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This is the Voice of the Naturalist, a service of the Audubon Naturalist Society. This report covers the week starting Tuesday, March 20, and was completed on Tuesday, March 27 at about 8:00 a.m.

Information on noteworthy birds during this week is presented below in taxonomic order, as set forth in the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist for North and Middle American birds, as revised through the 57th Supplement (July 2016).

TOP BIRD THIS WEEK: BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER in MD

OTHER BIRDS OF INTEREST: TRUMPETER SWAN, COMMON EIDER, LONG-TAILED DUCK, BROWN PELICAN, AMERICAN BITTERN, LITTLE GULL, NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW, LAPLAND LONGSPUR

TOP BIRD

A BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER was enjoyed by many March 21-26 in Havre de Grace MD (Harford Co), most often around the intersection of Lewis & Market Streets.

OTHER BIRDS OF INTEREST

In Fauquier Co VA, up to 10 TRUMPETER SWANS were seen March 20-25 in the restricted-access area Airlie South. Two more TRUMPETER SWANS were seen March 24-25 in Loudon Co VA along Fairview St NW. In Anne Arundel Co MD, two TRUMPETER SWANS were seen at the Owensville Road pond on March 24, and the same day,

only a few miles to the north, a single TRUMPETER SWAN was seen at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

On March 24, three COMMON EIDERS were seen at the Ocean City inlet, Worcester Co MD. Also on March 24 and only a few miles to the north, a single COMMON EIDER was seen at Indian River Inlet, Sussex Co DE. On March 24, the Denton WWTP (Caroline Co MD) hosted a LONG-TAILED DUCK.

Seven BROWN PELICANS were seen March 25 from a private yard in Sussex Co DE.

On March 24 & 25, an AMERICAN BITTERN was seen at Black Marsh, Baltimore Co MD.

A single LITTLE GULL was spotted March 24 over the Susquehanna River near Lapidum/Port Deposit (Harford & Cecil Counties MD).

An early NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW was seen March 20 over Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co MD.

Two late LAPLAND LONGSPURS were seen in MD, one March 22 in Harford Co at Bradenbaugh Flats (Bradenbaugh Rd & Harford Creamery Rd), the other March 23 in Montgomery Co at Patton Turf Farm.

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This report was based on reports on the DE, MD, VA, and WV list servers via the ABA Internet links, and on eBird records.

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Thank you for your interest, and enjoy the birds.

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