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**HOW TO MAKE A KILLDEER NEST**

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On our 5-acre place we have two adjacent lots on each side of the house, front and back lawns, a large fenced garden and about 2.5 acres in a hayfield behind a hedgerow on the backside of the garden. There are hedgerows along the side boundaries and large water and Southern red oak (*Quercus* sp.) trees. All, except the hayfield that a neighbor cuts for hay, is kept mowed during the growing season. I also mow wide strips along the boundaries.

In several years, we had a pair of Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*) nest and hatch broods on the back rows of the garden when they were idle. In the last several years, we had a pair to hatch a brood in our front lawn, and then for two years, hatch broods on one of our vacant lots. For the last two years, a pair hatched broods just beyond the spread of a huge water oak tree on the mowed strip adjacent to the hayfield. All nests, except in the garden, were regularly mowed until nests were discovered, then left un-mowed around them until broods left. All of the nests on lawn areas were placed beside dead, lichen-covered limbs from nearby oaks. The Killdeer used lichens, a little beard moss (*Usnea* sp.), and a few small twigs for decoration or camouflage around the nest scrape and eggs at all of the mowed nest sites.

On 27 February 1999, a neighbor helped me clean up and pile broken-off limbs under the large oak where the Killdeer nested nearby last year. We raked and piled all of the leaves and debris left by a December ice storm around where the

Killdeer last nested. On 1 March, I saw a pair of these birds near the old nest site. I placed some small lichen-covered, forked limbs near the nest site. The birds built a lichen-decorated nest between the forks of the limb I had placed near the nest site. On 2 March, the nest held 1 egg, on 4 March, 2 eggs; 6 March 3 eggs, and a completed set of 4 eggs on 8 March with the adult incubating.

Observation and previous experience with our nesting Killdeer enabled me to “make a Killdeer nest” with surprisingly quick results and very little effort - just thinking like a Killdeer.

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**EASTERN PHOEBE: FIRST DOCUMENTED NESTING AT THE  
OKATIBBEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA,  
LAUDERDALE, COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

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In 1997, 1998, and 1999, I documented six, two and two Eastern Phoebes (*Sayornis phoebe*) respectively along a county road where Lauderdale and Kemper Counties intersect (32° 34' N, 88° 48' W) within the boundaries of Okatibbee Wildlife Management Area. The recorded sightings were documented in June of each year as part of the annual Breeding Bird Survey for the National Biological Service.

On 19 June, 2000, while I was pre-scouting the Okatibbee Lake Breeding Bird Survey route (#51902), I decided to check a couple of bridges for possible nests. The bridges were approximately 0.5 mile from the Kemper County line, just inside of Lauderdale County. I located two nests under separate bridges some 300 meters apart. I checked nest #1 and noted a large amount of dried excrement and concluded that the nestlings had just fledged within a few days of my visit. Nest #2 was located on a bridge beam approximately seven feet above a dry creek bed. Following a closer look, I discovered an old egg and a great deal of dried excrement. Like nest #1, the young had also recently fledged. As an authorized collector with a collection permit from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, I decided to collect the nests and photograph them for Okatibbee Lake's natural science files.

On 24 June, 2000, while conducting the 2000 Breeding Bird Survey, I documented two Eastern Phoebes at one of the route stops near the two nest sites. An additional five Eastern Phoebes were also documented along the BBS route. It might also be noted that I continued seeing Eastern Phoebes in the same area and up to eight miles south of the area throughout the fall and winter months. The 1999 and 2000 Christmas Bird Count summary reports noted two and five Eastern Phoebes for the respective years, along the county roads and public park roads in the vicinity of Okatibbee Lake.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Eastern Phoebe is a year-round resident of Lauderdale County. The area in which the nesting and year-round feeding occur is typical habitat of their nesting success, and should continue to be ideal for years to come. A year-round monitoring program of the county roadways in the vicinity of the nesting area will continue in hopes that the population increases.

**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:  
January-December 2000**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 2000. The sequence of information in each account is: species, number, date, place, observer(s), and significance. 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) = unusually large number, (R) = species rare in area, (RS) = species rare at that season, (U) = species uncommon in area, (US) = species uncommon in that season. Other abbreviations used include the following: ad = adult; BBS = Breeding Bird Survey; Co. = County; Cos. = Counties; f = female/s; Hwy. = Highway; imm = immature/s; juv = juvenile; m = male/s; mi = mile/s; m.ob. = many observers; MSU = Mississippi State University; N.S. = National Seashore; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge; pl = plumage; pr = pair/s; Pt. = Point; Ref. = Refuge; Rd. = Road; S.L. = Sewage Lagoon; S.P. = State Park; sub ad = sub adult; Subd. = Subdivision; 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 the 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 North American Birds (formerly known as Audubon Field Notes and 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, 22 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R)

COMMON LOON -- 1, 18 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 1, 13 May, Paul B. Johnson S.P., Forrest Co., DC, RB (L); 1, 26 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., VR, RP (A); 1, 29 Oct., Sardis Dam, MD (A); 62, 6 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N)

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 3, 13 Sep., Gunnison, NH (A); 7, 23 Sep., Hickory S.L., JM (A)



HORNED GREBE -- 28, 12 Mar., Clear Creek Landing, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (L,N); 2, 20 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L); 12, 29 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., MD, QG, BR (A)

EARED GREBE -- 1, 12 Sep., Eupora S.L., TS (R); 1, 2 Dec., Catfish Pond, Tunica Co., VH, RP (R)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 1-47, 1 Jan.-27 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, m.ob. (U,N); 1-65, 1 Jan.-26 Feb., Bluff Lake & Loakfoma Lake, DR, TS, LC, m.ob. (U,N); 3-129, 4 Jan.-22 Feb., Columbus Lake, TS, m.ob. (U,N); 50±, 1 Mar., 5, 10 Mar., Columbus Lake, TS (U); 550, 7 Mar., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MW, CH (N); 2-90, 10 Mar.-30 Jun., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (U); 85, 16 Apr., 28, 10 May, Sardis Dam, MD (U); 2, 13 May, Browning Creek Lake, WR (U,D); 4, 19 May, Bluff Lake, TS (U,D); 1, 15 Jun., Bluff Lake, DR, TS (RS); 1, 25 Jun., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., TS, MS (RS); 1-50, 16 Nov.-17 Dec., Bluff Lake & Loakfoma Lake, TS, m.ob. (U); 10-35, 5-31 Dec., Columbus Lake, TS, m.ob. (U)

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 150, 4 Mar., 500, 7 Apr., 300, 15 Apr., 7, 29 Apr., Sardis Lake near SMWR, MD (N,US)

ANHINGA -- 1, 7 Apr., Walker Tract, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U); 1-12, 23 Apr.-14 Oct., Bluff Lake & Loakfoama Lake, TS, MS, BL, JB, m.ob. (R)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 2, 21 Feb., near Sledge, FB (RS); 1, 27 Feb., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (RS); 13, 5 Apr., near Sledge, FB (U,N); 4, 23 Apr., Prysock Field, TS, MS (U); 1, 9 Nov., Ansley, JBi (U)

LEAST BITTERN -- 1, 5 Apr., near Sledge, FB (U); 1-4, 4 Apr.-18 Jun., Seaman Road S.L., CD, JP, JBi, NM, CB, GMo, m.ob. (U); 1-2, 7 May-12 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS, JB, MC (U); 1, 11 & 15 May, 10 Jun., Gautier, CD, LE (U); 6, 7 Jun., 2, 3 Jul., Horn Island, Jackson Co., CD, LE, DM (U); 2-6, 20 Jun.-21 Jul., West Pascagoula River, Jackson Co., CD (U); 2, 16 Jun., Mary Walker Bayou, Jackson Co., JBU (U)

GREAT EGRET -- 36, 13 Feb., Prairie Waters Subd., TS, MS (N)

SNOWY EGRET -- 4, 25 Mar., Bluff Lake, TS, MS (E); 1, 29 Apr.,

Coontown Landing, MD (U); 11-13, 4-13 Aug., Hickory S.L., JM (N)

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 11, 4 Apr., 20, 5 Apr., Hickory S.L., JM (N); 110, 1, 3, & 4, Aug., off Buckley Road, Newton Co., JM (N); 2-3 imm, 13-22 Aug., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 imm, 23 Jul., Hickory S.L., JM (U); 1 imm, 8-24 Aug., 1 ad, 29 Aug.-14 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

REDDISH EGRET -- 12, 3 Jul., Horn Island, Jackson Co., CD, LE (N)

CATTLE EGRET -- 4, 24 Jan., Morgan City, PB, KB (RS); 35, 25 Mar., Noxubee NWR & Hwy. 45, TS, MS (A); 18, 25 Mar., Montgomery Street, Starkville, TS, MS (A); 35,545, 29 Jul., Bluff Lake, MC, TS, m.ob. (N)

GREEN HERON -- 12, 4 Jul., Hickory S.L., JM (N)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 4, 23 Apr., Bluff Lake, MC, JB (R,E); 2, 24 Apr., Bluff Lake, TS, MS (R); 5, 5 Oct., Coontown Landing, MD (R); 1 sub ad, 14 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, JB, AL, LV, JV (R,D)

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 2 ad, 2 Jun.- mid Jul., Chunky, Newton Co., JM (U); 1 ad, 3 Jun., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

WHITE IBIS -- 4 ad, 4 imm, 22 & 24 Jan., near Morgan City, PB, KB, AB, BV (RS); 12 ad, 23 Apr.-mid Jun., 33 nestlings, 19 Jun.-18 Jul., Bluff Lake, TS, MS, MC, m.ob., 1<sup>st</sup> nesting record for Noxubee NWR and immediate area; 1 imm, 6 Oct., near Newton, JM (D)

GLOSSY IBIS -- 6, 22-29 Oct., Waveland S.L., JBi, DB (R)

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 1 ad & 1 imm, 24 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (R); 1 ad, 19 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (R)

PLEGADIS SP. -- 1, 29 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS (R); 2, 4 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, GS (R)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- 1, 28 Jul., near Merrill, SW (R); 1, 29 Jul.,

Waveland S.L., DS, SP, m.ob. (R); 2, 24 Aug., 3, 8 Sep., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MW (R); 2, 22 Sep., Tara Wildlife Inc., Warren Co., MW (R)

WOOD STORK -- 1-122, 15 Jun.-4 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., JVe, BD, TS, MC, m.ob. (U); 1, 20 Jul., near Newton, JM (U); 1, 13 Jul., 2, 22 Jul., 3, 16 Aug., near Merrill, SW (U); 100, 2 Aug., Kangaroo Pt. Sandbar, MW, m.ob. (U); 288, 6 Aug., 48, 27 Aug., Little Tallahatchie River Levee, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U); 50, 6 Aug., 1, 9 Sep., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (U); 40, 13 Aug., 19, 27 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., GK, SK (U); 35, 24 Aug., 25, 8 Sep., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MW (U); 11, 26 Aug., Hwy. 49, North of Forrest and Jones Co. Line, Jones Co., MW (U); 1-26, 19 Aug.-16 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (U); 1-23, 7-12 Sep., A & D Turf Farm, Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1, 9 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, JB, MC, JPa, DP ( Bird banded in Georgia); 1, 12 Sep., near Adaton, TS (U); 75, 15 Sep., East of Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., MD (R,N); 25, 22 Sep., Tara Wildlife Inc., Warren Co., MW (U); 30, 27 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, MW, RW (U); 15, 27 Sep., near Belen, Holmes Co., MW, RW (U)

TURKEY VULTURE -- 70, 28 Sep., Sardis Dam, MD (N)

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK -- 3, 17 Apr., Lake Kristen in Cherry Hill Subd., Madison, KM, EM, KR (Accidental); 1, 8-9 May, Castlewoods Subd., Brandon, CC, KR, CR (Accidental)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 10-32, 21-26 Jan., Oktoc Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (N); 32-33, 26-29 Feb., Noxubee NWR, TS (N)

SNOW GOOSE -- 10,000, 18 Nov., near Minter City, NH, JH (A,N)

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 2, 1 Jan., 20, 15 Jan., Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (R); 1 ad, 2 Jan., near Macon, TS, MS (R); 1 ad, 23 Jan.-10 Feb., Prairie Waters Subd., TS (R); 1 imm, 26 Nov., Bluff Lake, JB, TS, MS (R); 1 ad, 1 Dec., Noxubee NWR, TS (R); 5, 23 Dec., Arkabutla Dam Road, Tunica Co., RP, KK (R)

CANADA GOOSE -- 3 hutchinsii, 26 Jan., Oktoc Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (R)

TUNDRA SWAN -- 2, 1-22 Jan., near Lawrence, SA, MSt, JM (R); 1 ad, 13 Feb.-18 Mar., Prairie Waters Subd., TS, MS, DP, JPa (R)

WOOD DUCK -- 46, 20 Feb., near Gunnison, NH, JH (N); 110, 1 Jan., Hickory S.L., JM (N)

GADWALL -- 7, 18 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, CD, LE, AD, NM (D); 1 f, 18 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (L)

AMERICAN WIGEON -- 684, 31 Jan., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N); 300, 12 Mar., near Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., FB (N); 1, 5 Sep., Coontown Landing, MD (E)

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- 1, 13 Jan., Lake Mike Conner, Covington Co., DC (U)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 4, 4 Mar., Hickory S.L., JM (A); 4,000, 18 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., JL (N)

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 1, 13 May, Browning Creek Subd., DP, JPa (L)

GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 1,500, 28 Mar., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N)

GREATER SCAUP -- 2 m, 23 Dec., Arkabutla Dam Emergency Spillway, DeSoto Co., RP, KK, m.ob. (U)

SURF SCOTER -- 1, f/imm, 17-18 Nov., Browning Creek Lake, TS, MS (R); 1 imm m, 5-19 Dec., Oxford S.L., GK, SK, m.ob. (R)

BLACK SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 12 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R,L); 1 ad m, 16-18 Nov., Browning Creek Lake, TS, MS (R)

BUFFLEHEAD -- 3 m 1 f, 5 Feb., Concordia Island, NH (U)

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2 m 1 f, 7 Jan., near Grenada & Tallahatchie Co. Line, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U)

HOODED MERGANSER -- 3 m, 31 Jan., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 72, 23 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (N); 15, 23 Nov., Bluff Lake, TS, MS (N)

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 f, 30 Jan.-1 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R); 1 f, 19-25 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, KK (R); 1 f, 28 Dec., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R)

OSPREY -- 1, 4 Jan., 1, 5 Feb., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (RS); 1, 27 Jan., Noxubee NWR, GS (RS); 1, 6 Mar., Coontown Landing, MD (A); 1, 23 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (D); 1, 20 Sep., Bonita Lakes near Meridian, JM (U)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 27 Feb., Logtown, JT, DM, m.ob. (E); 1, 18 Mar., Chevron Oil Refinery, Jackson Co., CD, DM, m.ob. (U); 2, 22 Apr., Port Bienville Industrial Park, Hancock Co., JBi (U); 10-30, 26 Apr.-6 Jun., Pascagoula River, Jackson Co., JBu, MW - 4-boat surveys from Merrill to I-10 bridge (U,N); 2, 11 May, Hwy. 607 North of I-10, Hancock Co., JBi (U); 12, 13 May, Old River Rd. North of Pascagoula, HM, SP (U,N); 1, 2 Jun., Seaman Rd. S.L., JBi, CB, NM (U); 135, 1 Aug., Pearl River Basin from Hwy. 190 North to Bogalusa, St. Tammany & Washington Parishes, Louisiana and Pearl River & Hancock Cos. Mississippi, JC, PS, JuW, JD (Pre-migration roost survey); 1, 21 Aug., Hattiesburg, JBu, JMh, MDu (D)

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1 ad, 22 Apr., Columbus, DP, JPa (U,E); 1 ad, 25 Apr., Tombigbee River near Hwy. 82, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 2 ad, 11 May, 1 ad, 17 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (U); 1 ad, 20 May, MSU North Farm, TS, MS (U); 1 ad, 10 Jun., near Bellefontaine, TS, MS (U); 1 ad, 21 Jun. & 2 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, GS, MC (U); 1 ad, 5 Aug., near Newton, JM (R)

BALD EAGLE -- 1 sub ad, 28 Mar., Concordia Island, NH, JH (U); 1 sub ad, 3 & 5 Apr. & 7 May, Bluff Lake & Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS (RS); 1 imm, 7 Apr., 2 ad, 8 Apr., 1 ad, 29 Apr., SMWR, MD (US); 1 sub ad, 27 Jun.-7 Jul., Bluff Lake, TS, DR, ADu (RS); 1 ad, 11 Aug., Bluff Lake, MG (RS)

NORTHERN HARRIER-- 1, 18 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, CD, NM,

LE (D); 1 f/imm, 9 Oct., near Melvina, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (A)

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1 imm, (fresh plumaged hatching year bird suggesting breeding nearby) 25 Jul. & 1 ad, 11 Aug., near Merrill, SW (RS)

COOPER'S HAWK -- 1, 4 & 24 Jul., near Hickory, JM (US)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1, 28 Mar., County Lake Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (E); 1, 29 Mar., Ocean Springs, CD (A); 1, 19 Apr., Gunnison, NH (A)

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1, 16 Apr., near Lower Lake, Sardis Dam, GK, SK (R)

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 102, including 1 "Harlan's", 2 "Krider's", & 2 dark morphs, 23 Nov., Tunica Co., JW (N)

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1 ad, 10 Jan., near Merigold, FB (R); 1 ad 1 imm, 15 Jan.- 23 Feb., Bluff Lake & Loakfoma Lake, TS, MC, LC, EC, DP, JPa, GK, SK (R); 1, 12 Nov. & 11 Dec., SMWR, VT (R); 1 ad, 7 Dec., Loakfoma Lake, LC (R)

AMERICAN KESTREL -- 1, 23-24 Mar., near Newton Country Club, JM (D); 1 f, 21 Aug., near Hickory, JM (A)

MERLIN -- 1, 28 Jan., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., FB (RS); 1, 19 Feb., near Grenada, GK, SK (RS); 1, 10 Apr., near Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., FB (U); 1, 5 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A,R); 1 ad m, 9 Sep., East end of Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (U); 1 f/imm, 25 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1, 16 Dec., Noxubee NWR, JB (R); 1 ad m, 22 Dec., Torrance Landing Rd., GK, SK (U); 1 ad m, 29 Dec., SMWR, GK, VT (U)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1 ad, 4 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (R); 1 ad f 1 imm, 23 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (R); 1 imm tundrius, 27 Sep., near Starkville, TS (A,R); 1 imm, 21 Oct., Coontown Landing, GK (R); 1 imm tundrius, 4 Nov., A & D Turf Farm, Oxford, GK (R); 1, 23 Dec., Woodland Lake, DeSoto Co., VH, MWa (RS)

PRAIRIE FALCON -- 1 ad f, 8 Jan., Cossar S.P., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R). This represents the 9<sup>th</sup> Winter for this bird to winter at this same locale.

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 1, 14-15 Apr., Hickory, JM (U)

YELLOW RAIL -- 1, 12 Feb., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, DC (R)

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 8, 18 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, CD, m.ob. (D)

SORA -- 130, 13 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, NM, CB (N)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1-4 ad 2-6 imm, 12 May-11 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, JB, MC, TS, m.ob. 2<sup>nd</sup> year to nest at Loakfoma Lake (R); 7 ad 6 downy young in 2 broods of 3 each, 25 Jun., Pipe Line Rd., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., TS, MS (Nesting Record); 1, 1,4,13 May, 3 & 19 Jun., Hickory S.L., JM (R)

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1, 6 May, Loakfoma Lake, DF (R); 4 ad 6 downy young, 25 Jun., Pipe Line Rd., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., TS, MS (Nesting Record); 1-2 ad 3 downy young, 27 Jun.-14 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MC, JB, DP, JPa. This represents the 1<sup>st</sup> nesting record for Noxubee NWR and immediate area (R)

AMERICAN COOT -- 1-3, 8 Mar.-4 Apr., Hickory S.L., JM (U); 330-350, 1 Apr.-20 May, SMWR, MD (N)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 6, 15 Jan., Battle Catfish Ponds, Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (R); 8, 7 Jan., SMWR, VT (R); 9, 14 Jan., Starkville, TS (R); 8, 15 Jan., near Brooksville, DP, JPa (R); 105, 8 Feb., Hwy. 61 near Star Landing Rd., DeSoto Co., JLe, HD (R,N); 4, 27 Feb., Yocona River Bottoms, Lafayette Co., GK (R); 211, 20 Feb., Tunica Co., JW (R,N); 13, 9 Dec., North side of Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 28, 9 Dec., Tunica Co., GK, SK (R); 18, 15 Dec., Browning Creek Lake, TS (R)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 7, 2 May, 5, 12 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (U,N)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 10, 6 Mar., Sardis Lake, Lafayette

Co., MD (A); 27, 31 Mar., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., FB (N); 1, 27 Aug. & 23 Sep., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (RS); 3, 23 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (RS)

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1-3, 21 Jan.-7 Feb., Long Beach, DB, JBi (U)

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 1, 19 Apr., Sun Creek Bottoms, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A); 11, 2 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N)

PIPING PLOVER -- 2, 8 Jan., Washington Avenue Pier, Bay St. Louis, JBi, m.ob. (U); 2, 16 Jan., 1 29 Feb., Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., SP, m.ob. (U); 1, 28 Jan., Long Beach, DB, JBi (U); 1, 9 Nov., Waveland S.L., JBi (U); 2, 9 Nov., Washington Avenue Pier, Bay St. Louis, JBi (U)

KILLDEER -- 2 pair nesting, 20 Apr., Herbert Residence at Donaldson Pt., NH, JH; 40, 19 Aug., Blount Pond, Hickory, JM (N); 1,328, 27 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., GK, SK (N)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1, 16 & 29 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 23 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Doyle Arm, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, MC, JB (R); 56-60, 6-27 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., GK, SK (U); 15, 24 Aug., 8, 8 Sep., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MW (U)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 3, 12 May, 1, 24 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (U); 3, 16-17 Sep., SMWR, MD, GK, SK (U); 3, 23 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (U)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 1 & 27 Jan., near Starkville, GM, TS (RS); 12, 29 Jan., 3 mi. NE of Macon, TS, MS (RS); 1, 29 Jan., 13 mi. SE of Macon, TS, MS (RS); 16, 21 Feb., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (RS,N); 107, 22 Mar., near Oxberry, Tallahatchie Co., FB (N); 100, 4 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS (N); 1, 17 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (D)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 7 Jan., near White Lake, Tallahatchie Co., FB (RS); 4, 1 Feb., near Carroll, Grenada, Leflore Co. Line, Carroll Co., FB (RS); 300, 4 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS (N); 1,041, 19 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N);



1, 15 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (D); 1, 23 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS (Albinistic); 1, 16 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MS (RS)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 2, 26 Mar., Donaldson Pt., NH (A); 7, 19 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N); 2, 7 Apr., 1, 20 Apr., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

WILLET -- 18, 24 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, Oxford, GK, SK (U)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 3, 25 Nov., 2, 26 Dec., Sardis Dam, MD (RS); 1, 29 Nov., Kosciusko S.L., TS (L); 1, 23 Dec., Arkabutla Lake, DeSoto Co., KK (RS)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 3-15, 3-13 Apr., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (U,N); 3, 18 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, LE, WP, JPe, SP, NM, AD (U); 1-3, 16-28 Aug., A & D Turf Farm, Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1, 5 Sep., near Hickory, JM (U)

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1, 26 & 28 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., QG, SG (R)

MARbled GODWIT -- 1, 8 Jan., Washington Avenue Pier, Bay St. Louis, JBi, m.ob. (U); 3, 10-14 May, Gulfport Harbor, TS, SP, HM (U); 1, 13 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., GK (R); 10, 9 Nov., Gulfport Harbor, JBi (U,N)

SANDERLING -- 20, 16 Sep., Hurricane Landing, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., MD (R); 1, 17 Sep., Coontown Landing, GK, SK (R); 8, 23 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (R)

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 231, 12 May, 430, 24 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N)

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 764, 2 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N); 4, 17 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS (D)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 77, 24 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (U,N)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1, 4 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (R)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 250, 31 Mar., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., FB (N); 200, 4 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS (N); 1, 12 Aug., 10, 19 Aug., Blount Pond, Hickory, JM (U)

DUNLIN -- 3, 1 Jan.-11 Feb., 2, 15 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (RS); 1, 1-26 Jan., Browning Creek Lake, JB, TS, MC, DP, JPa (RS); 1, 4 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS (RS); 3, 23 Mar., 4, 2 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (RS)

STILT SANDPIPER -- 19, 2 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N); 4, 26 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., RP, VR (U)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1-11, 25 Aug.-12 Sep., A & D Turf Farm, Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1, 7 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS (U)

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 2, 13 May, Blocker's Bottom, TS, MS (RS)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 12-58, 6 Jan.-27 Feb., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N,RS); 153, 19 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (N)

AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- 1, 10 Feb., Knight Residence, Oxford, GK, SK (U)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 3, 2 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (U); 1, 6, 13, 27, Aug., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., GK, SK (U); 2, 5 Sep., Bluff Lake, TS (R,L); 1, 27 Sep., Catfish Ponds near Eden, Holmes Co., MW, RW (U)

LONG-TAILED JAEGER -- 2 imm, 9-10 Sep., Long Branch Pt., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK, JW, m.ob. (Accidental) 1<sup>st</sup> State Record

LAUGHING GULL -- 5, 8 May, 2, 10 May, Sardis Dam, MD (R); 1-4 ad, 17-18 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R); 2 ad, 17 Dec., Bluff Lake, TS, MS (R); 1-7 ad, 19-31 Dec., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS, KK, DCh (R); 4 ad, 22 Dec., 6 ad, 28 Dec., Grenada Dam, GK,

SK (R); 7, 23 Dec., Arkabutla Dam, DeSoto & Tate Cos., KK, RP, m.ob. (R); 3 ad, 25 Dec., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., GK, SK (R); 16 ad, 27 Dec., 4 ad, 28 Dec., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 5 ad, 28 Dec., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R)

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 2, 5 Oct., 1, 20 Oct., Coontown Landing, MD (R,A); 5, 14 Oct., Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 1 ad, 21 Oct., Coontown Landing, GK (R); 2, 29 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., GK, SK, QG (R); 1 ad 1 imm, 8 Nov., 2 ad, 17 Nov., Bluff Lake, TS (R); 2 ad, 17 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 2 ad, 17 Nov., Bluff Lake, TS (R); 1 imm, 5-8 Dec., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, KK (R)

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 10, 21 Oct., Coontown Landing, MD (A); 2, 26 Oct., Arkabutla Dam, DeSoto Co., RP, VR (E)

HERRING GULL -- 1-7, 1 Jan.-13 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N); 2-20, 4 Jan.-22 Feb., Columbus Lake, TS (N)

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 ad, 20-21 Oct., Coontown Landing, GK, SK, MD (R)

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1, 4-9 Nov., Gulfport Harbor, JBi, DB, TG (R)

CASPIAN TERN -- 1, 1 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E); 20, 12 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (N); 2, 17 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (U); 1, 24 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie & Quitman Cos., FB (U); 2, 12 Aug., Coontown Landing, MD (A)

COMMON TERN -- 5, 13 May, Bluff Lake, TS, JB (R,A); 28, 9 Sep., 8, 10 Sep., Long Branch Point, Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK

FORSTER'S TERN -- 5, 4 Jan., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (N); 68, 7 Mar., 115, 10 Mar., near SMWR, MD (N)

LEAST TERN -- 2, 11 May, Seaman Rd. S.L., SP, HM - Inland Nesting Record; 1, 6 Jun., Cumbest Bluff on the Pascagoula River, Jackson Co., MW, JBu, CC (U); 15, 2 Aug., Kangaroo Pt. Sandbar, MW, m.ob. (U)

BLACK TERN -- 12, 6 May, near Perthshire, Bolivar Co., NH, JH (U); 43, 13 May, Bluff Lake, TS, MS, JB (N); 14, 27 Jun., MSU North Farm S.L., TS (N)

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- 3, 1 Jan., 2, 15 Jan., Batesville, GK, SK (U); 11, 2 Jan., two locales near Macon, TS, MS (U,N); 2, 14 Jan., Yazoo Co. S.L., WPi (U); 7, 3 Feb., Bay St. Louis, SP (U); 2, 9 Mar., Ruleville, FB (U); 1, 9 Mar., near Boyle, Bolivar Co., FB (U); 1, 31 Mar., Concordia Island, NH, JH (U); 1, 25 Apr., Hattiesburg, DC (U); 2, 29 Apr., Coontown Landing, TS, MS, m.ob. (U); 14, 4 Jun., Macon BBS, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 1, 28 Jul., Glen Allan, Washington Co., MW, DL, BS (U); 1, 29 Jul., Merrill Rd., George Co., SW (U); 3, 24 Sep., Crystal Springs, MS (U); 3, 2 Aug., Intersection of Hwy. 1 & Hwy. 49, Coahoma Co., MW, SPe (U); 2, 2 Aug., 10 Km ESE of Helena, Arkansas, Coahoma Co., MW (U); 2, 2 Aug., Webb, MW, SPe (U); 1, 4 Sep., near intersection of Hwy. 49E & Hwy. 12, Holmes Co., MW (U); 3, 26 Oct., Decatur, JM (U); 40, 27 Nov., MSU North Farm, TS (U,N)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 19-25 Apr., Betty Hoar Residence, Oxford, BH, DH, TH, GK, SK, VT, MD (R); 2, 22-31 Jul., Gulfport, NM (R)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1, 15 Jan., Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (R); 2, 31 Jan., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank off Semmes Rd., Jackson Co., JBu (R); 1, 14 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, JPe, WP, CB (R); 1, 2 Jul., Neely BBS, Greene Co., SP (R)

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 9 Jan., Dead River Rd., Gautier, CD, LE (RS); 1, 22 Apr., Bluff Lake Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)  
BARN OWL -- 1, 7 Dec., Hickory, JM (U)

GREAT HORNED OWL -- 3, 20 Jan., Donaldson Pt., NH

BURROWING OWL -- 1, 18 Nov., Stoneville, CS, GK, SK (R)

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 10, 1 Jan., Tunica Co., GK, SK, JW (U); 1, 22 Jan., near Morgan City, PB, KB, BV, AB (U); 1, 22 Jan., 5, 12 Feb., Black Prairie WMA, Lowndes Co., TS, MS, m.ob. (U); 5, 5 Feb., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (U); 11, 7 Mar., T23NR1E sections 1 & 2, Tallahatchie Co., FB (U,L); 11, 16 Mar.,

Dahomey NWR, FB (U,L); 2, 25 Mar., Black Prairie WMA, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U,L)

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- 1, 20 Dec., MSU Campus, LV, JV (Accidental)

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1, 11 Apr., Keesler AFB, Biloxi, SP, LP (A); 1, 20 Apr., Starkville, MS (A); 1, 25 May, Hickory, JM (U); 1, 8 Nov., Columbus, KK (D)

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 1, 13 Apr., Pass Christian, JBi, DB (A)

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad m, 27 Feb., Gerry Morgan Residence, Biloxi, GMo (E); 1 m, 13 Mar., Westland Heights, Starkville, TS, m.ob. (E); 1, 8 Mar., Hickory, JM (A); 100, 10 Sep., Schiefer Residence, Adaton, TS, MS (N); 2, 18-19 Oct., Hickory, JM (D)

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 10-18 Mar., 1008 12<sup>th</sup> Street North, Columbus, TS, m.ob. (R)

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 1 Jan., Tish Galbraith Residence, Waveland, TG, CD, DM, DeM, JBi, DB, JPe, WP (R); 1, 10 May, Gerry Morgan Residence, Biloxi, GMo, SP, JT, m.ob. (R,L)

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 1 Jan., Tish Galbraith Residence, Waveland, TG, CD, DM, DeM, JBi, DB, JPe, WP (R); 1 imm m, 1 Jan.-23 Mar., Westland Heights, Starkville, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 imm f, 7 Dec., Collinsville, JM, m.ob. (R); 1 imm f, 7 Dec., Meridian, JM, m.ob. (R)

SELASPHORUS SP. -- 1, 12 Sep., Buler Residence, Hattiesburg, JBu (R)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1, 22 Apr., Ansley, JT, NM (L); 1, 16 Sep., Starkville, NHu (A)

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 1, 19 Oct., near Hickory, JM (L)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 25 Apr., N.S. Park, Jackson Co., CD, AH (U); 1, 14 Oct., Hattiesburg S.L., SW (U)

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 1, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (A)

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1, 25 Apr., N.S. Park, Jackson Co., CD, AH (U); 1, 16 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (U)

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1, 3 & 10 Jun., near Hickory, JM (L)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad m, 11 Jan., Dodson Farm, Hancock Co., CD, LE, m.ob. (U); 1 ad m, 20 Dec., Texas Flat Rd., Hancock Co., DC (U)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 21 Mar., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, JMo (A); 1, 1 Apr., near Hickory, JM (A); 1, 17 Apr., near Perthshire, Bolivar Co., NH (A)

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 7 Aug., near intersection of Hwy. 407 & I-90, Hancock Co., CW (U); 1, 9 Oct., near Merrill, SW (U)

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 29 Mar., MSU North Farm, TS (A); 1, 6 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A)

GRAY KINGBIRD -- 2, 1 May-1 Aug., J.L. Scott Marine Education Center, Harrison Co., JMs, SP, HM, TS, m.ob. 3<sup>rd</sup> year for this species to nest in the State and at this locale

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 28 Apr., Pass Christian beach, JBi (U); 2, 16 Oct., near intersection of Hwy. 61 & 16, Sharkey Co., MW (U)

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1, 16 Mar., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, JMo (E); 1, 18 Mar., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (A)

BLUE-HEADED VIREO -- 1, 3 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (E)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 16 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (A); 1, 24 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1, 18 Mar., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., JBu (E); 1, 6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (A)

HORNED LARK -- 2 ad 1 imm, 28 Jul., MSU North Farm, TS (Nesting Record) (US)

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 ad m, 7 Feb., Green Oaks Golf Course, Columbus, KK (A); 50-60, 31 Mar., Concordia Island, NH, JH (Nesting activities); 1, 11 Sep., near Hickory, JM (L)

TREE SWALLOW -- 1, 29 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 1 ad m, 17 Mar., Concordia Island, NH (A); 1-3, 1 Jun.-3 Jul., Bluff Lake, TS, MS (RS); 2, 18 Jun., 6, 28 Jun., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (RS)

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 5, 10 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A)

BANK SWALLOW -- 450, 2 Aug., Kangaroo Pt. Sandbar, MW (N)

CLIFF SWALLOW -- 22 birds & 46 nests, 28 Jul., Hwy. 82 & 25 Bypass, Starkville, TS (Nesting Record)

BARN SWALLOW -- 3, 28 Feb., Hiller Park, Biloxi, SP, JT, m.ob. (A); 2, 22 Mar., Shaw/Skene Rd., Bolivar Co., NH, JH (A)

FISH CROW -- 50, 31 Jan., Bluff Lake, TS (A)

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 2, 8 Feb., Deer Island, Harrison Co., SP, BHe (U); 1, 2 May, Starkville, NHu (L)

HOUSE WREN -- 1, 7 Feb., Trim Cane WMA, Oktibbeha Co., TS (RS); 1, 9 Jan., Hickory, JM (U); 1, 25 Mar., Hickory, JM (U); 1, 28 Sep., Hickory, JM (A)

WINTER WREN -- 1, 14 Jan., Spence's Woods, Hancock Co., JBi, TG, NM (U); 1, 10 Oct., Arkabutla Dam, Tate Co., RP (E)

SEDGE WREN -- 1, 16 Sep., Longview, Oktibbeha Co., LC, EC (E)

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 17 Apr., VA Hospital, Biloxi, SP (L); 1, 23 Sep., Hickory S.L., JM (E)

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1, 2 Jan., Prairie Point, Noxubee Co.,

TS, MS (RS); 1, 17 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (A); 5, 21 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A)

VEERY -- 1, 14 Apr., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, NM, JMo (E); 1, 18 Apr., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., JBu (E); 1, 10 May, Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, SP (L)

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 1, 16 Sep., MSU North Farm, DP, JPa (A)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 22 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (A); 1, 13 Oct., Starkville, NHu (L)

HERMIT THRUSH -- 3, 10 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A)

WOOD THRUSH -- 2, 16 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A); 1, 26 Oct., Plantation Pt. Rd., DeSoto Co., VR (L)

AMERICAN ROBIN -- 100, 23 Sep., Hickory Post Office, JM (N)

GRAY CATBIRD -- 10+, 8 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (N)

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1, 23 Nov., Tunica Co., JW (R)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 10 Sep., Hickory, JM (A)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 28 Apr., Knight Residence, Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1 f, 2 May, Pass Christian, DB, JBi (U); 1, 4 Oct., near Merrill, SW (U)

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 23 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A); 1, 13 May, Mt. Olive Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (D); 1, 24 Oct., Hickory, JM (D); 1, 9 Nov., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 6 Apr., Hickory S.L., JM (U); 1, 18 Apr., Research Park Woods, Starkville, TS (D); 1, 11 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (A)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 22 Apr., Knight Residence, Oxford, GK, SK (U); 2, 26 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U); 1, 29 Apr., Wall Doxey



S.P., GK, SK, m.ob. (U); 1, 29 Apr., Coontown Landing, TS, MS, m.ob. (U); 1, 21 Sep., near Adaton, MS (U); 1, 27 & 29 Sep., 2, 2 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (U); 3, 7 Oct., Hattiesburg S.L., SW, Mca (U); 1, 20 Oct., near Chickasawhay River off Hwy. 98, Greene Co., SW (U)

NORTHERN PARULA -- 2, 29 Feb., near Spence's Woods, Hancock Co., SP, m.ob. (E); 1, 7 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1, 9 Mar., Dahomey NWR, FB (A); 1, 25 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (D); 1, 26 Oct., Arkabutla Dam, North Abutment Picnic Grounds, DeSoto Co., RP, VR (L)

YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 22 May, Hickory, JM (D); 1, 20 Jul., MSU North Farm, TS (E); 1±, 20 Jul., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, CB, SP (A)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1, 16 Apr., Biloxi, SP, LP (E); 1, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1 m, 23 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A); 1, 25 Apr., Broerman Residence, Grenada, FB (A); 1, 2 Nov., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1, 29 Aug., Noxubee NWR, TS (A); 3, 26 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (D)

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 2, 6 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (D); 1, 13 Oct., Hickory, JM (A)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1, 16 Apr., VA Hospital, Biloxi, SP, LP (A); 1, 16 May, P.D. Fulgham Rd., MS (L); 1, 10 Nov., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1, 16 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (D)

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1, 14 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (A)

PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 5, 4 Apr., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., JBu (E)

PALM WARBLER -- 1, 2 Jan., near Macon, TS, MS (RS); 1, 12 Feb., Black Prairie WMA, Lowndes Co., TS, m.ob. (RS)

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1, 23 Apr., Noxubee NWR, MS (A); 1, 10 May, VA Hospital, Biloxi, SP, LP (L)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1, 22 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U); 1, 24 Apr., Knight Residence, Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1, 25 Apr., near Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 27 Apr., Ackerman S.L., TS, MS (U); 1, 4 May, Research Park Woods, Starkville, TS (U,D); 1 f, 20 Oct., near Chickasawhay River on Hwy. 98, Greene Co., SW (U)

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1, 7 Mar., P.D. Fulgham Rd., MS (E); 1, 4 Jul., Horn Island, Jackson Co., AD (E); 1, 16 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (D)

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1, 10 May, Biloxi, SP, LP, HM (L); 1, 13 Oct., Hickory, JM (D); 1, 25 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 3, 30 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1 pr, 6 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A)

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1, 27 Jul., Pass Christian, JDu (E); 1, 30 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH (U)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 6 Apr.-7 May, Bluff Lake Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (E,U); 1, 18 Apr.-1 Jun., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (U); 3, 25 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 6 May, near Starkville, TS (U); 1, 13 May, near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS, JB (U); 1, 20 May-21 Jun., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (U); 1, 3 Jun., 2, 13 Jun., Hickory S.L., JM (U); 1, 4 Jun., Noxubee NWR, Edmonds Bridge Rd., Noxubee Co., TS (U); 1, 8 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Keaton Tower Rd., Oktibbeha Co., MS, TS (U)

OVENBIRD -- 1, 6 Apr., Starkville, DCr, JTa (E); 1, 15 Aug., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1, 7 Oct., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 15 Aug., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1, 23 Sep., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 24 & 25 Aug., Hickory, JM (U)

HOODED WARBLER -- 2, 30 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1 m, 24

Sep., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 m, 21 Jan., Beauvoir, Biloxi, SP (U); 2, 16 Sep., 1, 5 Oct., MSU North Farm, DP, JPa, TS (U); 1, 7 Oct., Hattiesburg S.L., SW, MCa (U); 1 imm m, 7 Oct., Hickory S.L., JM (U); 1, 16 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (U,D); 1, 16 Oct., near Merrill, SW (U); 2, 20 Dec., Waveland S.L., DC (RS)

CANADA WARBLER -- 1, 14 Aug., Noxubee NWR, TS (E)

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 5, 13 Apr., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., JBu (A); 12+, 21 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A)

SUMMER TANAGER -- 1 ad f, 3 Jan., Delmas Residence, Gautier, CD, LE (RS); 1, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1 m, 19 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A)

SCARLET TANAGER -- 1, 10 May, Biloxi, 1, 10 May, Gulfport, SP, LP, HM (L)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 1, 4 Jun.-3 Jul., Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U); 2, 22 Jun., Tombigbee National Forest near Buena Vista, Chickasaw Co., TS (U)

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1, 23 Dec., Woodland Lake, DeSoto Co., VH, MWa (R)

CHIPPING SPARROW -- 1, 16 Mar., Keesler AFB, Biloxi, SP (L)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1, 7-14 Feb., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, m.ob. (R)

VESPER SPARROW -- 1, 18 Oct., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

LARK SPARROW -- 1 ad, 28 Jan., Barbour Residence, Sidon, PB, KB (RS); 2, 4 Jun., near Prairie Point (Macon BBS), TS (RS)

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 1, 26 Apr., Hickory S.L., JM (D); 1, 22 May, MSU North Farm, TS (L); 1, 29 Sep., MSU North Farm, TS (A)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1, 14 Apr., Old Fort Bayou, Jackson Co., JBu (L); 3, 30 Apr., Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, Holly Springs, GK, SK, m.ob. (R); 1, 3 & 20 Nov., near Chickasawhay River off Hwy. 98, Greene Co., SW (U); 2, 10 Dec., Ashe Tree Nursery, Forrest Co., SW, MCa (RS,N)

HENSLOW'S SPARROW -- 1, 1 Jan., 2, 12 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Morgan Hill, TS, MS, MW, DC, m.ob. (R); 2, 6 Jan., 1, 14 Jan., Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, TG, NM, JBi (U); 23 seen & 20 banded, 1 Feb., 15 seen & 10 banded, 2 Feb., 10 seen & 6 banded, 12 Feb., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, MW, m.ob. (U,N); 2 seen & 3 banded, 11 Feb., Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, MW, m.ob. (U); 1, 4-5 Apr., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., JBu (U,L); 1, 19 Apr., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., JBu (U,L); 1, 19 Apr., Greenville, EA (R); 5, 9 Nov., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, MW (E)

LECONTE'S SPARROW -- 6, 12 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Morgan Hill, TS, MW, m.ob. (U,N); 1, 15 Jan., Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, Holly Springs, JG, BHa (U); 6, 1 Feb., 2, 12 Feb., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, MW, m.ob. (U); 8, 5 Feb., SMWR, GK, SK, VT (U); 7, 10 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman & Tallahatchie Cos., FB (L); 1, 23 Apr., Prysock Field, TS, MS (L); 5, 4 Nov., 16, 10 Dec., Ashe Tree Nursery, DeSoto NF, Forrest Co., SW, MCa (U,N); 1, 16 Dec., Prysock Field, TS, MS (U)

FOX SPARROW -- 1, 12 & 13 Dec., Hickory, JM (U)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 23 Apr., Browning Creek Subd., TS, MS (U); 1, 30 Apr., Eupora S.L., TS, MS (U); 2, 30 Apr., Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, Holly Springs, GK, SK, m.ob. (U); 1, 14 Oct., Graysport Landing - East, Grenada Lake, Calhoun Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 18 Oct., Hickory S.L., JM (U); 1, 1 Nov., near Merrill, SW (U); 1, 29 Dec., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, GB (U)

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 6, 18 Apr., VA Hospital, Biloxi, SP (D); 1+, 27 Apr., Hickory, JM (D); 1, 7 Jun., Natchez Trace Parkway, near Hwy. 82, Webster Co., TS, MS (L); 7, 22 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A); 1, 1 Nov., Hickory, JM (A)

HARRIS'S SPARROW -- 1 imm, 27-29 Nov., Henne Residence, near

Kosciusko, FH, JS, TS (R)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1 imm, 7 Oct., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (E); 2, 20 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A); 1, 23-25 Dec., Hickory, JM (U)

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1, 11 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (D)

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 1, 29 Jan., near Macon, TS (L); 2, 22 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 2, 22 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS (A); 2, 28 Apr., Hickory, JM (A); 50±, 10 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (N)

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1, 30 Jan., Tunica Co., JW (RS); 2, 7 Apr., near Starkville, EW (A); 1±, 8 Apr., Hickory, JM (A); 1 m, 17 Apr., near Perthshire, Bolivar Co., NH (A); 20±, 10 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (N)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 2 m 2 f, 24 Apr., Gautier, CD (A); 1 m, 13-22 May, Research Park Woods, Starkville, DP, JPa, TS, MS (R); 1 f/imm, 29 Sep., MSU North Farm, TS (R)

DICKCISSEL -- 1 ad, 28 Jan., Barbour Residence, Sidon, PB, KB (RS); 1, 25 Apr., Golden Triangle Airport, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (A); 1, 29 Apr., near Hickory, JM (U); 3, 16 Sep., MSU North Farm, DP, JPa (RS)

BOBOLINK -- 300, 30 Apr., near Hickory, JM (U)

EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- 4, 24 Oct., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (U)

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 9-24, 1 Jan.-28 Mar., Tunica Co., JW, m.ob. (R)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 60, 31 Jan., Hickory S.L., JM (U)

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 27, 4 Mar., near Hattiesburg, DC, MiD (N)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 3, 13 & 14 Apr., Ansley, NM (R); 1 ad m, 6

May, Spence's Woods, Hancock Co., JBi (R)

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1±, 1 Apr., Hickory, JM (A); 1, 8 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., MS (A); 1±, 10 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A)

BALTIMORE ORIOLE -- 1 ad m, 9 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A); 1, 24 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (A); 1 m, 8 Nov., Columbus, DP (L)

PURPLE FINCH -- 1 f, 24 Mar., Hickory, JM (U); 1 m 1 f, 17 Dec., Hickory, JM (A)

RED CROSSBILL -- 2, 24 Apr., Quail Creek Subd., Oxford, GK (R)

PINE SISKIN -- 1, 23 Jan., 5, 8, 9, 11 Apr., Hickory, JM (U); 2, 1 May, Petal, DC (L)

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 100's, mid Jan.-early Feb., Hickory, JM (N); 1 m, 8-11 May, Hickory, JM (L); 6, 10 Nov., Hickory, JM (A)

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= Bolivar Co.; Kangaroo Pt. Sandbar = on the Mississippi River, Coahoma Co.; Loakfoma Lake = Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co.; Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR = Jackson Co.; MSU campus/North Farm = Oktibbeha Co.; Noxubee NWR = Noxubee Co.; Prairie Waters Subd. = Lowndes Co.; Prysock Field = Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co.; Sardis Dam/Lower Lake = Panola Co.; Seaman Rd. S.L. = Jackson Co.; Saint Catherine Creek NWR = Adams Co.; State Migratory Waterfowl Refuge = Lafayette Co.; Torrance Landing = Grenada Lake, Grenada Co.; Waveland S.L. = Hancock Co.



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