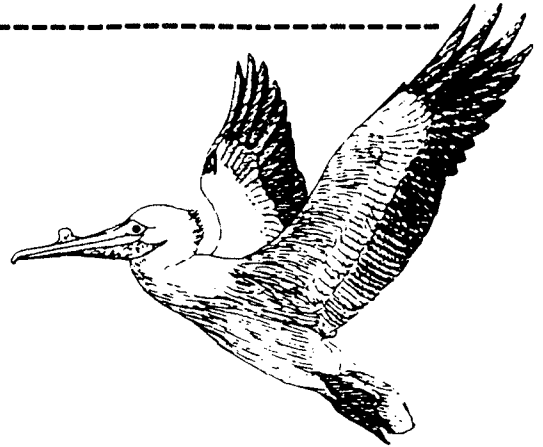

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LOOKING AHEAD TO:

WINTER BIRDING--Christmas Bird Counts

Saturday, 16 Dec., Jackson County--call Larry Gates, 268-6411.
Saturday, 16 Dec., Noxubee NWR, call Terry Schiefer, 324-3748.
Saturday, 16 Dec., Vicksburg--call Hal Moore, 638-2680.
Tuesday, 19 Dec., Sardis Lake--call Marvin Davis, 234-1773 (eve.).
Friday, 22 Dec., Grenada--call Marvin Davis, 232-5151 day/234-1773.
Tuesday, 26 Dec., Sumner--call Genevieve Tharp, 442-4622.
Tuesday, 27 Dec., Sidon--call Philip Barbour, 455-4166.
Wednesday, 27 Dec., S. Hancock Co.--call Judy Toups, 896-3153.
Saturday, 30 Dec., Church Hill--call Genevieve Tharp, 442-4622.
Saturday, 30 Dec., Hattiesburg--call Larry Gates, 268-6411.
Saturday, 30 Dec., Jackson--call Mary Stevens, 354-7303 (day).
Saturday, 30 Dec., Arkabutla--call Rob Peeples, 901/755-8671.
Sunday, 31 Dec., S. Washington Co.--call Ed Alexander, 332-7895

All members are encouraged to participate in these CBC events as an exciting and challenging annual birding activity. If you don't have the habit, start now! The organizers whose names are indicated must have advance notice so as to arrange for you to have a proper assignment.

MOS Field Trip on the Gulf Coast

A field trip on Saturday January 20th is planned to bring together birders who want to "start the year [list] right" with some great winter birding on the Mississippi Coast. There are no specific plans as yet, but the Seaman Road Lagoon will be a possible target, and advance scouting in January for "goodies" may dictate the planning more than anything. Because rooms on the Coast can be scarce, it would be a good idea to make reservations as early as possible. Two possibilities are: (1) Holiday Inn Express Biloxi/Ocean Springs; they will hold 5 rooms for MOSers until 6:00 p.m. on January 19. These are non-smoking rooms with 2 double beds, microwave, refrigerator and continental breakfast. This is a new motel at the Ocean Springs exit (#50) of I-10, and will be very convenient to Seaman Road. Call 1-800-465-4329, or 601-875-7555, and use confirmation No. 68656370. Prices, \$49 double on 19th, \$59 on the 20th; \$5 extra for each added person. (2) Arlean Hall, Seashore United Methodist Assembly, on the beach in Biloxi. Rooms have 2 double beds, TV, no phone. Price, \$30 for one person, \$4 for each added person. Call Jenny Webb at 601-432-1754 by January 10. To help arrangements, *notify JoRee if you plan to attend: 601-875-4138.*

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SPRING BIRDING--The Spring '96 MOS Meeting

The 1996 location will be at Forest, MS, chosen for its access to the nearby Bienville National Forest for a "Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Weekend," May 3-5, 1996. If you have never seen this "Deep South specialty" species, *this is your opportunity*. Remember, birding folks from other regions make a special trip for many hundreds of miles to see this woodpecker; you can do it for less than 200! The after-dinner speaker Saturday will be Robert McFarlane, biologist and author of A Stillness in the Pines. Margaret Copeland of Starkville, who is in charge of arrangements says, "Pass the word, reserve the dates, see YOU there!"

SUMMER BIRDING--MOS-Sponsors JUNE 8, 1996 Gulf of Mexico Trip

The Mississippi Ornithological Society is pleased to announce its first truly pelagic off-shore "boating for birding" trip, for which non-members as well as members are invited to participate. En route to (and from) Mississippi waters, the craft will take us out of the mouth of the Mississippi River and through Louisiana waters for several hours, permitting work on one's LA List as well as that for MS. To reserve a place on the boat, send names of all people to be included, your telephone number and a stamped self-addressed envelope to our trip organizer (see below). We strongly urge making early motel reservations at Venice or nearby Empire, LA.

Departure point: Venice, LA (Yes, you read that right! See page 9 for map to show why this point of departure is very advantageous over leaving from a Miss. Coast port.)

Destination: The Continental Slope well off the Mississippi Coast for waters to 200 meters in depth.

Distance offshore: 60 miles *Trip length:* 12 hours, leaving early

Trip Organizer: Don McKee, 3512 Celeste Ave., Moss Point, MS 39563; phone 601/474-2521; fax 601/762-1409.

Cost: \$60 (This is in accord with costs for other pelagic trips, and is based on a group of 38 people to split the charter costs; this is the boat and captain used by the Louisiana Ornithological Society for 2 similar trips in 1995.) The trip will be advertised in the Feb. newsletter of the Am. Birding Assoc., and we expect to attract some visitors.

Species Expectations: *Wilson's, Leach's & Band-rumped Storm-Petrels; Audubon's Shearwater and others; Masked Booby; Sooty and Bridled Terns.* This is said to be an excellent area for marine mammals, e.g., *Sperm Whale[!]*, *Pantropical Spotted Dolphin* (source of sp. projections: Dwight Peake, Houston, TX)

LOOKING BACK: MOS PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Partner's in Flight Meeting at Cape May, NJ
Allan J. Mueller

In October I represented MOS at the 1995 Partners In Flight International Workshop at Cape May, New Jersey. The meeting was well attended, with over 550 attendees from all over the U.S. as

well as from Canada and Latin America. Mark Woodrey, our state ornithologist, also attended.

MOS is affiliated with Partners In Flight, and Mississippi issues were a highlight of the meeting. A five-member panel from Mississippi and Louisiana presented, to the general session, the results of an exciting planning effort in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley. (I never thought I would say that planning is exciting, but this planning has the potential to really influence conservation on-the-ground.)

The Mississippi Alluvial Valley covers 24 million acres in seven states. In Mississippi it includes the Delta and the Mississippi River floodplain south of Natchez. Before European and African settlement it was a great bottomland hardwood forest interlaced with rivers, brakes, and oxbow lakes. Today 75 percent of the forest has been cleared and almost all of the streams have been dredged or channelized for flood control.

Despite these tremendous changes, the Mississippi Alluvial Valley still retains great value as wildlife habitat, especially for birds. It is a major waterfowl wintering area that attracts both hunters and birders. Use of the Mississippi Alluvial Valley as shorebird stopover migration habitat has probably increased with development and forest clearing. Agricultural fields and catfish ponds provide more mudflat habitat than existed before. Unfortunately, throughout North America shorebird habitat has greatly decreased, so the Mississippi Alluvial Valley is being called on to "pick up the slack". Breeding forest birds are a third group of birds that rely heavily on Mississippi Alluvial Valley habitat.

A group from The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, five states, and several other groups have been working to define, quantify, combine, and coordinate the conservation needs of these three groups of birds: wintering waterfowl, transient shorebirds, and breeding forest birds. Progress has been good and the presentation at the Partners In Flight meeting was well received. Mississippi work is influencing bird conservation planning throughout the nation.

Partners In Flight is a vigorous program and I will do my best to keep MOS involved. With support throughout North America, which starts locally with organizations like MOS, perhaps we can pass a healthy bird list on to our children and grandchildren.

Oh, by the way, Cape May is a great place to be in the fall! (Partners In Flight has a habit of picking good places for meetings.) You can see migration happening before your eyes. Hawks, shorebirds, and song birds were all visibly moving south. The most interesting thing for me was trying to identify song birds on the wing as they landed in the woods at the extreme south end of New Jersey. That is definitely an identification skill I have not yet mastered. Several of the local birders were amazing in their ability to identify song birds based on 10 seconds of on-the-wing

observation. Of course, I don't know if they were correct identifications; I had no way of checking.

REPORT ON THE FALL MOS MEETING -- Terry and Marion Schiefer
 [for Bird List see page 8]

The MOS met 22-24 September 1995 at Leroy Percy State Park in Washington County. The meeting was hosted by Ed Alexander and Nona Herbert. During the Friday night informal get-together, refreshments were served and several members showed slides, which included Lafayette County pictures of the February, 1993 by Marvin Davis and Jerry Jackson's pictures of woodpecker (Vel.-shaft. Flicker) damage to the space shuttle.

Saturday's birding began at dawn with a pair of Great Horned Owls calling in plain view right outside the cabins where many of the MOSers were staying. The day was sunny but cool for September (low of 45°F!). Our group started the day birding around the park, where we saw a variety of land birds, but migrant species were scarce. Later we birded at Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge and added an assortment of water birds to our list, including Anhingas and a Black-necked Stilt (birds we don't get to see at Starkville).

One group of MOSers was enticed to cross the Mississippi River to Arkansas' Lake Chicot for a field trip led by Don Simon, the park naturalist. The Saturday night program was given by James Cummings, who spoke about the activities of the Delta Wildlife Foundation in conserving Mississippi's wildlife.

REPORT ON MOS FIELD TRIP, NOXUBEE NWR -- Marion and Terry Schiefer

We want to say "thanks" to the MOSers who braved the terrible cold and windy weather on 11 November to join us in the field trip that was supposed to attract local interest in MOS. We did get several calls from local people interested in the field trip, but when the day arrived all the non-MOS locals "chickened out." Most of the birds stayed home too. They had more sense than we had. It really was one of those days that you wouldn't go birding unless you had to, and we had to work hard to find the birds that we did. The smaller land birds were particularly difficult to come by because of the strong winds, but we did manage to see a great variety of ducks and other water birds, including some Black Ducks, a Snow Goose, both Horned and Eared Grebes, a late Barn Swallow and a very late Tricolored Heron.

The weather improved some as the sun did come out later in the day, and after noon the MOSers that remained with us enjoyed a hike in nearby Jeff Busby Park on the Natchez Trace. There we had three Red-breasted Nuthatches, which are being reported nearly everywhere in Mississippi this year it seems. We just happened to be in the park at the height of its fall colors and were impressed with the beautiful yellow and golden hues of so many of the trees. We hope to have better weather and better participation at the next MOS Field Trip to be held on the Coast in January (see above).

REPORT ON THE FALL MIGRATION COUNT -- Marion Schiefer

We had very little notice from the national coordinator about the new Fall Migration Count project, held on September 16 of this year, so we didn't have enough time to muster a lot of participation. In spite of this, we had several counts at least partially covered by MOS members and local Audubon Society members. Bolivar (None Herbert), Newton (Joe McGee) and Rankin Counties (Bill Turcotte) each were counted by just a single observer. Warren County MOSers had a conflict with their annual fall hawkwatch, but Hall Moore agreed to keep a count of everything they saw as a "stationary" count to be included with the state data. However, they had the worst hawk-counting day in their records, with strong southwester winds and cloudy weather that were experienced over most of the state that day. Twelve observers on the hillside in the Vicksburg Battlefield Park were disappointed in the birds.

Lafayette and Oktibbeha Counties were the only two that were fortunate enough to recruit regular (in-the-field) participants on such late notice to cover their counties fairly well and come up with a pretty good representation of the variety of bird species present. Lafayette, with 7 regular and 4 feeder-watching participants tallied 73 species, the data being compiled by Marvin Davis. In Oktibbeha, Terry Schiefer was the compiler, and with 8 participants we tallied 1010 species. Most compilers reported adverse weather conditions that day with steady winds of as much as 15 mph (and gusting much higher) and cloudy conditions most of the day with some rain showers, which contributed to the lack of warblers on most of the counts. We were lucky in Oktibbeha to find a few spots out of the wind where the warblers were evidently hiding, and ended up with a tally of 18 warbler species [Ed's. envious emphasis!] for the day. The list of species seen (or heard) on at least one count for that day totalled **123 species**:

PIED-B. GREBE	BLK-NECKED STILT	GT.CRST FLYCTCHR	NORTHERN PARULA
D-C. CORMORANT	LESSER YELLOWLEGS	EASTERN KINGBIRD	YELLOW WARBLER
ANHINGA	SPOTTED SAND.	HORNED LARK	CHSTNT-SIDE WARB
GT. BLUE HERON	SANDERLING	TREE SWALLOW	MAGNOLIA WARBLER
LEAST EGRET	LEAST SANDPIPER	N. RGH-WNG. SWAL	YEL-THRTD WARB.
SNOWY EGRET	BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	BANK SWALLOW	PINE WARBLER
LITTLE BLUE HER	PECTORAL SAND.	BARN SWALLOW	BLK & WHT WARB.
CATTLE EGRET	COMMON SNIPE	BLUE JAY	AMER. REDSTART
GREEN HERON	RING-BILLED GULL	AMERICAN CROW	PROTHONTRY WARB.
BL-CRWN NGT HER	LEAST TERN	FISH CROW	OVENBIRD
WHITE IBIS	ROCK DOVE	CAR. CHICKADEE	KENTUCKY WARB.
WOOD STORK	MOURNING DOVE	TUFTED TITMOUSE	COM.YELLOWTHROAT
CANADA GOOSE	YEL-BILL CUCKOO	RED-BRSTD NTHTCH	HOODED WARBLER
WOOD DUCK	EAST.SCREECH OWL	WHT-BRSTD NTHTCH	CANADA WARBLER
GREEN-WING TEAL	GRT.HORNED OWL	BROWN-HD. NTHTCH	YEL-BRSTED CHAT
MALLARD	BARRED OWL	CAROLINA WREN	SUMMER Tanager
NORTHERN PINTAIL	COMMON NIGHTHAWK	BLU-GR. GNTCTCHR	N. CARDINAL
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	CHIMNEY SWIFT	EASTERN BLUEBIRD	BLUE GROSBEAK
BLACK VULTURE	R-T. HUMMINGBIRD	WOOD THRUSH	INDIGO BUNTING
TURKEY VULTURE	BELT. KINGFISHER	AMERICAN ROBIN	RUF-SIDE TOWHEE
OSPREY	RED-HEAD.WOODPKR	GRAY CATBIRD	CHIPPING SPAR.
NORTH. HARRIER	RED-BELL.WOODPKR	N. MOCKINGBIRD	RED-WNG BLACKBRD
RED-SHOLDR HAWK	DOWNY WOODPECKER	BROWN THRASHER	EAST. MEADOWLARK
BROAD-WING HAWK	HAIRY WOODPECKER	LOGGERHD SHRIKE	COMMON GRACKLE
RED-TAILED HAWK	RED-COCK'D WOODP	EUR. STARLING	BROWN-HEAD COWBIRD
AMERICAN KESTREL	NORTHERN FLICKER	WHITE-EYED VIREO	ORCHARD ORIOLE
PEREGRINE FALCON	PILEATED WOODPKR	YEL-THRT VIREO	NORTHERN ORIOLE
WILD TURKEY	EAST. WOOD PEWEE	RED-EYED VIREO	HOUSE FINCH
N. BOB-WHITE	ACADIAN FLYCTCHR	BLUE-WING WARB.	AM. GOLDFINCH
SEMIPALM. PLOVER	LEAST FLYCTCHR	GOLDEN-WING WARB.	HOUSE SPARROW
KILLDEER	EASTERN PHOEBE	TENNESSEE WARB.	

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD:*Waterfowl, Other Waterbirds*

The promises of a massive duck crop for 1995 (est. 83 million, best since the 1970s) has shown some sign of fulfillment in north Mississippi, where several thousand dabbling ducks were seen by mid-October on Sardis Lake and Grenada Lake. The numbers are not unusual, but usually not before a month later than that. Earlier, there also were small but encouraging numbers of late August and 1st-half of September dabblers moving in addition to the expected Blue-winged Teal. A single female White-winged Scoter was at the Oxford wastewater treatment lagoon from 7 to 14 Nov. A single male Am. Goldeneye was a bit early at Enid L. on 24 Nov. by R. Briscoe.

The continued growth in populations of Double-crested Cormorants seemed to show at Sardis Lake, where 500+ were estimated already by late September, and into the several 1000s range by Oct. into Nov. Similar growth in Am. White Pelican populations coming through Mississippi were suggested by the 6-700 at Arkabutla Lake in November and the 525±50 pelicans on Sardis Lake from mid-Oct. Thanksgiving. However, Tibor Mikuska, a Croatian biology student at Oxford, estimated 900±100 pelicans on the wing there on 11-25.

Raptors

"BEST NEWS!" The Enid Lake Prairie Falcon is back!! This falcon somehow became imprinted on the Enid Dam area for its wintering territory, and has come to Mississippi now for five years, away from regions where most of its species winter. Some newly-into-birds folks from the Grenada area recently were eager to hear if there would be opportunity to see this lady falcon from the West. Well, Gene Knight saw the bird on 12 Nov. and Robert Briscoe of Lafayette Co. added sightings on 23 & 24 Nov., all by the usual strategy--waiting from ca. 4:00 p.m. for the bird's arrival in Cossar State Park at the boat launching ca. 30 yd. N of the Park Office and dining hall buildings. The falcon regularly comes there, to a tree on the west shore near the tip of the peninsula, before going to roost for the night.

"PLENTY GOOD NEWS!" There are a good many Bald Eagles already at N. Miss. reservoirs. At least one adult has been at Sardis Lake since August (Vic Theobald). Robert Briscoe reports 4 ad. there on 11-25; a fairly spectacular happening was his watching two of them soaring together and ascending higher and higher into the blue sky until they were lost from sight--rising beyond the range of his binoculars! Spectacular in another way was Robert's sighting of **11 Bald Eagles (5ad, 6imm) in view at one time** from Water Valley Boat Ramp on the south shore of Enid Lake on 11-12-95; most of these were competing for a large dead fish on the now greatly-exposed lake bottom. There was a like sighting there once in a January, but nothing to match this aggregation so early in the cool months.

Shorebirds

"Fall" migration of shorebirds had its usual summertime onset in July and August. From the Gulf Coast comes a rumor of Long-billed Curlew, but only from the rather inaccessible Ship Island beaches. *Wish I'd been there!* Otherwise, only a so-so season.

Lots of Black-necked Stilts records came from the Delta, a few being confirmed local nesters, plus other probables. The related

Am. Avocet was scarce, but a lone laggard surprised us at Sardis Lake on the late date of 28 October. A possible new high count for a non-coastal Sanderling occurrence was of 27 on the mud of Sardis Lake in mid-October (MD).

Hummingbirds

There are end-of-November reports of inland hummers at least as far north as Starkville--the choice selection being one female each of Rufous and *Anna's* from the West at Margaret Coleman's feeders. [Ed. enjoyed them on 2 Dec.; thanks Margaret and Terry!] The grapevine report from the Gulf Coast "beats all:" Doris Hope at Diamondhead in Hancock Co. had 2-3 dozen "sippers" in late November! Of those, Bob Sargent trapped and banded a bunch and IDed *FIVE species: Rufous, Black-chinned, Allen's, Calliope and Broad-tailed!!* Do you suppose that the red plastic wading pool in her yard really is drawing them to it?

Northern Finches

Judy Burkepile from SW Oxford had the "earlybird" among a good fall crop of Red-breasted Nuthatches, also appearing at the Davis's and Knight's yards in Oxford/Lafayette Co. Judy's appeared in time for the 1st Annual Fall Migration Count on 16 September. She also has some customers of the Brown-headed persuasion, and hopes for a White-breasted Nuthatch to show up a in timely manner.

There are three signs that the coming winter may be a good one for Evening Grosbeaks. The grapevine (sadly, no more do we have a Rare Bird Alert line in Mississippi) carried a report from Jim and Dianne Paterson of Evening Grosbeaks at Columbus, and your editor received a call on 20 Nov. from Connie Norris, who is about to be a new member of MOS, from Coles Point on Sardis Lake that twenty Evening Grosbeaks were attacking her sunflower feeder. Sadly, the latter birds' visit seems to have been a "one-day wonder," and work kept Ed. from sharing. Another twenty were reported by Rob Peeples from southern Desoto Co., west of Arkabutla L., on 23 Nov. Perhaps we all will have chances for this species before winter passes.

Other Passerines

The water feature in the yard at Gene and Shannon Knight's country home [Lafayette County] continued to be a great attraction for southbound warblers; they tallied numerous warbler species this season, besides vireos and other nice passerines. Sandra Davis enjoyed seeing the not-so-rare but generally very uncooperative Lincoln's Sparrow being very accommodating in skulking around her Oxford patio in early Nov. Rob Peeples and friends enjoyed a Western Meadowlark singing near Little Texas in Tunica Co. on 11-18.

BIRDING QUIZ:

- A. Did you know?** "It is estimated that 90% or more of the total population of the Pectoral Sandpiper *exists only in the spring and summer seasons.*" -- Do you agree with this seemingly extreme statement? If so, can you explain how/why it is true? ["answer" next NL]
- B. Can you do it?** -- Christmas Bird Counts often demand estimating nos. in large flocks, esp. blackbirds. Test your skills on a photo of such a flock (next page); you have the advantage that the birds aren't moving as they are on CBC Day! [Answer on page 9.]

WASHINGTON COUNTY BIRD LIST
FALL MOS MEETING, 22-23 SEPTEMBER 1995

Pied-billed Grebe	Semipalmated Sand.	Tufted Titmouse
Am. White Pelican*	Least Sandpiper	Carolina Wren
Double-cr. Cormorant	Pectoral Sandpiper	Winter Wren
Anhinga	Stilt Sandpiper	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Least Bittern	Buff-breasted Sand.	E. Bluebird
Great Blue Heron	Long-billed Dowitcher	Swainson's Thrush
Great Egret	Short-billed Dowitcher	Wood Thrush
Snowy Egret	Common Snipe	Am. Robin
Little Blue Heron	Ring-billed Gull	Gray Catbird
Cattle Egret	Caspian Tern*	N. Mockingbird
Green Heron	Rock Dove	Brown Thrasher
night-heron (sp.)	Mourning Dove	Loggerhead Shrike
White Ibis	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Eur. Starling
Canada Goose	Great Horned Owl	White-eyed Vireo
Wood Duck	Barred Owl	Yellow-throated Vireo
Green-winged Teal	Belted Kingfisher	Philadelphia Vireo
Mallard	Chimney Swift	Red-eyed Vireo
N. Pintail	Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	Blue-winged Warbler
Blue-winged Teal	Red-headed Woodpecker	Tennessee Warbler
N. Shoveler	Red-bellied Woodpecker	N. Parula
Am. Wigeon	Downy Woodpecker	Magnolia Warbler
Osprey	Hairy Woodpecker	Blk.-thr. Green Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	N. Flicker	Am. Redstart
Cooper's Hawk	Pileated Woodpecker	Summer Tanager
Red-shouldered Hawk	E. Wood-Pewee	Scarlet Tanager
Broad-winged Hawk	Acadian Flycatcher	N. Cardinal
Red-tailed Hawk	E. Phoebe	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Am. Kestrel	Grt. Crested Flycatcher	Blue Grosbeak
Peregrine*	Eastern Kingbird	Indigo Bunting
Common Moorhen	Tree Swallow	Rufous-sided Towhee
Am. Coot	N. Rough-wing. Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Cliff Swallow	Common Grackle
Black-necked Stilt	Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Greater Yellowlegs	Blue Jay	Am. Goldfinch
Lesser Yellowlegs	Common Crow	House Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Carolina Chickadee	<u>2-Day Total: 107 sp</u>

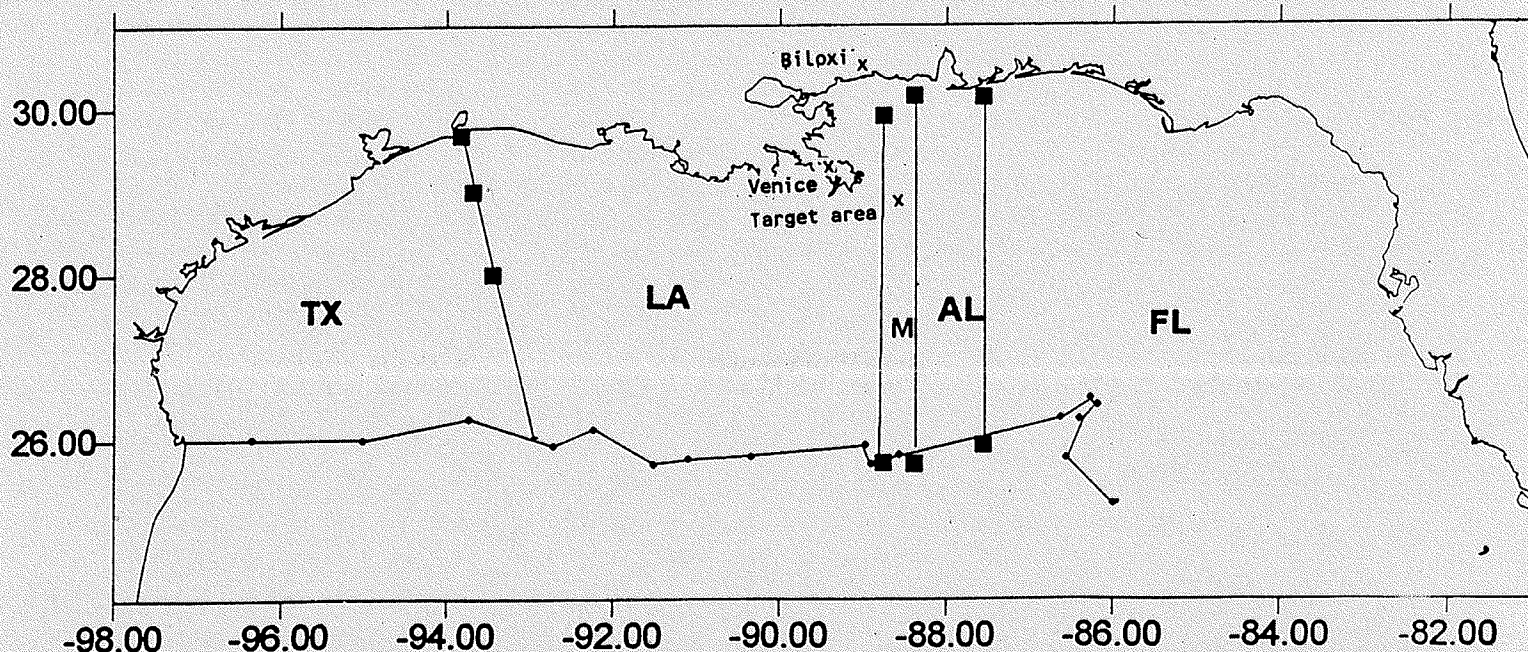
*Seen only in Arkansas



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