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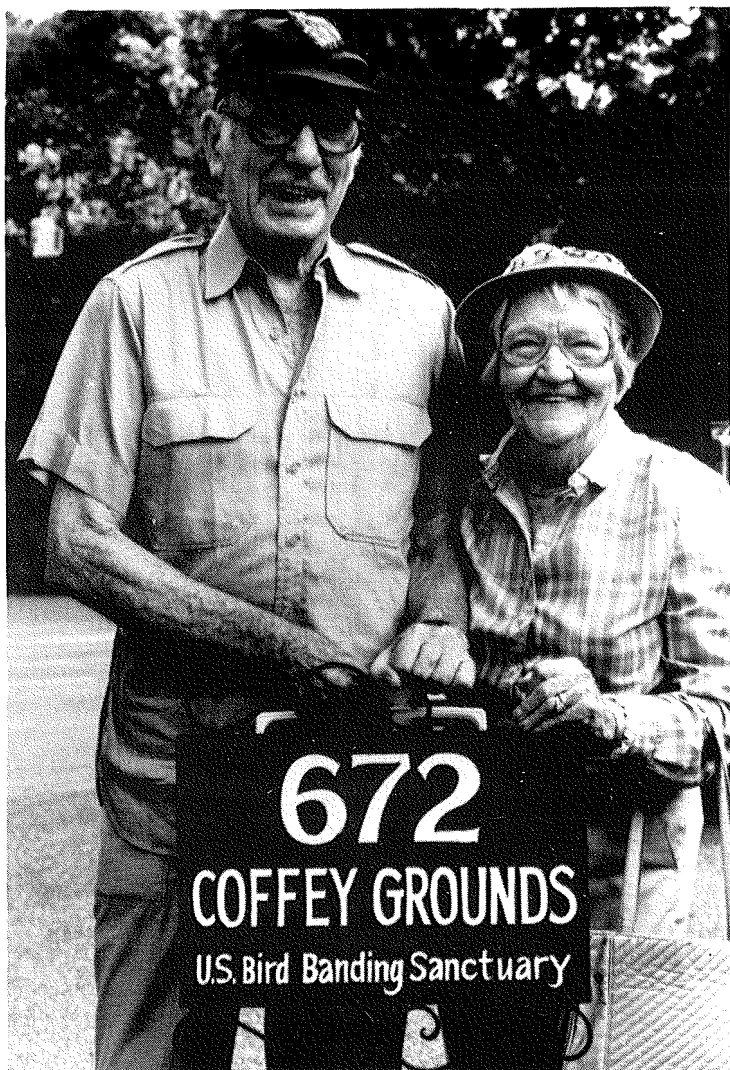
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Mississippi Sound. Photo by Jerome A. Jackson.



Ben B. Coffey, Jr. (1904-1993) and his wife Lula at their Memphis home "Coffey Grounds."

**THE MISSISSIPPI LEGACY OF BEN B. COFFEY, JR.**

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Ben B. Coffey, Jr., life member of the Mississippi Ornithological Society and life-long friend and benefactor of Mississippi birds and birders, died in Memphis, Tennessee, on 22 August 1993. He was 89. Born in Nashville, Tennessee, on 28 April 1904, Ben grew up in Tennessee and attended Vanderbilt University and Armour (now Illinois) Institute of Technology. He was retired from the Tennessee Inspection Bureau where he had worked as a fire protection and rating engineer. Although known to most of us as a "Tennessee" birder who has contributed much to Mississippi ornithology, Ben, in fact, had many ties to our state. His father was from Lafayette County; his mother from Iuka; and his wife, Lula, from Hickory Flat. In "'The Mid-South Bird Notes' of Ben B. Coffey, Jr." (Jackson 1981) I presented a brief biography of Ben, a list of his publications, and a republication of his "Mid-South Bird Notes" -- a mimeographed newsletter that kept mid-South birders in touch with one another and greatly advanced both knowledge and interest in birds of the region. For many of the details of Ben's life, I refer readers to that publication. In this memorial tribute, however, I would like to focus on some of Ben's other contributions to Mississippi ornithology.

Ben became interested in birds as a Boy Scout and perhaps it was because of his love of birds and the out-of-doors that he reached scouting's highest rank, Eagle. He never lost his enthusiasm for birds or Boy Scouts. For years he served as a scoutmaster and he was known for the excitement of birding and bird banding that he shared with his scouts. Records provided by herons and egrets that Ben and his scouts banded in the Mississippi Delta contributed immensely to our understanding of the migratory movements of these birds. In 1934 Ben received the Silver Beaver award -- scouting's highest honor for adult leaders. Many of Ben's scouts continue as active birders today.

Perhaps the qualities that I think of most when considering Ben's contributions to our understanding of Mississippi birds are his persistence, his thoroughness, his missionary zeal in sharing what he had learned with others, and his willingness to jump in and help with, and help promote, cooperative efforts required for large-scale studies of birds. Ben was always ready to go the extra mile -- or thousands of miles. How many thousands of miles he and Lula drove to complete breeding bird surveys and Christmas Bird Counts in Mississippi long before there was a Mississippi Ornithological Society! One particular Mississippi Christmas Bird Count of Ben's gained national recognition because of where it was -- centered on the town of Rara Avis.

When the Bird-Banding Lab wanted a cooperative effort to learn about the migration of Chimney Swifts, Ben pitched in and, with the aid of Lula and his scouts and birding friends, he banded more than 113,000 swifts -- many from Mississippi. It was fitting that when 13 banded Chimney Swifts were found on their South American wintering area, five were ones banded by Ben and Lula. When George Lowery at Louisiana State University began studying the nocturnal migration of birds by focusing a telescope on the moon and watching the silhouettes of birds as they passed overhead, Ben set up a volunteer station in Memphis and encouraged others to do so.

When I first came to Mississippi, Ben made certain I had a copy of Burleigh's publication on birds of the Gulf coast. He also sent me a copy of a checklist of Mississippi birds that he had put together and distributed decades before there were M.O.S. checklists. Ben could always be counted on to provide sound data for the Central Southern Region reports in Audubon Field Notes and American Birds -- often so detailed and valuable that they became the subjects of special "sa's" -- American Birds' "essays" calling for special attention.

In more recent decades Ben had a deep interest in the dynamics of range changes in Chuck-will's-widows and Whip-poor-wills and he and Lula would drive all night across the backroads of north Mississippi collecting data on where each species was and wasn't. In the late 1940s the Coffey's began making frequent trips to the tropics where they became masters at recording bird vocalizations. Their recordings have been used on numerous tapes and records (e.g., Coffey and Coffey 1989, Hardy and Coffey 1988, Hardy et al.

1989a, b) and in numerous scientific studies. They now constitute the "Coffey Neotropical Collection" in the archives at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida.

Of Ben Coffey's more than 120 publications, approximately 50 included at least some information about Mississippi birds. The scientific quality of Ben's work was recognized by his election as a Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1991. The student of Mississippi birds could well turn first to the work and writings of Ben B. Coffey, Jr. for an overview and understanding of the nature of our avifauna.

Shortly before his death, Ben and Lula gave the Mississippi Ornithological Society an endowment to further publication of the Mississippi Kite. It was a legacy that mirrored Ben's ideals and his life. The one characteristic of Ben's that should be emulated by every student of Mississippi birds -- from the rankest amateur to the professional -- is his care in keeping field notes *and* seeing that those notes got to the publication or repository where they could be used to further our understanding of birds. Ben, you gave us so much in so many ways!

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## Winter Record of A Connecticut Warbler For Mississippi

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On 27 December 1993 at about 10:00 a.m., Lucy Jacobson and I observed a Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*) in Hancock County, Mississippi. The bird was in low, thick, brushy undergrowth about 100 meters from the Pearl River. Lucy first spotted the bird and I observed it from about five meters in good light. The warbler had a full gray hood, complete eye ring, and light legs. There were no wing bars. The back, wings, and tail were dark olive; the belly and undertail coverts were solid yellow. I did notice that the undertail coverts seemed wider than is typical of other warblers.

The warbler was being harassed by White-throated Sparrows (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) and a Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*), but it remained in the area at about eye level for about ten minutes. During that time we consulted field guides and studied the bird, concluding that it was an adult male Connecticut Warbler. Tom Heatly and I returned to the area on 28 December and searched for the bird for about three hours without success.

[The Connecticut Warbler usually winters in northern South America following migration through the West Indies. Its fall migration normally takes it well east of Mississippi, but it has previously been observed on the Mississippi coast in late fall (5 November 1977, Toups and Jackson. 1987. *Birds and Birding on the Mississippi Coast*. Univ. Press of Mississippi, Jackson).--JAJ]

## **BIRDS AROUND THE STATE: January-December 1992**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 1992. 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./Hwys. = Highway/s; imm = immature/s; Is. = Island/s; juv = juvenile; m = male/s; max. = maximum; mi = mile/s; m.ob. = many observers; MSU = Mississippi State University; NMP = National Military Park; 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.

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RED-THROATED LOON -- 1, 1 Jan.-10 Feb., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., JW, GK, SK, m.ob. (R - 2nd inland record in state); 1, 6 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MC (R - 3rd inland record in state)

PACIFIC LOON -- 1-2, 4-9 Feb., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK, MD, JW, VT, SK, TS, JT, m.ob. (R - 1st inland record in state); 1, 27-31 Dec., Arkabutla Dam, DeSoto Co., MG, GK, SK, JW, TH, MD (R - 2nd inland record in state)

COMMON LOON -- 1, 1 & 11 Apr., Sardis Dam, GK, MD (L); 30, 29 Oct., Sardis Dam, MD (N); 1, 18 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L)

HORNED GREBE -- 1, 1 Apr., Sardis Dam, GK (L); 4, 24 Oct., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (E)

RED-NECKED GREBE -- 1 imm, 1-6 Jan., Sardis Dam, GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 13 Feb., Enid Lake, Panola/Yalobusha Co. line, GK (R); 1 ad, 22 Dec., Sardis Dam, GK (R)

EARED GREBE -- 8, 2 Jan., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, GM, MBa, m.ob. (R); 13, 26 Jan., Laurel S.L., TS (N); 1, 27 Aug., Canton S.L., TS (A); 1, 7 Sep., Laurel S.L., TS (A); 10, 3 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, m.ob. (N); 1, 8 Nov., Lake Lowndes S.P., TS (R); 1, 15 Nov., Columbus S.L., TS, MH, JR (R); 1, 5-24 Dec., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK, PH, MD, m.ob. (R); 1, 6 Dec., Eupora S.L., TS (R)

WESTERN GREBE -- 1, 26 Jan.-7 Feb., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., HM, JS, JBe, m.ob. (R)

NORTHERN GANNET -- 2, 1 Jan., Bellefontaine Beach, JP, CC (E); 2 ad, 15 imm, 2 Jan., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MB, JP, m.ob. (N from mainland)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 60+, 24 Jan., Port Bienville, JP, MBa, (N); 100+, 30 Jan., Delisle, Harrison Co., JT, MFa, CC, m.ob. (N); 350+, 30 Jan., Bay Saint Louis, JT, m.ob. (N); 20-25, 11 Feb., near Greenwood, PB (R); 2, 15-16 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MC (R); 6, 17 Feb., Mississippi River, Washington Co., NH, JH (R); 1, 27 Feb., 405, 28 Feb., 20, 29 Feb., 1-200, 1 Mar.-22 Apr., 2, 7 May, 6, 12 May, Sardis Waterfowl Ref. & Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, TS, VT, SK, MD (R); 1, 25 Mar., Grenada Lake, fide MD (R); 66, 30 Aug., Great River Road S.P., TS (N); 1, 19 Sep., Great River Road S.P., GK, PH; 8, 17 Oct., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK; 110, 28 Oct., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (N); 1-36, 12-31 Dec., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., VT, GK, PH (R)

BROWN PELICAN -- 200, 30 Jan., Delisle, Harrison Co., JT, m.ob. (N)

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 6, 5 Jun., 1 imm, 20 Jun.-31 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., MC, TS (R)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 1 imm, 27 Aug., Fort Hill, Vicksburg NMP, JB (R - 2nd inland record in state); 1 ad m, 1 imm m, 1 f, 1 unknown, 27 Aug., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin Co., TS (R - photographed, 3rd inland record in state); 2, 28 Aug., Pearl River at Hwy. 25 on Rankin/Hinds Co. line, MCo (R)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 2 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS, MC (D); 1, 23 Oct., Kiln, TS

LEAST BITTERN -- 2, 11 Apr., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (E); 1 ad m, 27 Jun., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 15 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, GK (D); 1, 6 Sep., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., RR (R - Cory's form); 1, 23 Oct., Lakeshore, TS (L)

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 13, 21 Jun., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (N)

GREAT EGRET -- 1200, 1 Aug., Hwy. 12 in eastern Humphreys Co., MD (N); 2500+, 22 Aug., 8 mi west of Belzoni, GK, SK (N)

SNOWY EGRET -- 1, 28 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E); 1, 11 May, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (R); 1, 13 May, Yocona River, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 16 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, GK, SK (R); 1, 22 Jun., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (E); 1, 27 Jun., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R)

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1, 15 Apr., Yocona River, Lafayette Co., GK, SK; 1, 19 Apr., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 imm, 3 & 5 Jul., Blocker's Bottom, TS (R); 1-7 imm, 9 Jul.-1 Aug., (max. 7, 14 Jul.), Noxubee NWR, Winston & Noxubee Cos., TS (R); 8, 25 Jul., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK, JW (R,N); 1 ad, 1 Aug., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., MD (R); 1 imm, 3 Aug., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R); 1-2 imm, 4-15 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, m.ob. (R); 1, 27 Aug., Yazoo NWR, TS (R)

REDDISH EGRET -- 1, 1 Jan.-29 Feb., Waveland, JT, CD, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 1 Aug., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., MD (R - 1st inland record in state); 1 imm, 19-23 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MC, JBr (R - photographed, 2nd inland record in state); 13, 28 Aug., Hancock & Harrison Co. beaches, JT, MBa, m.ob. (N); 2, 30 Nov., Bay Saint Louis, JT, MBa, m.ob.

CATTLE EGRET -- 1, 1 Jan., PRM, JP, CC (R); 1, 28 Mar., Starkville south S.L., TS (A)

GREEN-BACKED HERON -- 1, 29 Mar., Columbus S.L., TS (A)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1 imm, 21 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (E); 1 ad, 29 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, TS

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 35, 31 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (N)

WHITE IBIS -- 44 ad, 19 imm, 1 Mar., Lakeshore, MD (N); 2 imm, 22 Jun., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS, MC (E)

GLOSSY IBIS -- 1 ad in basic pl, 21 Oct., Kiln, TS (R)

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 1, 19 Apr., Lakeshore, TS (R)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- 4-6, 21 Jul.-mid Aug., Yazoo NWR, TW, EA, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 12 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, JBr (R); 1 imm, 7 Sep., Laurel S.L., TS (R)

WOOD STORK -- 11, 20 Jun., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., MC (A); 120, 24 Jul., 440, 5 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MC (N)

TUNDRA SWAN -- 3 imm, 9 Feb., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK, NH, JH, EA, EG, TS (R); 4 imm, 29 Dec., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT (R)

TRUMPETER SWAN -- 1 imm, 1 Jan.-19 May, Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT, JW, MD, SK, m.ob. (R - 2nd state record)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 2, 1 Jan.-16 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 10, 3 Apr., 1, 22 & 27 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (L); 1 ad, 13 Oct., Little Texas, Tunica Co., MD (E); 4, 25 Oct-5 Dec., 3, 13 Dec., 7, 19 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, m.ob. (R); 1718, 16 & 18 Dec., Leflore Co., Hwy. 8 near Sunflower Co. line, GK, TS (N)

SNOW GOOSE -- 15,000-18,000, 16 & 18 Dec., Leflore Co., Hwy. 8 near Sunflower Co. line, GK, TS (N)

ROSS' GOOSE -- 12+, 19 Jan., 5+, 20 Jan., 3-4 mi southwest of Pritchard, Tunica Co., GK, SK, MD (R); 1 ad, 24-26 Jan., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT, MD (R); 2, 7 Feb., 18+, 9 Feb., Washington Co., JW, m.ob. (photographed); 2, 28 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., TS, GK, VT (R); 12+, 16 Dec., 20+, 18 Dec., Leflore Co., Hwy. 8 near Sunflower Co. line, TS, GK (R)

BRANT -- 1, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT, GK, SK, m.ob. (R - 2nd state record)

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 100, 2 Jan., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, SM, MBa, m.ob. (N)

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- 2, 20 Feb., PRM, CC, JP, MBa, SM (R); 16, 3 Apr., 3, 4 & 9 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (L); 1, 3 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS, ES (E)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 4, 23 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (E); 10, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, 6, 9 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D); 2, 8 Nov., Columbus S.L., TS (L); 7-14, 15 Nov.-20 Dec., Starkville south S.L., TS, MH, JR, LC (L,N)

CINNAMON TEAL -- 1 m, 13 Sep., Yazoo NWR, TS, GK (R); 1 m, 10 Oct., Yazoo NWR, JMu (R)

GADWALL -- 2, 11 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (E)

AMERICAN WIGEON -- 1, 13 Sep., Yazoo NWR, TS, GK (E)

CANVASBACK -- 1, 23 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK (L); 1, 30 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L); 1 f, 1 Aug.-30 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, JP, m.ob. (R - oversummered)

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 500, 28 Jan., 4000, 20-28 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT, MD (N); 1, 29 Mar.-31 May, Starkville northeast S.L., TS, MC (L - bird with broken wing); 1 f/imm, 23 Aug.-17 Sep., Laurel S.L., TS (R)

GREATER SCAUP -- 1 m, 19 Jan., Battle Catfish Farm, Tunica Co., GK, SK (R); 1 pr, 30 Jan., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (R); 1 m, 18 May-18 Jul., MSU North Farm S.L. & Starkville northeast S.L., TS, MC (L,R); 3, 7-8 Nov., Sullivan Rd. Catfish Ponds, JW (R)

LESSER SCAUP -- 1, 11 May, Eupora S.L., TS (L)

OLDSQUAW -- 1 ad m, 5 Mar., Biloxi, SM (R); 1 f, 7-8 Nov., Sullivan Rd. Catfish Ponds, JW, GK, SK (R); 1 imm m, 9 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS

(R); 1 imm m, 11-31 Dec., MSU North Farm S.L., TS, LC, m.ob. (R); 1 f, 20 Dec., Starkville south S.L., TS (R)

BLACK SCOTER -- 1 f, 1-7 Jan., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 f/imm, 24 Oct.-22 Nov., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (R); 1 f/imm, 20-21 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MC, JBr (R)

SURF SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 24 & 28 Oct., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 f/imm, 1 Nov., Laurel S.L., TS (R); 1 f/imm, 6-26 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MC, GK, SK (R)

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 24 Oct.-1 Nov., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (R); 1 f/imm, 25 Oct.-3 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, JT, JP, m.ob. (R)

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 10, 2 Jan., PRM, JT, m.ob. (N); 1, 27 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (L)

BUFFLEHEAD -- 96, 10 Jan., Grenada S.L., MD (N); 9, 3-9 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (L); 5, 6 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MC (A)

HOODED MERGANSER -- 60-70, 1-2 Jan., Waveland S.L., JT, CD, CC, m.ob. (N); 35, 8 Jun., Blocker's Bottom, TS (N)

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 f, 25-26 Oct., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, JT, JP, m.ob. (R); 1 f, 13 Dec., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, JW (R)

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1, 3 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E); 60, 20 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N)

RUDDY DUCK -- 1300, 28 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, MD, VT (N); 1 f, 2-3 Jun., Starkville south S.L., TS (L); 1 ad m, 25 Jul., near Arcola, Washington Co., GK, SK, JW (R); 8, 22 Aug., 8 mi west of Belzoni, GK, SK (R); 1 f/imm, 23 Aug.-17 Sep., Laurel S.L., TS (R)

OSPREY -- 1, 27 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (E); 1, 26 May., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., MC (L); 1 imm, 7 & 21 Nov., Enid Lake, Yalobusha & Panola Cos., GK, SK (L)

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE -- 1, 22 Oct., Ansley, NB (R)

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 4, 20 Feb., Big Point cooling pond, JP, CC, MFa (E); 2, 3 May, near Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., MC (R); 1 ad, 9 May, Starkville, MF, MaF (R)

BALD EAGLE -- 1 ad, 10 Jan., 2 ad, 17 Jan., 1 ad, 1 Mar., near Choctaw, NH, JH (R); 1, 20 Feb., Seaman Rd. S.L., CC, MFa, MBa (R); 2 ad, 2 imm, 27 Apr.-15 May, Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT, MD (R - photographed, 1st documented nesting in state away from Coast and Mississippi River); 1 ad, 1 imm, 7 Jun.-11 Aug., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (R); 1 imm, 12-15 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, GK (E); 1 ad, 26 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (killed American Coot by drowning)

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 1, 14 Apr., Eupora S.L., TS (L)

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 2, 28 Aug., Logtown, JT, MBa (E)

COOPER'S HAWK -- 1, 6 Jun., 2.5 mi north of West Point, TS, MC (R); 1, 25 Jul., Oxford, JW (R)

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 1 ad, 29 Mar., Yocona River Bottoms, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (R)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 364, 27 Sep., near Oxford, GK, SK (N)

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 2 nests, 19 Feb., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., NH; 1 ad, 2 young at nest, 14 & 24 May, Spence's Woods, JT, MP, JP, m.ob.

RED-TAILED "Harlan's" HAWK -- 1, 6 Dec., Weir, TS (R)

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 imm light morph, 5 Jan., 12.5 mi east of Macon, GK, SK (R)

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1 imm, 23 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R); 1 subad, 13-31 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R)

AMERICAN KESTREL -- 1 recently fledged young, 30 Jun., MSU North Farm, TS (R nester); 1 ad m, 16 Jul., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R); 1 f, 1 Aug., Yazoo NWR, MD (A); 1, 12 Aug., near Shaw, JH (A)

MERLIN -- 1, 25 Jan., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, m.ob. (R); 1 f, 10-30 Mar., A & D Turf Farm, GK, MD (R); 1, 27 Sep., near Oxford, GK (R); 1, 2 Oct., Oxford S.L., GK (R); 1, 3 Oct., near Belzoni, GK, SK (R); 1 ad m, 22 Oct., Seaman Rd. S.L., TS (R); 1, 22 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK (R)

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 1, 1 Jan.-22 Feb., George Payne Cossar S.P., GK, SK, RB, MD, m.ob. (R - 1st state record, photographed); 1 ad, 13 Nov.-31 Dec., George Payne Cossar S.P., AH, GK, PH, JW, m.ob. (R - 2nd state record)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1, 3 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, SK (R); 1 imm, 10 Sep., near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., JMc, MSt, PE, MHo (R); 1, 25 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., DE (R); 1, 3 Oct., Great River Road S.P., GK, SK (R); 1 ad, 28 Nov., PRM, TS (R)

KING RAIL -- 2, 15 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R); 1, 8-19 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, GK, SK, TS, MC, JBr (R)

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1-2, 1 Feb.-7 Mar., Starkville south S.L., SK, GK, TS, MC, ES (R); 1, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (R,L)

SORA -- 1, 15 Feb., Washington Co., PB (R); 1, 6 Mar., Starkville south S.L., TS (E); 1, 12 Apr., Springdale WMA, GK, SK; 3, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (L); 1 ad, 8 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, GK, SK, TS (R)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1 imm, 19 Sep., Yazoo NWR, TS, GK (R)

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1, 15 May, Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

AMERICAN COOT -- 4 ad, 2 large downy young, 23 Aug., 3 ad, 1 large downy young, 26 Aug., Laurel S.L., TS (R nester)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 3, 7-8 Feb., Yazoo NWR, JW, GB, MD, GM, JD (R)



BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1, 8 May, Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (R); 1, 3 Oct., Great River Road S.P., GK, SK; 1, 13-14 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 12, 18 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, SK, TS, MH; 5, 7 Nov., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 7, 1 Mar., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (E); 3-15, 9 Mar.-10 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK, MD (low numbers); 3-9, 2-4 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT, MD (low numbers); 2, 26 Sep., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R); 10, 7 Nov., 9 mi east of Macon, TS (N,L); 5, 8 Nov., 1, 11 Nov., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (L)

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1, 23 Jan., Long Beach, CC, JP, GM, m.ob. (R); 3-4, 10 Mar.-14 Apr., Long Beach, JT, SM, m.ob. (R)

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 3, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, 3, 9 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (L)

KILLDEER -- nest with 4 eggs, 13 Mar., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GG (early nesting)

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- 2-4, 1 Jan.-29 Feb., Waveland beach, JT, m.ob.; up to 7, 1 Jan.-29 Feb., PRM, CC, JP, m.ob. (N)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 10 ad, 8 chicks, 22 May, Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, CC, SM (new nesting area); 57, 25 Jul., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK, JW (R,N); 3, 22 Aug., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK (R); 1, 5 Sep., 3, 14 Sep., Yazoo NWR, TS, GK (R); 4-3, 13-14 Sep., 14, 19 Sep., Humphreys Co., Hwy. 12, 2.2 mi east of Washington Co. line, GK, TS, PH (R)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (D); 1, 12 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MC (A)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 23 Feb., Blocker's Bottom, TS (E); 10, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (D); 5, 30 Jun., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK (E); 8, 11 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MC (A)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 8, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (D); 1, 11 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MC (A)

WILLET -- 1, 27 Aug., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., TS (R)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 9 Feb., Cleveland, GK, SK (R); 1, 8 Jun., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (L); 1, 14 Nov., Loakfoma Lake, TS, m.ob. (L)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1, 30 Mar., MSU North Farm, TS (A); 1, 9 Apr., 2, 14 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK; 1, 9 Apr., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT; 7, 10 Apr., Kiln, JT, LK (N); 1, 16 Jul., 2, 28 Jul., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R); 1, 4 Aug., MSU North Farm, TS (E)

WHIMBREL -- 3, 13 Apr., Waveland beach, JT (R)

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1 ad, 23 Aug., West Ship Is., TS (R); 1, 17 Sep.-5 Oct., Keesler Air Force Base, MaC, JT, m.ob. (R)

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- 1, 22-23 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JSt, TS, CC, m.ob. (R - 4th state record)

MARbled GODWIT -- 1, 1-23 Jan., Gulfport harbor, JT, m.ob. (R); 1, 25 Jan., Broadwater Marina, TS (R); 1, 19 Mar., Waveland beach, JT (R); 1, 11-14 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MC, m.ob. (R - 4th inland record in state); 1, 2 Sep., Waveland beach, JT, SM, MP (R); 1, 19-20 Sep., Humphreys Co., Hwy. 12, 2.2 mi east of Washington Co. line, GK, PH, TS, MH, JR (R - 5th inland record in state)

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 1, 26 Aug., Seaman Rd. S.L., TS (R); 3, 4 Sep., Sardis Dam, MD (R); 1, 13-14 Sep., Humphreys Co., Hwy. 12, 2.2 mi east of Washington Co. line, TS, GK (R)

RED KNOT -- 30, 20 Jan., Biloxi, JT, m.ob.; 70, 28 Oct., Gulfport harbor, TS (N)

SANDERLING -- 2, 8 Aug., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R); 1 ad, 10 Aug., 3 juv, 11 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 3, 27 Aug., Ross Barnett Reservoir,

Madison & Rankin Cos., TS (R); 2, 4 Sep., 4, 14 Sep., 2, 27 Sep., Sardis Dam, MD (R); 1, 3 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS, ES (R); 7, 3 Oct., Great River Road S.P., GK, SK (R); 7, 18 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, SK, TS, MH (R)

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1, 27 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS (A); 1, 31 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (L); 2, 18 Jul., Weir, TS (A)

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 1, 9 Nov., Loakfoma Lake, TS (L)

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 20-30, 1 Jan.-9 Feb., Grenada S.L., GK, SK, MD (R) 1, 16 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D); 13, 17 Dec., Grenada Dam, GK, TS, PH (R)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 1, 2 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R); 2, 31 May, Starkville south S.L., 1, 31 May, MSU North Farm S.L., TS (N,D); 16, 4 Jun., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R,N); 2, 6 Jun., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R,L)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1, 17 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 1, 9 Nov., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R,L)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 2, 20 Feb., Seaman Rd. S.L., 1, 20 Feb., PRM, CC, MFa, MBa, m.ob. (E); 50, 2 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 8, 26 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MC (L)

PURPLE SANDPIPER -- 1, 13 Jan.-10 May, Gulfport harbor, SM, JT, m.ob. (R)

DUNLIN -- 1, 26 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (R,L)

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1, 10 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS (E); 1, 17 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (A)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1-3, 5-14 Aug, A & D Turf Farm, GK (R); 1, 11 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); 1, 13 Sep., Humphreys Co., Hwy. 12, 2.2 mi east of Washington Co. line, TS (R)

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 2 ad *hendersoni*, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (R); 1, 13 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK (R); 2, 13 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R); 4, 14 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (A)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1, 9 Feb., Cleveland, GK, SK, JW, TS (R); 18, 21 Sep., 22, 3 Oct., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK

COMMON SNIBE -- 1, 2 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MC (L); 2, 3 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (E)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 1, 13 Sep., Yazoo NWR, GK, TS (R); 1, 14 Sep., Humphreys Co., Hwy. 12, 2.2 mi east of Washington Co. line, TS (R)

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 ad m, 16 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JT, MBi, CC, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 20 Sep., Yazoo NWR, TS (R); 3 juv, 21 Sep., Yazoo NWR, GK (R)

POMARINE JAEGER -- 1, 22 Oct., Mississippi Sound, Harrison Co., TS (R)

Jaeger sp. -- 1, 14 Mar., Mississippi Sound, Harrison Co., TS (R)

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad, 16 May, Mississippi River, DeSoto Co., GK, SK (R); 1 ad, 8 juv, 27 Aug., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin & Madison Cos., TS (R); 1 imm, 17 Oct & 21 Nov., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 1 ad, 22 Nov., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (R)

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 ad, 14 Apr., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 8, 11 Oct., Waveland beach, JT, LK, m.ob. (A); 1, 7 Nov., 3, 14 Nov., Arkabutla Lake, DeSoto and Tate Cos., JW (R); 1 ad, 14 Nov., Loakfoma Lake, TS, GK, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 22 Nov., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (R)

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1, 9 Nov., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

RING-BILLED GULL -- up to 8, May-Aug, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R)

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 ad, 1 Jan.-21 Mar., Harrison Co. beaches, SM, JT (R); 1 ad, 3-30 Nov., Gulfport beach, JT (R)

GLAUCOUS GULL -- 1 in 1st winter pl, 23 Feb.-21 Apr., Biloxi beach, FC, CC, m.ob. (R - photographed)

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 in 1st winter pl, 25 Feb., PRM, CC, TS (R)

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE -- 1 imm, 10 Jan.-9 Feb., Grenada Dam, MD, GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 29 Nov., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin Co., TS, MH, MM, SP, CP (R); 1 imm, 8-31 Dec., Sardis Dam, MD, GK, JW, m.ob. (R)

CASPIAN TERN -- 12, 28 Aug., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (N)

ROYAL TERN -- 1 imm, 26 Aug., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (R - 2nd inland record in state)

SANDWICH TERN -- 1 imm, 26 Aug., Hattiesburg S.L., TS (R - 4th inland record in state); 1 ad, 26 Aug., Seaman Rd. S.L., TS (R)

COMMON TERN -- 6 ad, 2 imm, 18 Sep., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (R)

FORSTER'S TERN -- 22, 10 Jan., Grenada S.L., MD (N); 30, 21 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD (N); 1 pr, 10 Mar., Lakeshore, JT, m.ob. (copulating); 3, 18 Jul., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 3, 18 Dec., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (L)

LEAST TERN -- 10, 16 May, 20+, 23 May, Mississippi River, DeSoto Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 1, 29 May, MSU North Farm S.L., MC, TS (R); 1, 3 Jun., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (R); 1 imm, 7 Jul., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (E); 43, 12 Aug., near Little Texas, Tunica Co., MD, JK (N)

BLACK TERN -- 4, 26 May, MSU North Farm S.L., TS, MC (R,L); 8, 15 Jul., Starkville south S.L., TS (A); 50+, 18 Jul., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT (A); 15, 1 Aug., Yazoo NWR, MD

SOOTY TERN -- 1 ad, 26 Aug., Natchez, GT (R - died in rehabilitation; this and following records are 2nd series of inland records in state); 1 ad, 27 Aug.,

Natchez, GT (R - rehabilitated and released); 1 ad, 27 Aug., Jackson, Hinds Co., DMA, SP (R - rehabilitated and released)

BLACK SKIMMER -- 2 ad, 2 imm, 27 Aug., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin & Madison Cos., TS (R - immatures were flattened road kills, deposited at MSU); 2 imm, 27 Aug., Canton S.L., TS (R); 2 imm, 7 Sep., Laurel S.L., TS (R); 1 imm, 13-14 Sep., Humphreys Co., Hwy. 12, 2.2 mi east of Washington Co. line, TS, GK (R)

RINGED TURTLE-DOVE -- 1, 10 Oct., Gulfport, FP, LP, TS (at feeders)

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- 3, 10 Apr.-31 May, Pascagoula, ST, GL, JT, m.ob. (R); 1, 22 Aug., Port Bienville, TS (R); 1, 10 Oct., 35, 28 Nov., PRM, TS (R); 2, 22 Nov., Pascagoula, TS, JM (R)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 2, 23 Oct., 1, 31 Oct., Port Bienville, TS (R); 2, 24 Oct., Pascagoula, TS, CC (R); 1, 9-10 Nov., Gulfport, JT (R)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 2, 6 Jan., 10.5 mi east of Macon, MC (R); 2, 5 Apr., French Bend Plantation, Leflore Co., PB, EB (R); 1, 22 Oct., Seaman Rd. S.L., TS (R); 1, 22 Nov., Pascagoula, TS (R); 4, 17 Dec., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, TS, PH (R)

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 9 May, Biloxi, SM (R); 1 ad, 12 Sep., Great River Road S.P., TS (R); 1, 3 Oct., Great River Road S.P., GK (R)

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 14 Apr., near Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., TS (E)

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- 1, 9 Oct., Keesler Air Force Base, SM (R); 2, 9 Oct., 3, 11 Oct., Hiller Park, RK, TS (R); 7, 9 Oct.-1 Nov., Waveland S.L., LK, JT, m.ob. (R)

GREAT HORNED OWL -- 1 nest, 19 Feb., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., NH

BURROWING OWL -- 1, Aug.- late Nov., Sibley Farms, Adams Co., NHa (R - photographed)

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 3-9 (max. 9, 29 Feb.), 7 Jan.-29 Feb, near Brooksville, TS, m.ob. (R,N); 2-4, 11-19 Jan., Tunica Co., MD, GK, SK (R); 11, 11 Dec., near Brooksville, TS, LC (N)

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 3, 11 Apr., Sturgis, TS (E)

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1, 22 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT (E); 1 ad, 1 downy chick, 21-22 Jun., 3 mi south of Maben, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MC, MB, DM (photographed, 1st documented nesting in state); 1, 18 Sep., Ansley, JT (R)

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 4, 23 Mar., Starkville, TS (A); 30, 10 Oct., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., MD

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 m, 1 Jan.-29 Feb., Bay Saint Louis, LS, JT, m.ob. (R); 1, 21 Dec., Biloxi, BS, MS (banded); 1, 21 Dec., Long Beach, BS, MS (banded)

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 1-30 Jan., Bay Saint Louis, DH, JT, CC, m.ob. (R); 1 m, 17 Mar., Starkville, TS, MC (E)

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 8-9 Oct., 20 Oct.-1 Nov., Bay Saint Louis, LS, JT, CC, m.ob. (R)

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

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad f, 21 Nov.-early Dec., Bay Saint Louis, JT, TS, LS, m.ob. (R - 1st state record); 1, 21 Dec., Long Beach, BS, MS (R - 2nd state record)

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 f, 21 Dec., Long Beach, BS, MS (R - banded)

ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 22 Nov.-mid Dec., Bay Saint Louis, JT, LS, m.ob. (R - banded, BS, MS, 1st state record)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1, 26 May, near Biloxi, RK (L)

DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 1, Jun & Jul., Oxford, SD, MD (drinking from hummingbird feeder); 1 f, 8 Jul., Oxford, GK (drinking from hummingbird feeder)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 11 May, Mississippi River levee, Tunica Co., TS (R); 1, 28 Aug. & 2 Sep., Logtown, JT, MBa, SM, MP (R,A); 1, 30 Aug., Great River Road S.P., TS (R); 3, 12 Sep., 1, 19 Sep., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., TS, GK, PH (R)

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 1, 23 Mar., Gulf Islands N.S., JT, m.ob. (E)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 30 Aug., Great River Road S.P., TS (R)

ALDER FLYCATCHER -- 1, 8 May, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (R); 2, 30 Aug., 3, 5 Sep., 1, 12 Sep., Great River Road S.P., TS (R)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1, 11 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1, 7 May, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (R)

*Empidonax* sp. -- 1, 16 Jan., Waveland S.L., JT, SM, MBa, CC (R)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad m, 1-5 Jan., Mathews Brake NWR, Leflore Co., PB, m.ob. (R); 1, 16-26 Jan., Delisle, Harrison Co., NA, JP, MBa, m.ob. (R)

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 19 Sep., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., GK, PH, TS (R)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad m, 14 Apr., Ocean Springs, JT, JP (R); 1, 21 Apr., Scott, NH (R); 1 ad, 1 imm, 11 Oct., Ansley, TS (R); 2 ad, 16



Oct., near intersection of Hwys. 3 & 4, Tunica Co., MD, m.ob. (R); 1, 24 Oct., Ansley, CR, JRa (R)

HORNED LARK -- 6 ad, 6 imm, 4 Jun.-14 Aug., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (R)

PURPLE MARTIN -- 2 m, 13 Feb., 1 m, 15 Feb., Choctaw, WI, NH (E); 1, 22 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., VT (E); 2, 23 Feb., Starkville, MC (A)

TREE SWALLOW -- 1, 9 May, 2.5 mi west of Starkville, MF, MaF (bird seen picking up twigs); 1, 30 Sep., Seaman Rd. S.L., GM, CC, JP, m.ob. (albino); 1 ad, 7 Dec., Water Valley S.L., GK, PH (L)

BANK SWALLOW -- 5, 3 Jun., Starkville south S.L., TS (L)

BARN SWALLOW -- 2, 25 Feb., Seaman Rd. S.L., TS, CC (E); 4, 10 Mar., MSU North Farm, TS (E)

FISH CROW -- 17, 17 Jul., Grenada S.L., MD (N); 1, 18-19 Jul., University of Mississippi campus, MD (R)

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 7 Jan.-29 Feb., 10.5 mi east of Macon, TS, m.ob. (R); 1, 7 Jan., 12.5 mi east of Macon, GM, TS, CC, MFa, SM (R); 1, 11 Jan., 13 mi northwest of West Point, TS (R); 1, 1 Feb., 2.5 mi west of Brooksville, GK, SK (R); 1, 25 Oct., 2 mi southwest of Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 1, 7 Nov., 9 mi east-southeast of Macon, TS (R)

HOUSE WREN -- 1, 11 Jan., 4 mi northwest of West Point, TS (R); 1, 1 Mar., Golden Triangle Airport, TS (R)

WINTER WREN -- 1, 5 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D)

SEDGE WREN -- 2, 13 May, Starkville, TS (L); 1-4, Dec., Lafayette, Yalobusha, Grenada & Tunica Cos., GK, VT, JW (R)

MARSH WREN -- 3, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (L)

- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 4 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 9 May, Starkville, MW (L)
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 10, 21 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha & Noxubee Cos., TS (A)
- VEERY -- 1, 16 May, near Maben, Oktibbeha Co., TS (L)
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 2, 9 May, Oktibbeha Co., MF, MaF (L)
- GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 12 Mar., Starkville, NHu (E)
- CITRINE WAGTAIL -- 1, 31 Jan.-1 Feb., Starkville south S.L., TS, m.ob. (R - 1st record for Western Hemisphere, photographed GJ)
- AMERICAN PIPIT -- 25, 30 Mar., MSU North Farm, TS (D)
- SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1, 10 Mar., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R)
- CEDAR WAXWING -- 3, 13 Jun., 3 mi northeast of Dentontown, Calhoun Co., TS, MC (L)
- WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 29 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 1 imm, 17 Dec., Grenada Dam, GK, TS (R)
- BELL'S VIREO -- 1, 4 Oct., near Oxford, GK (R); 1, 9 Oct., Waveland S.L., JT (R)
- SOLITARY VIREO -- 1, 7 Mar., near Oxford, GK, SK (R)
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1, 14 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., MC (E); 8, 26 May, Logtown, JT, GM, JP, m.ob. (N)
- WARBLING VIREO -- 2, 9 May, Starkville, MF, MaF (R)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 2, 9 May, Starkville, MF, MaF (R)

RED-EYED VIREO -- 15, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Winston Cos., TS (A); 19, 22 May, Pascagoula River WMA, JT, CC, SM (N)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 7 Apr., Biloxi, GM (R); 1, 14 Apr., Eupora S.L., TS (R); 1 m, 20 Apr., Biloxi, GM, SM (R); 1, 29 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 13 May, Starkville, TS (L)

YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr., Blocker's Bottom, TS (E)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1, 19 Apr., 1, 9-10 May, Biloxi, SM; 1, 27 Apr., Starkville south S.L., TS (A)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1, 13 May, Starkville, TS (D); 1, 25 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (D)

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 m, 11 May, Mississippi River levee, DeSoto Co., TS (R); 1 m, 11 Oct., Ansley, TS (R); 1 f, 23 Oct., Oxford, GK (R)

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 1, 9 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D)

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- 1 ad m, 23 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, CC, JP, GM (R)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 2, 21 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 1, 29 Mar., near Oxford, GK, SK (A); 1, 20 Apr., Biloxi, GM, SM

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1, 20 Apr., Biloxi, SM

PALM WARBLER -- 1, 16 Feb., 12.5 mi east of Macon, TS (R); 1, 9 May, Sessums, Oktibbeha Co., MC (L); 3, 7 Nov., 11 mi east of Macon, TS (L); 1, 5 Dec., 12 mi east of Macon, TS (R)

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1, 19 Apr., Biloxi, PM, SM

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 2, 19-20 Apr., Biloxi, SM; 1, 18 Oct., Waveland S.L., NB (R - 1st fall record for coast)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1, 19 Apr., Biloxi, SM

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1, 8 Mar., near Oxford, GK, SK (E); 1, 14 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1, 22 May, Pascagoula River WMA, JT, CC, SM (R); 2, 14 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (D)

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 3, 12 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, 1, 12 Apr., Choctaw Lake, TS (A)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 14 Apr., Eupora S.L., TS (E)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 9 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (L)

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 21 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)

MOURNING WARBLER -- 1, 10 May, Bass Landing, TS (R)

HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 4 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (A); 27, 26 May, Logtown, JT, GM, MBa, m.ob. (N)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 5 Mar., Greenville, EA (R - banded); 2, 1-10 Oct., Waveland S.L., JT, m.ob. (R)

CANADA WARBLER -- 1, 23 Aug., Gulf Islands N.S., TS (E); 4, 29 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS (A)

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1, 15 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (A)

SUMMER TANAGER -- 2, 12 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, 1, 12 Apr., Choctaw Lake, TS (A)

SCARLET TANAGER -- 1 m, 13 Jun., 5.5 mi west of Walthall, Webster Co., TS (R); 2 m, 21 Jun., 3 mi south of Maben, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 1, 3 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, ES (D)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1, 12 May, Starkville south S.L., TS (D); 1, 23 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)

INDIGO BUNTING -- 10, 14 Apr., Eupora S.L., TS (A)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 m, 16 & 23 May, Walls, DeSoto Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 1 m, 27 May, Columbus S.L., MC, TS (R); 1 m, 6 Jun., 4 mi south of Columbia, MH, JR (R); 1, 7 Jun., Crawford, TS (R)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 2, 16 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (E); 1, 7 Jun., Crawford, TS (R)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1, 23 Jan., Logtown, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 15 Oct., Lakeshore, NB (R)

LARK SPARROW -- 1, 20 Jan., near Brooksville, TS, MC (R); 2, 7 & 12 Jun., Crawford, TS, CC (R - adult on nest 7 Jun., adults feeding young 12 Jun.); 1, 11 Oct., Ansley, TS (R)

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 2, 11 May, Eupora S.L., TS (L)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1, 13 Feb., Logtown, JP, JT, CC, m.ob.; 1, 6 Jun., 4 mi north of Prairie, Monroe Co., TS, MC (R)

HENSLOW'S SPARROW -- 1, 13 & 25 Feb., Logtown, JT, CC, MBa, m.ob. (R); 1, 18 Apr., Larue, Jackson Co., CC, TS, JP, m.ob. (R,L); 1, 30 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., GM, CC, SM, JP (R,L)

LECONTE'S SPARROW -- 11, 20 Jan., near Brooksville, TS, MC (N); 1, 30 Jan. & 2 Feb., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, VT (R); 2, 13 Feb., Logtown, JT, CC, MBa, m.ob.; 1, 1 Mar., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, SK (R); 1, 15 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (L); 4, 21 Dec., Sardis Waterfowl Ref., GK, SK, VT (R)

FOX SPARROW -- 1, 8 Nov., Golden Triangle Airport, TS (A)

SONG SPARROW -- 1, 2 & 21 Apr., Greenwood Is., JT, CB (L); 2, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha & Noxubee Cos., TS (D)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 9 May, Starkville, MC (R)

SWAMP SPARROW -- 5, 9 Apr., Blocker's Bottom, TS (L)

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 2, 15 May, Starkville, MC (L); 1 ad, 25 May, 12 Jun., 9-10 Jul., Oxford, MD (L,R); 1, 2 & 4 Jun., Starkville, MC (L - apparently injured)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- up to 20, Jan.-Feb., Choctaw, NH; 1 imm, 27 Feb., Logtown, JT, SM, MBa, m.ob.; 4, 21 Apr., Greenwood Is., JT, CB (L); 1, 2 May, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MC (L); 1, 31 May, Biloxi, MP (L)

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 600+, 18 Jan., 1000+, 20 Jan., 73, 26 Jan., 84, 23 Feb., Tunica Co., JW (N)

SMITH'S LONGSPUR -- 1, 18 Dec., Merigold, GK (R)

BOBOLINK -- 19, 9 May, Oktibbeha Co., TS (D)

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1, 22 Feb., Mississippi River levee, Bolivar Co., NH (bird with white head)

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1, 19 Jan., 3-4 mi southwest of Pritchard, Tunica Co., GK, SK (R); 2-4, 8-9 Feb., west of Hollandale, WT, TS, JW (R);

1, 7 & 14 Nov., Sullivan Rd. near Tunica Co. line, JW (R); 1, 7 Nov., Pritchard Fish Ponds, Tunica Co., JW (R)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 f, 26 Oct.-17 Nov., Kiln, SM, CC, JT, m.ob. (R); 1 f/imm m, 8 Nov., Arrowhead Ranch, TS (R)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 1, 12 Apr., Weir, TS (L)

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 3, 29 Mar., Arrowhead Ranch, TS (L); 1, 11 Nov., Arrowhead Ranch, TS (A)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1, 13 Apr., Ansley, CC, JP, MFa (R); 1 m, 27 Apr., Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., JT, PD (R); 1 m, 23 Oct.-15 Nov., Kiln, TS, JT, SM, m.ob. (R)

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1 imm m, 21 Jan.-29 Feb., Biloxi, SM, m.ob. (R); 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)

NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 1 ad m, 29 Nov.- 31 Dec., Starkville, RL, MC, TS (R - Baltimore race); 1 f, 28 Dec., Arkabutla Dam, Tate Co., JW, GK, SK (R)

HOUSE FINCH -- 3, Jan.-Feb., Choctaw, NH (low numbers); 1 pr at nest, 19 May, Oxford, GK (R - 1st confirmed nesting in area; 5 eggs by 22 May, eggs hatched by 10 Jun.)

RED CROSSBILL -- 1, 19 Dec., Loakfoma Lake, GK (R)

PINE SISKIN -- 1, 12 Jan., Ocean Springs, CC, HC (A); 2, 15-16 Feb., near Oxford, GK, SK (low numbers); 4, 15 May, Starkville, MC (L)

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 1, 21 & 31 May, Ocean Springs, CC (L)

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