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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, May 29, and was completed on Tuesday, June 5 at about 9:30 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 BIRDS THIS WEEK: WOOD STORK in MD, ROSEATE SPOONBILL in VA, SWALLOW-TAILED KITE in MD

OTHER BIRDS OF INTEREST: late waterfowl, MISSISSIPPI KITE, RED-NECKED PHALAROPE, YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER, OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER, WILSON'S WARBLER

TOP BIRDS

On June 2 & 3, a WOOD STORK was observed in Howard Co MD, at 3292 Rosemary Lane in West Friendship. In Fredericksburg VA, a ROSEATE SPOONBILL was reported in Old Mill Park on June 4. A SWALLOW-TAILED KITE was seen June 2 from the Fort Smallwood Hawkwatch, Anne Arundel Co MD.

OTHER BIRDS OF INTEREST

On June 4, a TRUMPETER SWAN was seen in Fauquier Co VA at the Clifton Institute (Restricted Access). The TUNDRA SWAN continued May 30 at Kinder Farm Park in Anne Arundel Co.

Late ducks included: a NORTHERN PINTAIL continuing June 1 at Patterson Park in Baltimore (city); two GREATER SCAUP on May 30 at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (Horsehead), Queen Anne's Co MD, and another GREATER SCAUP on June 3 & 4 at 239 Muriel Drive in Northumberland Co VA; one LESSER SCAUP on June 1 on the 12 Stones Rd pond, Harford Co MD; two SURF SCOTERS on June 1 at Big Water Farm (private), Queen Anne's Co MD, and another SURF SCOTER June 4 at DuPont Nature Center (Back Beach), Kent Co DE; single COMMON MERGANSERS at Violette's Lock (Montgomery Co MD) on May 31, along Plains Mill Rd (Rappahannock Co VA) on June 2, and at Hughes Hollow (Montgomery Co MD) also on June 2; single RED-BREASTED MERGANSERS, at Masonville Cove (Baltimore MD) on May 30, at Violette's Lock on May 2, at Lake Audubon (Fairfax Co VA) on June 2, and at Chincoteague NWR (Tom's Cove) in Accomack Co VA on June 3.

A few late single HORNED GREBES were seen also: one May 29 at Swan Creek Wetland (Baltimore MD), one June 1 at 9119 Bay Avenue in North Beach MD (Calvert Co), one June 2 at Claiborne Landing (Talbot Co MD), and the last June 4 in Loudon Co VA along VA7 about 7 mi SE of Leesburg.

Six or seven MISSISSIPPI KITES were widely scattered, mostly over VA, including the Eastern Shore.

The RED-NECKED PHALAROPE continued May 29 at Swan Creek Wetland.

A late YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER was spotted June 2 in Grantsville, Garrett Co MD.

A late OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER was seen May 29 at Swan Creek Wetland.

On June 4, a late WILSON'S WARBLER was spotted in Franconia Forest Park, Fairfax Co VA.

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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