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BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (SELASPHORUS PLATYCERCUS),

FIRST FOR ALABAMA

Robert R. Sargent and Martha B. Sargent

When Dot Grove of Anniston (Calhoun Co.) looked out her window on 8 December 1994 and saw a hummingbird feeding on flowers in her back yard, she didn't realize she was looking at a bird never before seen in Alabama. But she did think that seeing a hummingbird in December was unusual enough to mention the experience to friends.

When word of the winter sighting reached Homer McMaron, he called Bill Summerour of nearby Jacksonville, as he occasionally does to talk about birds in the Anniston area. Summerour called Mrs. Grove to inquire about the sighting, but was told that she had seen it only the one time at her *Salvia* (*Salvia* sp.) and she was not aware of hummingbird feeders in the neighborhood. She had taken her feeder down at the end of the summer, but decided to put it back out and call Summerour if the bird reappeared.

Four days later, on the morning of 12 December, Mrs. Grove telephoned Dr. Summerour to inform him that the hummingbird had reappeared and was using her feeder. That afternoon Summerour tentatively identified the hummingbird as a Broad-tailed. The next morning he returned with a Questar spotting scope to study in more detail the gorget feathers and the pattern of rufous color in the tail. This confirmed that the hummer was indeed a Broad-tailed, the first recorded in Alabama and the fourth east of the Mississippi River.

The Broad-tailed is the eighth species of hummingbirds known to occur

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in Alabama. Five of them have been identified since 1988. The others are the Magnificent (*Eugenes fulgens*), Ruby-throated (*Archilochus colubris*), Black-chinned (*Archilochus alexandri*), Anna's (*Calypte anna*), Calliope (*Stellula calliope*), Rufous (*Selasphorus rufus*) and Allen's (*Selasphorus sasin*). In addition a Buff-bellied (*Amazilia yucatanensis*) was seen by the senior author at Fort Morgan (Baldwin Co.) on the Alabama coast on 8 April 1991, but is listed as hypothetical.

On 14 December we met Dr. Summerour at the Grove residence in Anniston and soon observed the bird at the feeder and at several perches where it was hawking insects. As we prepared our trapping gear we were approached and scolded by this very active and vocal hummer. The vocalizations were completely different from the harsher notes common to the other two members of the genus, the Rufous and the Allen's. The bird also gave a series of chipping notes that Martha (my wife) and I recognized as being the same as those from a Broad-tailed we had captured and banded on 4 December. A single distinctive chip note was also heard. Interestingly, the bird displayed very aggressive behavior toward songbirds present in the yard. In the course of observing this behavior, we were able to observe flashes of the distinctive rose-magenta color present on the gorget feather that had been so well described previously by Dr. Summerour. The rufous at the base of the tail feathers was difficult to see in detail, but appeared to be confined to the outer retrices. There also appeared to be an unusual amount of black visible in the partially spread tail and it seemed to be uncharacteristically long and wide

(Figure 1). The blue-green color that was prominent on the back changed to mostly green on the wide central retrix. As the bird acquires it's adult plumage, it will molt all of the flight feathers present at fledging. The outer, or tenth sub-adult primary, will be replaced by a feather having a distinctive excurved tip. This excurved tip will enable the adult male to produce a very loud metallic trill used in courtship displays and to defend it's breeding territory.

Dr. Summerour made note of the deeper wing sound and a barely audible muted trill produced by the outer primaries. The deeper wing sounds are normal for a hummingbird having long wings.



Figure 1. Immature male Broad-tailed hummingbird banded in Anniston. Note the wide tail, broad, all green central retrices, rufous at base of the outer retrices and extensive black in tail. A combination of size, rufous in the tail, and rose-magenta in the gorget feathers identified this hummer as a Broad-tailed.

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Once the bird was trapped and positively identified while within a wire cage, it was placed in a small cloth bag and taken indoors for banding (#8000 T82529) and measuring. Measurements recorded were: wing-48.81mm; tail-30.90mm; exposed culmen-19.38mm; and weight-3.31 grams. There were no detectable fatty deposits, but the bird appeared normal in all other respects. The overall condition was excellent.

Adult males are readily identified in the field by their wing trill, large size, blue-green back coloration, iridescent rose-magenta gorget and rufous at the base of the tail feathers. Females and immature are more of a challenge, but can usually be field identified by a combination of their large size, blue-green back, rufous at the base of the outer retrices and the rose-magenta iridescence in the gorget feathers.

It was determined that this bird was a hatching year male (calendar year 1994) based on the accepted standard of bill striation being the best indicator of immature hummingbirds (Baltosser, 1987, *North American Bird Bander* 12:151-166). The techniques used for sexing hummingbirds are generally governed by the species involved. In the Broad-tailed, the amount of color on each individual gorget feather is a prominent indicator. In females the rose-magenta color is confined to the very tip of the feather and is less brilliant than that of the male. As in other hummingbirds, the female is normally larger than the male and will have a longer wing. The measurement of 48.81mm put our subject in the range expected for a male. The culmen was long for a male, but the measurement may not have been reliable since many of the tiny

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feathers were missing at the point of the measurement where they impinge on the upper mandible. The extensive green on the sides, immediately under the wing, was also an additional indication for a male.

The only other banding records for Broad-tailed hummingbird east of the Mississippi River have been from Tifton (Tift Co.) and Atlanta (DeKalb Co.), Georgia, and a single bird from Carriere (Pearl River Co.), Mississippi. All were banded in the winter and were young males. Approximately twenty Broad-taileds have been documented by Nancy Newfield (Louisiana State University) as part of a pioneering study of hummingbirds in Louisiana (pers.comm). On 30 January 1995 a female was seen by the authors in Gulfport (Harrison Co.), Mississippi, and a second year male was sighted in another yard in Diamondhead (Hancock Co.), Mississippi on 31 January. Both were identified by the field marks described and vocalizations.

Broad-tailed hummingbirds winter mostly in the mountain regions of Central America and migrate northward into Southern Arizona by late February and early March. They reach Northern Arizona by early April and arrive in Colorado from late April through May (Calder, et al, 1994, *The Birds of North America*, No. 16). Most young are fledged in June and July and migrate south shortly thereafter. During this time they are common in the high mountain meadows, feeding heavily on a variety of flowers that are available during the shortened blooming season at higher elevations. Like most hummingbirds, an essential part of their diet is small bodied insects. Calder, et al, 1994 (*The Birds of North America*, No. 16) found certain flowers were favored as a source

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of food such as Delphinium nelsoni, Ipomopsis aggregata, Castilleja miniata and Delphinium barbeyi

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OSPREY (PANDION HALIAETUS) FEEDS ON CARRION

WITH TURKEY VULTURES (CATHARTES AURA)

Julian L. Dusi

On 28 July 1994, while driving north on highway 39, Stewart Co., Georgia, with a van-load of ornithology students, six turkey vultures were observed on the road opposite the entrance to the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge, Bradley Unit. As we approached, some of the vultures flew, exposing a light-colored bird feeding among them. An approaching car from the north caused all of the vultures to fly, leaving the light-colored bird, that we identified as an Osprey in sole possession of the remains of a badly decomposed opossum (Didelphis virginiana). The Osprey flew off with the opossum, but dropped it.

Although the osprey is known to eat dead fish, it does not usually feed

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on carrion or road kills (Bent, A.C. 1937, *Life Histories of North American Birds of Prey, Part One*). Neither do they usually feed in associations, but only solitarily. **Julian L. Dusi**, Department of Zoology and Wildlife Science, Auburn University, AL 36849.

RING-BILLED GULLS (LARUS DELAWARENSIS) FEEDING ON MUSSELS

Daniel J. Drennen

In this note I document Ring-Billed Gulls feeding on three different species of mussels, describe aspects of their feeding behavior and gauge the lake water level necessary for it to occur.

On 6 January and 10 January 1994, I observed Ring-Billed Gulls picking up mussels from the shoreline with their beaks and dropping them on the asphalt parking lot (approximately 0.5 acre, 0.2 hectare; rectangular in shape) immediately adjacent to Lake Eufaula at Lake Point State Park (Barbour Co., Alabama). Most of the mussels were exposed to the air in the mud shoreline and were readily available to gulls. Some mussels were covered with < 1 foot (0.3 m) of water. Lake water levels during the observations were 185.08 msl (mean sea level) and 185.13 msl, respectively. Full pool for the lake is 190.0 msl. Normal msl for the lake in January is 3-4 feet (0.9-1.2 m) below this stage.

The gulls would carry the mussels to an estimated height of 10-30 feet (3.0-9.1 m) and drop them on the asphalt parking lot. If the mussel missed the asphalt or did not open on impact, the gulls would pick it up and drop it again.

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They would immediately descend on cracked shells and pick out the flesh. Some gulls would pursue other gulls with mussels in their beaks in order to rob them.

Welty (1975, *The Life of Birds*) stated that, in general, gulls were known to fly over rocky ground with mussels and drop them to break them open and expose their edible interiors. Imhof (1976, *Alabama Birds*) and Bent (1921, *Life Histories of North American Gulls and Terns*) discussed the food habits of several gull species but neither mention that Ring-Billed Gulls consume mussels. No specific notation of Ring-Billed Gulls feeding on mussels was found in other literature reviewed.

Within the area of the parking lot I found more than 200 opened mussel shells. No fleshy portions remained except for remnant pieces around the shell hinges. I collected various shell samples and sent them for identification to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Mollusk Research office at the University of Florida.

Species collected were Corbicula fluminea, Anodonta imbecillis, and A. grandis and ranged in shell length from approximately 3.5 cm to 10.16 cm. These species are common throughout the lake area and are exposed in great numbers when water levels drop below 186.0 msl. C. fluminea was the most numerous species collected.

C. fluminea is an exotic species, introduced to North America from Southeast Asia in the early 1900's, which has successfully occupied habitat within the lake bottom substrate. Their numbers seem to be increasing and may

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even be in direct competition with native species (J. Brim, pers. comm., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). C. fluminea may be an important food source to wintering Ring-Billed Gulls when water levels are below 186.0 msl.

During January 1995 I did not observe this particular feeding behavior and did not see any mussel shells in the parking lot. The water level was above 188.0 msl and too high for gulls to feed on mussels. **Daniel J. Drennen**, Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 2, Box 97-B, Eufaula, Alabama, 36027.

THE THIRD ALABAMA RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

William J. Bremser Jr.

The "official" Alabama State List now contains 394 species, with 11 species listed in the hypothetical category (no acceptable photograph, specimen, or not seen by at least three experienced observers). The Eurasian Collared-Dove (Streptopelia decaoeto) which was recently accepted by the AOU, would have increased the state total to 395; however, at the same time the Eurasian Collared-Dove was accepted, the Ringed Turtle-Dove (Streptopelia risoria) was deleted by the AOU.

Tables 1 and 2 cover the years 1992 and 1993 respectively. Table 3 contains an update of the 1990 and 1991 unreported evaluations. Forty-three records were appraised and finalized.

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TABLE 1. 1992 RECORDS COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

Record Species No.	Species	Date	County	How Noted ¹	Decision ²	Alabama Status *
92-1	Brown Noddy <u>Anous stolidus</u>	05/09/90	Mobile	P	A	4
92-2	Ross' Goose <u>Chen rossii</u>	01/20/91	Limestone		A	7
92-3	Black-chinned Hummingbird <u>Archilochus alexandri</u>	10/05/90	Jefferson		A	12
92-4	White-tailed Kite <u>Elanus leucurus</u>	10/13/91	Mobile	P	A	8
92-5	White-tailed Kite	10/06/91	Baldwin		A	7
92-6	Cave Swallow <u>Petrochelidon fulva</u>	05/09/90	Mobile		A	7
92-7	Bronzed Cowbird <u>Molothrus aeneus</u>	08/18/91	Baldwin		A	5
92-8	Red-necked Grebe <u>Podiceps grisegena</u>	12/09/91	Marshall		A	7
92-9	Fork-tailed Flycatcher <u>Muscivora tyrannus</u>	04/20/92	Mobile		A	2 **
92-10	deleted					
92-11	Cave Swallow	04/19/92	Baldwin		A	9

¹ P-photograph; S-specimen; B-banded; blank indicates visual

² A-accepted; NI-not accepted (identification); NO-not accepted (origin); W-withdrawn by observer

* Number of times reported

** First "official" State record. Record 89-17, the first sighting, was accepted by the records committee but placed on the hypothetical list as there was only one qualified observer and no photo nor specimen.

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TABLE 2. 1993 RECORDS COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

Record No.	Species	Date	County	How Noted ¹	Decision ²	Alabama Status *
93-1	Allen's Hummingbird <u>Selasphorus sasin</u>	11/15/91	Mobile	P/B	A	1
93-2	Pacific Loon <u>Gavia arctica</u>	04/17/86	Mobile		A	5
93-3	Smith's Longspur <u>Calcarius pictus</u>	01/01/92	Limestone	P	A	7
93-4	Varied Thrush <u>Ixoreus naevius</u>	02/20/92	Jefferson	P	A	1
93-5	Snow Bunting <u>Plectrophenax nivalis</u>	03/20/92	Jefferson		NI	
93-6	Little Gull <u>Larus minutus</u>	04/11/92	Baldwin	P	A	2
93-7	Cave Swallow	04/12/92	Baldwin		A	8
93-8	Shiny Cowbird <u>Molothrus bonariensis</u>	04/24/92	Mobile		A	
93-9	Bronzed Cowbird	04/23/92	Baldwin		A	6
93-10	Black-legged Kittiwake <u>Rissa tridactyla</u>	04/17/92	Mobile		A	5
93-11	Pacific Loon	12/01/91	Marshall		A	10
93-12	Allen's Hummingbird	01/26/92	Autauga	P/B	A	2
93-13	Anna's Hummingbird <u>Calypte anna</u>	11/19/92	Madison	P/B	A	1
93-14	Hammond's Flycatcher <u>Empidonax hammondi</u>	09/19/92	Baldwin	P/B	A	1

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Table 2 - Continued

93-15	Harris' Sparrow <u>Zonotrichia querula</u>	11/27/92	Baldwin		A	10
93-16	Ferruginous Hawk <u>Buteo regalis</u>	01/09/93	Baldwin	P	NI	
93-17	Eurasian Collared-Dove	04/16/92	Baldwin		A	
93-18	Ross' Goose	01/13/93	Limestone		A	8
93-19	Masked Booby <u>Sula dactylatra</u>	04/10/92	Mobile		NI	
93-20	Great Cormorant <u>Phalacrocorax carbo</u>	11/01/92	Baldwin		NI	
93-21	Swainson's Hawk <u>Buteo swainsoni</u>	10/18/92	Baldwin	P	A	20+
93-22	Lesser Black-backed Gull <u>Larus fuscus</u>	12/14/91	Lauderdale		A	4
93-23	Ash-throated Flycatcher <u>Myiarchus cinerascens</u>	10/07/92	Morgan		W	
93-24	Western Tanager <u>Piranga ludoviciana</u>	10/10/92	Mobile		A	15+
93-25	Eurasian Collared-Dove	10/08/92	Mobile		A	
93-26	Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/17/92	Colbert		A	5
93-27	Greater Shearwater <u>Puffinus gravis</u>	12/31/92	Baldwin		A	15
93-28	Ross' Goose	02/03/93	Clarke	P	A	9
93-29	Ross' Goose	02/07/93	Perry	P	A	10
93-30	Little Gull	01/02/93	Perry		A	3

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Table 2 - Continued

93-31	Allen's Hummingbird	02/13/93	Mobile	P/B	A	3
93-32	Little Gull	01/07/93	Lawrence	P	A	4
93-33	Eurasian Collared-Dove	02/06/93	Limestone		A	

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TABLE 3. UPDATING OF PREVIOUS 1990/1991 RECORDS COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

Record No.	Species	Date	County	How Noted ¹	Decision ²	Alabama Status *
90-10	Harris' Sparrow	01/01/90	Baldwin		A	8
90-26	Cave Swallow	04/21/90	Mobile		NI	
90-46	Red-throated Loon <u>Gavia stellata</u>	01/19/89	Baldwin		NI	
90-47	deleted					
91-5	Iceland Gull <u>Larus glaucooides</u>	03/08/91	Baldwin		NI	
91-8	Mourning Warbler <u>Oporornis philadelphia</u>	10/06/90	Baldwin		A	30+
91-10	Bell's Vireo <u>Vireo bellii</u>	05/05/90	Jefferson		A	15+
91-12	Parasitic Jaeger <u>Stercorarius parasiticus</u>	12/29/90	Baldwin		A	25+
91-15	Mute Swan <u>Cygnus olor</u>	03/14/91	Jefferson		NO	

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AUBURN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS 1954 - 1994

Julian L. Dusi and Rosemary D. Dusi

Christmas bird counts have been made in Auburn, Alabama since 1954 (Dusi 1991, *Alabama Birdlife* 38(1)). The number of participants with good birding abilities has always been small. Often just one party did the count. In 1993 and 1994, a greater number of participants (23 in 1993 and 12 in 1994) and counting parties (34) have resulted in a difference of the total species numbers (Table 1); 79 in both 1993 and 1994, ranging from 42-76 in 1954 - 1990.

The habitats of the area have changed greatly in the past 40 years. In 1954, the area was rural, except for the small cities of Auburn and Opelika and the agricultural experiment area of Auburn University. Both cities have now grown together and have many suburbs. The University has expanded and two large golf courses (Auburn Links at Mill Creek and the Robert Trent Jones Grade National Golf Club) have created large areas of artificial openings, plantings and water areas, easily counted from a golf cart. Agricultural land use has changed from cultivated field crops to pastures, with much land in pine trees (*Pinus* sp.). The white-tailed deer, *Odocoileus virginianus*, which graze on the undergrowth of woodlands and remove bird habitat, have increased from rare to abundant. Wild Turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) have increased from being absent to common.

The Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) and Bachman's Sparrow (*Aimophila aestivalis*) no longer have suitable habitat. Waterfowl have

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decreased. The blackbird roost, present in the 1950's and 1960's, is no longer extant. Many of the open field and edge species, like sparrows and the Bobwhite (Colinus virginianus) have decreased in areas where tree farming has replaced tilled fields. These changes have occurred and are expected on our counts. Fielding more parties, counting birds on more of the count area, has provided the higher counts of 1993 and 1994.

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TABLE 1. TOTALS OF COUNTS FOR 1993, 1994, AND 1954 -1990, AUBURN, ALABAMA ¹			
SPECIES	1993	1994	1954-1990
Horned Grebe <u>Podiceps auritus</u>	0	1	1
Pied-billed Grebe <u>Podilymbus podiceps</u>	18	25	42
Double-crested Cormorant <u>Phalacrocorax auritus</u>	0	3	1
Great Blue Heron <u>Ardea herodias</u>	40	21	72
Great Egret <u>Casmerodius albus</u>	1	1	1
Canada Goose <u>Branta canadensis</u>	1	1	0
Mallard <u>Anas platyrhynchos</u>	45	21	5
Black Duck <u>Anas rubripes</u>	0	0	2
Gadwall <u>Anas strepera</u>	0	0	1

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Table 1 - Continued

Green-winged Teal <u>Anas crecca</u>	7	0	0
Northern Shoveler <u>Anas clypeata</u>	0	0	1
Wood Duck <u>Aix sponsa</u>	15	2	25
Redhead <u>Aythya americana</u>	0	0	3
Ring-necked Duck <u>Aythya collaris</u>	2	5	149
Canvasback <u>Aythya valisineria</u>	0	0	1
Lesser Scaup <u>Aythya affinis</u>	0	0	31
Common Goldeneye <u>Bucephala clangula</u>	0	0	3
Bufflehead <u>Bucephala albeola</u>	0	1	10
Ruddy Duck <u>Oxyura jamaicensis</u>	2	1	1
Hooded Merganser <u>Lophodytes cucullatus</u>	10	11	10
Common Merganser <u>Mergus merganser</u>	0	0	1
Turkey Vulture <u>Cathartes aura</u>	43	30	178
Black Vulture <u>Coragyps atratus</u>	56	104	458
Sharp-shinned Hawk <u>Accipiter striatus</u>	2	2	4
Cooper's Hawk <u>Accipiter cooperii</u>	1	0	7
Red-tailed Hawk <u>Buteo jamaicensis</u>	21	9	72
Red-shouldered Hawk <u>Buteo lineatus</u>	03	04	23
Broad-winged Hawk <u>Buteo platypterus</u>	0	0	1
Northern Harrier <u>Circus cyaneus</u>	0	1	11
Merlin <u>Falco columbarius</u>	0	0	1
American Kestrel <u>Falco sparverius</u>	9	13	47
Bobwhite	25	26	265
Turkey	12	5	2

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Table 1 - Continued

Sandhill Crane <u>Grus canadensis</u>	0	0	2
Sora <u>Porzana carolina</u>	0	0	1
King Rail <u>Rallus elegans</u>	0	1	0
American Coot <u>Fulica americana</u>	0	2	63
Killdeer <u>Charadrius vociferus</u>	135	28	362
American Woodcock <u>Scolopax minor</u>	0	2	11
Common Snipe <u>Gallinago gallinago</u>	8	0	114
Spotted Sandpiper <u>Actitis macularia</u>	0	0	1
Least Sandpiper <u>Calidris minutilla</u>	1	0	12
Ring-billed Gull <u>Larus delawarensis</u>	0	13	0
Rock Dove <u>Columba livia</u>	577	775	685
Mourning Dove <u>Zenaida macroura</u>	87	138	865
Common Ground Dove <u>Columbina passerina</u>	0	0	2
Barn Owl <u>Tyto alba</u>	0	0	1
Screech Owl <u>Otus asio</u>	3	1	6
Great Horned Owl <u>Bubo virginianus</u>	2	1	6
Barred Owl <u>Strix varia</u>	0	0	8
Belted Kingfisher <u>Ceryle alcyon</u>	18	9	69
Common Flicker <u>Colaptes auratus</u>	11	16	206
Pileated Woodpecker <u>Dryocopus pileatus</u>	16	5	28
Red-bellied Woodpecker <u>Melanerpes carolinus</u>	24	25	174
Red-headed Woodpecker <u>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</u>	2	0	19

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Table 1 - Continued

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker <u>Sphyrapicus varius</u>	14	3	63
Hairy Woodpecker <u>Picoides villosus</u>	1	2	25
Downy Woodpecker <u>Picoides pubescens</u>	7	10	116
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	0	0	1
Eastern Phoebe <u>Sayornis phoebe</u>	20	5	87
Olive-sided Flycatcher <u>Contopus borealis</u>	0	0	1
Blue Jay <u>Cyanocitta cristata</u>	56	57	592
American Crow <u>Corvus brachyrhynchos</u>	206	240	441
Fish Crow <u>Corvus ossifragus</u>	1	0	0
Carolina Chickadee <u>Parus carolinensis</u>	47	27	354
Tufted Titmouse <u>Parus bicolor</u>	35	28	225
White-breasted Nuthatch <u>Sitta carolinensis</u>	0	0	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch <u>Sitta canadensis</u>	0	0	3
Brown-headed Nuthatch <u>Sitta pusilla</u>	15	10	264
Brown Creeper <u>Certhia americana</u>	0	0	34
House Wren <u>Troglodytes aedon</u>	3	1	4
Winter Wren <u>Troglodytes troglodytes</u>	1	0	34
Carolina Wren <u>Thryothorus ludvicianus</u>	20	34	239
Marsh Wren <u>Cistothorus palustris</u>	0	1	1
Mockingbird <u>Mimus polyglottos</u>	35	41	330
Gray Catbird <u>Dumetella carolinensis</u>	0	1	2
Brown Thrasher <u>Toxostoma rufum</u>	10	7	161
American Robin <u>Turdus migratorius</u>	1875	16	1627

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Table 1 - Continued

Hermit Thrush <u>Catharus guttatus</u>	9	5	51
Veery <u>Catharus fuscescens</u>	0	0	1
Eastern Bluebird <u>Sialia sialis</u>	54	83	288
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher <u>Polioptila caerulea</u>	3	0	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet <u>Regulus satrapa</u>	16	4	153
Ruby-crowned Kinglet <u>Regulus calendula</u>	53	30	459
Water Pipit <u>Anthus spinoletta</u>	20	1	208
Cedar Waxwing <u>Bombycilla cedrorum</u>	239	269	857
Loggerhead Shrike <u>Lanius ludovicianus</u>	11	15	78
Starling <u>Sturnus vulgaris</u>	4076	610	1036K
White-eyed Vireo <u>Vireo griseus</u>	0	0	1
Solitary Vireo <u>Vireo solitarius</u>	0	4	3
Orange-crowned Warbler <u>Vermivora celata</u>	0	0	6
Yellow-rumped Warbler <u>Dendroica coronata</u>	80	172	427
Pine Warbler <u>Dendroica pinus</u>	22	120	174
Palm Warbler <u>Dendroica palmarum</u>	1	0	0
Common Yellowthroat <u>Geothlypis trichas</u>	0	1	15
House Sparrow <u>Passer domesticus</u>	2	36	482
Eastern Meadowlark <u>Sturnella magna</u>	257	98	1049
Red-winged Blackbird <u>Agelaius phoeniceus</u>	5011	405	947K
Common Grackle <u>Quiscalus quiscula</u>	10.5K	156	674.5K
Brown-headed Cowbird <u>Molothrus ater</u>	600	10	849.5K
Northern Cardinal <u>Cardinalis cardinalis</u>	51	70	801

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Table 1 - Continued

Purple Finch <u>Carpodacus purpureus</u>	2	1	142
House Finch <u>Carpodacus mexicanus</u>	45	142	42
Pine Siskin <u>Carduelis pinus</u>	2	0	0
American Goldfinch <u>Carduelis tristis</u>	90	47	681
Rufous-sided Towhee <u>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</u>	14	14	543
Savannah Sparrow <u>Passerculus sandwichensis</u>	196	30	260
Vesper Sparrow <u>Pooecetes gramineus</u>	33	2	33
Bachman's Sparrow	0	0	2
Dark-eyed Junco <u>Junco hyemalis</u>	57	3	979
Chipping Sparrow <u>Spizella passerina</u>	5	59	1066
Field Sparrow <u>Spizella pusilla</u>	78	47	872
White-throated Sparrow <u>Zonotrichia albicollis</u>	76	90	1136
Fox Sparrow <u>Passerella iliaca</u>	2	0	0
Swamp Sparrow <u>Melospiza georgiana</u>	23	22	218
Song Sparrow <u>Melospiza melodia</u>	59	87	623
TOTALS	79	79	106 (42 - 76)

¹ K = thousands

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FLORIDA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1994-1995

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CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY, 19 Dec., 44 observers, 131.5 party-hours:

Com Loon,317; Pied-b Grebe,90; Eared Grebe,1; Horned Grebe,217; Gannet,559; White Pelican,140; Brown Pelican,246; D-cr Cormorant,294; Gt Blue Heron,111; Gt Egret,10; Reddish Egret,1; Bl-cr N-Heron,1; Yl-cr N-Heron,1; Snow Goose,1; Canada Goose,6; Wood Duck,41; Green-w Teal,166; Mallard,28; Pintail,1; Blue-w Teal,16; Shoveler,24; Gadwall,7; Am Widgeon,1; Canvasback,1; Redhead,47; Ring-nk Duck,94; Gt Scaup,47; L Scaup,51; Wh-wing Scoter,3; Com Goldeneye,1; Bufflehead,544; Red-br Merganser,34; Ruddy Duck,20; Black Vulture,41; Turkey Vulture,100; Osprey,6; Bald Eagle,2; N Harrier,3; Sharp-shin Hawk,5; Cooper's Hawk,6; Red-shldr Hawk,8; Red-tail Hawk,17; Am Kestrel,44; Merlin,1; Clapper Rail,1; Sora Rail,3; Com Moorhen,5; Am Coot,436; Black-b Plover,13; Snowy Plover,19; Killdeer,327; G Yellowlegs,47; L Yellowlegs,2; Willet,22; Spotted Sandpiper,4; Ruddy Turnstone,5; Sanderling,123; Least Sandpiper,126; Dunlin,24; L-b Dowitcher,2; Com Snipe,68; Laughing Gull,1360; Bonaparte's Gull,268; Ring-b Gull,1126; Herring Gull,45; Royal Tern,91; Sandwich Tern,2; Forster's Tern,61; Black Skimmer,1; Rock Dove,187; Eur Col-Dove,82; Mourning Dove,1064; Grn Dove,5; Screech Owl,8; Gt Horned Owl,1; Whip-poor-will,1; Buff-b Hummingbird(no details),1; **Ruf Hummingbird(no details),1**; B Kingfisher,35; Red-hd Wdpkr,3; Red-b Wdpkr,58; Y-b Sapsucker,22; Downy Wdpkr,17; Rec-c Wdpkr,2; Flicker,55; Pileated Wdpkr,10; E Phoebe,47; Tree Swallow,116; Blue Jay,196; Am Crow,132; Fish Crow,30; Caro Chickadee,219; Tufted Titmouse,166; Brown-hd Nuthatch,31; Caro Wren,55; House Wren,11; Sedge Wren,2; Marsh Wren,6; G-c Kinglet,2; R-c Kinglet,146; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,34; E Bluebird,6; Hermit Thrush,7; Am Robin,309; Catbird,7; Mockingbird,240; Brown Thrasher,26; Am Pipit,15; Cedar Waxwing,66; L Shrike,31; Starling,1808; White-e Vireo,2; Solitary Vireo,28; Orange-cr Warbler,7; Yel-rp Warbler,2154; Yellow-thr Warbler,2; Pine Warbler,373; Palm Warbler,29; Bl-and-Wh Warbler,1; Com Yellowthroat,6; Cardinal,140; Rufus-s Towhee,54; Chipping Sp,199; Field Sp,23; Vesper Sp,23; Savannah Sp,76; Sharp-tl Sp,1; Song Sp,47; Swamp Sp,26; White-thr Sp,125; D-e Junco,3; Red-wg Blackbird,4000; E Meadowlark,84; Com Grackle,124; Brn-h Cowbird,10; Brewer's Blackbird,3; Com Grackle,124; Brn-hd Cowbird,10; Purple Finch,10; House Finch,15; Pine Siskin,1; Am Goldfinch,38; House Sp,117. Count Week: Peregrin Falcon, Turkey, Virginia Rail, S-b Dowitcher, W. Kingbird.

Total Species: 142; Total individuals: 20,516;

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MARIANNA, 17 Dec., 28 observers, party-hours(not reported):

Pied-b Grebe,5; D-cr Cormorant,6; Anhinga,2; Gt Blue Heron,15; Gt Egret,12; Snowy Egret,2; Little Blue Heron,1; Cattle Egret,4; Yl-cr N-Heron,1; Wood Duck,22; Mallard,3; L Scaup,2; scaup,3; Hooded Merganser,1; duck,9; Black

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Vulture,50; Turkey Vulture,50; N Harrier,3; Cooper's Hawk,1; Red-shldr Hawk,28; Red-tail Hawk,21; Am Kestrel,21; Merlin,2; Com Moorhen,3; Killdeer,26; G Yellowlegs,2; Com Snipe,37; Rock Dove,11; Mourning Dove,144; Grn-Dove,90; Screech Owl,6; Gt Horned Owl,1; Barred Owl,9; B Kingfisher,15; Red-hd Wdpkr,2; Red-b Wdpkr,85; Y-b Sapsucker,29; Downy Wdpkr,18; Hairy Wdpkr,6; Flicker,44; Pileated Wdpkr,25; E Phoebe,59; Tree Swallow,18; Rough-w Swallow,10; Blue Jay,182; Am Crow,316; Fish Crow,162; Caro Chickadee,162; Tufted Titmouse,90; Red-b Nuthatch,4; Brown Creeper,1; Caro Wren,37; House Wren,7; Marsh Wren,2; G-c Kinglet,3; R-c Kinglet,56; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,8; E Bluebird,101; Hermit Thrush,2; Am Robin,2814; Catbird,2; Mockingbird,49; Brown Thrasher,8; L Shrike,16; Starling,3; White-e Vireo,10; Solitary Vireo,10; Orange-cr Warbler,5; Yel-rp Warbler,175; Yel-thr Warbler,1; Pine Warbler,114; Palm Warbler,184; Com Yellowthroat,5; Cardinal,210; Rufus-s Towhee,62; Chipping Sp,561; Field Sp,16; Vesper Sp,4; Savannah Sp,31; Grasshopper Sp,1; Henslow's Sp,1; Fox Sp,2; Song Sp,12; Swamp Sp,4; White-thr Sp,69; Red-wg Blackbird,569; E Meadowlark,60; Rusty Blackbird,166; Brewer's Blackbird,80; Com Grackle,2924; Brn-h Cowbird,2060; Purple Finch,35; Am Goldfinch,53.

Total species,94 ; Total individuals,11,295;

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PENSACOLA, 17 Dec., 30 observers, 92.5 party-hours:

Com Loon,422; Pied-b Grebe,50; Horned Grebe,157; Gannet,65; Brown Pelican,408; D-cr Cormorant,385; Gt Blue Heron,119; Gt Egret,12; Snowy Egret,24; Reddish Egret,2; Gn Heron,2; Bl-cr N-Heron,12; Wood Duck,16; Mallard,26; Redhead,551; Ring-nk Duck,60; Gt Scaup,19; L Scaup,111; Old-squaw,1; scoter,4; Goldeneye,50; Bufflehead,272; Hooded Merganser,15; Red-br Merganser,300; Osprey,1; N Harrier,2; Sharp-shin Hawk,5; Cooper's Hawk,8; Red-shldr Hawk,9; Red-tail Hawk,10; Am Kestrel,32; Merlin,3; N Bobwhite,1; Clapper Rail,10; Com Moorhen,4; Am Coot,228; Black-b Plover,41; Snowy Plover,4; Killdeer,46; G Yellowlegs,7; L Yellowlegs,1; Willet,47; Spotted Sandpiper,9; Ruddy Turnstone,59; Sanderling,72; W Sandpiper,1; Dunlin,70; Laughing Gull,2012; Bonaparte's Gull,15; Ring-b Gull,420; Herring Gull,106; Royal Tern,50; Forster's Tern,63; Rock Dove,686; Eur Col-Dove,150; Mourning Dove,1549; Grn-Dove,1; Screech Owl,17; Gt Horned Owl,3; B Kingfisher,60; Red-hd Wdpkr,6; Red-b Wdpkr,86; Y-b Sapsucker,11; Downy Wdpkr,11; Flicker,66; Pileated Wdpkr,5; E Phoebe,29; Tree Swallow,690; Blue Jay,520; Fish Crow,5342; Caro Chickadee,66; Tufted Titmouse,74; Brown-hd Nuthatch,4; Caro Wren,79; House Wren,16; Sedge Wren,25; Marsh Wren,9; G-c Kinglet,3; R-c Kinglet,108; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,36; E Bluebird,100; Hermit Thrush,10; Am Robin,1316; Catbird,18; Mockingbird,247; Brown Thrasher,54; Cedar Waxwing,13; L Shrike,28; Starling,1765; White-e Vireo,3; Solitary Vireo,17; Orange-cr Warbler,21; Yel-rp Warbler,2529; Pine Warbler,131; Palm Warbler,11; Com Yellowthroat,20; Cardinal,95; Rufus-s Towhee,71; Chipping Sp,250; Field Sp,86; Savannah Sp,34; Henslow's Sp,1; Le Conte's Sp,1; Sharp-t Sp,2; Seaside Sp,3; Song Sp,69; Swamp Sp,55; White-thr Sp,235;

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Red-wg Blackbird,352; E Meadowlark,7; Brewer's Blackbird,350; Com Grackle,161; Brn-h Cowbird,521; House Finch,46; Am Goldfinch,25; House Sp,475.

Total species, 116; Total individuals, 25,238;

Compiler: Edmond G. Case, 3634 Tiger Point Blvd., Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

PERDIDO BAY, FL-AL, 26 Dec., 35 observers, 125.5 party-hours:

Com Loon,428; Pied-b Grebe,76; Horned Grebe,89; Gannet,267; White Pelican,1; Brown Pelican,660; D-cr Cormorant,800; Am Bittern,1; Gt Blue Heron,238; Gt Egret,20; Snowy Egret,20; Tricolored Heron,1; Reddish Egret,2; Gn Heron,2; Bl-cr N-Heron,26; Yl-cr N-Heron,1; Wood Duck,14; Mallard,30; Shoveler,3; Redhead,4; Ring-nk Duck,195; Gt Scaup,16; L Scaup,149; scaup,950; Black Scoter,1; White-w Scoter,1; scoter,36; Bufflehead,167; Hooded Merganser,58; Red-br Merganser,592; duck,6; Turkey Vulture,20; Osprey,14; Bald Eagle,1; N Harrier,2; Sharp-shin Hawk,6; Cooper's Hawk,1; accipiter,1; Red-shldr Hawk,3; Red-tail Hawk,15; Am Kestrel,26; Peregrin Falcon,1; N Bobwhite,24; Clapper Rail,6; King Rail,2; Sora Rail,1; Am Coot,111; Black-b Plover,58; Snowy Plover,2; Semipalm Plover,32; Killdeer,331; G Yellowlegs,7; L Yellowlegs,5; yellowlegs,1; Willet,109; Spotted Sandpiper,2; Ruddy Turnstone,68; Sanderling,185; W Sandpiper,6; Least Sandpiper,26; Dunlin,65; Com Snipe,13; Laughing Gull,1089; Bonaparte's Gull,222; Ring-b Gull,1109; Herring Gull,286; Caspian Tern,2; Royal Tern,108; Forster's Tern,131; Black Skimmer,39; Rock Dove,242; Eur Col-Dove,36; Mourning Dove,1335; Bn Owl,1; Screech Owl,1; Gt Horned Owl,6; B Kingfisher,71; Red-b Wdpr,55; Y-b Sapsucker,11; Downy Wdpr,16; Flicker,35; Pileated Wdpr,5; E Phoebe,46; Tree Swallow,55; Blue Jay,403; Am Crow,119; Fish Crow,476; Caro Chickadee,98; Tufted Titmouse,91; Brown-hd Nuthatch,111; Caro Wren,91; House Wren,33; Sedge Wren,6; Marsh Wren,27; R-c Kinglet,138; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,46; E Bluebird,80; Hermit Thrush,11; Am Robin,3523; Catbird,68; Mockingbird,279; Brown Thrasher,58; Cedar Waxwing,30; L Shrike,41; Starling,691; White-e Vireo,1; Solitary Vireo,12; Orange-cr Warbler,10; Yel-rp Warbler,2840; Pine Warbler,196; Palm Warbler,49; Com Yellowthroat,19; Cardinal,100; Rufus-s Towhee,158; Chipping Sp,154; Field Sp,10; Vesper Sp,12; Savannah Sp,40; Song Sp,55; Swamp Sp,73; White-thr Sp,184; Red-wg Blackbird,1312; E Meadowlark,24; Brewer's Blackbird,2; Com Grackle,478; Brn-h Cowbird,373; House Finch,56; Am Goldfinch,39; House Sp, 45.

Total species, 124; Total individuals, 23,639;

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PORT ST. JOE, 29 Dec., 19 observers, 57.5 party-hours:

Com Loon,89; Pied-b Grebe,51; Horned Grebe,10; Gannet,67; White Pelican,25; Brown Pelican,204; D-cr Cormorant,467; Gt Blue Heron,53; Gt Egret,80; Snowy Egret,56; Little Blue Heron,12; Tricolored Heron,19; Reddish Egret,12; Gn Heron,1; Bl-cr N-Heron,16; Gadwall,1; Redhead,23; L Scaup,70; scaup,26; Black Scoter,8; Com Goldeneye,7; Bufflehead,50; Hooded

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Merganser,25; Red-br Merganser,196; Turkey Vulture,5; Osprey,1; Bald Eagle,7; N Harrier,3; Sharp-shin Hawk,1; Cooper's Hawk,2; accipiter,1; Red-shldrd Hawk,10; Red-tail Hawk,6; Am Kestrel,25; Clapper Rail,9; Am Coot,10; Black-b Plover,61; Snowy Plover,11; Semipalm Plover,59; Piping Plover,16; Killdeer,59; Am Oystercatcher,6; G Yellowlegs,9; yellowlegs,2; Willet,311; Ruddy Turnstone,36; Red Knot,5; Sanderling,36; W Sandpiper,30; Least Sandpiper,12; Dunlin,440; S-b Dowitcher,264; Am Woodcock,6; Laughing Gull,374; Bonaparte's Gull,20; Ring-b Gull,256; Herring Gull,77; Caspian Tern,7; Royal Tern,30; Forster's Tern,206; Rock Dove,32; Eur Col-Dove,25; White-w Dove,11; Mourning Dove,63; Grn-Dove,31; Screech Owl,7; Gt Horned Owl,1; B Kingfisher,31; Red-hd Wdpkr,1; Red-b Wdpkr,29; Y-b Sapsucker,5; Downy Wdpkr,3; Flicker,7; Pileated Wdpkr,1; E Phoebe,23; Tree Swallow,801; Blue Jay,55; Am Crow,53; Fish Crow,905; Caro Chickadee,28; Tufted Titmouse,1; Brown-hd Nuthatch,19; Caro Wren,52; House Wren,23; Sedge Wren,9; Marsh Wren,12; R-c Kinglet,18; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,6; E Bluebird,10; Hermit Thrush,3; Am Robin,1268; Catbird,44; Mockingbird,61; Brown Thrasher,7; L Shrike,5; Starling,273; White-e Vireo,2; Solitary Vireo,5; Orange-cr Warbler,3; Yel-rp Warbler,658; Yel-thr Warbler,1; Pine Warbler,26; Palm Warbler,2; Com Yellowthroat,28; Cardinal,53; Rufus-s Towhee,60; Chipping Sp,68; Field Sp,1; Vesper Sp,44; Savannah Sp,10; Sharp-t Sp,3; Seaside Sp,10; Song Sp,24; Swamp Sp,37; White-thr Sp,34; Red-wg Blackbird,335; E Meadowlark,85; Boat-t Grackle,2; Com Grackle,154; Brn-h Cowbird,40; Am Goldfinch,28; House Sp,11.

Total species: 119; Total individuals: 9,628;

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Total: 136, Gerald Moske and Sue Moske, 702 Royce Circle, Huntsville AL, 35803.

ALABAMA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1994-1995

Gerald Moske and Sue Moske

AUBURN, 30 Dec., 12 Observers, 26.0 Party-hours:

Pied-b Grebe,25; D-cr Cormorant,3; Gt Blue Heron,21; Wood Duck,2; Mallard,21; Ring-nk Duck,5; Bufflehead,1; Hooded Merganser,11; Ruddy Duck,2; Black Vulture,104; Turkey Vulture,30; N Harrier,1; Sharp-shin Hawk,2; Red-shldr Hawk,4; Red-tail Hawk,9; Am Kestrel,13; Turkey,5; N Bobwhite,26; Am Coot,2; Killdeer,28; Ring-b Gull,13; Rock Dove,775; Mourning Dove,138; B Kingfisher,9; Red-b Wdpkr,25; Y-b Sapsucker,3; Downy Wdpkr,10; Hairy Wdpkr,2; Flicker,16; Pileated Wdpkr,5; E Phoebe,5; Blue Jay,57; Am Crow,240; Caro Chickadee,27; Tufted Titmouse,28; Brown-hd Nuthatch,10; Caro Wren,34; House Wren,1; G-c Kinglet,4; R-c Kinglet,30; E Bluebird,83; Hermit Thrush,5; Am Robin,16; Mockingbird,41; Brown Thrasher,7; Am Pipit,1; Cedar Waxwing,269; L Shrike,15; Starling,610; Solitary Vireo,4; Yel-rp Warbler,172; Pine Warbler,120; Com Yellowthroat,1; Cardinal,70; Rufus-s Towhee,14; Chipping Sp,59; Field Sp,47; Vesper Sp,2; Savannah Sp,30; Song Sp,87; Swamp Sp,22; White-thr Sp,90; D-e Junco,3; Red-wg Blackbird,405; E Meadowlark,98; Com Grackle,156; Brn-h Cowbird,10; House Finch,142; Am Goldfinch,47; House Sp,36. Count Week: Horned Grebe, Great Egret, King Rail, Woodcock, Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Marsh Wren, Catbird, Purple Finch.

Total species: 70; Total individuals: 4,409;

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BIRMINGHAM, 26 Dec., 34 observers, 81.5 party-hours:

Pied-b Grebe,20; Gt Blue Heron,16; Canada Goose,44; Wood Duck,12;

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Mallard,18; Gadwall,1; Canvasback, 12; Ring-nk Duck,49; Ruddy Duck,3; Turkey Vulture,3; N Harrier,1; Sharp-shin Hawk,1; Cooper's Hawk,4; accipiter,1; Red-shldr Hawk,9; Red-tail Hawk,23; Am Kestrel,6; Peregrin Falcon,1; Am Coot, 16; Killdeer,88; Com Snipe,3; Ring-b Gull,1; Rock Dove,567; Mourning Dove,324; Barred Owl,2; B Kingfisher,24; Red-hd Wdpkr,26; Red-b Wdpkr,80; Y-b Sapsucker,34; Downy Wdpkr,22; Hairy Wdpkr,3; Flicker,37; Pileated Wdpkr,10; E Phoebe,31; Horned Lark,2; Blue Jay,63; Am Crow,287; Caro Chickadee,183; Tufted Titmouse,157; Red-b Nuthatch,1; White-br Nuthatch,23; Brown-hd Nuthatch,71; Caro Wren,93; Winter Wren,5; G-c Kinglet,13; R-c Kinglet,94; E Bluebird,97; Hermit Thrush,13; Am Robin,2772; Catbird,1; Mockingbird,97; Brown Thrasher,22; Am Pipit,1; Cedar Waxwing,281; L Shrike,8; Starling,5487; Solitary Vireo,3; Orange-cr Warbler,1; Yel-rp Warbler,115; Pine Warbler,43; Palm Warbler,1; Com Yellowthroat,1; Cardinal,153; Rufus-s Towhee,50; Chipping Sp,52; Field Sp,58; Savannah Sp,15; Fox Sp,1; Song Sp,77; Swamp Sp,28; White-thr Sp,261; D-e Junco,83; Red-wg Blackbird,91; E Meadowlark,79; Com Grackle,553; Brn-h Cowbird,323; House Finch,129; Am Goldfinch,135; House Sp,54. Count Week: Common Loon.

Total species: 78; Total individuals: 13,669;

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DAUPHIN ISLAND, 17 Dec., 13 observers, 56 party-hours:

Com Loon,48; Pied-b Grebe,7; Horned Grebe,22; Eared Grebe,2; **Brw Booby,3(no details)**; Gannet,46; White Pelican,37; Brown Pelican,2586; D-cr Cormorant,2789; Gt Blue Heron,51; Gt Egret,20; Snowy Egret,28; Little Blue Heron,4; Tricolored Heron,13; Reddish Egret,8; Gn Heron,2; Bl-cr N-Heron,5; Wh Ibis,2; Am Black Duck,2; Mallard,16; Blue-w Teal,4; Gadwall,6; Redhead,2; L Scaup,266; Com Goldeneye,37; Bufflehead,36; Hooded Merganser,24; Red-br Merganser,143; Osprey,2; N Harrier,4; Sharp-shin Hawk,1; Cooper's Hawk,1; Red-tail Hawk,7; Am Kestrel,39; Merlin,3; Clapper Rail,4; Am Coot,4; Black-b Plover,75; Snowy Plover,11; Semipalm Plover,8; Piping Plover,11; Killdeer,7; Am Oystercatcher,42; G Yellowlegs,16; L Yellowlegs,10; Willet,70; Spotted Sandpiper,1; Whimbrel,1; Ruddy Turnstone,171; Red Knot,14; Sanderling,91; W Sandpiper,148; Least Sandpiper,3; Dunlin,368; peep,70; S-b Dowitcher,10; dowitcher,16; Laughing Gull,2725; Bonaparte's Gull,1; Ring-b Gull,96; Herring Gull,983; gull,7; Gull-b Tern,1; Caspian Tern,14; Royal Tern,389; Sandwich Tern,8; Com Tern,1; Forster's Tern,62; Black Skimmer,20; Rock Dove,9; Eur Col-Dove,20; Rg Turtle Dove,1; Mourning Dove,580; Grn-Dove,1; Gt Horned Owl,2; B Kingfisher,22; Red-b Wdpkr,25; Y-b Sapsucker,5; Downy Wdpkr,1; Hairy Wdpkr,1; Flicker,7; Pileated Wdpkr,2; E Phoebe,17; Tree Swallow,1; Blue Jay,74; Fish Crow,25; Caro Chickadee,4; Tufted Titmouse,10; Brown-hd Nuthatch,7; Caro Wren,25; House Wren,1; Sedge Wren,4; Marsh Wren,2; R-c Kinglet,15; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,11; E Bluebird,62; Am Robin,898; Catbird,1; Mockingbird,91; Brown Thrasher,7; L Shrike,22; Starling,1413; Solitary Vireo,2; Orange-cr Warbler,1; N. Parula,1; Yel-rp Warbler,511; Pine Warbler,12; Palm Warbler,6; Com Yellowthroat,3; Cardinal,35; Rufus-s Towhee,6; Chipping

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Sp,2; Savannah Sp,4; **Le Conte's Sp,1(no details)**; Sharp-t Sp,3; Seaside Sp,30; Song Sp,2; Swamp Sp,4; White-thr Sp,26; White-cr Sp,4; D-e Junco,1; Red-wg Blackbird,451; E Meadowlark,7; Boat-t Grackle,7; Com Grackle,11; Brn-h Cowbird,100; House Finch,1; Am Goldfinch,26; House Sp,35.

Total species: 129; Total individuals: 16,382;

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EUFAULA NWR, 19 Dec., 10 Observers (names not submitted), 39.0 Party-hours:

Com Loon,1; Pied-b Grebe,7; Horned Grebe,1; D-cr Cormorant,166; Anhinga,8; Gt Blue Heron,68; Gt Egret,32; Gn Heron,1; Bl-cr N-Heron,12; Gt Wh-frt Goose,1; Snow Goose,6; Canada Goose,480; Wood Duck,73; Green-w Teal,185; Am Black Duck,1; Mallard,250; Pintail,16; Blue-w Teal,7; Shoveler,19; Gadwall,20; Am Widgeon,440; Canvasback,1; Redhead,1; Ring-nk Duck,325; Bufflehead,59; Hooded Merganser,27; Red-br Merganser,1; duck,100; Black Vulture,3; Turkey Vulture,8; Osprey,2; Bald Eagle,1; N Harrier,5; Sharp-shin Hawk,4; Cooper's Hawk,1; Red-shldr Hawk,4; Red-tail Hawk,21; Am Kestrel,7; Turkey,3; N Bobwhite,2; Virginia Rail,1; Sora Rail,2; Com Moorhen,11; Am Coot,180; Killdeer,22; G Yellowlegs,5; Least Sandpiper,6; peep,5; Com Snipe,8; Am Woodcock,1; Bonaparte's Gull,7; Ring-b Gull,890; Herring Gull,1; Forster's Tern,12; tern,7; Rock Dove,23; Mourning Dove,250; Grn-Dove,9; Bn Owl,1; Screech Owl,3; Gt Horned Owl,2; Barred Owl,1; B Kingfisher,8; Red-hd Wdpkr,1; Red-b Wdpkr,12; Y-b Sapsucker,7; Downy Wdpkr,8; Hairy Wdpkr,1; Flicker,11; Pileated Wdpkr,6; E Phoebe,14; Blue Jay,22; Am Crow,185; Fish Crow,45; Caro Chickadee,25; Tufted Titmouse,9; Brown-hd Nuthatch,6; Brown Creeper,1; Caro Wren,23; House Wren,1; Winter Wren,1; Sedge Wren,3; Marsh Wren,2; G-c Kinglet,8; R-c Kinglet,32; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,3; E Bluebird,17; Hermit Thrush,2; Am Robin,29; Catbird,3; Mockingbird,15; Brown Thrasher,4; Am Pipit,57; Cedar Waxwing,19; L Shrike,4; Starling,41; Solitary Vireo,1; Orange-cr Warbler,3; Yel-rp Warbler,495; Pine Warbler,33; Palm Warbler,6; Com Yellowthroat,17; Cardinal,41; Rufus-s Towhee,35; Chipping Sp,120; Field Sp,14; Vesper Sp,12; Savannah Sp,5; Fox Sp,1; Song Sp,80; Swamp Sp,72; White-thr Sp,42; White-cr Sp,1; D-e Junco,13; Red-wg Blackbird,86; E Meadowlark,26; Rusty Blackbird,2; Com Grackle,41; Brn-h Cowbird,4; blackbird,200; House Finch,5; Am Goldfinch,35; House Sp,23.

Total species: 95; Total individuals: 55,086;

Compiler: Sam Pate, Box 157, Fortson, GA 31808.

FORT MORGAN, 30 Dec., 34 observers, 80.25 party-hours:

Com Loon,86; Pied-b Grebe,20; Horned Grebe,595; Gannet,272; Brown Pelican,817; D-cr Cormorant,26,365; Am Bittern,1; Lt Bittern,1; Gt Blue Heron,80; Gt Egret,13; Snowy Egret,3; Tricolored Heron,1; Wood Duck,3; Blue-w Teal,1; Canvasback,3; Ring-nk Duck,2; Gt Scaup,10; L Scaup,5109; scaup,1291; Black Scoter,77(no details); Surf Scoter,9(no details); White-w Scoter,9(no details); scoter,9; Com Goldeneye,10; Bufflehead,3482; Hooded

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Merganser,119; Com Merganser,1; Red-br Merganser,381; Ruddy Duck,908; duck,47117; Osprey,3; N Harrier,3; Sharp-shin Hawk,2; Red-shldr Hawk,3; Red-tail Hawk,13; buteo,1; Am Kestrel,21; Clapper Rail,16; Com Moorhen,5; Am Coot,8; Black-b Plover,29; Semipalm Plover,1; Piping Plover,1; Killdeer,35; G Yellowlegs,2; Willet,57; Spotted Sandpiper,3; Ruddy Turnstone,20; Sanderling,175; Com Snipe,6; Para Jaeger,1;jaeger,1(no details); Laughing Gull,937; Bonaparte's Gull,443; Ring-b Gull,390; Herring Gull,118; gull,35; Caspian Tern,2; Royal Tern,234; Sandwich Tern,2; Forster's Tern,392; Eur Col-Dove,18; Mourning Dove,67; Grn-Dove,40; Screech Owl,26; Gt Horned Owl,7; Barred Owl,1; Whip-poor-will,1; B Kingfisher,31; Red-hd Wdpkr,1; Red-b Wdpkr,23; Y-b Sapsucker,4; Downy Wdpkr,5; Flicker,14; woodpkr,2; E Phoebe,16; W Kingbird,1; Tree Swallow,109; Blue Jay,212; Fish Crow,2; Caro Chickadee,22; Tufted Titmouse,9; Brown-hd Nuthatch,44; Caro Wren,50; House Wren,18; Sedge Wren,10; Marsh Wren,10; R-c Kinglet,59; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,44; Hermit Thrush,3; Am Robin,875; Catbird,65; Mockingbird,182; Brown Thrasher,28; Cedar Waxwing,13; L Shrike,31; Starling,71; White-e Vireo,1; Solitary Vireo,3; Orange-cr Warbler,1; Yel-rp Warbler,1714; Pine Warbler,55; Palm Warbler,3; Com Yellow-throat,7; Cardinal,56; Rufus-s Towhee,90; Chipping Sp,15; Field Sp,5; Vesper Sp,2; Savannah Sp,98; Sharp-t Sp,2; Seaside Sp,2; Song Sp,32; Swamp Sp,63; White-thr Sp,121; sparrow,15; Red-wg Blackbird,629; E Meadowlark,64; Com Grackle,18; Brn-h Cowbird,108; Am Goldfinch,34; House Sp,20.

Total species: 114; Total individuals: 95,026;

Compiler: Merilu H. Sands, 508 Quail Nest Lane, Pensacola, FL 32514.

GULF SHORES, 31 Dec., 53 observers, 158 party-hours:

Pacific Loon,1(good details); Com Loon,251; Pied-b Grebe,50; Horned Grebe,28; Gannet, 42; White Pelican,14; Brown Peli-can,354; D-cr Cormorant,293; **Lst Bittern,1(good details);** Gt Blue Heron,194; Gt Egret,22; Snowy Egret,13; Little Blue Heron,6; **Reddish Egret,1(good details);** Cattle Egret,4; Gn Heron,6; Bl-cr N-Heron,4; Yl-cr N-Heron,1; n-heron,2; Snow Goose,5; Wood Duck,49; Green-w Teal,1; Mallard,57; Gadwall,4; Canvasback,1; Redhead,6; Ring-nk Duck,27; Gt Scaup,560; L Scaup,1930; Bl Scoter,4; Surf Scoter,6; White-w Scoter,1; Com Goldeneye,6; Bufflehead,567; Hooded Merganser,66; Red-br Merganser,133; Ruddy Duck,27; Black Vulture,2; Turkey Vulture,20; Osprey,14; N Harrier,20; Sharp-shin Hawk,6; Cooper's Hawk,4; accipiter,1; Red-shldr Hawk,10; Red-tail Hawk,46; Am Kestrel,90; Merlin,2; Peregrin Falcon,3; N Bob-white,50; Clapper Rail,30; King Rail,2; Virginia Rail,4; Sora Rail,29; Com Moorhen,33; Am Coot,73; Sandhill Crane,9; Black-b Plover,13; Snowy Plover,1; Semipalm Plover,4; Piping Plover,2; Killdeer,704; G Yellowlegs,3; Willet,17; Spotted Sandpiper,5; Ruddy Turnstone,10; Sanderling,136; Least Sandpiper,11; Dun-lin,23; S-b Dowitcher,6; Com Snipe,11; Am Woodcock,1; **Red Phalarope,125(good details);** Laughing Gull,1069; Bonaparte's Gull,534; Ring-b Gull,616; Herring Gull,94; Caspian Tern,3; Royal Tern,74; Forster's Tern,222; Black Skimmer,2; Rock Dove,106; **Eur Col-Dove,50(good details);** Mourning Dove,1149; Grn-Dove,26;

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Bn Owl,4; Screech Owl,60; Gt Horned Owl,22; Barred Owl,5; Whip-poor-will,3; B Kingfisher,52; Red-b Wdpkr,104; Y-b Sapsucker,15; Downy Wdpkr,25; Hairy Wdpkr,1; Rec-c Wdpkr,3; Flicker,55; Pileated Wdpkr,11; E Phoebe,80; Tree Swallow,64; Blue Jay,633; Am Crow,63; Fish Crow,38; crow,8; Caro Chickadee,55; Tufted Titmouse,30; Brown-hd Nut-hatch,53; Caro Wren,165; House Wren,79; Winter Wren,5; Sedge Wren,26; Marsh Wren,57; R-c Kinglet,130; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,75; E Bluebird,66; Hermit Thrush,29; Am Robin,13,000; Catbird,49; Mockingbird,246; Brown Thrasher,66; Am Pipit,95; Cedar Waxwing,99; L Shrike,123; Starling,1270; White-e Vireo,6; Soli-tary Vireo,27; Orange-cr Warbler,10; **Nashville Warbler,1(good details)**; Yel-rp Warbler,5496; Pine Warbler,162; **Prairie Warbler,1(good details)**; Palm Warbler,67; Com Yellowthroat,43; Cardinal,177; **Indigo Bunting,1(good details)**; Rufus-s Towhee,157; Chipping Sp,167; **Clay-col Sp,1(good details)**; Field Sp,38; Vesper Sp,33; Savannah Sp,625; Grasshopper Sp,2; Henslow's Sp,1; Le Conte's Sp,3; Sharp-tail Sp,6; Seaside Sp,4; Song Sp,135; Swamp Sp,212; White-thr Sp,294; White-cr Sp,1; Red-wg Blackbird,21,400; E Meadowlark,391; Brewer's Blackbird,1; Boat-t Grackle,67; Com Grackle,12,100; Brn-h Cowbird,396; blackbird,862; House Finch,38; Am Goldfinch,53; House Sp,103. Count Week: Oldsquaw, L Yellowlegs, **Franklin's Gull(good details)**, **Rough-w Swallow(good details)**.

Total species: 157; Total individuals: 70,251;

Compiler: Greg D. Jackson, 2220 Baneberry Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244.

GUNTERSVILLE, 26 Dec., 22 observers, 77 party-hours:

Red-t Loon,1; Com Loon,207; Pied-b Grebe,358; Horned Grebe,158; D-cr Cormorant,2287; Gt Blue Heron,175; Bl-cr N-Heron,12; Canada Goose,268; Wood Duck,26; Am Black Duck,2; Mallard,209; Shoveler,17; Gadwall,7265; Am Widgeon,11; Canvasback,11; Ring-nk Duck,130; Gt Scaup,10; L Scaup,1352; Com Goldeneye,1720; Bufflehead,220; Hooded Merganser,43; Com Merganser,1; Red-br Merganser,56; Ruddy Duck,93; Black Vulture,11; Turkey Vulture,12; Bald Eagle,22; N Harrier,3; Sharp-shin Hawk,5; Cooper's Hawk,1; Red-shldrd Hawk,6; Red-tail Hawk,60; Rough-lg Hawk,1; Am Kestrel,16; N Bobwhite,12; Am Coot,20,474; Killdeer,101; Com Snipe,4; Am Woodcock,3; Bonaparte's Gull,43; Ring-b Gull,862; Herring Gull,74; Forster's Tern,1; Rock Dove,176; Mourning Dove,258; Screech Owl,1; Gt Horned Owl,1; Barred Owl,6; **Ruf Hummingbird,1 (banded)**; B Kingfisher,29; Red-hd Wdpkr,32; Red-b Wdpkr,82; Y-b Sapsucker,42; Downy Wdpkr,37; Hairy Wdpkr,6; Flicker,74; Pileated Wdpkr,19; E Phoebe,29; Blue Jay,188; Am Crow,206; Caro Chickadee,151; Tufted Titmouse,138; White-br Nuthatch,15; Brown-hd Nuthatch,156; Brown Creeper,6; Caro Wren,84; House Wren,4; Winter Wren,27; G-c Kinglet,98; R-c Kinglet,159; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,1; E Bluebird,250; Hermit Thrush,37; Am Robin,868; Catbird,1; Mockingbird,94; Brown Thrasher,42; Am Pipit,1; Cedar Waxwing,402; L Shrike,16; Starling,13547; Orange-cr Warbler,1; Yel-rp Warbler,510; Pine Warbler,63; Palm Warbler, 4; Com Yellowthroat,2; Cardinal,172; Rufus-s Towhee, 69; Chipping Sp,178; Field Sp,119; Savannah Sp,51; Song Sp, 141; Swamp Sp,75; White-thr Sp,414; D-e Junco,195; Red-

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wg Blackbird,7409; E Meadowlark,234; Rusty Blackbird,37; Com Grackle, 3596; Brn-h Cowbird,143; House Finch,206; Am Gold-finch,138; House Sp, 248. Count Week: Red Crossbill, Black Scoter, Rd-Brst Nuthatch.

Total species: 102; Total individuals: 89,993;

Compiler: Linda B. Reynolds, 3909 Morrow St., Guntersville, AL 35967

MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA, 17 Dec., 12 observers, 51.5 party-hours:

Pied-b Grebe,72; Horned Grebe,1; White Pelican,265; Brown Pelican,22; D-cr Cormorant,57; Gt Blue Heron,25; Gt Egret,34; Snowy Egret,20; Little Blue Heron,15; Tricolored Heron,12; Bl-cr N-Heron,27; Wh Ibis,91; Green-w Teal,535; Mottled Duck,10; Mallard,2; Pintail,7; Blue-w Teal,28; Shoveler,41; Gadwall,50; Redhead,1; Ring-nk Duck,93; L Scaup,2; scaup,9; Bufflehead,10; Hooded Merganser,4; Ruddy Duck,15; duck,111; Osprey,4; N Harrier,4; Sharpshin Hawk,2; Red-shldr Hawk,6; Red-tail Hawk,11; hawk,3; Am Kestrel,7; Peregrin Falcon,1; falcon,1; N Bob-white,45; Com Moorhen,35; Am Coot, 18640; Black-b Plover,15; Killdeer,10; Black-n Stilt,41; G Yellowlegs,7; L Yellowlegs, 16; peep,1000; dowitcher,8; Com Snipe,6; Am Woodcock,1; Laughing Gull,60; Ring-b Gull,100; Herring Gull,11; Royal Tern,2; Forster's Tern,50; Black Skimmer,35; Rock Dove,25; Mourning Dove,212; Grn-Dove,4; Screech Owl,4; Barred Owl,2; B Kingfisher,17; Red-hd Wdpkr,1; Red-b Wdpkr,36; Y-b Sapsucker,10; Downy Wdpkr,11; Flicker,14; Pileated Wdpkr,21; E Phoebe,23; Tree Swallow,14; Blue Jay,139; Am Crow,73; Fish Crow,12; Caro Chickadee,36; Tufted Titmouse,28; Brown-hd Nuthatch,39; Caro Wren, 49; House Wren,9; Marsh Wren,2; G-c Kinglet,2; R-c Kinglet,73; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,13; E Bluebird,81; Hermit Thrush,8; Am Robin,171; Catbird,18; Mocking-bird,37; Brown Thrasher,8; Cedar Waxwing,91; L Shrike,8; Starling, 387; White-e Vireo,2; Solitary Vireo,9; Orange-cr Warbler,11; Yel-rp Warbler,650; Yel-thr Warbler,1; Pine Warbler,111; Palm Warbler,1; Black-and-wh Warbler,1; Com Yellowthroat,16; Cardinal,66; Rufus-s Towhee,28; Chipping Sp,36; Field Sp,9; Savannah Sp,7; Song Sp,7; Swamp Sp,39; White-thr Sp,56; White-cr Sp,1; sparrow,18; Red-wg Black-bird,1039; E Meadowlark,30; Boat-t Grackle,102; Com Grackle,53; blackbird,1780; House Finch,3; Am Goldfinch,37; House Sp,5.

Total species: 116; Total individuals: 27,466;

Compiler: Roger Clay; 306 N. Bayview, Fairhope, AL 36532.

MONTGOMERY, 31 Dec., 13 Observers, 45.75 party-hours:

Pied-b Grebe,23; D-cr Cormorant,1137; Gt Blue Heron,44; Gt Egret,51; Canada Goose,71; Wood Duck,78; Green-wg Teal,10; Am Black Duck,2; Mallard,27; Gadwall,27; Am Widgeon,23; Ring-nk Duck,6; L Scaup,1; Hooded Merganser, 15; Ruddy Duck,18; Black Vulture,1; Turkey Vulture,13; N Harrier,10; Sharpshin Hawk,2; Red-shldr Hawk,9; Red-tail Hawk,1; Am Kestrel,25; N Bobwhite, 32; Am Coot,86; Killdeer,125; G Yellowlegs,7; Least Sandpiper, 60; Dunlin,8; Com Snipe,42; Am Woodcock,1; Ring-b Gull,1031; Herring Gull,6; Forster's Tern,1; Rock Dove,164; Eur Col-Dove, 87; Mourning Dove,603; Bn Owl,4; Gt Horned Owl,10; Barred Owl, 8; **Ruf Hummingbird,1(banded);** B Kingfisher,30;

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Red-hd Wdpr,5; Red-b Wdpr,59; Y-b Sapsucker,28; Downy Wdpr,26; Hairy Wdpr, 2; Flicker,43; Pileated Wdpr,2; E Phoebe,13; Blue Jay,73; Am Crow, 84; Fish Crow,55; Caro Chickadee,105; Tufted Titmouse,46; White-br Nuthatch,1; Brown-hd Nuthatch,2; Caro Wren,124; G-c Kinglet,12; R-c Kinglet,49; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,1; E Bluebird, 98; Hermit Thrush,3; Am Robin,11,793; Catbird,2; Mockingbird, 151; Brown Thrasher,18; Am Pipit,449; Cedar Waxwing,523; L Shrike,26; Starling,6546; Solitary Vireo,3; Orange-cr Warbler, 2; Yel-rp Warbler,379; Pine Warbler,51; Palm Warbler,10; Com Yellowthroat, 5; Cardinal,218; E.Towhee,49; Chipping Sp,40; Field Sp,43; Vesper Sp 181; Savannah Sp,311; Fox Sp,1; Song Sp,283; Swamp Sp,65; White-thr Sp,202; sparrow,500; D-e Junco,11; Red-wg Blackbird,2773; E Meadowlark,173; Rusty Blackbird,5; Brewer's Blackbird,151; Com Grackle,4193; Brn-hd Cowbird,637; blackbird,20,000; Purple Finch,1; House Finch,238; Pine Siskin,105; Am Goldfinch,69; House Sp,85. Count Week: Redhead, Northern Oriole.

Total species: 98; Total individuals: 55,086;

Compiler: Lawrence Gardella, 3549 Audubon Road, Montgomery, AL 36111.

TUSCALOOSA, 30 Dec., 16 observers, 30.5 party-hours:

Pied-b Grebe,8; D-cr Cormorant,1; Gt Blue Heron,23; Gn Heron, 1; Wood Duck,35; Mallard,31; Shoveler,3; Ring-nk Duck,19; L Scaup,2; Bufflehead,78; Black Vulture,6; Turkey Vulture,12; N Harrier,5; Sharp-shin Hawk,2; Cooper's Hawk,1; Red-shldr Hawk, 6; Red-tail Hawk,23; Am Kestrel,12; Am Coot,41; Killdeer,30; Com Snipe,5; Ring-b Gull,1; Rock Dove,209; Mourning Dove,240; Barred Owl,2; B Kingfisher,14; Red-hd Wdpr,2; Red-b Wdpr,39; Y-b Sapsucker,26; Downy Wdpr,25; Flicker,42; Pileated Wdpr, 10; E Phoebe,4; Blue Jay,52; Am Crow,360; Fish Crow,2; Caro Chickadee,74; Tufted Titmouse,53; Red-b Nuthatch,1; White-br Nuthatch,9; Brown-hd Nuthatch,19; Caro Wren,41; House Wren,1; Winter Wren,2; G-c Kinglet,45; R-c Kinglet,56; E Bluebird,91; Hermit Thrush,8; Am Robin,1206; Catbird,2; Mockingbird,40; Brown Thrasher, 9; Cedar Waxwing,1569; L Shrike,11; Starling, 2193; Solitary Vireo,1; Orange-cr Warbler,2; Yel-rp Warbler, 103; Pine Warbler,29; Palm Warbler,11; Cardinal, 90; Rufus-s Towhee,39; Chipping Sp,160; Field Sp,68; Vesper Sp,40; Savannah Sp,80; Fox Sp,2; Song Sp,58; Swamp Sp,13; White-thr Sp,146; D-e Junco,116; Red-wg Blackbird,835; E Meadowlark,99; Com Grackle,29; Brn-h Cowbird,101; House Finch,211; Am Goldfinch,107; House Sp,9; Count Week: Am Widgeon, N Bobwhite, Bald Eagle, Hairy Woodpr, Am Pipit.

Total species: 78; Total individuals: 9,151;

Compiler: John C. Hall, Al. Museum of Natural History, Box 870340, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

WATERLOO, 17 Dec., 28 observers, 88.25 party-hours:

Com Loon,14; Pied-b Grebe,12; Horned Grebe,22; D-cr Cormorant, 29; Gt Blue Heron ,266; Gn Heron,1; Canada Goose,106; Wood Duck,11; Green-w Teal,1; Am Black Duck,137; Mallard,308; Pin-tail,8; Shoveler,19; Gadwall,192; Canvasback,2; Redhead,8; Ring-nk Duck,21; L Scaup,38; Oldsquaw,4; White-w Scoter,1; Com Goldeneye,19; Bufflehead,196; Hooded Merganser,98; Com

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Merganser,4; Red-br Merganser,24; Turkey Vulture,13; Bald Eagle,34; N Harrier,6; Sharp-shin Hawk,4; Cooper's Hawk,5; Red-shldr Hawk,9; Red-tail Hawk,46; Am Kestrel,7; Turkey,4; N Bobwhite,12; Am Coot,91; Killdeer,292; Com Snipe,30; Am Woodcock,2; **Franklin's Gull,3**; Bonaparte's Gull,593; Ring-b Gull,872; Herring Gull,83; Forster's Tern,20; Rock Dove,69; Mourning Dove, 116; Screech Owl,9; Gt Horned Owl,7; Barred Owl,5; B Kingfisher,36; Red-hd Wdpr,51; Red-b Wdpr,67; Y-b Sapsucker,47; Downy Wdpr,63; Hairy Wdpr,10; Flicker,88; Pileated Wdpr,30; E Phoebe,20; Horned Lark,34; Blue Jay,395; Am Crow,284; Caro Chickadee,224; Tufted Titmouse,84; White-br Nuthatch,31; Brown Creeper,18; Caro Wren,202; Bewick's Wren,1; House Wren,1; Winter Wren,20; G-c Kinglet,102; R-c Kinglet, 198; E Bluebird,214; Hermit Thrush,46; Am Robin,173; Mocking-bird,76; Brown Thrasher,26; Am Pipit,1; Cedar Waxwing,466; L Shrike,6; Eur Starling,555; Yel-rp Warbler,212; Pine Warbler, 61; Cardinal,318; Rufus-s Towhee,63; Chipping Sp, 151; Field Sp,238; Vesper Sp,3; Savannah Sp,7; Fox Sp, 12; Song Sp,267; Lincoln's Sp,1; Swamp Sp,118; White-thr Sp,531; White-cr Sp,46; D-e Junco,316; Red-wg Blackbird,673; E Meadowlark,111; Rusty Blackbird,6; Com Grackle,274; Brn-h Cowbird,88; Purple Finch,2; House Finch,41; Pine Siskin,38; Am Goldfinch,144; Evening Grosbeak,17; House Sp, 20.

Total species: 106; Total individuals: 11,200;

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WHEELER NWR, 17 Dec., 38 observers, 107 party-hours:

Com Loon,2; Pied-b Grebe,480; Horned Grebe,18; D-cr Cormorant,202; Gt Blue Heron,466; Gt Egret,24; Snow Goose,2400; Canada Goose,7565; Wood Duck, 190; Green-w Teal,980; Am Black Duck,383; Mallard,11555; Pintail,509; Shoveler,136; Gadwall,2978; **Eur Widgeon,1(no details)**; Am Widgeon,8297; Canvasback,80; Redhead,4; Ring-nk Duck,517; Gt Scaup,6; L Scaup,95; Com Goldeneye,38; Bufflehead,128; Hooded Merganser,684; Red-br Merganser,5; Ruddy Duck,35; Bald Eagle,4; N Harrier,10; Sharp-shin Hawk,5; Cooper's Hawk,3; Red-shldr Hawk,2; Red-tail Hawk,95; Am Kestrel,35; N Bobwhite,33; Am Coot,1967; Killdeer,1037; G Yellowlegs,19; L Yellowlegs,15; Least Sandpiper,55; Dunlin,25; Com Snipe,43; Am Woodcock,1; Bonaparte's Gull, 412; Ring-b Gull,1336; Herring Gull,1; Forster's Tern,7; Rock Dove,803; Mourning Dove,1104; Screech Owl,13; Gt Horned Owl,12; Barred Owl,5; B Kingfisher, 51; Red-hd Wdpr,72; Red-b Wdpr,184; Y-b Sapsucker,76; Downy Wdpr,104; Hairy Wdpr,24; Flicker,139; Pileated Wdpr,33; E Phoebe,16; Horned Lark,290; Blue Jay,659; Am Crow,392; Caro Chickadee,334; Tufted Titmouse,229; Red-b Nuthatch,2; Brown Creeper,15; Caro Wren,299; House Wren,1; Winter Wren,27; G-c Kinglet,92; R-c Kinglet,201; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher,1; E Bluebird, 151; Hermit Thrush,67; Am Robin,1043; Catbird,1; Mockingbird, 144; Brown Thrasher,80; Am Pipit,321; Cedar Waxwing,1008; L Shrike,13; Starling,11835; Solitary Vireo,2; Orange-cr Warbler,4; Yel-rp Warbler,292; Pine Warbler,33; Palm Warbler,11; Com Yellowthroat,5; Cardinal,528; **Indigo Bunting,1(no details)**; Rufus-s Towhee,336; Chipping Sp,24; Field Sp,198;

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1994 SPRING AND SUMMER SIGHTINGS

Greg D. Jackson

Spring migration this year was like a school reunion: there was a moderate turnout of old friends, and just enough surprises to keep things lively. Summer birding, the domain of the hardy and diligent, produced a smattering of engaging finds.

Temperatures in the spring were normal until May, which was cool. Precipitation was increased in March and mildly decreased in April and May.

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Bob Duncan reported the best birding days along the coast as 7, 13-14, and 21 April, and 2-3 May. Summer saw rain and more rain, particularly in the southeastern part of our area. Tropical Storm Alberto came ashore in the Florida Panhandle 3 July and lingered nearby as a low pressure area for several days. Massive flooding occurred, though we did not suffer as much as our neighbors in Georgia. Ponds throughout the area were full, and shorebirding generally was poor this summer at inland sites.

This report covers the period from March through July 1994 in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle (east to the Apalachicola River). The appearance of observations in this column does not suggest verification or acceptance of records for very rare species; these must be considered by the appropriate state records committees. All submissions of birds that are rare, either in general or for a particular season or region, must be accompanied by adequate details of the observation. The extent of this documentation depends on the rarity of the species and the difficulty of identification. Reports should note the conditions of observation and the diagnostic characters observed. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

County names are in *italics*. "GC" = Gulf Coast (Alabama); "ICP" = Inland Coastal Plain (Alabama); "MR" = Mountain Region; "TV" = Tennessee Valley; "WP" = Western Panhandle of Florida (*Escambia*, *Santa Rosa*, and *Okaloosa*). Locations not specifying Florida are in Alabama. "*et al.*" = and others (small number); "m.ob." = many observers; "NWR" = National Wildlife Refuge; "p.a." = pending acceptance by the state bird records committee;

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"ph." = photographed; "v." = videotaped. Other abbreviations in parentheses correspond to observers listed at the end of this article.

LOONS - SHOREBIRDS: A rare **Pacific Loon** was seen 12-21 April at Fort Pickens, Escambia, FL (RAD, LG, AZ). Five lingering Common Loons were unusual 31 July in the same area (DPM); another late bird was in the Tennessee River, Colbert/Lauderdale, 27 May (SWM). Pied-billed Grebes are erratic breeders in Alabama, so the report of a pair with three young 29 May in n.e. Colbert (SWM) was notable. Two Eared Grebes, scarce inland, were discovered 8 April in n.e. Colbert (WJR, GNP et al.). Only causal in the WP, a **Greater Shearwater** was a surprise from shore at Ft. Pickens 30 July (DPM). A rare **Masked Booby** was well-described from Dauphin Island, Mobile, 18 April (JH, p.a.).

Tricolored Herons are unusual away from the coast; single birds were at Wheeler NWR, Limestone, 7-8 May (SRM, GDJ), and in n.e. Colbert 31 July (WJR, JG). The Cattle Egret, abundant in south Alabama, is only an occasional breeder in the TV. Seven nesting pairs were discovered 16 July in n.e. Colbert (GNP), at a site where the species bred in 1991. Good numbers of uncommon Plegadis ibis were present this summer on the Mobile Causeway, Mobile/-Baldwin. Up to seven were found 29 May-16 July (CK); all identifiable birds were Glossy Ibis. Wood Stork records were scarce this period, with only one bird reported 23 June from Montgomery/Pike (RLN).

A pair of late Ring-necked Ducks was spotted 27 May in n.e. Colbert (SWM); this species summers rarely. The Common Merganser 28 March at Lake

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Purdy, Shelby (ALM) was both rare for the MR and tardy. The "Harlan's" form of Red-tailed Hawk is scarce in our area, so an adult 6 March near Marion, Perry (GDJ,DGJ) was noteworthy. Unusual inland in spring were two Black-bellied Plovers 27 May in n.e. Colbert (SWM). Though one or two Long-billed Curlews are expected in winter on the Mobile Causeway, one arriving 2 July (CK) established a new early date for Alabama.

Baird's Sandpipers are rare in the spring. An individual 7 May near Harpersville, Shelby (ALM) set a new late MR record, and another was spotted 16 May in n.e. Colbert (SWM). **Red Phalarope** is an expected offshore bird in the winter, though it is rarely encountered by birders. Four were identified 25-30 miles south of Gulf Shores, Baldwin, 1 April (JH,JFH,JB,p.a.), providing a new late GC date.

LARIDS - WOOD-WARBLERS: Very scarce in the WP, a **Pomarine Jaeger** was found 27 June at Grayton Beach SP, Walton (SM,ph.RK). An immature **Glaucous Gull** was a rare treat 2 March-12 April at Pensacola Beach, Escambia, FL (RAD,m.ob.,ph.WWD). Also rare, though regular in small numbers, is the **Great Black-backed Gull**. A first-year bird was at Dauphin Island 20 March-16 April (CK,JH,RM); this likely was the same individual noted there in February. The Forster's Tern 19 June in w. Lauderdale (PDK) provided the first summer record for n.w. Alabama. At least six Eurasian Collared-Doves continued through the period at Dauphin Island, with the first documented coastal nesting in late March (JH,JP,JaP,m.ob.,ph.). Up to four collared-doves were at Fort Morgan, Baldwin, 16-29 April (GDJ,m.ob.).

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Alabama's fourth **Lesser Nighthawk** was discovered at Fort Morgan 10-14 April (RRS,MBS,m.ob.,ph.,p.a.); this bird was captured and banded while feeding on the old airstrip. A rare **Vermilion Flycatcher** provided a late record for the WP 2 May at Fort Pickens (PCT,RAD,DEF,m.ob.). Western Kingbird is harder to locate in spring than autumn; an individual 17 May at Gulf Breeze, Santa Rosa (RAD) set a new late WP date.

Warbling Vireos are always difficult to find in our area, and breeding records in the TV are scarce and erratic. This season one was spotted 15 May on the Tennessee River in w. Colbert (SWM); singing birds were found on the river in Lauderdale 18 June at Waterloo (PDK) and 19 July at Wright (PDK). Large numbers of Red-eyed Vireos were seen at Fort Morgan 26 April (RAD). A major influx also was noted 3 May along the coast from Fort Morgan to Gulf Breeze, FL (RAD,LRD,PCT), with over 150 Red-eyeds estimated at the latter site. A few Black-whiskered Vireos usually appear each spring on the outer coast; this year three were reported from Fort Morgan and Dauphin Island 16 April-4 May (SWM,ASC,JH et al.).

Large numbers of Yellow Warblers were at Fort Morgan 3 May (RAD). Black-throated Blue Warblers are uncommon spring migrants on the coast, with increased numbers noted with persistent east winds. I only had one report this year, a male at Dauphin Island 16 April (AOS). The male Blackburnian Warbler 18 March at Shalimar, Okaloosa (BL) provided a new WP early date.

BUNTINGS - FINCHES: One to two male Painted Buntings were unexpected inland in Montgomery 22-23 July (FB,MBW,LFG). There is only one

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previous summer record for the ICP. Bachman's Sparrow is a rare breeder in the TV; a singing bird was in w. Lauderdale 27 May (SWM). The **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Fort Morgan 28 April (RAD,GDJ,DGJ) was only the third recorded in spring for Alabama. Rare in the nesting season in the TV, Lark Sparrows returned to two sites in n.w. Lawrence where they bred last year (GNP,SWM). Grasshopper Sparrows are unusual in spring in the WP; one was observed 30 March at Fort Pickens (RAD).

An uncommon LeConte's Sparrow was a late find 17 April on Dauphin Island (DMW). Two Lincoln's Sparrows, often difficult to locate in the spring, delighted many observers 15-17 April at Dauphin Island (AOS). Seven White-crowned Sparrows were noteworthy as late as 9 April in Okaloosa, FL (DMW). A lingering Bobolink was discovered 29 May in n.w. Lawrence (SWM). **Shiny Cowbirds** are now rare-but-regular in spring on the outer coast. One to two males were at Fort Morgan 26-28 April (GDJ,DGJ,m.ob.), and two males were on Dauphin Island 29 April (GDJ,DGJ).

The "find-of-the-season" was an amazing **Common Redpoll** at Dauphin Island 27 April-3 May (MM,GF,MH,m.ob.,v.GDJ,p.a.). This wayward individual provided the first GC record and a late date for the state; the species is only occasional even in n. Alabama. Redpolls were particularly abundant the previous winter in areas north of our region. This bird may have undertaken a 180-degree reverse migration earlier in the spring, bringing it to rest at the Gulf instead of returning north. Six Pine Siskins 3 June in Clay, Jefferson (RRS) established a late Alabama date. The American Goldfinch 30 May in Gulf

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Breeze, FL (RAD) was late at a coastal site. With only a few Evening Grosbeaks in the state the previous winter, a male 21 April in Lauderdale (PDK,DEK) was noteworthy.

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CORRIGENDUM: In the last issue (*Alabama Birdlife* 41(1)), the Black-throated Sparrows in Escambia should have been described as the first for the WP, not for Florida.



Immature Ruby-throated hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*), August 1994, Jacksonville, Al. (Calhoun Co.) Bill Summerour, photographer.

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