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ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

Fewer than seven records exist in the last few decades in Okaloosa and Walton counties. Please notify Donald M. Ware Choctawhatchee Audubon Bird Count Coordinator of sightings of accidentals, <donware@earthlink.net> or 862-6582. Record dates below may not be the last. 152

Red-throated Loon, 12/1987
Red-necked Grebe, 2/2001
Greater Shearwater, 9/1978 offshore
Sooty Shearwater, 9/1978 offshore
Audubon's Shearwater, 5/1986
White-tailed Tropicbird, 2/1994
Red-tailed Tropicbird, 10/02
Masked Booby, Summer offshore
Brown Booby, Summer offshore
White-faced Ibis, 10/1994, 11/1998
Greater Flamingo, 9/1965
Fulvous Whistling-Duck, 9/1988, 1995
Ross' Goose, 11/1998
Mottled Duck, 10/1987
White-winged Scoter, 12/1995, 5/1997
Black-shouldered Kite, 12/1985, 1995
Short-tailed Hawk, 9/1997, 5/1998
Golden Eagle, 8/1985
Crested Caracara 3/2001
Yellow Rail, 9/1994
Black Rail, 10/1999 ~~2003~~ Bewick's Wren, 3/2000
Limpkin, 5/1991 Sprague's Pipit, 2/2000, 01, 02, 03
Sandhill Crane, 12/1979, 1997
Piping Plover, 12/1975, 1986, 2001, 2002
American Oystercatcher, 1/1989
Hudsonian Godwit, 4/1998
Purple Sandpiper, 12/1977, 1979
Ruff, 3/2001
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 4/00
Red Phalarope, 5/1993
Parasitic Jaeger, 6/1994
Franklin's Gull, 12/1988, 1995
Great Black-backed Gull, Winter 1976-1983
Black-legged Kittiwake, 8/1968
Sooty Tern, Summer offshore
White-crowned Pigeon, 4/1997
Short-eared Owl, 12/1995
Lesser Nighthawk, 5/1997
Broad-tailed Hummingbird, 12/2001
Calliope Hummingbird, 11/1995
Olive-sided Flycatcher, 10/1987
Vermilion Flycatcher, 2/1988, 10/1989, 2000-2003
Ash-throated Flycatcher, Fall, Winter
Tropical/Couch's Kingbird, 5/1992
Cassin's Kingbird, 5/1992
Cave Swallow, 4/1996
Bell's Vireo, 4/1984
Black-whiskered Vireo, 5/1997
Connecticut Warbler, 10/1987
Mourning Warbler, 10/1967, 9/1994
Black-headed Grosbeak, 9/1994, 1/1998
Lark Bunting, 9/1967
Snow Bunting, 12/1977
Harris's Sparrow, 12/1993, 1998
Clay-colored Sparrow 10/1999

3	2	1	Species	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
			Common Loon		C	R	C	C
			Pied-billed Grebe*		C	R	C	C
			Horned Grebe		C		R	C
			Eared Grebe				R	R
			Northern Gannet		U	R	R	U
			American White Pelican		R	O	R	R
			Brown Pelican	SSC	C	U	C	C
			Double-crested Cormorant		C	O	C	C
			Anhinga*		R	R	R	O
			Magnificent Frigatebird		R	R	R	O
			American Bittern		O		O	O
			Least Bittern*		R	R	R	O
			Great Blue Heron*		C	C	C	C
			Great Egret*		U	U	U	U
			Snowy Egret*	SSC	U	U	U	O
			Little Blue Heron*	SSC	U	U	U	O
			Tricolored Heron*	SSC	R	R	R	
			Reddish Egret	SSC/C	R	R	R	
			Cattle Egret*		C	C	C	O
			Green-backed Heron*		C	C	C	O
			Black-crnd. Night-Heron		R		R	U
			Yellow-crnd. Night-Heron*		R	U	R	O
			White Ibis*	SSC	R	U	U	O
			Glossy Ibis		O	O	O	
			Wood Stork	SE/FE	O	O	O	
			Gr. White-fronted Goose				O	
			Snow Goose		R	O	R	R
			Canada Goose			O	O	O
			Wood Duck*		U	U	U	U
			Green-winged Teal		U		U	U
			American Black Duck		O		O	O
			Mallard*		R		R	U
			Northern Pintail				R	R
			Blue-winged Teal*		C	O	C	O
			Northern Shoveler		R		U	O
			Gadwall		O		U	R
			American Wigeon		O		R	R
			Canvasback		O		O	O
			Redhead		U		R	C
			Ring-necked Duck		U		U	C
			Greater Scaup		R		R	U
			Lesser Scaup		C	O	C	C
			Oldsquaw		O		O	O
			Surf Scoter					O
			Common Goldeneye		O		O	O
			Bufflehead		C		U	C
			Hooded Merganser		R		R	U
			Red-breasted Merganser		C	O	U	C
			Ruddy Duck*		R	O	U	C
			Black Vulture*		C	C	C	C
			Turkey Vulture*		C	C	C	C
			Osprey*	ST	U	U	U	U
			Am. Swallow-tailed Kite*		R	R	R	
			Mississippi Kite*		U	U	C	
			Bald Eagle*	ST/FT	R		R	R
			Northern Harrier		R		R	R

3	2	1	Species	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
			Sharp-shinned Hawk		U			U
			Cooper's Hawk*	SSC	U	O		U
			Red-shouldered Hawk*		U	U		U
			Broad-winged Hawk*		U	U		U
			Red-tailed Hawk*		U	R	U	O
			American Kestrel*		U	R		C
			Merlin		R			U
			Peregrine Falcon		R			U
			Wild Turkey*		U	U		U
			Northern Bobwhite*		C	C		C
			Clapper Rail*		C	C		C
			King Rail*		U	U		U
			Virginia Rail		O			U
			Sora		C			C
			Purple Gallinule*		U	U		U
			Common Moorhen*		U	U		O
			American Coot*		C	R		C
			Black-bellied Plover		C	R		C
			Lesser Golden-Plover		O			O
			Snowy Plover*	ST/C	U	U		U
			Semipalmated Plover		C	O		C
			Killdeer*		C	U		C
			Black-necked Stilt*		U	U		U
			American Avocet		O			R
			Greater Yellowlegs		U	O		U
			Lesser Yellowlegs		U	R		O
			Solitary Sandpiper		U			U
			Willet*		C	C		C
			Spotted Sandpiper		C	O		C
			Upland Sandpiper		R			R
			Whimbrel		R			R
			Marbled Godwit		O	O		O
			Ruddy Turnstone		C	R		C
			Red Knot		O			O
			Sanderling		C	C		C
			Semipalmated Sandpiper		C	O		C
			Western Sandpiper		C	O		C
			Least Sandpiper		C	O		C
			White-rumped Sandpiper		R			R
			Baird's Sandpiper		R			R
			Pectoral Sandpiper		C	O		C
			Dunlin		C			U
			Stilt Sandpiper		U			U
			Buff-breasted Sandpiper		O			R
			Short-billed Dowitcher		C	O		C
			Long-billed Dowitcher					O
			Common Snipe		C			C
			American Woodcock*		O	O		O
			Wilson's Phalarope		O			O
			Laughing Gull		C	C		C
			Bonaparte's Gull		C			R
			Ring-billed Gull		C	R		C
			Herring Gull		C	R		C
			Gull-billed Tern			O		O
			Caspian Tern	ST	O	O		O
			Royal Tern		C	C		C
			Sandwich Tern		C	R		C

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			Common Tern		R	R	U	R
			Forster's Tern		C	R	C	C
			Least Tern*	ST	C	C	C	
			Black Tern		U	U	C	
			Black Skimmer*	SSC	U	U	U	U
			Rock Dove*		C	C	C	C
			Eurasian Collared Dove*		C	C	C	C
			White-winged Dove		O		O	O
			Mourning Dove*		C	C	C	C
			Common Ground-Dove*		U	U	U	U
			Black-billed Cuckoo		R		R	
			Yellow-billed Cuckoo*		C	C	C	
			Groove-billed Ani				O	R
			Common Barn-Owl*		O	O	O	O
			Eastern Screech-Owl*		C	C	C	C
			Great Horned Owl*		U	U	U	U
			Burrowing Owl*		U	U	U	U
			Barred Owl*		U	U	U	U
			Common Nighthawk*		C	C	C	O
			Chuck-will's-widow*		C	C	C	
			Whip-poor-will				O	O
			Chimney Swift*		C	C	C	
			Ruby-thrted. Hummingbird*		C	U	C	O
			Rufous Hummingbird		R		R	R
			Buff-brstd. Hummingbird				O	O
			Black-chinned Hmngbrd.				O	O
			Belted Kingfisher*		C	R	C	C
			Red-headed Woodpecker*		C	C	C	U
			Red-bellied Woodpecker*		C	C	C	C
			Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		U		U	U
			Downy Woodpecker*		C	C	C	C
			Hairy Woodpecker*		R	R	R	R
			Red-cockad. Wdpr. ST/FE		U	U	U	U
			Yellow-shafted Flicker*		C	C	C	C
			Pileated Woodpecker*		U	U	U	U
			Eastern Wood-Pewee*		C	U	C	
			Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				O	
			Acadian Flycatcher*		C	C	C	
			Alder Flycatcher				R	
			Willow Flycatcher				R	
			Least Flycatcher				U	
			Eastern Phoebe*		U	O	C	C
			Great Crested Flycatcher*		C	C	C	
			Western Kingbird				R	R
			Eastern Kingbird*		C	C	C	
			Gray Kingbird*		U	U	U	
			Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		R	O	R	O
			Purple Martin*		C	C	C	U
			Tree Swallow		C		C	U
			N. Rough-winged Swallow*		U	U	U	
			Bank Swallow		U		C	
			Cliff Swallow		R		C	
			Barn Swallow*		C	U	C	O
			Blue Jay*		C	C	C	C
			American Crow*		C	C	C	C
			Fish Crow*		C	C	C	C
			Carolina Chickadee*		C	C	C	C

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			Tufted Titmouse*		C	C	C	C
			Red-breasted Nuthatch				U	R
			White-breasted Nuthatch				O	
			Brown-headed Nuthatch*		U	U	U	U
			Brown Creeper					O
			Carolina Wren*		C	C	C	C
			House Wren		C		C	C
			Winter Wren				O	O
			Sedge Wren		R		R	U
			Marsh Wren		R		R	U
			Golden-crowned Kinglet				R	U
			Ruby-crowned Kinglet		U		U	C
			Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*		C	U	C	U
			Eastern Bluebird*		C	C	C	C
			Veery		U		U	
			Gray-cheeked Thrush		U		R	
			Swainson's Thrush		U		U	
			Hermit Thrush		U		U	U
			Wood Thrush*		U	U	U	
			American Robin		C	O	C	C
			Gray Catbird*		C	O	C	U
			Northern Mockingbird*		C	C	C	C
			Brown Thrasher*		C	C	C	C
			Water Pipit		U		U	U
			Cedar Waxwing		C		R	C
			Loggerhead Shrike*	C	U	U	U	U
			European Starling*		C	C	C	C
			White-eyed Vireo*		C	C	C	R
			Blue-head. (Solitary) Vireo		U		U	U
			Yellow-throated Vireo*		U	U	U	
			Warbling Vireo		O		O	
			Philadelphia Vireo		R		R	
			Red-eyed Vireo*		C	U	C	
			Blue-winged Warbler		R		R	
			Golden-winged Warbler		R		R	
			Tennessee Warbler		U		C	
			Orange-crowned Warbler		U		U	U
			Nashville Warbler				R	
			Northern Parula*		C	C	C	O
			Yellow Warbler		C	R	C	
			Chestnut-sided Warbler		R		U	
			Magnolia Warbler		U		C	
			Cape May Warbler		U			
			Black-thr. Blue Warbler		R		R	
			Yellow-rumped Warbler		C		C	C
			Black-thr. Green Warbler		R		C	
			Blackburnian Warbler		U		U	
			Yellow-throated Warbler*		U	U	U	R
			Pine Warbler*		C	C	C	C
			Prairie Warbler*		C	U	C	
			Palm Warbler		C		C	U
			Bay-breasted Warbler		U		U	
			Blackpoll Warbler		C			
			Cerulean Warbler		R		R	
			Black-and-white Warbler		C		C	R
			American Redstart		C	O	C	
			Prothonotary Warbler*		C	C	C	

3	2	1	Species	Notes	Sp	S	F	W
			Worm-eating Warbler		U		R	
			Swainson's Warbler*		R	R	O	
			Ovenbird		C		U	
			Northern Waterthrush		U		U	
			Louisiana Waterthrush*		R	R	R	
			Kentucky Warbler*		C	C	U	
			Common Yellowthroat*		C	C	C	C
			Hooded Warbler*		C	C	C	
			Wilson's Warbler				R	
			Canada Warbler				R	
			Yellow-breasted Chat*		C	C	C	
			Summer Tanager*		C	C	C	O
			Scarlet Tanager		U		U	
			Western Tanager				O	O
			Northern Cardinal*		C	C	C	C
			Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U		U	
			Blue Grosbeak*		C	C	C	
			Indigo Bunting*		C	C	C	O
			Painted Bunting		R			
			Dickcissel		R		R	
			Eastern Towhee*		C	C	C	C
			Bachman's Sparrow*		U	U	U	U
			Chipping Sparrow		C		C	C
			Field Sparrow*		U	R	U	C
			Vesper Sparrow		U		U	U
			Lark Sparrow				O	O
			Savannah Sparrow		C		C	C
			Grasshopper Sparrow		R		R	R
			Henslow's Sparrow		R			R
			LeConte's Sparrow					R
			Nelson's Sharp-tail. Sparrow		O		R	O
			Seaside Sparrow*		O	O	O	O
			Fox Sparrow					O
			Song Sparrow		C		C	C
			Lincoln's Sparrow		O			O
			Swamp Sparrow		C		C	C
			White-throated Sparrow		C		C	C
			White-crowned Sparrow		R		R	R
			Dark-eyed Junco		U		R	U
			Bobolink		U		O	
			Red-winged Blackbird*		C	C	C	C
			Eastern Meadowlark*		C	C	C	C
			Yellow-headed Blackbird				O	
			Rusty Blackbird					O
			Brewer's Blackbird		R		R	R
			Common Grackle*		C	C	C	C
			Brown-headed Cowbird*		C	C	C	C
			Orchard Oriole*		C	C	C	
			Baltimore Oriole		U		C	
			Purple Finch		R		O	R
			House Finch*		C	C	C	C
			Pine Siskin		O		O	O
			American Goldfinch		C		C	C
			House Sparrow*		C	C	C	C

SEASONAL OCCURRENCE

SP: March, April, May

S: June, July

F: August, September, October, November

W: December, January, February

ABUNDANCE DESIGNATIONS

C= Common--can almost always be seen in proper habitat in the right season after reasonable effort.

U= Uncommon--can sometimes be found in proper habitat in the right season after reasonable effort.

R= Rare--usually occurs once or a few times a season, singularly or in small groups.

O= Occasional, present in some years, but not found in many.

NOTES

* Breeds in Okaloosa or Walton County

FT Federally Threatened

FE Federally Endangered

ST State Threatened

SE State Endangered

SSC Species of Special Concern (Florida)

C Candidate for Listing (Federal)

POPULAR BIRDING LOCATIONS

Okaloosa Landfill, Beal Ext., 7am-3:30pm M-Sat.

FWB Spray Field & Holding Ponds, Beal Ext

Okaloosa Holding Ponds, N Roberts Rd., FWB, M-F

Blackwater River State Forest

Ferry Park, FWB

Coast Guard Woods, 1 median cut W of CG station

West Jetty, South of Destin Bridge

Noriega Point, view from E end of Destin Bridge

Oak Tree Nature Park, Dolittle & Hwy 98 Mary Esther

Henderson State Park, Destin

Fred Gannon State Park, Rocky Bayou

Topsail Hill State Preserve, Walton County

Deer Lake State Park, Walton County

Choctawhatchee River flood plain, E of Hwy 81

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