

## FALL SIGHTINGS (AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2007)

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This report covers the period from August through November 2007 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 *Escambia*, *Okaloosa*, and *Santa Rosa*, are in Alabama. “@” = under review by; “ABRC” = Alabama Bird Records Committee; “AFB” = Air Force Base; “b” = banded; “FWBSF” = Fort Walton Beach Spray Fields; “m.ob.” = many observers; “NF” = National Forest; “NWR” = National Wildlife Refuge; “ph.” = photographed; “WMA” = Wildlife Management Area; “WP” = Western Panhandle of Florida (*Escambia*, *Okaloosa*, and *Santa Rosa* counties).

**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** – Uncommon but regular at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 14 were noted 4 November (Steve McConnell) and 15 on 10 November (North Alabama Birdwatcher’s Society). Rare on the Inland Coastal Plain, though becoming regular at this site, four were at Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 23 November (Larry Gardella).

**SNOW GOOSE** – A single white morph individual was found at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 28 November (Carolyn Snow, Phil Snow), where the species is locally rare.

**ROSS’S GOOSE** – Rare but increasing on the Gulf Coast of Alabama, singles were seen at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 16 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson), and south of Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 16-25 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson *et al.*). Two adults and two immatures visited Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 17+ November (Steve McConnell) (rare to uncommon in the Tennessee Valley, but regular and increasing at this site). At Round Island Creek, *Limestone*, one adult and one immature were noted 23 November (Steve McConnell, Damien Simbeck) (rare to uncommon in the Tennessee Valley).

**CANADA GOOSE** – On the 29 September fall count by the Birmingham Audubon Society in *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, 341 was a good number.

**WOOD DUCK** – Good numbers (146 on 24 August and 193 on 1 September) were

tallied at Marvyn, *Lee* (Barry Fleming). Two separate groups of 100+ were found on Lake Logan Martin, *St. Clair/Tallapoosa*, 15 October (Russell Hatfield, Patrick Dawson) (maximum number for Mountain Region).

**MALLARD** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a tally of 115, a good number for early fall.

**NORTHERN PINTAIL** – Sixteen at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 23 September (Greg Jackson) was a good number for so early in the season.

**REDHEAD** – An early bird was at Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 12 October (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman).

**SURF SCOTER** – One-four were seen 8 November – 4 December on Wilson Reservoir at the mouth of Town Creek, *Colbert* (Damien Simbeck *et al.*; ph.) (rare inland).

**WHITE-WINGED SCOTER** – Casual in the WP, singles were noted on Perdido Bay, *Escambia*, 5-8 November (Sue Yates) and on the Gulf of Mexico off Destin, *Okaloosa*, 10 November (Charlie Saleeby).

**LONG-TAILED DUCK** – Rare in Alabama, four were spotted at Perdido Pass, *Baldwin*, 25 November (Wayne Patterson).

**NORTHERN BOBWHITE** – A late nesting was documented 12 October at Loxley, *Baldwin*, with the observation of a female with 10 young (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman).

**RED-THROATED LOON** – One was observed near Foley, *Baldwin*, 18-22 November (Howard Horne, Chazz Hesselein, Tom Siegwald, Joan Siegwald *et al.*; ph.) (rare).

**COMMON LOON** – Summering individuals are rare but regular on the Gulf Coast, and a single was on the west end of Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 25 August (Joan Siegwald, Tom Siegwald, Howard Horne). One at Logan Martin Dam, *St. Clair*, 19 September, was early (Harriett Wright, Alice Christenson).

**PIED-BILLED GREBE** – On Bear Creek Embayment of Pickwick Reservoir, *Colbert*, Damien Simbeck tallied 500+ (good number) 20 November.

**RED-NECKED GREBE** – A single in Alabama waters at Walter F. George Dam, *Henry*, 22 November (Eric Boehm, Michael Boehm) marked the 19<sup>th</sup> record for Alabama and the second for the Inland Coastal Plain.

**MASKED BOOBY** – A sub-adult was seen on the west end of Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 4 October (Ben Garmon) (rare).

**AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN** – Numerous records of this increasingly observed species were received: a single, Ballard Lake near Montevallo, *Shelby*, 7 September (Mac Braid) and 8 September (Helen Kittinger, m.ob.) (locally rare); 100+, Weiss Lake, *Cherokee*, 17 September (Linda Baker, Winston Baker) (rare in Mountain Region but regular at this site in recent years); 25, Wheeler NWR fall count, *Limestone*, 29 September (Harry Dean, Ken Ward) (uncommon but increasing in this area); 325, Weiss Lake, *Cherokee*, 11 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson) (maximum count for Mountain Region); 65, Florence,

*Lauderdale*, 22 November (Tom Haggerty) (locally uncommon); 200, Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 23 November (Steve McConnell, Damien Simbeck) (uncommon but increasing in this area). Several counts were made at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*: 200, 4 November (Steve McConnell); 400, 17 November (North Alabama Birdwatcher's Society); 513, 24 November (Barry Fleming, Geoff Hill) (maximum count for Tennessee Valley).

**BROWN PELICAN** – A single was in Alabama waters at Walter F. George Dam, *Henry*, 22 November (Eric Beohm, Michael Beohm) (rare but increasing for inland Alabama but becoming regular at this site).

**ANHINGA** – Ben Garmon counted 12 at Chickasaw Lake, *Mobile*, 4 September, to mark a maximum count for the Gulf Coast. Fourteen at Marvyn, *Lee*, 9 September (Barry Fleming) was a good number. A single along I-65 north of Montgomery, *Autauga*, 13 November (Ben Garmon) was rare this late so far north.

**AMERICAN BITTERN** – An early single was at Chickasaw Lake, *Mobile*, 2 September (Ben Garmon).

**GREAT EGRET** – Fall counts on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, and in the Birmingham area, *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, both 29 September, tallied good numbers of 177 and 77, respectively.

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** – Thirty-two at Wilson Dam, *Colbert/Lauderdale*, 27 November (Greg Jackson) marked a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**ROSEATE SPOONBILL** – The fifth record for the WP was marked by a single at Beulah, *Escambia*, 12 August (Dianne Lee, Mary Newman). Two adults were at Justin Bay on the Mobile Causeway, *Baldwin*, 13 October (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman; ph.). One adult was at mile marker seven on the Fort Morgan Peninsula, *Baldwin*, 25 October (Howard Horne) (rare and late).

**WOOD STORK** – Very rare in the WP, two sightings were made at Pensacola, *Escambia*: eight birds 23 August (James Pfeiffer), and a single 24 November (Powers McLeod).

**OSPREY** – A late bird was at Graysville, *Jefferson*, 23 November (Jud Johnston, Sylvia Johnston).

**MISSISSIPPI KITE** – Five at Mud Creek WMA, *Jackson*, 8 September (Daniel Jacobson), marked the first local record (rare, and maximum count, for Tennessee Valley).

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK** – A late bird was seen along the Mobile Causeway, *Baldwin*, 19 November (Ben Garmon).

**SWAINSON'S HAWK** – Rare in Alabama, a single was on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 13 October (Larry Gardella, Andrea Menyhert). Several sightings were made at a site south of Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*: one on 27 October (David Plumb), two on 2 November (David Plumb), three on 11 November (Michael Jordan *et al.*), five (maximum number for Alabama) on 14 November (David Plumb), and one on 15 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson; ph.).

**RED-TAILED (HARLAN'S) HAWK** – One was identified at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 24 November (Barry Fleming, Geoff Hill) (rare).

**BLACK RAIL** – The fourth fall record for the WP was marked by one flushed at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 31 October (Merilu Rose, Sam Tagatz, Pam West).

**SORA** – The Birmingham Audubon Society, during its 29 September fall count in *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, recorded eight, a good number.

**AMERICAN COOT** – On Bear Creek Embayment of Pickwick Reservoir, *Colbert*, Damien Simbeck tallied 5000+ (a locally good number) 20 November.

**AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER** – Uncommon in fall in Alabama, reports (all singles) from four sites were received: Foley, *Baldwin*, 8 September (Morris Clark, Peggy Baker, m.ob.); Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 4 November (Steve McConnell); Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 8+ November (Damien Simbeck *et al.*; injured bird; ph.); and Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 23 November (Larry Gardella; injured bird).

**PIPING PLOVER** – A bird at Marvyn, *Lee*, 14 September (Barry Fleming) was color banded and originated from the Great Lakes population (occasional inland; sixth record for the Inland Coastal Plain).

**AMERICAN AVOCET** – Ken Wills found eight at Lake Purdy, *Shelby*, 18 August (occasional in the Mountain Region). Also occasional on the Inland Coastal Plain, a maximum for this region was marked by the 17 observed at Hope Hull, *Montgomery*, 3 September. Six birds were still present at this site 15 September (Larry Gardella *et al.*).

**WILLET** – Rare for inland Alabama, records of singles were received from Marvyn, *Lee*, 31 August – 2 September (Barry Fleming *et al.*) and Lake Purdy, *Shelby*, 1 September (Frank Farrell, Maureen Schaffer *et al.*).

**UPLAND SANDPIPER** – Rare in the WP, northern *Escambia* hosted four birds on 9 August and three on 29 August (Laura Catterton).

**RED KNOT** – Now uncommon, Pelican Island, *Mobile*, hosted three birds on 11 October and six on 13 October (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman *et al.*).

**SANDERLING** – Three were at Marvyn, *Lee*, 2 September (Geoff Hill), and three were at the same site 9 September (Barry Fleming; ph.) (rare on the Inland Coastal Plain). Greg Jackson found one at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 13 October (uncommon in the Tennessee Valley).

**BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** – The second August record for the WP was marked by one on Santa Rosa Island, *Escambia*, 10 August (Bob Duncan). One was reported from Foley, *Baldwin*, 14 September (David Dortch; ph.) (uncommon on the Gulf Coast). Uncommon in fall in the Tennessee Valley, records of singles came from three locations: Stevenson, *Jackson*, 15 September (Daniel Jacobson, Janice Chadwell, John Henderson); Leighton, *Colbert*, 16 September (Steve McConnell); and Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 8 November (late) (Damien Simbeck). At Harpersville, *Shelby*, there were two birds on 15 September (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson) and one bird on 16 September (Greg Harber). Another single was at

Lake Purdy, *Shelby*, 15 September (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson) (rare in the Mountain Region). The two Harpersville birds plus the single Lake Purdy bird on 15 September marked a new fall maximum for the Mountain Region.

**PECTORAL SANDPIPER** – Two were late at Gulf Shores, *Baldwin*, 17 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson; ph.).

**DUNLIN** – A molting adult on the west end of Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 8 August (Ben Garmon) was the first in August for Alabama.

**BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER** – Rare in the WP, four were on Santa Rosa Island, *Escambia*, 1 September (Andy Bankert); a total of 20 birds was reported between 30 July and 1 September. At Harpersville, *Shelby*, 35 were counted on 15 September (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson), a maximum for the Mountain Region.

**SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER** – Two calling birds were identified at Marvyn, *Lee*, 24-26 August (Barry Fleming) (uncommon on the Inland Coastal Plain).

**DOWITCHER SP.** – Larry Gardella found 12 at Eufaula NWR, *Barbour*, 23 November (uncommon on the Inland Coastal Plain).

**WILSON'S PHALAROPE** – Uncommon on the Gulf Coast, two were at Blakeley Island, *Mobile*, 18 August (Chazz Hesselein, Howard Horne). At Hope Hull, *Montgomery*, two were found 12 September and one on 14 September (Tommy Pratt *et al.*) (rare on the Inland Coastal Plain).

**LAUGHING GULL** – This species is rare but regular in the Tennessee Valley, and several reports were received: singles at Wilson Dam, *Colbert/Lauderdale*, 31 August and 28 September (Steve McConnell, Damien Simbeck, Jeff Garner) and 11 November (Tom Haggerty); one at Wheeler Dam, *Lawrence/Lauderdale*, 31 August (Steve McConnell, Damien Simbeck, Jeff Garner); and at Guntersville, *Marshall*, one on 13 October (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson), two on 27 October (Greg Jackson, Steve McConnell), and one on 10 November (Steve McConnell).

**FRANKLIN'S GULL** – One was noted at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 20-24 October (J.V.O. Weaver, Sharon Weaver, Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan). Numerous records were received for this species that is considered rare in Alabama: Guntersville, *Marshall*, one on 8 October (Linda Reynolds), two on 3 November, one on 10 November, and two on 25 November (Steve McConnell *et al.*); Pelican Island, *Mobile*, one on 11 October, three on 12 October, and one on 13 October (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman *et al.*); and Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, one on 12 October (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman), and four beginning 16 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson *et al.*; ph.).

**CALIFORNIA GULL** – An adult and a third-year bird were found at Guntersville, *Marshall*, 27 October – 24 November (Steve McConnell, Greg Jackson, m.ob.; ph.);



California Gull, 27 October 2007, Guntersville, AL; S. McConnell.

@ABRC) to mark the sixth record for Alabama.

**LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** – Rare but regular in the Tennessee Valley and on the Gulf Coast, several records (all of singles) were received: Pelican Island, *Mobile*, 13 September (early record for Alabama) and 22 September (David Dortch, Carrie Dortch); Guntersville, *Marshall*, 30+ September (adult; Steve McConnell, m.ob.; ph.) and 25 November (probable second-cycle; Dick Reynolds, Linda Reynolds); and Mobile Causeway, *Mobile*, 12 October (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman).

**GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL** – One adult on Pelican Island, *Mobile*, 10 October (Harry Dean, Dick Reynolds, Linda Reynolds *et al.*) and two (one adult, one first-year) on 12 October (Steve McConnell *et al.*) were rare. A single adult at Orange Beach, *Baldwin*, 5 November (Byard Miller) was rare.

**BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE** – A first-year bird on Bear Creek Embayment of Pickwick Reservoir, *Colbert*, 20 November (Damien Simbeck) marked the sixth record for the Tennessee Valley.

**LEAST TERN** – Jennifer Waddell reported that an estimated 500 birds fledged on Santa Rosa Island, Gulf Islands National Seashore, *Escambia*, primarily due to inaccessibility by people, lack of predators, and new habitat created by Hurricane Ivan.

**CASPIAN TERN** – Rare in the Mountain Region, Scot Duncan reported two from Roebuck, *Jefferson*, 22 September.

**BLACK TERN** – Paul Lehman observed a late bird on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 16 October.

**COMMON TERN** – One was late at Perdido Pass, *Baldwin*, 25 November (Wayne Patterson; ph.).

**FORSTER'S TERN** – Three counts were made at Guntersville, *Marshall*: 40 on 27 October (Greg Jackson, Steve McConnell), 45 on 10 November (Steve McConnell), and 94 (good number so late) on 21 November (Steve McConnell).

**SANDWICH TERN** – Two birds were late at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 16 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson).

**BLACK SKIMMER** – About 80 birds fledged on Pensacola Beach, *Escambia*, primarily due to inaccessibility by people, lack of predators, and new habitat created by Hurricane Ivan (Bob Duncan).

**EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE** – Seventy-three (good number locally) were counted at Linden, *Marengo*, 19 August (Judy Self, Don Self).

**WHITE-WINGED DOVE** – Numbers continue to increase in the WP, where this species now breeds. Between 1-15 August, flocks of 15-25 were present in Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa* (Bob Duncan).

**COMMON GROUND-DOVE** – Greg Harber found three at Harpersville, *Shelby*, 24 November (rare in Mountain Region).

**BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO** – Rare in fall, singles were reported from Ft. Morgan, *Baldwin*, 13 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*; b.), and Dauphin Island,

*Mobile*, 13 October (Pat Johnson *et al.*).

**GREAT HORNED OWL** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of seven, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**BURROWING OWL** – A count at site B-70, Eglin AFB, *Okaloosa*, 23 November yielded seven birds (Andy Bankert, Lenny Fenimore, Alan Knothe) (regular at this site).

**SHORT-EARED OWL** – Casual in the WP in fall, one was on Santa Rosa Island, *Escambia*, 19 November (Bob Duncan). Rare and erratic in Alabama, a single was noted at Key Cave NWR, *Lauderdale*, 16 November (Tom Haggerty).

**NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL** – The eighth record for Alabama came from the Walls of Jericho, *Jackson*, 21 November (Eric Soehren, John Trent) (b.; ph.; @ABRC).

**CHAETURA SP.** – A possible Vaux's Swift was reported from Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 26 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan, Will Duncan, Caralyn Zhender).

**BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD** – Rare in Alabama, a banded bird returned to Mobile, *Mobile*, 17 November (Fred Bassett, Sandra Kerr, Peter Kerr).

**RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD** – One at Niceville, *Okaloosa*, 28 September (Fred Bassett; b.), was early for the WP. Even earlier was an adult male at Chelsea, *Shelby*, 4 August (*vide* Bob Sargent).

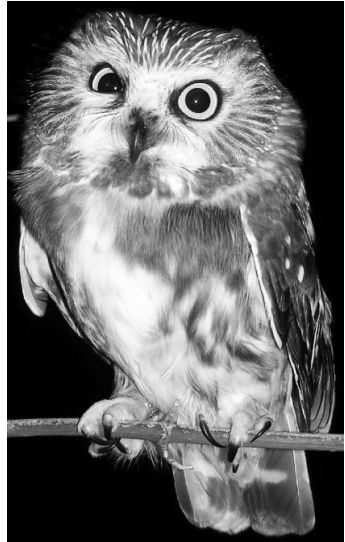
**RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 112, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER** – At Clay, *Jefferson*, one was noted 3 September (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent), to mark the earliest arrival date for Alabama. The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of five, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**HAIRY WOODPECKER** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of seven (ties maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley).

**PILEATED WOODPECKER** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 10, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER** – A single was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 11



Northern Saw-whet Owl, 21 November 2007, Walls of Jericho; E. Soehren.

September (Alan Sheppard) (rare fall migrant in the WP). Occasional on the Inland Coastal Plain, one was seen at Andalusia, *Covington*, 19 August (Tom Savage). Rare elsewhere in Alabama, records of singles came from *Jackson*, 3 September (Daniel Jacobson), Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 4 September (Howard Horne, Tom Siegwald, Mike Wilson), and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 15 September (Ken Archambault, Greg Harber).

**YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** – Rare but expected in fall in Alabama, several reports were received: two were at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 28+ August (Ken Archambault, m.ob.); one was seen at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 31 August (Steve McConnell, Damien Simbeck, Jeff Garner); one was at Opelika, *Lee*, 12 September (Barry Fleming); and a single stopped at Powder Magazine, *Montgomery*, 14 September (Larry Gardella).

**ACADIAN FLYCATCHER** – The Birmingham Audubon Society, during its 29 September fall count in *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, recorded four (ties maximum fall count for the Mountain Region).

**ALDER FLYCATCHER** – One was singing and calling at Powder Magazine, *Montgomery*, 27 September (Larry Gardella) (second record for the Inland Coastal Plain).

**ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER** – This species is a rare fall visitor in the WP. One was noted at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 1-3 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan, m.ob.). Rare on the Gulf Coast of Alabama but becoming more regular, a single was on the east end of Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 27 October (Howard Horne, Tom Siegwald *et al.*; ph.).

**GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER** – A late bird was found during the fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 29 September (Dwight Cooley, Scott Gravette).

**WESTERN KINGBIRD** – A rare transient in the WP, three were at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 17-19 October (Bob Duncan), and a single was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 21 October (Lenny Fenimore). Occasional inland, one was recorded from near Foster's Mill in *Colbert*, 16 September (Steve McConnell) and 8 October (Jack Paul) and from near Foster's Mill in *Lawrence*, 16-17 October (Damien Simbeck *et al.*).

**SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER** – One was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 21 October (J.V.O. Weaver, Sharon Weaver) (rare transient in the WP). Rare but increasing in Alabama, two were noted near Bridgeport, *Jackson*, 15 September (Daniel Jacobson, Janice Chadwell, John Henderson). A single was recorded from near Foster's Mill, *Colbert*, 16-17 September (Steve McConnell, Jack Paul, respectively). Rare in the Gulf Coast region away from the immediate coast, one was south of Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 11 November (Michael Jordan *et al.*), and another single was seen north of Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 16-17 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson, *et al.*; ph.). Still another single was east of Flomaton, *Escambia*, 29 November (Michael Jordan).

**WHITE-EYED VIREO** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29



September, produced a total of 20, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley. A singing bird was late at Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 22 November (Larry Gardella).

**BELL'S VIREO** – A single was at Powder Magazine in Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 16 September (Larry Gardella) to mark the third record for the Inland Coastal Plain.

**BLUE-HEADED VIREO** – An early bird was at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 15 September (Greg Harber).

**WARBLING VIREO** – Rare in Alabama, three were noted at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 29 September (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan).

**RED-EYED VIREO** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 11, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley. One at Magnolia Springs, *Baldwin*, 25 November (Michael Jordan *et al.*) marked the latest departure date for Alabama.

**FISH CROW** – Rare but increasing in the Tennessee Valley, a single was in *Jackson*, 15 September (Daniel Jacobson), and three were calling at Mallard/Fox Creek WMA, *Morgan*, 27 November (Greg Jackson).

**PURPLE MARTIN** – At Brown's Ferry, *Limestone*, 21 August, 170,000+ was a good number (Keith Hudson *et al.*; ph.).

**TREE SWALLOW** – The 10,000+ observed by Ben Garmon at Chickasaw Lake, *Mobile*, 2 November, ties the maximum count for Alabama.

**CAVE SWALLOW** – A rare transient in the WP, one was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 24 October (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan).

**BARN SWALLOW** – A late bird was at Foley, *Baldwin*, 22 November (Michael Jordan).

**CAROLINA CHICKADEE** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 202, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 25, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**CAROLINA WREN** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 103, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**SEDGE WREN** – The Birmingham Audubon Society, during its 29 September fall count in *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, recorded two, and another two were seen at Saginaw, *Shelby*, 14 October (Greg Jackson) (uncommon in the Mountain Region).

**MARSH WREN** – The Birmingham Audubon Society, during its 29 September fall count in *Jefferson/Shelby/St. Clair*, recorded one. Other records of singles came from Tuscaloosa, *Tuscaloosa*, 9 October (Jud Johnston), and Saginaw, *Shelby*, 14 October (Greg Jackson) (uncommon inland).

**VEERY** – Early birds were at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 28 August (Ken Archambault), and near Key Cave NWR, *Lauderdale*, 31 August (Steve McConnell, Damien Simbeck, Jeff Garner).

**GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 11, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**SWAINSON'S THRUSH** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 36, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**AMERICAN ROBIN** – A rare local breeder in the WP, 9-15 birds were noted on the University of West Florida campus, *Escambia*, 23-25 August (Alex Harper).

**GRAY CATBIRD** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 49, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**AMERICAN PIPIT** – One was early on the west end of Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 13 October (Steve McConnell, Paul Lehman).

**SPRAGUE'S PIPIT** – Rare in the WP, but found regularly at Site B-70, Eglin AFB, *Okaloosa*, one was spotted there on 21 October (Lenny Fenimore) and three were at the same site on 23 November (Andy Bankert, Lenny Fenimore, Alan Knothe). Also rare on the Gulf Coast of Alabama, one was noted along County Road 8E near Foley, *Baldwin*, 17 November (Greg Jackson).

**BLUE-WINGED WARBLER** – One at Andalusia, *Covington*, 4 November (Tom Savage) marked a late departure date for Alabama.

**GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER** – Three were counted at Fort Toulouse, *Elmore*, 22 September (Larry Gardella, m.ob.) to tie the maximum count for the Inland Coastal Plain.

**ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER** – An early arrival was at the Shell Mounds on Dauphin Island, *Mobile*, 22 September (David Dortch, Carrie Dortch, Don McGee, Eugenia Carey).

**NASHVILLE WARBLER** – One was seen at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, *Jefferson*, 15+ September (Greg Harber, Bob Reed, Pat Reed *et al.*) (rare for the Mountain Region). Uncommon in fall in the Tennessee Valley, a single was tallied on the fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Morgan*, 29 September (Dick Reynolds, Linda Reynolds).

**NORTHERN PARULA** – A late nesting record was documented by the observation of a female feeding dependent young at the Wehle Nature Preserve, James, *Bullock*, 21 August (Eric Soehren). A late bird was at Shorter, *Macon*, 1 November (Eric Soehren).

**YELLOW WARBLER** – A maximum of 70 was a good number at Foley, *Baldwin*, 18 August (John Dillon, Michael Jordan *et al.*). A late bird was at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 16 November (Greg Jackson).

**MAGNOLIA WARBLER** – An early fall arrival was seen at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*,

29 August (Damien Simbeck, m.ob.).

**BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER** – A very late adult male was at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 17 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan). A male was in Tuskegee NF, *Macon*, 15 September, Barry Fleming (rare inland).

**YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 10, a good number for so early in the season.

**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER** – Late singles were at Round Island Campground, *Limestone*, 16 October (Damien Simbeck), and at Opelika, *Lee*, 24 October (Barry Fleming).

**BAY-BREASTED WARBLER** – At Shorter, *Macon*, Eric Soehren found two on 29 October and a single on 2 November to mark a late departure date for the Inland Coastal Plain.

**BLACKPOLL WARBLER** – Very rare in fall in the WP, one was noted at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 30 October (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan).

**LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH** – One was late at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 29 September (Harry Dean, Ken Ward).

**CONNECTICUT WARBLER** – Occasional in fall in Alabama, a single occurred at Clay, *Jefferson*, 20 September (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent).

**WILSON'S WARBLER** – Rare on the Inland Coastal Plain, three records (all singles) were received: Shorter, *Macon*, 15 September (Eric Soehren), and Montgomery, *Montgomery*, 30 September and 8 October (Larry Gardella). Two were seen at Wheeler NWR, *Morgan*, 29 September (Dick Reynolds, Linda Reynolds) (uncommon). A late record for the Tennessee Valley was marked by one at Florence, *Lauderdale*, 10 November (Tom Haggerty).

**CANADA WARBLER** – A late bird was south of Houston, *Winston*, 11 October (Larry Barkey).

**SUMMER TANAGER** – A late fall record for the Tennessee Valley was marked by one at Florence, *Lauderdale*, 28 October (Tom Haggerty).

**SCARLET TANAGER** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of nine, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley. A late record for the Tennessee Valley was marked by one at Florence, *Lauderdale*, 28 October (Tom Haggerty).

**CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** – Very rare in November in the WP, one was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 16 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan). One was noted at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 19 October (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent *et al.*; b.), where the species is rare but regular in fall.

**FIELD SPARROW** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 24, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**LARK SPARROW** – Locally casual in the WP, a single was at Gulf Breeze, *Santa Rosa*, 5 August, and another single was at the FWBSF, *Okaloosa*, 24 October

(Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan). One was spotted at Hope Hull, *Montgomery*, 14 September (Barry Fleming) (rare but increasing).

**LE CONTE'S SPARROW** – Uncommon to rare along the Gulf Coast, an early bird was along the Mobile Causeway, *Mobile*, 14 October (Allan Tubbs, Priscilla Tubbs, Greg Harber, Anne Miller *et al.*) and 29 October (Larry Gardella).

**LINCOLN'S SPARROW** – Two were found at Saginaw, *Shelby*, 14 October (Greg Jackson) (rare in the Mountain Region).

**DARK-EYED JUNCO** – One was early at Wheeler NWR, *Limestone*, 29 September (Harry Dean, Ken Ward).

**NORTHERN CARDINAL** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 232, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**BLUE GROSBEAK** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 25, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley.

**INDIGO BUNTING** – The fall count on Wheeler NWR, *Limestone/Morgan*, 29 September, produced a total of 282, a maximum fall count for the Tennessee Valley. Late birds were at Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 28 October (Tom Haggerty), and at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 26 November (Bob Duncan, Lucy Duncan, Will Duncan, Caralyn Zhender).

**BOBOLINK** – Rare in fall in the Mountain Region, four were noted south of Houston, *Winston*, 28 September, with singles on 29 September and 2 October (Larry Barkey).

**WESTERN MEADOWLARK** – Occasional in Alabama, the third documented record for the last 30 years was marked by a calling bird along County Road 8E near Foley, *Baldwin*, 17 November (Greg Jackson *et al.*). Bill Bremser had a singing bird at the same site on 5 January (@ABRC).

**YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD** – Casual in the WP, a single was noted at Pensacola Beach, *Escambia*, 1 September (Dawn John, Joe John, Peggy Baker, Andy Bankert), and another single was at Pensacola, *Escambia*, 25 October (Rufus Rose). Occasional inland, an adult male was at Geneva, *Geneva*, 4+ October (Dick Mowbray; ph.). Rare on the Gulf Coast, one was noted along County Road 8E near Foley, *Baldwin*, 17 November (Greg Jackson).

**BRONZED COWBIRD** – The 13<sup>th</sup> record for Alabama was marked by two seen along County Road 8 near Foley, *Baldwin*, 18 November (Howard Horne, Chazz Hesselein, Tom Siegwald, Joan Siegwald).

**PURPLE FINCH** – Early birds were at Clay, *Jefferson*, 28 October (six+ birds) (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent); a single at Florence, *Lauderdale*, 28 October (early arrival record for Tennessee Valley) (Tom Haggerty); and a single at Winfield, *Marion*, 29 October (Jud Johnston).

**PINE SISKIN** – Early birds were at Clay, *Jefferson*, 2 November (“several”) (Bob Sargent, Martha Sargent), and at Florence, *Lauderdale*, 3 November (three birds)

(Paul Kittle).

**AMERICAN GOLDFINCH** – Phyllis Nofzinger recorded a late nesting with her observation of a female with dependent young at Florence, *Lauderdale*, 20-21 October.

**NUTMEG MANNIKIN** – This introduced species breeds in the WP and is starting to appear along the Alabama Gulf Coast. A juvenile manikin, presumably Nutmeg, was noted at Fort Morgan, *Baldwin*, 16 November (Greg Jackson, Debra Jackson).

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