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Southeast. Single eclipce Cinnamon Teal were in Gordon, GA, and Kent, DE, in late Sep. Four Greater Flamingos were seen at the end of Everglades NP’s Snake Bight Trail in late Sep. An Anhinga was seen over DC in mid-Sep. An apparent Black Kite (Milvus migrans) photographed at a Monroe, FL, hawkwatch in late Sep will be a first ABA-area record if accepted; there is a single record for Iceland of this abundant and wide-ranging Old World species. Thirty-two Buff-breasted Sandpipers provided a notable count for Washington, NC, in late Sep.

A VOCAL Tropical Kingbird arrived in Pinellas, FL, in late Sep. A strong movement of Red-breasted Nuthatches was recorded as far south as GA. An Audubon’s Warbler, potentially a first for KY, was in Jefferson in late Sep. A Shiny Cowbird visited GAs Jekyll Island in mid-Sep.

Northeast. A mid-Sep pelagic trip from NJ to Hudson Canyon discovered a White-faced Storm-Petrel. Brigantine NWRs Roseate Spoonbill was still present in early Oct. Single Swainson’s Hawks were discovered in eastern MA and in Lebanon, PA, in Sep. A Curlew Sandpiper was at NY’s Jamaica Bay in late Sep. A male Calliope Hummingbird visited a Cape May feeder in early Oct. Single Say’s Phoebes visited NS and Westchester, NY, in mid-Sep; another was on ME’s Monhegan Island in late Sep. A Fork-tailed Flycatcher was photographed in coastal ME in late Sep. A Western Wood-Pewee banded at Westmoreland, PA’s, Powderrmill banding station will be a first state record if accepted. Single Northern Wheatears were on ON’s Wolfe Island and NS’s Brier Island in Sep.

Mid-continent. An Anhinga soared on the thermals generated by a Trumbull, OH, steel mill in mid-Sep. A Swallow-tailed Kite spent much of Sep in Davidson, SD. An adult Long-tailed Jaeger at OK’s Salt Plains NWR in late Sep will be a first record for that state if accepted. A Green-breasted Mango at Beloit, Wisconsin, was well-photographed and seen by many.

A Say’s Phoebe was near Duluth in late Sep. A potential first state record, a Black Phoebe spent a single mid-Sep day in Polk, IA. The first for IA since 1996, a Clark’s Nutcracker in Guthrie in mid-Sep will be a seventh state record if accepted. A Townsend’s Warbler at Bismarck, ND, in mid-Sep was said to be a first for the location. A Western Tanager was in Duluth in late Sep. A phenonemonal 37 Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrows were counted in mid-Sep in Saunders, NE. A first-winter Black-throated Sparrow was found in Cass, MN, in late Sep.

Southwest. Single Reddish Egrets were in Colfax, NM, and Yuma, AZ, in late Sep. At least 20 White-tailed Kites in AZ’s San Rafael Valley in early Oct provided a phenomenal single-day count. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper was in Colfax, NM, in late Sep; another in Maricopa, AZ, at month’s end was that state’s fourth for the fall. A juvenile Black-billed Cuckoo was notable in Colfax, NM, in late Sep. An apparent female Ruby-throated Hummingbird strayed to NM’s Melrose Migrant Trap in mid-Sep, while two well-photographed at Marion Paton’s feeders in Santa Cruz, AZ, later in the month will provide the state’s second and third records.

Casual but apparently increasingly frequent in AZ, a Red-eyed Vireo was in Maricopa in late Sep. CO birders noted a major influx of Mountain Chickadees into the eastern lowlands.

A male Golden-winged Warbler was an excellent find in Roosevelt, NM, in late Sep. An early Oct Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrow in Yuma was CO’s first in 34 years, and an early Oct Eastern Meadowlark, also in Yuma, was a county first.
West Coast. Late-Sep pelagic trips off Sonoma and Marin, CA, recorded 3 Short-tailed Albatrosses, including a “wonderfully friendly” juvenile. A light-morph Wedge-tailed Shearwater was reported off Del Norte, CA, in mid-Sep. A Brown Booby wandered to Santa Clara, CA, in mid-Sep. A subadult Mississippi Kite was photographed in Los Angeles, CA, in mid-Sep. A Common Black-Hawk was photographed in San Bernardino, CA, in mid-Sep. A Pacific Golden-Plover was photographed inland in BC’s Okanagan Valley in late Sep. Continuing the autumn’s excellent showing, mid-Sep found 2 Buff-breasted Sandpipers in Ventura and 2 in Imperial, CA; late Sep saw 2 more in western OR and 1 in Alameda, CA. Notable shorebirds in San Diego in late Sep included a juvenile Bar-tailed Godwit and an Upland Sandpiper.

Single Least Flycatchers were in San Diego, Ventura, and Yolo, CA, in mid-Sep. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was photographed in Los Angeles, CA, in mid-Sep. A White-eyed Vireo was in Marin, CA, in mid-Sep. An Arctic Warbler—CA’s third this fall—was in Los Angeles in mid-Sep. A Red-throated Pipit was in Marin, CA, in late Sep. A first-winter Eastern Yellow Wagtail was photographed at CA’s Malibu Lagoon in mid-Sep. A Worm-eating Warbler was at CA’s Point Reyes in late Sep. A Kentucky Warbler was in western OR in mid-Sep. OR’s Malheur NWR hosted a Cape May Warbler in mid-Sep. A Painted Redstart and a Red-faced Warbler visited San Diego, CA, in mid-Sep. A Lawrence’s Goldfinch was visiting a Portland, OR, feeder in late Sep. A juvenile Common Rosefinch banded and photographed on Southeast Farallon Island, CA, will be a first for North America outside of western AK.

Alaska. Two Baikal Teal were on Shemya Island in Sep. A Garganey visited Adak in mid-Sep. An unprecedented 22 Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels were seen at Gambell in mid-Sep. A Gray Heron photographed on Adak. More than 20 Eyebrowed Thrushes were on Shemya in late Sep; St. Paul tallied at least 7, while singles visited Adak and Gambell. Single American Robins visited St. Paul and Gambell. A late-Sep Swainson’s Thrush provided a second record for St. Paul. An apparent Sedge Warbler photographed at Gambell at the end of Sep will be an unexpected first North American record if accepted. A Yellow-browed Warbler photographed on St. Paul in mid-Sep furnished a fourth record for the ABA Area; another arrived in early Oct. Gambell’s fourth Dusky Warbler of the season appeared in late Sep. St. Paul’s fourth Townsend’s Warbler was found in late Sep. A Northern Waterthrush in late Sep was a second record for St. Paul. Casual anywhere in AK, an Ovenbird at Gambell in late Sep was a first for the Bering Sea region. Two American Redstarts at Gambell this fall doubled the number of fall records there. Three Chipping Sparrows visited St. Paul in Sep; there had been only one previous record. A maxima Song Sparrow was a rare sight on St. Paul in late Sep. The ABA Area’s first Yellow-browed Bunting was photographed at Gambell in mid-Sep. A Rustic Bunting was on St. Paul Island in late Sep; at least 4 were on Shemya in late Sep. A late-Sep Little Bunting furnished a second St. Paul record. Gambell recorded 10 Little Bunting this fall; a Pallas’s Bunting there in mid-Sep was the sixth for North America. Three Bullock’s Orioles, the first to be photographically documented in AK, were present at Gambell this fall. A Common Rosefinch was on Gambell in mid-Sep. Two Oriental Greenfinches visited Adak in Sep.