Summary: OR’s 1st Common Eider was an exciting find at Coos Bay, and outstanding anywhere in the West away from its usual range in coastal AK. Northern Lapwings continued to appear in the East with 1-day wonders in NH and DE, the former a state 1st: The species has turned up in 13 Eastern states and provinces, from NL to GA, since the first reports followed Superstorm Sandy in Oct. 2012. In the Midwest, IN hosted its own celebrity shorebird and state 1st, a Spotted Redshank in Greene. WY became the 47th U.S. state to host an Iceland Gull (a 1st-cycle bird photographed in Albany). A Crested Caracara in Lawrencetown, NS represented the latest and most extreme of several recent out-of-range records of the species, and a potential provincial 1st. A Fieldfare attracted throngs of birders to Middlesex, MA, where it was the state’s 2nd. A McCown’s Longspur photographed in Hamilton represented TN’s 1st documented record, and the 2nd record of this species to occur this month in the Southeast. A Canada Warbler at L. Patzcuaro was the 1st documented in Michoacán. A Little Bunting made a welcome reappearance in Wallowa, OR after having gone unreported for nearly 2 months.

Northeast: A Pink-footed Goose overwintered at St. John’s, NL. A Barnacle Goose was at Mud Creek WMA, Grand Isle, VT 3/30+. In MA, Tufted Ducks were reported from Essex, Cape Cod, and Nantucket; elsewhere, 1 continued on L. Champlain. A Gray Heron persisted at Little Heart’s Ease, where it was NL’s 2nd, and the ABA Area’s 6th. NH’s 1st Northern Lapwing was photographed in Merrimack 3/10, and in MA, 3 lingerers were reported on Nantucket through 3/28. QC hosted 4 Ivory Gulls: 2 near Sainte-Félicité-de-Matane 3/8–16, and 2 more near Sept-Iles 3/14. A Crested Caracara in Lawrencetown 3/30+ was a potential 1st provincial record for NS, and followed an equally surprising Aug. 2012 sight record from Yarmaska, QC, as well as a string of more recent reports from NJ and DE. The origin of these out-of-range birds is debated. MA’s 2nd Fieldfare created a sensation in Middlesex

3/17–23, just a few miles away from where the state’s 1st occurred in April 1986. A Bullock’s Oriole continued at a feeder in Tolland, CT until it became injured and was delivered to a wildlife rehabilitator 3/21. News of a Common Chaffinch attending a feeder in Corner Brook, NL reached the birding community in mid-March; the bird was seen regularly 3/16–27, and had apparently been present there since Feb.

**East-Central:** Far inland reports of single Pink-footed Geese came from the Finger Lakes region of NY in Oswego 3/18–19 and Seneca 3/26; the species also reappeared in Hunterdon, NJ 3/21–23. Barnacle Geese continued in the region, and were reported from Northampton, PA, Hudson, NJ, and Westchester, NY. A Tufted Duck was a good find in Salem, NJ 3/22–31; others continued in Oswego and Suffolk, NY, and Queen Anne’s, MD. Also in MD, a Barrow’s Goldeneye overwintered in Dorchester. A Western Grebe continued on L. Ontario in Monroe, NY 3/14. DE’s 4th Northern Lapwing appeared briefly at Bombay Hook NWR 3/29, and two of the long-lingering trio continued through most of the period in Ocean, NJ. A high count of 52 Little Gulls was tallied at Presque Isle SP, Erie, PA 3/27; this species has declined in the ABA Area since burgeoning in the 1970s and ’80s. While still congregating at Long Pt., ON (across L. Erie from Presque Isle SP), its numbers are greatly reduced even there. A Great Gray Owl in Franklin, NY 3/30+ was the latest wanderer to appear at the limit of the species’ usual irruptive range in the region. An apparent Anna’s Hummingbird continued in Newark, and was discovered to be a male, finally acquiring his rosy gorget and crown several months behind schedule. The bird’s delayed molt and a few aberrant morphological features, including tail shape, suggested the possibility of Anna’s x Calliope parentage to some observers, although in-hand measurements fell squarely within range for Anna’s, and certain features present on apparent Anna’s x Calliope hybrids were lacking. If determined to be an Anna’s, it would be the 1st for DE. Also a potential state 1st for DE was a Crested Caracara in Sussex through 3/23; elsewhere, another was in Salem, NJ. Continuing in NY were a Gyr falcon in Suffolk and a Varied Thrush in Brooklyn through 3/28. A Western Tanager was in Cape May, NJ 3/20–31. A Harris’s Sparrow tarried in Carbon, PA. MD’s 3rd Bullock’s Oriole persisted in Harford through 3/17, and a continuing individual was seen sporadically in Bucks, PA through 3/15. An apparent Greater [Common] Redpoll was documented in Centre, PA, where a Hoary was also present 3/29.

**Southeast:** Notable in TN were a Harlequin Duck continuing in Sullivan through 3/11 and a Cinnamon Teal discovered in Humphreys 3/29; the latter species was also found in Fayette, KY 3/28–31. A Western Grebe was in Jefferson, KY 3/15–31. Birders observing a previously report-

Birders wait for a Fieldfare (right) to show at Carlisle, Massachusetts. 18 March 2013. Photo by © Bob Stymeist.
ed subadult White-faced Ibis picked out several more good candidates for the species from a dark ibis flock at Mattamuskeet NWR, NC, and at least 2 continued through 3/30; just 2 accepted records exist for NC. VA’s 1st Black-tailed Godwit, a presumed overwinterer discovered in Aug. 2012 and refound in mid-Mar., continued at Chincoteague NWR. A Black-legged Kittiwake persisted in Manatee, FL through 3/16. An emaciated Dovekie was brought to a rehabilitation center in Volusia, FL 3/21. Single Razorbills were observed from Baldwin, AL 3/10, 3/18, and 3/29, and Razorbills were widely reported along the entire FL coastline. An Inca Dove returned to a Baldwin, AL locale that hosted as many as 3 last winter. An overwintering Calliope Hummingbird was in Union, NC through 3/13. In FL, a Thick-billed Vireo continued at Bill Baggs Cape Florida SP, and a Cassin’s Kingbird continued in Flagler through month’s end. A small population of Brown-headed Nuthatches first reported in Jan. continued in Marshall, KY. A McCown’s Longspur photographed in Hamilton 3/22 represented TN’s 1st documented record, and 1 of a pair constituting GA’s 1st record of the species lingered in Macon through 3/28. A Lazuli Bunting was in Miami-Dade, FL 3/23–31. In GA, a Bullock’s Oriole continued in DeKalb through 3/14, and another appeared in Liberty 3/15–20, while an overwinterer persisted in Charlotte, NC.

North-Central: A Neotropic Cormorant was at Branched Oak L., n. of Lincoln, NE, 3/31, where the species has become increasingly regular in recent years. IN’s 1st Spotted Redshank drew hordes of birders to muddy Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area, Greene 3/28–31, where it was a spectacular find for the Midwest; previous far inland records are from KS, NM, NV, OH, ON, SK, and TX. Also newsworthy was a Ruff in Dodge, WI 3/30–31. Rare gulls in the region included a California Gull at Conneaut Harbor, OH 3/27, a Kumlien’s [Iceland] Gull on the Mississippi R. in Clinton, IA 3/16, and a Slaty-backed Gull in Marquette, MI 3/16–31. Irruptive owls continued to attract attention wherever they were found: Great Gray Owls appeared in Juneau and Dane, WI, and Boreal Owls were detected at the southern edge of their usual irruptive range in MN and WI, with noteworthy outliers reported from the Fargo, ND area, and from MI’s Lower Peninsula in Kalkaska and St. Clair. A Prairie Falcon was a nice find in Posey, IN 3/16. A Gray Jay photographed in (or just outside) Lake 3/11 was the 1st documented in MI’s Lower Peninsula in decades. In IA, a Mountain Bluebird continued in Des Moines through 3/10, and Hoary Redpolls were reported in Polk, Wright, Kossuth, and Howard.

South-Central: A pair of reintroduced Whooping Cranes built a dummy nest at an undisclosed location in LA. A lingering Black-legged Kittiwake was at Port Aransas, TX through 3/26. LA’s 1st Iceland Gull continued at Venice, and a remarkable count of 24 Lesser Black-backed Gulls was tallied there 3/10. In TX, a Great Black-backed Gull continued near Quintana; elsewhere in the state, an overwintering Greater Pewee was found near Houston through 3/23. A Say’s Phoebe was observed in Loxahatchee, AR through 3/17. AR’s 2nd Mountain Bluebird turned up in Conway 3/22–24; the state’s only previous record was that of a 1-day wonder in 1985. In TX, a wintering Varied Thrush was present in the Christmas Mtns. through 3/19, and a Crimson-collared Grosbeak continued at Sabal Palm Audubon Sanctuary. The redpoll irruption was pattering out, but it yielded a Common Redpoll in Carroll, AR 3/14, 1 of several reported in the state this year.

Mexico: In Ensenada, Baja California, a Masked Booby was photographed at Isla Todos Santos Sur 3/13. A Brandt’s Cormorant was in Aticama, Nayarit 2/24. Baja California’s 3rd White Ibis continued at Estero de Punta Banda 3/24, where it was discovered

Interior West: A minima Cackling Goose photographed in Weld 3/7 represented just the 2nd or 3rd record of the taxon in CO. Eurasian Wigeon were noteworthy in Utah, UT 3/16–31 and Weld, CO 3/20–22. A White-tailed Kite was in Clark, NV 3/9–10. Wandering larids grace the region’s open water: a Mew Gull was at L. Havasu City, AZ 3/24, and in WY, the Laramie Plains lakes in Albany hosted a Thayer’s Gull 3/28 and the state’s 1st Iceland Gull 3/16. Another Iceland Gull was in Nez Perce, ID 3/31, and in CO, where reports of the taxon have become more regular, a Kumlien’s appeared in Weld 3/31 and another lingered in Arapahoe. Also notable were a Lesser Black-backed Gull in Calgary, AB 3/31, and a Great Black-backed Gull, WY’s 3rd, in Albany 3/19–23; the latter species was a good find in Weld, CO 3/24. A Red-bellied Woodpecker in Etzikom, AB 3/19–28 represented the province’s 3rd confirmed record of the species, and had apparently been present since Nov. A Yellow-throated Warbler continued at Tucson, AZ through 3/15.

Alaska: An ad. Western Gull was in Sitka 3/26–27, where the species has been reported during 4 of the previous 6 springs. A Dusky Thrush continued sporadically in Anchorage through 3/29. In Seward, a Siberian Accentor continued through 3/20, and 3 Bramblings were reported 3/25.

Pacific Coast: A Trumpeter Swan was on L. Earl in Del Norte, CA 3/18–24. An imm. male Common Eider appearing at Coos Bay 3/16–19 and 3/27–31 was OR’s 1st. An Arctic Loon continued in Monterey, CA through 3/24, and a Yellow-billed Loon was at Coos Bay, OR 3/17. CA’s 1st Gray Hawk lingered in Santa Barbara through 3/15; elsewhere in the state, a Wilson’s Plover was in Los Angeles 3/26–27, and it or another appeared at the mouth of the Great Black-backed Gull (with California Gulls). Lake Hattie, Wyoming; 22 March 2013. Photo by © Shawn Billerman.
Tijuana R. in San Diego 3/29. Single Kumlien’s [Iceland] Gulls were at Half Moon Bay, CA 3/7 and Kelowna, BC 3/22–24. In s. CA, 2 Thick-billed Kingbirds continued at separate locations in San Diego through 3/26, and Cave Swallows were discovered at the Salton Sea 3/12, where 1–3 were reported through the period. Two celebrated Canadian 1sts successfully overwintered in BC: a Red-flanked Bluetail at New Westminster through 3/24 and a Citrine Wagtail at Comox through 3/25. A Cape May Warbler continued in Santa Clara, CA through 3/23, and San Diego hosted lingering Bay-breasted, Prairie, and Grace’s warblers through mid-March. A Little Bunting previously reported in Wallowa, OR 1/31 was rediscovered there 3/23 and continued through the period. Bramblings continued in BC in Vancouver and Victoria.

Hawaiian Islands: An American Bittern continuing on private property near Pearl Harbor, O’ahu was HI’s 1st.

Addendum: An Empidonax flycatcher captured in Norfolk, VA 1/26 was identified this month by DNA evidence as the state’s 1st Dusky Flycatcher.