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**BREEDING OF THE AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER,
HAEMATOPUS PALLIATUS,
CONFIRMED IN MISSISSIPPI**

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On 23 May 2002 Skipper Anding, his son Jason, and I, after completing a breeding block survey in the Desoto National Forest, headed for the Mississippi Gulf coast. I had promised Skipper that if he would help me out with the breeding block, I would take him out to one of my favorite haunts, Horn Island, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Skipper had never been out to Horn Island and was excited about the possibilities of sighting birds not too frequently seen on the mainland. High on his list of expectations was the American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*).

Because of a late start, we arrived at the East end of Horn Island in just enough time to set up camp. We were awed by the black skimmers cruising the edge of the water in the sunset, thrilled at catching a few fish in the surf, and relished the island cuisine of hot dogs roasted over a small fire.

Morning was for bird watching, and that is what we did. The tidal pond on the North side of the Island just east of the first trees and osprey nests was alive with assorted shore birds. Reddish Egrets (*Egretta rufescens*) danced in the tidal pool; Ruddy Turnstones (*Arenaria interpres*), Red Knots

(*Calidris canutus*) and Black Bellied Plovers (*Pluvialis squatarola*) paraded in their breeding best; and one lone Wimbrel posed for pictures.

An American Oystercatcher flew by carrying something and landed near a second individual on the small sea-purslane (*Sesuvium portulacastrum*) covered dunes. Then we saw them. Two gray, golfball-sized young, begging for the attention and food from the adults. We thought this a "neat" find and it certainly made our day. Neither of us was aware of the significance of confirming the breeding of these birds in Mississippi.

We played hide and seek with the young but were finally able, with considerable luck, to photograph the approximately day-old chicks (Fig. 1). These birds were phenomenally adept at concealing themselves amongst the detritus and dune debris. The concerned adults never went far. One would feign a limp and go one way and the other would go a different way. We quickly took pictures and allowed the adults to return to their parenting duties.

On returning home and posting our outing events on the "MISSBIRD" listserv, we received word from several notable Mississippi birders that not only was this sighting of the American Oystercatcher with young "neat" as I described it but of significance because it was the first confirmed breeding record in the state of Mississippi.

Turcotte and Watts (1999), state that "Breeding on the Mississippi mainland or islands has not been reported". In discussing our find with Judith Touns, she indicated that breeding has been suspected in Mississippi but never documented. She did indicate that the Oystercatcher populations seem to be on the rise along the coast. Although I can usually count on seeing two or three in any trip to the

islands, a recent Christmas Bird Count supposedly reported nearly 100 in Jackson County, MS.

On 30 July 2002, one week after first finding the young, I returned with my wife, Sandi, and both young were doing well. On our approach, they would go into hiding and even though they had nearly doubled in size, they were even more skilled in finding hiding places. We did manage to find and photograph one but the other completely eluded us. Within minutes of backing off, the young would come out of hiding and join the adults.

Two weeks later, we returned again to the east end of Horn Island and looked for the young oystercatchers. During the course of the two weeks, one of the young had apparently succumbed to the rigors of life, leaving the two adults and one sibling. By this time the remaining youngster had grown to nearly half the size of the adults and actually looked like an oystercatcher.

During that summer, I have returned several times and the three Oystercatchers all seem to be faring well. The juvenile bird looks nearly identical to the adults except for some discoloration on the bill.

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Figure 1. Young American Oystercatcher photographed on 23 May 2002 near the east end of Horn Island, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi.

**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2002**

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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. = multiple 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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PACIFIC LOON -- 1 imm, 20 Jan., Moses Pier, Gulfport, SD (Review Species)

COMMON LOON -- 1, 5 Jan., Bluff Lake, RW, LW (RS); 1, 16 Jan., Bluff Lake, TS (RS); 1 alternate pl, 28 May, OCL, TS (RS); 1, 25 Oct., OCL, TS (A)

RED-NECKED GREBE -- 2 ad, 22 Feb., Horn Lake, RH (Review Species)

EARED GREBE -- 6, 27 Jan., 3, 8 Feb., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., SD (U); 7 alternate pl, 21 Apr., Hattiesburg S.L., SD, GK, SK, TS, m.ob. (U); 3, 12 Nov., Waveland S.L. NB (U, N)

NORTHERN GANNET -- 7, 21 Jan., 3, 8 Feb., Biloxi, SD (U); 8, 27 Feb., Biloxi, SW (U)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 5, 8-9 Jul., OCL, SD, TS (RS); 5, 30 Jul., Marsh Pt., Ocean Springs, SW, MC (E); 50+, 10 Aug., Concordia Island, JH, NH (A); 1, 16 Aug., Bluff Lake, TS (A); 75+, 28 Sep., Back Bay of Biloxi, MW (N); 6,413, 5 Oct., 2,462, 13 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (N); 200+, 15 Dec., GBNERR, MW, BR, TSh (N)

BROWN PELICAN -- 1, 17 May, Bluff Lake, MC (Accidental Species inland)

ANHINGA -- 1-2 m & 1-3 f, 17 Apr.-31 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, SD (Rare Nester)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 2, 14 & 15 Jun., near Deer Island, Jackson/Harrison Cos., SW, MCA (U); 1, 17 Jun., Ocean Springs, SW (U); 2, 7 Jul., mouth of Davis/Stark Bayou, Jackson Co., SW (U); 26, 26 Sep., Ocean Springs to Gulfport, MW, LY (N- observed during tropical storm Isidore); 8, 2 Oct., Mississippi River, Natchez, WM (Accidental Species inland-observed during Hurricane Lili); 16, 3 Oct., Moses Pier, MW, SW (N- observed during Hurricane Lili); 1 imm, 4 Oct., Columbus Lake, KK, TS (Accidental Species inland)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 16 Apr., near Cary, Sharkey Co., SS (U); 2, 18 Apr., 1, 30 Apr., Lake George Wetland Restoration Area, near Satartia, Yazoo Co., SS (U); 1, 24 Apr., Blanton Sharkey Co., SS (U); 2, 27 Apr., Prysock Field, TS, MS (U); 2, 6 May, 1, 11 May, Blanton, Sharkey Co., DT (U); 1, 10 Jun., Blanton, Sharkey Co., SS (RS); 1, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., GK, SK, SD, WP, m.ob. (U); 1, 13 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD, FV (U); 2, 8 Dec., Tunica Co. Catfish Farm, SK (RS); 1, 9 Dec., Blocker's Bottom, RK (RS); 1, 14 Dec., Prysock Field, TS, MS (RS); 1, 18 Dec., Bryant Landing, Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (RS)

LEAST BITTERN -- 1-4, 23 Apr.-29 Jun., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS, SD (Rare Nester); 1, 18 Aug., Yazoo NWR, SD, JJ (U)

SNOWY EGRET -- 4, 25 Apr., Bluff Lake, SD (A); 2, 6 Nov., Browning Creek Lake, TS (D); 1, 2 Dec., Humphreys Co., SD (US)

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 282, 25 Mar., Bluff Lake, SD (N)

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 ad, 4 May, Bluff Lake, SD, m.ob. (RS); 1 ad, 27 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, SD, JD (R); 1 ad, 25 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, SD, GK, SK (U); 1 imm, 2 Oct., Upper Pascagoula WMA, George Co., JBr (U); 3 imms, 13 Oct., 1 imm, 20 Oct., Yazoo NWR, SD, FV (U); 2 imms, 27 Dec., Eagle Lake, Warren Co., DK, MPa (US)

REDDISH EGRET -- 1 dark morph & 1 white morph, 27 Jan., Moses Pier, Gulfport, SW, MCa (U)

CATTLE EGRET -- 3, 20 Mar., near Adaton, MS (E); 3, 15 Apr., Donaldson Pt., JH (A); 1, 18 Dec., Grenada Dam, GK, SK, RB, JW (RS); 6, 29 Dec., Leflore Co., SD, KBa, AH (US); 13, 30 Dec., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (US)

WHITE IBIS -- 16, 19 Mar., Bluff Lake, MC (A); 71 ad, 1 sub ad, 2 Jun., 70, 17 Jun., Prysock Field, TS, DR (N); 1 ad on nest, 21 Jun., Bluff Lake, SD (Rare Nester)

GLOSSY IBIS -- 9 ad, 4 imms, 21 Jul., near Blanton, Sharkey Co., SD (R); 1 ad, 4 Aug., 1 ad, 18 Aug., 1 ad, 13 & 20 Oct., Yazoo NWR, SD, JJ, FV (R)

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 1 ad, 13 Oct., Yazoo NWR, SD (R)

PLEGADIS SP. -- 2, 12 Jul., 1, 19 Jul., Blanton, Sharkey Co., SS (R); 5, 21 Jul., near Blanton, Sharkey Co., SD (R); 1 imm, 18 & 31 Aug., 2 imms, 13 Oct., Yazoo NWR, SD (R)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- 2 2nd yr birds, 13 Jul., near Yazoo City, SD, PB (R); 1 imm, 21 Jul., near Blanton, Sharkey Co., SD (R); 1 imm, 27 & 31 Jul., Noxubee NWR, SD, JD (R); 3 imms, 4 Aug., near Morgan City, SD (R); 4 imms, 4 Aug., 21 imms, 11 Aug., 1 2nd yr bird, 16 imms, 31 Aug., 41 imms, 13 Oct., 3 imms, 3 Nov., Humphreys Co., SD, FV (R); 1 ad, 5 imms, 4 Aug., 1 imm, 7 Sep., Yazoo NWR, SD (R); 2 imms, 25 Aug. & 14 Sep.,

Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK, SD (R); 1 imm, 26 Jul.-1 Aug., Bluff and Loakfoma Lakes, DR, JD, SD (R); 12 imms, 23 Aug., 9 imms, 7 Sep., 15 imms, 14 Sep., Morgan Brake, SD, JS, GK (R); 1 imm, 24 Aug., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., SD (R); 2 imms, 29 Aug., 17, 21, & 22 Sep., Bluff Lake, TS, RW, LW, JB, TB (R); 6, 1 Sep., near Panther Creek, Yazoo Co., WP, MSt (R); 2 imms, 7-16 Sep., OCL, TS, m.ob. (R); 9 imms, 7 Sep., 15 imms, 14 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, SD, GK (R); 4, 21 Sep., Lake Lee, Washington Co., EG, BS (R); 1, 22,23, & 25 Sep., Lower Pascagoula River WMA, Jackson Co., SW, RS, KW (R); 1 imm, 1-12 Oct., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (R); 1 imm, 2 Oct., Seaman Rd. S.L., SM, GM (R); 2, 5 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (R); 7, 13 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (R); 2 imms, 14 Oct., 2 imms, 15 Oct., Ashbrook Island, Washington Co., SD (R); 2 imms, 2 Dec., Humphreys Co., SD (RS)

WOOD STORK -- 1-202, 10 Jun.-1 Oct., Bluff and Loakfoma Lakes, DR, SD, JD, TS, m.ob. (U); 4-5, 29 Jun., 8-9 Jul., near Columbus, DP, JP, PB, SD (U); 12, 4 Aug., 116, 22 Sep., 13, 13 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD, JT, GK, SK (U); 1, 5 Aug., near Collinsville, LT (U); 1,000, 10 Aug., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, MSt, WP (U); 5, 11 Aug., 3, 25 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK, SD (U); 9, 24 Aug., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., SD (U); 69 imms, 1 Sep., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., GK, SK (U); 23 imms, 1 Sep., Gums Crossing, Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (U); 3-17, 10-25 Sep., Browning Creek Lake, TS (U); 1-20, 10-17 Sep., & 16 Oct., OCL, KK, TS, SD, MS, PB (U); 188, 14 Sep., 104, 22 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, SD, JT, GK, SK (U); 14, 14 Sep., Torrance Landing, SD, GK (U); 1, 21 Sep., near Columbus, DP (U); 1 imm, 22 Sep., Knight's Res. near Oxford, GK, SK (R); 150, 25 Sep., Lake Okatibbee, LT, VM (U); 6, 2 Oct., Upper Pascagoula River WMA, George Co., JBr (U); 2 imms, 4 Oct., along the Mississippi River, Washington Co., SD (U); 149, 5 Oct., 68, 13 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (U)

TURKEY VULTURE -- 1 leucistic, 2 Jan., Hernando Water tower, DP_r, CB, RP (Rare form)

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 2, 5 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (E)

SNOW GOOSE -- 1, 5 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (E); 38,500, 8 Dec., Tunica Co., SD, GK, SK (N)

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 1 ad, 2 Jan., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK (U); 50+, 13 Jan., near Marks, GK, SK (U,N); 42, 7 Mar., Sunflower Co., SD (R,N); 1 ad, 3 Dec., Bluff Lake, TS (R); 300+, 8 Dec., Tunica Co., GK, SK, SD (U,N); 1, 22 Dec., Oak Grove Rd., DeSoto Co., DP, KKu (U); 1 ad, 28 Dec., Prysock Field, TS, MS (R); 292, 29 Dec., Leflore Co., SD, KBa, AH (U,N)

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

TUNDRA SWAN -- 1 imm, 15 Jan.-11 Mar., Noxubee NWR, RW, LW, TS, m.ob. (R); 3, 26 Jan., flooded field off Hwy. 61 at the Washington/Bolivar Co. Line, Washington Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (R)

SWAN SPECIES -- 1 ad, 29 Nov.-31 Dec., Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., JM, TS, JB (R)

WOOD DUCK -- 1 f, 4 young, 24 Mar., Trim Cane WMA, Oktibbeha Co., SD (Early Nesting Record)

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK -- 3, 14 Apr., 2, 28 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes/Clay Cos., SD (L); 2, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD, GK, SK, m.ob. (U)

MALLARD -- 369, 25 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, SD, GK, SK (N)

MOTTLED DUCK -- 5, 11 Nov., Pascagoula, SD (U)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 3 m, 2 f, 29 Dec., Leflore Co., SD, KBa, AH (RS)

NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 1, 15 Aug., Browning Creek Lake, TS, SD, JJ (E)

CANVASBACK -- 1, 27 Oct., OCL, TS (A); 112, 29 Dec., Leflore Co., SD, KBa, AH (N)

REDHEAD -- 152, 12 Mar., OCL, 40, 12 Mar., Noxubee NWR, 14, 12 Mar., Browning Creek Lake, TS (N)

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 1 f, 25 Aug., Coldwater River NWR,

Tallahatchie Co., SD, GK, SK (RS); 1 m, 7 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, SD (RS)

GREATER SCAUP -- 1, 27 Oct., OCL, TS (A); 4 m, 3 f, 14 Dec., Browning Creek Lake, JB (US)

LESSER SCAUP -- 1 f, 31 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (RS)

SURF SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 11 Nov., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., SD (U); 2 f/imms, 21 Jan., Biloxi, SD (U); 2 f/imms, 5 Nov., 3 f/imms, 13 Nov., Bluff Lake, TS (R); 1 f/imm, 14 Nov., OCL, SD (R); 1 imm m, 2 f/imms, 15 Nov., Mississippi Sound at Bayou Caddy, Hancock Co., NB (U); 2 ad m, 1 f/imm, 19 Nov., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R); 1 f, 12 Dec., Oxford S.L., GK, SK, (R); 2, 18 Dec., Hugh White State Park, Grenada Lake, JW (R)

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 1-21 Jan., OCL, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 f/imm, 19 Nov., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R)

BLACK SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 31 Oct., Browning Creek Lake, TS, SD (R,E); 1 f/imm, 14 Nov., OCL, TS, SD (R); 1 f/imm, 17 Nov., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., SD (R)

LONG-TAILED DUCK -- 1 f, 25-26 Feb., 2 f, 2 Mar., Biloxi, SW, MCo (R); 2 ad m in basic pl, 1 ad f in near alt pl, 18 Mar., OCL, TS, MS, SD (R, D); 1 f, 17 Nov., Mississippi Sound at Clermont Harbor, Hancock Co., NB (R)

BUFFLEHEAD -- 4, 2 Nov., OCL, TS (A)

HOODED MERGANSER -- 1 f, 8 young, 24 Mar., Trim Cane WMA, Oktibbeha Co., SD (Nesting Record); 1, 25 Oct., OCL, TS (A)

RUDDY DUCK -- 18 m, 14 f, 13 Jul., 41 m, 31 f, 23 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (RS); 1 pr with 3 young, 15 Aug., Seaman Rd. S.L., CD, DM, MW, MP (Maybe 1st Nesting Record in the State); 1, 26 Sep., OCL, TS (A)

OSPREY -- 1, 15 Apr., Donaldson Pt., SY (A); 1, 14 Dec., Bluff Lake, LC, EC (RS)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 20 Apr., near Hattiesburg, GK, SK, m.ob. (U); 5, 23 Jul., near Spring Cottage on Hwy. 43, Marion Co., TS (US); 1 ad, 26 Jul., near West Point, LB (R); 1, 5-12 Aug., near West Point, TS, m.ob. (R); 1, 25 Aug., near Shannon, WP, AJ (R)

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1 ad, 29 Apr., Tombigbee River near Hwy. 82, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1 ad, 14 May, Prysock Field, TS (U); 1 ad, 28 May, Bluff Lake, TS (U); 1 ad, 1 sub ad, 28 May-9 Jul., Bluff Lake, TS (US); 3 ad, 1 sub ad, 24 Jul., near West Point, TS (US); 12-80, 5-22 Aug., near West Point, TS (U,N); 1 ad, 4 imms, 14 Sep., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., SD, GK (L)

BALD EAGLE -- 1 pr, Mar., JH, NH, m.ob. (U); 1-2 ad, 9 & 23 Mar., 4 & 17 May, Noxubee NWR, TS, MS, MC, m.ob. (US); 1 ad, 1-2 imms, 12 Mar.-31 May, OCL, TS, MS (US); 1 ad, 1 nestling, 25 Apr., 2 imms in nest, 28 May, near Officer's Lake, Columbus, RW, LW (Rare Nester); 1 imm, 30 Apr., near Starkville, SD (US); 1 imm, 12 Jun.-6 Jul., OCL, TS (RS); 1 ad, 11 Jul.-1 Aug., Noxubee NWR, SD, DR, TS (RS); 1 ad, 13 Jul., Leflore Co., SD, PB (RS)

NORTHERN HARRIER-- 1 f, 23 May, Lake George Wetland Restoration Area, Yazoo Co., SS (RS); 1, 27 Aug., MSU North Farm, MS (E)

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 2, 4 May, near Big Black Creek and Pascagoula River Junction, SW, MCa, MW (L)

COOPER'S HAWK -- 1 imm, 29 May, near Walls, RP, CB, VR (US)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1, 28 Mar., near Adaton, TS (A); 157, 14 Apr., Lowndes Co., SD (N); 1, 1 Oct., Okatibbee Lake, LT (D); 1, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake -West Bank, Lowndes Co., SD, GK, SK (D)

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1 ad, 15 Oct., Ansley Chenier, NB (R)

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 62, 8 Dec., Tunica Co., SD, GK, SK (N)

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1 imm, 2, 25, & 26 Jan., Noxubee NWR, TS, SD (R); 1 imm, 4 Mar., near Merrill, SW (R)

MERLIN -- 1 m columbarius, 7 Mar., Sunflower Co., SD (R); 1 f

columbarius, 7 Sep., Swiftown, SD (R); 1 imm columbarius, 9 Sep., Browning Creek Lake, SD (R); 1, 21 Sep., near Starkville, TS, MS (R); 1 imm columbarius, 22 Sep., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., SD, JT (R); 1, 7 Oct., Columbus Lake, TS (R); 1 f/imm, Browning Creek Lake, TS (R); 1, 29 Oct., Columbus Lake, RW, LW (R)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1 ad, 21 Jan., Gulfport, SD (U); 1 ad, 29 Mar., Yazoo NWR, SD (R); 1 ad, 31 Mar., Blocker's Bottom, SD (R); 1 imm, 22 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, GK, SK, SD, JT (R); 1 imm, 5 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS (R); 1 imm, 13 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD (R); 1 ad, 13 Oct., Washington Co., SD (R); 1 f, 20 Dec., Hattiesburg, RBl (RS)

WILD TURKEY -- 121, 15 Oct., Ashbrook Island, Washington Co., SD (N)

YELLOW RAIL -- 1, 22 Apr., Lake George Wetland Restoration Area, Yazoo Co., SS (R)

KING RAIL -- 2, 5 Mar., 1, 9 & 14 Mar., Loakfoma Lake, TS (U, E); 1, 6 Apr., Prysock Field, TS (U); 1, 28 Dec., Prysock Field, TS (RS)

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1, 17 Jan., Prysock Field, TS (RS); 1, 28 Dec., near Pearl River Waterfowl Refuge, Madison Co., BR, SS (US)

SORA -- 1, 30 Apr., Loakfoma Lake, TS (U); 1, 16 Apr., near Cary, Sharkey Co., SS (U); 1, 18 Apr., near Louise, Humphreys Co., SS (U); 2, 24 Apr., Blanton, Sharkey Co., SS, DT (U); 2, 6 May, Deer Creek, Issaquena Co., SS (U); 1, 12 Sep., MSU South Farm, TS (RS); 1, 7 Sep., Yazoo NWR, SD (U); 1, 16 Sep., OCL, SD, PB (RS); 1, 28 Dec., near Pearl River Waterfowl Refuge, Madison Co., BR, SS (US); 2, 29 Dec., Leflore Co., SD, KBa, AH (US)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1-2 ad, 14 May-27 Jul., 1 downy young, 14 & 19 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS, SD, JD (Rare Nester)

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1 ad, 23 Apr.-22 Jun., 1-3 imms, 31 Aug.-22 Sep., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS, RW, LW (Rare Nester, E); 1, 30 Apr., Trim Cane WMA, Oktibbeha Co., SD (R); 2, 14 Sep., Yazoo NWR, SD, GK (U); 1, 13 Oct., Yazoo NWR, SD (U)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 18, 2 Jan., Tunica Co., CB, VH, GP, RP, DPr (U); 5, 30 Nov., Columbus Lake near West Bank, Lowndes Co., JS (R); 24, 8 Dec., Tunica Co., GK, SK, SD (U); 83, 21 Dec., Tunica Co., WP (U)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1 alternate pl, 15 Aug., Browning Creek Lake, SD, JJ (U,A); 3 ad- 2 in alternate pl., 16 Aug., OCL, TS (U); 1, alternate pl., 17 Aug., Loakfoma Lake, TS, MS (U); 1 ad, 17 Aug., Browning Creek Lake, TS, MS (U); 1, 16 Sep., OCL, SD, PB (U); 1, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD, GK, SK (U)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 84, 29 Mar., Sunflower Co., SD (N); 4 ad, 1 imm, 14 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD, GK (US); 3 ad, 2 imm, 22 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK, SD, JT (US); 1 imm, 22 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD, JT, GK, SK (US)

SNOWY PLOVER -- 1 imm, 14-16 Sep., OCL, TS, m.ob. (Accidental Inland- 1st Inland Record)

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 3, 30 May, OCL, TS (L); 49, 11 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (N)

PIPING PLOVER -- 1 imm, 24 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (R); 1, 27 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (R)

KILLDEER -- 319, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (N); 695, 7 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD (N); 619, 29 Dec., Leflore Co., SD, KB, AH (N)

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- 19, 8 Feb., Gulfport, SD (U, N)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 2, 7-11 Jun., near Anguilla, SS, DT (U); 2, 10 Jun., Blanton, Sharkey Co., SS (U); 155, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (U,N); 40, 3 Aug., 46, 10 Aug., 54, 11 Aug., 83, 25 Aug., 18, 14 Sep., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK, SD (U,N); 74, 14 Sep., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, WPi, MS (U); 307, 4 Aug., 195, 11 Aug., 221, 18 Aug., 159, 24 Aug., 158, 7 Sep., 92, 14 Sep., 224, 22 Sep., 3 m, 20 Oct., 2 m, 3 Nov., Humphreys Co., SD, m.ob. (U); 29, 4 Aug., 44, 18 Aug., 92, 31 Aug., 103, 7 Sep., 2, 14 Sep., Yazoo NWR, SD, m.ob. (U); 1 m, 20 Oct., Washington Co., SD, FV (U); 78, 1 Nov., 2, 3 Nov., Sunflower Co., SD (U,L); 5, 2 Dec., Washington Co., 3, 2 Dec., Sunflower Co., SD (RS)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 1, 18 Aug., Tupelo S.L., WP, NHa, JJo (U); 1 f, 4 Aug., 19, 22 Sep., 230, 13 Oct., 188, 20 Oct., 79, 3 Nov., Humphreys Co., SD, m.ob. (U); 3, 31 Aug., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., SD (U); 2, 7 Sep., Yazoo NWR, DL (U); 3, 7-11 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, SL (U); 2, 4 Oct., Grenada Dam, GK, SK (U); 1, 5 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (U); 5, 13 Oct., Washington Co., SD (U); 1, 11 Nov., Flint Creek Reservoir, Stone Co., SD (U); 4, 2 Dec., Humphreys Co., SD (US)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 12 Jan., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, KK (RS); 1, 21 May, OCL, TS (L); 1 heard only, 14 Dec., Prysock Field, MS (US)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 2, 8 Jul., OCL, TS (A); 47, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (A); 603, 22 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD, JT (N)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 12 Jul., OCL, TS (A); 1, 16 Dec., Fort Bayou, near Ocean Springs, NM, BBo (RS)

WILLET -- 2, 3 May, MSU North Farm S.L., MS, TS (R); 2, 4 May, 1, 5 May, Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD, TS (R); 50+, 15 Dec., GBNERR, MW, BR, TSh (N)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 4 Jun., Panther Swamp NWR, SS (D); 1, 5 Jun., near Valley Park, Issaquenna Co., SS (D); 1, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (A); 1, 12 Jul., Browning Creek Lake, TS (A); 1, 26 Aug., Okatibbee Lake, LT (A)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1, 29 Mar., Washington Co., SD (U); 5, 13 Apr., 3, 16 Apr., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (U); 1, 4 May, Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD (U,D); 1, 18 Aug., Leflore Co., SD, JJ (U); 1, 24 Aug., 1, 7 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD (U)

WHIMBREL -- 1, 20 Apr., Gulfport, SD (R)

MARbled GODWIT -- 1, 21 Jan., Gulfport, SD (U); 2, 16 Feb., 2, 27 Feb., Harrison Co. beaches, SW (U); 1, 9-22 Sep., OCL, TS, m.ob. (R); 4, 22 Sep., Humphreys Co., GK, SK, SD, JT (U)

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 7 ad, 16-19 Aug., Browning Creek Lake, RW, LW, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 14 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, SD, GK (U)

SANDERLING -- 2 ad, 23 Jul., near Blanton, Sharkey Co., SD (U); 2, 24 Aug., 1, 20 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD, FV (U); 1 imm, 7 Sep., Torrance Landing, SD (U); 1, 12-15 Sep., OCL, TS, SD (U); 5 imms, 14 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, SD, GK (U); 13, 4 Oct., along the Mississippi River, Washington Co., SD (U)

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 1, 13 Jul., Leflore Co., SD, PB (A); 627, 20 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD, FV (N); 292, 2 Dec., 38, 30 Dec., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (N)

SEMPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 2, 11 Jun., OCL, TS (L); 69, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (A); 132, 25 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, SD, GK, SK (N)

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 2, 16 May, OCL, TS (D); 1 ad, 29 Jun., OCL, SD (E); 95, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (A); 4,170, 14 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD, GK (N)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 1, 27 Apr., OCL, SD (A); 26, 1 Jun., OCL, TS (N); 7, 7 Jun., near Anguilla, Sharkey Co., SS, DT (U); 2, 12 Jun., OCL, TS (L)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1-7, 15-20 Sep., OCL, SD, TS, KK (U); 1, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD, GK, SK (U); 1, 13 Oct., Washington Co., SD (L)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 2, 21 May, OCL, TS (D); 2, 12 Jul., OCL, TS (A); 3, 12 Jul., Browning Creek Lake, TS (A); 266, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (A)

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1, 13 Jul., Leflore Co., SD, PB (A); 4, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (A); 847, 4 Aug., 2,114, 24 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (N); 8, 2 Dec., Humphreys Co., SD (US)

DUNLIN -- 78, 27 Apr., Carroll Co., SD (N); 2, 10 May, OCL, TS (RS)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 3 ad, 4 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (U,A); 1, 25 Aug., Toby Tuby Creek, Sardis Lake, SD, GK, SK (U); 1, 25 Aug., 3, 5 Sep., Browning Creek Lake, RW, LW, TS (U); 8, 25 Aug., 6, 14

Sep., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK, SD (U); 1, 26 Aug., 2, 27 & 29 Aug., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (U); 8, 29 Aug., Seaman Rd. S.L., SW, MP, BB, NB (U); 6, 12 Sep., Humphreys Co., WPi, MSt (U); 1, 13 Sep., OCL, TS (U); 3, 14 Sep., Torrance Landing, SD, GK (U); 2, 14 Sep., Morgan Brake NWR, SD, GK (U); 9, 14 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD, GK (U); 5 imms, 22 Sep., Humphreys Co., GK, SK, SD, JT (U)

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1, 8 Jul., OCL, TS (E); 1, 13 Jul., Leflore Co., SD, PB (A); 4, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (A); 252, 24 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (N)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 70, 3 May, OCL, TS (RS,D); 7 ad, 4 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (A); 856, 13 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD (N); 129, 2 Dec., 88, 30 Dec., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (US)

COMMON SNIPE -- 4, 7 Sep., Yazoo NWR, SD (A)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 3 ad, 23 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD (U,A); 1, 31 Jul., Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 1, 6 Aug., Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 10, 21 Aug., Yazoo NWR, EA (U); 223, 24 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD (U,N); 1 ad, 2 imms, 25 Aug., Coldwater River NWR, SD, GK, SK (U); 3, 29 Aug., Seaman Rd. S.L., SW, MP, BB, NB (U); 1, 14 Sep., St. Catherine Creek NWR, WPi, MSt (U); 26, 14 Sep., Catfish Ponds, Humphreys Co., SD, GK (U,N)

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 1 basic ad, 24 Aug., 1 imm, 7 Sep., 3 imms, 14 Sep., 2 imms, 22 Sep., 1 imm, 13 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD, GK, JT (Review Species); 1 imm, 7 Sep., Leflore Co., SD (Review Species); 1, 1 Oct., near Bay St. Louis, NB (Review Species); 4, 2 Nov., near Bay St. Louis, NB, JTo, JPe (Review Species)

RED PHALAROPE -- 1, 28 Sep., OCL, TS, MS, RW, LW (Review Species)

PHALAROPE SPECIES -- 2, 27 Sep., OCL, TS (Either Red-necked or Red)

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad, 28 Apr., Bluff Lake, TS, MS (R); 1 ad, 28 Apr., Columbus Lake, SD (R); 1 ad, 9 May, OCL, TS (R); 3, 10 Jun., OCL, TS (R); 1 ad, 21 Jul., near Blanton, Sharkey Co., SD (R); 1 ad, 28 Jul., OCL, SD, JD (R); 1 imm, 31 Aug., Torrance Landing, SD (R); 1 ad, 1 second

basic, 1 imm, 4 Oct., along the Mississippi River, Washington Co., SD (R)

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 imm, 27 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (U); 31 ad, 8 imms, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, GK, SK, SD, m.ob. (R); 4 imms, 7 Oct., OCL, TS (R); 1-4, 26 Oct.-22 Nov., Hancock Co. beaches, NB (U); 167, 11 Nov., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison/Rankin Cos., SD (U,N); 2, 17 Nov., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., SD (U)

BLACK-HEADED GULL -- 1 ad, 6 Jan., Grenada Dam, SD, MD, GK, SK, DW (Review Species)

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1,932, 8 Dec., Arkabutla Lake, DeSoto Co., SD, GK, SK (N)

RING-BILLED GULL -- 1, 22 Jun., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., SD (RS); 4,000+, 8 Dec., Arkabutla Lake, DeSoto Co., SD, GK, SK (N)

HERRING GULL -- 1, 5 Sep., OCL, TS (E); 1 ad, 1 imm, 22 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK, SD, JT (A)

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 imm, 10 Feb., Moses Pier, Gulfport, SD, JJ (Review Species)

CASPIAN TERN -- 3, 6 Apr., OCL, TS, MS (A); 18, 21 Sep., OCL, 15, 22 Sep., Browning Creek Lake, TS, MS, JB (N); 72, 4 Oct., along the Mississippi River, Washington Co., SD (N- due to Hurricane Lili)

COMMON TERN -- 1 ad, 4 May, Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD (R); 2 imms, 27 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (U); 1, 27 Sep., OCL, TS (R); 1, 4 Oct., OCL, TS (R); 3 ad, 1 imm, 4 Oct., on the Mississippi River, Washington Co., SD (U); 2, 8 Oct., Noxubee NWR, RW, LW (R)

FORSTER'S TERN -- 1, 31 Jul., Noxubee NWR, SD (A); 152, 7 Sep., Torrance Landing, SD (N); 278, 4 Oct., along the Mississippi River, Washington Co., SD (N-due to Hurricane Lili)

LEAST TERN -- 1 ad, 29 May- 10 Aug., Blanton, Sharkey Co., SS (U); 4 ad, 13 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD, PB (U); 36 ad, 2 imms, 23 Jul., near Blanton, Sharkey Co., SD (U); 1 ad, 15 Aug., Browning Creek Lake, TS, SD, JJ (U); 2, 17 Aug., Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 1 ad, 14 Sep., Torrance

Landing, SD, GK (U); 7 ad, 4 imms, Washington Co., SD, GK (U); 21 ad, 2 imms, 14 Sep., Humphreys Co., SD, GK (U); 2 ad, 14 Sep., Sunflower Co., SD, GK (U); 2, 21 Sep., Waveland S.L., NB (L); 3 imms, 22 Sep., Humphreys Co., GK, SK, SD, JT (U,L)

BRIDLED TERN -- 1 ad, 1 Oct., Waveland S.L., NB (Review Species - observed during Hurricane Lili)

SOOTY TERN -- 12 ad, 1 Oct., Bay St. Louis, NB (Review Species- observed during Hurricane Lili); 1 ad, 4 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (Review Species- observed after Hurricane Lili); 1 ad, 4 Oct., along the Mississippi River just North of Hwy. 82, Washington Co., SD (Review Species- observed after the passage of Hurricane Lili); 1 ad, 4-5 Oct., in the Starkville Post Office parking lot, picked up injured and later died, RR (Review Species- picked up after Hurricane Lili)

BLACK TERN -- 2, 3 May, OCL, 1, 3 May, Browning Creek Lake, TS (A); 2 ad, 29 Jun., OCL, SD (A); 46, 18 Aug., Humphreys Co., SD, JJ (N); 1, 27 Sep., OCL, TS (D); 350, 1 Oct., Waveland S.L., 800-1000, 1 Oct., Hancock Co. waterfront, NB (N); 1 imm, 4 Oct., along the Mississippi River, Washington Co., SD (L); few, 15 Oct., Waveland S.L., NB (L)

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- 1, 3 Jul., Olive Branch, RP, CB (U)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 25 Apr., Little Res., Starkville, JL, CL (Rare inland); 1, 7 May, Ocean Springs, SW, MCa (U); 1, 25 May, Bonnell Res., Greenville, KB (Rare inland); 2, 6-15 Nov., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (U); 1, 21 Jun., Hell Creek WMA, Union Co., JBe (Rare inland)

INCA DOVE -- 2, 2 Jan., 4 miles east of Arcola, GK, SK (Review Species- same birds seen at this locale in fall of 2001)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1, 5 Jul., near Crawford, PB (R,E)

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 12 Oct., DeSoto Nat'l Forest, Harrison Co., SW (U)

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 18 Apr., near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (E); 1, 22 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH, JH (A)

BARN OWL -- 2, 7-27 Jan., Alexander Res., Greenville, EA (U); 1-2, 11 Nov.-29 Dec., Alexander Res., Greenville, EA (U)

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 1, 2 Jan., Tunica Co., RP, DPr, CB (U); 4, 8 Dec., Tunica Co., GK, SK, SD (U)

COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1, 18 Apr., near Adaton, TS, MS (E)

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 3, 15 Oct., GBNERR, MW (N)

WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 heard, 27 Mar., Donaldson Pt., WK (A); 4, 21 Sep., near Starkville, TS, MS (L)

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 300, 29 Oct., Starkville, TS (L)

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad m, 16 Dec., Roddock Res., Jackson, BRo, BSa, MSa (R); 1 ad m, 20 Dec., Troclair Res., Carriere, ET, BSa, MSa (R); 1 imm m, 16-30 Dec., Frey Res., Hollandale, JF, BSa, MSa (RS)

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 m, 16 Mar., Columbus, DP, JP (A); 3, 2 Nov., Columbus, DP, JP (D)

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 16 Dec., Berlin Res., Bay St. Louis, TBe, LG (U)

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 9 Dec., Moffitt Res., Madison, JMo, BSa, MSa (R); 1 ad m, 9 Dec., Reid Res., Vicksburg, BR, BSa, MSa (R); 1 f, 15-31 Dec., Walker Res., Hattiesburg, RuW, RoW, BSa, MSa (R)

BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 f, 21 Jan., Tiny Portas Res., Gautier, TP, BSa, MSa (Review Species)

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm m, 1 Jan.-25 Mar., Copeland Res., Starkville, MC, m.ob. (R)

ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 m, 20 Feb., Zuleeg Res., Ocean Springs, JZ, BSa, MSa, (Review Species)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1 m, 27 Apr., Noxubee NWR,

Oktibbeha Co., TS (L)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 15 May, Potts Camp atlas block, VR, RP, CB (U)

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 1, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (A); 1, 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 7 Sep., Torrance Landing, SD (U); 1, 29 Sep., Red Creek WMA, Harrison Co., SW, MCa (U); 1, 5 Oct., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., GK, SK, SD, WPi, m.ob. (U); 1, 5 Oct., West Bank of Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., GK, SK, SD (U); 1, 6 Oct., Noxubee NRW, Oktibbeha Co., SD, GK, SK (U); 1, 12 Oct., DeSoto Nat'l Forest, Harrison Co., SW (U)

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 1, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., SD (A); 1, 6 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., GK, SK, SD (L)

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1, 19 Sep., OCL, TS (U)

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1, 12 Jun., Nanih Waiya WMA, Neshoba Co., JM (RS)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1, 12 Nov., Buddy Butts Park, Hinds Co., CR (R)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 17 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A); 1, 5 Oct., Noxubee NWR, MC, DP, ML (L)

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 18 Apr., near Columbus, SD (R); 1, 5 Oct., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (R); 1, 2 Nov., OCL, TS, MS (R); 1, 11 Nov., Pascagoula, SD (R); 1, 13 Nov., near Waveland, NB (R)

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 31 Mar., near Adaton, TS, MS (A); 1, 22 Apr., Gunnison, NH, JH (A); 1, 23 Sep., near Browning Creek Lake, TS (D)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 2, 30 May-29 Jun., near Brooksville, RW, LW, m.ob. (Rare Nesting attempt which was unsuccessful); 1, 4 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (R); 3, 6 Oct.-10 Nov., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (U); 1 imm, 13 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD (R); 1, 30 Oct., Wade, Jackson

Co., JBu (U)

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 5 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (RS); 1, 15 Feb., Berk Res., Oktibbeha Co., JB, TS (RS)

BELL'S VIREO -- 1, 14 Oct., Ansley Chenier, NB (Review Species)

BLUE-HEADED VIREO -- 1, 11 Dec., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., RP, VR (RS)

WARBLING VIREO -- 1, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., SD (U); 1, 4 May, OCL, TS, MS (U,D)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 28 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD (E); 3, 13 Oct., Ansley Chenier, NB (N); 1, 28 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

RED-EYED VIREO -- 1, 1 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (A); 1, 29 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 m, 22 Jan., Choctaw, WI, JI (E)

TREE SWALLOW -- 5, 26 Feb., Loakfoma Lake, TS (A)

BANK SWALLOW -- 30-40, 29 Aug., Seaman Rd. S.L., SW, MP, BB, NB (U); 1, 22 Oct., Bluff Lake, TS (L)

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1, 26 Jan., Alexander Res., Greenville, EA (U)

BROWN CREEPER -- 1, 1 Jul., Plymouth Bluff Environmental Education Center, Lowndes Co., SD (RS- 1st Summer record for MS); 1, 4 Jul., Welch Res., NW (RS-2nd Summer record for MS)

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 3 Feb., Pontotoc Co., SD (R)

HOUSE WREN -- 1, 15 Feb., 18 Feb., 14 Mar., Berk Res., Oktibbeha Co., JB, TS (U); 1, 18 Feb., near Golden Triangle Airport, Columbus, TS (U); 1, 1 May, P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (L)

WINTER WREN -- 3, 9 Jan., Pascagoula WMA, SW (R); 1, 15 Oct.,

Ashbrook Island, Washington Co., SD (A); 4, 1 Nov., GBNERR, MW (R)

SEDGE WREN -- 24, 3 Jan., MS Sandhill Crane NWR, SW, MG (N); 5, 16 Dec., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., MW, BR (N)

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 28 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MS (A); 2, 19 Oct., NW corner of Lauderdale Co., LT (A)

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1, 18 Jan.-9 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (RS); 2, 17 Mar., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (A)

VEERY -- 1, 25 Apr., Black Prairie WMA, TS, MS (A); 1, 13 Oct., Starkville, SD (L)

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 2, 22 Oct., Black Prairie WMA, SD, FV (L)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 24 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (A); 1, 29 Sep., near Collinsville, LT (A); 5, 22 Oct., Black Prairie WMA, SD, FV (L)

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 14 Oct., Starkville, SD (E); 28, 22 Oct., Black Prairie WMA, SD, FV (N)

WOOD THRUSH -- 1, 1 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (E); 1, 28 Apr., Donaldson Pt., NH (A); 1, 22 Oct., Black Prairie WMA, SD, FV (L)

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 8 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (RS); 1, 15 Dec., Columbus, JP (RS)

AMERICAN PIPIT -- 3, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., GK, SK, SD (A)

CEDAR WAXWING -- 1, 3 Jul., near Potts Camp, RP, VR (RS)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 16 Sep., NW corner of Lauderdale Co., LT (A)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 27 Apr., Leroy Percy S.P., SD (U); 1 m, 5 May, Knight's Res., Lafayette Co., (U); 2 m, 1 f, 14 Sep., Long Branch

Landing, Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SD (U); 2, 28 Sep., Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U); 2, 4 Oct., near Columbus, TS (U); 2, 5 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U); 1, 5 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (U); 1, 8 Oct., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., SD (U); 1, 11 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (U,D); 1, 12 Oct., DeSoto Nat'l Forest, Harrison Co., SW (U)

BREWSTER'S WARBLER--HYBRID BLUE-WINGED X GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 23 Sep., Noxubee NWR, TS (R); 1 backcross ad m, 3 Oct., Berk Res., Oktibbeha Co., JB (R); 1, 1st generation ad m, 7 Oct., Berk Res., Oktibbeha Co., JB (RS)

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 12 Nov., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr., Gulf Islands NS, SW (U); 1, 19 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (U); 1, 24 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 28 Apr., 1, 4-5 May, Knight's Res., near Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1, 29 Apr., Strawberry Plains Audubon Sanctuary, Marshall Co., GK, SK, SD, DS (U); 1, 19 Sep., near Meridian, LT (U); 1, 22 Sep., P.D. Fulgham Rd., MS (U); 2, 15 Oct., Ashbrook Island, Washington Co., SD (U)

NORTHERN PARULA -- 1, 29 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 14 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (A); 1, 19 Oct., near Macon, TS, MS (L)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1, 26 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (A); 1, 26 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (A); 1, 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (D); 1 f, 16 Dec., Bellefontaine Beach, Jackson Co., JTo (RS)

CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 1 m, 5 May, Knight's Res., near Oxford, GK, SK (R); 1 f, 15 Oct., Ashbrook Island, Washington Co., SD (R)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 m, 9 Apr., Okatibbee Lake, LT (A); 18, 15 Oct., Ashbrook Island, Washington Co., SD (N); 1, 12 Nov., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1, 22 Aug., GBNERR, MW (US); 1 m, 1 f, 5 Sep., GBNERR, MW (US); 1, 21 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1, 15 Mar., Noxubee NWR, TS (A)

PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 1, 4 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A);
1 imm/f, 18 Dec., near Grenada, JW (RS)

PALM WARBLER -- 2, 5 Jan., near Macon, TS, MS (RS); 1, 27 Feb., MSU
North Farm, TS (RS); 2, 8 Apr., NE corner of Lauderdale Co., LT (A); 3, 8
Dec., Tunica Co., SD, GK, SK (US); 1, 18 Dec., Grenada S.L., GK, SK, JW
(RS); 1, 28 Dec., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (RS); 1, 28 Dec., near Fannin
Landing, Rankin Co., CS (US)

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1, 14 Sep., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co.,
SD, GK (A); 1, 27 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1, 27 Apr., Yazoo NWR, SD (U)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1 m, 10 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (U,A); 1 m,
11 & 13 Apr., Knight's Res., near Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1 ad f, 1 imm, 5
Sep., GBNERR, MW (U); 1 f/imm, 15 Sep., Gulf Islands Nat'l Seashore,
SW (U); 1 m, 15 Oct., Delta Nat'l Forest, Sharkey Co., CS (U)

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 heard only, 14 Jun., Dundee BBS
Route, RP, CB (US); 1, 22 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

AMERICAN REDSTART -- 2, 18 Apr., near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha
Co., TS (A); 1, 16 Sep., near Collinsville, LT (A); 1, 22 Oct., Noxubee
NWR, TS (D)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 5, 3 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and
Oktibbeha Cos., TS (A); 2, 13 Apr., Donaldson Pt., JH (A)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 15, 12 Apr.-30 May, 9 locations in
Oktibbeha Co., 2 locations in Lowndes Co., 1 location in Noxubee Co., TS,
MS (U); 2, 21 Apr., Hattiesburg S.L., GK, SK, SD, TS, m.ob. (U); 1, 13
Apr.-1 Jun., Polly Bell Rd., NW of Starkville, TS, MS (U); 1, 13 Apr.-16
Jul., Harrell Rd., NW of Starkville, TS, MS (U); 1, 16 Apr.-23 Jun., Oktoc
Rd. and Skinner Rd. Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1, 6 Jul., John Starr Forest,
Winston Co., TS, MS (U)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 2 Sep., near Meridian, LT (A); 20+,

19 Sep., Ward Bayou WMA, Jackson Co., SW (N)

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)

MOURNING WARBLER -- 1 heard only, 15 May, near Potts Camp, RP, VR (R); 1 ad, 2 Oct., Upper Pascagoula WMA, George Co., JBr (R)

HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 28 Mar., near Adaton, TS (E)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 m, 19 Mar.-4 Apr., Clower-Thornton Nature Trail, SW (U); 1 m, 4 May, Knight's Res., near Oxford, GK, SK (R); 1 ad m, 12 Sep., Noxubee NWR, TS (U); 1 ad m, 22 Sep., Knight's Res., near Oxford, GK (U); 1 ad m, 5 Oct., Shipland WMA, SS (U); 1, 16 Dec., near Vancleave, CG, CBr (US)

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1, 4 Oct., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (L)

SUMMER TANAGER -- 1 f/imm, 1 Jan.-23 Mar., Wilkes Res., Starkville, BW, SWi, TS (RS); 1 f/imm, 4 Nov., Noxubee NWR, TS (D)

SCARLET TANAGER -- 1 heard only, 29 May, DeSoto Co., RP, VR, CB (US); 1 imm m, 1 f/imm, 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 1, 26 Mar. & 14 May, Noxubee NWR, Ross Branch Rd., Winston Co., MC, TS, MS (U Nester); 2, 28 Apr., Noxubee NWR, near Singleton Rd., TS, MS (U Nester); 10, 16 May, DeSoto Nat'l Forest, Stone Co., SW (U); 1, 22 May & 12 Jul., near Lamar, RP, VR, KG (U)

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1, 7 & 19 Feb., Starkville S.L., TS (R)

FIELD SPARROW -- 1, 22 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (A)

VESPER SPARROW -- 2, 23 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (A)

LARK SPARROW -- 1, 21 May, near Prairie, Noxubee Co., RW, LW (U Nester); 1, 21 May, near Deerbrook, Noxubee Co., RW, LW (U Nester); 2, 2 & 8 Jun., Stop # 37 Macon BBS Route, TS, MS (U Nester); 1, 2 Jun., 4, 11 Jun., Stop # 49 Macon BBS Route, TS, RW, LW (U Nester); 1, 27 Jun.,

near West Point off Old Vinton Rd., SD (U Nester); 2, 22 Jun. & 4 Jul., near West Point south of Hwy. 50, SD, KBa, PB (U Nester); 8 ad, 1 imm, 22 Jun., 5, 9 Jul., southern Lowndes Co., east of Hwy. 45, SD, PB, KBa (U Nester); 1, 29 Jun., near Brooksville on Dwelling Place Rd., DP, JP (U Nester); 13, 13 Jul., Prairie, WP, MG (U,N)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 3, 16 May, P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (U); 1 pr, 15 May, near the Yazoo River Bridge West of Hwy. 61, Warren Co., DT (U); 11 ad plus a nest with 5 young, 16 May & 22 Jun.-10 Aug., 11 plus 2 broods, 27 Jun., near West Point off Old Vinton Rd., TS, SD, PB, KBa, JD (Rare Nesting species- Maybe the 1st nest found in the state)

HENSLOW'S SPARROW -- 14, 3 Jan., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, SW, MG (U,N); 4, 21 Oct., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, MW (E); 18, 16 Dec., Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, MW, BR (U,N)

LECONTE'S SPARROW -- 1, 10 Jan., Prysock Field, TS (U); 1, 16 Dec., Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank, Jackson Co., MW, BR (U)

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW -- 4, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, West Bank, Lowndes Co., SD, CS, GK, SK ; 1, 6 Oct., Columbus Lake, West Bank, TS, MS, KH, m.ob (Rare inland)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 21 Jan. & 5 Feb., Black Prairie WMA, RW, LW (RS); 1, 5 Feb., near Golden Triangle Airport, Lowndes Co., RW, LW (RS); 1, 7-8 Feb., near Starkville S.L., MS, TS (RS); 1, 15 Feb., Berk Res., Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., JB, TB (RS); 1, 29 Mar., 1, 27 Apr., Yazoo NWR, SD (U); 1, 21 Dec., near Clear Springs Nature Trail, Panola Co., DPr (RS)

SWAMP SPARROW -- 1, 16 Sep., OCL, SD, PB (E)

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1 albinistic, 1 Jan.-14 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (Unusual Plumage); 1, 29 May, P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (D); 1 albinistic, 26 Oct.-31 Dec., P.D. Fulgham Rd., MS, TS (Unusual Plumage-present last winter also)

HARRIS'S SPARROW -- 1 imm, 2 Jan., near Maude, Tunica Co., RP (Review Species)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 10, 30 Apr., Black Prairie WMA,

Lowndes Co., RW, LW (D)

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1, 20 Jul., Grenada, DW, JR (RS)

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 20, 5 Jan., near Macon, TS, MS (U); 677, 8 Dec., Tunica Co., SD, GK, SK (U)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 f/imm, 16 Feb., Patterson Res., Columbus, DP (RS); 1, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., SD (A); 2 f/imms, 1 Oct., near Meridian, LT (A); 1, 31 Oct., Columbus, DP, JP (D)

BLUE GROSBEAK -- 1, 21 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1, 6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TS (A)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 6+, 21 Apr., Hattiesburg S.L., GK, SK, m.ob. (U); 1 m, 29 May, Mississippi River Levee 2 miles North of Flower Lake, Tunica Co., RP (U); 1 m, 1 f, 23 Apr., 11 & 28 Jun., 3 Jul., near Rolling Fork, SS (U); 1 1st yr m, 29 Apr. & 15 May, 1 ad m, 11 Jun., Anguilla, SS (U); 1 ad m, 2 Jun., near Macon, TS (Rare Nester); 1 m, 3 & 27 Jun., Panther Swamp NWR, Yazoo Co., SS (U); 1 m, 7 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., SS (U); 2 heard only, 14 Jun., Stops 27 and 32 Dundee BBS Route, RP, CB (U); 1 ad m, 8-9 Jul., near Columbus, PB (Rare Nester); 1 m, 19 Jul., Malmaison WMA, Grenada Co., SD (U); 1 f/imm, 21 Sep., near Vicksburg, SS (U); 1 f, 23 Oct., Greenville, RN (Bird found dead at the Nunnery Res. and given to the Museum of Natural Science in Jackson)

DICKCISSEL -- 3, 22 Apr., Gunnison, JH, NH (A); 2, 25 Apr., Black Prairie WMA, TS, MS (A)

BOBOLINK -- Many, 29 Apr., Gunnison, JH, NH (A); 2, 20 May, near Starkville, TS (D); 1, 5 Oct., Columbus Lake, West Bank, Lowndes Co., GK, SK, SD (RS)

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1, 24 Jan., near Scott, Bolivar Co., SD (R); 1, 13 Feb., near Dundee Rd., Tunica Co., RP, VR (R); 2, 24 Feb., near Hwy. 61 and Norfolk Rd., near Walls, RP (R); 1, 24 Mar., Norfolk Rd., near Walls, VR (R)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 m, 20 Jan., Ansley, SD (R); 2 ad

m, 26 Oct.-15 Nov., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (R)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 60+, 4 Mar., Deaton Preserve, near Merrill, SW (U,N)

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 26, 22 Dec., near Arkabutla Dam, Tunica Co., CB, VR (N); 32, 8 Dec., Tunica Co., SD, GK, SK (N)

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 2, 2 Apr., OCL, TS (A)

BALTIMORE ORIOLE -- 1 m, 13 Jun., Browning Creek Lake, RW, LW (Rare Nester); 1 m, 2 Jul., Loakfoma Lake, RW, LW (Rare Nester); 1, 22 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE -- 1 ad m, 21 Mar., Reynolds Res., Poplarville, JRe, LR (1st Documented Record for Mississippi)

PURPLE FINCH -- 1, 16 Oct., near Artesia, PB (E)

PINE SISKIN -- 64, 6 Apr., 31, 8 May, Dinsmore Res., Starkville, SD (N); 3, 5 May, P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (D)

LESSER GOLDFINCH -- 1 ad m, 4 Jan.-5 Mar., Ellis Res., Clinton, JE, TS, MS, m.ob. (Accidental Species- 1st Record for Mississippi)

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 100's, 22 Apr., Gunnison, JH, NH (N); 19, 23 Jun., near Hwy. 82 on Legion Lake Rd., Montgomery Co., DW (US); 5 prs, 30 Jun.-14 Jul., near Crupp, Yazoo Co., DJ, PJ, m.ob. (US); 1 ad m, 23 Aug., Greenville, EA (A)

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