

FALL SIGHTINGS (AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2005)

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This report covers the period from August through November 2005 in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle (west of the Apalachicola River). The appearance of observations in this article 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. For guidance, observers are encouraged to consult the Alabama Ornithological Society checklist. Reports should note conditions of observation and the diagnostic characters observed. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

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GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE – This species is regular at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, where Neill Cowles found two on 22 October and Steve McConnell had 24 (good number) on 25 November.

GOOSE WHITE-FRONTED X CANADA GOOSE – This hybrid, rare in Alabama, was spotted at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 10 and 23 November (Greg Jackson; ph.).

MOTTLED DUCK – Very rare in the WP, but three records of singles were received this season: downtown Pensacola, *Escambia*, 18 August (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan); FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 1 September (Bob Duncan); and north *Escambia*, 6 November (Laura Catterton; ph.).

CANVASBACK – At Walter F. George Dam, *Henry*, 30+ on 25 November was a good number for the Inland Coastal Plain (Eric Beohm, Michael Beohm, Paul Sanders).

- GREATER SCAUP** – A new maximum count (50+) for the Inland Coastal Plain was made at Walter F. George Dam, *Henry*, 25 November (Eric Beohm, Michael Beohm, Paul Sanders).
- RED-THROATED LOON** – The third record for the Inland Coastal Plain was marked by one seen at Walter F. George Dam, *Henry*, 25 November (Eric Beohm, Michael Beohm, Paul Sanders).
- PACIFIC LOON** – The second August record for the WP was established by a single found at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 31 August (Lucy Duncan, Bob Duncan).
- COMMON LOON** – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).
- RED-NECKED GREBE** – One on Limestone Bay at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 19+ November (Harry Dean, Milton Harris, Ken Ward, Bill McAlister *et al.*; ph.) marked the 19th record for Alabama.
- WILSON'S STORM-PETREL** – Two hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).
- BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL** – One hurricane-related record, of a single being chased by an immature Bald Eagle, was received (Table 1).
- WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD** – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1). This adult bird was taken to Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida, identified by Dorothy Kaufmann, Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan *et al.* (ph.), and later died (specimen to Florida State Museum).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN** – Good numbers were at Weiss Lake, *Cherokee*, 28 October (143) and 30 October (130+) (Linda Baker, Winston Baker). Three were at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 19 October (Neill Cowles), with 150+ (good number) there 11 November (Harry Dean).
- BROWN PELICAN** – This species is very rare for inland Alabama, and two sightings were reported: one immature, Brown's Creek, Guntersville, *Marshall*, 18 and 20 September (Linda Reynolds, Dick Reynolds *et al.*) (fourth record for Tennessee Valley), and one, Walter F. George Dam, *Henry*, 25 November (Eric Beohm, Michael Beohm, Paul Sanders) (becoming almost annual at this site).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD** – Two hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).
- GREAT EGRET** – A good number (66) for the Mountain Region was recorded at Logan Martin Dam, *St. Clair*, 31 August (Greg Jackson). The 150 at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 19 October (Neill Cowles) also was a good number.
- CATTLE EGRET** – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

- WHITE-FACED IBIS** – Casual in the WP, one was spotted at catfish farms in northern *Escambia*, 30 August (Laura Catterton).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL** – A single was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 9-16 September (Don Ware, Bill Garner, Bob Duncan, Cecil Brown) to mark the fifth record for the WP. Three-five immatures were seen near Leighton, *Colbert*, 5-8 August (Damien Simbeck, Steve McConnell *et al.*) to establish the third record for the Tennessee Valley. One was noted 10 miles west of Greensboro, *Hale*, 13-24 August (Augusta Robinson *vide* Tend Deason) (rare).
- WOOD STORK** – Occasional on the Gulf Coast of Alabama, one was recorded at Blakeley Island, *Mobile*, 23 October (Chazz Hesselein). One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK** – The Birmingham Audubon Society counted 1,280 (good number) 1 October in the Birmingham area (*Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair*).
- SWAINSON'S HAWK** – An adult was found at Foley, *Baldwin*, 10 November (Bill Summerour, Eric Soehren) (occasional on the Gulf Coast of Alabama).
- GOLDEN EAGLE** – An adult was found injured 18 or 19 November at Browns, *Dallas* (*vide* Tommy Pratt; ph.) where rare.
- PEREGRINE FALCON** – One seen at Blakeley State Park, *Baldwin*, 7 August (Ben Garmon) was very early if not summering.
- BLACK RAIL** – One was heard and seen at Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 5 November (David Plumb; rare).
- VIRGINIA RAIL** – One was found in an unusual habitat (a wooded area) at McCalla, *Jefferson* 9 September (Tom Clark; ph.) (rarely detected in the Mountain Region).
- COMMON MOORHEN** – Damien Simbeck found one at Fox Creek, *Morgan* (17 August) (occasional in north Alabama).
- SANDHILL CRANE** – Casual in the WP, one was at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 23 October (Lucy Duncan, Mac Myers).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER** – Rare in fall in the WP, one was spotted at catfish farms in northern *Escambia*, 6 November (Laura Catterton). Uncommon in fall in Alabama, an adult was found at Harpersville, *Shelby*, 15 September (Jud Johnston), while another single was west of Florence, *Lauderdale*, 18 September (Greg Jackson).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER** – Casual in the WP, one was at Pensacola Beach, *Escambia*, 23 September (Alan Sheppard).

- BLACK-NECKED STILT** – Occasional for inland Alabama, two were spotted at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 9 September (Michael Jordan), and one was noted at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 22 October (Neill Cowles).
- AMERICAN AVOCET** – At Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, five and three were present 22 October (Neill Cowles *et al.*) and 30 October (Linda Reynolds), respectively. Three hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER** – Three late birds were at the W.F. George Dam, *Henry*, 25 November (Eric Beohm, Michael Beohm, Paul Sanders).
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW** - One was at Destin, *Okaloosa*, 6 September (David Muth), to mark the first WP record since 1995.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE** – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).
- SANDERLING** – Two hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** – Rare in the WP, one was at Destin, *Okaloosa*, 6 September (David Muth). This sandpiper is rare but regular in the Tennessee Valley in fall. Near Leighton, *Colbert*, Damien Simbeck *et al.* had one-two between 5-10 August and one on 15 September. One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER** – Six were found at Vincent, *St. Clair*, 23 August (Helen Kittinger *et al.*) and 31 August (Greg Jackson) (good number for the Mountain Region). One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER** – Five were counted at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 15 October (Carolyn Snow, Peggy Baker, Jane Crittenden) (uncommon for the Inland Coastal Plain; late record for inland Alabama).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE** – Rare for inland Alabama, two were spotted near Leighton, *Colbert*, 10 August (Craig Brown). One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).
- RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** – Two hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER** – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).
- LAUGHING GULL** – Three were noted on Weiss Lake, *Cherokee*, 8 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson) (rare in the Mountain Region). This species is considered uncommon for inland Alabama, although regular in the Tennessee Valley and along the Chattahoochee River. One-two adults were found at Wheeler Dam, *Lawrence/Lauderdale*, 19 November (Steve McConnell, Greg Jackson). One in first-basic plumage was seen at

Guntersville Dam, *Marshall*, 23 November (Greg Jackson). Numerous hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).

FRANKLIN'S GULL – One adult in basic plumage was noted in *Walton*, 1 November (Damien Simbeck). Another single was spotted at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 7 November (Linda Reynolds), where the species is rare but regular.

RING-BILLED GULL – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL – One (possibly) hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

SABINE'S GULL – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

GULL-BILLED TERN – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

CASPIAN TERN – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

SANDWICH TERN – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

COMMON TERN – Three hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).

FORSTER'S TERN – At Wheeler and Wilson dams, *Lawrence/Lauderdale/Colbert*, 100+ (95+ at Wheeler, five at Wilson) were counted 26 September (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson) (good number).

LEAST TERN – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

BRIDLED TERN – Three hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).

SOOTY TERN – Many hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).

BLACK TERN – Two hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).

BROWN NODDY – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

TERN SP. (SOOTY/BRIDLED) – One hurricane-related record was received (Table 1).

BLACK SKIMMER – Occasional for inland Alabama, and probably related to the passage of Hurricane Katrina earlier, singles were seen at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 11 September (Lynn Baumgardt, Al Baumgardt; ph.), and at Eufaula, *Barbour*, 17 September (Lorna West). Two hurricane-related records were received (Table 1).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE – The seventh record for the Mountain Region was marked by a single heard at Harpersville, *Shelby*, 31 August (Greg Jackson).

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO – A single was at Atmore, *Escambia*, Alabama, 3 September (Jon Yoder, Dawn Yoder) (occasional for the Inland Coastal Plain). At Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, one was banded 11 October and another was seen 17 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*) (rare in fall).

- GROOVE-BILLED ANI** – Rare in the WP, one was observed 27 October – 11 November at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa* (Bob Duncan, Mac Meyers, Lucy Duncan, Cecil Brown).
- BURROWING OWL** – The census at Range 70, Eglin Air Force Base, *Okaloosa*, 5 November revealed 11 birds (Lenny Fenimore).
- ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD** – An adult female that had been banded 11 December 2004 returned to Cullman, *Cullman*, 21 August (early; 20th Alabama record) (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent, Caila Lamont, Loran Lamont).
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER** – Rare in the WP, two were noted 10-29 September at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa* (Bob Duncan). Rare but regular in fall in Alabama, singles were found at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 9 September (Larry Gardella, Stan Hamilton), at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 13 September (Bob Duncan, Cecil Brown), and on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 27 September (David Dortch, Carrie Dortch).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** – Rare but regular in fall in Alabama, six reports were received: one at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 18 September (Greg Jackson); one-two at Opelika, *Lee*, 18 and 20 September (Lorna West; calling); one at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 28 September (Bob Duncan, Cecil Brown); one at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 30 September (Damien Simbeck); and two singles at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 10 and 11 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*; b.).
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER** – Casual in the WP, an adult male was noted at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 15 November (Peggy Baker). Occasional for inland Alabama, single adult males were seen 14 November at Enterprise, *Coffee* (Teri Stallsmith, Bob Stallsmith), and at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 19 November+ (Harry Dean, Milton Harris, Ken Ward, Bill McAlister *et al.*; ph.)
- ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER** – Rare but regular in the WP, a single was found at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 2 November (Bob Duncan). Another single was at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 19+ October (Bob Sargent, m.ob.; ph.) (rare).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER** – In the WP there was a total of five individuals noted 22-31 October (m.ob.).
- BELL'S VIREO** – A single was banded and photographed 16 October at Ft. Morgan, *Baldwin* (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*) (rare).
- WARBLING VIREO** – Rare in Alabama, singles were found at Winfield, *Marion*, 29 September (Jud Johnston), at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 8

October (Larry Gardella), and at the Shell Mounds on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 22 October (Howard Horne).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO – One was late at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 18 October (Damien Simbeck *et al.*).

FISH CROW – Casual but increasing in the Tennessee Valley, Damien Simbeck had a calling bird along the Elk River near Rogersville, *Lauderdale*, 12 August.

PURPLE MARTIN – A huge flock of an estimated 200,000+ birds was seen below Wheeler Dam, *Lawrence/Lauderdale*, 4 August (Bill Rogers, Keith Hudson) (maximum by a large margin for Alabama).

BROWN CREEPER – A single at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 10 October, tied the early arrival date for the Gulf Coast (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*; b.).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET – One was early at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 7 October (Damien Simbeck *et al.*).

HERMIT THRUSH - One was early at Clay, *Jefferson*, 26 September (Bob Sargent).

WOOD THRUSH – A very late bird was at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 22-26 November (Scot Duncan, Mac Myers).

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER – Three was a good number at Opelika, *Lee*, 24 September (Lorna West).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER – An early arrival record for the Inland Coastal Plain was marked by one at Pintlala, *Lowndes*, 17 September (Carolyn Snow). A late bird was at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 28 November (Frank Farrell, Shirley Farrell, Mac Braid).

NASHVILLE WARBLER – One was at Weiss Lake, *Cherokee*, 8 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson) (rare in Mountain Region). A total of eight was a good number at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 15-20 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*; b.).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER – Two at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 26 August, established an early arrival date for the Tennessee Valley (Damien Simbeck).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER – Casual in November in the WP, an adult female was at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 12 November (Bob Duncan). Rare for inland Alabama, a female was noted at Opelika, *Lee*, 13 September (Lorna West).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER – The fifth and sixth records for the WP were established, respectively, by an adult male at Eglin Air Force

Base, *Okaloosa*, 8 September (Jim Kowalski), and by a hatching year female at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 7 November (Bob Duncan, Don Ware) and 11 November (Lucy Duncan, Bob Duncan, Pat Baker).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER – One at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 3 September (Carolyn Snow, Phil Snow) was early.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER – The first November record for the WP was marked by a single at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 10 November (Bob Duncan).

MOURNING WARBLER – One was at Winfield, *Marion*, 25 September (Jud Johnston) (rare). Rare but regular during fall migration on the Gulf Coast, another single was at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 8 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*; b.).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT – The 63 banded at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 8 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*) was a good number. One was late at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 26 November (Howard Horne *et al.*).

WILSON'S WARBLER – Rare for the Inland Coastal Plain, singles were found 12 and 15 September at Shorter, *Macon* (Eric Soehren).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW – Casual in the WP, two were seen at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 19 October (Bob Duncan).

LARK SPARROW – In the vicinity of Leighton, *Colbert*, Damien Simbeck counted eight on 12 August, and Steve McConnell counted 21 (excellent number) on 13 August.

SAVANNAH SPARROW – One at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 3 September (Carolyn Snow, Phil Snow), marked an early arrival record for the Inland Coastal Plain.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK – Occasional in Alabama, one was on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 29 October (Chazz Hesselein, Howard Horne)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD – Casual in the WP, one was noted at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 13 September (Don Ware, Bill Garner).

RED CROSSBILL – Two were west of Coleman Lake in Talladega National Forest, *Cleburne*, 24 November (Eric Soehren) (continued presence at this known breeding site).

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH – A single of this exotic frequented a feeder in Milton, *Santa Rosa*, from early August to 26 August (Mike Schiller).

TABLE 1. Sightings associated with hurricanes, Fall 2006.

Species	Number	Date	County	Location	Hurricane	Observer	Comments
Common Loon	2	31 August	St. Clair	Logan Martin Dam	Katrina	Greg Jackson	entry
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	1	29 August	Santa Rosa	Pensacola Bay, Gulf Breeze	Katrina	Bob & Lucy Duncan, Peggy Baker	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	1	30 August	Lauderdale	Tenn. R. @ Waite Cemetery	Katrina	Greg Jackson	2nd inland, 1st TN Valley, 25th AL
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	1	30 August	Lauderdale	Tenn. R. @ Waite Cemetery	Katrina	Greg & Debra Jackson	1st inland, 8th AL, @ABRC
Magnificent Frigatebird	1	30 August	Henry	W. F. George Dam	Katrina	Michael Boehm	4 prior inland records
Magnificent Frigatebird	1	30 August	Colbert	mouth of Bear Cr., Pickwick Res.	Katrina	Steve McConnell	4 prior inland records
White-tailed Tropicbird	1	30 August	Escambia	Pensacola Beach	Katrina		see text
Cattle Egret	510	31 August	Shelby	Harpersville	Katrina	Greg Jackson	max. for north AL
Wood Stork	1	30 August	Colbert	Ala. Hwy. 157 @ Town Creek	Katrina	Greg Jackson	occasional TN Valley
American Avocet	7+	30 August	Henry	W. F. George Dam	Katrina	Michael Boehm	rare inland, ph.
American Avocet	7	30 August	Barbour	Eufaula	Katrina	Lorna West	rare inland
Ruddy Turnstone	1	26 September	Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Rita	Greg Jackson	
Sanderling	4	30 August	Henry	W. F. George Dam	Katrina	Geoff Hill, Mark Liu, Michael Boehm	rare inland
Sanderling	4	30 August	Marshall	Guntersville	Katrina	Steve McConnell	uncommon inland
Band's Sandpiper	4	26 September	Morgan	Solutia, Decatur	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson	uncommon inland, juvenile, ph
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	21	30 August	Colbert	Leighton	Katrina	Damen Simbeck et al.	rare but regular TN Valley
Wilson's Phalarope	1	26 September	Morgan	Leighton & Town Cr. Marsh	Katrina	Damen Simbeck et al.	good number for the TN Valley
Red-necked Phalarope	1	30 August	Escambia	Solutia, Decatur	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson	rare inland ph.
Red-necked Phalarope	2	30 August	Lauderdale	catfish farms, northern county	Katrina	Laun Carterton	3rd WP record
Long-tailed Jaeger	1	26 September	Lawrence/Lauderdale	west of Florence	Katrina	Tom Haggerty, Jeff Gamer	occasional AL, ph.
Laughing Gull	4	30 August	Henry	Wheeler Dam	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson et al.	4th AL immature @ABRC
Laughing Gull	10+	30 August	Colbert/Lauderdale	Wilson Dam	Katrina	Steve McConnell	
Laughing Gull	6	30 August	Colbert	Leighton	Katrina	Damen Simbeck et al.	
Laughing Gull	9	30 August	Henry	W. F. George Dam	Katrina	Michael Boehm	
Laughing Gull	5	30 August	Marshall	Guntersville	Katrina	Steve McConnell	
Laughing Gull	5	30 August	Lauderdale	west of Florence	Katrina	Steve McConnell	
Laughing Gull	20	30 August	Colbert/Lauderdale	Tenn. R. @ Natchez Trace	Katrina	Jeff Gamer, Tom Haggerty	
Laughing Gull	2	30 August	Colbert	Bear Creek, Pickwick Res.	Katrina	Steve McConnell	2 ad., 1 2nd year, 2 jrv.
Laughing Gull	5	30 August	Lauderdale	Waterloo	Katrina	Greg & Debra Jackson	juvenile
Laughing Gull	1	30 August	Lauderdale	Tenn. R. @ Waite Cemetery	Katrina	Greg & Debra Jackson	rare Mountain Region, max. count 5 jrv., 19 ad., 1 imm.
Laughing Gull	25	31 August	St. Clair	Logan Martin Dam	Katrina	Greg Jackson	
Laughing Gull	4	30 August	Lawrence/Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Katrina	Damen Simbeck	max. TN Valley
Laughing Gull	81	31 August	Lawrence/Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Katrina	Damen Simbeck	max. inland AL, 102 Wheeler, 54 Wilson, 1 Decatur
Laughing Gull	157	26 September	Lawrence/Lauderdale/Colbert/Morgan	Wilson & Wheeler dams, Decatur	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson	
Laughing Gull	155	30 September	Lawrence/Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson	
Laughing Gull	1	26 September	Jefferson	Birmingham	Rita	Rick Remy	rare Mountain Region, imm.

TABLE 1. Continued

Species	Number	Date	County	Location	Hurricane	Observer	Comments
Ring-billed Gull	250	26 September	Lawrence/Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson et al.	high count early in season
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	26-30 September	Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson et al.	adult early for AL by 1 month, rare but increasing
Sabine's Gull	1	29 September	Morgan	Wheeler NWR	Rita	Dwight Cooley	5th AL, 1st inland juvenile found dead ph. @ABRC
Gull-billed Tern	1	30 August	Colbert	Leighton	Katrina	Damien Simbeck et al.	4th inland AL, 1st TN Valley
Caspian Tern	3	31 August	St. Clair	Logan Martin Dam	Katrina	Greg Jackson	rare Mountain Region
Sandwich Tern	1	30 August	Barbour	Eufaula	Katrina	Loma West	3rd inland
Common Tern	1	30 August	Henry	W. F. George Dam	Katrina	Michael Boehm	rare Inland Coastal Plain AL
Common Tern	2	31 August	St. Clair	Logan Martin Dam	Katrina	Greg Jackson	rare Mountain Region
Common Tern	20	26 September	Lawrence/Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Rita	Greg Jackson	max. TN Valley
Forster's tern	100+	26 September	Lawrence/Lauderdale/Colbert	Wilson & Wheeler dams	Rita	Greg & Debra Jackson	good number 95 at Wheeler, 5 at Wilson
Least Tern	5	30 August	Colbert	Town Creek Point	Katrina	Damien Simbeck	rate
Bridled Tern	3	29 August	Santa Rosa	Gulf Breeze	Katrina	Bob & Lucy Duncanson, Peggy Baker	rate
Bridled Tern	3-4	29 August	Santa Rosa	Navarre	Katrina	David Muth	rate
Bridled Tern	6	30 August	Walton	Navarre	Katrina	Jon Bortle	rate
Sooty Tern	1	28 August	Santa Rosa	Gulf Breeze	Katrina	Lucy Duncanson	
Sooty Tern	10	29 August	Santa Rosa	Gulf Breeze	Katrina	Bob & Lucy Duncanson, Peggy Baker	
Sooty Tern	1	29 August	Santa Rosa	Navarre	Katrina	David Muth	
Sooty Tern	3	30 August	Walton	Navarre	Katrina	Jon Bortle	
Sooty Tern	1	31 August	Escambia	Pensacola	Katrina	Dorothy Kaufmann	taken to Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest FL
Sooty Tern	1	30 August	Henry	W. F. George Dam	Katrina	Geoff Hill, Mark Liu, Michael Boehm	rare inland after tropical storms
Sooty Tern	6	30 August	Lawrence/Lauderdale	Wheeler Dam	Katrina	Damien Simbeck	rare inland after tropical storms, adults
Sooty Tern	1	30 August	Colbert/Lauderdale	Term. R. @ Natchez Trace west of Florence	Katrina	Jeff Garner, Tom Haggerty	rare inland after tropical storms
Sooty Tern	1	30 August	Lauderdale	Guntersville	Katrina	Tom Haggerty	rare inland after tropical storms
Sooty Tern	1	30 August	Marshall	Guntersville Dam	Katrina	Dick & Linda Reynolds	rare inland after tropical storms
Sooty Tern	15	30 August	Marshall	Guntersville Dam	Katrina	Dick & Linda Reynolds	rare inland after tropical storms
Black Tern	200	30 August	Colbert/Lawrence	Leighton/Wheeler Dam	Katrina	Damien Simbeck et al.	good number - estimated
Black Tern	50	30 August	Henry	Gulf Breeze	Katrina	Michael Boehm	good number
Brown Noddy	1	29 August	Santa Rosa	Gulf Breeze	Katrina	Bob & Lucy Duncanson, Peggy Baker	
Black Skimmer	1	30 August	Marshall	Guntersville	Katrina	Steve McConnell	rare inland after tropical storms
Black Skimmer	1	30 August	Colbert/Lauderdale	Wilson Dam	Katrina	Steve McConnell	occasional inland
Black Skimmer	1	31 August	Madison	Huntsville Airport	Katrina	Steve Threlkeld	occasional inland, found dead

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