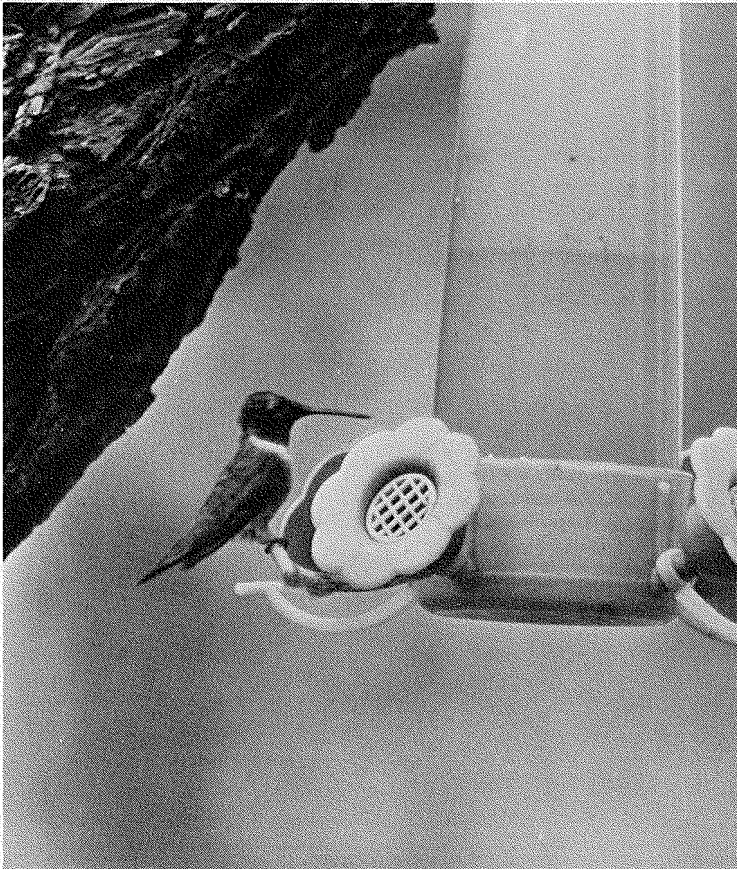


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Another Great Cormorant on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

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On 8 September 1984, we identified a Great Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo) at the east end of Bellefontaine Beach, Jackson County, Mississippi. The cormorant was sitting on a piling about 100 m from the road on which we were standing. It was 10:30, sunny, and about 32 C (89 F), with winds blowing about 10-15 knots. We watched the bird for about 10 minutes the first time, and an hour later we observed it for another 5 minutes. We viewed the bird with 7 X binoculars and a 20-60 X zoom spotting scope.

The Great Cormorant was in its first-year plumage, and we specifically noted the lack of an orange gular area, the presence of a very white area from cheek to cheek, and a dark neck and breast with a white belly.

We also saw the bird on 9 Sept. with a 20-40 X zoom spotting scope, although at that time it was far offshore and perched on a buoy with 20 Brown Pelicans (Pelecanus occidentalis). The bird was smaller than the pelicans, but larger than the Double-crested Cormorant which was on a nearby piling.

Previous records of this northeastern species have included sightings by Larry Gates and Judy Toups of an immature on 1 November 1978 at Bellefontaine Beach (Jackson and Cooley 1978), and by Toups of an immature on 10 April 1984 at Biloxi (Hodges and Jackson 1984).

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Late Nesting of Eastern Bluebirds in Mississippi

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On 31 July 1984, 15 days after five young fledged from a nest box in Starkville, Oktibbeha Co., Mississippi, a pair of Eastern Bluebirds (Sialia sialis) returned and the female began nest-building. By 8 August, 4 eggs had been laid. Of these, only two hatched (on 21 and 22 August). The two nestlings fledged within 5 minutes of each other on the evening of 7 September. The two unhatched eggs were infertile.

Throughout the incubation period, four juveniles from the previous brood were frequently on or near the nest box. The adults made only token efforts to drive them away the last two days before the late brood fledged. The four older juveniles and one of the late fledglings were seen together on 15 September. Although young of earlier broods are known to feed young of later broods in some species, such was never observed in this case.

Birds Around the State: December 1983–November 1984

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 December 1983 through 30 November 1984. The sequence of information in each account is: species, number, date, place, observer(s). Numbers of birds sighted are underlined. The significance of sightings is indicated by a letter in parentheses following a record. These letters are as follows: (A) = arrival date, (D) = departure date, (E) = early date, (L) = late date, (N) = unusually large number, (R) = species rare in area. Other abbreviations used include the following: m = male, f = female, imm = immature, ad = adult, pr = pair, pl = plumage, GMA = Game Management Area, CBC = Christmas Bird Count, BBS = Breeding Bird Survey of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, PRM = Pascagoula River Marsh. The list of sightings is followed by keys to observers' initials and new or unusual localities mentioned. Localities that have been frequently cited in past issues of "Birds Around the State" and identified in previous keys may not be included in the present key.

Contributions of records are welcome from anyone who makes observations of Mississippi birds. Only with the assistance of many individuals from throughout the state over a period of years can we come to understand the dynamics of the bird populations of Mississippi. Contributors should submit records on 3 X 5-inch cards or similar-sized slips of paper with the following information: species, number seen, date (including year), location (county and distance and direction from nearest town), observer(s), and details and significance of observation. While records are welcome at any time, those received by 15 March, 15 June, 15 August, and 15 December will be submitted with the seasonal report to American Birds as well as being considered for use in the Mississippi Kite. Please send all records to:

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- RED-THROATED LOON -- 1 winter pl, 17 Mar., Ocean Springs, JT, JD, et al. (R).
- COMMON LOON -- 38, 4 Nov., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., MD (N).
- PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 50, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 1, 18 Apr., Hickory, JM; 30, 4 Oct., Clermont Harbor, JT, MB (A).
- HORNED GREBE -- 26, 26 Dec., Sardis dam, MD; 1 breeding pl, 8 May, Ocean Springs, JT; 1, 6 Nov., Waveland sewage lagoon, JT, DK (A).
- EARED GREBE -- 7, 1 Dec., Waveland lagoon, JT, GM, DK (N); 2, 26 Jan., Waveland beach, JT, GM, EJ (R); 2, 1 Mar., offshore Hancock Co., JT, MB; 1, 25 Sept., PRM, JT (R,A); 2, 30 Oct., 4, 6 & 13 Nov., Waveland lagoon, JT, GM, m.ob. (R).
- NORTHERN GANNET -- 1 imm, 21 Aug., Long Beach, JT, m.ob. (R, picked up, died 2 days later); 1 imm, 23 Aug., Biloxi, JT, m.ob. (R, picked up, rehabilitated); 3, 8 Nov., 9 km south of Horn I., DR (A).
- AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 25, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC; 70, 17 Mar., Shepard State Park, JT, JD, et al.; 24, 1 Sept., PRM, MH (A); 200, 26 Oct., Jackson Co., JT, MB (N).
- BROWN PELICAN -- 3, 10 Jan., Jackson Co., JT, EJ (R); 1, 14 Jan., Biloxi, JS (R); 25 mostly imm, 12 May, Greenwood I., JT, m.ob. (N); 35, 9 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, MH (N).
- GREAT CORMORANT -- 1 imm, 10 Apr., Biloxi, JT (R); 1, 8 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JS, LA, MP, HW (R).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 500+, 22 Mar., Conservation Lake, Bolivar Co., N & JCH (N); 1150, 9 Apr., Mud Lake, Desoto Co., B & LC (N); 3 imm, 12 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, GM, JD (A).
- ANHINGA -- 2, 3 May, Hancock & Harrison cos., JT, MB, PM; 2, 21 July, Barnett Res., Madison Co., JM.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 82, 5 Sept., Biloxi, MH (N); 30-40, 22 Sept., St. Martin, Jackson Co., H & CC, DR (N); 2, 26 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MB (D).
- AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 14-15 Aug., Jackson Marsh, JS, H & CC (E); 1, 19 Oct., Pearlinton, JT, MB, DR.
- LEAST BITTERN -- 2 imm, Lake Lincoln, Lincoln Co., LT.
- TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 imm, 7-25 July, Brookhaven sewage pond, LT.
- REDDISH EGRET -- 3 imm, 10 Aug., Hancock Co., JT, GM (R); 3 imm, 11 Aug., Biloxi, JT, DK, JD, CR; 5 imm, 22 Aug., Hancock Co., JT, MB, DK.
- CATTLE EGRET -- 50, 13 June, Hancock Co., JT, JD (N); 4, 4 Nov., Barnett Res., Madison Co., JT, JD, MB, GM (L); 8, 1 Dec., Pearlinton, JT, GM, DK (N).

- GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 1, 17 Mar., Jackson Co., JT, JD, m.ob.
(A); 22 (incl. 2 downy young in nest), 19 May, Greenwood
I., JT, CR, JD, DK (N).
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1 imm, 6 Dec., Gautier, JS (R); 3,
13 Mar., Logtown, JT, GM (A); 1-2 ad, 6 Apr.-10 May,
Hickory, JM.
- WHITE IBIS -- 47 mostly imm, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 2
imm, 15 June, Barnett Res., Madison Co., JM; 15 mostly imm,
PRM, JT, DK, JD, CR; 4 ad, 25 imm, Ansley, JT, MH, DK.
- Plegadis sp. -- 12, 9 Oct., 1, 19 Oct., 2, 23 Oct., Clermont
Harbor, JT, DT, DR, m.ob.
- WOOD STORK -- 14, 28 June, Mile 314 of Miss. R. (near Ft.
Adams), DG.
- SNOW GOOSE -- 50 white phase, 1 Dec., Hancock Co., JT, GM, DK.
- CANADA GOOSE -- 7, 26 Jan., Waveland, JT; 50-60, 29 Nov.,
Jackson Co., GM (R).
- WOOD DUCK -- 1-4, 30 Sept.-17 Oct., Hickory, JM; 12, 19 Nov.,
Waveland lagoon, JT, JS.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 1 m, 26 Oct., PRM, JT, MB (A).
- AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- 2, 13 Mar., Port Bienville, JT, GM.
- MOTTLED DUCK -- 1 ad, 7 young, 28 Apr., PRM, JT, D & DoK; 15, 16
June, PRM, JT, GM; 35, 11 Aug., PRM, JT, DK, JD, CR.
- NORTHERN PINTAIL -- 3 m, 4 f, 29 Nov., Clermont Harbor, JT, DK
(A).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 2 m, 2 f, 10 Apr., Newton Co., JM; 1 f, 3
young, 28 Apr., Waveland lagoon, JT, D & DoK; 150, 30 Aug.,
PRM, JT, m.ob. (N).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 50, 1 Dec., Waveland lagoon, JT, GM, DK
(N); 12, 22 Mar., Conservation Lake, Bolivar Co., N & JCH;
1 m, 1 f, 30 Aug., PRM, MH, DK, JT (A); 55, 25 Sept., PRM,
JT.
- GADWALL -- 3 pr, 13 Apr., Bolivar Co., NH (D); 3, 19 Oct.,
Clermont Harbor, JT, MB, DR (A).
- AMERICAN WIGEON -- 3, 29 Nov., Clermont Harbor, JT, DK.
- CANVASBACK -- 20, 30 Mar., Ocean Springs, JT, m.ob.; 2 m, 6
Nov., Waveland lagoon, JT, DK (A).
- REDHEAD -- 80, 1 Dec., Waveland lagoon, JT, GM, DK (N); 10, 26
Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, DR (A).
- RING-NECKED DUCK -- 305, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC; 70+, 1 Mar.,
Waveland lagoon, JT, MB; 100, 10 Nov., Waveland lagoon, JT,
RL.
- GREATER SCAUP -- several, 10 Jan., Jackson Co., JT, EJ.
- LESSER SCAUP -- 500,000, 10 Jan., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, EJ
(N).
- Scaup sp. -- 3, 21 July, Barnett Res., Madison Co., JM; 250,000,
29 Nov., Miss. Sound, Harrison Co., JT, DK (N).

- OLDSQUAW -- 30, 30 Mar., off Biloxi, JT, m.ob. (N).
 COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 15, 27 Jan., Biloxi, JS (N); 1 f, 29 Nov.,
 Waveland, JT, DK (A).
 BUFFLEHEAD -- 30, 6 Nov., Waveland lagoon, JT, DK (A).
 HOODED MERGANSER -- 3, 15 Nov., Biloxi, JS (A).
 COMMON MERGANSER -- 1, 19 Dec., Waveland lagoon, JT, MB (R); 15,
 26 Dec., Sardis dam-Lower Lake, Panola Co., B & LC; 7 f, 29
 Dec., Sardis dam-Lower Lake, MD; 2 f, 1 Jan., Sardis
 dam-Lower Lake, MD (R).
 RED-BREADED MERGANSER -- 3, 6 Nov., Hancock Co., JT, DK (A).
 RUDDY DUCK -- 500+, 1 Dec., Waveland lagoon, JT, GM, DK (N);
730, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 1, 6 Oct., Waveland
 Tagoon, JT, DR, DK (A).
 BLACK VULTURE -- 308, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N).
 TURKEY VULTURE -- 267, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N).
 OSPREY -- 1, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC; 4 pr (3 at nests), 3
 Mar., Escatawpa marsh, Jackson Co., JT, JD; 1, 14 Mar.,
 DeSoto Co., JE (E); 1, 25 Apr., Hickory, JM; 2, 12 May, 4,
 19 May, Greenwood I., JT, DK, CR, JD; 3, 26 Oct., PRM, JT,
 MB; 1, 27 Oct., Clermont Harbor, JT, GM.
 AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 15 Mar., Port Bienville, JT,
 MB (A); 8, 24 Mar., 2, 5 Apr., 3, 7 Apr., Logtown, JT,
 m.ob.; 2, 19 May, Pascagoula GMA, JT, CR, DK, JD; 1, 7
 June, Hancock Co., JT, MB; 1, 26 Aug., Pascagoula GMA,
 George Co., H & CC, EJ, JS, H & LW (D).
 BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- 5 ad, 13 Dec., Hancock Co. (3
 locations), JT, DR; 6 ad, 1 imm, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC,
 GM, JD, DR, L & TG (N); 2 ad, 1 Mar.-1 May, 1 ad, 3
 fledglings, Pearlinton, JT, m.ob.; 1 ad, 15 Mar., near
 Port Bienville, JT, MB; 2 ad, 3 juvenal pl, 27 May, near
 Port Bienville, J & BJ; 1, 19, 23 & 29 Oct., Port
 Bienville, DR, JT, MB, m.ob.; 1, 30 Oct., 10 Nov., Lucky's
 Corner, Lakeshore, GM, JT, m.ob.
 MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1, 23 Apr., Logtown, JT, D & DoK (A); 2, 1
 May, 1, 16 May, Logtown, JT, CD, W & WeW; 1, 7 June,
 Hancock Co., JT, MB; 1, 8 & 17 Aug., Hickory, JM.
 BALD EAGLE -- max of 6 ad, 5 imm, 17 Dec.-7 Jan., Sardis Lake,
 Panola Co., MD, m.ob.; 1 ad, 13 Jan., Pass Christian, KC;
1 ad, 1 sub-ad, 4 Nov., Barnett Res., Madison Co., JD, GM,
 MB, JT.
 NORTHERN HARRIER -- 40, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 1 imm, 8
 Sept., Port Bienville, MH, JT (A).
 SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1, 1 Dec., Waveland, JT, GM, DK; 2, 13 &
 19 Dec., Hancock Co., JT, DR, m.ob.; 1, 23 May, Greenwood
 I., JT, DK (L); 1, 23 & 29 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, DK,
 CD; 3, 1 Oct., Ocean Springs, JT, GM.

- COOPER'S HAWK -- 1, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC; 1, 22 Feb., Hancock Co., JT, EJ; 1, 3 Apr., Jackson Co., JT, CD; 1, 7 June, Logtown, JT, MB; 2 (pr?), 29 June, Pearlinton, JT, DK, MB, GM; 1, 1 Oct., Ocean Springs, JT, GM; 1, 29 Nov., Hancock Co., JT.
- Accipiter sp. -- 1, 11 Aug., Ocean Springs, CR, MC; 1, 20-21 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- 9, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC; 2, 2 June, D'Iberville BBS, JT; 2, 7 June, Logtown, JT, MB; 11, 27 Sept., Logtown, JT, DK (N).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1, 22 Mar., Logtown, JT, MB (A); 3, 13 Apr., Bolivar Co., NH; 1, 15 Apr., Hickory, JM; 2, 7 June, Logtown, JT, MB; 1, 16 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1 dark phase, 22 Feb.-8 Mar., Pearlinton, JT, EJ, GM, MB, m.ob. (R); 1 light phase, Hancock Co., JT, CD (R); 2, 30 Oct., Clermont Harbor, JT, GM (R).
- RED-TAILED HAWK -- 46, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 1 "Harlan's," 29 Feb.-15 Mar., Pearlinton, JT, MB, m.ob.; 1 "Krider's," 15 Mar., Pearlinton, JT, MB; 2 ad, 2 fledglings, 13 Apr., Bolivar Co., NH; 2, 7 June, Hancock Co., JT, MB; 1, 29 July, Hickory, JM; 12, 29 Nov., Pearlinton, JT, DK.
- AMERICAN KESTREL -- 49, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC; 1, 1 Apr., Bolivar Co., NH (D); 1, 7 June, Pearlinton, JT, MB; 1, 4 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- MERLIN -- 1, 9 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, DK; 1, 28 Apr., Waveland, D & DoK, JT; 1, 27 Sept., Waveland lagoon, DK, JT (R); 1, 29 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, DR (R); 2, 30 Sept., Ocean Springs, DR, AD; 1, 1 Oct., Ocean Springs, JT, GM; 2, 23 Oct., Pearlinton, JT, JD (R); 1, 26 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MB.
- PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1, 10 Jan., Bellefontaine Beach, JT; 1, 26 Apr., Clermont Harbor, JT; 1, 22 Sept., PRM, DR, H & CC (R); 2, 23 Sept., PRM, H & CC, EJ (R); 1, 9 Oct., Port Bienville, JT, DT.
- CHUKAR -- 1, 30 Mar.-15 Apr., Gulfport, JT (escape, photo).
- WILD TURKEY -- 4, 5 Oct., Logtown, H & CC, JS, EJ (R).
- NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 73, 2 June, D'Iberville BBS, JT (N).
- CLAPPER RAIL -- 19, 19 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JT.
- KING RAIL -- 1, 21 Jan., Biloxi, JS.
- SORA -- 25, 28 Apr., Hancock & Jackson cos., JT, D & DoK; 6, 12 May, PRM, JT, m.ob. (L); 6, 26 Oct., PRM, DR.
- PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1, 1 Apr., Biloxi, JT (A); 1 pr, 7-29 June, Port Bienville, JT.

- COMMON MOORHEN -- 1, 15 June, Barnett Res., Madison Co., JM.
 AMERICAN COOT -- 2 ad, 1-2 young, 7-18 Aug., PRM, JT, DK, MH (R).
 LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 3, 23 Feb., Biloxi, JS (E); 3, 3 Mar., PRM, JT, JD; 30+, 19 Mar., Bolivar Co., N & JCH; 30, 20 Mar., Jackson Co., JT (N); 8, 31 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH; 50, 6 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1, 22 Aug., Hancock Co., JT, DK (R).
 SNOWY PLOVER -- 2 at nest, 3 Mar., Gulfport beach, JT, JD; 7, 9 Mar., Horn I., JT, EC.
 WILSON'S PLOVER -- 1, 17 Mar., PRM, JT, JD, m.ob. (A); 2 ad, 1 young, 12 May, Greenwood I., JT, DK, m.ob.; 3 ad, 16 June, 8 ad, 25 June, PRM, JT, GM; 14, 18 Aug., PRM, JT, DK.
 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 18, 16 June, PRM, JT, GM; 30, 11 Aug., PRM, JT, DK, JD, CR; 15, 22 Aug., Hancock Co. beaches, JT, MB, DK; 15, 4 Sept., Waveland beach, JT, DK, MH.
 PIPING PLOVER -- 30, 22 Feb., Waveland beach, JT, EJ (N); 3, 4 Sept., Waveland beach, MH, JT, DK (A).
 KILLDEER -- 1006, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 2 ad, 1 young, 11 Apr., Bolivar Co., NH.
 BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 8, 17 Mar., PRM, JT, JD, m.ob.; 50, 16 June, 50 ad, 4 juvenal pl, 3 downy young, 25 June, PRM, JT, GM; 200-300, 7-30 Aug., PRM, JT, MH, m.ob. (N).
 AMERICAN AVOCET -- 17 mostly breeding pl, 16 June, PRM, JT, GM; 180, 11 Aug., 100, 18 & 30 Aug., PRM, JT, MH, CR, JD.
 GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 2, 25 Mar., Bolivar Co., N & JCH (A); 30, 11 Aug., 15, 30 Aug., PRM, JT, DK, CR, JD (N).
 LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 25 Mar., Washington Co., N & JCH (A); 200, 11 Aug., 300, 18 Aug., 150, 30 Aug., PRM, JT, m.ob. (N).
 SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 20 Feb., Ocean Springs, JS (E); 1, 6-27 Apr., Hickory, JM; 2, 4 Sept., Logtown, JT, MH, DK (A,R).
 WILLET -- 250, 10 Jan., Pascagoula beach, JT, EJ (N).
 UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 3, 9-16 Apr., Hickory, JM.
 WHIMBREL -- 1, 12 & 23 May, Greenwood I., JT, DK; 1, 15 Sept., Bay St. Louis beach, MH, JT (R).
 MARBLED GODWIT -- 1, 15 Sept., Long Beach harbor, MH, JT, MB (R); 1, 17 Sept.-30 Nov., Gulfport beach, JT, MB, m.ob. (R).
 RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 20, 23 May, PRM, JT, DK (N).
 RED KNOT -- 1 breeding pl, 1 winter pl, 23 May, PRM, JT, DK; 3 winter pl, 27 Sept., Waveland, JT, DK.
 SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1, 20 Mar., Jackson Co., JT (A); 2000, 23 May, PRM (N); 70, 16 June, 2000, 11 Aug., 20, 25 Sept., PRM, JT, m.ob.
 WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 700, 17 Mar., 10, 16 June, 5000, 11 Aug., 200, 30 Aug., PRM, JT, m.ob.

- LEAST SANDPIPER -- 500, 17 Mar., 2000, 11 Aug., 100, 30 Aug., PRM, JT, m.ob.
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 3, 23 Apr. (A), 100+, 12 May, 50, 23 May, 20, 16 June, 1, 30 Aug. (R), PRM, JT, m.ob.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1, 30 Aug., PRM, DK, JT, MH (R); 2, 4 Sept., Waveland beach, JT, MH (R).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1, 23 May, PRM, JT, DK (D); 20, 11 Aug., 40, 18 Aug., PRM, JT, m.ob.
- DUNLIN -- 1, 1 Oct., Ocean Springs beach, JT, GM (A); 46, 27 Oct., Sardis dam-Lower Lake, Panola Co., 30, 28 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., Lafayette Co., MD (N).
- STILT SANDPIPER -- 1, 27 Mar., Hancock Co., JT (A); 20, 12 May, 3 breeding pl, 16 June, 1, 25 June, 250-300, 12-18 Aug. (N), PRM, JT, MH, m.ob.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 16 Sept., Biloxi, JT.
- RUFF -- 1, 22 Sept., PRM, DR, H & CC (R).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 15, 16 June, 150, 11 Aug., 2, 25 Sept., PRM, JT, m.ob.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 4, 30 Aug., PRM, JT, MH, DK.
- COMMON SNIBE -- 12+, 14 Mar., Washington Co., N & JCH; 1-5, 5-16 Apr., Hickory, JM; 5, 17 Sept., Logtown, JT, MB (A).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- 1, 7 Jan., Woolmarket, J & MS; 1, 10 July, Hickory, JM; 1, 4 Oct., Pearlington, JT, MB (A).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 2 f, 16 June, 3, 25 June, 73, 1 Sept., 1, 26 Oct. (D,L), PRM, JT, m.ob.
- RED PHALAROPE -- 1, 13 Oct., Panola Co., MD, m.ob. (R).
- PARASITIC JAEGER -- 2, 4 Sept., off Waveland beach, JT, MH (R).
- FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 3 imm, 1 Dec., Waveland lagoon, JT, GM, DK (R); 1 ad, 11 & 17 Dec., Sardis dam-Lower Lake, Panola Co., MD (R); 2, 27 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JS, EJ (R); 1 imm, 1 Nov., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., Lafayette Co., MD (R); 4 ad, 30 Oct., 1, 10 Nov., Waveland beach, JT, GM, RL (R).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 400+, 1 Dec., Waveland lagoon, JT, GM, DK; 200, 11 Apr., Natchez, JM; 2, 13 Nov., Bay St. Louis, JT, RR, DK (A).
- LITTLE GULL -- 1 imm, 7 Jan., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., MD (R).
- HERRING GULL -- 88, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 2 juvenal/1st-winter pl, 9 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, MH (A).
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 ad, 22 Dec., Sardis dam-Lower Lake, Panola Co., MD (R); 1 ad, 1 Dec.-27 Mar., Gulfport beach, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 25 Oct.-30 Nov., Gulfport beach, JT, m.ob. (R).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 2nd-winter pl, 8 May, Biloxi, JT (R).

- GULL-BILLED TERN -- 3, 7 Apr., Clermont Harbor, JT, MB, DK (A); 30+, 26 Apr., Clermont Harbor, JT, MB, AJM (N); 20 ad, 25 June, PRM, JT, DK.
- CASPIAN TERN -- 50, 26 Jan., Waveland beach, JT, GM, EJ (N).
- SANDWICH TERN -- 300, 12 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, JD, GM (N); 300, 25 Oct., offshore near Horn I., DR (N); 1, 5 Nov., Gulfport beach, JT (L).
- COMMON TERN -- 3, 13 Dec., Waveland, JT, DR (R); 20, 8 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JT (N); 2 ad, 25 June, PRM, JT; 50, 17 Sept., Hancock Co., JT, MB (N).
- FORSTER'S TERN -- 4, 4 Dec., 1, 17 Dec., Sardis dam-Lower Lake, Panola Co., MD (L); 48, 14 Nov., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., Lafayette Co., MD (N).
- LEAST TERN -- 2000+ nests, May-June, Gulfport beach colony, J & BJ; 150 (nesting), 16 June, 400, 25 June, PRM, JT, GM; 5 young flying, 18 June, Gulfport beach, JT.
- BLACK TERN -- 1 imm, 21 Apr., Clermont Harbor, JT, CR (A); 2, 16 June, 100, 25 June, PRM, JT, DK, JD, GM; 1, 23 Sept., Gulfport, JT, CD (D).
- WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 9 Oct., Pearlinton, JT, DT (R); 6, 10 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, H & CC (R,N).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 2, 18 Oct., Hickory, JM (D).
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- 4, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC, H & CC (R); 1, 19 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JT, DR, MB (R).
- COMMON BARN-OWL -- 1, 28 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, DK, JT.
- EASTERN SCREECH-OWL -- 2 ad, 1 imm, 14 June-19 July, Jackson, JM.
- BARRED OWL -- 1 ad, 12 & 27 Apr., 1 imm, 13 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1, 2 June, D'Iberville BBS, JT.
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1-8, 2-7 May, 3, 25 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 14, 30 May, Alcorn Co., B & LC; 9, 8 June, Leake Co., B & LC; 5, 8 June, Neshoba Co., B & LC; 4, 9 June, Neshoba Co., B & LC.
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 1 m, 9 Apr., Hickory, JM.
- Caprimulgus sp. -- numerous, 19 Sept., Hickory, JM (migrating at dusk).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 1, 20 Mar., Jackson Co., JT (A); 1, 17 Oct., Hickory, JM (D).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 2 m, 4 f, 17 Apr., Bolivar Co., N & JCH.
- RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1, 8 & 19 Dec., Pearlinton, JT, GM; 3, 16 Apr., Hancock Co., JT; 75, 21 Oct., Pascagoula GMA, DR (N).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1 f, 1 Oct., Ocean Springs, JT, GM (A).
- COMMON FLICKER -- 53, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N).

- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 22 Aug., Pearlinton, JT, DK (R).
 EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 1, 27 Mar., Logtown, JT (A,E); 1, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM.
 ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 1 (singing), 1 May & 13 June, Logtown, JT, CD, JD.
 EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1, 8 Sept., Ocean Springs, DR, TB, TS, H&CC (A).
 VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 f, 8 Dec., Long Beach, JT (R).
 GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 28 Mar., Gulfport, JT (A); 2, 1 Apr., JCH (A); 20, 28 Aug., Logtown, JT, GM (N).
 WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 13 Dec., Pearlinton, DR, JT (R); 1, 17 & 27 Oct., Ansley, JT, GM (R); 1, 30 Nov., Ocean Springs beach, DR, CC.
 EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 27 Mar., Hancock Co., JT, CD (A); 30+, 3 Apr., Jackson Co., JT, CD (N); 1, 11 Apr., Bolivar Co., NH (A); large flocks, 4 Sept., Hickory, JM; 195, 15 Sept., Pearlinton, JT, MH (N).
 SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 1 Apr., Biloxi, M & CG; 1, 1 Apr., Hancock Co., ReL; 1, 22 Apr., Washington Co., N & JCH (R); 1, 10 June, mile 318 of Miss. R. near Ft. Adams, DG; 1, 27 & 30 Oct., 13 Nov., Hancock Co., JT, GM, MB, DR, DK.
 PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 m, 12 Feb., Pearlinton, SS, JT, JJ (A); 3, 29 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, DK, JD (D).
 TREE SWALLOW -- 6, 21 Mar., Bolivar Co., N & JCH (A); 6, 23 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, CD (A); 10,000, 20 Nov., Bay St. Louis, JT, JS (N).
 NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 6, 30 Mar., Jackson Co., JT (A); 3, 7 Apr., Hickory, JM; 40, 1 May, Hancock Co., JT, CD; 1 pr nesting in duct at feed store, 3 May, Harrison Co., JT, MB, PM
 BANK SWALLOW -- 1, 24 Mar., Hancock Co., JT (A,E); 1, 26 Oct., Jackson Co., JT, MB (D,L).
 BARN SWALLOW -- several, 17 Mar., Jackson Co., JT, m.ob. (A); 2, 25 Mar., Washington Co., N & JCH (A); 40, 10 Nov., Hancock Co., JT, DK, JS (D).
 BLUE JAY -- pr. building nest with 6 plastic 6-pack holders, 20 Mar., Bolivar Co., N & JCH.
 AMERICAN CROW -- 3, 29 Mar., Bolivar Co., N & JCH (R).
 RED-BREADED NUTHATCH -- 1, 27 Oct., Panola Co., MD.
 BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH -- 89, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N).
 BROWN CREEPER -- 2, 10 Nov., Pearlinton, JT, RL (A,L).
 BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 8 Mar., Ansley, JT (R).
 HOUSE WREN -- 35, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 3, 29 Sept., Logtown, JT, DK, JD (A).
 SEDGE WREN -- 15, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC; 1, 16 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1 singing, 21 Apr., Logtown, JT, CR; 1, 10 Oct., Hickory, JM; 2, 23 Oct., Logtown, JT, JD (A); 1, 27 Oct., Ocean Springs, DR.

- MARSH WREN -- 2, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (low).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 6, 13 Mar., Logtown, JT, GM; 1, 10 Nov., Logtown, JT, RL (A).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 274, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 1, 3 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 29 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, DR (A); 1, 1 Oct., Ocean Springs, JT, GM.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 15, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 100, 30 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH (A).
- EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 74, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 2 fledglings, 15 Aug., Hickory, JM.
- VEERY -- 1, 15 Sept., Ocean Springs, DR (A); 3, 25 Sept., Ocean Springs, JT.
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 1, 29 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, DK, JD (A).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 3 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM; 1, 1 Oct., Ocean Springs, JT, GM (A).
- HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 19 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JT, MB, DR (A).
- WOOD THRUSH -- 1, 3 Apr., Ocean Springs, JT, CD (A); 4 singing, 7 June, Logtown, JT, MB.
- AMERICAN ROBIN -- 1, 23 Apr., Jackson Co., JT, D & DoK (D); several, 11 & 17 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 22 Apr., Bolivar Co., N & JCH (D); 100, 29 Sept., Logtown, JT, DK (N); numerous, 30 Sept., 11 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- BROWN THRASHER -- very numerous, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- WATER PIPIT -- 150, 22 Feb., Pearlinton, JT, EJ.
- SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1, 29 Nov., Port Bienville, JT, DK (R).
- CEDAR WAXWING -- 45, 30 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1, 1 May, Hancock Co., JT (D).
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 10, 13 June, Port Bienville, JT, JD, CD.
- WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 100+, 3 Apr., Ocean Springs, JT, CD (N).
- SOLITARY VIREO -- 7, 13 Mar., Logtown, JT, GM (N); 1, 20 Oct., Ocean Springs, DR (A); 1, 23 Oct., Logtown, JT, JD.
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1, 20 Mar., Jackson Co., JT (A); 20, 3 Apr., Ocean Springs, JT, CD (N); 1 singing, 29 June, Logtown, JT, DK, MB, GM; 1-2, 5-29 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- WARBLING VIREO -- 1, 9 Apr., Jackson Co., JT, DK (A); 1, 8 Sept., Logtown, JT, MH (R).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 26 Apr., Logtown, JT (A); 1, 7 Sept., Ocean Springs, DR, H & CC (A); 2, 16 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- RED-EYED VIREO -- 1, 20 Mar., Jackson Co., JT (A); 50, 3 Apr., Ocean Springs, JT, CD (N).
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1-4, 10-30 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1, 31 May, Alcorn Co., B & LC (R); 1, 28 Aug., Logtown, JT, GM (A); several, 3-16 Sept., 2, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM; 1, 23 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JT, JD (D).

- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1 m, 30 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1 m, 6-24 Sept., 1 f/imm, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM; 1, 8 & 23 Sept., Logtown, JT, MH (A,R); 1, 28 Oct., Ocean Springs, DR (R).
- TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 16 Apr., several, 24 Apr.-4 May, Hickory, JM; 2, 15 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, MH (A); several, 11-13 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 24 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1, 26 Apr., Logtown, JT, MB (D); 1, 15 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, MH (A).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 5 Sept., Hickory, JM; 1 ad, 29 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, DK, JD (A,R).
- NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 m, 10 Mar., Waveland, JMM, m.ob.; 1 m, 24 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 6 Apr., Biloxi, MG (A); 1 m, 9 Apr., several, 4 May, Hickory, JM; 3, 12 Aug., 1, 28 Sept., Hickory, JM; 50, 4 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, MH.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1 m, 24 Apr.-6 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 3-7 Sept., Hickory, JM; 1, 15 Sept., Ocean Springs, DR.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1, 23 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, D & DoK (A); 1 m, 27 Apr., Hickory, JM; 1, 5 Sept., 2, 18 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 1, 19 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JT, DR, MB (R).
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 f, 17 Sept., Logtown, JT, MB (R,E).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 1, 3 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 17 Oct., Pearlinton, JT, GM (A).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 m, 30 Apr.-3 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 1 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1 m, 30 Apr., Hickory, JM.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1 pr, 3 singing m, Logtown, JT, MB; 1, 3 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 15 singing m, 2 June, D'Iberville, JT.
- PALM WARBLER -- 2 western race, 6 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JT, MB (A); 8 western race, 1 Dec., Clermont Harbor, JT, GM, DK; 18, 30 Oct., Pearlinton, JT, GM.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1-3 m, 30 Apr.-4 May, Hickory, JM.
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 m, 23 Apr., Gulfport, JT (A); 1 m, 1 May, 1 f, 8 May, Hickory, JM.
- CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1, 13 Apr., 1 m, 13 May, Hickory, JM; 1 ad m, 5 Sept., 1 imm m, 7 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 f, 9 Apr., several, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 f, 1 young, 16 June, Pascagoula GMA, JT, GM; 2, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1, 20 Mar., Biloxi, GM (A); 1, 24 Sept., Hickory, JM.

- WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1, 21 Mar., Gulfport, JT (A); 1, 18 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1 singing, 13 Apr., Hickory, JM; 2 singing, 21 Apr., Logtown, JT, CR; 1, 15 Aug., Hickory, JM.
- OVENBIRD -- 1, 22 Aug., Logtown, JT, DK; 1, 17 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 27 Mar., Waveland, JT, CD (A,E); 1, 30 Apr.-5 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 25 Aug., Logtown, MH, DK, JT (A); 5, 23 Oct., Logtown, JT, JD (D,N).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 25 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 24 Mar., Logtown, JT (A); 40, 28 Aug., Logtown, JT, GM (N); 1, 23 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 imm, 7 Sept., Hickory; 2 m, 15 Sept.-3 Oct., 1 f, 19 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JT, MH, GM, DK; 1, 21 Oct., Pascagoula GMA, DR (R).
- CANADA WARBLER -- 1 imm, 3-6 Sept., 1 ad m, 8 Sept., 1, 16 Sept., Hickory, JM; 1, 10 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, H & CC.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 40, 2 June, D'Iberville BBS, JT (N); 30 singing m, 29 June, Logtown & Pearlinton, JT, MB.
- SUMMER Tanager -- 1 f, 3 Jan., Gulfport, JT (R); 1 f, 15 Mar., Bay St. Louis, JT, MB, LS; 6 singing m, 7 June, Logtown, JT, MB; 40, 28 Aug., Logtown, JT, GM (N); several, 30 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- SCARLET Tanager -- 1 m, 1 f, 1 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 m, 26 Apr., Vicksburg, JM; 3, 27 Sept., Pearlinton, JT, DK (A); 1, 11 Oct., Hickory, JM; 1, 1 Nov., Gulfport, JT (D,L).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK -- 1 m, 15 Jan., Ocean Springs, PMc (R, photo).
- BLUE GROSBEAK -- 1, 2 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 f, 15 Mar., Bay St. Louis, JT, MB (A); 100, 15 Apr., Bolivar Co., N & JCH (A); 1, 18 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 m, 18 Apr., Hickory, JM, KB; 1 ad m, 1 f, 12 May, 1 ad m, 1 imm m, 19 May, 2 imm m, 2 f, 23 May, Greenwood I., JT, DK, CR; 1 ad m, 19 May, 1 imm m, 23 May, PRM, JT.
- DICKCISSEL -- numerous, 22 Apr., Washington Co., N & JCH; 1 ad f, 1 fledgling, 15 Aug., Hickory, JM; 1, 2 Nov., Ocean Springs, DR (R).
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 1, 8 Dec., Logtown, JT, GM; 8 singing, 13 Mar., Logtown, JT, GM; 10 singing, 3 May, Harrison, JT, MB, PM; 56, 2 June, D'Iberville BBS, JT (N); 6 singing, 25 Aug., Logtown, JT, MH, DK.
- CHIPPING SPARROW -- 2, 27 Oct., Hancock Co., JT (A).
- FIELD SPARROW -- 4, 6 Nov., Pearlinton, DK, JT (A).

- Spizella* sp. -- 1 imm, 10 Aug., Pearlinton, JT, DK (R).
- VESPER SPARROW -- 20, 21 Jan., Port Bienville, JT, EJ (N); 20, 13 Mar., Port Bienville, JT, GM (N); 1, 6 Nov., Pearlinton, JT, DR, DK (A).
- LARK SPARROW -- 3, 6 Oct., Waveland lagoon, JT, MB; 1, 23 Oct., Port Bienville, JT, JD.
- SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 1, 11 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 12 May, PRM, JT, m.ob. (D); 2, 2 Oct., Hickory, JM.
- HENSLOW'S SPARROW -- 1 ad, 3 Jan., Pearlinton, JT, GM.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW -- 1, 3 May, Lyman, Harrison Co., JT, MB, PM.
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW -- 1, 3 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., JT, MD.
- FOX SPARROW -- 1, 25 Dec., 11 Jan., JS (R); 1, 10 Jan., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, EJ (R).
- SONG SPARROW -- several, 14 Mar., Bolivar Co., N & JCH.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 3 Nov., Grenada Co., JT, MD (R).
- SWAMP SPARROW -- 295, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 1, 2 Oct., Hickory, JM; 2, 17 Oct., Pearlinton, JT, GM (A).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1, 5 May, Hickory, JM.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 imm, 29 Nov., Pearlinton, JT, DK (R).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1, 20 Nov., Pearlinton, JT, JS (A,L).
- BOBOLINK -- 15-30, 22 Apr.-5 May, Hickory, JM; 5 m, 3 May, Harrison Co., JT, MB, PM; 1 winter pl, 29 Sept., Waveland lagoon, JT, DK, JD (R).
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 150, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (N); 8, 15 Mar., Hancock Co., JT, MB (D); 1, 20 Nov., Logtown, JT, JS (A).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 600, 12 Jan., Pearlinton, JT, MB, EJ (N); 200+, 29 Mar., Pearlinton, JT, MB (N); 10, 13 Nov., Pearlinton, JT, RR, DK (A).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 2, 30 Mar., Ocean Springs, JT (A,L); 40, 3 Apr., Ocean Springs, JT, CD (N).
- NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 1 m, 24 Apr., 8 May, Hickory, JM; 2 m, 1 f, 16 Sept., Hickory, JM.
- HOUSE FINCH -- 2, throughout winter, Hancock Co., ReL (R).
- PINE SISKIN -- 27, 19 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC (A); max of 70, 15 Jan.-16 Mar., Oxford, S & MD (N).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 30+, 15 Apr., Bolivar Co., N & JCH (breeding pl).
- EVENING GROSBEAK -- max of 38, 1 Jan.-16 Mar., Oxford, S & MD (N).

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New or Unusual Localities

Ft. Adams = sw. Wilkinson Co.; Greenwood I. = se Jackson Co. in Pascagoula; Jackson Marsh = s. Hancock Co.; Lucky's Corner = near Lakeshore, Hancock Co.

REVIEWS

Hall, George A. 1983. *West Virginia Birds*. Special Publication of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, No. 7, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 180 pp. color frontispiece, 21 black-and-white photographs, numerous maps and line drawings. \$20.

Here is one of the ornithological book bargains of the decade! "West Virginia Birds" is a state bird book that was done with the user in mind. The text is divided into four main sections: a description of the West Virginia environment, a history of ornithology in the state, an analysis of the origins and affinities of West Virginia's avifauna, and the species accounts. A preface to the species accounts defines terms denoting status and abundance and discusses the types and sources of data used in preparing the accounts. Each of the species accounts is organized into categories which allow the user to quickly determine species' status, arrival and departure dates, seasonal records, and location of specimens. A "Remarks" section for many species includes such things as comments on population changes, conservation, and taxonomic problems.

The utility of the book is enhanced by a gazetteer of localities mentioned, a compilation of uncited literature arranged by county, and a lengthy compilation of literature cited. The frontispiece and line drawings by George Miksch Sutton and the 21 black-and-white photographs by Hal Harrison add greatly to the "visual appeal" of the book.

"West Virginia Birds" is a book done with a level of expertise that is rarely matched. George Hall knows West Virginia birds! It will be an extremely useful reference book for anyone interested in the avifauna of West Virginia or any of the surrounding states. Finally, "West Virginia Birds" is a fine model for efficiency and clarity of writing. I highly recommend it.--J.A.J.

Jordan, W.J., and J. Hughes. 1983. *Care of the Wild*. Rawson Associates, New York. 223 pp. \$13.95.

This book is about caring for injured and sick wild animals, and it is obviously a British book adapted for an American audience. Only the first 83 pages deal with birds.

These are divided into chapters on waterfowl, other swimming birds and seabirds, waders, gamebirds, raptors, other birds, and oil pollution. Simple line drawings effectively illustrate such items as methods of restraining, force-feeding, and bandaging birds. Advice given seems sound and useful, although I would have much preferred to see more about small birds, and some of the claims made for the book on the dust jacket are preposterous: it does not "identify all major species indigenous to the U.S.A.," nor does it include "a full list of organizations that offer help and support for wildlife, plus wildlife laws for each state." A few rehabilitation centers are listed and two pages mention some federal laws dealing with wildlife. The non-bird parts of the book also seem useful, but incomplete. A few subjects seem strangely out of place - such as a whole section on the benefits of having some insects in your garden and problems with others. Spiders are included in the chapter on insects!

I found this book interesting and easy to read and generally useful in the recommendations given. In assigning a "grade" to it, I would mark it down for comprehensiveness and some problems lost in "translation" from the British fauna to the American fauna. But it still rates a "B" and would be a useful addition to any public library.--J.A.J.

Cooper, J.E., and J.T. Eley, (eds.). 1979. First Aid and Care of Wild Birds. David & Charles, North Pomfret, Vermont. 288 pp., numerous black-and-white photographs and line drawings. \$26.00.

This book is a compilation of chapters by numerous authors, each of whom is an expert in the subject discussed. Most of the authors are British, but the problems discussed and recommendations given are quite applicable to North American birds. The styles and quality of writing vary from author to author, but in general this is a very readable and useful volume. Introductory chapters deal with general care given to a wild bird, legal aspects of caring for wild birds, general anatomy and physiology of birds, and classification and behavior of birds. Other chapters deal with examining birds, diagnosing disease, feeding birds in captivity, treating injuries, and coping with infectious diseases, parasites, poisons, and oil pollution. A chapter on anaesthesia and euthanasia may be of use to a veterinarian, but is not of much use to the backyard

birder. However, many veterinarians have only minimal knowledge of avian medicine and it might not hurt to take this book along if you decide to take an injured bird to a vet who doesn't normally deal with birds. Chapters on raptors and waterfowl and on cage and aviary design are oriented more toward "bird-keepers" and are limited in scope. Appendices reveal the British origin of this volume in that the list of "useful addresses" includes no American ones. It is too bad that a similar list could not have been inserted for the American audience.

In general this is a fine volume that is worth a place on any serious bird lover's shelf - if he or she is prone to taking in injured and sick birds. There is a great deal covered in the book, but chapters are often very narrow in scope, but detailed in what is covered. For the average concerned birder, I would prefer a more broader coverage with a less clinical approach.--J.A.J.

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