

ANI, GOATSUCKER--From Apr. 7-26 two ani sp. were in the Panama City area, but could not be identified as to species. Any ani in NW Fla. is noteworthy (RH,mob). A late Whip-poor-will was noted in Shalimar Apr. 8 (H&AG).

FLYCATCHER, SWALLOW--A very rare, locally, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was noted at Pensacola Beach on May 6 (EEF). An early Bank Swallow was noted in the Panama City area on Apr. 1 (SS).

NUTHATCH, VIREO--The last of only 4 sightings of Red-breasted Nuthatch was on Apr. 29 (RLB). Until 1970 there had been only two sightings of the Black-whiskered Vireo in NW Fla. In 1970 there were 3 sightings (probably only two birds). Now this year there have been two reports; 1 in Panama City on Apr. 15 (SS,NR) and 1 in Gulf Breeze on Apr. 29 (RLB).

WARBLERS--On Apr. 9 a carefully observed Lawrence's Warbler, first for NW Fla. was in Panama City (DPS). On Apr. 23 in Panama City a strange bird was sketched very well with the aid of binoculars. It can only be a Townsend's Warbler, a first for NW Fla. and probably the entire state (EP). A Black-throated Green in Gulf Breeze May 28,29 is by 10 days the latest for NW Fla. (R&LD).

OBSERVERS--Richard L. Ballman, Robert & Lucy Duncan, E. E. Furnans, Amy Furnans, Vance Furnans, Harold & Agnes Gaither, Lyman E. Goodnight, Mary Gray, Roy C. Hallman, Curtis E. Kingsbery, Mary Lou Mattis, Ed Pipkin, Nancy Roberts, Donald P. Scott, Henry M. Stevenson, Stephen Stedman, Phil & Betsy Tetlow, A. Fred Wicke, mob is many other birders, Francis M. Weston Audubon Society, Pensacola.

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WINTERING ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER IN TENNESSEE VALLEY

In January 1972, I made up some bird pudding consisting of bacon drippings, sugar, cornmeal, raisins and bird seeds as printed in Alabama Birds, and put it in a cup in the back part of the year. A Ruby-crowned Kinglet was first seen coming to it, but soon another bird was noticed with it. It acted like the kinglet, but I couldn't see any definite markings due to the distance from the house. After a while I changed the food cup to a tree close to my kitchen window and then on a wire right outside the window. From here the bird was identified as an Orange-crowned Warbler.

The head was grayish with a hint of green in the back. Its breast was a buffy yellow with light grayish streaks that were hard to see unless the bird was close. His beak was very pointed and sharp, and it would flit his wings like that of the Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Identifiable color photographs were made.

According to Thomas A. Imhof's Alabama Birds, the Orange-crowned Warbler in winter "...is common on the Gulf Coast, fairly common in most of the Coastal Plain, and uncommon to rare as far north as Birmingham and occasionally Gadsden (449)." This record is the first in winter for the Tennessee Valley. The bird was last seen April 4.

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