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FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Summer Report: June-July 2004.—This report consists of significant bird observations compiled by the Field Observations Committee (FOC). Submissions to the FOC 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. Addresses of the compilers are found at the end of this report. We greatly prefer observations sent via e-mail.

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 2004, *Fla. Field Nat.* 32: 20-33) are marked here with an asterisk (*). A county designation (*in italics*) accompanies the first-time listing of each site in this report. Abbreviations in this report are: EOS = end of season, NP = national park, NWR = national wildlife refuge, RA = restoration area, SP = state park, 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 counts.

SUMMARY OF THE SUMMER SEASON

The only FOSRC review species reported this summer was the Heermann’s Gull back at Fort De Soto Park, but other rarities were Curlew Sandpipers at Nassau Sound and Fort De Soto Park, and Fork-tailed Flycatcher at St. Petersburg. Seasonal rarities included American Bitterns that bred at Lake Apopka Restoration Area, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (breeding perhaps?) at Everglades National Park, two apparent pairs of Dickcissels at Lake Apopka Restoration Area, and observations of potential breeding of Bronzed Cowbirds in *Miami-Dade*.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 25 at Lake Apopka RA 6 Jun (H. Robinson); 5 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 19 Jun (C. Pierce); 15 at *Polk* phosphate mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); up to 20 in *Leon* remained into Jul (M. Russell); up to 30 at Viera (*Brevard*) 6-30 Jul (D. Freeland).

MUTE SWAN: 1 in the St. Johns River at Jacksonville (*Duval*) 12-14 Jun (P. Powell).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1 at Merritt Island NWR (*Brevard*) 25 Jun (A. Bankert et al.); 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 30 Jun-EOS (B. Enneis, B. Carroll et al.); 2 at *Polk* mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); at least 5 at Viera 4-18 Jul (D. Simpson, D. Freeland); 1 female at Springhill Road STF (*Leon*) 9 Jul-EOS (G. Menk).

LESSER SCAUP: 2 males summered at Springhill Road STF (G. Menk).

PIED-BILLED GREBE: 1 at Summerland Key (*Monroe*) 5 Jun (J. Boyd, S. Schneider); several heard calling from brackish marshes at Ten Thousand Islands NWR (*Collier*) this summer (T. Doyle).

CORY’S SHEARWATER: 3 off Key Biscayne (*Miami-Dade*) 13 Jun (P. Bithorn), and 2 there 24 Jul (R. Diaz); 1 on a trip to Marathon Hump, 37 km offshore (*Monroe*) 26 Jun (L. Manfredi et al.); 1 bird 10 km NE of Fort Pierce Inlet (*Indian River* or *St. Lucie*) 3 Jul (E. and P. Hess); 23 ca. 160 km E of Ponce Inlet (*Volusia*) 22 Jul (J. Puschock).

- GREATER SHEARWATER: 1 off Key Biscayne 13 Jun (P. Bithorn); 1 ca. 65 km NE of Fort Pierce Inlet (*Brevard* or *Indian River*) 3 Jul (E. and P. Hess).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 8 off Key Biscayne 13 Jun (P. Bithorn); 40+ on a trip to Marathon Hump 26 Jun (L. Manfredi et al.); 7 ca. 160 km E of Ponce Inlet 22 Jul (J. Puschock).
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 10 off Key Biscayne 13 Jun (P. Bithorn); 5 on a trip to Marathon Hump 26 Jun (L. Manfredi et al.); 3 birds 55 km NE of Fort Pierce Inlet (*Brevard* or *Indian River*), and 1 ca. 74 km NE of Fort Pierce Inlet (*Brevard*) 3 Jul (E. and P. Hess); 1 ca. 24 km off Hillsboro Inlet (*Broward*) 10 Jul (M. Berney); 2 ca. 160 km E of Ponce Inlet 22 Jul (J. Puschock).
- LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 1 ca. 160 km E of Ponce Inlet 22 Jul (J. Puschock).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 2 off Key Biscayne 13 Jun (P. Bithorn); 1 on a trip to Marathon Hump 26 Jun (L. Manfredi et al.).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: 14 at Avon Park (*Highlands*) 8 Jun (P. Fellers); 18 at Polk mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- BROWN PELICAN: 1 at Newnans Lake (*Alachua*) 6-11 Jun (B. Enneis, B. Carroll, G. Parks).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1630 at ABC Islands near Marco Island (*Collier*) 10 Jul was the highest count from that site (T. Below et al.); the large roost at Tarpon Key (*Pinellas*) is gone, but 201 birds were counted at Little Bird Key (*Pinellas*) 20 May, with 78 at "Marker 26" E of Honeymoon Island (*Pinellas*) 8 Jun (R. Paul et al.).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 1 at Pensacola (*Escambia*) 14 Jun (M. Clark); 1 at Orlando Wetlands Park (*Orange*) 19 Jun (C. Pierce); 1 pair bred at Lake Apopka RA (*Orange*) and apparently fledged one young; all 3 birds were seen 23 Jun (H. Robinson).
- LEAST BITTERN: 28 at Lake Parker, Lakeland (*Polk*) 19 Jun (R. Paul); 23 at Lake Apopka RA 7 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 in a brackish marsh at Ten Thousand Islands NWR 22 Jul (T. Doyle).
- "GREAT WHITE HERON:" 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*) 14 Jun (B. Richter); 2 juveniles at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 26 Jun (T. Curtis).
- CATTLE EGRET: ca. 500 pairs bred in central *Escambia* (M. Clark).
- REDDISH EGRET: 1 juvenile at Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 30 Jun (R. Paul); 6 at a small fresh water pool at Gulf Harbors, New Port Richey (*Pasco*) 27 Jul (K. Tracey).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: 21 at Lake Apopka RA 6 Jun (H. Robinson).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 2 at Lake Jackson (*Leon*) 27 Jun (G. Menk); 1 in *Escambia* 4 Jul (L. Catterton).
- SACRED IBIS: 1 with White Ibises NE of Felda (*Hendry*) 24 Jul (K. Sarsfield, J. Villamil).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 6 at Brooksville (*Hernando*) 27 Jun (K. Wood); 16 at Polk mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 56 at St. Augustine (*St. Johns*) 22 Jul (J. Holstein); 62 at Gulf Harbors 26 Jul (K. Tracey); 6 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 29 Jul (J. Hintermister, P. Laipis); 320 pairs bred at Alafia Bank (*Hillsborough*), now the largest colony in Florida (R. Paul).
- TURKEY VULTURE: 18 in heavy molt at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 19 Jun (D. Simpson et al.).
- OSPREY: 59 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Jul (H. Robinson).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 10 at Lake Apopka RA 28 Jun increased to 310 on 2 Jul and peaked at 475 birds 21 Jul (H. Robinson); 200 at Trenton (*Gilchrist*) 21 Jul (J. Ellis); 30 at Wekiva Springs SP (*Orange*) 24 Jul (C. Pierce).
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: the first breeding report for *Duval* was established this season in a backyard at S Jacksonville. A pair built a nest in a tall oak and the female incubated for about 3 weeks. However, the nest later was "torn apart" (R. Sanford et al.); 2 adults and 2 juveniles at Perry Oldenberg Mitigation Park, Brooksville 26 Jul-EOS (S. Belson, A. and B. Hansen et al.) provided the first nesting report for *Hernando*.
- COOPER'S HAWK: 3 young fledged in Jun from a nest at Lakeland (*Polk*), where birds have bred the past 10 years (B. Snow); several individuals or pairs—some with juveniles—

- observed in metropolitan Miami (*Miami-Dade*) this summer (J. Boyd, A. Harper et al.); 1 over I-95 (*Broward*) 1 Jul (B. Boeringer); 1 juvenile at West Palm Beach (*Palm Beach*) 3 Jul (L. Most); 18 at Lake Apopka RA 29 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK: 1 immature at Key West (*Monroe*) 18 Jun may have been released from a local rehabilitation center (D. Simpson et al.); 2 fledged from a nest at Gainesville 27 Jun (E. Bonahue, P. Laipis); 1 at Citra (*Marion*) 30 Jul (B. Enneis, B. Carroll).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: single dark morphs at different sites at Ocala NF (*Lake and Marion*) 9 Jun and 13 Jul (J. Puschock); 1 dark morph at Weeki Wachee (*Hernando*) 15 Jul (M. Gardler); 1 light morph at Sorrento (*Lake*) 25 Jul (C. Pierce); 1 adult dark morph at Saddle Creek Park, Lakeland 26 Jul, and a dark-morph juvenile there 24 Jul (L. Albright et al.).
- CRESTED CARACARA: 42 in one pasture in W *St. Lucie* 30 Jun (S. Comer).
- AMERICAN KESTREL: 1 male in mid-*Pinellas* 19 Jun-EOS and a female there 20 Jul-EOS (J. Fisher); a "family group of 3" at Lake Lotela, Avon Park 21 Jun (R. Paul); 1 female at Boyd Hill Nature Trail, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 22-29 Jun (D. Goodwin et al.); 2 at Lake Apopka RA 7 Jul only (H. Robinson).
- BLACK RAIL: 3 heard calling at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs SP, Bayonet Point (*Pasco*) 13 Jun, and 4 there 25 Jul (R. Smart).
- KING RAIL: 53 at Lake Apopka RA 29 Jul (H. Robinson).
- PURPLE SWAMPHEN: 2 or more near Browns Farm Road (*Palm Beach*) 19 Jul (D. Simpson).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 1 pair incubating at Lake Thonotosassa (*Hillsborough*) 14 Jun (R. Paul); 49 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 pair in mid-*Pinellas* produced 7 chicks but only 5 survived to late Jul (J. Fisher).
- WILSON'S PLOVER: 109 at Big Bird Island in Nassau Sound (*Duval*) 9 Jul (P. Leary).
- PIPING PLOVER: 1 adult and 1 juvenile at Nassau Sound 9 Jul—the adult was color-banded at the Great Lakes during 2000 and had been observed at Nassau Sound previously (P. Leary).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: up to 12 immatures, including an individual banded as a chick in 2003 in Massachusetts, summered at Little Estero Lagoon (*Lee*; C. Ewell); the number of breeding pairs at the Cross Florida Barge Canal spoil islands (*Citrus*) and in Hillsborough Bay (*Hillsborough*)—two of the "hot spots" in Florida—are believed to be declining primarily due to erosion of island shorelines, although disturbance remains a factor. A number of pairs are now nesting underneath trees (mangroves, Brazilian pepper, Australian-pine) in apparent response to the loss of beach ridges (R. Paul et al.).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT: 1 pair with 4 young at Trinity 2 Jun (K. Tracey) furnished the first W *Pasco* breeding report; 2 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas 19 Jun (D. Simpson et al.).
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 2 in breeding plumage at West Lake, Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 13 Jun (S. Schneider); 9 in breeding plumage at Snake Bight, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 3 Jul (B. Roberts); 211 at *Polk* mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 9 Jun (H. Robinson); 3 at Viera 6 Jul (D. Freeland); 3 at Springhill Road STF 29 Jul (G. Menk).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS: 35 at *Polk* mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 2 at Viera 6 Jul (D. Freeland); 2 at Lake Apopka RA 14 Jul (H. Robinson); 3 at Springhill Road STF 23 Jul (G. Menk).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER: 3 at Alachua (*Alachua*) 17 Jul (P. Burns); singles at Lake Apopka RA 18 Jul and 24 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Springhill Road STF 19 Jul (G. Menk); 1 in mid-*Pinellas* 24 Jul (J. Fisher).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: 1 at Springhill Road STF 15 Jul (G. Menk); 1 at Anclote Gulf Park, Holiday (*Pasco*) 25 Jul (K. Tracey).

- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 1 E of Nine Mile Bend (*Palm Beach*) 25 Jul (M. Berney).
- WHIMBREL: 1 at Hillsborough Bay 7 Jun (R. Paul); 4 at Little Estero Lagoon 17 Jun, and 3 summered there (C. Ewell); 2 at St. Marks NWR 23 Jun (A. Bankert et al.); 3 at Honeymoon Island SP 23 Jun (A. Bankert et al.); 21 at the N end of Talbot Islands SP (*Duval*) 22 Jul (P. Leary); 1 along the SW *Pasco* coast 24 Jul (K. Tracey).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 adult at Little Estero Lagoon to 23 Jun (C. Ewell, photo to FOC); 1 at Big Bird Island 22 Jul (P. Leary).
- MARBLED GODWIT: 4 at Three Rooker Island (*Pinellas*) 4 Jun (R. Paul); 2 at Honeymoon Island SP 23 Jun (A. Bankert et al.); 20 in breeding plumage at Little Estero Lagoon 24 Jul (C. Ewell).
- RED KNOT: 4 in winter plumage at Little Estero Lagoon 4 Jun, and 6 (2 in breeding plumage) there 24 Jul (C. Ewell).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: 2 at Springhill Road STF 15 Jul (G. Menk); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Jul (H. Robinson).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Jul (H. Robinson).
- LEAST SANDPIPER: 15 at *Polk* mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 1 at Alachua 17 Jul (P. Burns); 5 at Lake Apopka RA 18 Jul, and 2 there 24 Jul (H. Robinson).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 3 at Viera 3 Jun (D. Simpson et al.).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 2 at Alachua 17 Jul (P. Burns); 42 at Browns Farm Road 25 Jul (M. Berney).
- CURLEW SANDPIPER: 1 adult in breeding plumage at Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) 10 Jul (B. Hawkins, photos to FOC); 1 adult in breeding plumage at the N end of Talbot Islands SP 17 Jul (P. Leary, photos to FOC).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER: 68 in winter plumage at Little Estero Lagoon 4 Jun, with 8 remaining to 23 Jun (C. Ewell); 1 at Springhill Road STF 23 Jul (G. Menk).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 1 female in breeding plumage at Merritt Island NWR 3 Jun (D. Simpson et al.); 1 female in breeding plumage E of Seven Springs (*Pasco*) 28 Jun (K. Tracey, photos to FOC).
- PARASITIC JAEGER: 1 at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 14 and 23 Jun (B. Duncan).
- LARIDS: 10,000+ at Nassau Sound 22 Jul (P. Leary).
- *HEERMANN'S GULL: the 1 returned to Fort De Soto Park by 15 Jul (*vide* L. Atherton, 24 Jul photos to FOC).
- RING-BILLED GULL: 1 at Newnans Lake 5-30 Jun (R. Rowan, S. Collins et al.); 3 second-summer birds near Clam Pass, Naples (*Collier*) throughout Jun (T. Doyle).
- HERRING GULL: 1 second-summer bird near Clam Pass, Naples throughout Jun (T. Doyle).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 4 at Newnans Lake 5-6 Jun (R. Rowan, B. Enneis); 4 at *Polk* mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel); 20 pairs bred at Hillsborough Bay this season (A. and R. Paul et al.).
- CASPIAN TERN: 9 pairs bred at Three Rooker Island (*Pinellas*) this season (M. Korosy).
- ROYAL TERN: numbers of breeding pairs hit probably a 120+ year high, with nearly 4000 pairs in the Tampa Bay area alone (R. Paul et al.).
- SANDWICH TERN: 2 in winter plumage at Lake Thonotosassa 14 Jun (R. Paul); 1 juvenile along the SW *Pasco* coast 24 Jul (K. Tracey); 5 chicks at Three Rooker Island 25 Jun (M. Korosy).
- ROSEATE TERN: 10 at Marathon Government Center (*Monroe*) 25 Jun (T. Doyle, D. Sutor, C. Ewell).
- COMMON TERN: 78 at Three Rooker Island 25 Jun (M. Korosy).
- FORSTER'S TERN: 1 in SE *Leon* 1 Jul (G. Menk); 352 at *Polk* mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- LEAST TERN: duos at Newnans Lake 5 Jun (R. Rowan, B. Enneis) and 30 Jun (S. Collins); 30+ pairs bred on a Melbourne (*Brevard*) rooftop 8 Jul (D. Freeland); 6 at Hampton (*Bradford*) 9 Jul (J. Hintermister); 300 (approximately 50% juveniles) at Little Estero Lagoon 31 Jul (C. Ewell).

- BRIDLED TERN: 36 on a trip to Marathon Hump 26 Jun (L. Manfredi et al.); 3 ca. 160 km E of Ponce Inlet 22 Jul (J. Puschock).
- SOOTY TERN: 40 or more on a trip to Marathon Hump 26 Jun (L. Manfredi et al.); 2 off Hillsboro Inlet 10 Jul (M. Berney); 750+ ca. 160 km E of Ponce Inlet 22 Jul (J. Puschock).
- BLACK TERN: 1 in breeding plumage at Gullivan Bay, Ten Thousand Islands NWR 8 Jun (T. Doyle); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 9 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 at St. Petersburg 25 Jun (R. Smith); 2 at Three Rooker Island 25 Jun (M. Korosy); 2 birds 37 km NE of Fort Pierce Inlet (*Indian River*) 3 Jul (E. and P. Hess); 21 at *Polk* mines 4 Jul (P. Timmer, C. Geanangel).
- BLACK SKIMMER: 5 pairs bred on rooftops at Melbourne 8 Jul (D. Freeland); 75 chicks hatched at Big Bird Island 22 Jul (P. Leary).
- WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 25+ at Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area (*Miami-Dade*) 23 Jul (R. Diaz).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 1 at Ocala NF 4-8 Jun (J. Puschock); 1 at S Merritt Island 31 Jul (D. Freeland).
- DIAMOND DOVE: 1 pale avicultural morph at Daytona Beach (*Volusia*) in late Jul (*vide* K. Doxstater, photo to FOC).
- MONK PARAKEET: 2 at a Spring Hill nest 16 Jul-EOS (C. Black).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas 20 Jun (D. Simpson et al.).
- BARN OWL: 1 at Ocala NF 12 Jul (J. Puschock).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK: a nest with 1 egg and 1 recently-hatched chick at Newberry (*Alachua*) 16 Jul (R. Rowan, B. Simons).
- ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWK: 1 near Frog Pond WMA (*Miami-Dade*) 12 Jun (R. Diaz); 7 at Marathon Airport (*Monroe*) 25 Jun (D. Suito, T. Doyle, C. Ewell).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 partial albino at Crystal River (*Citrus*) 22 Jun-EOS (J. Roschinsky, E. Smith et al.).
- BELTED KINGFISHER: 1 female at Largo (*Pinellas*) 26 Jun (K. Nelson); 1 at Merritt Island NWR 19 Jul (D. Freeland); 3 at Anclote Gulf Park 25 Jul (K. Tracey).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 2 at St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 27 Jul (J. Fisher).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Newberry 24 Jun (B. Enneis, B. Carroll); 10 at Cedar Key 22-25 Jul (J. Hintermister).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 adult male at Flamingo, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 18 Jun-3 Jul chased away other tyrannids except a Gray Kingbird, with which it perhaps was paired (B. Mathys [photos to FOC], B. Roberts).
- FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at St. Petersburg 23-31 Jul (L. Atherton et al., video to FOC by B. Pranty) was accepted by the FOS Records Committee.
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 2 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 4-7 Jun (B. and L. Duncan, B. Tetlow); 1 at Fort Pickens 10 and 22 Jun (J. Lloyd).
- PURPLE MARTIN: 2 S over Key Biscayne 10 Jun (R. Diaz); 2850 at Lake Apopka RA 20 Jun (H. Robinson).
- TREE SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Jul (H. Robinson).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 7 Jul, and 2 there 21 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Jul (H. Robinson).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: singles at Lake Apopka RA 4 Jul and 18 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BARN SWALLOW: 1 flew S over Bill Baggs/Cape Florida SP (*Miami-Dade*) 15 Jun (R. Diaz); 1 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas 19 Jun (D. Simpson et al.); 290 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Jul (H. Robinson); 7 at Viera 30 Jul (D. Freeland).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 heard singing at Homestead 11 Jun (L. Manfredi); 1 at Eastpoint (*Franklin*) 10 Jul (S. Klink); 1 in S *Leon* 24 Jul (G. Menk); 1 juvenile at Springhill Road STF 29 Jul (G. Menk).
- WOOD THRUSH: 8 males in song at various sites in *Leon* this season (G. Menk et al.).

- GRAY CATBIRD: 1 at Boyd Hill Nature Trail, St. Petersburg 2 Jun (R. Smith); 1 heard (not seen) at Matheson Hammock (*Miami-Dade*) 13 Jun (D. Simpson); up to 5 singing males summered in *Alachua* (T. Webber, P. Burns et al.).
- NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD: 118 at Lake Apopka RA 11 Jul (H. Robinson).
- EUROPEAN STARLING: 1250 at Lake Apopka RA 18 Jul (H. Robinson).
- COMMON MYNA: 2 at Marathon 26 Jun (D. Suitor, T. Doyle, et al.); 2 at Fort Zachary Taylor Historic SP, Key West (*Monroe*) 13 Jul (G. Roland); 3 at Islamorada (*Monroe*) 18 Jul (D. Suitor); mynas have become much more widespread in the Keys over the past few years (J. Boyd).
- NORTHERN PARULA: 2 at Lake Apopka RA 24 Jul (H. Robinson); 2 at Merritt Island NWR 27 Jul (D. Freeland).
- YELLOW WARBLER: 1 sang at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas 19 Jun (D. Simpson et al.); 1 fluttered around a boat ca. 57 km NE of Fort Pierce Inlet (*Brevard* or *Indian River*) 3 Jul (E. and P. Hess); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 18 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 2 Jun (S. Rowan, N. Rowan).
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: 1 at Miami Shores (*Miami-Dade*) 11 Jul (A. Harper).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER: 1 at Bronson (*Levy*) 16 Jul (R. Rowan, B. Simons); 1 at Ocala NF 20 Jul (J. Puschock); 1 at Lake Apopka RA 21 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER: 1 at San Felasco Hammock 8 Jul (R. Rowan); 1 at Key Largo (*Monroe*) 12 Jul (B. Mulrooney); 1 at Ocala NF 21 Jul (J. Puschock); 1 at Brooksville (*Hernando*) 26 Jul (K. Wood).
- AMERICAN REDSTART: 1 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Jun (H. Robinson); 1 at Alachua 19 Jul (M. Walsh-McGehee); 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve (*Hernando*) 30 Jul (A. and B. Hansen).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 2 adults and 1 juvenile foraged together at Saddle Creek Park, Lakeland 24 Jul (D. and G. Brooke, L. Albright).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 at Weekiwachee Preserve 27 Jul (A. and B. Hansen).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at San Felasco Hammock 25 Jul (M. Manetz).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: singles at Lake Apopka RA 23 Jun and 24 Jul (H. Robinson); 1 at Ocala 7 Jul (P. Orr); 1 at Bill Baggs/Cape Florida SP 19 Jul (R. Diaz); 1 at Three Lakes WMA (*Osceola*) 27 Jul (L. Albright, B. Power).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 32 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Jun (H. Robinson); 6 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 3 Jun (H. Adams).
- CHIPPING SPARROW: 3 at Avon Park for most of Jun (A. Bellenger, photos to FOC).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 juvenile at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (*Broward*) 31 Jul (M. Berney).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 49 at Lake Apopka RA 2 Jun (H. Robinson).
- BLUE GROSBEEK: 33 at Lake Apopka RA 13 Jun (H. Robinson).
- PAINTED BUNTING: 6 at Lake Apopka RA 13 Jun (H. Robinson).
- DICKCISSEL: 3 males and 2 females at Lake Apopka RA through the season (H. Robinson).
- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: a roost at Lake Apopka RA increased from 170 birds 2 Jun to **182,000** birds by 29 Jul (H. Robinson).
- COMMON GRACKLE: 19,100 at the Lake Apopka RA roost 29 Jul (H. Robinson).
- BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE: **97,000** at the Lake Apopka RA roost 18 Jul (H. Robinson).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1 adult male at Fort Pickens 2-25 Jun (B. and L. Duncan, L. Catterton); **18** in a flock with Brown-headed Cowbirds at Flamingo, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 8 Jun (B. and L. Cooper); 1 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 11-17 Jul (J. Murphy).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: 1 at A.D. Barnes Park (*Miami-Dade*) 4 Jun (J. Rosenfield); 1 at Kendall (*Miami-Dade*) 27 Jun-3 Jul (S. Atkinson, B. Boeringer); 1 juvenile—described as being “entirely black except for an orangish tinge at the base of the thick beak; it was slightly smaller than the oriole. It looked like a female Bronzed Cowbird except for the beak tinge and dark rather than red eyes”—thought to be of this species observed being fed by a Spot-breasted Oriole at Sweetwater (*Miami-Dade*) 11 Jul (S.

Schneider); 1 female, 1 male, and 1 juvenile summered at Princeton (*Miami-Dade*) (L. Manfredi).

ORCHARD ORIOLE: 1 first-year male feeding on Firebush at S Merritt Island (*Brevard*) 6 Jun (B. Paxson); 14 at Lake Apopka RA 9 Jun (H. Robinson).

HOUSE FINCH: 1 female and 1 male at Lake Eola, Orlando (*Orange*) 7 Jul (C. Read, G. Stoccardo); 8 at Eustis (*Lake*) 13 Jul (J. Puschock); 1 female at Weeki Wachee (*Hernando*) 21 Jul (M. Gardler).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: 1 male in breeding plumage at Altamonte Springs (*Seminole*) 14 Jun (P. Hueber, photo to FOC).

BISHOP SPECIES: 1 female and 1 orange male at St. Petersburg 29 Jul (B. Wagner).

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Spring 2004 observations not reported previously: BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 77 at Bartow (*Polk*) 29 Mar (Paul Fellers); AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 ca. 25 km off Hillsboro Inlet (*Broward*) 30 May (Mark Berney); WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 4 ca. 29 km off Hillsboro Inlet 30 May (M. Berney); GADWALL: 74 at *Polk* phosphate mines 29 Mar (P. Fellers); BLACK RAIL: 5 in a small marsh, composed mostly of exotic Cogonagrass (*Imperata cylindrica*) on "reclaimed" phosphate land near Little Payne Creek (*Polk*) 20-21 May (Wes Biggs, David Goodwin et al.); LESSER YELLOWLEGS: 1250 at *Polk* mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers); LEAST SANDPIPER: 4000 at *Polk* mines 20 Apr (P. Fellers et al.); STILT SANDPIPER: 5700 at *Polk* mines 29 Apr (P. Fellers); LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 700 at *Polk* mines 29 Mar-29 Apr (P. Fellers, Pete Timmer); CASPIAN TERN: 120 at *Polk* mines 29 Mar (P. Fellers); BLACK SKIMMER: 700 at *Polk* mines 29 Mar (P. Fellers); SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: 5 young fledged at Greenbelt Park, Fort Lauderdale Airport (*Broward*) 9 May (Russ MacGregor); SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 2 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (*Broward*) 9-18 Apr, with 4 there 16 Apr (Mark Berney, Monte Stickel et al.); KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at Birch SP 16-17 Apr (M. Stickel, Bryant Roberts et al.).

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