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FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Spring Report: March-May 2016.—This report consists of significant bird observations compiled by the Field Observations Committee (FOC). Electronic 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 follow this report.

Sight-only observations are considered “reports” while only those observations supported by verifiable evidence (photographs, video or audio recordings, or specimens) are called “records.” Species for which documentation is required by the FOC and by the FOS Records Committee (FOSRC; <fosbirds.org/official-florida-state-bird-list>) 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: AFB = Air Force Base, AFR = Air Force Range, EOS = end of season, m. obs. = many observers, NERR = National Estuarine Research Reserve, NP = National Park, NSRA = North Shore Restoration Area, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, SF = State Forest, SP = State Park, STA = Stormwater Treatment Area, STF = sewage treatment facility, WMA = Wildlife Management Area, and n, s, e, w, etc., for compass directions. Bold-faced entries denote birds newly reported or verified in Florida, or record numbers. +Photographs or video- or audio-recordings archived by the FOC are identified by a plus (+).

SUMMARY OF THE SPRING SEASON

The spring season opened with the panhandle receiving above-average rainfall while the remainder of the state experienced below-average volumes, leading 20% of the state to abnormally dry conditions by month end. This cycle repeated in April, but reversed in May when peninsular Florida received higher-than-average rainfall—ultimately leaving the state in relatively drought-free conditions. All three months of the season were marked by higher than average temperatures throughout the state, continuing the trend of recent seasons. The season will undoubtedly be remembered for a trio of exceptional first state records (pending FOSRC review and approval): Pacific-Golden Plover, European Storm-Petrel, and Cuban Vireo (which was also a first American Birding Association [ABA]-area record).

This report reflects the recent changes made by the FOSRC to the state’s review list, adding 33 species back to the list. As such, FOSRC review species noted in this report include a pair of American Black Ducks in *Duval*, single Pacific Loons in *Escambia* and *Santa Rosa*, a Northern Fulmar in *St. Johns*, the state’s first European Storm-Petrel from *Volusia*, Red-billed Tropicbird, Neotropic Cormorant, a Great White Pelican in *Lee*, the first state-record Pacific Golden-Plover, two Ruffs, California Gull, a continuing *Zenaida* Dove in *Monroe*, up to 10 Vaux’s Swifts in Gainesville, Cuban Pewee, Cassin’s Kingbird, two Fork-tailed Flycatchers, Thick-billed Vireo, the first ABA-area record of Cuban Vireo, one Yellow-Green Vireo, two Bahama Mockingbirds, a single Kirtland’s Warbler, one Western Spindalis, a Black-faced Grassquit, one Green-tailed Towhee, and two Lazuli Buntings.

Lastly, the FOC seeks volunteers interested in joining the committee as regional compilers for counties that are currently not covered. The first region would include

Suwannee, Columbia, Gilchrist, Union, and Bradford counties. A second area could be covered by one or more individuals: *Polk, Osceola, Hardee, De Soto, Highlands, Glades, and Okeechobee* counties. Responsibilities would include soliciting and compiling notable field observations for these counties at the end of each season, to be included in this report. Interested individuals should contact the state compiler listed at the end of this report.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

- BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 62 in 5 locations in *Escambia* and *Santa Rosa* 16 Mar-17 May (m. obs.); 19 at Brooker Creek Preserve (*Pinellas*) 29 Apr (+T. Mast); 14 at dusk over Woodlawn Park, St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 25 May (E. Plage); 2 at Sawgrass Lake Park (*Pinellas*) in May where they bred last summer (+J. Clayton, m. obs.).
- FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK: 1 at J. N. Ding Darling NWR (*Lee*) 28 Mar (J. Conrad, L. Partrymiller); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP (*Alachua*) 17 May (L. Davis, D. Dacol).
- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE: 1 at Palm Lake Park (*Martin*) 1-28 Apr (R. Netherton, m. obs.).
- SNOW GOOSE: 1 continued from the previous season at Perdue Pond Wildlife Area (*Duval*) through 12 Mar (D. Cusick, m. obs.); 1 at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 22 Apr (B. Callaway, J. Callaway).
- TRUMPETER SWAN: 1 in Blackwater River State Forest (*Santa Rosa*) 11-19 Mar (M. Petrosky, m. obs.).
- EGYPTIAN GOOSE: 2 at Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 9-27 Mar (M. Wilson).
- GADWALL: 50 at Tallahassee (*Leon*) 7-20 Mar (J. Cavanagh); 2 at Big Talbot Island SP - Spoonbill Pond (*Duval*) 3-4 Apr (K. Dailey).
- AMERICAN WIGEON: 2 at Huguenot Memorial Park (*Duval*) 19 Mar (+K. Dailey); up to 2 adult males at Big Talbot Island SP - Spoonbill Pond through 26 Apr (K. Dailey).
- *AMERICAN BLACK DUCK: 2 continued from previous season at Perdue Pond Wildlife Area through 11 Mar (C. Leonard, m. obs.).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER: 1 drake at Big Talbot Island SP - Spoonbill Pond through EOS (K. Dailey et al.).
- CANVASBACK: Up to 2 continued from the previous season at Perdue Pond Wildlife Area through 12 Mar (N. Wallen, m. obs.); 1 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR Six Mile Landing (*St. Johns*) 27-28 Mar (+K. Dailey, D. Reed).
- GREATER SCAUP: 2 at Big Talbot Island SP - Spoonbill Pond 25 Mar-3 Apr (K. Dailey).
- LESSER SCAUP: 1 at Big Talbot Island SP - Spoonbill Pond 17 Apr (K. Dailey).
- COMMON EIDER: 1 continued from previous season at Fort Clinch SP pier (*Nassau*) 2-8 Mar (A. Wraithmell et al.); 1 in St. Johns River at the Intracoastal Waterway (*Duval*) 4 Apr (D. Doyle).
- SURF SCOTER: 1 male continued at Little Estero Island Critical Wildlife Area (*Lee*) through 26 Apr (+M. Rousher, R. Kaskan et al.); 1 at Fort Clinch SP pier 5-8 Mar (K. Dailey, M. Dailey, S. Killeen).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: Up to 4 continued from previous season at Fort Clinch SP pier through 8 Mar (A. Moss, +K. Dailey et al.); 16 at Gulf Breeze (*Santa Rosa*) 1 May (L. Duncan, S. Duncan, W. Duncan).
- BLACK SCOTER: Up to 10 at Little Estero Island Critical Wildlife Area 1 Mar and 2 there 31 May (C. Ewell, M. Rousher); 1 at Fort Pickens (*Escambia*) 28 Mar (D. Muth); 1 at Gulf Breeze 13 Apr (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); up to 10 at Huguenot Memorial Park through 29 May (+K. Dailey et al.); 1 male at Porpoise Point (*St. Johns*) 11 Apr (D. Doyle).
- LONG-TAILED DUCK: 1 female at Pelican Island NWR (*Indian River*) 16 Mar (K. Janes, J. Pecatore).
- BUFFLEHEAD: 1 at Estero Bay Preserve SP (*Lee*) through 22 Mar (E. Warren, P. Hawrylyshian); 2 at Big Talbot Island SP - Spoonbill Pond 3 Apr (K. Dailey).

- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER: 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park (*Alachua*) 18 Apr (F. Goodwin, D. Rohan).
- RUDDY DUCK: 15 at Estero Bay Preserve SP 5 Mar (E. Combs et al.); 2 at Bunche Beach (*Lee*) 13 Apr (G. Kent); 2 at Scarborough Ranch, SR 70, Lake Placid (*Highlands*) 5 May (J. Eager); up to 3 remained at Lake Morton (*Polk*) through 6 May (G. Williams, m. obs.).
- RED-THROATED LOON: 1 at Fort Clinch SP continued through 8 Mar (*fide* K. Dailey).
- *PACIFIC LOON: 1 at Fort Pickens 16–21 Mar (B. Duncan, L. Duncan, S. Duncan); 1 in Gulf Breeze 14–17 Apr (B. Duncan, L. Duncan).
- COMMON LOON: 1 at Tallahassee 1-3 May (N. Wienders, J. Chan).
- HORNED GREBE: 1 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR Six Mile Landing 27 Mar (K. Dailey); 1 in alternate plumage at Huguenot Memorial Park 4 Apr (K. Dailey); 1 at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park (*Broward*) 6-11 Apr (M. Berney, A. Schefflow); 1 at Melrose (*Clay*) 12 May (S. Carlock); 3 at William Dunn Water Reclamation Facility (*Pinellas*) 14-21 May (+C. Yilmaz).
- EARED GREBE: 1 continued at Merritt Island NWR, Vista 5 (*Brevard*) through 3 Mar (M. Harris, A. Zions).
- AMERICAN FLAMINGO: 1 at Bunche Beach 19-23 Mar and probably the same individual at Lovers Key SP (*Lee*) 25-29 Mar (+K. Magnuson, +T. Buchanan et al.); up to 36 at STA-2 (*Palm Beach*) 23 Apr-21 May (+R. Diaz, m. obs.); 2 at Taylor Creek Area (*Okeechobee*) 30 Apr (B. Wedderburn).
- *NORTHERN FULMAR: 1 fatigued bird collected at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR (*St. Johns*) and later perished 16 Apr (D. Reed, specimen to FLMNH).
- BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 25 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet (*Volusia*) 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- CORY'S SHEARWATER: 4 at Fort Pickens 10 Mar (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 1 there 11 Mar (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 19 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- GREAT SHEARWATER: 1 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 1 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- *EUROPEAN STORM-PETREL: 1 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (+M. Brothers et al.), pending FOSRC review will provide the first state record.
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 36 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 2 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 1 ca. 145 km off *Lee* 14 Apr (T. Marvel); 1 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP (*Monroe*) 27 Apr (+T. Moulton); 2 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (+M. Brothers et al.).
- *RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD: 1 offshore Jupiter (*Palm Beach*) 6 May (+C. Callaghan).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: 1 in Vilano (*St. Johns*) 14 May (S. Killeen).
- MASKED BOOBY: 1 first year bird at Turner Beach (*Lee*) 16 Mar (F. Melanson).
- BROWN BOOBY: 1 adult at Jetty Park, Port Canaveral, Cape Canaveral (*Brevard*) 10 Mar (J. Eager).
- *NEOTROPIC CORMORANT: 1 at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park 3 Mar-9 Apr (m. obs.); up to 4 at Wakodahatchee Wetlands (*Palm Beach*) including 1 adult and 2 hybrid fledglings 26 Mar and 2 adults 30 May (+M. Berney); 1 at Boca Chica Beach (*Monroe*) 23-26 Apr (B. Rapoza, +R. Diaz, m. obs.).
- *GREAT WHITE PELICAN: 1 unbanded bird of unknown provenance continued at J. N. Ding Darling NWR from 28 Feb through 1 Mar (m. obs.).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN: Up to 100 at Scarborough Ranch, SR 70, Lake Placid 5 May (J. Eager).
- AMERICAN BITTERN: 2 at Waterworks Pool (*Duval*) 8 Mar (K. Eldredge).
- CATTLE EGRET: 1 oddly overall-buff-colored adult at Wakodahatchee Wetlands 18 May (J. Torkomian, +E. Strimban).

- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: 1 at Hart Springs County Park (*Gilchrist*) 23 Mar (T. Rodriguez).
- GLOSSY IBIS: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP carrying nesting material 20 and 26 May (M. Manetz) suggests the first nesting in *Alachua* since 1965.
- WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 at Gainesville (*Alachua*) 24-25 Mar (T. Anderson, A. Zions et al.); 1 at St. Marks NWR (*Wakulla*) 26 Mar (M. Smith); 2 at Tallahassee 12 Apr (R. Cassidy, D. Cassidy).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 20 May-EOS (M. Manetz, A. Zions).
- OSPREY: 1 *ridgwayi* on Overseas Highway, Islamorada (*Monroe*) 23 Apr (+G. Williams).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 33 in *Escambia* and *Santa Rosa* 10 Mar (m. obs.).
- WHITE-TAILED KITE: 1 at Punta Gorda Airport Pond (*Charlotte*) 9 Apr (J. Bouton).
- SNAIL KITE: 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 20-23 Mar (L. Davis et al.); 1 at Ichetucknee Springs SP (*Columbia*) 20 Mar (J. Buchy) had plumage identical to that of the Sweetwater Wetlands bird of 20-23 Mar and was presumably the same individual; 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 27 May-EOS (D. Dacol, B. Price et al.) was a different bird.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 at Middleburg (*Clay*) 14 Mar (M. Williams); 1 at Genoa (*Hamilton*) 24 Mar (T. Rodriguez); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive (*Orange*) 27 May (P. Hueber, L. Mathis); 1 near St. Johns Agricultural Extension (*St. Johns*) 30 May (D. Doyle).
- COOPER'S HAWK: Active nest with 4 young (2 fairly large with some contour feathers and 2 smaller, covered with down) at The Villages (*Sumter*) 29 May (J. Dinsmore).
- SHORT-TAILED HAWK: Pair on Withlacoochee River near Dunnellon (*Marion*) attempted nest 16 Mar-EOS (J. Shetzler, J. Lewis et al.); 1 light morph over Central Park, Ormond Beach (*Volusia*) 10 Apr (M. Brothers).
- BLACK RAIL: 1 at Big Bend WMA, Hickory Mound (*Taylor*) 23 Apr (S. Parrish).
- SORA: 1 "heard giving whinny" at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve (*Pinellas*) 14 May (G. Delisle).
- PURPLE SWAMPHEN: 2 adults present the entire period at Harns Marsh with 3 chicks on 3 May providing first breeding record in *Lee* (+T. Obrock et al.); 1 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 27 Mar-9 Apr (Y. Morrell, L. Davis).
- PURPLE GALLINULE: 2 at St. Marks NWR 26 Mar (M. Smith); adults were seen at 3 mid-*Pinellas* parks throughout the period (*vide* R. Smith).
- LIMPKIN: 1 nested a month earlier than usual at Westside Industrial Park (*Duval*) 8 Apr (A. Langgood).
- SANDHILL CRANE: 1 was unusual near San Pablo Road in coastal *Duval* 1 Mar (K. Dailey).
- WHOOPIING CRANE: 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 21 Apr-EOS (M. Manetz, F. Goodwin et al.) was one of ~12 birds remaining in the Florida non-migratory population (*vide* T. Dellinger); 1 at Micanopy (*Alachua*) 15 May (B. Sturm). The Micanopy bird was a different individual as indicated by its differently colored band.
- AMERICAN AVOCET: 36 at Ribault Monument (*Duval*) 2 Mar (L. Royce); 2 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR Six Mile Landing 27-28 Mar (+K. Dailey, D. Reed); 10 in Pensacola (*Escambia*) 24 May (A. Forster, D. Forster).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER: 34 at Fort Island Gulf Beach (*Citrus*) 19 Mar (L. Lane); 7 at Huguenot Memorial Park 4 Apr (K. Dailey).
- *PACIFIC GOLDEN-PLOVER: 1 on CR 880 near 6 Mile Bend (*Palm Beach*) 9-25 Apr (+C. Callaghan, m. obs.), pending acceptance by the FOSRC this would provide the first state record.
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER: 2 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 30 Apr (J. Mays).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER: Up to 20 at Big Talbot Island SP – Spoonbill Pond 15 May (K. Dailey, D. Reed).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER: 1 at n St. Petersburg (*Pinellas*) 3 Apr (+W. Meehan, m. obs.); up to 4 at St. Cloud (*Osceola*) 10-15 Apr (J. Hoch m. obs.).

- WHIMBREL: 1 at Fred Howard Park (*Pinellas*) 3 Apr (+T. Mast); 6 at Caladesi Island SP (*Pinellas*) 4 Apr (T. Malone); up to 4 were at Fort De Soto Park (*Pinellas*) 18-22 April (*vide* R. Smith); 5 at South Anclote Key Preserve (*Pinellas*) 26 May (+P. Brady).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW: 1 at Bunche Beach Preserve (*Lee*) 3 Mar-9 Apr (M. Rousher, m. obs.); 1 at St. Vincent NWR (*Franklin*) 7 Mar (J. Murphy).
- MARBLED GODWIT: 2 at Huguenot Memorial Park 29 Mar (*vide* K. Dailey).
- RED KNOT: 200 at Fort De Soto Park 15 May (S. Olsen).
- SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER: 2,500 at the Okaloosa County Water- and STF 9 May (M. Swan).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER: 1 at Tallahassee 3 May (J. Cavanagh); 1 at Fred Howard Park 5 May (+T. Mast); up to 21 at Eagle Lakes Community Park (*Collier*) 8 May (K. Laakkonen), and multiple at various locations in *Collier* 4-14 May (D. True, T. Zambon et al.); up to 4 at various locations in *Lee* 5-17 May (C. Ewell et al.); 1 at n St. Petersburg 7-8 May (R. Smith, +R. Harrod); 1 at Shell Key (*Pinellas*) 15 May (+R. Smith); 6 at Hart Springs (*Gilchrist*) 16 May (R. Robinson, J. Allison).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER: 1 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR Six Mile Landing 27 Mar (K. Dailey).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER: 1 at Huguenot Memorial Park 26 Mar (B. Richter); 1 at Ponce de Leon Inlet through 14 Apr (M. Brothers).
- STILT SANDPIPER: 30 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR Six Mile Landing 27 Mar (K. Dailey, D. Reed); 1-6 at n St. Petersburg 2-3 Apr (M. Burns, m. obs.); 3 at Pinellas Point (*Pinellas*) 9 Apr (+J. Clayton); up to 6 at Big Talbot Island SP–Spoonbill Pond 17 Apr-15 May (K. Dailey).
- *RUFF: 1 at Big Talbot Island SP–Spoonbill Pond 3-8 May was the third *Duval* record (+K. Dailey, D. Foster, G. Williams); 1 at Lake Jesup Conservation Area – Marl Bed Flats (*Seminole*) 3-5 May (S. Simmons et al.).
- WILSON'S SNIBE: 1 at Big Talbot Island SP–Spoonbill Pond 19 Apr (K. Dailey).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK: 1 at Little Talbot Island SP (*Duval*) 6 Mar (K. Dailey).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE: 2 at St. Vincent NWR 4 Apr (J. Murphy).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE: Up to 56 offshore *Palm Beach* 30 Apr (M. Brothers, m. obs.); 1 at Merritt Island NWR–Bio Lab Road (*Brevard*) 29 May (D. LaGrange).
- POMARINE JAEGER: 4 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- LAUGHING GULL x RING-BILLED GULL: 1 adult on beach Daytona Beach Shores (*Volusia*) 16 Mar (+M. Brothers).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 at Daytona Beach Shores 24 Mar, 29 Mar (2 first cycle), and 1 Apr (1 first cycle; all M. Brothers); 3 at Tomoka Landfill, Daytona Beach (*Volusia*) 25 Mar (M. Brothers).
- *CALIFORNIA GULL: 1 first-cycle bird at Cocoa Landfill (*Brevard*) 4 Mar (M. Harris).
- ICELAND GULL: 1 first-cycle at Daytona Beach Shores 1, 4, 24 Mar and 3 Apr (M. Brothers); 1 first-cycle at Fort Matanzas peninsula (*St. Johns*) 25-31 Mar (M. Brothers, m. obs.).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 at St. George Island (*Franklin*) 29 Mar-12 Apr (J. Cavanagh).
- GLAUCOUS GULL: 1 first cycle at Daytona Beach Shores 3, 4, 16, 24 Mar and 1 Apr (M. Brothers); 1 second cycle northwest of Brooksville (*Hernando*) 3-5 Mar (M. Gardler et al.); 1 first-cycle at Tomoka Landfill 25 Mar (M. Brothers); 1 at Fort Matanzas peninsula 27-31 Mar (D. Robbins); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 17 Apr (+D. Margeson) provided the 2nd *Pinellas* record; 1, probably the same as 17 Apr, was at Three Rooker Bar (*Pinellas*) 22 May (+C. Yilmaz).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: 1 adult took an adult Sandwich Tern at Huguenot Memorial Park 31 Mar (K. Dailey).
- BLACK NODDY: 1 at Garden Key, Dry Tortugas NP 15 Apr-12 May (m. obs.).
- SOOTY TERN: 1 at St. Petersburg Beach 22 and 29 May (+B. Forsys); 1 at Flagg Island (*Franklin*) 24 May (E. Thompson, N. Kirkos); 9 offshore Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).

- BRIDLED TERN: 4 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- LEAST TERN: 1 at Clearwater's Courtney Campbell Causeway (*Pinellas*) 16 Mar (R. Lane et al.); 42 at Gandy Beach (*Pinellas*) 25 Mar (R. Smith, J. Clayton); 1 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR Six Mile Landing 27 Mar (K. Dailey, D. Reed); 6-8 "defending territory" on rooftop of Keystone Heights High School (*Clay*) 24 Apr, not seen thereafter (J. King).
- GULL-BILLED TERN: 2 adults at Gandy Beach 14 Apr (J. Rosenfeld) provided *Pinellas* with a rare spring record; 1 at Big Talbot Island SP-Spoonbill Pond 17 Apr and 2 there 7 May (K. Dailey); 2 at Lake City (*Columbia*) 21 Apr (J. Krummrich); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 12-24 May (+B. Bartley, J. Clayton); 2 at Gainesville 13 May (M. Manetz).
- BLACK TERN: 5 at Fort De Soto Park 17 May (E. Plage).
- ROSEATE TERN: 1 at Stump Pass Beach SP (*Charlotte*) 10 Apr (J. Bouton et al.).
- COMMON TERN: 6 at Lake Okeechobee Lock 7 (*Okeechobee*) 18 Mar (E. Rasmussen); 1 at St. Marks NWR 26 Mar (M. Smith); 37 at Fort De Soto Park 17 Apr (+R. Smith); 2 offshore of Ponce de Leon Inlet 29 May (M. Brothers et al.).
- WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON: 1 at J. N. Ding Darling NWR throughout the season (R. Repenning, E. Combs et al.).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE: 40-45 were courting in the Crescent Heights neighborhood (*Pinellas*) 9 Mar (S. Tavaglione, R. Smith).
- *ZENAI DA DOVE: 1 continued from the previous season at Long Key SP (*Monroe*) 1 Mar-15 May (m. obs.).
- MANGROVE CUCKOO: 1 at Carysfort Circle, Key Largo (*Monroe*) 30 Apr (J. Eager).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO: 1 at Cedar Key (*Levy*) 9 Apr (J. Mays); 2 at Fred Howard Park 5 May (+T. Mast); up to 2 at Fort De Soto Park 5 May (+G. Schleicher, J. Clayton).
- SMOOTH-BILLED ANI: Up to 2 nesting at Loxahatchee NWR (*Palm Beach*) 1 Mar-EOS (m. obs.).
- BARN OWL: 1 at Gulf Breeze 28 May (B. Duncan, L. Duncan).
- BURROWING OWL: 1 in a yard in downtown Orlando (*Orange*) 7 May (+E. Stoccardo).
- LESSER NIGHTHAWK: 1-2 at Fort Pickens 13-16 Apr (J. Callaway, B. Callaway, D. Stangeland, B. Duncan, L. Duncan).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK: 61 in Molino (*Escambia*) 7 May (J. Yuhaz).
- ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWK: 1 at Jonathan Dickinson SP (*Martin*) 17 May (D. Doyle).
- EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL: 1 at Weedon Island Preserve (*Pinellas*) 1-9 Mar (R. Smith et al.); 2 at Cedar Point Preserve (*Duval*) 11 Mar (K. Dailey, M. Dailey).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT: 1 at Gainesville 8 Mar (J. Mays).
- *VAUX'S SWIFT: Up to 10 at Gainesville through 6 Apr (B. Ewing, S. Ewing).
- BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 east of Brooksville 28 Mar (+J. Mann).
- BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD: 1 immature male at Spring Lake Hills, Altamonte Springs (*Seminole*) from winter 2015-2016 through 1 Mar (+P. Hueber, m. obs.); 1 at Gainesville to 17 Mar (S. Ewing et al.).
- RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 adult female at ne St. Petersburg yard (+J. Clayton et al.) provided the 3rd *Pinellas* record.
- HAIRY WOODPECKER: 2 at Gold Head Branch SP (*Clay*) 13 Mar (J. Graham); 1 at International Paper Wetlands (*Escambia*) 29 May (J. Callaway, B. Callaway); 2 in Blackwater River SF (*Santa Rosa*) 30 May (J. Yuhaz).
- PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 at Eco Pond, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 1 May (J. Eager); 1 at Big Talbot Island SP-Spoonbill Pond 15 May (D. Reed, K. Dailey).
- ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET: 1 adult at Babcock-Webb WMA, Punta Gorda (*Charlotte*) 5 May (J. Eager); 1 visited a Clearwater backyard feeder each evening 27-31 May (+K. Duncan), providing the 2nd report/1st record for *Pinellas*.
- WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET: 10 adults at Lejune Road and 7th Street, Miami (*Miami-Dade*) 3 May (J. Eager).

- *CUBAN PEWEE: 1 at Crandon Park (*Miami-Dade*) 13-14 Mar (O. Zequeira, J. Zequeira, +R. Diaz et al.).
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 at Taylor Park (*Pinellas*) 3 Apr (+K. Duncan); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 23-24 Apr (B. Ahern et al.).
- LEAST FLYCATCHER: 1 at Veteran's Memorial Park (*Okaloosa*) 26-28 Apr (M. Swan, m. obs.).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER: 1 at Walnut Hill (*Escambia*) 1 Mar (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 1 at Fort Pickens 2 Mar (J. Callaway, B. Callaway); 1 at International Paper Wetlands 6 Mar (J. Callaway, B. Callaway); 1 at St. Marks NWR 29 Mar (R. Cassidy, S. Cassidy).
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1 in Okeechobee (*Okeechobee*) 21 Mar (A. Zions).
- TROPICAL KINGBIRD: Up to 3 at STA-5 (*Hendry*) through 16 Apr (M. England, +B. Bergstrom et al.); 1 at STA-2 13 Mar (m. obs.); 2 at Browns Farm Road (*Palm Beach*) 14 Apr (B. Pickholtz, S. Kaplan); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 25 May (+J. Clayton, et al.).
- *CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: 1 at CR305 (*Flagler*) 4-6 Mar, continuing from previous season (S. Killeen).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 ne of Brooksville 21 Mar (K. Spilios); 1 at Helen Cooper Floyd Park (*Duval*) 18 Apr (D. Pridgen); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 29 Apr and again 6 May (both +R. Cornelius).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD: 2 at Fort De Soto Park 20 Mar (+J. Clayton); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 25 May (J. Clayton).
- GRAY KINGBIRD: 1 at Florida Botanical Gardens (*Pinellas*) 14 Mar (+C. Langan); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 5 Apr (+J. Clayton); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 20 May (+P. Hueber).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 10 Apr (*vide* R. Smith).
- *FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER: 1 at Homestead Air Reserve Base (*Miami-Dade*) 2 Apr (J. Frilers, +H. Bucht et al.); 1 at Mariner's Club, North Key Largo (*Monroe*) 15 Apr (D. Wilcove, B. Scheffers).
- *THICK-BILLED VIREO: 1 at John U. Lloyd SP (*Broward*) 17-22 Apr (+M. Berney, m. obs.).
- *CUBAN VIREO: 1 singing at Fort Zachary Taylor Historic SP (*Monroe*) 19-24 Apr (+C. Goodrich, M. Hedden, M. Gardler, L. Dunn, T. Dunn, m. obs.). Pending acceptance by the FOSRC, would provide the first ABA-area record.
- BELL'S VIREO: 1 at Sugden Regional Park (*Collier*) 5 Mar-7 Apr (m. obs.); 1 at Paynes Prairie Preserve SP 6-16 Mar (S. Ewing, M. Awan et al.); 1 at Fred W. Coyle Freedom Park (*Collier*) 16 Mar (M. Rousher).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO: 1 at Vaill Point Park (*St. Johns*) 12 Mar (D. Kainauskas); 5 at Fort De Soto Park 23 Mar (J. Clayton).
- WARBLING VIREO: 1 at the University of West Florida (*Escambia*) 3 Apr (J. Lloyd); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 18-20 Apr (+J. Gibson, m. obs.).
- RED-EYED VIREO: 2 at Brooker Creek Preserve 15 Mar (+T. Mast); 25+ at Fort De Soto Park and Fred Howard Park 5 May (R. Smith, +T. Mast et al.).
- *YELLOW-GREEN VIREO: 1 at Columbia Road Hammock, Port Canaveral (*Brevard*) 10-12 May (+M. Harris, m. obs.).
- BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 18-20 Apr (*vide* R. Smith, m. obs., +J. Clayton); 1 at Lori Wilson Park, Cocoa Beach (*Brevard*) 19 Apr-1 May (J. Eager, m. obs.); 1 at St. George Island 21 Apr (+K. Yakola, M. Ramirez); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 2 May (E. Plage, +R. Smith); 1 at Cedar Key 8 May (D. Henderson); 1 at a Largo (*Pinellas*) yard 18 May (+T. Knuth).
- TREE SWALLOW: 1 at Bystre Lake (*Hernando*) 25 May (S. Mann, J. Mann).
- NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW: 2 (an apparently mated pair) at Port Orange (*Volusia*) 20 Mar (M. Brothers).
- BANK SWALLOW: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 7 Apr (T. Ford et al.); 2 at ne St. Petersburg 9 Apr (J. Clayton); up to 6 at Fort De Soto Park 5 May (E. Plage et al.).
- CLIFF SWALLOW: Up to 84 nesting in Everglades Agricultural Area (*Palm Beach*) 11 Apr-30 May (+M. Berney); 1 at ne. St. Petersburg 5 Mar (R. Smith, +J. Clayton); up to 5

- at Fort De Soto Park 7 Apr (E. Plage et al.); 3 (1 light, 1 medium, 1 dark forehead) attending 2 active nests at SR 50 and St. Johns River bridge (*Orange*) 14 May (P. Hueber, L. Mathis, G. Williams).
- CAVE SWALLOW: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 15 Mar (E. Plage, +J. Clayton); 2 at Honeymoon Island SP 27 Mar and again 16 Apr (both T. Kalbach); 2 at ne St. Petersburg 29 Mar (M. Burns, +R. Smith); 2 at the Okaloosa County Water and STF 26 Mar (M. Swan); 2 at the Cliff Swallow roost in Everglades Agricultural Area 11 Apr (+M. Berney).
- WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: 1 at St. George Island SP 19 Mar (S. Jones, +J. Murphy); 7 at Miccosukee (*Leon*) 16 May (R. Cassidy, D. Cassidy).
- BROWN CREEPER: 1 at Micanopy to 10 Mar (B. Rohman).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: 1 in n Jacksonville (*Duval*) 22 Mar (G. Williams).
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH: 1 at Fort Pickens 26 Mar (D. Stangeland); 1 at Fort Zachary Taylor Historic SP 21 Apr (J. Eager); 1 at Frogmore Farm (*Lafayette*) 5 May (J. Middleton).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH: 3 at Fort De Soto Park 3 Apr (+S. Tavaglione et al.); 1 at Fred Howard Park 3 Apr (T. Mast); 1 at George McGough Nature Park (*Pinellas*) 23 May (K. Nelson).
- WOOD THRUSH: Up to 4 at Fort De Soto Park 3 Apr (+D. Sauvageau, m. obs.).
- AMERICAN ROBIN: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 5-8 May (+S. Tavaglione et al.); up to 4 at Princess Place Preserve (*Flagler*) 13 May-EOS, including up to 2 fledglings 28-30 May (J. Giraulo, M. Giraulo, +D. Doyle); 6 nesting in Pensacola 19 May (J. Callaway, B. Callaway).
- *BAHAMA MOCKINGBIRD: 1 at No Name Key (*Monroe*) 5 May (+T. Watts); 1 at Hugh Taylor Birch SP (*Broward*) 5-27 May (B. Roberts, +M. Berney, m. obs.).
- COMMON MYNA: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 19 Apr (+S. Robinson et al.).
- AMERICAN PIPIT: 1 at the Okaloosa County Water- and STF 25 May (C. Brown).
- LAPLAND LONGSPUR: 1 at Fort Jefferson, Dry Tortugas (*Monroe*) 28 May (J. Roth).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH: 1 at John Chesnut Senior Park (*Pinellas*) 10 Mar (J. Wells); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 24-26 Mar (M. Burns et al.).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 22 Mar (E. Plage); 1 at Sawgrass Lake Park 23-26 Mar (M. Burns, +J. Clayton et al.); 1 at Dunedin Hammock Park (*Pinellas*) 27 Mar (C. Yilmaz).
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Marco Island (*Collier*) 24-25 Apr (J. Krakowski, C. Krakowski, M. Chavez).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: 1 at Big Cypress NP (*Collier*) and 1 at Florida Panther NWR (*Collier*) 13 Mar (J. Krakowski); 1 at Sanibel (*Lee*) 4 Apr (J. Long); 1 at Boca Ciega Millenium Park (*Pinellas*) 6 Apr (J. Clayton); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 7-10 Apr (*vide* R. Smith); 1 at Sand Key Park (*Pinellas*) 9 Apr (K. Duncan); 1 at Guana Tolomato Matanzas NERR 11 Apr (C. Weissburg); 1 at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve (*Lee*) 13-14 Apr (J. Padilla et al); 1 at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve 17 Apr (R. Smith).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 21 Mar (E. Plage et al.).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER: 1 banded at Dunedin Hammock Park 27 Mar (J. McGinity, C. Yilmaz); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 3 Apr (D. Sauvageau); up to 3 at Fort De Soto Park 10-12 Apr, and 1 lingered to at least 21 Apr (*vide* R. Smith, +G. Williams); 1 banded at Dunedin Hammock Park 17 Apr (+J. McGinity); 1 at Ichetucknee Springs SP (*Suwannee*) 17 Apr (J. Krummrich); 2 at Steinhatchee Springs WMA (*Lafayette*) 19 Apr (J. Hintermister); 2 singing in n Jacksonville 1 and 7 May (K. Dailey, D. Foster); 1 at Boca Ciega Millenium Park 12-13 May (K. Nelson, S. Aversa).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER: 1 at Eastman/Taminco Sanctuary (*Santa Rosa*) 25 Mar (L. Kelly, B. Furlow); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 31 Mar-4 Apr (+J. Clayton, D. Sauvageau et al.).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER: 1 at Masaryktown (*Hernando*) through 10 Mar (D. Love); 1 at Eastman/Taminco Sanctuary 22 Mar (L. Kelly, B. Furlow); 1 at Gainesville 27 Mar (A. Casella); 1 at Gainesville 10 Apr (A. Kratter).

- CONNECTICUT WARBLER: 1 at Fort Pickens 28 Apr (J. Callaway, B. Callaway); up to 2 at Sebastian Inlet SP (*Indian River*) 7 (G. Mina) and 14 May (T. Towles); 1 at Theodore Roosevelt Area (*Duval*) 9 May (G. Williams, D. Foster); up to 2 at Columbia Road Hammock, Port Canaveral 10-16 May (J. Eager, m.obs.); 1 at Pelican Island NWR (*Indian River*) 10 May (T. Ledford); up to 3 at Lake Lotus Park, Altamonte Springs (*Seminole*) 8-15 May (m. obs.); 1 female banded at Tomoka SP (*Volusia*) 12 May (Me. Wilson).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER: 1 at Bonner Park (*Pinellas*) 5 Apr (B. Parkhurst, K. Nelson et al.).
- HOODED WARBLER: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 21 Mar (J. Clayton et al.).
- *KIRTLAND'S WARBLER: 1 in coastal *Volusia* 27 Apr (+T. Lee).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 6 Apr (J. Rosenfeld); up to 5 at Fort De Soto Park 6 Apr-8 May (*vide* J. Clayton, K. Duncan).
- CERULEAN WARBLER: 1 at Rookery Bay NERR (*Collier*) 4 Apr (+K. Laakkonen).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER: 1 at Bonner Park 15-16 May (S. Aversa, K. Nelson).
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER: 4 at Fort De Soto Park 5 May (R. Smith et al.); 1 at Largo 13 May (+C. Evans).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 13 May (A. Kent, G. Kent).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER: 3 at Fort De Soto Park 5 May (E. Plage et al.).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER: 1 at Gainesville 5 Apr (M. O'Sullivan); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 10 Apr (*vide* R. Smith); up to 50 at Fort De Soto Park 17 Apr (M. Burns, J. Clayton et al.).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER: 1 at Boca Ciega Millenium Park 6 Apr (+J. Clayton, P. Brannon).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER: A probable over-wintering bird at Moccasin Lake Park (*Pinellas*) 5 Mar (M. Bohrer).
- CANADA WARBLER: 1 at Fort Pickens 22 May (P. Doggerell); 1 in *Charlotte* 25 Apr (J. Bouton).
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: 1 continuing from the winter season at Sugden Park, Naples (*Collier*) through 31 Mar (T. Zambon, D. Simpson et al.).
- *WESTERN SPINDALIS: 1 male at Hugh Taylor Birch SP 12 May (+A. Seelye-James).
- *BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT: 1 female at Long Key SP 1-29 Mar (m. obs.).
- *GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE: 1 at Little Talbot Island SP 3-4 Mar (+S. Ewing) provided the first *Duval* record.
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: 1 at Fort Clinch SP feeders 2-25 Mar (A. Wraithmell et al.).
- LARK SPARROW: 1 at Gainesville 9 Mar (A. Kratter, M. Manetz, R. Rowan); 1 at Fort De Soto Park 15 Mar was most likely one of two wintering birds (E. Plage, +J. Clayton); 1 at Fort Pickens 17-27 Mar (J. Yuhaz, D. Stangeland, D. Muth); 1 at Eastport Wastelands (*Duval*) 26 Mar (+K. Dailey).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 at Old Keystone Road (*Pinellas*) 1 Mar-8 Apr (+T. Mast, J. Wells); 1 at Oldsmar (*Pinellas*) 25 Mar (R. Smith); 1 at Eastport Wastelands 2 Apr (+K. Dailey).
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW: 1 at St. Marks NWR 26 Mar (M. Smith); 2 at Avon Park AFR (*Highlands*) 4 Apr (A. Rice); 1 at Loxahatchee NWR 11-12 Apr (K. Dailey, M. Dailey, G. Williams).
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW: 1 at Hague (*Alachua*) to 8 Mar (L. Davis, J. Hintermister et al.); 2 at Sweetwater Wetlands Park 10 Mar (A. Kent, G. Kent, A. Harper); 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 19-20 Mar (P. Hueber, m. obs.).
- SEASIDE SPARROW: 3 adult *A. m. mirabilis*, the Cape Sable race, at Everglades NP (*Miami-Dade*) 1 May (J. Eager).
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW: 1 at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive 20 Mar (P. Hueber, +Mi. Wilson); 1 at St. George Island SP 11-17 Apr (R. Cassidy et al.).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW: 1 "Gambel's" at Fort Clinch SP pier 8 Mar (A. Wraithmell).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO: 1 in *St. Johns* continued from previous season through 7 Mar (D. Mier).

- SCARLET TANAGER: 1 male at Vaill Point Park (*St. Johns*) 9 Apr (A. Langgood, S. Heijman et al.); 1 at Jonathan Dickinson SP 6 May (D. Doyle).
- WESTERN TANAGER: 1 at High Springs (*Alachua*) 2 Mar-20 Apr (J. Lynch, M. Lynch et al.); 1 at Gainesville mid-Mar-17 Apr (S. Reyniersen); 1 in *Lee* 1 Apr (J. Padilla-Lopez); 1 adult male in Gulf Breeze 11-15 Apr (B. Duncan, L. Duncan); 1 at St. George Island SP 14 May (J. Cavanagh).
- ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK: 1 first seen Feb 2nd was seen again at Largo Nature Preserve (*Pinellas*) 3 Mar (+R. Cornelius); 1 at John Taylor Park (*Pinellas*) 3 Apr (+K. Duncan).
- *LAZULI BUNTING: 1 at a private residence in *Martin* 8 Mar (L. Gomez); 1 at St. George Island SP 6-10 Apr (K. Chiasson, +J. Murphy).
- INDIGO BUNTING: 1 at Reddie Point Preserve (*Duval*) 13 Mar (D. Kainauskas).
- DICKCISSEL: 1 at Cedar Key 5 Mar (R. Rowan, J. Lebreton); 1 at San Pablo Commons (*Duval*) 15 Mar (K. Dailey); 1 in *Polk* 5 Apr (C. Lanker).
- BOBOLINK: 1 at Fort De Soto Park 22 Apr (S. Aversa, T. Aversa); 60 at n St. Petersburg 25-26 Apr (+J. Clayton, m. obs.).
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: Up to 2 at Hague 14-18 Mar (C. Horning, T. Anderson et al.); 1 at Pace (*Santa Rosa*) 15-27 Mar (D. Stangeland); 1 at Clintwood Acres (*Charlotte*) 29 Mar (K. Blackshaw); 4 males at Sem Chi Rice Plant, CR 880, Belle Glade (*Palm Beach*) 11 Apr (J. Eager).
- SHINY COWBIRD: 1 at Cedar Key 17 Mar (J. Mays) and 28 Apr-5 May (D. Henderson, M. O'Sullivan); 1 male at Fort Pickens 15-16 Apr (A. Etienne, J. Callaway, B. Callaway, B. Duncan, L. Duncan, D. Stangeland); 1 male at Flamingo, Everglades NP (*Monroe*) 1 May (J. Eager); 1 male at Fort De Soto Park 2 May (K. Nelson, S. Aversa, +T. Aversa); 1 in *Lee* 14 May (E. Swank).
- BRONZED COWBIRD: Up to 3 (2 male, 1 female) at Newton Park, Winter Garden (*Orange*) 16 Mar-11 Apr (T. Leukering, +P. Hueber, M. Rogner, m. obs.); up to 3 at Cedar Key 17 Mar-4 May (J. Mays, M. O'Sullivan et al.); 1 at Crystal River (*Citrus*) 6 May (A. Kent).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 in Lawton (*Monroe*) 10 May (+D. Doyle).
- PINE SISKIN: 1 at a Jacksonville feeder (*Duval*) 2-11 Mar (M. Vergenz); 2 at Alligator Point (*Franklin*) 6 Mar (J. Murphy); 1 in n Jacksonville 9 Apr (L. Johannsen).
- SCALY-BREADED MUNIA: 22 in Pace 9 Mar (D. Stangeland); 5 at Inerarity Point (*Escambia*) 14 Mar (*vide* B. Duncan); 9 in Pace 19 Mar (D. Stangeland); 11 in Pace 2 Apr (D. Stangeland); 7 in w Pensacola 4 Apr (J. Lloyd); 8 in n Pensacola 24 May (Kirk Roth); 3 at International Paper Wetlands 29 May (J. Callaway, B. Callaway).

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