

WHERE-ON-EARTH & CRAZY-AS-A-COOT BIRD WALKS

February 17, 2026

Incidental Notes

Hi Everyone,

Wow, what a compilation we have here. So many interesting and From Afar birds to report. Please read the individual accounts below – they are so much more interesting than a simple list. Remember the best part of birdwatching is watching birds. Just a taste of what you'll see below: ever hear of a Hamerkop? <https://ebird.org/species/hamerk1>; or, who was/is Horus? <https://egyptianmuseum.org/deities-horus>.

And, I learned a lot of geography with the various From Afar observations. Such as: Turkiye (correct spelling) is a transcontinental nation with part in SE Europe and part in western Asia; likewise Egypt is also a transcontinental nation with part in northeastern Africa and southwestern Asia. I also learned that while Costa Rica is part of Central America, the Grenadine islands of Canouan and Union (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) are part of the Caribbean region, not Central or South American demarcations

A little closer to home Maggie and Mary Komosinski have both offered keen observation of Canada Geese, their movement patterns and the impact on the species of HPAI (bird flu for short).



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And here on Block Island it has been the winter of Fox Sparrows and the Blizzard of 2026. It has been great fun to be seeing Fox Sparrows in many locations around the island – and on February 17 it was one of the few bird species that the Crazy-as-a-Coot bird walkers had the pleasure of seeing. For those not familiar with Fox Sparrows, Nigel Grindley has provided a terrific photo of this large sparrow with heavy mahogany-colored streaks and a gray cowling around its neck and over the eye. Although once more numerous, Fox Sparrows are not seen on the island every year, so the winter of 2026 has been a rare treat; in fact the whole region is having a good Fox Sparrow winter.

Remember, no matter where on earth you are, enjoy the birds and the day.

Peace, Kim.

- Both lists are an aggregate of observations from the two groups of observers (B.I. and Afar).
- A note of caution: when counting at a bird feeder it is the most reliable/conservative to count the number of a species seen at any one time. Observations in Gray are deemed to be a double observation and are therefore not counted in the list. Care should be taken to not over count by tallying the cumulative number seen.
- [Things in brackets are notes by me - kg] How I quantify: Few=3, Several=5, Many/Numerous=10, Flock = 15+

Block Island

(25 species)

Canada Goose – 82+	Hairy Woodpecker – 1	Song Sparrow – 9
Mallard – 2+	Blue Jay – 8	White-throated Sparrow – 24
Ring-necked Pheasant – 2	American Crow – 2+	Slate-colored Junco ¹ – 6
American Herring Gull – 3	Common Raven – 1	Northern Cardinal – 36
Great Black-backed Gull – 1+	Black-backed Chickadee – 8	House Finch – 38
Rock Pigeon – 26	Carolina Wren – 2	Evening Grosbeak – 3
Mourning Dove – 140	E. Starling – 4+	House Sparrow – 3
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2	American Robin – 6	
Downy Woodpecker – 3	Fox Sparrow – 1	

From Afar Providence, RI; Dalton & Swansea, MA; Jamesport, NY; Woodbury CT; Alligator Point, Phipps Preserve, FL; Costa Rica; Grenadine Islands; Turkiye; Egypt; Amboseli, Kenya; South Africa; Botswana; Queensland, Australia.

(173 species (N. America-61, Central America & Caribbean-29, Turkiye & Egypt-17, Africa-62, Australia-4))

Canada Goose – 113+	Royal Tern – 10	Fox Sparrow – 1
Scaup species – 400	Ground Doves – 4	Song Sparrow – 6
Common Goldeneye – 2	Eurasian Collard Doves – 3	White-throated Sparrow – 16
Bufflehead – 4	Mourning Dove – 63	Dark-eyed ¹ Junco – 17
Hooded Merganser – 14	Rock Pigeon – 1	Northern Cardinal – 14
Wild Turkey – 3	Belted Kingfisher – 1	Red-winged Blackbird – 47
Brown Pelican – 10	Red-bellied Woodpecker – 6	Common Grackle – 81+
Anhinga – 1	Downy Woodpecker – 7	Brown-headed Cowbird – 62
Cormorant species – 200	Hairy Woodpecker – 2	House Finch – 33
Great Blue Heron – 1	Northern Flicker – 3	American Goldfinch – 9
Bald Eagle – 2	Pileated Woodpecker – 1	House Sparrow – 16
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1	Merlin – 1	<u>COSTA RICA</u>
Red-Shouldered Hawk – 1	Blue Jay – 8	Scarlet Macaw
American Oystercatcher – 9	American Crow – 6	Chestnut-mandibled Toucan
Piping Plover – 3	Carolina Chickadee – 2	Orange-chinned Parakeet
Willet – 20	Black-capped Chickadee – 11	Great Kiskadee and/or
Long-billed Curlew – 1	Tufted Titmouse – 2	Boat-billed Flycatcher
Ruddy Turnstone – 30	White-breasted Nuthatch – 4	Ruby Hummingbird
Sanderling – 20	Brown-headed Nuthatch – 2	Black-bellied Hummingbird
Dunlin – 20	Carolina Wren – 4	Red-fronted Parrotlet
Laughing Gull – 30	European Starling – 23	Crested Owl
Ring-billed Gull – 28	Bohemian Waxwing – 20	Turkey Vulture
Amer. Herring Gull – 10+	Eastern Bluebird – 8	Golden-hooded Tanager
Great Black-backed Gull – 2	Amer. Robin – 162	Christy's Tanager
Foster's Tern – 5	Northern Mockingbird – 4	Montezuma Oropendola

Grackle
Curacao
Black-throated Trogon
Golden-winged Warbler
Great Tinamou
Yellow-headed Caracara

GRENADINES

Frigatebird – 12
Royal Tern – 20+
Common Ground Dove – 15
Eared Dove – 6
Swallow species – 6
Smooth-billed Ani – 2
House Sparrow – 4
Tropical Mockingbird – 2
Antillean Crst'd. Hummingbird – 1
Carib Grackle – 3

TURKIYE

Eurasian Magpie – 5
Hooded Crow – 100
Common Blackbird – 6
Black-headed Gull – 1,000+
Yellow-legged Gull – 200+/-
Great Cormorant – 300+/-
Gray Heron – 3
Rose-ringed Parakeets – 5
House Sparrow – 30
European Starling – 10
Rock Pigeon – 200+/-

EGYPT

Common Hoopoe – 7
White Wagtail – 16
Little Egret – 1
Caspian Tern – 1
Hooded Crow – 50+/-
House Sparrow – 15

Falcon species/*Horus* – 1

KENYAN BIRDS

Common bulbul – 1
Kikuyu white-eye – 1
Black kite – 4
Red-eyed dove – 1
Abyssinian thrush – 1
Speckled mousebird – 1
Hadada ibis – 2
Black stork – 1
Pied crow – 5
Helmeted guinea fowl – 15
Black-bellied sand grouse – 3
Fish eagle – 1
Grey crowned crane – 3
Long-tailed fiscal shrike – 4
Capped wheatear – 1
African red-rumped swallow – 10
Blacksmith lapwing – 4
Great egret – 1
Kori bustard – 1
Abyssinian scimitarbill – 1
Common sandpiper – 1
White-bellied bustard – 1
Yellow-necked spur fowl – 3
Black-headed heron – 1
White-bellied go-away bird – 1
Superb starling – 1
Augur buzzard – 1
Long-toed lapwing – 1
Western marsh harrier – 1
African jacana – 1
Little swift – 10
Red-billed duck – 50
White-faced whistling duck – 200
Egyptian goose – 125

Black-winged stilt – 15
Red-knobbed coot – 100
Reed cormorant – 3
Speckled pigeon – 1
Greater flamingo – 500
Marabou stork – 5
Fischer's sparrow lark – 15
Great white pelican – 24
Lesser flamingo – 50
Blue-billed teal – 30
Kittlitz's plover – 1
Common ostrich – 3
Tawny eagle – 2

SOUTH AFRICA BIRDS

Paradise Flycatcher
Tawny Eagle
African Hawk Eagle
Bearded Woodpecker
Cape Starlings
Long-Tailed Paradise Whydah

BOTSWANA BIRDS

Sacred Ibis
Black and White Storks
Hamerkop
Pied Kingfisher
S Carmine Bee
Lilac Breasted Rollers
Southern Ground Hornbill
Yellow-billed Hornbill
Red-billed Hornbill

AUSTRALIAN BIRDS

Kookaburra – 1
Rainbow Lorikeets – 22
Sulfur-crested Cockatoo – 5
Galah – 1

Also seen: 1 Otter, Baird's Tapir, 3-toed Sloth, Humpback whale, Ant-eater, spider monkey, leaf-cutter ants, agoutis, porcupine, banded peacock butterfly, emerald moths.

Amy Keeler – Tuesday February 17 Amy Keeler Out and About Birdwatching from The Grenadine Islands. A beautiful day on Canouan and Union Islands after a morning rain fall. I had to check in to Ebird for proper ID's. 12 Magnificent Frigatebird, 20+ Royal Tern, 15 Common Ground Dove, 6 Eared Dove, 6 Swallow Species, 2 Smooth Billed Ani, 4 House Sparrow, 2 Tropical Mockingbird, 1 Antillean Crested Hummingbird, 3 Carib Grackle (1 male in a mating dance - photo right).



Austin Morin – Hi Kim! I just got back from Costa Rica — I visited two incredible nature reserves: Manuel Antonio and the Osa Peninsula. You would absolutely love those biomes. I had some fantastic ecotourism guides who honestly reminded me a lot of you. Bird list from Costa Rica: Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*) — bright red parrots flying or feeding in fruit trees. Chestnut-mandibled Toucan / Keel-billed Toucan — large bills and striking colors. Orange-chinned Parakee, Great Kiskadee/Boat Billed Flycatcher, Ruby Hummingbird, Black Bellied Hummingbird, Red Fronted Parrotlet, Crested hotel, Turkey vulture, Golden-hooded tanager, Christy's tanager, Montezuma Oropendola, Scarlet macaw, Grackle, Curacao, Black Throated Trogon, Golden-winged warbler, Great Tinamou, Yellow Headed Caracara. [I will list these amazing birds without number as it is impossible to know if these are single or multiple observations. -kg]

Other cool animals: Baird's Tapir, 3 toed Sloth, Humpback Whale, Ant-eater, Spider Monkey, Capuchin, Howler Monkey, Leaf cutter ants, Agoutis, Porcupine, Banded peacock moth, Emerald Moths.

Cathy Joyce & Nigel Grindley – Hi Kim. Our bird list for last Tuesday: Canada Goose 25, Mourning Dove 1, Blue Jay 1, Black-capped Chickadee 3, White-throated Sparrow, 11, Song Sparrow 1, Northern Cardinal 15, House Finch 7. Keep warm through the blizzard!! Cheers, Nigel & Cathy



Crazy-as-a-Coot bird walkers –

Connecticut Ave., Washington, Rhode Island, US. Feb 17, 2026
8:00 - 9:00 AM.

Protocol: Traveling, 0.25 mile(s)
Checklist Comments: Upper CT Ave. from Old Town Rd. to end of airport runway. Cloudy, 37F, light south wind, still lots of snow on the ground and road plowed to the last house, but big drift from there to airport runway that barred access to the boy scout camp.

Participants: Joanne Warfel, Jim Reale, Barbara Stavola, Mena Hautau, Anne & Carlos Salinas, Susan Matheke, Judy Gray, Cathy Joyce, Nigel Grindley, Heather Hatfield, Nancy Miles & Kim G.

Possible: 1 nuthatch species. 19 species: Canada Goose 50, Mallard 2, Ring-necked Pheasant 1, Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 20, Mourning Dove 125, American Herring Gull 3, Great Black-backed Gull 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Blue Jay 2, American Crow 2, Carolina Wren 2, European Starling 3, American Robin 6, House Sparrow 3, House Finch 10, Fox Sparrow 1 (see Nigel Grindley's photos above of Fox Sparrow on left and White-throated sparrow on right), White-throated Sparrow 5, Song Sparrow 2, Northern Cardinal 5.

Dan Kasuba Hi Kim, my bird sightings on 2/17/26 were restricted to my yard in Dalton. After seeing a few flocks of cedar waxwings during the fall/early winter, I finally got to see a flock of Bohemians! They returned to my yard several times on Tuesday (eating berries) and again yesterday. [Lucky you! I'd love to see a flock of Bohemian Waxwings. -kg] 20 Bohemian waxwings, 3 juncos, 2 tufted titmice, 4 Black capped chickadees, 1 bluejay, 1 Northern cardinal, 2 house finches, 3 American robins, 2 White-breasted nuthatches, 1 hairy and 1 red bellied woodpecker, and 5 mourning doves. Thanks and enjoy !

Darcy Thurrott – Hi Kim, Just a list from our yard [Woodbury, CT]...beginning with a male pileated on neighbor's tree! Very mild day 42°! Sun came out too. [!] Think birds are loving it as much as we do. Hope your day birding is going well. Snow melting on island?? Thanks, Darcy. 3 Mourning Dove, 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 1 Pileated Woodpecker, 1 Blue Jay, 1 Black-capped Chickadee, 1 Carolina Wren, 17 European Starling, 1 Eastern Bluebird, 1 American Robin, 3 House Finch, 3 American Goldfinch.

Heather Hatfield – Feb. 17, 2026. Overcast, 35F. Old Town Road: House Finch 21, Red-breasted Woodpecker 1, Cardinal 14, White-thr. Sparrow 7, Song Sp. 2, Mourning Dove 11, Downy Woodpecker 2, Canada Goose 7, Hairy Woodpecker 1, BC Chickadee 2, Rock Pigeon 3, Blue Jay 3, Evening Grosbeak 3.

Joanne Warfel – Bird feeder sightings today: 2 blue jays, 1 starling, 1 female cardinal, 1 male cardinal, 6 juncos, 1 chickadee, 1 white throated sparrow, 3 song sparrows, 1 downy, 3 mourning doves. Not too active today!

Kim Gaffett – Going about my day – At home: raven 1, Song sparrow 1, pheasant 1; TNC office: Chickadee 2, Rock Pigeon 3.

Lauren Miller-Donnelly – On this morning I did take a note of the birds as I walked from the DEM office to the State House [Providence, RI]: Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 1, Mourning Dove 2, American Robin 8, Northern Cardinal 1. Then I struggled to get even three species after work in the corner of a shopping center in Swansea [MA] I heard a couple Chickadees so I started an observation: Downy Woodpecker 1, Northern Flicker 1, Black-capped Chickadee 2.



Lee Allan – Middle Park, Queensland, Australia, via Nancy Miles. Kookaburra 1, Rainbow Lorikeet 22, Sulfur-crested Cockatoo 5, Galah 3 (Galah photo left: internet).

Lynne Normandia – Hi Kim, on Feb.18 we counted from our house to the point of Alligator Point (Phipps Preserve: a bird preserve managed by TNC and Audubon). Here's what we saw: Phipps Preserve, Sanderlings 30, Willets 20, Piping plover 3, Foster teens 5, Long billed curlew 1, Royal terns 10, Ruddy turnstones 30, Oyster catchers 9, Dunlin 20, Ring billed gulls 25, Laughing gulls 30. Gulf of M[exico]: Cormorants species 200, Scaup (unsure if lesser or greater - usually thousands raft out on Gulf) 400, Brown pelicans 10. Backyard with lagoon: House finches 6, Brown headed nut hatch 2, Common grackles 6, Northern mockingbirds 3 (one of them learned to keen like the bald eagles we have here.),

Bald eagles 2, Great blue heron 1, Anhinga 1, Red winged blackbirds 20, Brown headed cowbirds 60, Robins 150, East. bluebirds 7, Carolina chickadees 2, Downy woodpecker 1, Hooded mergansers 10, Ground doves 4, Mourn. doves 4, Eurasian collared doves 3, Belted kingfisher 1, Otter 1.

Maggie Komosinski – Hi Kim, our recent weather here, as on B.I., seems to have negatively affected the number of birds, especially on the bay and creeks, with little open water. Turkey are not visiting my street! The local owls are silent! One exception is the “blackbirds” — I’ve had big flocks of mostly grackle, red-winged and some cowbird in my yard.

On a sad note (as Mary reported to you) we’ve had unusual numbers of dead and dying C. geese. Yesterday, alongside a group of 42 geese on the beach, there were an additional 12 — dead. Many geese carcasses have been found on L.I. beaches. Avian flu is suspected, as might be the freezing temperatures and snow accumulation. Our State DEC is apparently testing one or more birds.

On a good note, this week I’ve had 1-2 Fox Sparrow at the feeders (tho not yesterday). Mary also. “My” mockingbird comes many times a day for the still-red berries on the winterberry. Maggie.

P.S. My hens (birds after all) laid their FOY egg yesterday. [Ahhhhh, a sign of more sunlight and approaching spring. -kg] Canada Goose 88+ (and 12+ carcass), Common Goldeneye 2, Bufflehead 4, Hooded Merganser 4 (and 1 carcass), Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Merlin 1, Wild Turkey 3, Ring-billed Gull 3, Herring Gull 10, Great Black-backed Gull 2, Mourning Dove 31, Red-bellied Woodpecker 4, Downy Woodpecker 2, N. Flicker 2, Blue Jay 4, A. Crow 6, B.C. Chickadee 2, White-breasted Nuthatch 1, Carolina Wren 2, Northern Mockingbird 1, European Starling 5, Red-winged Blackbird 27 (female), Cowbird 2, C. Grackle 75+, Song Sparrow 6, White-throated Sparrow 8, House Finch 14, A. Goldfinch 5, House Sparrow 16, Slate-colored Junco 14, Northern Cardinal 2. [Q. were the Red-wing BlkBrds really all female, or males without red “epaulets” yet?-kg]

[Additional observations] We’re expecting MORE snow this weekend — only a few inches but still ... Our weather this morning felt like early March but the snow cover tells a different story.

Just an interesting observation: As you know, our dogs get a morning and an evening walk every day, during which I watch for skeins of C. geese, trying to guess numbers, and hoping for an “odd duck” (aka odd goose). What’s interesting is that the morning flights are all going **north**, likely to the farm fields closer to the LI Sound shore to feed, and the evening flights are all going **south** ... back to the creeks etc.- for safety? Maggie

Mary Komosinski – Hi Kim! Maggie told me that yesterday was a Coots walk so I have some numbers if you're interested! [Of Course! -kg] Jamesport, NY: Carolina Wren – 1, Fox Sparrow – 1, Starling – 1, BC Chickadee – 2, Mourning Dove - 18 (16 roosting in a tree!), House Finch – 8, Nuthatch – 2, Cardinal – 10, Blue Jay – 2, White-throated Sparrow – 8, Canada Geese – 25, Hairy Woodpecker – 1, Downy Woodpecker – 1, Red Bellied – 1, Goldfinch – 1. A lot of people are seeing dead Canada Geese in various places lately. Maggie and I saw one at the beach the other day, it was dying. Lack of food?? [Possibly lack of food due to ice & snow-covered fields & ponds, and generally cold, harsh winter conditions. Or, possibly bird flu - ? -kg] Hope all is well!



Megan McClellan w/ Chris & Ann – Greetings from just outside Kruger National Park in South Africa. Our Crazy as a Coot Tuesday included more than birds on safari, but the bush birds were especially spectacular — even if tough to photograph! We believe the attached pic is an ~~African-spotted barred owlet~~ [see below], which was perched in a tree at our lodge tonight. (LMK if incorrect — our Bradt Wildlife book only has a photo of its body from the back, which we couldn't observe.)

I can't isolate just Tuesday from memory, so thought we would share a list of highlights this week between the guide/tracker identifications and finding a robust bird book for additional reference. Wish I could send more pics but WiFi is in and out, and there is no mobile reception at our camp. Note: Ann and I now strongly believe the owl pic I sent is a **Pearl Spotted Owlet**, a correction to earlier note. The larger bird book clarified geography/season and has pics that better match ours. (Book: Sasol Birds of Southern Africa) South Africa (camp outside Kruger National Park): Paradise Flycatcher, Tawny Eagle, African Hawk Eagle, Bearded

Woodpecker, Cape Starlings, Long-Tailed Paradise Whydah. Botswana (camp in the Okavango Delta): Sacred Ibis, Black and White Storks, Hammerkap — this observation was especially interesting... bird had a baby catfish in its beak and was tenderizing it to smash up the bones in a shallow puddle before swallowing it, Pied Kingfisher, S Carmine Bee-eater - these birds follow our Land Rover as we move through tall grass and stir up bugs for them to swoop in and eat (safari seagulls!), Lilac Breasted Rollers. We also had some great hornbill encounters with the southern ground hornbill (listed as vulnerable), and yellow and red billed hornbills. Notably, the ground hornbill has an extraordinary call that reverberates like a drum. We were fortunate to hear two in communication in Botswana. Will send some pics as we get back to better WiFi. Heading out again now. Thanks and all our best from Botswana to BI!. Megan, Chris and Ann.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Tuesday birding! [I will list these amazing birds without number as it is impossible to know if these are single or multiple observations. -kg]

Tim Mooney – Hi Kim - We were traveling far, far away last week, and February 17 was a long airport day. This trip was heavily urban, visiting two of the world's largest cities: Istanbul and Cairo, with a couple beach days in Sharm El Sheikh, a beautiful resort area on the Red Sea. Nevertheless, we found a few life birds along the way. ID's should be taken with a grain of salt, I suppose. I did my best but I'm no expert on Eurasian/African birds!

February 15 & 16 — Istanbul, Turkiye: Eurasian Magpie – 5, Hooded Crow — approx 100, scattered individuals and small groups. You'd recognize their "caw" from many British tv shows. Common Blackbird - 6. At first glance I thought, hmm that blackbird looks kind of like a robin. Sure enough, this blackbird is a thrush. Black-headed Gull — approx 1000 (more?) in and around the lower Bosphorus. Yellow-legged Gull — approx 200, mixed with the other gulls. Look similar to a Herring Gull, but a little bigger. Great Cormorant - approx 300, mixed with the gulls. White patch on flank visible on a few birds. Gray Heron - 3, standing on breakwaters on lower Bosphorus. Rose-ringed Parakeets (aka Ring-necked Parakeets) — 5. Large, colorful, noisy birds, conspicuous in urban parks. Native to sub-Saharan Africa and India, they arrived in Istanbul accidentally via the pet trade and are now considered invasive. (According to urban legend, a truck with caged birds tipped over at the airport and many escaped.) House Sparrow – 30, European Starling – 10, Rock Pigeon - common, 200?

February 18 & 20 — Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt: Common Hoopoe - 7, feeding on the ground, taking advantage of lush landscaping in an otherwise desert environment. Their slow, halting wingbeats make them look like giant butterflies. So glad to be able to observe this. White Wagtail - 16, similarly observed foraging on the lush, green, mowed grass. Little Egret - 1, standing at the shoreline, Caspian Tern - 1, fly by on the beach. Very large tern with prominent bill. Observed 3 different times, but could have been the same bird? Hooded Crow — approx 50, common wherever we went on the trip, House Sparrow --- 15, can't escape them!

February 19 — Great Pyramids of Giza, Egypt: Falcon sp - 1. I couldn't ID it, but I'm including it here because the falcon shows up in Egyptian mythology as Horus, the god of protection and the sky. It was quite a moment to stand among the pyramids and look up to see the same bird that ancient people depicted so beautifully 4,500 years ago. It seemed bigger than a kestrel, so possibly a peregrine or lanner falcon. Who knows? It was cool!

Tom Fetherston – Greetings from Amboseli Kim - There's an 8 hour time difference, tomorrow we'll be on the road for 7 hours on the way to Tanzania. Lots of big game about of course (elephants, Cape buffalo, wildebeest, Thompson' & Grant's gazelles, hippos etc) but also a plethora of birds. There are a couple of other birders in the group, so we've been sharing observations and identification duties. Tanzania is supposed to be even better, so I can share that list with you later.

Without my laptop I have to create the list in email, when I get home I'll make it a Word document. Find a comfy chair, this will be a long one! Cheers, Fether. Here are my **Kenyan** birds: Common bulbul, Kikuyu, white-eye Black kite (4), Red-eyed dove, Abyssinian thrush, Speckled mousebird, Hadada ibis (2), Black stork, Pied crow (5), Helmeted guinea fowl (15*), Black-bellied sand grouse (3), Fish eagle, Grey crowned crane (3), Long-tailed fiscal shrike (4), Capped wheatear, African red-rumped swallow (10*), Blacksmith lapwing (4), Great egret, Kori bustard, Abyssinian scimitarbill, Common sandpiper, White-bellied bustard, Yellow-necked spur fowl (3), Black-headed heron, White-bellied go-away bird, Superb starling, Augur buzzard, Long-toed lapwing, Egyptian goose (25*) Western marsh harrier, African jacana, Little swift (10*), Red-billed duck (50*), White-faced whistling duck (200*), Black-winged stilt (15*), Reed cormorant (3), Red-knobbed coot (100*), Greater flamingo (500*), Speckled pigeon, Marabou stork (5), Fischer's sparrow lark (15*), Tawny eagle (2), Lesser flamingo (50 *), Great white pelican (24*), Kittlitz's plover, Blue-billed teal (30*), Common ostrich (3).

I provided a number when there was more than one together. Birds in large aggregations I made a "biologist's estimate" denoted with an "*".



- ¹**Dark-eyed Junco** (*Junco hyemalis*) is a species that "includes at least six recognizable populations." (The Sibley Guide to Birds). A junco seen on the east coast is Slate-colored Junco (*Junco hyemalis*). On the west coast, both Slate-colored and Oregon Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) can be found. So, when I am recording Junco sightings on the east coast I will list them as Slate-colored; however west coast Juncos will be recorded as Dark-eyed unless the reporter stipulates Oregon or Slate-colored. What fun it will be if we get reports of one of the other Juncos which are generally seen in limited areas "mid-country".
- ²Q. What is a ²**Myrtle Warbler**? A. Yellow-rumped Warbler (YRWA), *Setophaga coronata*. The species YRWA is comprised of two subspecies, once considered separate species. The eastern population/subspecies was known as Myrtle Warbler (*coronata*), and the western population/subspecies known as Audubon's Warbler (*auduboni*). These two regional populations have been "lumped" to form Yellow-rumped Warbler.