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#### Habitat Choice of Vermilion Flycatchers

#### Wintering in Mississippi

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Since the 1940's, the Vermilion Flycatcher (Pyrocephalus rubinus) has become known as a regular fall and winter visitor to Louisiana and points eastward along the Gulf Coast. According to Lowery (1974:437), the habitat of the Vermilion Flycatcher in Louisiana is "the periphery of a small pond that has at least a few willows on its edge." Descriptions of sites of occurrence for Vermilion Flycatchers in Mississippi agree with this in respect to their consistent proximity to a pond or oxbow lake (Alexander 1976, Cashman 1979). However, the several birds noted from 1972 to 1975 at Lake Jackson by Alexander et al. often preferred to feed from "the very tops of the tallest cypress trees," although their territories also included "various hardwoods and willows." In its breeding range the Vermilion Flycatcher chooses similar habitats, i.e., rather open areas around water with willows, cottonwoods, etc. It does not share with the Eastern Phoebe (Sayornis phoebe) or with its western neighbor, Say's Phoebe (S. saya), their propensity for frequenting human habitations as nesting areas (Bent 1942). Thus, we were surprised to find two Vermilion Flycatchers that became "yard birds" in fall-winter 1985-86 in southern Washington County.

An adult male Vermilion Flycatcher was first noted in her yard by Mrs. Frances Parker on 28 November 1985. It was seen alighting on and flycatching from a fence at the edge of the yard. The location of the Parker residence is near the west perimeter of the Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge, about 6.5 km north of the Glen Allan community near Mississippi highway 1, and 32 km south of Greenville. Lake Washington, a large oxbow lake, is 2.5 km west of the site, and the nearest water body is a willow-lined ditch along the north boundary of the property where the bird was seen.

On 28 December 1985, Fulton first noticed the adult male Vermilion Flycatcher perched behind Mrs. Parker's house in a sugarberry tree on a ditch bank. This ditch extends east 800 m from Mrs. Parker's to Swan Lake, a 2000 ha cypress, buttonbush, and willow-filled oxbow lake encircling Yazoo NWR. Fulton's sighting was relayed to Alexander and thence to Davis and various Oxford and Greenville area birders, many of whom shared observations of this bird.

Observations of the Vermilion Flycatcher were made for 45 minutes on 4 January by Davis who obtained photographs as did also Tim M. Wilkins and Fulton. The bird most frequently perched on the roof peak of a shed located only a few yards behind the house. However, it alternated this with several other perches: two metal clothesline poles, a wire clothesline, the roof peak of the house, and a television antenna rising a meter above the roof of the house. Although a nearby tree was often used as a perch on the other days, on 4 January it alighted there only once or twice between its numerous feeding flights. The Vermilion Flycatcher was seen by Alexander and others on 5 January and by several Greenville and Oxford birders on 24 and 25 January. The last date it was seen was 25 January 1986. During its residence at Mrs. Parker's house, the Vermilion Flycatcher endured short periods of cold weather (but no snow), comparable to those cited by Alexander (1976) as failing to drive out wintering Vermilion Flycatchers in the same county.

A similar yard-frequenting habit was noted from about 7 January through 23 January 1986, for another bird, as Tim Wilkins frequently observed a female Vermilion Flycatcher at his residence on Yazoo NWR. It was last seen about the time the male was last seen at Mrs. Parker's, 3 km to the west. Deer Lake, site of several 1984 records, Mrs. Parker's, and the Wilkins residence are all within 100 m of a wooded ditch leading to Swan Lake. These three sites share many characteristics with each other as well as with other reported locations of Vermilion Flycatchers. Bent (1940) says Vermilion Flycatchers were found where "...,willows and cottonwoods with thickets of smaller trees and underbrush grew along irrigation ditches, ...."(p. 302). Similarly, he describes the nesting habitat (p. 303) as "...not far from an irrigation ditch, stream, or body of water...in cottonwoods, oaks,...and hackberry trees." Earlier reports (Alexander 1976) of Washington County sightings were from Lake Jackson, a small oxbow lake between the Mississippi River and YNWR.

Wintering Vermilion Flycatchers in Washington County have perched on willow, cypress, sugarberry, pecan, apple, poison ivy, rose bush, and other vegetation. Man-made perches often are also used; these have included wooden fences and duck nest boxes; television antennas; power, telephone, and clothes lines; metal

fencing; roofing; and a window air conditioner. On one occasion in January reported to Alexander, the bird was seen perching on an automobile radio antenna and picking dead insects off the windshield. There was no preference noted for any particular type of perch, but rather proximity to the point of contact with the immediately previous prey item seemed the most common factor in choice of perch. Usually the height was between one and five m above the ground, although the male at Mrs. Parker's was seen both on the ground and 12 m high in a sugarberry. As Bent noted (p. 306), we also "found this Flycatcher to be rather tame and unconcerned about our presence, flitting nervously from one perch to another, from some low tree or bush to a tall weed stalk and then back again,...." allowing people to approach to within 6 to 8 m.

On 11 November 1984, one female Vermilion Flycatcher was observed by Leroy Percy on the southwest side of Deer Lake at Yazoo NWR. It was seen there again on 16 November by Fulton. This female was joined by an immature male with red spots on a yellowish breast on 1 December. On 12 December 1984, there were two females, one with yellowish underparts, the other with salmon underparts. One or the other of these females was observed next to Deer Lake several times a week on warm afternoons through 19 January 1985.

In summary, the Vermilion Flycatcher in Washington County, Mississippi previously had been found consistently in association with oxbow lakes (Alexander 1976). The five most recent observations have been clustered near the most accessible parts of an oxbow lake, Yazoo NWR's Swan Lake. The habitat is the edge of cropland where it meets cypress swamp or riparian thicket. The birds often were unaffected by the close proximity of human activity.

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#### 1986 Fall Hawk Migration

#### Over Vicksburg, Mississippi

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In 1985 birders in Vicksburg, Mississippi, learned of the interest of the Hawk Migration Association of North America in establishing a fall hawkwatch in our general area. Their interest was aroused due to reports of large flights of Broad-winged Hawks (<u>Buteo platypterus</u>), especially sightings from the early 1950's. From 1952 through 1956 a New Orleans aerial waterfowl surveyor reported over 35,000 Broad-winged Hawks on more than one day during each of five consecutive fall seasons near Winnsboro, in northeastern Louisiana (Feerick and McKenzie 1986). Since flight movement was partially from the east, it was felt that many of these hawks were likely passing over Mississippi. We began hawkwatches in the fall of 1985 on a limited basis with a total sighting of approximately 800 hawks, mostly Broad-wingeds.

Though 1985 data are limited, a comparison of peak flight dates and cold front passage down the Mississippi River Valley and Appalachian regions during the fall 1985 migration (Kellogg 1986) leaves open the possibility that two major corridors of Broad-winged Hawks may have passed over northern Misssissippi: those migrating south through the Great Lakes region and southwest along the Appalachians. If so, many thousands of Broad-winged Hawks may cross our state each fall.

Encouraged by this possibility, six other experienced birders and I made sustained hawk watches in Vicksburg from 1 September through 31 October 1986. The watches were subsequently extended through 10 November 1986. These were the first sustained hawkwatches ever held in Mississippi on behalf of the Hawk Migration Association.

Fort Hill, located in the Vicksburg National Military Park, was chosen as the primary observation site because it provided an almost 360-degree view of the horizon. Four other sites were also used, primarily the author's backyard and a downtown Vicksburg location.

For the 10-week period, a total of 8149 migrating raptors mostly Broad-winged Hawks, was recorded during 127 hours of observation (see Table 1). Buteos, accipiters, and vultures followed a general path from northeast to southwest. Due to the small numbers of other species, no common flight path could be identified. During the watch period, at least 200 Broad-winged Hawks were recorded at every hour between 0800 and 1600 (CST) with 1500-1600 having the largest total (2119). However, because observation time favored certain hours, no conclusions can be drawn as to the preferred time to observe migrating Broad-wings.

The results in Table 1, coupled with the fact that the most hawks originated from the northeast, clearly reveal the value of west-central Mississippi in observing the fall migration of Broad-winged Hawks.

Since Mississippi Kites (Ictinia mississippiensis) are generally August migrants (Feerick and McKenzie 1986), this species would have already passed over before our watch began. Large numbers of Sharp-shinned Hawks (Accipiter striatus) and Red-tailed Hawks (Buteo jamaicensis) are counted at northern hawkwatching sites (Kellogg 1986), sometimes numbering in the hundreds as far south as St. Louis, Missouri (Peters 1986). However, large numbers of these species were not sighted in Vicksburg. Nevertheless, Sharp-shinned Hawks were the second most common hawk reported. Though only 27 are listed, many of the 52 unidentified accipiters, unnamed largely due to our inexperience in distinguishing Cooper's Hawks (A. cooperi) from Sharp-shinned, can be safely assumed to be Sharp-shinned. Accipiter counts from sites to our north and northeast show a predominance of this species (Kellogg 1986).

Although Black (<u>Coragyps atratus</u>) and Turkey <u>Cathartes</u> <u>aura</u>) vultures appeared almost daily, their meandering flight paths made it difficult to establish their migratory status. Only those individuals that maintained a generally direct, north-to-south flight path from horizon to horizon were listed as migrants. Only two migrating falcons were sighted.

Of all the migratory birds of prey, Broad-winged Hawks are the ones most likely to be seen in large numbers in our area. Since their movements are tied closely to weather-related events (Mead 1983), weather forecasts provided by services such as The Weather Channel and NOAA radio were studied daily. The first evidence of Broad-winged migration over Vicksburg was recorded

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with the passage of two relatively weak cold fromts on 8 and 12 September. Such frontal activity, accompanied by northerly winds, has been recognized as the ideal condition for Broad-winged Hawk movements (Bent 1937, Heintzelman 1985). Flights of 236 and 398 respectively, were recorded.

Soon afterward. stationary fronts positioned from Iowa to Indiana effectively blocked cold front movement through Vicksburg during a three-week period. However, during the week of 14 September, a cold front did manage to slide down the Appalachian and Great Smoky Mountains, washing out as it edged into northeastern Mississippi. Early the following week, the largest Broad-winged flight of the fall was observed. Since no fronts passed over Vicksburg, this washed-out front, along with a low pressure area which crossed the state during the night of the 20th, was the only weather-related event which could have been the impetus for the movement. We recorded 3238 Broad-winged Hawks from 21-23 September. Most passed overhead within about 30 minutes during each of the three days. Although some were seen in their characteristic kettles, large masses of circling hawks rising with thermals, most were observed gliding overhead in loose formations, the largest single group being 296.

Numbers dwindled until 27 September when 622 were counted. This marked the beginning of a second surge, which lasted through 2 October, when 2713 were counted. During this period the largest single kettle was estimated at 300 individuals; the largest formation gliding overhead numbered 331. Expectations were high when the first cold front in 23 days cleared Vicksburg on 5 October. However, although we were vigilant for over five hours during the times recognized as peak periods, only 16 Broad-winged were found. A period of rainy weather ensued from 8 to 13 October, culminating in another cold front passage. To our surprise, 266 more Broad-winged were counted on 14 October. That week marked the end of our sightings, which totaled 7927 Broad-winged Hawks for the entire watch period.

As a result of our hawkwatches, some general observations can be made which may assist others in our state interested in observing migrating hawks. Although cold front passage and northerly winds are reported to be indicative of large Broad-winged Hawk movements, this was certainly not the case in Vicksburg this fall. Only moderate numbers were counted under such conditions. On the contrary, most Broad-winged Hawks were observed on light, southerly winds during the 23 days between cold fronts. Thus, such weather conditions were not inhibiting factors in Broad-winged movements over Vicksburg.

Two of the larger Broad-winged flights, 550 on 21 September and 939 on 1 October, occurred while thunderstorms were in the surrounding area, suggesting that isolated thunderstorm activity, in lieu of frontal activity, may be indicative of local hawk movements.

When the largest Broad-winged flight of 1510 on 22 September began in downtown Vicksburg, I telephoned two other hawkwatchers, 6.4 km northeast and 12.9 km south-southeast. All three of us observed large numbers of Broad-winged Hawks during the same period, indicating the passage of a broad front of hawks.

Successful observation of autumn hawk migration over Vicksburg required only a reasonable view of the northern and eastern horizons. Backyard watching also proved rewarding: 2662 Broad-wingeds were recorded at my home during the watch period.

Most of Vicksburg's 8149 hawks were visible only with binoculars (7X, preferably 10X). The most successful technique for locating hawks I found to be a constant scanning of the horizon; casual observation did not prove very useful. On several occasions large groups of Broad-winged Hawks were discovered by following a single Broad-winged which was in a flight path other than southwest. Such individuals were not wandering but headed for a nearby kettle.

These observations and the data gathered from the 1986 fall hawkwatch should assist in observing future autumn movements of migratory birds of prey over Vicksburg. However, only by the establishment of other fall hawk watches in our state, particularly in northern Mississippi, will their movements over Mississippi be more fully understood.

I thank Joyce Bennett, Marion Bragg, Hilda Candlish, Christine Drane, Hal Moore, and Jane Williams. Without their assistance, such a sustained watch would not have been possible.

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\*\* cold front passage during early morning hours

\*\*\* cold front passage during early evening hours

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# Feeding of Nestlings by Juvenile

#### Eastern Bluebirds

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On 12 August 1985, at a late Eastern Bluebird (<u>Sialia</u> <u>sialis</u>) nest in Pachuta, Mississippi, we observed juvenile bluebirds feeding the 10-day-old nestlings. The first brood from this box fledged 24 May. The three nestlings were being fed exclusively by young bluebirds; no adults were in sight. The weather was very hot.

The feeding was done by two young males and one young female, with the young being fed at least every 15 minutes. The two males seemed to be feeding more often than the female and would often arrive to feed at the same time. One would go in and feed and the other would wait patiently on top of the box for his turn to feed. The three juveniles would often perch close together on utility wires near the box, looking for insects in the field below to feed the babies. They showed no rivalry toward each other, but softly warbled and wing-fluttered among themselves. The young were being fed mostly grasshoppers and spiders from the dry pasture. All three nestlings fledged.

# Observations of a Painted Redstart in

#### Hancock County, Mississippi:

# First State Record

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At approximately noon and again at 14:00 on 5 October 1987, we observed an adult-plumaged Painted Redstart (<u>Myioborus</u> <u>pictus</u>) in Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, marking that species' first occurrence in the state.

The redstart was initially seen by Toups with Cassibry, Jeffrey, and Jenkins having no difficulty in locating it within just a couple of minutes. The bird was active, flycatching between the split trunk of a large live oak, and was readily identified as a Painted Redstart without reference to a field guide. Site of the observation was from Daniel Street, looking into the trees and dense vegetation which form the southern perimeter of the Waveland Lagoon (Waveland Wastewater Treatment Plant).

The redstart was kept under observation by one or more of the observers for more than 45 min, at distances ranging from 7-15 m. During that time it kept mostly to its flycatching activity around the trunk of the oak; however, it also gleaned along the trunks, and occasionally flew down or out to a closer branch, allowing unrestricted looks from numerous angles. The bird was basically a small warbler, having a black head and upperparts, broad white wing stripes, white outer tail feathers, red breast and belly, and white from lower belly to undertail coverts. It constantly fanned its tail, exposing the white outer tail feathers.

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All observers were using binoculars (7x35, 8x40 and 10x50) and had long leisurely looks at the redstart. All four observers had seen the Painted Redstart elsewhere in the United States, and two of the observers had also seen it in Mexico; all had experience with this species within four months of the above observation. Reference to the National Geographic Society's <u>Field Guide to the Birds of North America (1983)</u> confirmed the identification. On the basis of the broad white wing bars, the Slate-throated Redstart (<u>M. miniatus</u>) was eliminated.

There had been a succession of mostly dry but very windy cool fronts; the latest had come through on Saturday, 3 October. Although fall 1987 was not remarkable for western vagrants, it appears that early cool fronts did influence the rather early arrivals of some species which are primarily of western origin: Franklin's Gull (Larus pipixcan), Groove-billed Ani (Crotophaga sulcirostris), Vermilion Flycatcher (Pyrocephalus rubinus), Western Kingbird (Tyrannus verticalis), and a larger than usual number of Wilson's Warblers (Wilsonia pusilla). On 5 October, we had found good transient land-bird activity around the lagoon, having recorded 18 warbler species.

Attempts to photograph the redstart were unsuccessful. We made note of its location and immediately initiated a local rare bird alert. About two hours later, Schultz relocated the bird very near where it was first seen; at that time though, it had moved into sunlight on the lagoon side of the vegetation (no camera was available to Schultz); the redstart had seemingly responded to a taped recording of the Eastern Screech-Owl (Otus asio). Schultz obtained unrestricted looks of the redstart, flycatching at distances between 8 and 15 m.

Beginning early in the morning of 6 October, and for approximately four hours, a diligent search of the entire vegetated area of the lagoon was made by a number of birders. Warbler activity had decreased markedly. The redstart was not found, and has not been seen since.

According to the A.O.U. <u>Check-list of North American</u> <u>birds</u>, sixth edition (1983), the Painted Redstart is primarily a Mexican species which breeds in the United States in the mountain canyons of the southwest. Although southeastern Arizona is regarded as its primary breeding area in the U.S., breeding has also been recorded in New Mexico and Texas. Painted Redstarts have occurred as vagrants in California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts and

Georgia (Desante and Pyle 1986). There are two records from neighboring states: an adult was found in City Park in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 17 November 1952 (Lowery 1974), and one was seen on 28 September 1978 in Baldwin County, Alabama (Purrington 1979).

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#### Birds Around the State:

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 December 1986 through 30 November 1987. The sequence of information in each account is: species, number, date, place, observer(s). Numbers of birds sighted are umderlined. 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) = earlydate, (L) = late date, (N) = unusually large number, (R) =species rare in area or at that season. Other abbreviations used include the following: m = male, f = female, ad = adult, imm = immature, pr = pair, pl = plumage, BBS = Breeding Bird Survey of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, CBC = Christmas Bird Count, GMA = Game Management Area, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, SL = sewage lagoon(s), SP = State Park, WMA = Wildlife Management Area, 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" 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:

> Jerome A. Jackson P.O. Box Z Mississippi State, MS 39762

COMMON LOON -- flocks of 20-40, 7 Mar., Pascagoula and Gulfport, JT, MH (N); 1, 18 Apr., Ross Barnett Res., GK (D); 11, 25 Oct., Sardīs Lake, Panola Co., MD (N); 3, 26 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 1 ad, 2 chicks, 14 Mar., PRM, CD, CC HORNED GREBE -- 30, 5 Mar., Harrison Co., JT, CC (N); 1 basic p], 14 Apr., Gulfport, JT (D); 1, 6 Nov., Noxubee NWR,

Noxubee Co., TS (A) EARED GREBE -- 2, 12 Dec., <u>1</u>, 27 Dec., Sardis Lake, GK, SK, MD (R); <u>1</u>, 17 Jan., Grenada SL, GK, SK, MD, TS (R); <u>2</u>, 25 Mar., Seaman Rd. SL, CC, CK, JS; <u>1-4</u>, 25 Aug.-30 Nov., Seaman Rd. SL, m.ob.; 3, 7 Sept., Starkville, 1, 7 Sept., Clay Co., 3, 11 Oct., Laurel SL, TS (R); 3, 5 Nov., 1, 30 Nov., Waveland SL, JT, DK, GM, CC; 1, 29 Nov., Grenada SL, MD, GK

NORTHERN GANNET -- 62 (mostly ad), 3 Mar., Miss. Sound off Jackson Co., JT, CD (N); 30 (mostly imm), 29 Mar., 9, 22 Apr., N. & S. of Horn I., JT, CD, TS; 75, 4 Apr., E. tip W. Ship I., JM; 1 (probably debilitated), 4 Sept., Bay St. Louis beach, CC, CD, GM

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 15, 22 Feb., Kiln, TS; 5 sightings, 13 max., 1 Mar.-14 May, Jackson & Harrison cos., JT (low N); 69, 19 Apr., Ross Barnett Res., GK (N); 2, 21 June, Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT, GK, SK, MD (R; 1st N. MS summer record); 12, 28 July, Singing River I., MH, CD, JT; 16, 13-27 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS, m.ob. (R); 300-1000+, 17-31 Oct., Lake Whittington, Bolivar Co., NH (N)

BROWN PELICAN -- 50, 3 Mar., Horn I., JT, CD (N); 30-40, 20 Aug., Horn I., JT, MB, CD; 100, 13 Nov., W. Harrison & Hancock cos., JT (N)

GREAT CORMORANT -- 1 imm, 24 Apr., Gulfport, GM, CD, CC, JT (R) DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 500, 21 Dec., Eagle Lake, GL (N); 1000, 6 Mar., Lake Ferguson, Washington Co., NH (N); 100, 8 Apr., Eagle Lake, GL; 70, 10 Apr., Hancock Co., JT; 2 or 3 ad, 6 June, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (3rd summer present); 2, 17 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

ANHINGA -- 1, 20-30 Dec., Warren Co., HM (L); 2, 22 Apr., Franklin Creek area, Jackson Co., JT, TH; 4, 15 June, Big Point cooling pond, JT, CD (1 nest seen---3rd known nesting this locality); 10, 8 Sept., Big Point cooling pond, JT, CC

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 1 m, 22 Apr., Pascagoula, JT, TH AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 11 Mar., Ocean Springs, JT; 1, 11 Apr., Yocona R. bottoms, Lafayette Co., SK, GK (R); 1 calling, 3 May, Yocona R. bottoms, SK, GK, JT (R); 2, 4 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS; 1-2, 2 Oct.-30 Nov., Kiln, JT, JP, CC, m.ob.; 1, 12 Nov., Lake Tom Bailey, Lauderdale Co., JM, MiS, PE

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LEAST BITTERN -- 1 calling, 2 & 30 May, 9 mi NE. Oxford, MD, GK, SK; 15, 5-21 May, Jackson Co., JT, CD; 1 ad, 4 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, MD (new locality); 7, 7 Aug., Graveline Bayou mouth, Jackson Co., CD GREAT BLUE HERON -- <u>96</u>, 6 Dec., <u>52</u>, 24 Jan., Sardis Lake, MD; at least <u>10</u> occupied nests, <u>10</u> Mar., colony abandoned, 28 Mar., Newton Co., JM; 18 nests, 29 Mar., Round I., Pascagoula, JT, CD, TS GREAT EGRET -- 100, 9 Mar., Waveland beach, JT, GM, CC; 2, 4 July, 69, 28 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, MD, GK, SK (N); 400, 22 Aug., Rosedale, MH, TS (N) SNOWY EGRET -- 100, 9 Mar., Waveland beach, JT, GM, CC; 1, 14 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK (R); 1, 23 May, Yocona R., Lafayette Co., MD, GK (R); 2, 19 July, Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., MH, TS; 1, 17 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R) LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 ad, 20 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 imm, 22 Aug., Bolivar Co. Lake, TS, MH (R); 1 imm, 2 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., DM. TS (R) REDDISH EGRET -- 1-2, 5 Mar.-16 Apr., Waveland beach, JT, m.ob.; 1 breeding pl, 26 Mar., E. Ship I., JT, CD, MB; 1 breeding pl, 29 Mar., Horn I., JT, CD, TS; 2-7, 11 June-29 July, Waveland beach, JT, m.ob. (E,N); up to 10, 1 Aug.-30 Nov., beaches in Hancock & Harrison cos., JT CATTLE EGRET -- 5, 1 Mar., Jackson Co., JT, CD (A); 20, 24 Apr., Eagle Lake, GL; 40, 4 June, Kiln, JT (no nesting noted); 1, 31 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (D) GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 1, 23 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 13, 29 Dec., Bayou Caddy, CD, MH; 5-6 ad, 3 imm, 24-25 Oct., 1 imm, 29 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK, MD (R); 7 imm, 5 Nov., Kiln, JT, m.ob.; 1, 11 Nov., Kiln, JT YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1 ad, 28 Mar., 3 pr nesting, 25 Apr.-17 May, 3 ad, 4 young, 23 May, 2 ad, 9 young, 15 June, young beginning to fledge by 28 June, Tallahatchie R. bottoms, Lafayette Co., MD, SK, GK; 11 ad, 12 imm, 28 July, E. Pascagoula R. marshes, JT, MH, CD (N); 3 ad, 73 imm, 28 July, marshes S. of Bayou Cassotte, JT, CD, MH (N, twice previous high); 2, 1 Aug., Winston Co., MH, TS WHITE IBIS -- 2, 22 Feb., Kiln, TS; 300 ad (2 flocks), 1 Apr., W. Hancock Co., JT, CD; 2-3 imm, Newton Co., JM; max of 30 imm, 19 July, Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., DM, MH, TS  $\overline{(N)}$ , present throughout July); <u>1-34</u> imm, 13 July-8 Aug., MS Hwy. 330 pond, 4-6 imm, 23-29 July, Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, SK,  $\overline{\text{MD}}$ , VT (N); 5, 19 Sept., Loakfoma Lake, TS (D); <u>114</u>, 31 Oct., PRM, CC,  $\overline{\text{MF}}$ , AD (N) GLOSSY IBIS -- 1, 5 Nov., Kiln, JT, m.ob. WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 6, 5 Nov., Kiln, JT, m.ob.

Plegadis species -- 1-7, 30 Sept.-30 Nov., Lakeshore, JT, m.ob.; 40, 5 Nov., Kiln, JT, DK, GM, CC ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- 1, last days of July, 7 Aug., Kiln, SM (fide JT;R); 2-7 imm, 5-7 Sept., Issaquena Co., GK, SK, MD, TS, EA, MH(R)WOOD STORK -- 24 ad, 10 imm, 19 July, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee, Oktibbeha & Winston cos., TS, MH; <u>320</u>, 22 Aug., Rosedale, MH, TS (N); 70, 2 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (N); 26, 5 Sept., S Washington Co., 130, 5 Sept., N Issaquena Co., GK, SK (N); 275, 6 Sept., N Issaquena Co., MD (N); 38, 19 Sept., Loakfoma Lake, TS (D) TUNDRA SWAN -- 2 ad, 13 Dec., Grenada Lake, GK, SK, MD (R); 1 ad, 24 Dec.-28 Feb., 1 imm, 11 Jan.-28 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, SK, MD, TS (R); 24 (2 flocks of 12), 24 Mar., Kiln, DR (R) GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 2, 29 Oct.-3 Nov., Kiln, JT, GM, MB, m.ob. (R) SNOW GOOSE -- 5, 31 Jan., Yazoo NWR, GL, HM, HoM; 4, 5 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) CANADA GOOSE -- 2, 15-17 Oct., Kiln, JT, CS, MD WOOD DUCK -- 1 f w/ chick, 16 Apr., Waveland SL, JT GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 1, 2 Oct., Kiln, JT, CC, JP (E); 1, 3 Oct., Starkville SL, TS (Å) AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- 2, 24 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A); 2, 13 Nov., Greenwood I., JT, MP MOTTLED DUCK -- 110, 1 Mar., PRM, JT, CD (N); 1 ad w/ 10 small chicks, 28 Apr., Greenwood I., JT, MP MALLARD -- 1 f, 5 downy young, 19-21 July, 3 imm, 31 July, Starkville SL, TS, MH (R); 30, 29 Oct., Kiln, JT, MB, GM (N)NORTHERN PINTAIL -- 2, 19 Sept., Kiln, JT, GK, SK; 10, 7 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 3, 27 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (D) Cinnamon x Blue-winged teal hybrid -- 1 m, 22 Mar.-11 Apr., Starkville SL, TS, MH NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 3, 18 Aug., Starkville SL, TS (A); <u>2500</u>+, 31 Oct.-30 Nov., NW. Humphreys Co., MH (N) GADWALL -- 48, 17 Apr., 16, 29 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (L, $\overline{N}$ ; 1 m, 20-22 July, Starkville SL, TS, MH (R); 4-5, 5 Oct., Kiln & Jackson Marsh, JT, CC, AJ, BJ (E); 35, 7 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) AMERICAN WIGEON -- 3, 30 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 1, 2 Oct., Kiln, JT, CC, JP (E) CANVASBACK -- 2, 25 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, JT (E); 10, 28 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) REDHEAD -- 2, 8 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E); 2, 11 Oct., Bayou Cassotte, TS, JM (E)

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 6 pr, 6 June, 1 pr, 28 June, Ross Barnett Res., Madison Co., GK, SK (R, no evidence of nesting); 1, 9 Aug., Tishomingo SP, TS, ES (R); 6, 7 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) GREATER SCAUP -- 4, 6 Dec., Starkville SL, TS (R); 10, 3 Mar., Miss. Sound near Horn I., JT, CD; 1 m, 12 Apr., Eupora SL, Webster Co., TS (R) LESSER SCAUP -- 500, 11 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N); 3, 20 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) OLDSQUAW -- 21, 22 Feb., off Biloxi beach, TS; 110, 3 Mar., Miss. Sound off Jackson Co., JT, CD (N); 15, 26 Mar., E. Ship I., JT, CD, MB BLACK SCOTER -- 15, 22 Mar., off Biloxi beach, JT (N); 1 imm m, 15 Nov., Bellefontaine Beach, CC, CD, JP (R) SURF SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 22 Feb., Bear Creek, Tishomingo Co., GP (R); 1 f/imm, 11 Oct., Laurel SL, TS, JM (R); 2 f/imm, 15 Nov., Bellefontaine Beach, CC, JP, CD; 1, 16 Nov., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MB WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1 imm, 7 Mar., Biloxi beach, MG, CG; 1 m, 15 Mar., Lake Lowndes, Lowndes Co., TS (R); 4-5 f, 24-25 Oct., Grenada SL, GK, SK, MD (1st area fall record); 3, 16 Nov., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MB (R) COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 1, 21 Nov., Starkville SL, TS (A) BUFFLEHEAD -- 2, 6 Nov., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A) HOODED MERGANSER -- 6 pr, males displaying, 19 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH; 1, 28 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 1 pr, 10 Nov., 1 m, 29 Nov., Hickory, JM COMMON MERGANSER -- 4, 17 Jan., Grenada Lake, SK, GK, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 f, 17 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, SK (L) RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 4, 5 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) RUDDY DUCK -- 1 f, 26 July, Laurel SL, TS (R); 1, 30 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 8, 4 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, JT, m.ob. (A) Duck species -- 14,000, 20 Dec., Grenada Lake, m.ob. (N); 18,000, 27 Dec., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., m.ob.---Sardis CBC  $\overline{(N)}$ TURKEY VULTURE -- 1 albino, 14 Nov., Church Hill, RL (feeding with normally-pigmented TV's; white with light speckling of tan) OSPREY -- 20, 26 Mar., E. (18) & W. (2) Ship is., JT, CD, MB; 14, 29 Mar., Horn & Round is., JT, CD, TS; 1, 1 Apr., Jones Co., JM; 1, 3 June, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JJ, MH (R); 1, 20 June, Warren Co., JB, HM, CDr, JBe (R); 2, 27 June, Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD, VT (3rd or 4th summer here, no evidence of nesting); 8, 28 July, Bayou Cassotte and Greenwood I., MH, CD, JT; 1 ad f, 13 Sept., Humphreys Co., MH; 1, 1 & 13 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS; 3 ad, 30 Nov., Bolivar Co., NH

- AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 19 Mar., Kiln, JT (A); 1, 3 May, near Sardis Dam, Panola Co., GK (R, 2nd N. Miss. record; 1st was a 1938 specimen from Pontotoc Co.); 1, 13 Sept., Vicksburg, JB (R)
- BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- 1, 22 Feb., Port Bienville, TS; 1,
- 24 Mar., Ansley, JT, CD; <u>1-4</u> (incl. 3 imm), 15 Aug.-<u>79</u> Nov., at or near Ansley, JT, m.ob. MISSISSIPPI KITE -- <u>20</u>, 20-29 Apr. (<u>10</u> on 20 Apr.), Vicksburg, JB; <u>1</u>, <u>22</u> Apr., upper Pascagoula R., Jackson Co., JT; <u>1</u>, <u>25</u> Apr., Jefferson Co., GL; <u>1</u> imm, 10 June, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., MH (R); 2 ad,  $\overline{1}$  nestling, 18 July, Gautier, CD, CaG; 8 (mostly imm),  $\overline{24}$  July, Sardis Dam, MD; 106, (34 on 16 Aug.), 14-25 Aug., Vicksburg, JB; 2, 6 Sept., Gulfport, JT (L); 1, 3 Oct., Morgan City, MH (L)
- BALD EAGLE -- 1 ad, 7 Dec., Noxubee NWR, TS; 17 (incl. 4 ad), 10 Jan., Sardis Lake, MD, GK, DD (N); 2 ad, 1 imm, 25 Jan., Noxubee NWR, TS (N); 2 ad at nest, 8-9 Feb., Eagle Lake, GL, MaB; 1-2, 9-11 Feb., Bolivar Co., NH, JH, et al.; 1 imm, 1-2 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E); 1-5 (I ad, 4 imm), 15 Sept.-30 Nov., Kiln, SM, JT, m.ob.; 1 ad, 2 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK (E); 1 ad, 14 Nov., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, ES, m.ob.; 1 ad, 15 Nov., Humphreys Co., JJ, MH (1st county record)
- NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1 imm, 11 Sept., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (E); 2, 21 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1, 1 Apr., Hancock Co., JT; 1 imm, 28 June, Jeff Busby Park, TS, MH (R); 1, 1 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 1, 1 Sept., Jackson Co., JT, CC, CD, CK (E)
- COOPER'S HAWK -- 1, 20 Mar., Jackson Co., CC, JS, GM; 1, 23 & 31 May, Hickory, JM; 1, 4 June, Harrison Co., JT (R); 1, 2, 15 & 20 July, Newton Co., JM (R); 1 imm, 18 Aug., Logtown, JT, MP (R); 1, 10 Oct., Humphreys Co., MH (R); 1, 29 Nov., Attala Co., MH (R)

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- pr at nest, 21 Apr., 1 young fledged by 2 June, Hancock Co., JT, m.ob.

- BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 474, 25 Mar.-30 Apr. (270 on 14 Apr.), Vicksburg, JB (N); 100, 4 Apr., over Biloxi, GM (N); 1, 5 Apr., Choctaw Co., TS, MH (A); 5, 7 Apr., Starkville, DI; 2 imm, 17 July, Logtown, JT,  $\overline{CD}$ ; 909, (300 on 24 Sept.), 6 Sept.-11 Oct., Vicksburg, JB
- SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1, 11 July, Kiln, NN, PN (R) RED-TAILED HAWK -- 6 nests, 3 fledging 7 young, Mar.-31 May, Bolivar Co., NH; <u>1</u> Harlan's type,  $\overline{1}$  other dark phase, 14 Nov., Church Hill, GL (R)
- AMERICAN KESTREL -- 12, 1 Mar., Jackson Co., JT

MERLIN -- 1 m, 7 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (R); 1, 28 Apr., Jackson Co., CC, HC, CD; 2, 28 Sept., W. Hancock Co., JT, CC, GM; 1, 30 Sept., Port Bienville, JT; 1, 4 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, JT, GM, MB; 1, 17 Oct., Ansley, MD, JT; 1, 11 Nov., Lafayette Co., GK (R); 1, 12 Nov., Kiln, TS

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1 ad, 24 Mar., Ansley, JT, CD (R); 1, 28 Apr., Harrison Co., GM (R); 1, 3 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, MH, TS (R); 1, 12 Sept., Gulfport, JT, TS (E,R); 1, 23 Sept., Horn I., JT, CC, CD; 1 ad tundrius, 26 Sept., Rosedale, TS (R; seen eating shorebird); 1, 10 Oct., Ansley, JM, TS, JT (R); 1, 1 Nov., Humphreys Co., MH (1st county record)

WILD TURKEY -- 2, 13 Mar., Hancock Co., CC, JP; 1 f, 4 June, Harrison Co., JT; 4 ad, 21 young, 19 July, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MH; 14, 19 Sept., Logtown & Pearlington Woods, JT, GK, SK (N); 1, 23 Nov., Grenada Co., GK

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- <u>51</u>, 31 May, Jackson Co. (D'Iberville BBS), JT (N)

CLAPPER RAIL -- 22, 5 Apr., W. Pascagoula R. marsh, CD, JT; 60 calling, 5 May, Ansley marshes (by boat), JT, CD; 40 calling, 14 May, Bangs Lake (by boat), JT, CD

KING RAIL -- 1 calling, 20 Dec., Grenada Co., MD, GK; 3 calling, 19 Feb., Lafayette Co., MD, GK; 2, 28 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., MH, TS

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1, 3 Jan., 14 Mar., 4 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MH (R)

SORA -- 1 1st-winter, 27 Feb., Starkville, GG, MH; 40, 22 Apr., Jackson Co. (by boat), JT, CD, TH (N); 2, 4 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS; 2, 14 May, Bangs Lake, JT, CD (D)

AMERICAN COOT -- 6, 26 July, Laurel SL, TS (R); 2, 22 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) SANDHILL CRANE -- 1 ad, 1 imm, 13 Feb., near Grenada Airport,

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CROWNED CRANE -- 2, 8 Sept., Kiln, SM (escaped exotics) BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 100, 24 Mar., Lucky's Corner, JT, CD; <u>1</u> in alternate pl, 24 May, Lafayette Co., GK, SK, MD (R);

 $\overline{I}$ , 14 Sept. & 16 Nov., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK;  $\overline{I}$ , 27 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

LESSER GOLDEN PLOVER -- 31, 9 Mar., Hancock Co., JT; 75, 18 Mar., 1000, 19 Mar., 175, 22 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH (N); 1, 18 Mar., 35, 30 Mar., 1, 1 May, Starkville, TS, MH; 60, 24 Mar., Lucky's Corner, JT; 5, 26 & 30 Mar., Lafayette Co., GK; 18, 2 April, Hickory, JM (numbers down); 6-15, 4-13 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD, GK, VT; 1 basic pl, 1 May, Starkville, TS, MH (L); 2, 4 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, JT, m.ob. (R); 1-3, 13-24 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 1, 29 Oct.-30 Nov., Kiln, JT, m.ob. (R)

SNOWY PLOVER -- 4 (1 at nest scrape), 26 Mar., W. Ship I., JT, CD, MB; 2, 20 Aug., 8, 12 Sept., E. tip Horn I., JT, MB. CC. CD WILSON'S PLOVER -- 1 m, 1 f, 11 Mar., PRM, JT (A); 1 m, 1 f, 26 Mar., W. Ship I., JT, CD, MB; 1 m, 1 f, 14 Apr., Pass Christian beach, JT, MP (unusual location); 1 imm, 21 July, Greenwood I., JT, MP SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 10, 21 Apr., Kiln, 20, 22 Apr., Greenwood I., 30, 25 May, Kiln, JT, m.ob.; 3, 28 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, GK, SK (E); 19, 29 July, Waveland beach, JT, GM, MB, MP; 1, 13 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A); 3, 17 Sept., Oktibbeha & Noxubee cos., TS (D) PIPING PLOVER -- 1 ad, 24 July, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R, 1st N. MS "fall" migrant record); 9, 3 Nov., Waveland beach, JT, MP (numbers down) KILLDEER -- 300+, 28 Feb., Bolivar Co., NH, JH (N); 85, 15 Nov., Humphreys Co., MH, JJ (N) AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- 4, 13 Mar., Waveland beach, CC, JP; 2, 9 May, Waveland beach, JT, GM, m.ob.; 1 flying, 5 May, Heron Bay, Hancock Co., JT, CD; 2-4, 21-30 Nov., Waveland beach, JT, MB, MP, CC, m.ob. (unrecorded in Hancock Co. before 1985, regular since) BLACK-NECKED STILT -- numbers down, spring, due to habitat disturbance at PRM and Greenwood I., JT; 1, 3 July, Washington Co., TS (R); 30 (incl. 1 downy young), 21 July, Greenwood I., JT, MP (1st definite nesting at this locality); 4, 28 July, Seaman Rd. SL, MH, CD, JT (1st summer this locality; workers report nest destroyed by predator) AMERICAN AVOCET -- 2, 21 Feb., Lakeshore beach, Hancock Co., TS (R); 137, most in alternate pl, 21 Mar., 100, 13 Apr., PRM, JT, m.ob.; 1 in basic pl, 10 Oct., Morgan City, MH (R); 1, 19-20 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (2nd area fall record); 2, 31 Oct.-1 Nov., Humphreys Co., MH (R) GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 30, 13 July, 1, 14 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, GK, SK, MD (E, beats previous area arrival by 10 days); 4, 17 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A) LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 4 July, 108, 13 July, 40, 14 July, MS Hwy 330 pond, MD, GK, SK (E,N); 3, 20 July, Starkville SL, MH (A); 1, 29 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (D) SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 3 Mar., Seaman Road SL, GM, CC (A); 4, 24 Mar., Lucky's Corner, JT, CD; 1, 1 Apr., Starkville, BeJ, MH (A); 2, 8 Apr., Eagle Lake, GL; 1, 22 May & 1 June, Oxford SL, GK (L); 1, 4 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, MD (earliest by 26 days for area); 1, 19 Sept., Oktibbeha Co., TS (D)

WILLET -- 1, 9-11 July, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD, GK, SK (2nd area summer record, no fall records); 1, 17 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (2nd area record)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1 ad, 3 June, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JJ, MH (R, not known to breed); 1, 22 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1-2, 28-31 Mar., Hickory, JM (A, numbers down for 2nd year); 2, 30 Mar., 28, 15 Apr., 1, 1 May, Starkville, TS, MH, et al. (A, N, D); 1, 3 Apr., Broadwater Marina, Biloxi, JT, MB (R); 1, 15 Aug., Kiln, JT, CC, CD (R); 2, 23 Aug., Lafayette Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 1 Sept., Greenwood I., JT, CC, CD (R)

WHIMBREL -- 1, 5 Apr., Pascagoula R. mouth, JT, CD; 2, 8 May, Greenwood I., JT, CD; 19, 14 May, E. Jackson Co. marshes (by boat), JT, CD; 2-3, 28 July, Bayou Cassotte, CD, MH, JT (1st July record); 1, 20 Aug., 3, 27 Sept., Greenwood I., CD (R)

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1, 28 July, marsh s. of Bayou Cassotte, JT (R, 1st July record)

MARBLED GODWIT -- 1, 7 Mar.-3 Apr., Pascagoula beach, CD, JT, m.ob.; 1, 18 Aug., Waveland, JT, MP (A,R); 1, 13 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, ES (1st area record)

RED KNOT -- 78, 9 Mar., Gulfport beach, JT, CC, JD, GM; 4 in alternate pl, 13 Aug., Gulfport, MB (A); 27 in basic pl, 25 Nov., Gulfport, JT

SANDERLING -- 1 alternate pl, 25 July, Gulfport beach, JT, TS

 (A); 1 ad, 3-4 Aug., Starkville SL, MH, TS (R); 2, 22
 Aug., Rosedale, MH, TS (R); 4, 26 Sept., Rosedale, TS (R)
 SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 3, 10 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (D)
 WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 1500, most in alternate pl, 13 Apr., PRM, JT, JP (N); 10, 17 July, Waveland beach, JT, CD (A); 1-3, 18-20 July, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (earliest in area by 5 days); 19, 21 July, 1, 10 Sept., Starkville SL. TS (N,D)

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 1, 6 Dec., Starkville SL, TS (L); 6, 13 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, GK, SK (earliest area record by 10 days); 4, 17 July, Waveland beach, JT, CD (A); 1000+, 1 Nov., NW. Humphreys Co., MH (N)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 2, 28 Apr., Greenwood I., JT, MP (A); 1, 4 & 28 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MH

BAIRD<sup>T</sup>S SANDPIPER -- 3, 12 Sept., spoil i. in E. Pascagoula R., JT, CD, CC (R); 2, 26 Sept., Rosedale, TS (R); 1, 10 Oct., Morgan City, MH (1st county record)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 20-60, 5-24 Mar., Kiln, JT, CC, CD (A,N); 18, 13 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, GK, SK (N, earliest in area by 10 days); 250, 25 Aug., Seaman Rd. SL, JT, CD (N); 1, 14 Nov., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, ES (L)

PURPLE SANDPIPER -- 1, 11-12 Nov., Kiln, JT, m.ob. (2nd state record, 1st documented record, photos)

DUNLIN -- 400, 24 Mar., Kiln, JT, CD (N); 35, 24 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A); several, 1 Nov., Newton Co., JM (1st county record) STILT SANDPIPER -- 3, 20 Dec., PRM, MH, TS (R); 2, 7 Mar., PRM, MH, JT (A); 200, half in alternate pl, 13 Apr., PRM, JT, JP; 1, 26 July, PRM, TS (A); 1, 2 Sept., MS Hwy. 330 pond, MD, GK; 1, 7 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (A); 21, 10 Oct., Humphreys Co., MH (N); 3, 20 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (D) BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 2, 2 Sept., Lafayette Co., GK, MD (R) SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 3, 13 July, MS Hwy. 330 pond, GK, SK (1st area July record); 5, 24 July, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD; 1 ad hendersoni, 3 Aug., 1, 17 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (A,D); 100+, 28 Oct., Waveland beach, JT, GM LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1, 30 Sept., 1, 20 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A,D); 16, 19 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK; 2, 24 Oct., 6, 25 Oct., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., MD, GK; <u>60</u>, 31 Oct.-1 Nov., NW. Humphreys Co., MH (N) Dowitcher species -- <u>200</u> (about 50/50 species ratio), 11 Mar., PRM, JT COMMON SNIPE -- 1, 11 Sept., Broadwater Marina, Biloxi, JT (A); 1, 16 Sept., Starkville SL, TS AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- 1-6, 28 Jan.-25 Feb., Lafayette Co., GK, SK (N); 1, 12 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 1 m, 1 Apr., Waveland SL, JT, CD (A, new to this location);  $\underline{1}$  f in alternate pl,  $\underline{2}$  basic pl, 28 Apr., Greenwood I., JT, MP (new to this Tocation); 2, 26 July, PRM, TS (A); 1, 2 Sept., MS Hwy. 330 pond, MD, GK; 7, 19 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 basic pl, 15-19 Sept., Starkville SL, TS, m.ob. (2nd area record) RED PHALAROPE -- 1, 4 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, JT, m.ob. (2nd coastal record, 5th state record; photos) LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad, 18 & 24 Apr., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R); 1 downy chick, summer, picked up near Bayou Caddy, raised by WRANPS, DnH (R nester) FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1-5, 2-17 Oct., Hancock Co. beaches, JT, MD, JM, m.ob. (R,E); 1 imm, 5 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (1st area record); 5 ad, 18 Nov., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK (R) BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 13 ad, 2 1st-winter pl, 10 Jan., Eagle Lake, JB, HM, m.ob. (2nd county record); 200+, 21 Feb., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., SK, GK (N); 1 in alternate pl, 21-28 Feb., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., SK, GK; 7, 4 Apr., Bolivar Co., NH (R); 1, 25 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, JT (E); 2, 10 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)

RING-BILLED GULL -- 50, 21 Dec., Eagle Lake, GL; 3 ad, 5 June-July, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD, GK, SK (1st area summer record); 4, 22 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 80, 20 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N) HERRING GULL -- 1 imm, 28 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 ad, 1 Dec.-21 Mar., Biloxi beach, JT, m.ob. (5th year); 1 ad, 28 Oct.-30 Nov., Harrison Co. beaches, JT,  $m.o\overline{D}$ . (6th year) GULL-BILLED TERN -- 4, 28 Mar., PRM, TS (A); 2, 29 Mar., Horn I., JT, CD, TS CASPIAN TERN -- 1, 15 Apr., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK (R); 1, 26 July, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, SK (R); 3, 18 Sept., Humphreys Co., MH (R) SANDWICH TERN -- 8, 29 Mar., Horn & Round is., JT, CD, TS (A) COMMON TERN -- 1 ad, 5 Mar., W. Pascagoula R., JT, CD (A); 1 1st-summer pl, 19 Mar., Waveland beach, JT (numbers down); 9 1st-summer pl, 20 Aug., 100 ad & 1st-summer pl, 23 Sept., E. tip Horn I., JT, CD, MB FORSTER'S TERN -- 1, 21 Dec. & 28 Feb., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R); 3 in basic pl, 10 Jan., Eagle Lake, HM, JB, m.ob.; 1, 3 July, Lafayette Co., GK (R summer); 2, 30 Sept., Oktibbeha Co., TS (A); <u>34</u>, 31 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (N); 1, 28 Nov., Clay Co., TS (L); 1, 29 Nov., Humphreys Co., MH (L) LEAST TERN -- 1, 23 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD, GK (R); 2, 23 May, 7, 31 May, Scott Plantation, Bolivar Co., NH; 1, 15 & 28 June, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, SK (1st area summer records); 12 ad, 4 nests (2,2,2,1 eggs resp.), 3 July, Miss. R. at Rosedale, TS, TD; 1 imm, 3 Aug., 2 imm, 25 Aug., 1, 10 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (1st records for area) BLACK TERN -- 1, 4 & 13 July, Calhoun Co., MD, GK (R); 25+, 13 July, Grenada Dam, DW (R,N); 11, 12 Aug., Oktibbeha Co., TS (A); 6000, 20 Aug., E. tip Horn I. & adjacent Gulf, JT, MB, CD (N); 1, 16 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (D); 4, 16 Nov., Jackson Co., JT, MB (L) BLACK SKIMMER -- 60 nests, 4 June, Gulfport beach, JT, m.ob. WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 16-21 Nov., Ocean Springs, CC, HC, m.ob.; 1, 21 Nov., Port Bienville, JT, MB, CC, MP (numbers down) COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 2-4, 2-10 Dec., Leflore Co., PB (R); 2, 18 Jan., Leflore Co., TS (R); 2, 8 Feb., Yazoo NWR, CK, PS (R); 1-2, 5, 9, 24 Mar., Port Bienville, JT, CD, m.ob.; 1, 13 Mar., 5 Apr., Hancock Co., CC, JP; 1, 27 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, CC, HC; <u>1</u>, 4 June, NW Hancock Co., JT (R); <u>1</u>, 11 June, Lucky's Corner, JT (R); <u>1</u>, 13 Sept., Humphreys Co., MH (1st county record); <u>5</u>, 2 Oct., <u>8</u>, 15 Oct., Hancock Co., JT, m.ob. (N); 1, 28 Oct., Greenwood I., CD, DRp

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 20 Apr., Logtown, CC, JP, JDa (R); 1, 2 May, Lafayette Co., JT, MD, GK, SK, JuB (R) YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 20 Sept., Webster Co., TS (D); 8, 26 Sept., Pascagoula R. WMA, CC, CD, DRp, JP GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- 2, 5 Oct., Waveland SL, BJ, JT, AJ, CC
(A); 1, 11 Oct., Greenwood I., TS, JM; 9, 23 Oct., NW.
Harrison Co., DH (new state high N; previous high: 7); 2, 25 Oct., Greenwood I., CD; 4, 28 Oct., Greenwood I., DRp, CD; <u>2-5</u>, 19-30 Nov., Biloxi, MB COMMON BARN-OWL -- 1-2, 16-26 Feb., Shaw, Bolivar Co., NH, HT (R); 1-2, Mar. -9 May, Ansley, JT, m.ob.; <u>1</u>, 22 July, Pascagoula, CD; 2, 29 Sept., Ansley, JT, GM, MB, MP; 2, 12 Sept.-30 Nov., Ansley, JT, m.ob. GREAT HORNED OWL -- nest with 2 young, 18 Mar., Scott, NH; 1, 19 Sept., Waveland SL, JT, GK, SK SHORT-EARED OWL -- 1, 29 Dec., Ansley, MH, CD (R); 1-6, 6 Mar.-9 Apr., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MH, m.ob. (R,N); 2, 17 Nov., Oktibbeha Co., TS (R.A) COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 16, 31 May, D'Iberville BBS, Jackson Co., JT; 60, 7 Sept., Oxford, MD (N); 1, 11 Oct., Oxford, MD (L) Nighthawk species -- 1 (probably Common), 5, 8 & 9 Mar., Port Bienville, JT,  $C\overline{K}$ , m.ob. (E, may have wintered) CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 448 heard, 8-10 June, at 241 of 351 stops along the Natchez Trace Parkway from Canton to the Ala. line (194 mi), BC, LC (numbers down) WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 48 heard, 8-10 June, at 44 of 351 stops along the Natchez Trace Parkway from Canton to the Ala. line (194 mi), 1st WPW (going N) 1 mi S of Kosciusko, BC, LC (numbers down) CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 3, 22 Mar., Vicksburg, GL (A); 10, 8 Oct., Starkville,  $\overline{TS}$  (D); <u>1</u>, 9 Oct., Washington,  $\overline{GL}$  (D) BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1, 26-30 Nov., Bay St. Louis, LS, NN, JT, m.ob. (1st state record; photos) RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1, 22 Mar., Vicksburg, GL (A); 100+, 31 May, Bolivar Co., NH (N---coming to feeders at dusk); 2 f, 7 Oct., Washington, GL (D); 1-3 f/imm, 26-30 Nov., Bay St. Louis, LS, NN, JT, MH, m.ob. (L) BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 26-27 Nov., Bay St. Louis, LS, NN, JT, MH, m.ob. (1st state record; gorget feather collected, placed in NN private collection; photos gorget feather on file, MSU) Selasphorus species -- 2, 2 Nov., Gulfport, JT, BF, MB RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- 1, 13 May, Washington Co., NH (numbers down); 35 pairs, May-Aug., Starkville, DI (at least onethird of pairs double-brooded) RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER -- 20 pairs, Mar.-July, Starkville, DI (about half of excavated cavities lost to starlings early in season)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1, 3 Apr., Starkville, DI (D); 1, 3 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 2, 4 Oct., Humphreys Co., MH (A) HAIRY WOODPECKER -- 1, 18 Apr., Hickory, JM (R) RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER -- 1, Apr., MSU campus, DI (R); 1 imm, 29 May, Desoto Nat. Forest, Jackson Co., JT OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER-- 1, 23 May, Lafayette Co., MD, GK (R); 1, 5 June, Lafayette Co., MD, GK (R,L); 1-2, 22 & 27 Aug., Logtown, JT, MB, GM, CC (R); 1, 31 Aug., Lafayette Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 6 Sept., Washington Co., MH, TS (R) EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 10 calling, 29 May, Desoto Nat. Forest, Jackson Co., JT (N); 1, 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D) YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 4 May, Gulfport, JT (R); 1, 16 Sept. & 9 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (R); 1, 3 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R) ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 5, 7 Sept., Tibbee Creek bottoms, TS (D) LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1, 6 & 13 Sept., 3, 16 Sept., 2, 20 & 24 Sept., 1, 4 \$ 9 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (R) Empidonax species -- 2 Traill's complex, 29 Apr., Biloxi, JT, GM EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1, 25 Oct., Washington, GL (A) VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad, 25 Sept., E. Ship I., FM, DL, TdS (R,E); 1 ad m, 30 Sept., Waveland SL, JT, LS (R); 1 m, 1 f, 5-8 Nov., Lizana, Harrison Co., JT, DK, GM, CC, m.ob.; 1 2nd-winter m, 21-30 Nov., Port Bienville, MB, JT, CC, MP, m.ob. GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 2, 3 Sept., Starkville, TS (D)
WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 21 Apr., Ansley, TH, JT, et al. (1st
coastal spring record); 1, 15 June, PRM, JT, CD (1st
coastal spring record); 1, 16 June, PRM, JT, CD (1st
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coastal spring record); 1, 16 June, PRM, JT, coastal summer record); 1, 29 Aug., Kiln, JT (A); 1, 28 & 30 Sept., Waveland SL, GM, m.ob. (numbers down-JT); 1, 31 Oct., Greenwood I., CC, MF, AD EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 19 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (D) GRAY KINGBIRD -- 1, 25 Oct., Greenwood I., CD (R,L) SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad m, 1 Apr., Ansley, JT, CD (R); 1, 16 Apr., Eagle Lake, GL (R); 1, 27 Apr., Russellville, Yazoo Co., GL (R); 2, 3 May, Sunflower Co., NH, JH (R); 1, 19 Oct., Hickory, JM (R)
PURPLE MARTIN -- 2, 30 Jan., Warren Co., MS (A,E); 2, 19
Sept., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D); several, 12 Oct., Bolivar Co., NH, JH (L) TREE SWALLOW -- 10, 19 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 100-2000+, 23 Sept.-24 Oct., Bolivar Co., NH (N); 5, 10 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 3, 11 Mar., Seaman Rd. SL, JT (A); 5, 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

BANK SWALLOW -- 2, 21 May, E. Ship I., JT, CD (D); 4, 25 Aug., Seaman Rd. SL, JT, CD (A, numbers down): 20. 2 Sept., Bolivar Co., NH

- CLIFF SWALLOW -- 6 24 Mar., 20 (going to nests), 24 May, U.S. Hwy. 90 Pearl R. bridge, JT; 20, 10 May, Arkabutla Dam, Desoto Co., BC, LC; 30, 10 May, Coldwater R. bridge, Desoto Co., BC, LC (prob. new colony); 8 pr, 2 June, U.S. Hwy. 90 Pearl R. bridge, Hancock Co., JT, MP; 8 ad, 3 young, 11 July, central Hancock Co. (new colony), NN, PN, JaB (R); 500, 2 Sept., 100, 23 Sept., Bolivar Co., NH (N)
- BARN SWALLOW -- 1, 18 Mar., Washington Co., NH (A); 1000+, 25 Aug., Bolivar Co., NH (N); 1, 25-30 Nov., Kiln, JT. m.ob. (L)

FISH CROW -- 1, 16 Feb., Vicksburg, GL; 7, 21 Feb., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD; 2, 15 Mar., 1, 11 Apr., Lake Lowndes SP, Lowndes Co., TS (R)

CAROLINA CHICKADEE -- 1 pair building nest, 19 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1, 14 Dec., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., MH, TS; 2, Dec.-Jan., Starkville, JJ, BeJ; 1, 24 Jan., Lafayette Co., MD, GK; 1, 29 Oct., Gulfport. JT

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1, 28 June, Claiborne Co., JB

- BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH -- 1 Duilding nest, 9 Mar., Hancock Co., JT. CC
- BROWN CREEPER -- 1, 5 Apr., Choctaw Co., MH, TS (D); 1, 7 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 3, 8 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (A); 1, 25 Oct., Washington, GL

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1-2, 13 Dec.-13 Feb., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 1, 27 Dec., Lafayette Co., MD, GK, SK (R); 1, 13-14 Mar., Hickory, JM

HOUSE WREN --- 2, 3 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 2, 1 Nov., Lowndes Co., TS (D)

WINTER WREN -- 1, 2 & 9 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (E); 1, 4 Oct., Oktibbeha  $\overline{C}o$ . Lake, TS (E)

- SEDGE WREN -- 1-2, 20-23 Dec., Grenada Dam, MD, GK (R); 1, 14 Mar., Oktibbeha Co., TS; 1, 3 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1, 5 Oct., Kiln, JT, CC, AJ, BJ (A); 1, 20 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK (R)
- MARSH WREN -- 1, 20-23 Dec., Grenada Dam, MD. GK (R); 196. 5-21 May, coastwide survey by boat, Hancock, Harrison & Jackson cos., JT, CD; 19 singing, 28 June, along E. Pascagoula R., JT, CD, MH (N); 1, 23 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 2, 18 Apr., Davis Bayou, Ocean Springs, MH, JT, MP (D,L); 1, 10 Oct., Ansley, JT, TS, JM (A,E); 7, 18 Oct., E. Ship T., AK (N)

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 2 Sept., Biloxi, MB (E) BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 10, 3 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D)

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- abundant, May, Bolivar & Washington cos., NH; 50+, 2 June, Hancock Co., JT, MP (N) VEERY -- 11, 8 May, E. Ship I., AK (N); 10, 9 May, Ansley, JT, m.ob. (N); 2, 7 Sept., Tibbee Creek bottoms, TS GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 6, 24 Apr., E. Ship I., AK (N); 15, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR, m.ob. (N); 1, 5 Oct., Waveland SL, JT, BJ, AJ, CC (A) SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 20, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR, m.ob.; 1, 3 Sept., E. Ship I., AK (E); 1, 12 Sept., Logtown, TS (A,E) HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 9 Mar., Logtown, JT (D,E); 2, 24 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A) WOOD THRUSH -- 1, 5 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, MH, TS (A); 15, 18 Apr., Davis Bayou, Ocean Springs, MH, JT; 8, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR, m.ob.; 1, 30 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (D) Thrush species -- 50+, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR, m.ob. (cold front) AMERICAN ROBIN -- 19, 1 Nov., Church Hill, GL (A) GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 11 June, Hancock Co., JT (R summer) WATER PIPIT -- 50, 5 Mar., Kiln, JT, CC (N); 1, 31 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A) SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1, 28 Feb., MS R. levee near Scott, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (R) CEDAR WAXWING -- 35, 20 Dec., Vicksburg, GL; 500, 13 May, Bolivar Co., NH (N); 8, 5 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) EUROPEAN STARLING --  $12,00\overline{0}$ , 6 Sept., Washington Co., MD (N) WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 20 Dec., Warren Co., JB (1st area winter record); 1, 4 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) BELL'S VIREO -- 1 singing m, 29 Aug., Lafayette Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 27 Sept., E. Ship I., AK (R) SOLITARY VIREO -- 1, 4 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (A) YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1, 26 Mar., E. Ship I., JT, CD, MB (late A); 1 singing, 2 June, near Kiln, JT, MP (R); 2 singing, 4 June, near Saucier, JT; 2, 19 Sept., Noxubee & Oktibbeha cos., TS (D) WARBLING VIREO -- 4, 18 Apr., Davis Bayou, Ocean Springs, JT, MH, MP (N); 6 singing, 3 July, Great River Rd. SP, Bolivar Co., TS; 1, 20 Sept., Webster Co., TS PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 16 Sept., Waveland SL, CC, MB, GM (A,E); 1, 18 Sept., E. Ship I., AK; 2, 22 Sept., 1, 3 Oct., Starkville, TS; 6, 4 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (N); 1, 8 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JM, MiS, PE, MH1 RED-EYED VIREO -- 40, 16 Apr., Hancock Co., JT; 1, 22 Sept., Starkville, TS (D) BLACK-WHISKERED VIREO -- 1, 30 Mar., Davis Bayou, Ocean Springs, CC, JS (R) BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 2, 2 Sept., Noxubee & Oktibbeha cos., TS GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 21 Apr., Buccaneer SP, TH, JT (A, R); 9, 22 Aug.-21 Sept., Hancock & Jackson cos., m.ob. (N); 1, 19 & 22 Sept., Starkville, TS

"Lawrence's Warbler" hybrid -- 1 f, 22 Aug., Rosedale, TS, MH (may be 1st state record of this form) TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 20 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 2, 10 Jan., Eagle Lake, GL, JTh, MHu; 1, 17 Oct., Winston Co., TS (A) NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 29 Aug., Waveland SL, JT (R, A,E); 1 f, 15 Sept., E. Ship I., AK; 1, 20 Sept., Eupora SL, Webster Co., TS; 1, 22 Sept., Starkville, TS; 1 imm m, 9 Oct., Hickory, JM (R) NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 f, 9 May, E. Ship I., AK (L migrant); 5, 4 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D); 1, 7 Oct., Washington, GL (D) YELLOW WARBLER -- 1 m, 27 May, Golden Triangle Airport, TS (L); 1 imm, 15 July, Hickory, JM (E); 1, 3 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1 f, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR (L); 1, 3 Sept., Starkville, TS (A); 2 imm, 3 Sept., Logtown, JT, MB (A, E); 1, 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D) MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 40, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR; 3, 31 Aug., Starkville, TS (A); 1, 18 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 1-4, 3-7 May, E. Ship I., AK; 1, 30 Sept. & 4 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1 m, 8 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JM, MiS, PE (R); <u>1</u> ad f, 10-17 Oct., Waveland SL, JT, TS, JM, MB, CS, MD, RR (R) BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- <u>3</u>, <u>3</u> May, <u>2</u>, <u>5</u> May, E. Ship I., AK (N); 1 m, 15 Sept., E. Ship I., AK (R,E); 1-2 m, 15-17 Oct., Waveland SL, JT, CS, MD, RR (R); 1, 18 & 23 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (R) YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 30, 3 May, Lafayette & Panola cos., TS, MH (N); 1 f, 6 May, Gulfport, JT (D); 2, 30 Sept., Starkville, TS (A); 100's, 28 Nov., Washington Co., JH (N) TOWNSEND'S WARBLER -- 1 imm, 15 Oct., Oxford, MD (probably 3rd state record) BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1, 2 Sept., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 1, 10 Sept., Biloxi, MB (A,E); 2, 24 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D) BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1 f, 18 May, Starkville, MH (D); 1, 3 & 18 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1, 4 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) GRACE'S WARBLER -- 1, 11 Sept., Oxford, SD (1st state record pending acceptance by MOSRC) PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 46 singing, 29 May, DeSoto Nat. Forest, Harrison & Jackson cos., JT (increasing); 27 singing, 31 May, D'Iberville BBS, Jackson Co., JT PALM WARBLER -- 7, 29 Apr., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD; 1, 2 May, E. Ship I., AK (D); 1, 3 May, Lafayette Co., MH, TS (D); 1, 30 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (A); 100+, 4 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL. JT. GM. MB (N)

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 50, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR; 2, 30 Sept., 1, 20 Oct.,  $\overline{Ok}$  tibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A,D) BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 m, 15 Apr., E. Ship I., AK (A); 1 m, 26 Apr., Starkville, MH (Å) CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1 f, 3 Sept., Waveland SL, JT, MB (A) BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 12 f, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR, m.ob.; 1 f, 28 June, Natchez Trace, Claiborne Co., JB (R); 40, 12 Sept., Hancock Co., JT, TS (N); 1, 18 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) AMERICAN REDSTART -- 30, 9 May, Ansley, JT, CR, m.ob.; 1 f, 5 July, Pass Christian, JD (R summer); 1, 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D) PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1, 7 Sept., Tibbee Creek bottoms, TS (D) SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 8 May, E. Ship I., AK (L migrant); 1 singing, 29 June, Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R) OVENBIRD -- 2, 3 Oct., Oktibbeha Co., TS (A); 1, 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D) NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 19 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 1, 7 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 7 Sept., Tibbee Creek bottoms, TS (D); 1, 17 Oct., Waveland SL, JT, MD (D,L) MOURNING WARBLER -- 1, 11 Sept., E. Ship I., AK (R); 1, 15 & 28 Sept., Waveland SL, CC, JT, GM (R) COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 18, 26 Apr., Church Hill, GL (1 f carrying nesting material) HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 3 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (D) WILSON'S WARBLER -- 10, 12 Sept.-29 Oct., Hancock, Harrison & Jackson cos., JT, m.ob. (N); 1, 19 Sept., Starkville, TS CANADA WARBLER -- 1, 9 May, Ansley, JT; 14, 1 Sept.-5 Oct., Hancock Co., m.ob.; 1, 3 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D); 1, 10 Oct., E. Ship T., AK (D) PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 ad, 5 Oct., Waveland SL, JT, AJ, BJ, CC, LS (1st state record; details to be published) YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 52, 31 May, D'Iberville BBS, Jackson Co., JT (2nd most abundant bird on route); 40 singing, 2 June, Hancock Co., JT, MP; <u>35</u> singing, 7 June, Necaise BBS, Hancock & Harrison cos., JT; 1, 5 Sept., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (D) SUMMER TANAGER -- 7 singing, 7 June, Necaise BBS, Hancock & Harrison cos., JT (N); 1, 4 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D) SCARLET TANAGER -- 1 pr, 28 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., MH (1st prob. breeding in area); 4 singing m, 1 June, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee (1) & Winton (3) cos., TS; 3 singing m, June, Lafayette & Panola cos., GK, MD (N); 1, 20 Sept., Webster Co., TS ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1, 14 May, Starkville, MH (D); 1, 1 Oct., 2, 4 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS

BLUE GROSBEAK -- 18, 31 May, D'Iberville BBS, Jackson Co., JT (increasing); 15 singing, 2 June, Hancock Co., JT, MP (N); 3, 19 Sept., Oktibbeha Co., TS (D) INDIGO BUNTING -- 16 singing, 7 June, Necaise BBS, Hancock &

Harrison cos., JT (N); 100's, 15-17 Oct., Kiln, JT, CS: 1, 1 Nov., Lowndes Co., TS (D)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 3 singing, 24 May, Port Bienville, JT; 2 singing, 2 June, Port Bienville, JT, MP; 1 singing m, 16 May-4 July, Golden Triangle Airport, MH, TS (R); 1 singing m, 26 July, Bellefontaine Beach, TS (1st summer record for this locality); 1-6 juv, Aug.-1 Sept., Greenwood I., CD

DICKCISSEL -- 1 m, 28 Apr., Greenwood I., JT, MP (A); 1 pair, f building nest, 4 May, Scott, NH; 8 m (singing), 15 May, Greenwood I., GM, MP (N); 1 imm m, I Sept., Greenwood I., JT (R,A); 1 f, 13 Oct., Kiln, JT, MB (R); 1 imm m, 27 Oct., Waveland SL, JT; 1 f, 1-5 Nov., Ocean Springs, HC, CC, m.ob.; 1, 7 Nov., Kiln, GM

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE -- 50+ singing, 2 June, Hancock Co., JT, MP (abundant breeder on coast)

- BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 1, 14 Dec., Grenada airport, TS, MH (R); 2 singing, 5 Mar., Kiln, JT, CC; 52, 29 May, Red Creek WMA & Desoto Nat. Forest, Harrison & Jackson cos., JT; 2 singing, 6 June, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R); 1 singing, 7 June, Walthall BBS, Calhoun Co., TS, MH (R)
- CHIPPING SPARROW -- 2, 15 Sept., Waveland SL, GM, CC, MB (E); 1, 11 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, TS, JM (A); 100, 18 Oct., Bolivar Co., JH, NH (N)
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1 ad, 24 Apr., Ansley, GM, JT, CD, CC (1st state spring record); 1, 5 Oct., Kiln, JT, AJ, CC, BJ (R,A)
- VESPER SPARROW -- 10, 11 Mar., near Seaman Rd. SL, JT (D); 1, 1 Nov., Golden Triangle Airport, TS (A)
- LARK SPARROW -- 1 ad, 26 Apr., Hickory, JM (R); 1 pr (seen copulating), 10 May, Monroe Co., MH (R); 1 Singing, 3 June, Aberdeen BBS, Monroe Co., MH, TS (RT; 1 m, 22 Aug., Pass Christian, JD, JT (R,A); 1, 11 Oct., Seaman Rd. SL, TS, JM

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 2, 24 Oct., Noxubee & Winston cos., TS (A) GRASSHOPPER SPARROW = 1-6 singing, 16 May-4 July, Golden

Triangle Airport, MH, TS (R); 1 ad, 21 Oct., Kiln, JT, CD, LS (A)

- LECONTE'S SPARROW -- 1, 14 Mar., Oktibbeha Co., TS SHARP-TAILED SPARROW -- 1, 26 Dec., 6, 29 Dec., Hancock Co. marshes, CD, MH, JT (from boat); 31, 5-14 May, coastwide by boat, Hancock, Harrison & Jackson cos., JT, CD (L)

SEASIDE SPARROW -- 223, 5-21 May, coastwide by boat, Hancock, Harrison & Jackson cos., JT, CD; 4, 28 July, along E. Pascagoula R., MH, JT, CD; 91 (mostly imm), 28 July, Bayou Cassotte, JT, CD, MH (N); 15 (mostly imm), 1 Aug., Greenwood I., JT, CC, JDa (N) SONG SPARROW -- 1, 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A) LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 29 Apr. & 3 May, Lafayette Co., MD (R); 1, 1 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R,E); 1, 9, 19 & 23 Oct., E. Ship I., AK (R); 1, 25 Oct., Humphreys Co., MH (R) SWAMP SPARROW -- 1, 5 May, Campbell I., Hancock Co., JT, CD (D); 1, 25 Sept., N. Jackson Co., JT, MP (E); 1, 12 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A) WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1, 26 Apr., Church Hill, GL (D); 1, 17 Oct., Winston Co., TS (A) WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 12, 3 Feb., Warren Co., GL, MaB; 1, 29 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 1 imm, 5 Nov., Hickory, JM DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1, 3 Oct., Winston Co., TS (E); 1, 21 Oct., Kiln, JT, CD, LS (E) LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 4, 9 Dec., 1, 25 Jan., Lafayette Co., GK; 1, 20 Dec., PRM, MH, TS (R); 1 imm, 11 Jan., Kiln, TS (R); 1 ad m in basic pl, 28 Nov., Starkville, TS (1st area record); 20+, 29 Nov., Humphreys Co., MH (A) BOBOLINK -- 40, 28 Apr. & 8 May, Greenwood I., JT, m.ob. (N); 20, 4 May, Bolivar Co., NH; 44, 10 May, Monroe Co., MH  $\overline{(N)}$ YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 f, 24 May, Lafayette Co., MD, GK, SK (R); 1 imm m, 21 Sept., Kiln, CC, MB, JT (R); 1 imm m, 25 Oct., Waveland SL, DC, GO RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 1, 15 Nov., Kiln, JT (A); 2, 29 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A) BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 12, 21 Dec., Eagle Lake, GL BRONZED COWBIRD -- 2 m, 24 May, 1 m, 1 f, 26 May, SW. Hancock Co., JT, CC, CD, JP (R, 3rd season at this location, photos) ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 18 singing, 2 June, Hancock Co., JT, MP NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 1, 19 Sept., Starkville SL, TS (D) PURPLE FINCH -- 1, 3 Dec., Warren Co., HM (A) HOUSE FINCH -- 1 singing m, 25 Apr., Starkville, TS (R); 1 f, 20 June-17 July, Oxford, SD, MD; 1, 10 Nov., Starkville, TS; 1 m, 1 f, 22 Nov., Sumner, Tallahatchie Co., MW (R); 1 f, 24 Nov., Washington, GL (R); 1 m, 28 Nov., Oxford,  $\overline{MD}$ , SD (R) PINE SISKIN -- 50-80, 25 Jan.-8 Mar., Oxford, MD, SD; 2, 2 Feb., Vicksburg, JB (A); 2, 7 May, Starkville, TS (D); 1, 18 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 12, 3 Nov., Hickory, JM (R)

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 3 m, 9 imm, 24 Aug.-10 Sept., Lafayette Co., GK, SK (suggests Tocal breeding)

EVENING GROSBEAK -- 40, 7 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MH (A); 100's, Tate Dec.-Feb., Starkville, JJ, BeJ; 60+, 18 Feb., Oxford, MD (N); 2, 21 Apr., Long Beach, fide JT; 3, 29 Apr., Starkville, TS (D); 1 m, 5-7 May, Diamondhead, Hancock Co., DH (L)

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Bangs Lake = SE. Jackson Co.; Bayou Caddy = SW. Hancock Co.; Big Point = Jackson Co.; Church Hill = Jefferson Co.; Golden Triangle Airport = W. Lowndes Co.; Greenwood I. = Pascagoula, Jackson Co.; Jeff Busby Park = Choctaw Co.; Laurel SL = Jones Co.; Loakfoma Lake = Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co.; Lucky's Corner = E. of Ansley, Hancock Co.; MS Hwy. 330 pond = W. Calhoun Co.; Morgan City = Leflore Co.; Saucier = N. Harrison Co.; Scott = SW. Bolivar Co.; Tibbee Creek bottoms = Clay Co.; Washington = Adams Co.

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