

FALL SIGHTINGS (AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2006)

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This report covers the period from August through November 2006 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.

Abbreviations and italics: County names are in italics and, except for the Florida counties of *Bay*, *Escambia*, *Gulf*, *Okaloosa*, *Santa Rosa*, and *Walton*, are in Alabama. “AFB” = Air Force Base; “b” = banded; “FWBSF” = Fort Walton Beach Spray Fields; “m.ob.” = many observers; “NWR” = National Wildlife Refuge; “ph.” = photographed; SP = State Park; “WMA” = Wildlife Management Area; “WP” = Western Panhandle of Florida (*Escambia*, *Okaloosa*, and *Santa Rosa* counties).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE – Damien Simbeck found one at Colbert Ferry Park, *Colbert*, 27 November (locally rare).

ROSS’S GOOSE – Records of three singles were received: Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 12 November (Steve McConnell) (rare but now expected annually at this site); Alabama waters of Lake Eufaula, *Russell*, near Florence Marina SP, Georgia, 13 November (Eric Beohm) (rare on the Inland Coastal Plain); and Colbert Ferry Park, *Colbert*, 27 November (Damien Simbeck) (locally rare).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL – Don Self tallied 84 in *Hale/Marengo*, 27 September, a good number this early for the Inland Coastal Plain.

SURF SCOTER – Rare for inland Alabama, one female-type was observed at Opelika, *Lee*, 5-6 November (Bailey McKay *et al.*).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER – This species is rare in Alabama, especially inland, and the fourth record for the Inland Coastal Plain was marked by a single seen 14 and 19 November and two seen 20 November at Speigner, *Elmore* (Helen Kittinger, Tommy Pratt, m.ob.).

- BLACK SCOTER** – One was spotted at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 27 November (Linda Reynolds, Dick Reynolds) (rare in Alabama, especially inland).
- COMMON LOON** – One at Logan Martin Dam, *St. Clair*, 15 August, was rare so early, especially for the Mountain Region (Helen Kittinger *et al.*).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE** – This species is uncommon to rare in summer in Alabama, and three at Prairie Eden, *Hale*, 12 August (Greg Harber), were either nesting or early migrants.
- EARED GREBE** – Rare in the WP, one arrived early 5 September at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, and lingered until 2 November (Bob Duncan, Don Ware). Rare for inland Alabama, a single was at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 14 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson).
- MASKED BOOBY** – A sub-adult was seen on the west end of Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 10 September (Ben Garmon) (rare).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN** – Several records were received from the Tennessee Valley, where the species is increasing and now uncommon rather than rare. Twenty-five were on the Tennessee River east of Decatur and 17 were at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 14 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson), while Steve McConnell had 175+ (good number) at Swan Creek WMA, 19 November. On 20 November, Bill Rogers counted 34 on Wilson Lake, *Colbert/Lauderdale*. At Guntersville, *Marshall*, 20 were noted 27 November (Linda Reynolds, Dick Reynolds). This species is still rare but increasing in the Mountain Region, where it has become regular on Weiss Lake, Cherokee, which produced the first August record for the region with 24 on 16 August and a new maximum number for the region with 250+ at the same site on 3 November (Winston Baker, Linda Baker). Rare but increasing on the Inland Coastal Plain, 56 were at Gallion, *Marengo*, 12 November (Judy Self, Don Self).
- BROWN PELICAN** – This species is occasional for inland Alabama, and two sightings of single immatures were reported: Alabama River above U.S. Highway 84, *Monroe*, 1 August (Jeff Garner *et al.*; ph.), and Gantt Lake, *Covington*, 4-5 November (Jeff Garner; ph.).
- AMERICAN BITTERN** – Rarely detected in the Mountain Region, one was found at Limestone Swamp near Saginaw, *Shelby*, 1 October (David George).
- GREAT BLUE HERON** – Casual in the WP, an individual of the white morph (“Great White Heron”) was at Fort Pickens, *Escambia*, 18 August – 6 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan, Peggy Baker, Jane Crittenden).
- SNOWY EGRET** – A good number (19+) for inland Alabama was recorded along Alabama Highway 39, *Sumter*, 6 August (Greg Harber, Birmingham Audubon Society).
- GREEN HERON** – A single at Gantt Lake, *Covington*, 4 November (Jeff Garner) was late.
- WHITE IBIS** – Steve McConnell noted three immatures at Wheeler NWR, *Morgan*, 5 August (rare in Tennessee Valley).

- GLOSSY IBIS** – Rare in the WP, six were at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 11 September (Bob Duncan). Only occasionally identified to species for inland Alabama, a single was noteworthy at Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 20 September (Ben Moore; ph.).
- WHITE-FACED IBIS** – Two were at Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 20 September (Ben Moore; ph.), to mark the fourth record for inland Alabama.
- WHITE IBIS X WHITE-FACED IBIS** – An apparent hybrid (with overall dark plumage but with three white bands across the upper neck; prominent white border across the upper face; dark eye) was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 2 August (Bob Duncan).
- ROSEATE SPOONBILL** – Occasional in Alabama but increasing, the third and fourth Mountain Region records were marked, respectively, by single immatures at Lake Purdy, *Shelby*, 11-22 August (Harriett Wright, m.ob.; ph.), and Saginaw, *Shelby*, 15 August (Larry Knorr; ph.). Still another single immature was seen along the Apalachee River, *Baldwin*, 29 October (Bob Andrews).
- WOOD STORK** – At Saginaw, *Shelby*, six adults were found 15 August and two on 4 September (Larry Knorr, m.ob.; ph.) (rare in Mountain Region). Don Self counted 331 (good number) in *Hale/Marengo*, 27 September.
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** – One spotted along the Tennessee River at the mouth of the Flint River, *Madison/Marshall*, 20 August (Marion Roberts, Mary Roberts, *vide* Linda Reynolds), marked the third record for the Tennessee Valley.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE** – Jud Johnston saw a single at Winfield, *Marion*, 24 August, where the species is locally rare.
- SWAINSON'S HAWK** – Rare in Alabama, records from three sites were received: Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, one on 18 October, two on 20 October, and three on 29 October (David Plumb, m.ob.; ph.); Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, a single on 21 October (Devin Bosler, Justin Bosler); and southeast of Foley, *Baldwin*, three on 5 November, two on 7 November, and three on 18 November (John Dillon, Kay Dillon, Bill Summerour, m.ob.; ph.).
- GOLDEN EAGLE** – One at Hardaway, *Macon*, 7 October (Eric Soehren), was rare and early.
- CRESTED CARACARA** – Fred Bassett observed a single along U.S. Highway 98 between Apalachicola and Port St. Joe, *Gulf*, 15 November, to mark the second area record and one of only a few west of the Apalachicola River.
- PEREGRINE FALCON** – A single at Foley, *Baldwin*, 26 August (Michael Jordan), was early.
- SORA** – The Birmingham Audubon Society, during its 30 September annual fall count in *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, recorded eight, a good number.
- AMERICAN COOT** – A rare summering (and injured) individual was found along County Road 85, *Pickens/Sumter*, 6 August (Greg Harber, Birmingham Audubon Society). Nine at Whitsitt, *Hale*, 12 August (Greg Harber), were rare and a good number for this early in the season.
- SANDHILL CRANE** – An adult bird along Ala. Highway 39, *Sumter*, 6 August (Greg

Harber, Birmingham Audubon Society), marked the second summer record in Alabama since 1960. Rare but increasing inland and becoming regular at Weiss Lake, *Cherokee*, one was noted on 3 November and 11 on 21 November (Linda Baker, Winston Baker). This species is now expected at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, and Steve McConnell counted 118 there on 23 November while Barry Fleming had 305 on 24 November.

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER – The first August record for the WP was marked by one at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 31 August (Lenny Fenimore). Uncommon to rare in fall in Alabama, Damien Simbeck *et al.* noted one at Gnat Pond, *Colbert*, 30 August – 2 September.

SNOWY PLOVER – Santa Rosa Island, Gulf Islands National Seashore, was made partially inaccessible by Hurricane Ivan, and this allowed Snowy Plovers and terns to have a good breeding year. On 31 August, 28 Snowy Plovers were counted (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan).

PIPING PLOVER – Twelve (good number) were counted on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 26 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan, Cecil Brown, Pam Brown).

AMERICAN AVOCET – A single was at Logan Martin Dam, *St. Clair*, 12 August (Ty Keith, Helen Kittinger, Harriett Wright *et al.*) (occasional in the Mountain Region).

WILLET – Rare for inland Alabama, two records were received: a single near Leighton, *Colbert*, 7 August (Craig Brown), and seven at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 20 August (Carolyn Snow, Phil Snow) (ties fall maximum for the Inland Coastal Plain).

UPLAND SANDPIPER – Rare in the WP, two were found at Site B-70, Eglin AFB, *Okaloosa*, 27 August (Lenny Fenimore).

RUDDY TURNSTONE – A single was noted at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 4 September (Carolyn Snow) (rare inland).

RED KNOT – Now rare and decreasing, five were seen on Pelican Island, *Mobile*, 22 October (Greg Jackson).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER – Rarely seen in fall, one was spotted near Leighton, *Colbert*, 21 August (Craig Brown).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER – The first August record for the WP was marked by one on Santa Rosa Island, *Escambia*, 24 August (Bob Duncan), and one was noted at the same site on 8 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan, Betsy Tetlow, Linda Bogaiges). This sandpiper is rare but regular in the Tennessee Valley in fall. Near Leighton, *Colbert*, Damien Simbeck had two on 11 August and three on 30 August. Four were tallied at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 9 November (Damien Simbeck, Jason Mitchell) (late and a good number). A single was at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 4 September (Carolyn Snow) (rare on the Inland Coastal Plain).

DUNLIN – Steve McConnell had a good number (200+) at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 19 November.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER – Rare in the WP, one was on Santa Rosa Island, *Escambia*, 24 August – 6 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan), and two were at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 11 September (Bob Duncan). At Harpersville, *Shelby*, Barry Fleming counted 13 on 2 September, while Fred Carney *et al.* had 20+ at the same site 9 September, the latter number the second highest count for the Mountain Region.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE – A single visited Santa Rosa Island, *Escambia*, 18 August – 6 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan) (casual in the WP). Occasional for the Mountain Region, one was at Saginaw, *Shelby*, 30 September – 4 October (Harriett Wright, Shirley Farrell, Frank Ferrell, John Imhof *et al.*).

LAUGHING GULL – This species is rare but regular at Wheeler Dam, *Lawrence/Lauderdale*, where singles were found 19 August (Steve McConnell) and 8 November (Damien Simbeck, Jason Mitchell). Also rare but regular at Wilson Dam, *Colbert/Lauderdale*, one was there 24 November (Damien Simbeck, Michael Beuerlein). Steve McConnell found one at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 24 September (rare in Tennessee Valley; ph.).

FRANKLIN'S GULL – Numerous records, all of singles unless otherwise noted, were received for this species that is rare in Alabama: Guntersville, *Marshall*, 24 September (early) (Steve McConnell; ph.); Pelican Island, *Mobile*, 15 October (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan *et al.*); two, Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 3 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan); Speigner, *Elmore*, 6 November (Barry Fleming *et al.*), 14 November (Helen Kittinger *et al.*), and 19 November (Ira Kupferberg) (sixth record for the Inland Coastal Plain); Guntersville, *Marshall*, 15+ on 7 November (Linda Reynolds), 40+ (new maximum for inland Alabama) on 9 November (Linda Reynolds), and six+ on 11 November (Steve McConnell); Wilson Dam, *Colbert/Lauderdale*, 18 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson; ph.) and 24 November (Damien Simbeck, Michael Beuerlein).

RING-BILLED GULL – A good number for so early in the season was the 56 counted at Wheeler Dam, *Lawrence/Lauderdale*, 19 August (Steve McConnell).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL – Rare but regular in the Tennessee Valley and on the Gulf Coast, two records of singles were received: Wilson Dam, *Colbert/Lauderdale*, 18 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson; ph.), and Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 28 November (Bill Summerour).

GLAUCOUS GULL – Casual in the WP, one at Destin, *Okaloosa*, 8 October (Ben Garmon) marked the earliest arrival date and first October record.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL – Two on Pelican Island, *Mobile*, 26 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan, m.ob.; ph.) were rare and early. A single at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 7 October (Steve McConnell; ph.) was rare and marked an early arrival date for inland Alabama.

GULL-BILLED TERN – A late bird was on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 3 November (Ben Garmon).

BLACK TERN – An estimated 6800 birds were on Santa Rosa Island, *Escambia*, 31

August (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan). Counts at Wheeler Dam, *Lawrence/Lauderdale*, included 30+ on 19 August (Steve McConnell), 50+ on 26 August (Linda Reynolds, m.ob.), and 300+ on 2 September (Steve McConnell) (second highest count for inland Alabama). Jacob Walker reported 12400 (good number) from Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 11 September.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE – Increasing on the Gulf Coast, 30+ was a good number at Silverhill, *Baldwin*, 3 September (Bill Summerour; ph.).

BURROWING OWL – A count at site B-70, Eglin AFB, *Okaloosa*, 29 July revealed 55 birds, a good number (Lenny Fenimore).

SHORT-EARED OWL – Rare and erratic in Alabama, singles were noted at Key Cave NWR, *Lauderdale*, 8 November (Damien Simbeck, Jason Mitchell), and Spring Creek, *Lawrence*, 28 November (Damien Simbeck).

CHIMNEY SWIFT – At a roost in Hartselle, *Morgan*, 2000+ were estimated 12 September (Steve McConnell, Vicki McConnell) (good number). At Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, one was seen as late as 29 October (Ann Miller, Al Miller).

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD – Rare in Alabama, one set an early arrival date for the state on 25 August, *Mobile*, *Mobile* (Fred Bassett, Virginia Culbertson, P.D. Culbertson; b.; ph.). Another single was at Lillian, *Baldwin*, 8 November (Fred Bassett).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD - Rare but regular in fall, early birds were at Pensacola, *Escambia*, 31 August (Kay Keigley, *fide* Fred Bassett); Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 2 September (Jere French); and Mountain Brook, *Jefferson*, 2 August (Eleanor Womack, *fide* Bob Sargent).

ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD – Rare in Alabama, an adult female that had been banded 11 December 2004 returned to Cullman, *Cullman*, 26 August (early) (Caila Lamont, *fide* Bob Sargent; ph.). A hatching year male was at Irondale, *Jefferson*, 17 October – 15 December (Rick Remy, Susan Remy, Bob Sargent; b.; ph.). An immature male occurred at Fairhope, *Baldwin*, 25 October 2006 – February 2007 (Fred Bassett, David Dortch, Carrie Dortch; b.; ph.).

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER – Rare but regular in fall, one was at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 1 September (Bob Duncan); three+ (good number) were on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 16 September (Howard Horne, Tom Siegwald, Joan Siegwald, Mark Van Hoose *et al.*; ph.); and a single was spotted in Mountain Brook, *Jefferson*, 24 September (Greg Harber).

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE – Ty Keith *et al.* found a late bird at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 3 November.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER – Rare but expected in fall in Alabama, numerous reports were received: at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, two were found on 8 September and one on 15 September (Damien Simbeck, m.ob.); on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, Jacob Walker had two on 11 September and one-two on 21 and 24 September; a single at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 15 September (Helen Kittinger, Mac Braid); one at Opelika, *Lee*, 16 September

(Barry Fleming); and singles at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 7 and 13 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent, Duane Berger, m.ob.; b.).

WESTERN KINGBIRD – The seventh record for the Mountain Region was marked by a single at Harpersville, *Shelby*, 22 November (Harriett Wright, Jessica Germany).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER – Rare but increasing, one was noted at Meridianville, *Madison*, 16 August (Arloe Mayne) (known to breed in this area). At Falkville, *Morgan*, where the species is not known to breed, a single was seen 21 October (Charlie Thompson, Jimmy Wells; ph.). Rare on the Gulf Coast away from the immediate coast, one was along Alabama Highway 193 north of Bayley's Corner, *Mobile*, 21 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson; ph.).

WHITE-EYED VIREO – A maximum fall count for the Gulf Coast was established by the 54 banded at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 10 September (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent, Duane Berger, m.ob.).

BELL'S VIREO – A single was at the Shell Mounds on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 10 September (Ben Garmon) (rare). Another single was at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 1 October (Michael Jordan *et al.*), where the species is rare but regular.

BLUE-HEADED VIREO – One was found at Houston, *Winston*, 16 August (Larry Barkey) where the species is locally rare in summer. A late bird was at Mallard Creek Recreation Area, *Lawrence*, 24 November (Damien Simbeck, Michael Beuerlein).

WARBLING VIREO – Rare in Alabama, singles were noted at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 26 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan), and at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 29 September (Larry Gardella).

FISH CROW – A new maximum count for Alabama was established by the estimated 1500+ at a roost near Shorter, *Macon*, during the last week of September and first week of October (Eric Soehren). Rare but increasing in the Tennessee Valley, a single was calling on 9 and 28 November at the Mallard/Fox Creek WMA, *Lawrence* (Damien Simbeck, Jason Mitchell)

TREE SWALLOW – Steve McConnell had two late birds at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 11 November.

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW – A late bird was at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 19 November (Steve McConnell).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH – One was recorded at Snowdown, *Montgomery*, 7 September (Carolyn Snow, Phil Snow) (locally rare).

BROWN CREEPER – This species is absent from the WP in most years, so one seen at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 21 October – 2 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan) was notable. Early for Alabama, singles were found at Smith Lake south of Houston, *Winston*, 10 October (Larry Barkey *et al.*), and on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 12 October (Helen Kittinger *et al.*).

HOUSE WREN – Two were late at Colbert Ferry Park and Riverton, *Colbert*, 25 November (Steve McConnell).

- MARSH WREN** – Uncommon to rare in the Mountain Region, three were tallied on the Birmingham Audubon Society fall count, *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, 30 September, and a single was at Limestone Swamp, Saginaw, *Shelby*, 8 October (Shirley Farrell, Frank Farrell, John Imhof, Harriett Wright *et al.*).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET** – In the WP, the first arrivals on 21 October heralded the presence of many individuals through mid-November (Bob Duncan, m.ob.) and one of the best invasions in many years. One was early at Guntersville Dam, *Marshall*, 7 October (Steve McConnell).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET** – A single was early at Colbert Ferry Park, *Colbert*, 20 September (Larry Barkey). The 65 banded at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 21 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent, Duane Berger, m.ob.) was a good number.
- VEERY** – An early bird was at Winfield, *Marion*, 30 August (Jud Johnston).
- HERMIT THRUSH** – A maximum fall count (50+) for Alabama was made at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 3 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan).
- WOOD THRUSH** – The 73 banded at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 21 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent, Duane Berger, m.ob.) was a good number. One was late at Oak Mountain State Park, *Shelby*, 5 November (Pelham Rowan).
- GRAY CATBIRD** – The 185 and 188 banded at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 15 and 21 October, respectively (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent, Duane Berger, m.ob.), were good numbers. A late bird was at Winfield, *Marion*, 5 November (Jud Johnston).
- SPRAGUE'S PIPIT** – Rare in the WP, but found regularly at Site B-70, Eglin AFB, *Okaloosa* (a Burrowing Owl location), one was spotted there on 9 November (Lenny Fenimore). Also rare on the Gulf Coast of Alabama, two were noted at Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 5 November (Bill Summerour). Southeast of Foley, *Baldwin*, sightings were as follows: three on 13 November, four+ on 18 November, four+ on 30 December, and three on 23 April (Bill Summerour, m.ob.).
- "BREWSTER'S" WARBLER** – Rare in Alabama, one was banded at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 6 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent, Duane Berger, m.ob.).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER** – Uncommon in Alabama, a new fall maximum for the Tennessee Valley was marked by the five tallied at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 15 September (Damien Simbeck, m.ob.). A single was at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 14 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson). Another single was at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 3 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan).
- YELLOW WARBLER** – A late bird was at Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 21 October (Devin Bosler, Justin Bosler).
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER** – Early fall arrivals were seen at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 24 August (Greg Harber) and 26 August (Ty Keith), as well as four at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 1 September (Damien Simbeck, m.ob.).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER** – Rarely seen in fall in Alabama, one was spotted at the Audubon Sanctuary on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 21 October (Howard Horne, John Stowers *et al.*).

- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER** – Reports from three sites were received for this species that is rare for inland Alabama: three (good number) at Hullett's Chapel, *Jefferson*, 3 September (Duane Berger); one at Opelika, *Lee*, 3 October (Lorna West); and a male at Prattville, *Autauga*, approximately 1 November (Dick Huckaby) (late record for inland Alabama).
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER** – A late bird was at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 14 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER** – A late departure date for the Inland Coastal Plain of Alabama was marked by one at Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 17 November (Lorna West).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER** – Casual in the Florida Panhandle, a female was noted at Henderson Beach, *Walton*, 25 October (Don Ware). Occasional in fall on the Gulf Coast of Alabama, a single occurred at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 20 September (Lucy Duncan, Betsy Tetlow).
- MOURNING WARBLER** – One adult was noted at Clay, *Jefferson*, 3 September (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent) (rare in Alabama).
- CANADA WARBLER** - The second latest record for Alabama was marked by one at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 19 October (Bob Sargent *et al.*; b.).
- SCARLET TANAGER** – One was late at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 3 November (Ty Keith *et al.*).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** – Only occasional for inland Alabama, one was found at Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 9 November (Lorna West, Carolyn Snow). Rare on the Gulf Coast away from the immediate coast, a single was noted along Roscoe Road, Gulf Shores, *Baldwin*, 10 November (Larry Gardella). A third single was recorded at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 11 November (Larry Gardella), where the species is rare but expected.
- BREWER'S SPARROW** – One was carefully described and sketched from Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 3 November (Ben Garmon). If accepted by the Alabama Bird Records Committee, this would represent a first (Hypothetical) record for Alabama, and one of only a few for the East.
- LARK SPARROW** –The 15 that were counted in the vicinity of Leighton, *Colbert*, 25 August (Damien Simbeck, Francis Markine), was a good number.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW** – One was observed near Saginaw, *Shelby*, 30 September – 1 October (Shirley Farrell, Frank Farrell, John Imhof, Harriett Wright *et al.*) (occasional in the Mountain Region). Rarely reported for the Inland Coastal Plain of Alabama, although probably regular in winter in some areas, a single was seen at Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 31 October (Lorna West).
- NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW** – One was observed near Saginaw, *Shelby*, 30 September (Shirley Farrell, Frank Farrell, John Imhof, Harriett Wright) (seventh inland Alabama record).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW** – A maximum of 25 was counted at Oneonta, *Blount*, in late October (D. Brown, L. Brown), to mark a new fall high count for

the Mountain Region.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR – Uncommon and erratic in Alabama, 10 were at Belle Mina, *Limestone*, 23 November (Steve McConnell; ph.), and two were at Key Cave NWR, *Lauderdale*, 24 November (Damien Simbeck, Michael Beuerlein).

PAINTED BUNTING – One was late on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 4 November (Howard Horne).

BOBOLINK – Uncommon to rare in fall in Alabama, one was at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 21 October (Greg Jackson).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD – Very rare in the WP, a single was noted at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 28 September (Bob Penhollow, Thelma Phillips). An immature male was reported along Cane Creek west of Tuscumbia, *Colbert*, 26 September (Jim Shedd, *fide* Damien Simbeck) (occasional for inland Alabama).

NUTMEG MANNIKIN – This exotic species has been well established for many years in the WP, surviving hurricanes and cold weather. Bernice Gilley observed young birds at her feeder in Pensacola, *Escambia*, 20 August.

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