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Southeast: A Eurasian Wigeon and a Cinnamon Teal, both drakes, were in Brevard, FL, in late Nov. A Yellow-billed Loon was in Pulaski, AR, in late Nov. A Least Grebe was reported from Little River, AR, in early Dec. A female Calliope Hummingbird was visiting a Pulaski, AR, feeder in early Dec. A female Broad-tailed Hummingbird returned to a Cobb, GA, feeder for a second winter. A Black-chinned Hummingbird was seen in Henry, GA, through late Nov, while the state’s first Green-breasted Mango persisted until month’s end.

Mid- and late November found 1 to 4 Cave Swallows in DE, MD, and VA. Part of the continuing irruption continent-wide, a Red-breasted Nuthatch was south to Gulf, FL, in late Nov. Single Townends Solitaires were in Montgomery, MD, and Bedford/Botetourt, VA, at month’s end. Single Audubon’s (Yellow-rumped) Warblers visited KY and Cherokee, GA, in mid-Nov. A MacGillivray’s Warbler was in Monroe, FL, in late Nov.

Northeast: A Barnacle Goose and a Pink-footed Goose continued into early Dec on eastern Long Island; another Barnacle Goose arrived in Cape May in late Nov. A Western Grebe was at MA’s Plum Island in late Nov, while an unidentified Aechmophorus grebe had remained in East Haven until late Nov. An Eared Grebe spent the last half of the month in coastal NH. A Brown Pelican was inland to central NJ’s Merrill Creek in late Nov. A Swainson’s Hawk passed over eastern MA in late Nov. Ottawa, ON, birders discovered a Northern Gannet, a California Gull, and a Slaty-backed Gull in mid-Nov. CT’s first Common Ground-Dove Solitaires were reported in ME, MA, and NJ. Two to 4 Cave Swallows visited MA, CT, and RI in early Dec; the last reports from Cape May, where the autumn’s peak count reached 98, were in early Dec. A Yellow-throated Warbler was in Niagara, NY, in early Dec. Single Painted Buntings were at NJ’s Island Beach and on Cape Cod in early Dec. Single Bullock’s Orioles appeared in Juniata, PA, and on PEI in late Nov; the latter was photographed for a first provincial record. Another Bullock’s continued with a flock of 19 Baltimore Orioles in Canso, NS, while the Cape May Bullock’s was last seen in early Dec.

Mid-continent: A family of Masked Ducks continued to be seen in early Dec in Live Oak, TX; others were on the King Ranch. A juvenile Northern Gannet was over Erie, OH, in early Dec. A Yellow-billed Loon was photographed in Polk, IA, in late Nov. An adult Harris’s Hawk photographed in Fremont, WY, in late Nov will be a first state record if questions of origin can be resolved. A Prairie Falcon was photographed in Ottawa, OH, in late Nov. Two Purple Sandpipers were in Chicago in late Nov. A beautifully photographed potential state-first adult Black-tailed Gull arrived in Polk, IA, in mid-Nov, and was still present in early Dec. A juvenile Mew Gull visited Marion, IA in mid-Nov. Osage, OK, hosted an...
adult Little Gull in early Dec. MN’s first Inca Dove remained through the end of Nov.

An adult Fork-tailed Flycatcher, a first for the state, was a great find in Tama, IA, in late Nov. A Gray Kingbird spent several Nov days near Corpus Christi, TX. Single Northern Shrikes were unexpected in Warren and St. Charles, MO, in late Nov and early Dec, while 1 in KY provided that state’s 2nd record. A Common Raven passed a Pottawattamie, IA, hawkwatch in mid-Nov. Late Nov saw single Cave Swallows in Lake, Huron, and Erie, OH. A Pygmy Nuthatch photographed in Texas, OK, was said to be that state’s first in more than 30 years. A Townsend’s Solitaire visited Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in mid-Nov. The first for decades in the area, 2 Pine Grosbeaks were south to Lucas, OH, in early Dec.

Southwest: An unbanded Barnacle Goose in Colfax, NM, in early Dec was of unknown origin. A Brant visited Broomfield, CO, in early Dec. Four Bevick’s (Tundra) Swans were photographed at UT’s Bear River NWR in Nov. A White-winger Scoter was in Maricopa, AZ, in mid-Nov. Single Red-throated Loons wandered to southern NV and Graham, AZ, in early Dec; at least 5 were in Colorado. A Red-necked Grebe was noteworthy in Yuma, AZ, in mid-Nov. A Red-shouldered Hawk spent late Nov along AZ’s lower Santa Cruz River; a very late juvenile Common Black-Hawk was there mid-month. Another Red-shouldered Hawk appears to be wintering in Yuma, AZ. A Northern Jacana in Pinal, AZ, the state’s 4th, was said by locals to have been present for at least a year. An immature Little Gull photographed at NV’s Key Pittman NWR in late Nov was a state first. Single immature Mew and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were at Sunland Park, NM / El Paso, TX, in early Dec. Madera Canyon’s Eared Quetzal was last detected in mid-Nov. Startlingly late, Elf Owls were heard in AZ’s Santa Rita and Chiricahua Mountains in mid-Nov.

Yuma, AZ’s, faithful Thick-billed Kingbird has returned for its 6th winter. A White-eyed Vireo was in Santa Cruz, AZ, in early Dec. One to 2 Black-capped Gnatcatchers frequented Madera Canyon and Patagonia Lake, AZ, throughout the period. AZ hosted single Rufous-backedRobins in Yuma, Madera Canyon, and the Huachuca Mountains, while Madera also featured a male Aztec Thrush into early Dec. Remarkable AZ parulids included a Golden-winged Warbler and a Crescent-chested Warbler in Madera Canyon and a Pine Warbler at Peña Blanca; single Tennessee Warblers were in Tucson and at Phoenix’s Gilbert Water Ranch in mid-Nov. A Pine Warbler beautifully photographed at UT’s Lytle Ranch in late Nov will be a first for that state if accepted; a Palm Warbler was at that site the same day as well. A male Scarlet Tanager visited a Larimer, CO, feeder in early Dec. A female-plumaged Painted Bunting was in Maricopa, AZ, in late Nov. An adult White-crowned Sparrow in Maricopa, AZ, in early Dec showed characters of one of the Pacific Coast races. Two Common Grackles were in La Paz, AZ, in late Nov. A Streak-backed Oriole at a Larimer, CO, feeder delighted more than 300 observers in early Dec; the wintering bird at AZ’s Gilbert Water Ranch has returned. A Common Redpoll photographed in late Nov and early Dec in Taos will be a first for NM if accepted.

West Coast and Northwest: An immature Roseate Spoonbill was photographed in Orange, CA, in Dec. The Mendocino, CA, wintering Laysan Albatross arrived in late Nov for a 15th year. A gadfly petrel recovered in interior BC in early Dec has been tentatively identified as Canada’s first Cook’s Petrel. An apparent juvenile Gyr falcon was photographed in Kings, CA, in late Nov; another was in Humboldt. A 4th-cycle Slaty-backed Gull was in San Mateo, CA, in late Nov. A Glaucous-winged Gull was inland to Lewis and Clark, MT, in mid-Nov. A Northern Hawk Owl was photographed in Madison, ID, in mid-Nov. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was near Portland, OR, in late Nov. Single Pine Warblers lingered in San Diego and Santa Barbara, CA, in late Nov and early Dec. A Yellow-throated Warbler was notable in Orange, CA, in early Dec. An unprecedented 5 Scarlet Tanagers were in San Diego, CA, in mid-Nov. Three Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrows were in San Diego, CA, in late Nov. Glenn, CA, hosted a Snow Bunting in early Dec. A Bobolink was on Vancouver Island in late Nov.