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## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

**Summer Report: June-July 2001.** This report consists of significant observations of birds submitted to the Field Observations Committee (FOC) or, in some cases, “plucked” off Internet lists. Submissions should be in the following format: species, number of individuals, age and sex of the bird(s), color morph if applicable, location (including county), date, observer(s), and significance. Seasons are winter (December-February), spring (March-May), summer (June-July), and fall (August-November). Submit observations to regional compilers within two weeks after the close of each season, or to the state compiler within one month. We greatly prefer observations sent via e-mail. Addresses of the FOC members are found at the end of this report.

Sight-only observations are considered “reports” while only those supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio tapes, or specimens) are called “records.” Species for which documentation is required by the FOS Records Committee (FOSRC; Bowman 2000, *Fla. Field Nat.* 28: 149-160) are marked with an asterisk (\*). A county designation (*in italics*) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations in this report are: CP = county park, ELAPP = Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (*Hillsborough*), ENP = Everglades National Park, EOS = end of season, LARA = Lake Apopka Restoration Area (*Orange*), NWR = national wildlife refuge, PPM = *Polk* phosphate mines, SP = state park, SRA = state recreation area, STF = sewage treatment facility, and N, S, E, W etc., for compass directions. Bold-faced species denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida, or record high counts.

### SUMMARY OF THE SUMMER SEASON

Rainfall this summer was plentiful, raising hopes that the drought finally was lifting. However, rainfall after July was sparse, and the drought continued through the fall. Temperatures were above normal. Only four FOSRC rarities were reported: at least two Masked Ducks continued at Pembroke Pines, the Heermann’s Gull continued at Fort De Soto CP, while a Couch’s Kingbird at Gulf Breeze and a Tropical Kingbird at Fort De Soto were single-day wonders. Other interesting observations were a Virginia Rail heard in *Brevard* in Jun, the first summer report in Florida of an American Golden-Plover (photographed in *Miami-Dade* in Jul), the state’s first inland Arctic Tern at Lake Apopka (perhaps not entirely unexpected given the numerous reports off the Atlantic coast in May), an apparent Black-billed Cuckoo at St. Marks NWR in Jul, a Short-eared Owl (presumably of the West Indian subspecies) at Kissimmee Prairie in Jun, an Antillean Nighthawk in *Brevard*, a Bahama Mockingbird at Dry Tortugas NP, a Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrow in *Duval* in Jun furnishing the first accepted summer report, and the second summer report of Bronzed Cowbird in Florida. Lastly, the West Nile Virus was discovered in Florida and quickly spread to the central Peninsula. Given its lethal effects on corvids, West Nile Virus potentially could have dire effects on Florida Scrub-Jays.

This May-Jun Harry Robinson carefully recorded locations of territorial birds at the easternmost 3200 ha of Lake Apopka Restoration Area. The table lists the number of territories counted for 36 species of breeding birds. Habitats are primarily old fields and canals, with some temperate hammock and one stand of slash pines (*Pinus elliottii*).

Species	# of territories
Green Heron	25
Mottled Duck	7
Red-shouldered Hawk	9
Red-tailed Hawk	6
Northern Bobwhite	65
Purple Gallinule	16
Common Moorhen	126
Mourning Dove	29
Common Ground-Dove	116 (2× last year)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	16
Great Horned Owl	7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	58
Northern Flicker	10
Downy Woodpecker	31
Great Crested Flycatcher	13
Loggerhead Shrike	5
Blue Jay	42
Barn Swallow	54
Tufted Titmouse	7
Brown Thrasher	18
Carolina Wren	153
European Starling	8
Northern Parula	10
Pine Warbler	8
Yellow-breasted Chat	8
Northern Cardinal	320 (2× last year)
Blue Grosbeak	76
Indigo Bunting	54
Painted Bunting	19 males (17 ad, 2 imm)
Boat-tailed Grackle	152
Common Grackle	40
Eastern Meadowlark	12
Red-winged Blackbird	932
Orchard Oriole	10
Eastern Towhee	72
House Sparrow	1

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS

COMMON LOON: singles in winter plumage off St. Teresa Beach (*Franklin*) 7 Jul (J. Murphy) and at Tram Road STF (*Leon*) 16 Jul (G. Menk); 1 in breeding plumage at New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 14 Jul (E. Wood).

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 1 *ca.* 19 km off Key Biscayne (*Miami-Dade*) 14 Jul (A. Prather).

NORTHERN GANNET: 1 weakened bird found *ca.* 9 km inland at Crystal River (*Citrus*) 13 Jun was sent to Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary (*fide* M. Knudsen and C. Eisele); 1 first-year bird seen alive at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 18 Jul was found dead two days later (J. Fajans, to FLMNH).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 40+ at Bald Point (*Franklin*) 10-15 Jun (J. Dozier); 1000 at White Sands Lake, Keystone Heights (*Clay*) 1 Jul ff (J. Blois); *ca.* 30 at Flamingo,

- ENP (*Monroe*) 2 Jul (B. Roberts); 7 near the *Miami-Dade* landfill 6 Jul (L. Manfredi); up to 2400 (27 Jun) summered at LARA (H. Robinson).
- BROWN PELICAN: a statewide breeding survey 13-19 Jun located 6432 pairs in 39 colonies, considerably lower than the annual mean of 9317 pairs since surveys began in 1968—the reason for the decline this year is unknown (S. Nesbitt); 4 (1 adult, 3 juveniles) at Mulberry (*Polk*) 14 Jun (T. Palmer).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) 3 Jun (C. Black); 157 in several groups at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 12 Jun the day after the passage of Tropical Storm *Allison* (R. Clark).
- LEAST BITTERN: 1 in mangroves at Green Key, New Port Richey 7 Jul (J. McKay, K. Tracey).
- WADING BIRDS: excluding Cattle Egrets, 38,647 pairs bred in the greater Everglades ecosystem, with over half of these at Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) this season (*vide* D. Gawlik).
- “GREAT WHITE HERON:” 1 immature at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 18 Jul-EOS (J. Hintermister et al.).
- GREAT EGRET: 200 at Newnans Lake 18 Jul (J. Hintermister).
- REDDISH EGRET: 1 dark morph at Phipp’s Point, Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 7 Jul (J. Murphy); 1 at Carrabelle Beach (*Franklin*) 7 and 28 Jul (G. Sprandel); 12 (3 light and 9 dark) at Hagens Cove (*Taylor*) and 1 dark morph at Adams Beach (*Taylor*) 30 Jul (J. Hintermister, H. Adams); 86 pairs, thought to be a post-plume-hunting high count, bred in 10 colonies in *Hillsborough*, *Manatee*, *Pinellas*, and *Sarasota*, with 45 pairs at Alafia Bank (A. and R. Paul).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: 75 pairs bred at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) 20 Jul (P. Small).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 335 pairs bred in 4 colonies in *Hillsborough* and *Manatee*, about half of typical numbers (A. and R. Paul).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 2 near Lake Wales (*Polk*) 6 Jun (D. Morrison); 5 at Lake Hollingsworth (*Polk*) 5 Jul (T. Palmer); 27 first-year birds at Holiday (*Pasco*) 6 Jul (K. Tracey); 9 at LARA 15-19 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 immature at Newnans Lake 18 Jul (J. Hintermister); up to 3 summered at Lake Hamilton (*Polk*; B. and L. Cooper); 180 pairs bred in 6 colonies in *Hillsborough*, *Manatee*, and *Pinellas*, about the same number as last year (A. and R. Paul).
- FLAMINGO SPECIES: 1 in flight over the Bayside Bridge over Old Tampa Bay (*Pinellas*) 19 Jun (R. Grant).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 at Newnans Lake 3 Jul (M. Meisenburg); 100s at the Belle Glade Agricultural Station (*Palm Beach*) 8 Jul (B. Hope).
- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 4 adults at Central Park, Ormond Beach (*Volusia*) 26 Jun (C. Stoccardo); “several” at the Belle Glade Agricultural Station 8 Jul (B. Hope); three *Alachua* reports: 2 adults at Gainesville 10 Jun (L. Bliss), 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 18 Jul (J. Hintermister), and 5 at Newnans Lake 24 Jul (J. Hintermister).
- MOTTLED DUCK: 150 at Newnans Lake 16 Jun (R. Rowan); 61 at LARA 4 Jul (H. Robinson); 27 at Lake Hamilton 18 Jul (B. and L. Cooper).
- NORTHERN PINTAIL: 1 female at W Kendall (*Miami-Dade*) 10-27 Jul (J. Boyd et al.).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 4 at PPM 1 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- RING-NECKED DUCK: 1 in *Walton* 8 Jun (B. Reid, B. Clark).
- \*MASKED DUCK: 1 with an all-azure bill remained at Pembroke Pines (*Broward*) to 21 Jun (A. and B. Hansen, R. MacGregor), while another with some dark on the bill lingered to 9 Jun (J. Boyd). The latter individual had less black in the bill than the one J. Boyd photographed 22 May, but it is not known whether this implies that at least three males were present (as was suspected by at least two other observers), or whether the bill color on the second male changed somewhat over 18 days.
- RUDDY DUCK: 2 (female and male) at Lake Apopka Restoration Area 21 Jul (D. Simpson, K. Radamaker).

- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 10 near Fort Lonesome (*Manatee*) 11 Jun (D. and P. Fellers).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 along CR-827 *ca.* 16-24 km SE of SR-880 (*Palm Beach*) 14 Jul (D. Santoni).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: 1 at LARA 22 and 29 Jul (H. Robinson).
- COOPER'S HAWK: 2 juveniles at Cape Coral (*Lee*) 5-6 Jul (C. Ewell, A. Salcedo).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: 1 dark morph at Weekiwachee Preserve 7 Jul (C. Black) and 1 light morph there 28 Jul (A. and B. Hansen); 1 dark morph at Flamingo, ENP 10 Jul (B. Roberts); 2 (1 dark and 1 light) near Tiger Creek (*Polk*) 15 Jul (D. Goodwin, B. Cowart); 1 light morph at Saddle Creek CP 29 Jul (D. Wassmer, L. Saul, L. Albright).
- RED-TAILED HAWK: 1 adult summered at W Kendall (J. Boyd).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 22 in one flock in *Okeechobee* 25 Jun (L. and P. Gray).
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 1 at LARA 15 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 in *Okaloosa* 19 Jul (D. Ware).
- BLACK RAIL: 1 heard at Belle Glade Marina (*Palm Beach*) 14 Jul (P. Bithorn, J. Villamil).
- VIRGINIA RAIL: 1 (heard only) called "a series of *kid-dicks*" four times at Canaveral Marsh Conservation Area (*Brevard*) 9 Jun (L. Malo).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 at Boca Ciega Park (*Pinellas*) to 12 Jun (I. Hernandez).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 pair with 1 chick just a few days old at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 12 Jun (P. Small).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: breeding again occurred but again was not successful. Fifteen pairs formed, 9 territories were defended, and eggs were laid in 2 nests (S. Nesbitt).
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: 1 at PPM 17 Jun (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 at LARA 25 Jul (H. Robinson).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 in breeding plumage at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 22-27 Jul (V. McGrath et al., photos to FOC by D. LaPuma) was the first summer report.
- WILSON'S PLOVER: 4 pairs and 1 chick at Fort Matanzas National Monument (*St. Johns*) 25 May (*vide* P. Powell); 40 adults and 5 chicks at Talbot Islands SP (*Duval*) 23 Jun (P. Leary); 3 pairs with several chicks at Wolf Branch ELAPP site 24 Jun (D. Powell, B. Pranty); 13 adults and 5 chicks at Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*) in Jun (R. Clark); 30 or more at Lighthouse Pond, St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 8 Jul (T. Curtis); 2 adults and 2 young at the S end of CR-361 (*Dixie*) 30 Jul (J. Hintermister, H. Adams).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 2 at LARA 27 Jul (H. Robinson).
- PIPING PLOVER: 1 at Crandon Beach (*Miami-Dade*) 21 Jul (H. Druid); 4 at Fort De Soto CP 27 Jul (K. Allen).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: the first statewide survey located 391 definite or probable pairs and 42 singles. Many rooftop nests were found, especially in *Pinellas* (N. Douglass et al.).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: up to 8 at Newnans Lake 16-26 Jun (R. Rowan, M. Manetz).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: up to 4 at Newnans Lake 3-21 Jun (T. Weber, M. Manetz); 1 at Spoonbill Pond (*Duval*) 13 Jul (P. Leary); 1 at St. Marks NWR 24 Jul (N. Wienders).
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS: 4 St. Sebastian River Buffer Preserve (*Indian River*) 26 Jun (D. Simpson); 1 at Springhill Road STF (*Leon*) 2 Jul (G. Menk).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS: 17 St. Sebastian River Buffer Preserve 26 Jun (D. Simpson); 1 at PPM 1 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 18-22 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Homestead 26 Jul (J. Boyd et al.).
- WILET: 4 at LARA 4 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Newnans Lake 8 Jul (T. Weber); 3 flew over Springhill Road STF 25 Jul (G. Menk).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 1 at Green Key 7 Jul (J. McKay); 1 at LARA 11 Jul (H. Robinson); 16 at Springhill Road STF and 4 at Tram Road STF 30 Jul (G. Menk).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 27 Jul (H. Robinson).
- WHIMBREL: 1 at Flamingo, ENP 17 Jul (B. Roberts).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Cedar Key 26 Jul (G. Kiltie); 1 at Fort De Soto CP 27 Jul (K. Allen).

- MARbled GODWIT: 1 at Phipp's Point 7 Jul (J. Murphy); 6 summered at Carrabelle Beach (G. Sprandel).
- SANDERLING: 1 at the Belle Glade Agricultural Station 14 Jul (P. Bithorn, J. Villamil).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 4 Jul (H. Robinson); 2 at Snake Bight, ENP 17 Jul (B. Roberts).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 1 at Snake Bight, ENP 17 Jul (B. Roberts).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 43 at PPM 1 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 3 in breeding plumage at W Kendall 7 Jul (J. Boyd).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 6 at LARA 10 Jun (H. Robinson); 2 at PPM 17 Jun (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 at Viera 21 Jun (A. and B. Hansen).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 15 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Homestead (*Miami-Dade*) 19 Jul (L. Manfredi); 1 at PPM 22 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 10 at LARA 8 Jul, and 9 there 15 Jul (H. Robinson); 30 at Homestead 25 Jul-EOS (R. Webb, D. LaPuma et al.).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 at LARA 29 Jul (H. Robinson).
- RUFF: 1 female at Viera 10-11 Jun (D. Feuss, R. Webb et al.); 1 female at Homestead 26 Jul (J. Boyd et al.).
- DOWITCHER SPECIES: 1 at Newnans Lake 8 Jul (M. Manetz).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1 at LARA 15 Jul (H. Robinson).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 at Spoonbill Pond 13 Jul and three there shortly afterward, with 1 remaining two weeks (P. Leary); 1 at Homestead 22 Jul (V. McGrath); 2 near Big Talbot Island SP (*Duval*) 24 Jul (K. Allen).
- LAUGHING GULL: over 800 nests at Huguenot Park 13 Jun (T. Breen); 19,300 pairs bred in *Hillsborough*, *Manatee*, and *Pinellas*, with 10,000 pairs at Egmont Key NWR (*Hillsborough*; A. and R. Paul).
- \*HEERMANN'S GULL: 1 summered at Fort De Soto CP (L. Atherton et al.).
- HERRING GULL: 1 emaciated immature at Bald Point (*Franklin*) 15 Jul (J. Murphy, J. Dozier).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 first-year bird near the *Miami-Dade* landfill 6 Jul (L. Manfredi).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 8 at PPM 17 Jun (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 pair at Fort George Island (*Duval*) all Jun (R. Clark); 44 at Nassau Sound Bird Islands (*Duval*) 4 Jul, and 5 chicks alive there 22 Jul after strong winds nearly inundated the island; 2 other chicks were found dead and many eggs were destroyed (P. Leary); 1 at Homestead 23 Jul (J. Rosenfield, M. Wheeler); other breeding pairs included 9 in Hillsborough Bay (*Hillsborough*; A. and R. Paul), and 22 nests at Bird Island, Apalachicola (*Franklin*; J. Gore).
- CASPIAN TERN: 107 pairs bred in 2 colonies in the Tampa Bay area *Hillsborough* and *Pinellas* (A. and R. Paul); 206 pairs bred at Bird Island, Apalachicola (J. Gore).
- ROYAL TERN: over 400 nests at Huguenot Memorial Park 13 Jun (T. Breen); 3766 pairs bred in 3 colonies in *Hillsborough*, *Manatee*, and *Pinellas*, with 3540 of these at Egmont Key (A. and R. Paul).
- SANDWICH TERN: 1 at LARA 1-15 Jul (H. Robinson); 715 pairs bred at Egmont Key NWR (A. and R. Paul).
- COMMON TERN: up to 4 at LARA to 24 Jun, and 1 there 11-15 Jul (H. Robinson); 2 non-breeding adults at Lake Osprey (*Sarasota*) 30 Jun (J. Dubi, J. Gaetzi); 1 at Huguenot Park 24 Jul (K. Allen).
- ARCTIC TERN: 1 **inland** at LARA 17 Jun (H. Robinson).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 3 in breeding plumage at Springhill Road STF 23 Jun (G. Menk); reported on all 18 trips to LARA, with 40 there 3 & 13 Jun (H. Robinson).
- LEAST TERN: 60 adults and 24 nests at Fort Matanzas National Monument 25 May (*vide* P. Powell); 2 pairs at Huguenot Memorial Park 13 Jun (T. Breen); *ca.* 6 pairs nested (unsuccessfully) at Wolf Branch ELAPP site 24 Jun (D. Powell, B. Pranty); no successful nests at Guana River SP (*St. Johns*) or Anastasia Island SRA (*St. Johns*) (*vide* P. Powell).

- BLACK TERN: up to 7 at LARA to 15 Jul (H. Robinson); *ca.* 10 in breeding plumage at Fort Pickens (*Santa Rosa*) 13 Jun (R. Clark).
- BLACK NODDY: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 9 Jul (E. Borowik, details to FOSRC).
- BLACK SKIMMER: over 50 nests at Huguenot Memorial Park 13 Jun (T. Breen); 500 at Nassau Sound Bird Islands 4 Jul, and 62 dead and 79 living chicks there 22 Jul (P. Leary); up to 17 summered at LARA (H. Robinson).
- RINGED TURTLE-DOVE: 1 at Seminole (*Pinellas*) in mid-Jun and mid-Jul (J. Fisher).
- EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 303 at a roost near Winter Haven (*Polk*) 13 Jul (T. Palmer).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 7 in a flock at Brandon (*Hillsborough*) 5 Jun (B. Pranty); 2 at Ocala (*Marion*) 19 Jun (C. Retej); singles at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 3-7 Jul and 28-29 Jul (N. and R. Rowan); 1 at Gulf Breeze 10-15 Jul (B. and L. Duncan).
- MOURNING DOVE: 2120 at LARA 8 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BUDGERIGAR: 1 yellow morph at Seminole 25 Jun and another there 31 Jul (J. Fisher).
- MONK PARAKEET: 8 at Gainesville have been seen "off and on" since summer 2000 (D. Beatty); 1 at Winter Park (*Orange*) 17 Jun (B. Anderson).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at St. Marks NWR 13 Jul (T. Curtiss) was described rather well but the head was not seen well.
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 called dozens of times at Cockroach Bay (*Hillsborough*) 2 Jun (D. Powell, B. Pranty); 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 18 Jun (R. Webb).
- BURROWING OWL: 9 at three burrows near Fort Lonesome 11 Jun (P. Fellers, D. Fellers); 4 pairs at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) 15 Jun (P. Small).
- SHORT-EARED OWL: 1 flushed from the ground several times at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Osceola*) 27 Jun (R. Mulholland).
- ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWK: 1 that called "*pitty-pa-pitt* repeatedly" in *Brevard* 1 Jun (B. Paxson).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 517 roosted in a single chimney at New Port Richey 18 Jun (K. and L. Tracey).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 at Loop Road, Big Cypress National Preserve (*Monroe*) 7 Jul (P. Bithorn, B. Purdy, J. Villamil).
- BELTED KINGFISHER: 1 at Boyd Hill Nature Park, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 18-19 Jun (D. Goodwin); 1 at Boca Ciega Bay, St. Petersburg 23 Jun (M. Wilkinson); 1 at St. Marks NWR 8 Jul (J. Dozier et al.); 1 at Flamingo *ca.* 9 Jul (B. Roberts); 1 at Green Key 26 Jul (K. Tracey, J. McKay); 1 at Bayport (*Hernando*) 28 Jul (C. Black).
- \*COUCH'S KINGBIRD: 1 at Gulf Breeze 25 Jun (B. Duncan) was the 8<sup>th</sup> area report of the Tropical/Couch's kingbird complex in the region, with seven of these since 1992 and six at the same specific site. Asks Bob Duncan, "What's going on? This area has had almost daily coverage for over 30 years. [The kingbirds] could not have been overlooked in the past."
- \*TROPICAL KINGBIRD: 1 called at Fort De Soto CP 14 Jun (L. Atherton).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 1 migrant at Weekiwachee Preserve 21 Jul (A. and B. Hansen); 3 migrants at Green Key 28 Jul (K. Tracey).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: pairs bred at downtown Pensacola and at Gulf Breeze but still have not returned to their "traditional stronghold" at Fort Pickens since Hurricane *Opal* hit in Oct 1995 (B. Duncan); 15 at Green Key 29 Jul (K. Tracey).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 2 at A.D. Barnes Park (*Miami-Dade*) 19 Jul (J. Rosenfield) and 3 there 21 Jul (H. Druid); 2 at Boca Ciega Park 24 Jul (J. Fisher); 16 at Saddle Creek CP 29 Jul (D. Wassmer, L. Saul).
- PURPLE MARTIN: 2 at Flamingo, ENP 6 Jun (J. Boyd); several at Long Pine Key, ENP (*Miami-Dade*) 6 Jun (J. Boyd); *ca.* 3000 at Dadeland (*Miami-Dade*) 12 Jul (J. Rosenfield).
- TREE SWALLOW: 1 at Brown's Farm Road (*Palm Beach*) 14 Jul (P. Bithorn, J. Villamil); 1 at LARA 22 Jul (H. Robinson).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 342 at PPM 1 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).

- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at LARA 13 Jun-EOS, with 3 there 15-18 Jul (H. Robinson); duos at St. Marks NWR 12 Jul and Bald Point 13 Jul (T. Curtis); 20 at Pahokee (*Palm Beach*) 14 Jul (D. Simpson); 1 at Playalinda Beach, Canaveral National Seashore (*Brevard*) 22 Jul (D. Simpson); 1 at W Kendall 24 Jul (J. Boyd).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: 1 at St. Marks NWR 8 Jul ff (J. Dozier et al.); 3 at LARA 8 Jul and 1 there 22 and 29 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Brown's Farm Road 14 Jul (P. Bithorn, J. Villamil).
- BARN SWALLOW: about 30 at Flamingo, ENP 8 Jul (B. Roberts); about 20 at Homestead 8 Jul (J. Boyd); 3 at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) 20 Jul (P. Small); 308 at LARA 22 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: 1 migrant at Largo (*Pinellas*) 12 Jul (J. Fisher); migrants were "numerous" at A.D. Barnes Park 22 Jul (B. Rapoza).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 adult fed a fledgling at Tallahassee 22 Jun (G. Menk).
- GRAY CATBIRD: 1 at LARA 20 Jun and 8 and 29 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 9 Jul (E. Borowik, details to FOSRC).
- BROWN THRASHER: 1 adult with 3 fledglings at A.D. Barnes Park 20 Jun (J. Rosenfield) and other summering birds at W Kendall, including 2 pairs and another bird carrying nesting material (*vide* J. Boyd).
- COMMON MYNA: 1 pair with five juveniles at Key West 31 Jul (J. Ondrejko).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 30 at Saddle Creek CP 29 Jul (D. Wassmer, L. Saul).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 at Gulf Breeze 18 Jun (B. Duncan); 1 at LARA 11 Jul, and 7 there 27 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Magnolia Park (*Orange*) 21 Jul (D. Simpson, K. Radamaker); 1 at Green Key 24 Jul (K. Tracey); 1 at Dry Tortugas NP 26 Jul (N. Pieplow *vide* J. Ondrejko).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 female in W Walton 16 Jul (D. Ware, B. Reid).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 male sang at Key West 10 Jun (J. Ondrejko); 1 male sang at A.D. Barnes Park (*Miami-Dade*) 20-24 Jun (J. Rosenfield, R. Diaz).
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 21-22 Jul (H. Druid, B. Rapoza).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 migrant at Al-Bar Ranch (*Pasco*) 5 Jul (B. Pranty); 3 at LARA 11 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 migrant at Largo 12 Jul (J. Fisher); 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 19 Jul (J. Rosenfield).
- PALM WARBLER: 1 at Green Key 24 Jul (K. Tracey, details to FOC).
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: 1 at O'Leno SP (*Alachua*) 7 Jul (J. Hintermister); 1 at Big Pine Key (*Monroe*) 15 Jul (C. Borg); 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 22 Jul (B. Rapoza); 1 adult male at Key West 27 Jul (J. Ondrejko).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 first-year male at West Lake Nature Center (*Broward*) 4 Jun (B. Boeringer); 1 at LARA 22-27 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Boca Ciega Park 24 Jul (J. Fisher).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 migrant at Green Key 27 Jul, and 2 there 28 Jul (K. Tracey).
- WORM-EATING WARBLER: 1 that sang at Cotton Lake (*Escambia*) 2 Jun may have been a breeding bird (B. Duncan).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 2 at Boca Ciega Park 5 Jul (J. Fisher); 2 at LARA 8 Jul (H. Robinson); 2 at Juniper Springs (*Marion*) 9 Jul (D. Leonard); 1 at A.D. Barnes Park 22 Jul (B. Rapoza).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at Bonner Park, Largo 24-28 Jul (I. Hernandez, J. Fisher).
- COMMON YELLOWTHROAT: 1 at Big Pine Key 11 Jul (C. Borg).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 female at John Chestnut, Jr. CP (*Pinellas*) 28 Jul (R. Smart).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 sang at Crystal River State Buffer Preserve (*Citrus*) 4 Jul (A. and B. Hansen); 2 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 15 Jul (M. Manetz).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW: over 150 singing males at point counts at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP (*Okeechobee*) 4 Apr-29 Jun (R. Mulholland).
- FLORIDA GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 90 singing males at point counts at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP 4 Apr-29 Jun. Surveys covered only 9% of suitable sparrow habitat at the park (R. Mulholland).



- NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 1 at Pablo Creek (*Duval*) 11 Jun (S. Jue, K. NeSmith, details to FOC) was apparently the first accepted summer report; Stevenson and Anderson (1994) do not accept the only previous summer report. According to J. Greenlaw (*in litt.*), Nelson's arrive back at northern breeding areas "notoriously" late because vegetation in their marshes tends to foliate later than vegetation in marshes that support breeding Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrows.
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 13 along 1.6 km of Bottoms Road, St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 8 Jun (J. Dozier).
- NORTHERN CARDINAL: 27 at Saddle Creek CP (*Polk*) 30 Jul (P. Fellers).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 in female plumage near Flamingo, ENP 19 Jun (B. Roberts).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 male at Holey Land WMA (*Palm Beach*) 29 Jul (D. LaPuma et al.) was heard "uttering some guttural 'clicks' while lightly pumping its tail"—behavior that suggested a breeding bird (G. Basili, pers. comm.).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 3 males at Fort De Soto CP 14 Jun (L. Atherton et al.); up to 2 males at LARA 8-25 Jul (H. Robinson); up to 2 females and 6 males summered at Key West (J. Ondrejko).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at Princeton (*Miami-Dade*) 11 Jul (L. Manfredi).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: 4 at PPM 17 Jun (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 2 females and 2 males were the first to summer at Key West (J. Ondrejko).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 male at Tallahassee 25 Jun (B. Scott); 1 male at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 26 Jun (J. Holstein).
- EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH: singles at two feeders at W Pensacola (*Escambia*) all summer (*vide* B. Duncan).
- BISHOP SPECIES: 1 in female plumage at Fort De Soto CP 14 Jun was thought to be either an Orange Bishop or a Yellow-crowned Bishop (L. Atherton, photos to FOC).

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**Corrections to Fall 2000 issue:** A few last-minute changes to the page proofs did not get transferred to the published report, and are corrected here: The report of the "Helmeted Touraco" should be deleted, as there is no such bird with that English name, and the original observer could not be contacted. (A poor quality photograph of the bird cannot be identified, perhaps not even to family). The Golden-winged Warbler account should have read, ". . . among 12 reports 26 Aug-8 Oct . . ." And in the Yellow-breasted Chat account, "Long Key" should be Long Pine Key.

**Winter 2000-2001 report not published previously:** 1102 active Bald Eagle nests that fledged about 1311 young were found statewide this winter, the highest total since surveys began in 1973 (Steve Nesbitt).

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