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COVER PHOTOGRAPH—Male Pectoral Sandpiper on tundra breeding grounds near Barrow, Alaska, showing enlarged pectoral sac, erect breast feathers and display stance. Photo/J. P. Myers.

pt. 10 (HL). It seemed odd that a rare Nashville Warbler at Sept. 18 (HMS, JS) was the earliest for the Tall. Div., yet the one reported. Magnolia Warblers, uncommon in the Peninsula, appeared in significant numbers at Ft. Desoto, ten on Oct. 8 and 15 on Oct. 19 (LA). Another, the latest for the Tall. Div., was at L. Talquin, Leon Co., Nov. 15 (GM, SH). In fall, Cape May and Black-throated Blue warblers were formerly considered rare along the Gulf Coast; however, in the past few years sightings along that coast have increased. This season there were at least 15 of the former species and 11 of the latter extending from S.G.I. to Ft. Desoto and inland to Lakeland. Moving down their usual e. coast route, three each of those two species were early at Hypoluxo I., Aug. 29 (PS). A Cerulean Warbler was late at Tallahassee Sept. 30 (JC, LA, D. MacVicar), and a Blackburnian Warbler at St. Petersburg Aug. 9 (J & LH) was very early. Although Chestnut-sided Warblers are regular fall migrants in the Peninsula, 12 at Ft. Desoto Oct. 8 (LA) was an unusually high total. **Excellent details accompanied the report of a Kirtland's Warbler at Lower Sandhatch Key Aug. 1 (earliest ever, Alan Barron et al.; † to F.O.S.R.C.).** Palm Warblers were early near Panacea Sept. 11 (HL) and L. Jackson Sept. 13 (GM). Yellow-breasted Chats, rare any time in the Peninsula, were banded at Casey Key Sept. 19 and Oct. 8 (A & SS). Others were at Ft. Desoto Sept. 19 (LA) and S.C.P., Oct. 11 (PF). Interestingly, all Canada Warbler sightings except one on S.G.I., Sept. 18 (S. Cole) and another at L. Georgia, Orange Co., Sept. 4 (TR) were from the Tampa-Sarasota area: singles at Sarasota Sept. 13 (E. Miller) and the Hillsborough R., Sept. 16 (LA, PL), two at Ft. Desoto Sept. 19 (LA) and one at Beer Can I., Oct. 17 (B & MS, F.O.S.). A total of ten Wilson's Warblers throughout the Region was probably unprecedented. In Franklin County Sept. 9, one at Lanark (RC, CE) and two males on S.G.I. (HL) were the Tall. Div.'s earliest. Another two males were found on Hypoluxo I., Oct. 3 (PS, GH, ME), and one at Oldsmar, Pinellas Co., Nov. 28 (J. Moore, D. Goodwin, M. Hughes) could have been wintering.

WEAVERS THROUGH FRINGILLIDS — No explanation could be given for an apparent decline in House Sparrows in e. Palm Beach County (*fide* PS). We hope that, whatever the cause, Starlings will be similarly affected! Yellow-headed Blackbirds were at the following locations: L. Jackson Sept. 25 (GG *et al.*), Sunshine Speedway, Pinellas Co., Oct. 27+ (JD, LA, m.ob.) and Ft. Pierce Nov. 21 (B & HD, J. Brooks). Jacksonville had a very early N. Oriole Aug. 25 (SG) and 14 in one tree at St. Marks Lt., Sept. 12 (HL) must have been a spectacular sight! Another high total of 16 was on S.G.I., Sept. 18 (HMS, JS). Sykes reported that in Palm Beach County the Spot-breasted Oriole population still remained quite low since the cold winter of 1976. Four Brewer's Blackbirds at Sunshine Speedway Oct. 30+ (B & HD, LA) tied the earliest N. Pen. record and another was in e. Leon County, Nov. 15 (RC) where the species now occurs almost annually (*fide* HMS). Lake Jackson's Boat-tailed Grackle population (AB 33:858) was at an all-time high of 30 on Sept. 25 (HMS).

ONTARIO REGION /Clive E. Goodwin

It was one of those falls that presents a Regional Editor with the pleasant but frustrating challenge of trying to condense a multitude of fascinating events, activities and observations into a fixed amount of space! The effort is quite hopeless, and many interesting but localized phenomena will necessarily be skimmed over or wholly ignored below.

It was also a fall that many observers saw as dull. This contradiction—a familiar one in Ontario accounts—probably reflects the prolonged period of wet weather through August, much of September and early October. Migrants bottled up along the lakeshores and at concentration points, and some strong storm systems in this period may have carried with them some of the rarities that were seen. If you were in the right places birding was good indeed. Huge numbers of the more common migrants were reported, mainly from the southwest but along the lower Great Lakes generally as well. Swallows, Blue

Jays and blackbirds were most numerous, with many counts of several thousand birds. Most noteworthy of the weather-related movements was in the period around September 8, when a large body of cold air moved across the Province and cleared out the birds from most areas. Also associated with it were some enormous tower and chimney kills: at a Peterborough T.V. tower 450 birds of 30 species were killed September 6-8 (RDM); Long Point Lighthouse accounted for 903 birds of 35 species, September 1-6 including 70 Bobolinks in one night (L.P.B.O.); but these were eclipsed by the 10,650 birds of 54 species at Lennox Generating Station stacks September 2-9 (*fide* RDW). Most of this carnage occurred on the nights of September 5-6 and September 6-7, with 3998 and 5818 birds respectively.

Some breeding season reports, delayed by the mail strike and of particular interest, are also included below.

SOUTHERN JAMES BAY MIGRATION — The Ontario coastline is so thinly populated and inaccessible that it is still poorly known ornithologically, although in recent years trips to Moosonee have

ADDENDUM — An Olive-sided Flycatcher visited Seminole, Pinellas Co., Sept. 21, 1980 (LH *et al.*).

CORRIGENDUM — The southernmost record for Eared Grebe was near Summerland Key (AB 32:340) rather than Collier County (as stated in AB 35:172).

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