



1 & 2 • This Kirtland's Warbler was found and photographed by Hans Spiecker 23 May 2006 at Gillson Park in Wilmette, Illinois. The last accepted Kirtland's Warbler for the state was from September 1996, also at a lakefront park on Lake Michigan. *Photograph by Hans Spiecker.*

3 & 4 • The discovery of this White-tailed Hawk in Hadley, Massachusetts 22-24 (here 24 and 22, respectively) April 2006 was followed within a mere five-day span by two subsequent sightings of the same or different individuals in New Jersey and Cape Cod. Unfortunately, only the Hadley bird was well photographed, so we will never know whether one, two, or three birds were involved. Note the broken primaries, typical of damage that is often sustained by captive birds. *Photographs by Shawn Carey (flight) and Bruce deGraff (perched)*

5 • This beautiful male Brambling visited subregional editor Kathleen Cameron's yard in Bellevue, Idaho on 8 April 2006 (here) and stayed for another eight days, allowing many birders the opportunity to see it. *Photograph by Kathleen Cameron.*

6 • This Sooty Fox Sparrow (of the *unalaschcensis* subspecies group) at Whitehorse, Yukon on 22 (here) and 23 April 2006, provided the territory's first record of this subspecies away from its limited breeding grounds in the subalpine shrubs of the Coast Mountains. *Photograph by Cameron Eckert.*

7 • The white wisps over the eye and brownish tinge to the cap suggest that this bird is a Mountain Chickadee x Boreal Chickadee hybrid. Banded at Teslin, Yukon Territory 20 May 2006, this bird may well document the first recorded incidence of this hybrid combination. *Photograph by Ben Schonewille.*



1 • One of two found in New Mexico this season, this Kentucky Warbler frequented a beaver pond at Angel Fire (elevation 2565 m), Colfax County 10-16 (here 15) May 2006. Photograph by Elton M. Williams.

2 • This adult male Kirtland's Warbler furnished the twentieth record of the species for Point Pelee National Park, Ontario, on 21 May 2006; this location has more records of this species than any other site along the species' migration path. Photograph by Rosalee A. Hall.

3 • This Short-tailed Albatross thrilled observers on a pelagic trip to Heceta Banks, Oregon 18 March 2006. Oregon has fewer than 10 modern-day records, and this bird furnished only the Region's second spring record, the first coming from the Puget Sound in April 1997. Photograph by Troy Guy.

4 • This year-old Whooping Crane from the Wood Buffalo National Park, Canada population frequented a marshy area near Niverville, Manitoba from late April into June (here 15 May) 2006. Whereas other recent sightings have usually involved migrating individuals and were rarely seen by more than one or two people, this bird attracted over 200 birders during its long stay. Photograph by Christian Artusa.

5 • This Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was one of several rarities that turned up at Fort Whyte Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba in May (here 5 May) 2006; it was about the 20th for the province. Photograph by Alfred Aug.

6 • This male Broad-tailed Hummingbird at a feeder in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba 16 (here 17) through at least 29 May 2006 was a first for the Prairie Provinces region and attracted birders from far and wide. The same feeder had hosted a Rufous Hummingbird in September 2004. Photograph by Larry de March.

