 male in *Leon* 10 Dec (G. Menk, R. Peterson); 1 adult at Gulf Breeze 12 Feb (D. and J. Ballman).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 at Emerald Marsh Conservation Area 2 Jan (J. Bryan).
- SUMMER TANAGER: 1 female on the Lakeland CBC 20 Dec (C. Geanangel et al.); 1 female at Street Nature Center, Winter Haven (*Polk*) 31 Dec-2 Jan (L. Cooper); 1 at Deering Estate (*Dade*) 6 Feb (R. Cunningham).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 on the Pensacola CBC 20 Dec (B. Duncan, J. Pfeiffer, M. Peters); 1 at Shalimar (*Okaloosa*) 22 Dec (M. and R. Rose); 1 adult male at Sanibel Island (*Lee*) 18 Feb through the season (R. Konz et al., videotape by B. Atherton).
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: 1 female at Fort Pickens 9 Dec (B. Duncan); 1 adult male at Sanibel Island 18 Feb through the season (R. Konz et al., videotape by B. Atherton).

- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: 1 at Fort Walton Beach 24 Jan (B. and T. Fleck).
- BLUE GROSBEAK: 1 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 5-24 Dec (J. Dozier); 1 probable male at Fort Pickens 9 Dec-6 Feb (B. Duncan, M. Rose); 1 in *Leon* 2 Jan (*vide* G. Menk).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Gulf Breeze 7-9 Dec (B. Duncan); 1 in female plumage at Lynn Haven 13 Dec (J. and L. Oswald); 2 at Pensacola 21 Dec (S. Duncan); 1 male at *Okaloosa* landfill 23 Dec (E. Case); 1 at Big Lagoon (*Escambia*) 29 Dec (B. Bremser); 1 at Cedar Key 2 Jan (*vide* R. Christen); 1 in *Hillsborough* 20-30 Jan (D. Bowman).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 1 male at Fort Walton Beach Spray Field 10 Dec (D. Nicholson); up to 7 at a Haines City feeder through the period (A. Wheaton et al.); 1 male at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 21 Feb (C. Pierce et al.).
- FIELD SPARROW: Three *Pinellas* reports: 1 at Boyd Hill Nature Park 6 Dec (A. and R. Smith, B. Hoffman), 2 at Weedon Island 20 Dec (B. Hoffman), and 2 at Brooker Creek Preserve 11 Jan (A. and R. Smith, B. Hoffman).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 at Homestead (*Dade*) 18 Jan (L. Manfredi).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 3 S of Newport (Wakulla) 2 Dec (L. Manfredi); 1 at PPSP 21 Dec (B. Roberts, T. Taylor).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 6 at Emerald Marsh Conservation Area 2 Jan through the period (J. Bryan et al.); 1 at Buck Island Ranch 29 Jan (B. Pranty).
- SALTMARSH SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 1 at St. Marks NWR 2 Dec (L. Manfredi); 2 at Fort Island Gulf Beach 10 Jan (A. and B. Hansen).
- NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: "several" at St. Marks NWR 2 Dec (L. Manfredi); 2 at Fort Island Gulf Beach 10 Jan (A. and B. Hansen); 7 at Fort DeSoto CP 21 Feb (R. Smith et al.).
- FOX SPARROW: 1 at Niceville 15 Dec (G. Estes); 1 in *Hamilton* 20 Dec (M. Manetz, J. Ault); 1 at PPSP 21 Dec (M. Manetz, S. Cole); 4 at Florida Caverns SP (*Jackson*) 10 Jan (Lake Region Aud. Soc.); 3 at San Felasco Hammock (*Alachua*) 11 Jan-8 Feb (M. Manetz, G. McDermott); 1 at Lake Alto (*Alachua*) 14 Feb (J. Winn).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve 23 Dec (B. Pranty); 1 at St. Marks NWR 17 Jan (T. Taylor, V. Steadman); 1 at Buck Island Ranch 28 Jan (B. Pranty); 2 at PPSP through the period (J. Hintermister, M. Manetz).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 at Tampa 22 Dec (D. Bowman, H. Neinhouse).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 2 at Delray Beach (*Palm Beach*) 27 Dec (B. Hope); 2 W of West Palm Beach 6 Jan (H. Langridge, G. Hunter).
- \*HARRIS' SPARROW: 1 adult at Fort Walton Beach Spray Field 15 Dec-17 Jan (L. Fennimore et al.).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 6 in *Leon* variously this winter (*vide* G. Menk); 3 at Gainesville 3 Dec-31 Jan (E. Perry); 1 at Melrose 4 Dec (B. and J. Bolte); 1 at Orange Park 15-16 Dec (L. McCullagh); 1 at Joe Budd WMA 19 Jan (G. Sprandel); 1 near Newnans Lake 11 Feb (C. Reno, I. Fromberg).
- BOBOLINK: 1 at Gulfport (*Pinellas*) 20 Dec (R. Webb [photos to FOC], A. and R. Smith).
- EASTERN MEADOWLARK: 1 at Shell Key 23 Feb was the first for the island (P. Blair and W. Yusek).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 adult male at Bradenton (*Manatee*) 28 Feb-1 Mar (J. Palmer).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD: 10+ at Florida Caverns SP (*Jackson*) 7 Dec (R. Rowan et al.); 8 at PPSP 18 Dec (J. Hintermister, H. Adams); 1 near Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 21 Dec (M. Manetz, T. Hoctor); 10+ near Cedar Key 2 Jan (R. Rowan, M. Manetz).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 1 at *Hamilton* phosphate mines 1 Dec (J. Krummrich).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 50+ at Briggs Nature Center (*Lee*) 30 Dec (V. Fazio).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at Apalachicola 1 Dec (L. Manfredi); 8 at Lakeland (*Polk*) through the period (L. Cooper et al.).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 male and 1 female at Key West 18 Jan (J. Ondrejko).
- BULLOCK'S ORIOLE: 1 male and 1 female at Key West 18 Jan (J. Ondrejko).



BLACK-CAPPED MANIKIN (*Lonchura atricapillus*): 1 male and 1 female at Flamingo, ENP 28 Dec (M. Manetz).

PURPLE FINCH: 1 "pair" at Jacksonville 4-7 Dec (J. Ross); 1 male at Jacksonville 2 Jan-mid-Feb (*vide* P. Powell).

HOUSE FINCH: 1 male and 1 female at Haines City 1 Dec through the period (A. Wheaton et al.); 13 at Brooksville (*Hernando*) 6 Jan through the period (L. Atherton et al.).

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Corrections to Summer 1997 report (FFN 26:26-32): the observations by Jack Dozier of Yellow Warbler and Prairie Warbler at St. Marks NWR were reversed: 1 Prairie Warbler was observed 26 Jul, and 1 (not "1-2") Yellow Warbler was observed 5 Jul, which is the earliest fall report.

Fall 1997 reports not published previously, all from *Palm Beach*: Manx Shearwater: 1 with a British Museum leg band found dead at Palm Beach 17 Nov (Mark Robson); Broad-winged Hawk: 1 at Spanish River Park, Boca Raton 3 Sep (Brian Hope); Diamond Dove: 1 at a feeder at Boynton Beach Oct-Nov (Joan Calder, photo to P. William Smith); Blue-and-yellow Macaw: 1 pair frequenting a feeder at Loxahatchee "the last few years" was observed feeding a juvenile this year (*vide* Howard Langridge); Lesser Nighthawk: 3 at Loxahatchee NWR 24 Nov through the period (Chuck Weber, Brian Hope et al., videos

by B. Hope); Brown-crested Flycatcher: 1 calling W of Delray Beach, where 1 was found last winter, 28 Oct (B. Hope); Nashville Warbler: 1 at Spanish River Park 28 Oct (B. Hope).

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