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**WINTER FORAGING OF EASTERN PHOEBE AT A NORTH
MISSISSIPPI SEWAGE LAGOON**

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On 4 January 1999 I visited the City of Oxford waste water treatment plant (WWTP) to survey the waterbirds using the 4.25 hectare sewage lagoon. This facility is located 9.7 km south of the center of Oxford and 0.48 km east of MS highway 7. While viewing ducks on the lagoon from its southwest corner by means of an 80 mm 20-60X spotting scope mounted on my car window, I noted a small bird on the slanted side of the east end of the impoundment, which also is covered by the heavy black-plastic liner of the lagoon. Instead of a small sandpiper as I had supposed, a closer look showed the bird to be a passerine species. I was able to identify it confidently as an Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) because it showed a blackish head and upperparts and whitish underparts, and it pumped or wagged its tail when perched in the manner characteristic of an Eastern Phoebe.

It struck me as quite unusual that the phoebe was foraging only at the very waterline of the lagoon, or within about 0.4 m above it. It perched on wrinkles or seams in the plastic surface between frequent forays consisting of fluttering, short flights directed at food objects that were beyond my discerning. I observed this behavior continuing from 1625 to about 1655 hours, when the bird may have left to go to roost as dusk approached. During this interval the bird only once flew above the layer from the water level of the lagoon to the top of its impounding rim, a vertical

distance of about 0.7 m, but a distance of nearly 2 m on the slanted (ca. 30°) surface. At that point the phoebe was disturbed by the passing nearby of a Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) so that it flew into the shrubby edge of woods adjacent to the northeast corner of the lagoon; but it remained for only one or two minutes before returning to feeding as before. While being observed, the phoebe foraged along about 100 m of the edge of the lagoon.

The reason for the phoebe's choosing this extremely limited microhabitat for its foraging probably was the severity of the weather prevailing on that day. The air temperature was below average, -6.7°C (20° F), and the wind was from the north at about 32.2 km/hr (20 mph). These factors combine to give a quite low windchill of around -23.3°C (-10° F). However, it seems likely that there was a significantly more moderate microclimate for the bird near the surface of the lagoon where it was foraging. More importantly, this condition likely made food more available there than anywhere else in the vicinity under those weather conditions.

Other observers have noted a tendency for Eastern Phoebes to be found in winter near sewage ponds or lagoons in northern Mississippi (G. Knight, A. Jolley, personal communication, January 1999). Indeed, Knight had independently observed one or several Eastern Phoebes on multiple occasions in the vicinity of this lagoon or an older, much smaller sludge pond on the same WWTP property. However, neither Knight nor Jolley had noted such restricted feeding behavior as is described here.

The use by the Eastern Phoebe of feeding habitats near water in fall and spring migration, as well as when nesting, has been noted (Weeks, 1994). However, Weeks cited only one report on winter season use of feeding habitat near

water, that being from an area outside of the species' typical winter range, California. The present report serves to affirm that the Eastern Phoebe feeds near wetlands in winter as well as at other seasons, and to suggest that man-made wetlands of WWTP lagoons may provide an especially rich foraging microhabitat of particular value during more severe weather. This possibility may warrant further study.

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WELL-KEPT SECRETS

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Common birds have secrets not always revealed by their physical appearance but by their behavior. The Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) has two secrets I discovered only recently. One is the roosting behavior. I described and photographed two Carolina Wrens at roost in a wreath of pine cones on the wall of the front entry of my son's house in south Jackson (Turcotte 1997). At the time, temperatures were in the low thirties (°F) and it was sleeting. The birds had all back feathers fully extended and looked like pin cushions with evenly-spaced pinheads showing beneath the brown outer tips of the feathers. One bird nearly covered the other and their closed tails were pointed downward. The head and bill were barely showing on the bird on top and concealed on the other one. The small, white dots on the inner parts of the extended feathers and the rounded appearance did not resemble a bird. Presumably, the extended feathers provided better insulation from the cold and could be a protective camouflage against night-time predators.

In the breezeway of our house in Richland, we had a pair of Carolina Wrens that nested in a gourd and raised five young. While the birds were nesting and feeding young, I watched the adults feeding young. The male and female used different approaches to the nest while feeding the young and one individual was always more cautious before entering the nest. Each time they left the nest they carried off fecal pellets. The food appeared to be spiders and small

insects and occasionally cornbread crumbs from our feeder opposite our front porch.

On two occasions, I glimpsed fleetingly what I thought to be a spread, rounded tail of one of the wrens just before it lit on the feeder. I had never noticed that before, since nearly always the Carolina Wren carries its tail folded at an angle and square at the tip.

In early January 1999, while erecting martin poles, I drove the car to unload ready-mixed concrete. When I stopped the car, I saw two Carolina Wrens in a brush pile where I had put some old martin gourds nearby. The birds were engaging in either territorial defense or courtship behavior. Through the windshield I could see them plainly showing aggressive behavior while moving about and several times they sat with tails pointed downward, spread widely, and with rounded, lighter-colored tips on the outer feathers.

The outer tail feathers of the Carolina Wren are graduated in length, the outermost being the shortest length. The Bewick's (*Thryomanes bewickii*) and Rock Wrens (*Salpinctes obsoletus*) are well-known for fanning their tails.

The Bewick's waggles the tail from side to side, a distinctive habit. The Carolina Wren's rounded tail is a well-kept, secret field mark.

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**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:
JANUARY-DECEMBER 1999**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 1999. The species sequence follows the 7th edition of the AOU checklist. 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 letters in parentheses following a record. These letters are as follows: (A) = arrival date, (D) = departure date, (E) = early date, (L) = late date, (N) – significantly large number, (R) = species rare in area, (RS) = species rare at that season, (U) = species uncommon in area, (US) = species uncommon at that season.

Other abbreviations used include the following: ad = adult; AFB = Air Force Base; CBC = Christmas Bird Count; Co. = County; Cos. = Counties; f = female(s); fl = fledgling(s); Hwy = Highway; imm = immature(s); Is. = Island(s); juv = juvenile(s); m = male(s); max. = maximum; mi = mile(s); m.ob. = many observers; MSU = Mississippi State University; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge; ph. = photographed/videotaped; pl = plumage; pr = pair(s); PRM = Pascagoula River Marsh; Rd. = Road; S.L. = Sewage Lagoon; SMWR = State Migratory Waterfowl Refuge; S.P. = State Park; sp. = species; USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service; 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 one record per card including 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 Field Notes magazine (formerly 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, 18-21 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD, MWa, CBu, WP, KK (R); 1, 24 Jan., Long Beach, Harrison Co., JB (R – found dead, 1st specimen preserved for state)

PACIFIC LOON – 1, 27-28 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (R)

COMMON LOON – 1, 10-25 Jan., Land O'Lakes, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (RS – 1st Jan. record for area); 1, 8 Jun., Sardis Dam, MD (RS); 1, 11 Jul., PRM, KK (US); 3, 24 Oct., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (A); 33, 6 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (N)

PIED-BILLED GREBE – 2, 3 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A)

HORNED GREBE – 175, 18 Jan., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (N); 1 approaching alternate pl, 10 Mar., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (D); 1, 23 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (A); 265, 24 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (N)

EARED GREBE – 1-3, 5-23 Jan., Sardis Dam, GK, SK, MD (RS); 1, 23 Jan., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS, MS, MC, JBe (R – 2nd area record); 1, 27 Mar., MSU North Farm S.L., TS, MS (R – 1st spring record for 7 county area); 1 basic pl, 22 Sep., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R – 18th area record); 5, 28 Nov., Hattiesburg S.L., Forrest Co., DC (N)

NORTHERN GANNET – 1, 11 Jun., Pass Christian, Harrison Co., SP, JB (U); approx. 15, 28 Dec., Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., JT (U)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN – 220, 30 Jan., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., MD (N); 196, Sardis Lake/Lower Lake, MD (N); 7+, 26 Jan., 22, 19 Feb., 30, 4 Mar., 3, 17 Mar., Columbus Lake, Lowndes/Clay Cos., TS, MS, KK (R); 100, 20 Mar., Jackson, Hinds Co., TS (U); 2, 3 Apr., Columbus Lock & Dam, Lowndes Co, JPa, DP (D); 7, 9 Apr., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., MD (D); 2, 26 Jun., 1, 27 Jun., Sardis Dam, MD (R,D); 30, 27 Jun., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., TS, MS (RS); 120-130 imm, throughout Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (RS); 500+, 13 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (N); 1, 21 Oct., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R – 18th area record); 220, 25 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (A); 1200, 28 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (N) 1, 26 Oct., Bluff Lake, TS (R – 19th area record); 2200, 9 Nov., Arkabutla Lake, Desoto/Tate Cos., MD (N); 22, 10-12 Nov., 2, 30 Nov.-6 Dec., 15-21, 23 Dec.,-end of season, Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R); 30, 5 Dec., Lake Okatibbee, Lauderdale Co., JM (R); 65, 27 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., DR, TS, LC, m.ob. (R,N)

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT – 220, 20 Feb., SMWR, MD (N);

12 ad, 6 imm, 5 May-6 Jun., Swan Is., Yazoo NWR, Washington Co., MSt, JL, (six nests found, possibly 3rd nesting record for the state, 1st for this county); 3000, 6 Nov., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (N)

ANHINGA – 1, ca 26 Apr., Yazoo NWR, Washington Co., FB (U); 1-3, 15-25 May, Bluff Lake, MC, TS, DP, JM (R); 1, 9-10 Jun., Walker Tract, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U); 1, 5 Jul., near Greenwood, Leflore Co., FB (U); 1, 30 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, MS (R); 1, 30 Jul.-5 Aug., Jenkin Lake, Sunflower Co., SJ, MMo (R); 1 m, 1, f (on nest), 5 Jul., Bluff Lake, Oktibbeha/Noxubee Co., BL (R – nesting record); 1 m, 2 f/imm, 9 Aug.-23 Sep. (16 dates), Loakfoma and Bluff Lakes, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 1, 7 Dec., Bluff Lake Noxubee Co., TS (R)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD – 2 ad, 6 Jul., Biloxi Bay, KK (U); 16 ad, 7 Jul., Ocean Springs, Jackson Co., KK (U)

AMERICAN BITTERN – 1, 2 Feb., northwest part of LeFlore Co., FB (U); 1, 6 Feb., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, KH, MW, KK (U); 1, 17-19 Feb., 1, 10 Mar., 1, 27 Apr., Columbus Lake, KK, TS, ESu, DP, JPa (U); 2, 4 Apr., 1, 9 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 10 Apr., Malmaison WMA, GK, SK (U); 1, 18 Apr., Prysock Field, TS, MS (U); 1, 5-12 Oct., Columbus Lake, KK (R – 2nd fall record for 7 county area); 1, 22 Oct.-3 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, DM, LE, JM, AH, CB, JPe (U); 2, 28 Dec., Texas Flat Rd., CD, JP, JBo (R)

LEAST BITTERN – 1, 12 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (A); 1, 1 May, Seaman Rd. S.L., GK, SK, AJ (U); 7, 6 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U, N); 1, 20 May-? Jun., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R); Yazoo NWR, Washington Co., MSt, JL (U); 6, 18 Jun., near Parchman, Sunflower Co., FB (U – incl. one nest with eggs); 1, 14 Jul., Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, DM, m.ob. (U); 2, 17 Jul., Pascagoula River, Jackson Co., SP, DM, m.ob. (U)

GREAT BLUE HERON – 24+, 2 Apr., near Oxford, Lafayette Co., MD (heronry with 11 active nests, all found abandoned 2 May)

GREAT EGRET – 15, 16 Jan., near Prairie Point, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (N); 1, 11 Jan., near Crowder, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U); 1, 3 Jul., SMWR, MD (A); 450, 20 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 190, 17 Aug., Bluff Lake, MC (N); 600, 14 Sep., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N)

SNOWY EGRET – 1, 2 Apr., Sun Creek Bottoms, TS (A); 1, 7 Oct., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (D)

TRICOLORED HERON – 1, 28 Apr.-21 May (3 dates), Bluff Lake, TS, MC, DP, JM (RS – 2nd spring record for 7 county area)

REDDISH EGRET – 2 imm, 7-30 Jul., various locations along coast in Hancock and Harrison Co., KK (U)

CATTLE EGRET – 1 11 Jan., Tallahatchie Co., FB (R); 11, 17 Apr., near Enid Dam, Yalobusha Co., MD (R); 1, 25 Apr.-25 May, Bluff Lake, MC, DP, JM, TS, m.obs. (U pl. – extensive pink, yet unlike color marked birds); 250, 11 May, near Charleston, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON – 38, 10 Feb., southern part of LeFlore Co., FB (N); 1 ad, 28 Apr., Bluff Lake, TS, MC (RS – 3rd spring record for 7 county area); 7 nesting pr, 6 Jun., Swan Is., Washington Co., MSt (nesting records); 1, 18 Dec., near Vicksburg, Warren Co., BR, BE, SAn (U)

WHITE IBIS – 1, imm, 4 Apr., 1 imm, 18 Apr., Bluff Lake, TS, MS, (RS,A – about 6th spring record for 7 county area, 2nd earliest arrival); 2 ad, 1 imm, 28 Apr., 13 ad, 1 imm, 13 May, 3 ad, 21 May, Bluff Lake, TS, MS, MC, m.ob., (RS); 33 ad, 1 imm, 8 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS, MS, JBe (RS, N); 20 ad, 20 May, near Charleston, Tallahatchie Co., FB (RS); 175, 9-10 Jun., Walker Tract Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (incl. 100 nests with eggs – farthest north nesting record in state?); 253, 16 Sep., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 35, 30 Nov., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D); 34 imm, 3 Dec., Coldwater NWR, Tallahatchie/Quitman Cos., FB (U); 5, 18 Dec., near Vicksburg, Warren Co., BR, BE, SAn (U); 55±, 16 Dec., Eagle Lake, Warren Co., BR, MPa, BSt (U)

GLOSSY IBIS – 1, 1 Feb., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, AD, CG, CB (R)

WHITE-FACED IBIS – 1, 17 Oct., Yazoo NWR, Washington Co., GK, SK, KK, JD (R); 1, 9 Sep., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, AD, MP, CG, MF (R)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL – 1, 25 Jul.-21 Sep. (6 dates), BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB, MD (R); 1 imm, 26 Jul.-5 Sep. (4 dates),

Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (R); 1 imm, 28-30 Jul., PRM, KK, JP, CG (R - ph.); 1 imm, 1 Aug., PRM, GK, SK (R); 1, 10 Aug.-10 Sep., Section Line Rd., Lowndes Co., JPa, DP, TS (R - 1st county record, 6th area record); 1, 17 Aug., near Starkville, BG (R - 1st county record, 7th area record); 2, 27-29 Aug., Morgan Break NWR, Holmes Co., MSt, JL (R)

WOOD STORK - 1, 14 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (RS, E); 1-184 (max. 184, 17 Aug.), 21 Jun.-28 Sep., Noxubee NWR, TS, MC, m.ob. (N); 20, 27 Jun., Tara WMA, Warren Co., SM (N); 100, 27 Jun., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MSt, JL (N); 1-5, 1-27 Jul. (4 dates), Upper Pascagoula WMA, George Co., JBu, MW (U); 38, 18 Jul., 14, 26 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (R); 59, 20 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 1-100+, 22 Jul. - 25 Aug. (13 dates, max. 100, 7 Aug.), Dwayne Hayes Park & Section Line Rd., Lowndes Co., JPa, DP (N); 10, 26 Jul., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MW, LY (U); 10-100+, 3 Aug.-10 Sep., Section Line Rd., Lowndes Co., JPa, DP (U); 25+, 4 Aug., Sovinlovey Creek, Clarke Co., DMu (U); 4, 10 Aug., near Thornton, Holmes Co., CD (U); 61, 14 Aug., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MSt, WPi (U); 18, 21 Aug., 46, 5 Sep., 88, 11 Sep., Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK (N); 12, 22 Aug., 2, 24 Aug., Donaldson Point, NH (U); 130, 24 Aug., 117, 13 Sep., 43, 16 Sep., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 22, 27 Aug., Tenn-Tombigbee Waterway, Monroe Co., DW (U); 4, 29 Aug., Morgan Break NWR, Holmes Co., MSt, JL (U); 14, 11 Sep., LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Hinds Co., JBu (U); 2, 18 Sep., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS, MS (U); 4, 26 Sep., 10, 9 Oct., 2, 15 Oct., Bendale, Jackson Co., CD, DM, SA, JP, JR, AC, LC, LE (U)

BLACK VULTURE - 31, 14 May, 14, 26 May, 7-23, 17-30 Jun., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (N)

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK - 6, 8 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (R - ph.)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE - 47, 16 Jan., SMWR, MD (N); approx. 8000, 24 Jan., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB, JLe (N); 1 10 Apr. - 14 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D); 4, 25 Oct., 22, 6 Nov., 46, 26 Nov., SMWR, MD (A); 1, 25 Oct., 20, 26 Oct., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A)

SNOW GOOSE – 100,000, 6 Feb., Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK (N); 1 ad, 4 Jun.-5 Aug., Columbus Lake, DP, JPa, KK, TS, MS (R – 1st area summer record, ph.); 1, 6 Nov., SMWR, MD (A)

ROSS' GOOSE – 2, 2 Jan., near Jackson, Hinds Co., DK (R); 2, 3 Jan., near Yazoo NWR, Washington Co., PBa, SJ (R); 1-2 ad, 5 Jan.-4 Feb., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (R – 16th area record); 1 ad, 1 imm, 10 Jan., near Macon, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (R – 17th area record); 8, 6 Feb., Hwy 8, Grenada Co., GK, SK (R); 1 ad, 1 Jul.-23 Aug., Columbus Lake, KK, TS, JPa, DP, MS (R – 1st summer record for state); 1, 7 Nov., Enid Dam, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 18 ad, 4 imm, 25 Nov., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW (R); 1 imm, 18 Dec., SMWR, GK, VT (R); 6, 28 Dec., Battle Catfish Ponds, Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (R)

CANADA GOOSE – 6 *hutchinsii*, 19 Jan., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R – subspecies); 2 *hutchinsii*, 23 Feb., OKTOC Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (R – subspecies); 8 possibly *minima*, 15 Nov., SMWR, Lafayette Co, MD (A); 3 hybrid with domestic goose, 20 Sep.-21 Oct., Bluff Lake, TS (unusual pl.)

BLACK SWAN – 1, 4 Dec., Tombigbee River, Lowndes Co., NW (3rd record for this obviously escaped sp. in 7 county area)

WOOD DUCK – pr, 17 Mar. – 18 Apr., Concordia Is., NH, JH (nesting record)

AMERICAN WIGEON – 600, 28 Feb., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 650, 3-9 Mar., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N); 2, 26 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D); pr, 30 Jun., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D); 2, 13 Oct., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A)

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK – 1, 11 Jul., PRM, KK, CD, JP (R)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL – 1, 11 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D)

NORTHERN SHOVELER / AMERICAN WIGEON – 1 m, 22-27 Jan., Starkville S.L., Oktibbeha Co., TS (R – hybrid)

NORTHERN PINTAIL – 3, 26 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB, MD (D); 1, 9 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (RS); 1, 25 Aug.,

Bluff Lake, TS (E)

GREEN-WINGED TEAL – 2, 22 Aug., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (E)

CANVASBACK – 91, 22 Jan., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS, (N); 80, 28 Jan., near Tutwiler, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N); 66, 27 Dec., near Choctaw, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (N)

REDHEAD – 24, 21 Jan., Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., TS (N); 45, 25 Feb., private residence, Grenada Co., WJ, *vide* FB (N)

RING-NECKED DUCK – 1 m, 22 May, Hattiesburg S.L., Forrest Co., DC (D); 1 m, 7 May-1 Sep., Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., TS, m.ob. (RS – 1st area summer record); 1 m, 27 Jun., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., TS (RS); 1, 8 Aug., Hattiesburg S.L., Forrest Co., DC (US); 1 m, 1-9 Sep., Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., TS (RS – 2nd summer/early fall record)

GREATER SCAUP – 1, 2 May, Moses Pier, CD, JP, LE, SP (D); 1, 11-14 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., FB (R); 2, 24 Oct., 2, 28 Nov., near Sardis Dam, MD (R); 1, 16 Dec., Eagle Lake, Warren Co., BR, MPa, BSt (R); 12, 19 Dec., Bluff Lake, TS, DSt (N); 60, 21 Dec., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (N)

LESSER SCAUP – 100, 14 Feb., 127, 22 Feb., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 1, 22 May, Hattiesburg S.L., Forrest Co., DC (D); 1 m, 9 Apr.-8 Jul., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (RS – 3rd area summer record, wounded bird)

SURF SCOTER – 1 imm m, 3-4 Jan., Waveland, Hancock Co., JB, DB, TG, SP (U); 1, 18-26 Jan., Moses Pier, SP, m.ob. (U); 1 f/imm, 27 Oct.-16 Nov., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R,E – 20th area record)

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER – 1 f/imm, 28 Nov.-18 Dec., Hattiesburg S.L., Forrest Co., MDa, CDw, DC (R)

BLACK SCOTER – 1 imm m, 13 Dec., 1998-12 Feb., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS, MS, m.ob. (R – 9th area record); 1 imm m, 23-26 Jan., Moses Pier, SP, m.ob. (R); 1 f/imm, 18 Nov.-3 Dec., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R – 10th area record); 1 f, 28 Dec., Lakeshore, Hancock Co., JT, (R)

LONG-TAILED DUCK – 1 imm m, 18-24 Jan., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R – 11th area record); 1, 18-26 Jan., Moses Pier, SP, m.ob. (U)

BUFFLEHEAD – 3, 3 Nov., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (A)

COMMON GOLDENEYE – 1 m, 1 f, 27 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (A); 10, 21 Dec., Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., TS (D)

HOODED MERGANSER – 260, 5 Jan., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (N); 5, 27 Oct., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (A); 1000+, 20 Nov., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., SAn (N)

COMMON MERGANSER – 1 f, near Little Texas, Tunica Co., QG (R); 1 m, 17 Jan., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK (R); 1 f, 27 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK, SK (R); 1 m, 18 Dec., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., DS (R)

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER – 3 f, 24 Oct., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (A); 1, 27 Oct., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (E); 17, 19 Dec., Bluff Lake, TS, DSt (D,N) 22, 19 Dec., Loakfoma Lake, TS, DSt (D,N); 15, 19 Dec., Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., TS, DSt (D,N); 17, 20 Dec., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (D,N)

RUDDY DUCK – 2, 8 Aug., Hattiesburg S.L., Forrest Co., DC (U)

OSPREY – 2, 2 Jan., near Jackson, Hinds Co., TJ, KH (US); 1, 9 Jan., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (RS); 1, 20 Feb., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (RS); 1, 13 Mar., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (A); pr, 2 Apr., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (copulation record); 1, 9 Apr., Concordia Is., *fide* NH (A); 1, 8 Jun., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (D); 2 ad, 3 nestlings, 24 Jun.-8 Aug., Fulton, Itawamba Co., KK (possibly 1st nesting record for Tenn-Tom Waterway); 2 ad, 1 imm, 22-31 Jul., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (nesting record); 1, 13 Sep., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A); 1, 11 Nov., Land O'Lakes, Noxubee Co., JPa (L)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE – 2, 30 Apr., Logtown, Hancock Co. – TS, MS, (U); 1 ad, 1 May, Woolmarket, Harrison Co., SP (U – unusual location); 3 ad, 1 May, Pascagoula R. WMA, GK, SK, AJ (U); 2-133, 31

Mar.-20 Aug. (12 dates), Pascagoula River, George and Jackson Co., MW, JBu, MW (N – boat surveys); 7 active nests, 5 Apr.-25 Jun., Pascagoula River, George Co. (4 nests) and Jackson Co. (3 nests), JBu, MW (nesting records); 1 ad, 28 Jul., Seaman Rd. S.L., DM, CD, MP, CB, JP, SP (U); 7, 31 Jul., Pascagoula River, Jackson Co., SP, LP, DM (U); 1, 6 Aug., Panola-Quitman Floodway, Tallahatchie Co., FB (R); 1-167, 13 Jul.-20 Aug. (5 dates, max. 167, 11 Aug.), Pascagoula River, George and Jackson Cos., MW, JBu, JMa (N – plane surveys)

MISSISSIPPI KITE – 1, 22 Apr., Concordia Is., NH (A); 1 building a nest, 2 May, Davis Bayou, Gulf Is. National Seashore, Jackson Co., – SP, m.ob. (southern-most nesting record in state?); 2 ad, 7-8 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS, MS, JB, (R); 1, 11 May, Columbus, Lowndes Co., JPa, DP (A); 6, 21 Jun., 10, 2 Jul., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., DP (N); 1, 17 Aug., Columbus, Lowndes Co., JPa, DP (D); 1 ad, 29 Jun., Bluff Lake, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R); 21, 24 Aug., Donaldson Point, NH (N)

BALD EAGLE – 1 imm, 25 Mar., near Oxford, Lafayette Co., MD (possibly predating at nest of Great Blue Heron); 2 ad, 2 imm, 1-28 Jun., Bull Mountain Creek, Itawamba Co., KK (U); 1-2, 24 May-31 Dec., Section Line Rd., Lowndes Co., JPa, DP (have attempted nesting in area in past); 2 ad, 15 Sep., Coontown Lodge, Lafayette Co., MD (A)

NORTHERN HARRIER – 1, 22 Aug, BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB, JW (E); 2 f/imm, 24 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH (A); 47, 25 Nov., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW (N)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK – 50±, 7 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (N); 1, 1 Jul., Dahomey NWR, Bolivar Co., FB (U); 2 possible dark morphs, 11 Sep., Pascagoula WMA, Jackson Co., CD, JP, AD, MP, CB, CG (U – pl.)

SWAINSON'S HAWK – 1, 22 Oct., 2, 3 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, DM, JPe, CB, AH (R)

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK – 1, 4-18 Feb., near Anguilla, Sharkey Co., PH, CW (R)

GOLDEN EAGLE – 1, 10 Jan., Doyle Arm, TS (R); 1 imm, 16 Jan., near Macon, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (R); 1 imm, 23 Jan.-3 Feb., near Grenada,

Grenada Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 2, 2 Feb., Tallahatchie NWR, Grenada/Tallahatchie Cos., MP, JPe, MB, GM, AH, JD, WPs, SB (R); 1 second-year, 3 Feb.-24 Feb. (4 dates), White Lake Rd., Grenada Co., FB (R); 1, 2 Mar. – 18 Mar. (3 dates), near Parchman, Sunflower Co., FB (U, L); 1 ad, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., LC, EC (R); 1 ad, 1 imm, 31 Dec., SMWR, GK, VT (R)

AMERICAN KESTREL – 1, 6 Sep., near Greenville, Washington Co., JH, NH (A)

MERLIN – 1 m, 2 Jan., near Jackson, Hinds Co., DK, MSm, BSt (U); 1, 6 Feb., SMWR, GK, SK (U); 1, 11 Mar., near Crowder, Quitman Co., GK, SK, JW, FB (U); 1, 11 Apr., Yocona River, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 24 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK (U); 1, 14 Sep., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U); 1, 18 Sep., MSU South Farm, KK (R); 1, 21 Nov., Greenwood, Leflore Co., FB (U); 1 ad m, 22 Dec., Grenada Airport, FB, GK, SK (R); 1 *richardsonii*, 25 Dec., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW (R, subspecies)

PEREGRINE FALCON – 1, 10 Apr., west of Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 17 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 30 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, MD (R); 1, 3 May, BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., MD (R); 1-2, 6 Sep.-25 Oct. (5 dates), Bear Lake Tallahatchie NWR, FB (R); 1 imm, 28 Dec., Hancock Co. beach, JT (U)

PRAIRIE FALCON – 1, 13 Dec., 1998-22 Feb., George Payne Cossar S.P., FB, CB, GK, SK, m.ob. (R)

KING RAIL – 1, 2 Jan., near Rankin, Rankin Co., KH, TJ, CC (U); 1, 26 Feb., near Greenwood, LeFlore Co., FB (U); 4, 4 Apr., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS (U); 1-4, 4 Apr. – 20 May (3 dates), Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U); 1-2, 4 Apr. – 15 May (3 dates), Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 10 Apr., Malmaison WMA, GK (U); 1, 24 Jun., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U); 2, 26 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U)

VIRGINIA RAIL – 1, 2 Feb., northwest part of LeFlore Co., FB (U); 1, 28 Mar., Little Tallahatchie River levee, Panola Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 10 Apr., Malmaison WMA, GK, SK (U); 1, 26 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR,

Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U – 1st July record)

SORA – 1, 12 Mar., Keesler AFB, SP, TH (A); 2, 28 Mar., Little Tallahatchie River levee, Panola Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 4 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 13 Apr., Sun Creek Bottoms, TS (U); 1, 18 Apr., Prysock Field, TS, MS (U); 11, 21 Apr., near Sledge, Quitman Co., FB (N)

PURPLE GALLINULE – 1 ad, 28 Mar., Starkville Airport, GB, GBu (R – found dead, 2nd area record); 1-2, 29 Apr. – 20 May (5 dates), Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (R); 1, 6 May, near Sledge, Quitman Co., FB (R); 1 ad, 15 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK (R); 1 ad, 20 May, 1 ad, 10 Jun., 2 ad, 2 downy imm, 8 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R – 3rd area record, 1st area nesting record); 2 ad, 3 downy imm, 27 Jun., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., TS, MS (nesting record)

COMMON MOORHEN – 1, 28 Apr., 1, 22 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (R); 1, ad., 15 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK (R); 2 pr with young, 6 Jun., Swan Is., Washington Co., MSt, JL (nesting record); 2 imm, 17 Oct., Yazoo NWR, Washington Co., GK, SK (U)

AMERICAN COOT – 1, 8 May-27 Jul., MSU North Farm S.L., DP, JPa, TS (R – 4th summer record for area); 1200, 2 Nov., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (N)

SANDHILL CRANE – 10, 9 Jan., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (U); 12, 9 Jan, near Shelby, Bolivar Co., JPi *vide* FB (U); 17, 24 Jan, near Parchman, Sunflower Co., JPi *vide* FB (U); 5, 29 Jan., Natchez Trace Parkway, Pontotoc Co., DMA, MFl, MCl (U); 11, 2, 28 Feb., near Columbus, Lowndes Co., DMA, KM (U); 8 Mar., near Scott, Bolivar Co., FB (R,N); 3, 23 Nov., 4, 30 Nov., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U); 1, 16 Dec., Grenada/Tallahatchie Co. line, FB (U); 26, 24 Dec., 43 29 Dec., Battle Catfish Pond, Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (U); 3, 28 Dec., Texas Flat Rd., CD, JP (R)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER – 1-3, 4 May – 20 May (3 dates), Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U,N); 1, 1 Nov., Grenada Dam, FB (U)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER – 3, 12 Mar., 42, 26 Mar., A&D Turf Farm, (N); 60, 11 Apr., near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ (N); 1, 14 May, BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (L); 4, 15 Sep., 11, 11 Oct., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 2, 30 Oct., Grenada Dam, FB (D); 1, 21 Nov., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (L)

SNOWY PLOVER – 1, 25-26 Jan., Long Beach, Harrison Co., SP, JP, CD, m.ob., (U); 1, 23 Nov., Gulfport, Harrison Co., SP, MI (U)

WILSON'S PLOVER – 3 pr, 13 Jun., Pascagoula shell mounds, Jackson Co., DM, SP, CB, JB (U – nesting record)

SEMPALMATED PLOVER – 6, 26 Apr., near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ (U); 2, 8 May, near Choctaw, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (U); 22, 27 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 36, 3 Aug., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N)

PIPING PLOVER – 1-2, 25 Jan.-16 Feb., (3 dates), Harrison Co. beaches, SP (U); 6, 30 Apr., 1, 2 May, Gulfport Harbor, Harrison Co., GK, SK, TS, MS, SP (U); 1, 5 Sep., Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., JB, DB (U); 1, 23 Nov., Gulfport, Harrison Co., SP, MI (U)

KILLDEER – 970, 27 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 1264, 17 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N)

BLACK-NECKED STILT – 1-11, 10 Apr.-26 May (at least 7 dates), Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK, FB (U,N – max. 11, 12 Apr.); 4, 8 May, near Choctaw, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (U); 1, 6 Jun., near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ, JF (D); 10 ad, 24 Jun., 16 ad (and nest with eggs), 11 Jul., 14 ad, 3, imm, 25 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N, nesting records); 15, 22 Jul., near Indianola, Sunflower Co., FB (N); 6, 26 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U); 50, 26 Jul., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MW, LY (N); 1-79, 8 Aug.-15 Oct. (max. 79, 21 Aug.), Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK (U,N); 200+, 14 Aug., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MSt, WPi (N); 68, 24 Aug., 60, 22 Aug., Bear Lake, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 1, 27 Aug., Morgan Break NWR, Holmes Co., MSt (U); 1, 28 Aug., Sky Lake, Humphries Co., MSt (U)

AMERICAN AVOCET – 2, 8 May, near Choctaw, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (R); 1, ad., Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK (R); 2-3, 10 Aug.-15 Sep., BBU

Tallahatchie NWR, FB (R); 2-3, 11 Sep.-2 Oct., Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (R); 1, 2 Oct., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS – 2, 2 Feb., Doyle Arm, TS (E); 40, 38 Mar., Panola-Quitman Floodway, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N); 2, 6 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A); 7, 22 Jul., near Indianola, Sunflower Co., FB (N); 60, 26 Oct., 64, 29 Oct., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 43, 3 Dec., Coldwater NWR, Tallahatchie/Quitman Cos., FB (N); 2, 27 Dec., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (RS)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS – 2, 7 Feb., near Philip, Tallahatchie Co., FB (A); 1, 25 Jun., Fulton, Itawamba Co., KK (A); 17, 6 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A); 228, 27 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 157, 6 Aug., 184, 10 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 37, 12 Nov., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER – 22, 28 Apr., 36, 29 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 12, 2 Aug., 14, 3 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N)

WILLET – 2, 21 Apr., near Sledge, Quitman Co., FB (U); 9, 24 Jun., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (E); 4, 11 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (RS)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER – 1, 9 Jan.-13 Feb. (3 dates), Sardis Dam, GK, SK, MD (RS); 18, 29 Apr., 20, 6 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 2, 21 May, 1, 30 May, Lower Lake, MD (L); 1, 24 Oct., Sardis Dam, MD (D); 2, 18 Dec., Sardis Dam, MD, JTr, RB, JBu (RS)

UPLAND SANDPIPER – 3, 11 Apr., near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ (U); 1, 24 Jul., A&D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 1-2, 2-24 Aug. (4 dates), BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U); 1, 4 Aug., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, CB, JP, GM, MP (U)

WHIMBREL – 1, 1 May, PRM, TS, MS (U)

MARBLED GODWIT – 1, 1-23 Jan., Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., SP, JB, JT, m.ob. (U); 1-12, 18 Jan.-21 Feb. (7 dates; max 12 on 21 Feb.), Moses Pier, SP, TS, KH, KK, JJo, m.ob. (U); 1, 29 Apr., Grenada,

Grenada Co., FB (R – heard overhead); 2, 30 Apr., Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., TS, MS (U); 4, 30 Apr., 5, 2 May, Gulfport Harbor, Harrison Co., GK, SK, TS, MS (U); 1-3, 2-17 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB, GK, SK (R); 8, 23 Nov., Moses Pier, SP, MI (U); 1, 28 Dec., Waveland, Hancock Co. JT, (U)

RUDDY TURNSTONE – 1, 27 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., FB (R); 1-4, 24 Aug.-16 Sep. (max. 4, 24 Aug.), BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (R); 1, 11 Sep., Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (R)

RED KNOT – 4, 25 Jan., Moses Pier, MP, MB (U)

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER – 823, 9 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 832, 2 Aug., 596, 3 Aug., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N)

LEAST SANDPIPER – 2, 4 Jan., near Crowder, Quitman/Tallahatchie Cos., FB (U); 978, 9 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 3, 19 May, MSU South Farm Fish Ponds, Oktibbeha Co., TS (D); 957, 1 Sep., 879, 8 Sep., 900, 14 Sep., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 3, 28 Nov., near Hattiesburg S.L., Forrest Co., DC (D); 118, 3 Dec., 99, 10 Dec., Coldwater NWR, Tallahatchie/Quitman Cos., FB, (N); 2+, 26 Dec., Grisham Catfish Ponds, Tallahatchie Co., GT, MWh (U)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER – 275, 9 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 2, 12 May, near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ; 4, 8 Jun., 1, 9 Jun., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D); 1, 29 Jul., PRM, KK (U,E); 1, 11-15 Aug. (3 dates), BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER – 1, 2 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER – 200, 28 Mar., Panola-Quitman Floodway, Tallahatchie Co., FB, GK, SK (N); 6, 9 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A); 450, 27, Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 523, 1 Sep., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 1, 10 Nov., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D)

DUNLIN – 3, 18-22 Jan., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (RS – 4th area winter record); 52, 8 Mar., near Dahomey NWR, Bolivar Co., FB (E,N); 1-23, 4 Apr. – 21 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A, N – 21 on 20 May); 250+, 8 May, fish ponds, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (N); 2, 12 May, near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ; 1, 7 Oct., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A); 34,

21 Oct., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 3, 3 Nov., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (R); 10, 10 Dec., Coldwater NWR, Tallahatchie/Quitman Cos., FB (D); 1, 18 Dec.-end of season, Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., JB, TS, MC (RS)

STILT SANDPIPER – 1, 8 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (E); 53, 9 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 2, 7 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A); 98, 27 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 15±, 28 Jul., Seaman Rd. S.L., DM, CD, CB, JP, MP, SP (A); 67, 16 Sep., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 8, 29 Oct., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER – 1, 26 Jul., A&D Turf Farm, GK (A); 1, 26 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (A); 1, 27 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., (A); 2, 1 Aug., Keesler AFB, SP (A); 1, MSU North Farm, TS (U); 10, 12 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., CBu, WP, VR (N); 13, 17 Aug., 17, 21 Aug., 19, 22 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, FB, GK, SK (N); 1, 25 Aug., 1, 19&20 Sep., A&D Turf Farm, GK (U)

RUFF – 1, f (Reeve), 9-12 Mar., rice fields 1.5 mi south of Crowder, Quitman Co., FB, GK, SK, JW, MD (R – ph., 4th spring record in past four springs for North Mississippi Delta area); 1, 15 Oct., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB, JW (R)

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER – 41, 11 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., FB (U,N); 4, 9 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (A); 1-2, 10 Aug-16 Sep., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER – 20, 25 Feb., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U); 160, 8 Mar., near Dahomey NWR, Bolivar Co., FB (E,N); 524, 17 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (N); 447, 23 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 2 imm, 28 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., JW, SM (A); 263, 25 Oct., 234, 23 Nov., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 116, 14 Dec., Coldwater NWR, Tallahatchie/Quitman Cos., FB (N)

COMMON SNIBE – 200±, 11 Jan., near Shaw Rd., Bolivar Co., NH, JH (N)

AMERICAN WOODCOCK – 2, 6 Feb., Grenada Airport, FB (courtship)

record)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE – 28, 7 May, Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 15, 8 May, near Choctaw, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (U); 1, 16 May, Naval Station Pascagoula, Jackson Co., CD, DM (U); 1, 19 Sep., Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (U); 12+, 28 Dec., Shaw Rd., Bolivar Co., NH (N)

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE – 1, 10 Sep., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (R)

POMARINE JAEGER – 1 dark morph, 24 Jan., Long Beach, Harrison Co., JB, TG, WM, SP, m.ob. (R, resting on beach)

LAUGHING GULL – 1, ad., 6 May, Sardis Dam Lower Lake, MD (R)

FRANKLIN'S GULL – 28, 2 Oct., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R)

BONAPARTE'S GULL – 3, 24 Oct., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (A); 1300, 27 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., MD (N); 1, 26 Oct., Bluff Lake, TS (A)

RING-BILLED GULL – 275, 27 Dec., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (N)

HERRING GULL – 1+, 25 Dec-end of season, Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (U)

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL – 1 ad, 23 Jan., Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., JB, TG, SP (R)

CASPIAN TERN – 1, 9 May, west of Choctaw, Bolivar Co., *vide* NH (R)

COMMON TERN – ~10, 13 Jun., Barrier Is., Jackson Co., SP, DM, JB, CB (U); 1-19, 7-30 Jul. (max. 19, 7 Jul.), various beach locales in three coastal counties, KK (U); 1, 19 Sep., Pascagoula, Jackson Co., CD (U)

FORSTERS TERN – 12, 1 Feb., Columbus Lake, TS (N); 1, 9 May, near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ, LA, RA

LEAST TERN – 9, 8 May, west of Choctaw, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (U); 1-

5, 14 – 22 May (4 dates), Tallahatchie NWR, FB, GK, SK (U); 1-7, 6-24 Aug. (max. 7, 11 Aug.), Tallahatchie NWR, FB, JW (U); 4, 14 Aug., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, WPi, MSt (U); 10, 24 Aug., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (U,N); 1, 25 Aug., Bluff Lake, TS (U); 2 juv., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (U)

BLACK TERN – 10+, 5 May, Moses Pier, SP, AH (A); 1, 6 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., FB (U); 1, 2 Jul., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (E); 1, 21 Jul., Moses Pier, KK (A); 18, 24 Aug., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 61, 24 Aug., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (N); 13, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (N)

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE – 6, 16 Feb., Biloxi, SP, HM (N – all in one yard); 19, 18 Feb., Bay St. Louis, Hancock Co., SP (N – all within 1 block); 2, “through spring 99”, Holly Springs, Marshall Co., JG, TC, (U), 1, 27 Mar., Wade-Hurley Rd, Jackson Co., JD (ph. nesting, 1st photographic evidence of nesting?); 1, 3 Apr., near Granada Airport, Granada Co., FB (U); 1, 30 Apr., Lucedale, George Co., JBu (U); 4, 8 May, Choctaw, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (U); 1, 5-22 May, Pearl River WMA, Madison Co., MSt, MM (U); ; 2, 1 Jun., 3, 24 Jul., Biloxi, SP, LP, MWe (U – this locale); 1, 6 Jun., near Yazoo NWR, Washington Co., MSt (U); 6, 6 Jun., Macon and vicinity, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 5 (incl. 1 nest with 2 eggs), 10 Jun., Clinton, Hinds Co., MW (R – 1st report from locale, 1st nesting from locale); 4, 10 Aug., near Drew, Sunflower Co., FB (U); 1, 1 Sep., 5 mi west of Starkville, TS (R – 1st county record away from Starkville); 2, 11 Sep., near Elliott, Granada Co., FB (U); 3, 18 Oct., Ansley, SP (U – this locale); 36, 23 Nov., coastal locales in Harrison and Hancock Cos., SP, MI (N); 22, 13 Dec., Starkville, TS (N)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE – pr, 23 Mar., Gulfport, Harrison Co., JD (U – courting); 1, 25 Apr., near Adaton, TS, MS (R – 3rd record for north Mississippi); 1, 25 Apr., USFWS Headquarters, 1.2 mi west of I-55, Grenada Co., FB, DW (R – ph.); 3, 22 Sep., Pascagoula, Jackson Co., CD, DM (U)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE – 2, 11 Feb., Vancleave, Jackson Co., SP, CB, PP (R); 1, 12 Oct., 1, 22 Oct., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, CB, AH, DM, JPe, GM (R); 2, 24 Dec., 1, 28 Dec., Battle Catfish Pond, Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (R); 1, 28 Dec., Texas Flat Rd., SP, TG (R)

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO – 1, 24 Apr., Oxford, Lafayette Co., MD (R,E); 1, 29 May, Saltillo, Lee Co., DMA (R); 1 imm, 8 Oct., LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Hinds Co., SAn (R)

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO – 1, 27 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A); 1, 26 Nov., DeSoto National Forest, Greene Co., DC, SW (D)

GROOVE-BILLED ANI – 1, 2-20 Feb., Vancleave, Jackson Co., KH, JJo, KK (R)

BARN OWL – 1, 6 Jun., Fulton, Ittwamba Co., KK (U); 1, 18 Dec., near Vicksburg, Warren Co., BR, BE, SAn (U)

SHORT-EARED OWL – 3, 23 Jan., 2, 3 Feb., Grenada Airport, GK, SK, FB, m.ob. (U); 1, 10 Jan., near Macon, Noxubee Co., MS, TS (R); 60+, 11 Jan.-26 Feb., total wintering birds in Bolivar/Quitman, Tallahatchie/Leflore Co., FB (N); 14, 3 Feb., Tippecanoe, Tallahatchie Co., GJ, SK, FB, m.ob. (N); 15, 3 Feb., 13, 6 Feb., Tall NWR, Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK, FB, m.ob. (N); 13, 2 Mar., near Parchman, Sunflower Co., FB (N); 6, 16 Mar., near Parchman, Sunflower Co., FB (D); 8, 23 Nov., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (N); 13, 25 Nov., 38, 28 Dec., Battle Catfish Pond, Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (N); 1, 22 Dec., Grenada Airport, GK, SK, FB (U)

COMMON NIGHTHAWK – 1, 9 May, Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A); 15, 3 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (N)

CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW – 1, 10 Apr., near Adaton, TS, MS (E); 2, 8 May, Donaldson Point, NH, JH (U)

WHIP-POOR-WILL – 4, 5 Sep., near Starkville, KK (R); 1, 18 Sep., near Starkville, TS (R,D)

CHIMNEY SWIFT – several, 7 Apr., near Shaw, Bolivar Co., *fide* NH (A)

GREEN VIOLET-EAR – 1, 3-5 Oct., near Olive Branch, DeSoto Co., WP, BB, CBu, VR, MD, BS, TS, KK, JBp, MWa, QG, m.ob. (R – 1st state record)

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD – 1, 1 Jan.-18 Feb., Bay St. Louis, Hancock Co., SP, m.ob. (R); 1, 19 Feb., Gulfport, Harrison Co., SP, HM (R); 1, 31 Oct.-22 Nov., Starkville, MC, TS, BS, m.ob. (R – 1st area record, 1st state record away from coastal counties, banded by BS); 1 ad, 23-25+ Nov., Ocean Springs, Jackson Co., CD, JP, LE, SP (R)

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD – 1, 14 Jan. – 13 Mar., imm m, Keesler AFB, SP, LP, KK, BC (RS, banded by BC); 1, m, 3 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH, m.ob. (A); 71, 10 Sep., near Adaton, MS (N); 1 ad m, 28 Oct., Starkville, TS, MC (D)

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD – 1, 31 Oct., north Columbus, Lowndes Co., JPa, DP (R – 2nd record for area, if correct)

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD – 1 imm m, 8 Dec.-end of season, Waveland, Hancock Co., TG, WM, JB, CB, BC, CD, m.ob. (R – subsequently banded by BC); 1 f/imm, 18 Dec., Biloxi, GM, SP, CD, LE, AH, DM, JT (R – subsequently banded by BC)

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD – 1, winter-3 Apr., Greenville, Washington Co., GA, KB (R), 1 m, winter-at least 16 Feb., Gulfport, Harrison Co., SP, m.ob. (R); 1 imm m, 2 Jan., Jackson, Hinds Co., JHa, VD, BQ, DD (R); 1 imm m, mid Oct-end of season, Starkville, TS, m.ob. (R)

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER – 2, 12 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH (U)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER – 1 m, 18 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH (A)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER – 1, 6, 7 May, Lake Promingo subdivision, Lee Co., KM, DMA (U); 1, 30 Aug., north Columbus, Lowndes Co., KK (U)

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE – 1, 18 Apr., near Adaton, TS (A); 1, 4 May, Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER – 1, 8 May, Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A)

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER – 1, 23 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha

Co., TS (A); 1, 24 Apr., west of Sardis Dam, MD (A); 2, 24 Sep., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., KK (D)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER – 1, 15 May, Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK (U – heard only)

LEAST FLYCATCHER – 1, 3 May, Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK (U – seen and heard); 1, 31 Aug.-8 Sep., Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK (U)

EASTERN PHOEBE – 2, 18 Jun., SMWR, MD (RS); 1, 18 Sep., near Starkville, KK (E);

VERMILION FLYCATCHER – 1 m, 1 Jan., Waveland, Hancock Co., SP, m.ob. (U); 1 m, 1 f, 11 Dec.-28 Dec., Texas Flat Rd., JB, DB, SP, TG, CD, JP, m.ob. (U); 1, 18 Dec., near Vicksburg, Warren Co., HH, EH (R);

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER – 1, 6 Feb.-9 Mar., PRM, KH, KK, JJo, CD, JP, m.ob. (R – about 4th state record, 2nd ph.)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER – 1, 9 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A)

EASTERN KINGBIRD – 1, 7 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A); 2 ad, 2 nestlings, 21 Aug., Donaldson Point, NH (late nesting); 36, 24 Aug., Donaldson Point, NH (N)

GRAY KINGBIRD – 1-3 ad, 2 imm, 21 May-24 Aug. (2 imm first seen 6 Jul.), Biloxi, KH, KK, LP, MWe, SP, GK, SK, m.ob. (R – 2nd coastal mainland nesting record, returning to site where they nested last year)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER – 1, 14 May, near Pearl River, Rankin Co., CC (R); 1 f/imm, 27 Sep., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (R)

WHITE-EYED VIREO – 1, 26 Dec., Europa S.L., Webster Co., TS, MS (RS)

BELL'S VIREO – 1, 4 Sep., Pascagoula River WMA, Jackson Co., CD, DM (R)

WARBLING VIREO – 1, 10 Apr., Loakfoma Lake, MS, TS (US,E – 9th spring record and earliest arrival by 17 days); 1, 18 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (US – 10th area spring record)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO – 3, 18 Sep., near Starkville, MS, TS (A); 1, 12 Nov., near Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., SAn (U)

RED-EYED VIREO – 1, 2 Apr., Sun Creek Bottoms, TS (E)

PURPLE MARTIN – 2, 11 Feb., Columbus Lake, KK (E); 1, 26 Feb., Greenville, Washington Co., GA, (A); 46+, 24 Aug., Donaldson Point, NH (N)

TREE SWALLOW – 1, 26 Feb., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (A); 3, 17 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH (A); 6+, 18 Jun., SMWR, MD (presumed local nesting); 1, 15 Jul., Donaldson Point, NH (A)

BANK SWALLOW – 1, 14 Jul., Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, DM, CD, CB, JP (E, if migrant)

CLIFF SWALLOW – 3 (and 27 nests), 28 Jul., Starkville, TS (1st nesting at this locale); 60, 9 Aug., Arkabutla Dam, DeSoto/Tate Cos., WP, WPe (N)

BARN SWALLOW – 2, 8 Apr., Melvina, Bolivar Co., NH (A)

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH – 1, 18 Sep., Oktibbeha County Lake, TS (A)

BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH – pr, plus babies, 24 Mar., Gautier, Jackson Co., FB (nesting record, date)

BROWN CREEPER – 1, 24 Sep., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., KK (E)

BEWICK WREN – 1, 9 May, near Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ (U); 1, 29 Dec., I-55 area rest, Madison Co., DW (R)

WINTER WREN – 1, 15 Feb., Spence's Woods, Hancock Co., JB, SP, LP (U); 1, 30 Mar., Greenville, Washington Co., GA (U – banded); 2, 13 Dec., Stennis Space Center, Hancock Co., DB, JB (U)

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET – 1, 17 Oct., Keesler AFB, SP, LP (A)

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET – 1, 6 May, near Adaton, TS (D)

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER – 1, 18 Mar., MSU North Farm, TS (A)

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH – 5+, 27 Apr., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, Harrison Co., SP (A); 1, 18 Sep., near Starkville, TS (A)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH – 1, 6 Sep., near Adaton, TS, MS (E)

WOOD THRUSH – 3, 4 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (A)

GRAY CATBIRD – 1, 12-23 Jan., Starkville, MC, TS (RS); 1, 2&4 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (U – this locale)

AMERICAN PIPIT – 37, 9 Jan., SMWR, MD (N); 375, 23 Jan., A&D Turf Farm, GK, SK (N)

CEDAR WAXWING – 10, 30 May, Petal, Forrest Co., DC (L); pr, 24 Jun., Amory Lock and Dam, Monroe Co., KK (possible nesting); pr, 24 Jun., Smithville Lock and Dam, Monroe Co., KK (possible nesting); 2, 11 Sep., near Grenada, Grenada Co., DW (A); 50, 23 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH (N)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER – 1, 8 May, near Adaton, TS, MS (D); 1, 28 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER – 1, 17 Apr., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., FB (U); 1, 20 Apr., 1, 25 Apr., Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 29 Aug., Pass Christian, Harrison Co., JB, DB (U); 1, 5 Sep., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., KK (U); 1, 9 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 1, 11 Sep., LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Hinds Co., JBu (U); 1 m, 17 Sep., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, Harrison Co., JB, DB, AM, m.ob. (U)

“BREWSTER'S WARBLER” – 1 5 Sep., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., KK (R – hybrid)

TENNESSEE WARBLER – 1, 27 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

NASHVILLE WARBLER – 1-2, 17 Apr. – 6 May (5 dates), Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 21 Apr., Pike Rd., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1, 25 Apr., near Adaton, TS, MS (U); 1, 9 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

NORTHERN PARULA – 7, 7 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A)

YELLOW WARBLER – 1, 28 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A); 10±, 28 Jul., Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, CD, CB, DM, MP, JP (A)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER – 1, 23 Apr., near Adaton, TS (A); 1, 25 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER – 1, 27 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER – 1, 27 Apr., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, Harrison Co., SP, LP (U); 1 f, 17 Sep., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, Harrison Co., JB, DB, AH, m.ob. (U); 1, 22 Sep., Pascagoula, Jackson Co., CD, DM (U)

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER – 1 27 Feb., Jackson, Hinds Co., VD (unusual pl. – pink legs); 1, 2 May, Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, Harrison Co., SP (D); 1, 28 Sep., Columbus Lake, KK (A); 15±, 18 Oct., Port Bienville, Hancock Co., SP (A)

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER – 1, 1 Jan.-end of Feb., Keesler AFB, SP, LP (RS)

PRAIRIE WARBLER – 1, 10 Apr., Greenville, Washington Co., GA (A)

PALM WARBLER – 1, 6 Jan., Loakfoma Lake, TS (RS); 3, 30-31 Jan., near Macon, Noxubee Co., MS, TS (RS); 1, 31 Jan., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (RS); 1, 31 Jan., Olive Branch, DeSoto Co., WP, VR, (RS)

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER – 1, 4 May, Dahomey NWR, Bolivar

Co., FB (U); 1, 9 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

BLACKPOLL WARBLER – 1, 21 Apr., Pike Rd., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)

CERULEAN WARBLER – 1, 18 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS, (U); 1-2, 18 Apr. – 6 May (5 dates), Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 19 Apr., east of Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK (U); 1, 26 Apr., Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo Co., TS, MS (U)

AMERICAN REDSTART – 1, 9 Apr., Keesler AFB, SP, LP (A)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER – 1, 14 Mar., Hiller Park, Harrison Co., SP (E); 3, 4 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (A); pr, 7 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER – 1, 8 May, near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS, JBe (U); 1, 8-29 May, Fate Douglas Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS, ES (U)

OVENBIRD – 1, 8 May, near Adaton, TS, MS (L); 1, 10 May, Indianola, Sunflower Co., SJ, JJ (L); 1, 30 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (E)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH – 1, 8 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (D)

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH – 1, 14 Mar., Hiller Park, Harrison Co., SP (E)

KENTUCKY WARBLER – 2, 4 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (E)

MOURNING WARBLER – 1, 29 Apr., Upper Pascagoula WMA, George Co., JBu (RS)

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT – 1, 12 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH (A)

HOODED WARBLER – 1, 3 Apr., Polly Bell Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, (A)

WILSON'S WARBLER - 1, 22 Sep., Pascagoula, Jackson Co., CD, DM (U); 1 m, 3 Oct., Grenada, Grenada Co., DW (U)

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT - 1, 10 Apr., Greenville, Washington Co., GA (A); 1, 10 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (E); 2, 20 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH (A)

SUMMER TANAGER - 1, 9 Apr., Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., TS (E); 1, 5 May, near Lamont, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (A)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW - 1, 8 Jun., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (U); 2, 27 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., MC (R - 1st record for Oktibbeha Co.)

CHIPPING SPARROW - 150, 31 Jan., Olive Branch, DeSoto Co., WP, VR (N)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW - 1, 6-12 Oct., MSU South Farm, TS, MS, KK, MG (R - 1st area record, 3rd record away from coastal counties); 1, 12&13 Oct., Gautier, Jackson Co., CD, LE, CB (U)

FIELD SPARROW - 4, 18 May, west of Scott, Bolivar Co., FB (RS); 1, 19 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (E)

VESPER SPARROW - 1, 25 Oct., MSU South Farm, TS (A)

LARK SPARROW - 1, 6 Jun., near Macon, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 1 m, 10 Jun., near Holly Springs, Marshall Co., JG, TC (R)

SAVANNAH SPARROW - 4, 8 May, MSU North Farm, JPa, DP (D)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW - 2, 15, 22 May, near Crowder, Panola Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 11 Oct., MSU South Farm, TS (R - 3rd fall record for area); 1, 22 Dec., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK, FB (R); 1, 26 Dec., Blue Lake area, Sunflower Co., GT, MWh (R)

HENSLOW'S SPARROW - 146 banded, 10 Jan.-25 Feb. (max 23 on 25 Feb.), Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, MW, SI, MDa (N); 2, 23 Nov., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, Jackson Co., SP, MI (A)

LeCONTE'S SPARROW – 1, 2 Feb., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, MW, MDa, SI (U); 10+, 6 Feb., SMWR, GK, SK (U); 5, 29 Apr., Tallahatchie NWR, FB (D); 3, 3 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, CB, DM, JPe, GM, AH (U); 1, 11 Dec., Texas Flat Rd., JB, m.ob. (U); 18, 18 Dec., SMWR, GK, SK, VT (U,N); 13, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee/Winston Cos, TS, MS, MW, m.ob. (U,N); 2, 22 Dec., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK, FB (U)

FOX SPARROW – 1, 23 Mar., near Adaton, TS (D)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW – 2, 2 Jan., Jackson CBC, Hinds Co., KH, TJ, CC, DK (U – 1 at two locales); 1, 23-27 Apr., Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK (U); 1, 24 Apr. – 11 May (3 dates), Tallahatchie NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK, FB (U); 1, 25 Oct., MSU South Farm, TS (U)

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW – 1, 1 May, Greenville, Washington Co., GA (D); 1, 5 Oct., near Adaton, MS (E)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW – 1, 1 May, Greenville, Washington Co., GA (D); 1, 21-26 Oct., Gautier, Jackson Co., CD, LE (E); 1, 24 Oct., near Adaton, TS (A)

DARK-EYED JUNCO – 1 m, 1 f "Oregon race", 1 Jan.-28 Feb., near Oxford, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (R – race); 13, 9 Apr., 1, 10 Apr., Saltillo, Lee Co., DMA, KM (D)

LAPLAND LONGSPUR – 5, 2 Feb., northwest part of LeFlore Co., FB (U – locale); 1000+, 25 Nov., various locales, Tunica Co., JW (N); 8, 26 Nov., A&D Turf Farm, MD (U – locale); 3000+, 24 Dec., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW (N)

SNOW BUNTING – 1 m, 24 Dec., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW, PB (R)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK – 2 m, 17 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH (A); 1, 24 Apr., Columbus, Lowndes Co., (A); 1, 15 Sep., near Adaton, TS (A); 17, 4 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (N)

BLUE GROSBEAK – 1, 10 Apr., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (A); 1, 17 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A); 1, 11 Oct., Tallahatchie NWR,

Tallahatchie Co., FB (D); 1, 19 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

INDIGO BUNTING – 1, 4 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (E); 1, 14 Apr., Greenville, Washington Co., GA (A); 1 m, 20 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH (A); hundreds, 4 Oct., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (N)

PAINTED BUNTING – 1 m, 20-24 Apr., Research Park Woods, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (R); 1, m, 2 May, PRM, GK, SK (U); 1 m, 15 May, 2 m, 22 May, Tallahatchie NWR, GK, SK (U); 1 f, 17 May, Donaldson Point, NH (R); 1 m, 10 Jul., 3 m, 2 f, 2 imm, 18 Jul., Ansley, SP, KK (U); 1, 18 Jul., Lake Cormorant Bayou, Tunica Co., JG, RL (U); 4, 19 Jul., Clinton, Hinds Co., MW, DPI (1st nesting for area); pr, 26 Jul., Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 24 Sep., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., KK (L)

DICKCISSEL – 2, 23 Apr., Golden Triangle Airport, Lowndes Co., TS (A); 1+, 14 Jul. (several reported previously), Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, m.ob. (U – may have nested)

BOBOLINK – 1 m, 13 Apr., near Middlefield Farm, Lowndes Co., KK (E); 60, 30 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, GM, MB (N)

WESTERN MEADOWLARK – 9-44, many unspecified winter dates., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW, m.ob. (R – annual at this locale for over 6 years)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD – 1, 8 May, Harbor Pines Trailer Court, Madison Co., JJ (U); 1 imm m, 12-14 May, Dead River Rd., Jackson Co., CD, LE, GM, MP, CB, m.ob. (U); 1 imm m, 11 Sep., Tallahatchie NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (R)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD – 1, 4 Mar., Dahomey NWR, Bolivar Co., FB (U); 40+, 25 Nov., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW (U)

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD – 300, 17 Jan., Crowder, Quitman Co., GK, SK (N); 40, 1 Feb., 40, 14 Feb., BBU Tallahatchie NWR, FB (U – locale); 320+, 25 Nov., unlisted locale, Tunica Co., JW (N)

SHINY COWBIRD – 1, 23 Jul., Point Cadet, Biloxi, KK (R – only

couple previous state records)

BRONZED COWBIRD – 1 ad m, 30 May, Spence's Woods, Hancock Co., JB, DB, TG, WM (R); 1-3 fl, 18-24 Jul., Ansley, KK, SP (R, 1st nesting record for state, being fed by Orchard Oriole)

ORCHARD ORIOLE – 1 m, 13 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH (A); 1 f, 28 Dec., Hancock Co. CBC, RR, SR (RS)

BALTIMORE ORIOLE – 1 f, 6 Jan., Keesler AFB, SP (RS); 1 m, 10 Apr., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (A); 2, 24 Apr., near Adaton, TS (A)

HOUSE FINCH – 1, 9-19 Jan. (6 dates), Donaldson Point, NH, JH (U); pr, 10-17 Jun., many imm, 10 Jul., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (U – possible nesting)

PINE SISKIN – 2, 18 Dec., near Vicksburg, Warren Co., JWa, MPa (U)

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH – 3, 28 Apr., Keesler AFB, SP (D); 1-2, 8 May-30 Jun. (4 dates), pr, 2 fl, 9 Jul., Donaldson Point, NH, JH (U – nesting record)

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Blocker's Bottom = Oktibbeha Co.; Bluff Lake = Noxubee
NWR, Noxubee Co.; Columbus Lake = Lowndes Co.;
Concordia Is. = Bolivar Co.; Donaldson Point = Bolivar Co.;
Doyle Arm = Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co.; George Payne
Cossar S.P. = Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co.; Grenada
Dam/Airport = Grenada Co.; Keesler AFB = Biloxi,
Harrison Co.; Loakfoma Lake = Noxubee NWR, Noxubee
Co.; Malmaison WMA = Grenada Co.; Mississippi Sandhill
Crane NWR = Jackson Co.; Moses Pier = Gulfport, Harrison
Co.; MSU North Farm/South Farm = Oktibbeha Co.;
Noxubee NWR = Noxubee, Oktibbeha & Winston Cos.;
Oktibbeha County Lake = Okbibbeha Co.; PRM = Jackson
Co.; Prysock Field = Noxubee NWR, Winston Co.; Saint
Catherine Creek NWR = Adams Co.; Sardis Dam/Lower
Lake = Panola Co.; Seaman Rd. S.L. = Jackson Co.; SMWR
= Lafayette Co.; Starkville/Airport = Oktibbeha Co.; Sun
Creek Bottoms = Oktibbeha Co.; Texas Flat Rd. = Hancock
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