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**OUR COVER**—The tiny and secretive Yellow Rail is probably far more abundant as a transient and winter visitor than the few published records indicate. (Photo by James F. Parnell.)