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COVER: Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) at the Pascagoula River Marsh, Jackson Co., Mississippi. Photograph by Jerome A. Jackson.

**PRAIRIE FALCON: FIRST DOCUMENTED RECORD IN MISSISSIPPI**

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Although the Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) has previously been listed from three adjacent states it had not been reported from Mississippi as of 1991. On 7 December 1991, Gene C. Knight led a small group on a field trip from Oxford to several access points along the south shore of Enid Lake. At about 12:30 p.m., a large pale-brown falcon flew along the shoreline at Cossar State Park. The bird gave a clear view of a black axillary area of the underwing, enabling Knight immediately to identify the bird as a Prairie Falcon. Shannon Knight and Robert Briscoe were also able to see that diagnostic feature. Briscoe indicated that he had seen a large falcon on 1 December at the shoreline of the Persimmon Hill campground area, which is located immediately westward across an arm of the lake from the state park, but he had supposed the bird to be a Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*).

Because this sighting seemed unprecedented, Davis was reached by telephone in hopes that he might also see and photograph the bird. Indeed, the bird was located at 3:15 p.m. roosting in a dead tree near the water on the peninsula ca. 200 m north of the restaurant in George Payne Cossar State Park. Photographs obtained that day were too poor to confirm identification; slides taken on 1 January 1992 were more definitive and have been deposited in the bird collections of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, and of the Department of Biological Sciences at Mississippi State University.

The bird's pale-brown back color resembled only slightly that of a first winter Peregrine; the face pattern was incorrect for that species. The bird showed a light line over the eye and a thin (not broad) dark mark below the eye (the so-called "mustache" mark) with a quite noticeable finger of light color between the dark line and the brown auricular area. These are characters of the Prairie Falcon, but not the Peregrine.

Besides the dates listed above, the falcon was seen by numerous additional observers on several other dates, including 15 and 30 December 1991, 3 and 5 January, and 7-9 February 1992. The last known date of occurrence was about 29 February. In early January 1992, it became apparent that the Prairie Falcon could usually be found between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. resting for long periods in one of several sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) trees at the site described above. A staff member at the State Park reported to Davis on 30 January that he had been seeing the falcon there frequently at 4:30 p.m. It was sighted that day from 3:40 to 4:10 p.m.

We know of no observations of this bird hunting, however it was once seen to fly westward beyond Enid Dam. Flocks of blackbirds tend to feed in the open park-like area west of the dam. The diet of this species generally includes small mammals and birds. In winter this may include open country flocking birds such as larks, longspurs, blackbirds, and doves (Palmer 1976). Prairie Falcons sometimes prey heavily on Rock Doves (*Columba livia*), and even birds as large as grouse and pheasants. The mostly wooded habitat where this individual was wintering appears poorly suited for supplying appropriate small mammals, so it seems likely that birds were its predominant food. An abundance of gulls on the lake might have contributed to its sustenance.

During the previous winter season (8 December 1990 and later dates) at the Persimmon Hill area Robert and Janet Briscoe had seen a falcon that they took to be a young Peregrine, although Prairie Falcon was considered. In retrospect, the 1991-92 falcon might well have been the same bird returning for a second winter. Peregrine Falcons pass through the area on migration, but have not been noted in winter. A Prairie Falcon was found for six consecutive winters near Guntersville, Alabama (Muth 1990), supporting this hypothesis.

Other regional observations of the Prairie Falcon have been made in Arkansas and Tennessee. Four records, ranging between November and February, were cited by James and Neal (1986) from Arkansas, and three more were added in the winters of 1988-89 and 1989-90 (Muth 1989, 1990). Five fall Tennessee dates (Robinson 1990) are notably earlier, from early September through October.

Two unpublished sight records of the Prairie Falcon from Mississippi have come to our attention, both from the Gulf coast (Judy Toups, pers. comm.). One falcon was watched for several minutes by Toups and Dalton King on 4 November 1983 at Lakeshore, Hancock Co., as it soared high overhead with Black (*Coragyps atratus*) and Turkey (*Cathartes aura*) vultures. The second was seen briefly on 4 November 1991 when it flew past at a fairly low level while Toups was leading an Elderhostel group on a field trip at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson Co. The only reliable observer to share this viewing was Bettye James of Birmingham, Alabama. In each of these cases the falcon shape, large size, and dark axillar/underwing area supported an identification as *F. mexicanus* rather than *F. peregrinus*. Further casual appearances of Prairie Falcons in Mississippi are to be expected.

**Addendum:** A staff member at the State Park reported seeing a large falcon in the area again on 13 November 1992. Confirmation of the presence of what is presumed to be the same Prairie Falcon was obtained by Gene Knight on 6 December 1992. Paul Lehman (of California) and Thomas Heatley (of Michigan) both observed the bird in the last few days of December 1992 perching on a utility pole near Interstate 55, ca 0.8 mi. west of Enid Dam. This suggests that the falcon's hunting habitat may indeed have been more open as suggested above.

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**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 1991**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 1991. 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 or at that season. Other abbreviations used include the following: ad = adult, Co. = County, cos. = Counties, f = female/s, Hwy. = Highway, imm = immature/s, Is. = Island/s, juv = juvenile, m = male/s, max. = maximum, mi = mile/s, m.ob. = many observers, MSU = Mississippi State University, N.S. = National Seashore, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, pl = plumage, pr = pair/s, PRM = Pascagoula River Marsh, Ref. = Refuge, Rd. = Road, S.L. = Sewage Lagoon, S.P. = State Park, sp. = species, subad = subadult, WMA = Wildlife Management Area. The list of sightings is followed by a key to observers' initials and a gazetteer of localities.

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 (state, county and specific location), observer(s), and details and significance of observation. Very unusual records should be accompanied by full details including description of bird, details of observation, and explanation of how similar species were eliminated. 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, 1-2 Jan., Sardis Lake, Panola & Lafayette cos., MD, GK, SK, GB (R - 1st inland record for state); 1, 21-22 Dec., 2, 27 & 30 Dec., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., JW, GK, SK, MD (R)

COMMON LOON -- 1, 2 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, GK, SK (R); 47, 14 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes & Clay cos., TS (N); 2, 26 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L)

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 1, 20 Apr., Kiln, JT, GB (nest building)

HORNED GREBE -- 2, 15 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (L); 1, 18 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L); 2, 5 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E); 8+, 15 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (late A, low N)

RED-NECKED GREBE -- 1 ad, 8 Dec., PRM, BR, BS, m.ob. (R - photographed); 1 imm, 8-9 Dec., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., JW, GK, SK, MD, m.ob. (R - photographed); 1 ad, 14 Dec., Pickwick Lake, Tishomingo Co., LN (R); 1 imm, 27-31 Dec., Sardis Dam, GK, SK, m.ob. (R)

EARED GREBE -- 2, 30 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, m.ob. (D); 1 in basic pl, 24 Aug., Eupora S.L., TS, MC (R)

NORTHERN GANNET -- 1-3 ad, 22-28 Feb., offshore Harrison & Hancock cos., SM, GM, JT, m.ob. (R from mainland); 6, 19 Mar., offshore Harrison Co., JT, CC, SM (R from mainland)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 10, 18 Jan., Lake Washington, EA; 100, 25 Jan., Eagle Lake, HM, CCr (N); 50+, 8 Mar., 9, 9 Mar., 14, 24-25 Mar., 5, 27 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT, GK, SK, MD (R); 125, 3 Apr., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., NH (R,N); 1000, 8-9 Oct., 106, 12 Oct., Mississippi River, Tunica Co., HT, RP (R,N)

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 1 imm, 29 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT, MD (silver band on left leg); 1 imm, 19 May, Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (D); 1 ad, 13 Jul., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R); 1 ad, 2 imm, 22 Aug., Oktibbeha Co. Lake & Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (E); 2000+, 29 Nov., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (N)

ANHINGA -- 1 m, 1 f, 14 & 16 Aug., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (R)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 24 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (E); 16, 5 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, JR, CR (N)

LEAST BITTERN -- 2, 2 Apr., Jackson Marsh, JT, m.ob. (A); 2, 4 Jun. & 11 Jul., Bluff Lake, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 1-3, 4-30 Jun., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

GREAT EGRET -- 3-16, 20 Jul.-3 Aug., 208-308, 14-20 Aug., 2-4, 25-27 Aug., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (E,N)

SNOWY EGRET -- 1, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R); 1, 21 Apr., Blocker's Bottom, TS (R); 1, 12 May, Weir, TS (R); 2, 20 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A); 1-2, 4-9 Sep., Lafayette Co., GK; 2, 24 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (L)

REDDISH EGRET -- 1 imm, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Gulfport, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Waveland, JT, m.ob. (R); 2, 11 May, Waveland beach, JT, CC, CD (R); 1, 14-31 Dec., Waveland, JT, CD, m.ob. (R)

CATTLE EGRET -- 1, 23 Mar., Columbus S.L., TS (E); 1, 4 Jul. & 3 Aug., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (E)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 13, 7 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS, TK (N); 2 imm, 9 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R)

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 300 ad, 16 Mar., Bay Saint Louis, MM (N)

WHITE IBIS -- 1 ad, 20 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., GK, SK (R); 3 imm, 20 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (A)

GLOSSY IBIS -- 1 ad, 26 Mar., Lakeshore, JT, m.ob. (R)



WOOD STORK -- 16, 7 Jul., 30, 11 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., MBe, TS (A,N)

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK -- 1, 17 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, HC (R)

TUNDRA SWAN -- 1 imm, 2-8 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., MC, JB (R); 1 imm, 24 Jan.-16 Mar., MacToc Farm, Oktibbeha Co., TS, m.ob. (R); 1, 8 Dec., Sullivan Rd. Fish Ponds, Tunica Co., RP (R)

TRUMPETER SWAN -- 1 imm, 12-31 Dec., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT, JW, m.ob. (R - 2nd state record)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 5, 17 & 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 8, 20-24 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT, GK, SK (L); 2, 29 Nov.-31 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R)

ROSS' GOOSE -- 2, 21 Feb., 1, 24 Feb., Pritchard, Tunica Co., JW (R)

BRANT -- 1, 26 Nov.-31 Dec., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT, GK, SK, m.ob. (R - 2nd state record)

WOOD DUCK -- 1 f, 12 young, 19 Jul., near Oxford, MD (young 2-3 weeks old)

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 2, 21 Apr., Blocker's Bottom, TS (L)

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- 1 m, 1 f, 19 May, Coldwater River, Tunica Co., JW (L)

MALLARD -- 10-15 f, 20 Jul.-6 Aug., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (N)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 2, 8 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D); 1, 10 & 26 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS (E); 2, 22 Dec., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 1, 28 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L)

AMERICAN WIGEON -- 2, 21 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A)

CANVASBACK -- 1, 1 Nov., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

REDHEAD -- 1, 9 Mar., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (A)

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 1 m, 31 May, Canton S.L., JW (L); 1 pr, 30 Jun., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 2, 8 Oct., Starkville south S.L., TS (A)

GREATER SCAUP -- 3, 4 Jan., 1, 6 Feb., Grenada S.L., MD, GK (R); 2 f, 3 Feb., MacToc Farm, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 1 m, 20 Apr., West Point, TS (L)

Scaup sp. -- 2 m, 31 May, Canton S.L., JW (L)

BLACK SCOTER -- 7, 10 Jan., 14, 12 Jan., Biloxi, JT (R); 1 imm f, 5-6 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MC, JB (R); 1 f, 18-31 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 m, 22 & 26 Dec., Bay Saint Louis, GM, JT, m.ob. (R)

SURF SCOTER -- 1 imm m, 5 Jan.-Mar., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., MH, m.ob. (R); 2, 6 Jan., Ocean Springs, GM, JP, CC (R); 1 ad m, 14 Apr., Columbus S.L., TS (R); 1, 2 Nov., Gulfport harbor, TS (R); 1 f, 21 Dec., Waveland, JT (R)

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 2, 2 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., PR, TS, m.ob. (R)

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2, 16 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (L); 1, 6 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E); 4, 8 Nov., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (E)

BUFFLEHEAD -- 30, 5 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 20, 8 Nov., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (E); 88, 8 Nov., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (N); 75-83, 15-19 Dec., Grenada S.L., MD (N)

HOODED MERGANSER -- 1 pr, 14 May, Bass Landing, MD, TS (R); 1, 30 May, Seaman Rd. S.L., PS (L); 2, 29 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A); 60-70, 15 Nov.-31 Dec., Waveland S.L., JT, CD, CC, m.ob. (N); 1300+, 8 Dec., Sullivan Rd. Fish Ponds, Tunica Co., RP (N)

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 f, 14-15 Feb., Ocean Springs, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 m, 21-30 Dec., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., JW, GK, SK (R)

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1, 20 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L)

RUDDY DUCK -- 400, 8 Mar., Canton S.L., MD (N); 1 f, 31 May, Canton S.L., JW (L); 1, 2-20 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (leucistic bird); 750, 6 Dec., 1500, 13 Dec., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, MD, VT (N)

OSPREY -- 1, 23 Mar., Arrowhead Ranch, TS (A); 1 pr, 15-30 Apr., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, VT (female on nest); 1, 24 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D)

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- 2, 10-20 Mar., 1, 16 Jun., Lucky's Corner, JT, CR (R)

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 25, 19-20 Apr., near Biloxi, MBo (N); 1 pr, 2-3 Jun., Great River Road S.P., NH (on nest with eggs); 1 ad, 8 & 18 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, CR, JR, TS, m.ob. (R)

BALD EAGLE -- 2 ad, 1 Jan.-10 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, m.ob.; 1 near ad, 6 Jan.-28 Feb., Jackson Marsh, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 9 Jan, 2 imm, 25 & 27 Jan., near Choctaw, NH (R); 1 ad, 18 Jan., Lake Washington, EA; 1 imm, 26 Mar., Waveland beach, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 28 Mar., Logtown, LK, m.ob. (R); 2 ad, 30 Jun., near Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R); 1 imm, 19 Sep., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT (E); 1 imm, 14 Dec., Lakeshore, JT (R)

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1, 8 Aug., Noxubee Co., TS (E)

COOPER'S HAWK -- 1 ad f, 14 Mar. & 11 May, Jackson Marsh, JT, CC, CD, m.ob.; 1, 17 Aug., Starkville south S.L., TS (E)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 2, 7 Apr., Oktibbeha & Choctaw cos., TS (A); 1, 29 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

RED-TAILED "Harlan's" HAWK -- 1, 1-18 Jan., Yellow Leaf Creek, Lafayette Co., GK (R); 1, 25 Jan., Eagle Lake, HM, CCR (R); 1, 21-26 Feb., Lafayette Springs, GK (R); 1 ad, 6 Oct. & 29 Nov., 11 mi east of Macon, TS (R); 1, 8 Nov., near Yazoo NWR, MD, GM, JD, JP (R)

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- 1 imm, 4 & 11 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, GM, SM, MB, CC, RW (R)

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 imm dark morph, 9 & 29 Nov, 1 imm light morph, 10 & 29 Nov., 1 ad m light morph, 17 Nov., 9 mi east of Macon, TS, MC (R); 1 imm light morph, 27 Dec., 12.5 mi east of Macon, GK, SK (R)

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1 imm., 8 Jan.-8 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Winston cos., TS, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 9 Nov., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 1 imm, 23 Nov., near West Point, TS (R); 1 imm, 7 Dec., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK, RB (R)

AMERICAN KESTREL -- 1, 1 Apr., near Choctaw, NH (D)

MERLIN -- 1, 21 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 1, 23 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1, 1 Oct., Oxford S.L., GK (R); 1, 13 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (R); 1 imm, 17 Nov., Tunica Co., JW (R)

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 1, 7-31 Dec., George Payne Cossar S.P., GK, SK, RB, MD, m.ob. (R - 1st state record, photographed)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1, 30 Apr., Gulfport, JT (R); 1, 30 Apr., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, VT (R); 1, 2 May, 2, 5 May, near Oxford, GK, SK (R); 1, 8 Dec., near Eudora, DeSoto Co., RP (R)

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1, 31 Mar., Mississippi River levee, DeSoto Co., JW (R)

SORA -- 100+, 4-15 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, CC, GM, m.ob.

AMERICAN COOT -- 1, 4 Apr., MSU North Farm S.L., TS, MC ("Caribbean" morph); 1 ad with 1 chick, 4 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, GM, SM, MB, JT (R breeder)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 1, 13 Jan., Hancock Co., CR, JR (R); 22, 13 Feb., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, JT, m.ob. (N)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 2, 4-5 Oct., 2, 25 Oct., 5, 8 Nov., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, MD, VT (R); 1, 9 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R)

LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 1, 8 Mar., 15 max., 16 Mar., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK, MD (A, low numbers); 2-30, 21-30 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH (low numbers); 1, 25 Apr., Broadwater Marina, SM; 1, 1 Jul., Greenwood Is., JW (E); 1, 20 Aug., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (R,E); 1-2, 12 Sep.-3 Oct., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (R); 1, 30 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (L)

SNOWY PLOVER -- 6, 9 Mar., West Ship Is., MD

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 2, 14 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS (A); 1, 4 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D); 1, 18-25 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, MD (L)

PIPING PLOVER -- 5, 9 Mar., West Ship Is., MD; 3-5, 3-4 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, SK, MD (R); 1 ad, 25 Jul., near Oxford, GK (R); 1, 17 Aug., Starkville south S.L., TS, MC (R)

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- up to 6, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Waveland, JR, CR, m.ob. (N); 7, 2 Nov., PRM, TS, RP, m.ob. (N); 2-4, 1-31 Dec., Waveland beach, JT, m.ob.; up to 7, 1-31 Dec., PRM, CC, JP, m.ob. (N)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 5, 4 May, Quitman Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 22 Jun., Coldwater River, Tunica Co., GK, SK (R); 1 pr, 4 Jul., Coldwater River, Tunica Co., JW (R - at nest, young seen 10 Aug.); 4, 5 Jul., near Hollandale, GK, SK (R)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 42, 23 Apr., Greenwood Is., JT, CK, GM, CC (N); 1, 9-10 Sep., Starkville south S.L., TS, MC (R)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 20 Feb., A & D Turf Farm, GK (E); 1, 12 May, Weir, TS (L); 7, 9 Nov., near Bruce, Calhoun Co., GK, SK (L)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 65, 22 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS (N); 2, 12 May, Oktibbeha & Choctaw cos., TS (L); 1, 5 Jul., near Water Valley, GK, SK (E); 1, 10 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS (E)

WILLET -- 85, 27 Apr., Sardis Dam, RB (R,N); 1, 4 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, SK (R)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 15 Jan., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK (R); 1, 4 Jul., Tombigbee River near Fulton, TS (E); 1, 9 Jul., near Oxford, GK (E); 1, 10 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS (E); 1, 9 Dec., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., TS (R)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 3, 9 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK, MD (A); 1, 10-11 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, GM, JT, RW (R); 1-2, 6-26 Aug. & 14 Sep., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK

WHIMBREL -- 1, 8 Jan.-28 Feb., PRM, CD, m.ob. (R); 1, 25-26 Apr., Broadwater Marina, SM, JT; 1, Apr., Greenwood Is., CD, m.ob.; 1, 30 Jun.-1 Jul., PRM, JW (E); 1, 2 Nov., PRM, TS, RP, m.ob. (R)

MARBLED GODWIT -- 1, 14 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK, MD (R - 2nd inland record in state); 1, 4 Sep., Enid Lake, Lafayette Co., GK (R - 3rd inland record in state); 1, 5-31 Dec., Gulfport harbor, JT, m.ob. (R)

RED KNOT -- 2, 12 Jan., Gulfport, JT

SANDERLING -- 1, 21-24 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 3, 27 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS, MC (A); 2, 26 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D)

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 1, 11 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (R); 1, 8 Jul., near Oxford, GK (E); 1, 11 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS (E); 1, 19 Nov., Starkville south S.L., TS (L)

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 2, 19 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (L); 2, 5 Jul., near Water Valley, GK, SK (E); 3, 10 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS (A); 20-30, 19-31 Dec., Grenada S.L., GK, SK, MD (R)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 2, 27 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS, MC (A)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 3, 28 Mar., 3, 25 Apr, 2, 5 May, 3, 10 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK, MD (R); 1, 21 May, Gulfport, JT (R); 1, 16 Aug., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R); 4, 13 & 23 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, MD, VT (R)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1, 26 Feb., A & D Turf Farm, GK (E); 1, 11 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS (A); 3, 9 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK (L); 1, 23 Nov., West Point, TS (L); 2, 10-26 Dec., Kiln, JT, m.ob. (R)

DUNLIN -- 1, 21 Jan., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (R); 10, 23 Apr., near Choctaw, NH (R); 1, 29-30 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS (R); 1, 12-13 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK (R)

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1, 28 Apr. & 11-12 May, 9, 13 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (R); 1, 13 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK, MD (R)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 2, 26 Jul., MSU North Farm, TS (E); 1, 29 Jul., near Oxford, GK (E); 1-6, 6 Aug.-20 Sep., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK, MD (R); 6, 12 Aug., near Vicksburg, MD (R); 1, 5 Oct., Weir, TS (L)

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 500, 8 Apr., Bayou Cassotte, JT, CR, JR (N); 2, 5 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (R)

LCNG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 500, 8 Apr., Bayou Cassotte, JT, CR, JR (N); 1, 12-13 Apr., 5, 27 Apr., 8, 29 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS, MC (R); 20+, 9 Nov., 10, 20 Nov., near Bruce, Calhoun Co., GK, SK (L)

Dowitcher sp. -- 1, 1 Jan., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (R)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 1, 5 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, CR, JR; 1 f, 23 Apr., near Choctaw, NH (R); 1, 5 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK, MD (R); 1 f, 1 Jul., Greenwood Is., JW (E); 1 juv, 14 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS, MC (R)

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 in basic pl, 18 Sep., Goose Overlook, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., MC, CC, JP, m.ob. (R); 2 in basic pl, 1 juv, 23 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

POMARINE JAEGER -- 1 subad light morph, 21 Sep., Bellefontaine Beach, DCo, PR (R)

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad, 24 Jan.-9 Feb., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, TS, VT, MD (R); 1 ad, 13 Mar., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R); 7 ad in alternate pl, 28 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R,N); 1 ad, 4 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, SK (R)

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 ad, 28 Apr., Grenada Dam, GK, SK (R); 1 in 1st summer pl, 2 Jun., Arkabutla Dam, DeSoto Co., JW (R); 3 imm, 5 Oct., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD, RB (R); 2, 13 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, MD (R); 26, 20 Oct., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., MD (R,N); 1 imm, 9 Nov., Mississippi Sound, Jackson Co., SC (R); 2 ad, 3 Dec., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK (R); 1 ad, 8 Dec., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., JW (R)

LITTLE GULL -- 1 ad, 15 Jan. & 15-17 Feb., Grenada Dam, GK, MD, JW, TS, SK (R)

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL -- 1 ad, 12 Jan., Pickwick Lake, Tishomingo Co., JW, GK (R); 1 ad, 18 & 24 Jan., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD, GK (R - photographed)

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1 ad in alternate pl, 9 & 13 Jan., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK, VT, MD (unusual plumage for winter); 1 ad, 6 Apr., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (early D); 1, 20 Apr., Columbus S.L., TS (L); 10, 11 May, Waveland S.L., JT, CD, CC (L); 1 imm, 21-22 Sep., 1 ad, 12 Oct., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (E); 5, 5 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E)

RING-BILLED GULL -- 2 ad, 24 Jul., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (E)

HERRING GULL -- 8, 8 Jan., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (N); 1 in 1st winter pl, 20 Jan.-21 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, GK, SK, TS (R); 15, 29 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N,D)

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 ad, 1 Jan.-16 Mar., Biloxi, JT, CC, m.ob. (R - 8th winter at this locality); 1 ad, 1-31 Dec., Harrison Co. beaches, SM, JT (R)

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 in 3rd winter pl, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Harrison Co. beaches, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 in 2nd winter pl, 16 Mar., near Broadwater Marina, JT (R)

GULL-BILLED TERN -- 2, 26 Mar., Lakeshore, JT, m.ob. (E)

CASPIAN TERN -- 1, 21 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (E); 2, 8 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 1, 29 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (L); 2, 4 Jun., Bluff Lake, Oktibbeha Co., TS (L); 3 ad, 1 young, 1 July, Greenwood Is., JW (pair feeding young)

COMMON TERN -- 3, 18 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (R,E); 1, 31 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 9, 13 Oct., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD, RB (R,N); 1, 13 & 23 Oct., 2, 25 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, MD, VT (R)

FORSTER'S TERN -- 1, 12 Jan., Pickwick Lake, Tishomingo Co., JW, GK, TS (R); 1, 21 Jan., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 1, 6 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 17, 12 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N,L); 1, 13 Jul., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (E); 3 ad, 14 Jul., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., MD (E); 3 ad, 24 Jul., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (E); 20, 5 Oct., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (N); 54, 20 Oct., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., MD (N)

LEAST TERN -- 1, 28 Mar., Gulfport, JT, m.ob. (E); 1, 31 Mar., near Walls, DeSoto Co., MD, GB (R,E); 1 imm, 3 Aug., Grenada Lake, Calhoun Co., GK, SK (R)



BLACK TERN -- 1, 28 Apr., Eupora S.L., TS (R); 1, 17 May, Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 500+, 1 Jul., Greenwood Is., JW (N)

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- 1, 1 Jul., Greenwood Is., JW (R - reported as probably this species; if so, 1st state record); 3, 9 Nov., Pascagoula, SC (R - 1st definite state record in the wild, although this is a common cage bird and likely an escapee JAJ)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 3 Nov., Greenwood Is., JW, GK (R)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1, Apr., near Gulf Islands N.S., CC, MF (R); 1, 6 Oct., 10.5 mi east of Macon, TS (R); 3, 11-15 Nov., near Sidon, PB (R)

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 23 Apr., Biloxi, SM (R); 1, 8 May, Waveland S.L., JT (R); 1, 18 May, near Oktibbeha Co. Lake, GK, SK, JW (R); 1, 18 May, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., GK, SK, JW (R); 1, 28 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., ES (R)

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 2, 21 Apr., Noxubee & Oktibbeha cos., TS (A); 1, 19 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

BARN OWL -- 2-3, 1-25 Jan., Grenada Dam, GK, MD, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 2 imm, 30 Jun., Calhoun Co., GK, SK (R)

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 1, 21 Feb., near Pritchard, Tunica Co., JW (R)

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1, 24 Apr., Starkville, TS (A); 1, 27 Apr., Holly Springs, NH (A); 61, 5 May, near Oxford, GK, SK (N)

Nighthawk sp. -- 1, 6 Nov., Sidon, PB (L - reported as Common Nighthawk)

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 6, 15 Apr., Carroll Co., NH (A)

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 2, 19 Mar., near Sturgis, TS (E)

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 6, 20 Mar., Starkville, TS (A); 1, 27 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH (A)

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 m, 1-31 Dec., Bay Saint Louis, LS, JT, m.ob. (R)

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1, 19 Mar., Starkville, MW (E); 1 m, 25 Mar., near Oxford, SK (E); 1 imm m, Nov.-31 Dec., Bay Saint Louis, DH, JT, CC, m.ob. (R)

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD (probable) -- 1 f/imm, Dec., Bay Saint Louis, DH, JT, m.ob. (R)

*Archilochus* sp. -- 1-2, 2-25 Oct., 1, 27-30 Oct., Starkville, MC, TS (L - appeared to be Ruby-throated Hummingbirds)

*Selasphorus* sp. -- 1 1st year m, 1-14 Jan., Lake Ferguson, near Greenville, EA, RJ (R - reported as Rufous Hummingbird)

Hummingbird sp. -- 1, 2 Nov., Starkville, NHu (L)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1, 27 Apr., Logtown, CR (L); 1, 6 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

HAIRY WOODPECKER -- 1, 5 Jan., Hickory, JM, JT (R)

NORTHERN FLICKER -- hundreds, 21 Mar., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., NH (N)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 11 Aug., near Starkville, TS, MC (R,E)

WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 1, 28 Jul., 7 mi south of Oxford, GK (R)

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 2, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha & Noxubee cos., TS (E); 1, 19 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (L)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 11 May, Bass Landing, GK (R)

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 5, 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha & Noxubee cos., TS (A); 1, 11 May, Bass Landing, GK, JW; 4, 21 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Oktibbeha cos., TS (D)

ALDER FLYCATCHER -- 1, 11 May, Bass Landing, GK (R)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1, 11 May, Bass Landing, GK, JW (R); 1, 11 May, near Walls, DeSoto Co., GK, JW (R)

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1, 11 May, Bass Landing, GK, JW; 1, 11 May, near Walls, DeSoto Co., GK, JW (R); 1, 17 Aug., Mississippi River levee, Issaquena Co., GK (R)

SAY'S PHOEBE -- 1, 15 Feb., Natchez Trace Parkway, Claiborne Co., BK (R - 3rd state record); 1, 30 Mar.-1 Apr., Mississippi River levee, northwest of Walls, DeSoto Co., JW, DM, MD, GB (R - photographed, 4th state record)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad m, 28-31 Dec., Mathews Brake NWR, Leflore Co., PB, m.ob. (R)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 23 Mar., near Columbus, TS (E)

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 2 Sep., Arrowhead Ranch, TS (R)

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 14 Mar., Waveland S.L., JT, AA, WA (E); 1, 30 Mar., Loakfoma Lake, MD (A); 1, 1 Apr., Sardis Dam, MD (E); 1, 24 Sep., MSU South Farm, TS, GK (L)

GRAY KINGBIRD -- 1, 22-23 Apr., Greenwood Is., CC, CD, JT (R)

HORNED LARK -- 1 f, 22 Mar., MSU North Farm, TS (carrying nesting material); 2, 19 Jul., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R)

PURPLE MARTIN -- 2, 23 Feb., Loakfoma Lake, JW, MD (A); 3, 27 Feb., near Hickory, JM (A); 30+, 14 Jun. (11:00 PM), 60+, 19 Jun., (10:00 PM), Starkville, TS (feeding nocturnally on insects at sodium vapor lights)

TREE SWALLOW -- 1, 23 Feb., Loakfoma Lake, JW (E); 1, 12 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (L); 1 ad m, 4 Jun., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 100, 3 Nov., Grenada S.L., MD (N,L)

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 1, 30 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (D)

BANK SWALLOW -- 1, 17 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E)

CLIFF SWALLOW -- 1, 12 Mar., Pearlinton, JT, CR, JR (E); 1, 17 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E); 16 May, Pascagoula, PS (nesting under I-10 overpass); 300+, 30 Jun., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (N - nest building); 2, 9 Jul., Jackson, BT (R); 168 nests, 13 Jul., Hwy. 82 bridge over Tombigbee Waterway, Lowndes Co., TS (2nd nesting location in area); 1000+, 29 Jul., Kiln, TS (N)

BARN SWALLOW -- 2, 13 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (E); 1, 16 Mar., Blocker's Bottom, TS (A); 1, 25 Mar., Dahomey NWR, NH (A); 1, 30 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (L)

FISH CROW -- 1-4, 8 Jan.-24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, GK, SK (R); 1-3, 29 Mar. & 13 Apr.-Jul., University of Mississippi campus, Lafayette Co., MD (R - nesting away from reservoir?); 1-2, 1-21 May, Tara Estates near Oxford, GK, VT (R - nesting away from reservoir?); 12+, 3 Jun., 15, 17 Jul., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (N); 30, 3 Aug., 3 mi west of Oxford, MD, SD (N)

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 2, 29 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK (L,A)

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 2 Jan.-23 Feb., Grenada Dam, GK, SK, MD, TS, JB (R); 1, 15 Jan., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK (R); 1, 31 Jan., near Marks, Quitman Co., GK (R); 1, 16 Mar., Grenada Dam, GK (R); 1, 9 Nov., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 3, 20 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK (R)

HOUSE WREN -- 1, 21 Apr., Eupora S.L., TS (L); 1, 22 Sep., near West Point, TS (E)

SEDGE WREN -- 2, 2 Jan., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 16 Mar., Grenada Dam, GK (R)

MARSH WREN -- 40-50, 4-19 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, PD, RW, m.ob. (N); 2, 28 Sep., Eupora S.L., TS (A); 1, 19 Dec., Grenada Dam, GK, SK (R)

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 25 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, TS (L); 1, 28 Sep., near Walthall, Webster Co., TS (A); 40-50, 14 Dec., Kiln, JT, m.ob. (N)

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 7, 23 Mar., Oktibbeha & Lowndes cos., TS (A); 1, 30 Mar., Bolivar Co., NH (A); 2, 23 Apr., near Scott, NH (female on nest)

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 1, 14 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 20 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (E); 1, 22 Sep., Brewer's Lake, Clay Co., TS (R)

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 20 Apr., near Columbus, TS (L)

WOOD THRUSH -- 2, 6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Winston cos., TS (A)

AMERICAN ROBIN -- thousands, 21 Mar., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., NH (N); 1, 14 Jun., Lyman, Harrison Co., TD (R)

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 10 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E)

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1, 28 Oct., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R)

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 23 Mar., near Oxford, GK, SK (E); 1 ad, 22 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, JPa, DP (R)

SOLITARY VIREO -- 2, 16 Jan., Leroy Percy S.P., EA; 2, 26 Feb., Lafayette Springs, GK (R); 10, 12 Mar., Spence's Woods, JT, CR, JR (N); 1, 19 Dec., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, TS

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 2, 24 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha & Winston cos., TS (A)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 14 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

RED-EYED VIREO -- 6, 6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha, Noxubee & Winston cos., TS (E)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 24 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (E); 1, 27 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (D)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 8 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 1, 29 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 2, 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A); 1, 11 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D); 1, 1 Sep., near Oxford, GK (E); 1, 8 Nov., near Oxford, GK (L)

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 23 Feb., Grenada Dam, TS, JB (R); 1, 20 Apr., Barton Ferry Boat Launch, Clay Co., TS (L); 1, 7 Oct., Starkville south S.L., TS (E)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 21 Aug., near Oxford, GK, SK (E); 1, 15 Sep., Clay Co., TS (A); 3, 22 Sep., near West Point, TS (N)

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1, 19 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (L); 1, 21-26 Dec., near Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (R)

YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 13 Apr., Blocker's Bottom, TS (E)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1, 22-24 Apr., Biloxi, SM; 1, 25 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, TS (A); 1, 2 Sep., Golden Triangle Airport, TS (E); 1, 19 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (L)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1, 12 May, Jeff Busby Park, TS (D); 1, 31 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 1, 29 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 f, 25 Apr., Gulfport, JT (R); 1 m, 27 Apr., Ansley, JT, CR, JR (R)

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 1, 26 Sep., MSU South Farm, TS (E)

YELLOW-RUMPED "Audubon's" WARBLER -- 1, 13 Mar., southwestern DeSoto Co., CB, VR, SL, BW, SF (R)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 2, 4 Aug., near Oxford, GK, SK (E); 2, 29 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (L)

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1, 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (E); 1, 27 Apr., Biloxi, SM; 1, 18 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1, 6 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (L)

PALM WARBLER -- 1, 14 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E); 8, 20 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK (L)

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1, 23-24 Apr., Biloxi, SM; 2, 27 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MC (A); 2, 22 Sep., near West Point, TS (E); 1, 19 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1, 20 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (E); 1, 27-28 Apr., Biloxi, SM

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 2, 7 Apr., Choctaw Lake, TS (E); 1, 8 Apr., Biloxi, SM; 2, 8 Apr., Gulf Islands N.S., CC

- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 3, 24 Feb., Spence's Woods, GO (R,N); 1, 15 Mar., near Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., MC (E); 1, 26 Mar., Dahomey NWR, NH (A)
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 2, 23 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D)
- WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1, 21 Aug., near Oxford, GK, SK (E)
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 3, 20 Apr., Lowndes Co., TS (A)
- OVENBIRD -- 3, 17 Jun., Tishomingo S.P., GK, SK; 1, 8 Sep., Oktibbeha Co., TS (E)
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 24 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E); 1, 10 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS (E)
- KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 5, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha, Noxubee & Winston cos., TS (A)
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER -- 1 m, 11 May, Bass Landing, GK, JW (R)
- MOURNING WARBLER -- 1, 8 Sep., near Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R)
- COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1, 4 Jan., Grenada Dam, GK, MD (R); 1, 15 Dec., Grenada Dam, GK (R)
- HOODED WARBLER -- 1 m, 23 Mar., near Oxford, GK, SK (E)
- WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 9 Apr., East Ship Is., RW (E); 1, 3 Sep., Oxford S.L., GK; 1, 8 Sep., near Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)
- CANADA WARBLER -- 1 m, 27 Apr., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (E); 1, 29 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)
- SUMMER TANAGER -- 4, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha, Noxubee & Winston cos., TS (A)
- SCARLET TANAGER -- 50-60, 27 Apr., Waveland S.L. & Ansley, JT, CR, JR (N); 1, 11 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 2, 6 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)
- NORTHERN CARDINAL -- 1 m netted, 4 May, Greenville, EA (banded as after hatching year bird at same location 16 Oct., 1983 - bird at least 9 years old)

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK -- 1, 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A); 1, 21 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

BLUE GROSBEAK -- 1, 14 Apr., Golden Triangle Airport, TS (A); 1, 16 Apr., near Carrollton, NH (A)

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 m, 22-27 Feb., Oxford, GK, SK (R); 1, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A); 1, 6 Nov., Sidon, PB (L)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 2 m, 1 f, 28 Apr., Starkville, MFl (R); 1 pr, 14-29 Jun., Starkville, MC, m.ob. (R); 1 m, 19 May, 1.5 mi northwest of Sessums, TS (R); 1 m, 19 May, 2 mi south of Sessums, TS (R); 1 m, 19 May, near Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1, 1 Jun., near Columbia, MH, JRe (R); 5 m, 16 Jun., Port Bienville, JT (N); 1 m, 30 Jun., near Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R); 1 m, 28 Oct., near Sessums, JJ (R,L); 1 f/imm, 16 Dec., Biloxi, BH (R)

DICKCISSEL -- 1 m, 8-30 Jan., Ocean Springs, MF, CC, JP, GM, m.ob. (R); 6, 2 Mar., Little Texas, Tunica Co., JW, HB (R,N); 20+ m, 23 Apr., Gulfport, FP, LP, JT (N); 1, 25 Apr., near Shaw, Bolivar Co., JH (A); 3, 27 Apr., Oktibbeha & Lowndes cos., TS, MC (A); 3, 3 Oct., Oxford S.L., GK (L)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 1, 2 Feb., near Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 7 Jun., 6 mi west-northwest of Eupora, TS (R); 2, 6 & 14 Jul., Dorman Lake, TS, MC (R); 1, 14 Jul., Double Springs, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 1, 20 Jul., 18 Aug. & 18 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MC (R,L)

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 2, 29 Nov., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R)

VESPER SPARROW -- 3, 14 Apr., Arrowhead Ranch, TS (D); 1, 18 Apr., near Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK (L)

LARK SPARROW -- 1-2, 17 May-18 Jun., Crawford, TS (R - carrying food or nesting material on 17 May); 1, 18-19 May, 1.5 mi northwest of Sessums, NH, JH, TS (R); 1, 2 Jun., 4 mi east of Macon, TS (R); 1, 13 Jul., Mississippi River levee, DeSoto Co., JW (R); 1, 11 Aug., near Starkville, TS, MC (R); 2, 2 Nov., Port Bienville, JW, GK, m.ob. (R); 1, 27 Dec., near Brooksville, GK, SK (R)



SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 1, 20 Sep., Oxford S.L., GK (E); 3, 28 Sep., Eupora S.L., TS (E)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1, 29 Nov., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R)

LECONTE'S SPARROW -- 1, 2 Jan., 6, 23 Feb., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK, TS, JB; 4, 21 Dec., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, RB

SEASIDE SPARROW -- 6, 15 Apr., Greenwood Is., JT, PD, LD, m.ob.

SONG SPARROW -- 1, 4 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, SM, MB, CC, GM (L); 2, 10 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 20 Apr., Golden Triangle Airport, TS (R); 1, 26 Sep., Oxford S.L., GK (E); 1, 29 Sep., near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (E)

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1, 28 Apr., Weir, TS (D); 1, 9 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1, 7 May, Starkville, Mf1 (L)

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 100, 9 Jan., near Choctaw, NH, JH (N); 5, 8 Nov., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT; 1, 9 Nov., Grenada Airport, GK, SK; 3, 9 Nov., 9 mi east of Macon, TS (E); 20, 10 Nov., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (N); 2000+, 17 Nov., 3000+, 30 Nov.-1 Dec., 4 mi southwest of Pritchard, Tunica Co., JW, GK, MD (N)

SMITH'S LONGSPUR -- 1, 17 Nov., 2, 1 Dec., 4 mi southwest of Pritchard, Tunica Co., JW, GK (R)

BOBOLINK -- 1, 15 Apr., Greenwood Is., PD (E)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 ad m, 20 Mar., near Shellmound, Leflore Co., ET, RBa (R); 1 ad m, 23 Apr., near Choctaw, NH (R - photographed); 1 ad m, 29 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (R)

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 5, 16 Mar., MacToc Farm, Oktibbeha Co., TS (L); 1 f, 12 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (E); 15, 9 Nov., 9 mi east of Macon, TS (E); 80, 14 Dec., Lakeshore, JT, m.ob. (N)

SHINY COWBIRD -- 1 m, 12 Jun., Waveland, JT, RR, LS (R - 1st state record, photographed)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1 m, 3 Nov., Bayou Cassotte, JW, GK, SK (R)

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1, 9 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS (E); 1, 2 Sep., Golden Triangle Airport, TS (L)

NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 1, 23 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D)

HOUSE FINCH -- 50+, Jan.-Feb., Greenville, EA (N); 8-40, 9 Jan.-27 Feb., Choctaw, NH, JH (R); 65, 28 Feb., near Hickory, JM (R,N); 225, 16 Mar., near Oxford, MD (N); 1 m, 13 May, 1 m feeding young, 25 May, 2 m, 1 f, 30 May, Harrison Co., JT (R); 1 m, 17 May, West Point, GK, SK; 1 f, 3 imm, 28 Jun., Kiln, RR (R - immatures begging from female); 1 pr, 29 Jun., Brandon, MHa (R - nesting)

RED CROSSBILL -- 1-4, 3 Feb.-20 Apr., Loakfoma Lake, TS, JB, MC, m.ob. (R - photographed); 2-5, 10 Feb.-6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Goose Pen Rd., Winston Co., TS, JR, CR, MC, LC (R); 1, 6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 6, 20 Apr., Barton Ferry Boat Launch, Clay Co., TS (R)

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 325, 16 Mar., MSU North Farm, TS (N); 1, 24 May, Biloxi, SM (L); 1 m, 31 May & 12-20 Jun., Biloxi, MB, JT (L); 1 m, 21 Jun., D'iberville, Harrison Co., KS; 1 m, 22 Jun., Orange Grove, Harrison Co., DC (L)

EVENING GROSBEAK -- 6 f, 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R); 1 m, 24 Feb., Starkville, LH (R)

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PRM = Pascagoula River Marsh, Jackson Co.; Ross Barnett Reservoir = Madison & Rankin cos.; Sardis Dam/ Lower Lake = Panola Co.; Sardis Lake = Panola & Lafayette cos.; Sardis Waterfowl Ref. = Lafayette Co.; Seaman Rd. S.L. = Jackson Co.; Spence's Woods = Hancock Co.; Tishomingo S.P. = Tishomingo Co.; West Ship Is. = Harrison Co.; Yazoo NWR = Washington Co.

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