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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, Nov 13, and was completed on Tuesday, Nov 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Information on noteworthy birds is presented below in taxonomic order, as set forth in the American Ornithological Society Checklist for North and Middle American Birds, as revised through the 59th Supplement (June 2018).

Top birds this week are: WHITE-WINGED DOVE in VA, CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD* in MD, PACIFIC LOON* in VA, BROWN BOOBY* in MD, and EVENING GROSBEAK in MD, VA, and WV.

Other Birds of Interest include waterfowl, RED-NECKED GREBE, RUBY-THROATED and RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD, COMMON GALLINULE, SANDHILL CRANE, shorebirds, PARASITIC JAEGER, NORTHERN GANNET, GREAT CORMORANT, AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN, BROWN PELICAN, raptors including SWAINSON'S HAWK, LOGGERHEAD and NORTHERN SHRIKE*, MARSH WREN, PURPLE FINCH, RED CROSSBILL, PINE SISKIN, SNOW BUNTING, sparrows, warblers, and ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK.

TOP BIRDS

A WHITE-WINGED DOVE was seen on Nov 17 perched on a power line with two Mourning Doves on Seaside Rd just before it intersects with Magotha Rd, Northampton Co, VA.

A HY male CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD*, seen on Nov 17, 18 and 19, was banded at a house on 977 Dogwood Tree Ln, Cape St Claire, Anne Arundel Co, MD. The owners have generously given permission for observers to visit between 9 am and 4 pm, but are asked to stay on the cement pad on the left side of the house, be quiet and not block neighbors' properties or driveways.

A continuing PACIFIC LOON* was seen at Sherwood Lakes Virginia Beach, VA throughout the week.

A BROWN BOOBY* was seen foraging offshore of Chesapeake Beach Veterans Memorial Park, Calvert Co, MD on Nov 18.

EVENING GROSBEAK sightings continued throughout the area with one visiting a backyard birdfeeder on Heather LN, Jefferson Co, WV on Nov 14. EVENING GROSBEAKS also showed up at several locations in MD including one in Dorchester Co, MD on the 14th; another on the 13th and 14th along Hoyes Run Rd, Garrett Co, MD; another at feeders on the 14th at West Ocean City Pond, Worcester Co, MD. In VA two

were seen at Gayton Forest, Henrico Co, VA on Nov 16 and one in Riverview Park, Charlottesville, VA on Nov 17.

OTHER BIRDS OF INTEREST

Three ROSS'S GEESE and a continuing CACKLING GOOSE were reported at Ancarrow's Landing, Richmond, VA on Nov 16. Another was seen Nov 17 along Fountain Green Rd, Harford Co, MD. One was also reported on the 19th from Lake Artemesia, Prince George's Co, MD. Single ROSS'S GEESE were seen at the Cape Henlopen Hawk Watch, Sussex Co, DE on Nov 16 and at Prime Hook NWR, Sussex Co, DE on the 18th. A ROSS'S GOOSE was also seen Nov 17 at Tom's Cove, Chincoteague NWR, Accomack Co, VA. The two continuing TRUMPETER SWANS on private ponds along Owensville Rd, Anne Arundel Co, MD were seen Nov 13 and 17. Four TRUMPETER SWANS flew over the Hawkwatch platform, Kiptopeke SP, Northampton Co, VA with one Tundra Swan (for size comparison purposes) on Nov 14.

COMMON EIDERS were seen in several locations in Sussex Co, DE this past week including 5 at Cape Henlopen SP on Nov 13, one at Fenwick Island SP on Nov 13 and 15, and three at the Indian River Inlet on the 17th and one on the 18th. A continuing HARLEQUIN DUCK was seen Nov 13 at Rudee Inlet, Virginia Beach, VA.

Single WHITE-WINGED SCOTERS were reported at North Point SP, Baltimore Co, MD on Nov 16; at Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co, MD on Nov 19; and at Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co, MD on Nov 19. A WHITE-WINGED SCOTER was seen throughout the week at the Greenfield-Botetourt Center, Botetourt Co, VA. One and sometimes 2 SURF SCOTERS were seen throughout the week at Lake Frederick, Frederick Co, VA.

A LONG-TAILED DUCK was seen in DC waters near the 14th Street Bridge on the Potomac River on Nov 18; two were on Piney Reservoir, Garrett Co, MD on Nov 19.

A RED-NECKED GREBE was seen Nov 17 at the Swan Creek Wetland/Cox Creek DMCF (access by guided tour only), Anne Arundel Co, MD.

Lingering RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS were seen Nov 16 at a feeder on Linden Ave, Arbutus, Baltimore, MD and in the Kingsmill neighborhood of Williamsburg, James City Co, VA and on the 17th in Takoma Park, Montgomery Co, MD. RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRDS continued at several feeders throughout the week including one at Fosters Branch Road, Albemarle Co, VA and another at Ox Road, Augusta Co, VA.

A COMMON GALLINULE was seen and photographed Nov 17 and 19 at Harmony Lake, Nelson Co, VA.

Three SANDHILL CRANES were photographed as they flew over the Morton Dr Access, Rivanna Trail, Charlottesville Co, VA on Nov 16. A continuing SANDHILL CRANE* was heard Nov 18 off of Cods Road across from Prime Hook NWR, Sussex Co, DE.

As many as 4 HUDSONIAN GODWITS and 5 MARBLED GODWITS were seen at Raymond Pool, Bombay Hook in Kent Co, DE on Nov 18.

Two RED KNOTS were seen Nov 16 at Back Bay NWR, Virginia Beach, VA. Three WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPERS were seen Nov 14 at the Craney Island Disposal Area (restricted access), Portsmouth, VA. A

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER was seen Nov 17 at Swan Creek Wetland/Cox Creek DMCF (access only by guided tour), Anne Arundel Co, MD.

A light morph adult PARASITIC JAEGER was seen again at Little Island Park, Virginia Beach, VA, this time on Nov 17.

Two NORTHERN GANNETS were seen Nov 14 in the upper bay from North Point SP, Baltimore Co, MD.

Ten GREAT CORMORANTS were seen Nov 18 from Bloody Point, Queen Anne's Co and 18 were seen later in the day at the Kent Point Marina, Queen Anne's Co, MD.

Four AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS flew over Magothy Bay Natural Area, Northampton Co, VA on Nov 18; the same day 4 AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS flew over the intersection of Sandpiper and Sandbridge, Virginia Beach, VA. A BROWN PELICAN was seen Nov 14 and 18 at Hacks Point Marina, Cecil Co, MD.

A SWAINSON'S HAWK* was reported on Nov 14 flying over the Rockfish Gap Hawk Watch, Augusta Co, VA. GOLDEN EAGLES continued to be spotted through the region, with one on the 17th from the Cape Henlopen Hawkwatch, Sussex Co, DE and one seen flying overhead on the 18th from Cods Rd, Prime Hook NWR, Sussex Co, DE. A GOLDEN EAGLE was also spotted in northwestern Loudoun Co, VA on Nov 16. A ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK was seen on Nov 17 from Fowler Beach Rd, Prime Hook NWR, Sussex Co, DE.

A LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE was seen Nov 17 along Kings Rd, Lunenburg Co, VA in the usual area. The NORTHERN SHRIKE* at Sully Woodlands in Fairfax Co, VA was seen again on Nov 14, 16, and 18. A NORTHERN SHRIKE* was seen Nov 18 and 19 at Piney Reservoir, Garrett Co, MD.

A MARSH WREN was seen Nov 19 at the Blandy Experimental Farm, Clarke Co, VA.

A COMMON REDPOLL was seen Nov 14 at a home in Carroll Co, MD and one was heard Nov 19 in a field on Shriver Rd, Frederick Co, MD.

A RED CROSSBILL was heard at Fort Smallwood Park, Anne Arundel Co, MD on the 18th.

Two SNOW BUNTINGS were seen throughout the week at North Point SP, Baltimore Co, MD; two were also seen Nov 19 at Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co, MD.

An AMERICAN TREE SPARROW was seen Nov 19 at Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co, MD. A CLAY-COLORED SPARROW was seen Nov 17 at Back Bay NWR, Virginia Beach, VA. A VESPER SPARROW was seen Nov 17 at Loch Lynn Boardwalk and Trail, Garrett Co, MD. The continuing LARK SPARROW at the National Arboretum, NE DC was seen again on Nov 18 and 19.

Some of the lingering warblers seen in the area were a NASHVILLE WARBLER at Layton Landing Rd and Resolutions Rd, Leedstown, Westmoreland Co, VA on Nov 18; a YELLOW WARBLER on Nov 17 at Occoquan NWR, Prince William Co, VA; a BLACKPOLL WARBLER at Ancarrow's Landing, Richmond, VA on Nov 18; and a PRAIRIE WARBLER on Nov 17 at Lone Star Lakes, Suffolk Co, VA.

Additionally, ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLERS were seen in a number of locations this past week.

Late ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAKS turned up in a yard in Frederick Co, VA on Nov 15 and at Marshy Point Nature Center, Baltimore Co, MD on Nov 18.

This week's report was based on reports on the DE, MD, VA, and WV list servers, eBird records and various birding pages on Facebook.

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