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Figure 1. Spruce Grouse, Parishville, St. Lawrence, 28 May 2011, © Melissa Burchard.



Figure 2. Fox Sparrow, Central Park, *New York*, 13 May 2010, © Lloyd Spitalnik. Stephen Chang presents a case that this bird is an example of the western North American “Sooty” Fox Sparrow (subspecies group *unalaschensis*) in this issue, pp. 203-205.



Figure 3. Blue-winged Teal x Northern Shoveler hybrid, Montezuma NWR, *Seneca*, 19 May 2011, © C. L. Wood. The Blue-winged Teal influences are best appreciated when the bird is head-on. In addition to the obvious white crescent on the face (narrower than in Blue-winged), note the pale brown breast with fine spotting. The head appeared glossy green, similar in color to Northern Shoveler. See pp. 206-207.



Figure 4. Details same as in Fig. 3. Note the extensive cinnamon sides similar to a Northern Shoveler but with small black spotting. The color is richest in the center and paler on top and near the rump. The extensive green in the secondaries and blue upperwing coverts bordered by a bold white bar are very similar to the upperwing of a Northern Shoveler, as is the bold white underwing. The tail appears similar to that of a Blue-winged Teal. Also note the brownish breast with fine black spotting, white neck-ring, and white facial crescent.



Figure 5. Blue-winged Teal x Northern Shoveler hybrid, Prospect Park, *Kings*, 22 Jan 2010, © Rob Jett. Note that this bird also shows a green head and finer markings on the breast than one would expect in Australian Shoveler. See pp. 206-207.



Figure 6. Glaucous Gull, pelagic out of Freeport, *Nassau*, 27 Mar 2011, © Peter Post.



Figure 7. Dark morph Ross's Goose, Pine Island, *Orange*, 5 Mar 11, © Curt McDermott. The dark morph of Ross's Goose is much rarer than that of Snow Goose ("Blue" Goose). This bird was part of an exceptional aggregation of rare waterfowl described in detail in Mike Bochnik's Region 9 report, pp. 274-279.