

# Pictorial Highlights



1 • One of very few photographs of a Cooper's Hawk ever taken in Nova Scotia, this immature was present throughout the period at Port Williams, Kings County (here 16 December 2006). Photograph by Richard Stern.

2 • After a remarkable fall flight to the northeastern quadrant of the continent (with outliers to Bermuda and Florida), this Northern Wheatear in Baldwin County, Alabama (here 23 February 2007) was not without context—but hardly expected at this location and on this late date. Photograph by John Puschock.

3 • Long overdue in Arizona, this first-cycle Lesser Black-backed Gull present at Palo Verde 10-16 (here 11) December 2006 provided a first state record. Photograph by Chris D. Benesh.

4 • A species now annually recorded in Arizona during winter, a Violet-crowned Hummingbird frequented a Bisbee feeder 28-30 (here 28) December 2006, arriving during a snowstorm! Photograph by Doug Danforth.

5 • Arizona's first record of Couch's Kingbird came at Tacna 11 (here 28) January 2007, where it remained, eating dead honey bees, until 7 March. The bird's identification was confirmed by recordings of its distinctive vocalizations. Photograph by Gary Rosenberg.

6 • The Longmont (Boulder County) Colorado Christmas Bird Count in Colorado had the unusual honor of recording all four ABA Area *Zonotrichia* sparrows on 16 December 2006. Among the expected White-crowned Sparrows were single White-throated, Harris's, and, the state's rarest, Golden-crowned. Many birders were able to see the more elusive species in lulls between blizzards through 1 January 2007 (here 28 December). Photograph by Bill Schmoker.

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1 • Furnishing one of very few records east of the Mississippi River Valley, this Inca Dove at Huntington, West Virginia was present 2-16 (here 10) December 2006. *Photograph by Matt Orsie.*

2 • Continuing the rather incredible streak of southwestern and western birds in that state, this Virginia's Warbler blessed Harper's Ferry, West Virginia 10-16 (here 15) February 2007. *Photograph by Matt Orsie.*

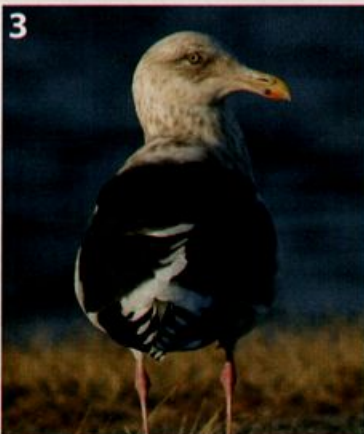
3 • Scott's Oriole is not the first bird species that comes to mind when one thinks of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, but this male attended a feeder in this small city 19 February into March (here 23 February) 2007. This bird marks the first state record. *Photograph by Howard Eskin.*

4 • Florida's second Hammond's Flycatcher was discovered near Orlando, Orange County 28 January 2007 (here) and remained through 2 March, only three months after the state's first record in Pinellas County. *Photograph by Jeffrey Gordon.*

5 • Dennis Serdehely and Dave McNinch located this White-tailed Kite 18 December 2006 at Carson Lake, Churchill County, Nevada during the Fallon Christmas Bird Count. Fortunately, it remained through at least 27 January 2007 (here 31 December) and was enjoyed by many observers. *Photograph by Steve Ting.*

6 • This adult Ivory Gull spent 25-26 (here 26) February 2007 at in Piermont, Rockland County, New York—just a fifth documented state record. *Photograph by Sean Sime.*

7 • This young male Western Tanager was nicely documented at Echo Hill Park in Hunterdon County, New Jersey 3 February 2007. *Photograph by Phil Jeffrey.*



1 & 2 • Rare anywhere in the East, this Smith's Longspur at Jones Beach's Teddy Roosevelt Nature Center in Nassau County, New York furnished just the second state record. Photographs by Lloyd Spitalnik (left); Edward Coyle (right).

3 • Iowa's second Slaty-backed Gull appeared on 17-23 (here 23) December 2006 in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. Photograph by Ann Johnson.

4 • This adult male Bullock's Oriole spent the winter (here 10 February 2007) in Scott County—a first for Indiana. Photograph by Michael Brown.

5 • Northeast of Madison, on the Ohio River in Jefferson County, Indiana, this adult female Audubon's Oriole appeared at a feeder on approximately 24 January 2007 and remained until 15 (here 11) February. The winter of 2006-2007 saw dozens of wayward orioles visiting feeders in the Midwest and East, particularly after the weather turned cold in mid-January. Photograph by Ron Austing.

6 • This Harris's Sparrow visited the feeders of Gerry Leubner at Irondequoit, Monroe County, New York 2 (here 23) December 2006 into late February 2007; Leubner, who compiled the Rochester Christmas Bird Count for 51 years, hosted his first Harris's Sparrow here 35 years earlier. Photograph by Richard Ashworth.

7 • Of the two Calliope Hummingbirds in the Region this winter, this female in New Haven, Connecticut provided a first state record. It frequented a butterfly garden 2-7 (here 3) December 2006. Photograph by Mark Szantyr.



1 • This Tropical Kingbird at Trinity, Somerset County, Maryland was nicely photographed 28 (right) and 30 (left) December 2006—a first state record. Photographs by George M. Jett and Mikey Lutmerding, respectively.

2 • One of many extralimital Western Tanagers found in the East and Midwest in winter 2006–2007, this bird was found “in the wild” (away from feeders) in False Cape State Park, Virginia Beach, Virginia 28 December 2006. Photograph by George L. Armistead.

3 & 4 • Unprecedented in New England was the discovery of two Lazuli Buntings in winter. In Connecticut, a young male (right) visited Hammonasset State Park in New Haven 4 (here 20) January–11 February 2007, a first state record. An adult male (left) appeared in a backyard in Hadley, Massachusetts 30–31 (here 30 or 31) January 2007, just the second record for that state (and second in winter). Photographs by Louise Currins (adult male) and Julian Hough.



5 • Furnishing a first Iowa record was a Red-breasted Sapsucker on 4 December 2006 (here) near Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County. Photograph by Andrew Peters.

6 • Taking advantage of lush grasslands, Sprague's Pipit made an unusually strong showing in southwestern New Mexico this season, including this one near Hermanas, Luna County 17 February 2007. Photograph by Charles R. Britt.

7 • Furnishing the seventh record for Montana, this Yellow-billed Loon was found 4 (here 5) January 2007 on the Missouri River in Great Falls and remained for several days. Photograph by Bob Martinka.





1 • This Dusky Flycatcher at the University of California at Davis, Yolo County on 4 February 2007 likely represents the first winter record for the Northern California Region. *Photograph by John Sterling.*

2 • This adult male Smew attracted birders from throughout California during its stay in the remote town of Soulsbyville, Tuolumne County 20-29 (here 29) January 2007. It spent time courting female Hooded Mergansers on a small pond in a rural subdivision in this Sierra foothill community. *Photograph by Arlene Ripley.*

3 • Washington's first Whooper Swan covered much ground in winter 2006-2007. It inhabited Snohomish County 25 December through 1 January, then moved north to Skagit County from 4 January to 17 February (here at Conway, 20 January), and was last seen farther north yet in Whatcom County from 24 February to 2 March. Unlike most Whoopers detected south of Alaska, this bird was west of the Cascade Mountains and kept company with Trumpeter rather than Tundra Swans. In theory, the Whoopers found east of the Cascades meet up with their Tundra companions in the Seward Peninsula or Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (where there are no Trumpeter Swans) and then migrate southward with them. Similarly, Whoopers found west of the Cascades likely join their companions on the Alaska Peninsula or in south-coastal Alaska. *Photograph by Ric Merry.*

4 • This Green-tailed Towhee at a Rivière-des-Prairies, Montréal feeder 17 December 2006 through 3 March 2007 (here 3 February) furnished the second for Québec, the first dating back to October 1957. *Photograph by Sylvie Robert.*

5 • Washington's sixteenth Black-headed Gull lingered at Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County 19-31 (here 21) December 2006 and reappeared at nearby Point No Point 21-24 February 2007. All but one of Washington's prior records were between 1986 and 1998, and some may pertain to returning birds. *Photograph by Charlie Wright.*

6 • Always a very rare winter visitor to Texas, this Red-necked Grebe was present at Lake Kickapoo, Archer County from 28 January through 4 March 2007 (here on the last date). *Photograph by Scotty Lofland.*



1 - As do most Atlantic gadfly petrels, Bermuda Petrels often gather together in inshore roosts prior to entering nesting burrows in darkness. This composite image is one of two "Cahows" photographed at dusk three kilometers south of St. David's Head, Bermuda on 26 November 2006. Late October through mid-November is prime season for studying the species at sea in this location; individuals can also be seen with a spotting scope from nearby Cooper's Point. *Photographs by Andrew Dobson.*

2 - This immature female Scott's Oriole in Franklin County, Kentucky was the state's first; it was first noted in early February 2007 (here 12 February) and lingered through the end of the winter period. *Photograph by David Knapp.*

3 - Bermuda's first live record of Gray Heron was furnished by this individual, which has been present since 22 April 2006 (here 1 March 2007) at Tucker's Town. *Photograph by Andrew Dobson.*

4 - On 5 February 2007, Gilles Leblond found this White Stork feeding in fallow fields of a banana plantation near the mouth of Rivière du Lorrain in northeastern Martinique. Could this individual have been migrating on a return to Europe from points farther south? This is the second record in the West Indies Region of this species; the other report comes from Antigua 14 August 1993 (published in *El Pitirre*), a bird observed in an open area adjacent to mangroves at Cook's Dump, outside St. John's. *Photograph by Gilles Leblond.*

5 - Minnesota's fifth Green-tailed Towhee at Mountain Lake, Cottonwood County was confirmed during the local Christmas Bird Count but had been present since before Thanksgiving, according to the homeowner (here 2 January 2007). *Photograph by David A. Cahlander.*

6 - This Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, furnishing Michigan's fifth record, was present 17 (here 29) December 2006 and on later dates at L'Anse, Baraga County. *Photograph Kirk Zufelt.*

