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**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2007**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 2007. 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; alt = alternate; BBS = Breeding Bird Survey; CBC = Christmas Bird Count; 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; Nat'l = National; N.S. = National Seashore; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge; pl = plumage; pr = pair/s; Pt. = Point; Ref. = Refuge; Rd. = Road; Res. = Residence; S.L. = Sewage Lagoon; S.P. = State Park; sub ad = sub adult; Subd. = Subdivision; WMA = Wildlife Management Area; yr = year. 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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BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK -- 2 pr, 15 Jul., near Inverness, Sunflower Co., SD (R)

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 1 ad, 1 Jan., near Oxford, GK, SK (R); 1, 17 Jan., Henleyfield, NB (R); 3 ad, 25-26 Jan., OCL, TS (R); 27, 10 Feb., McLeod, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 3 ad, 19-22 Feb., Browning Creek Subd., TS (R); 1, 7 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., GK, SK (R,L); 2 ad, 16 Nov., OCL, TS (R); 1, 17 Dec., near Grenada Airport, GK, SK (R); 1, 19 Dec., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (R); 1 ad, 20-31 Dec., Goose Overlook, TS (R)

CAACKLING GOOSE -- 261, 9 Feb., Sunflower Co., SD (U,N); 49, 10 Feb., Sunflower Co., SD, PB, KB (U); 1, 26 Nov., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (R); 11, 24 Dec., near Grenada Airport, GK, SK (R)

CANADA GOOSE -- 1 leucistic, 20-31 Dec., Goose Overlook, TS, MS Rare plumage (3<sup>rd</sup> winter at this location)

REDHEAD -- 5, 9 Feb., Sunflower Co., SD (U)

LESSER SCAUP -- 2 m with red bill tags, 2 m with yellow bill tags, 29 Jan.-16 Feb., Oxford S.L., GK (Rarely seen bill saddles on ducks)

SURF SCOTER -- 1 f, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Browning Creek Lake, TS, MS (R); 1 f/imm, 25 Oct., Columbus Lake, TS (R,E); 4 f/imm, 27 Nov., OCL, TS (R); 2 f/imm, 16 Dec., Browning Creek Lake, TS (R)

BLACK SCOTER -- 1 ad m, 8 May, OCL, TS, MS (R,D); 1 f, 10 Nov., Cossar S.P., GK, SK (R)

LONG-TAILED DUCK -- 1 f, 2 Feb., near Eupora, DW (R)

HOODED MERGANSER -- 1 f with brood, Spring Season- 31 May, Kiln, Hancock Co., NB (Nesting Record)

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 f, 9-23 Feb., Browning Creek Lake, TS, MS (R)

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- few heard only, Spring Season, Hancock Co., NB (U)

RED-THROATED LOON -- 1, 24 Nov., Bay St. Louis, NB (R)

PACIFIC LOON -- 1 ad, 17 Jan., Bay St. Louis, NB (Accidental-Review Species); 1 ad, 2 Mar., Bay Springs Lake, WP (Accidental-Review Species)

HORNED GREBE -- 2, 6 Oct., TWTP, WP (E)

RED-NECKED GREBE -- 1 ad, 11-16 Feb., Enid Lake, SD, GK, SK (Casual-Review Species)

EARED GREBE -- 2, 13 Oct., TWTP, WP (R)

WESTERN GREBE -- 1, 10 Jan., Bay Springs Lake, GK, SK (Casual-Review Species)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- 2 ad, 1 juv, 15 Jul., Dutch Brake, SD (R); 1 ad, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK (R)

ANHINGA -- 1-2, m, 22 Jan.-20 Feb., Bluff Lake, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS (RS); 1-5, 13 Mar.-24 Sep., Bluff Lake, TS, m.ob. (U) Rare Nester; 8, 26 Apr., White's Slough, Columbus, DP, JP (U); 1, 30 Apr., Law's Woods, TS (U); 1, 2 May, near Columbus, TS, MS (U); 1, 15 & 25 Jun., NW of Columbus, TS (U); 2, 15 Jul., Prairie Waters, TS (U) Rare Nester; 1, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK (U); 1 f, 2 m, 15-31 Dec., Bluff Lake, LC, EC, TS, MC, DP, m.ob. (RS)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 2, 7 Apr., 4, 21 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, GK, SK (U); 1, 7 May, Bluff Lake, TS (U, L); 1, 1 Dec., Buck Island Rd., MT, JW (RS)

LEAST BITTERN -- 2 heard only, Spring Season, Ansley, NB (U); 1, 1 May-25 Jun., Bluff Lake, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, DP, JP (U) Regular Nester

GREAT EGRET -- 8,030, 15 Jul., Sunflower Co., SD (N)

SNOWY EGRET -- 1, 26 Mar., Prisock Field, TS (A)

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 ad, 15 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD (U)

REDDISH EGRET -- 2-5, (1 white morph), mid Aug.-mid Oct., Jourdan River to Bayou Caddy, Hancock Co., NB (First seen since Hurricane Katrina-Aug. 29, 2005)

GREEN HERON -- 1, 24 Mar., Verona, Lee Co., WP (E)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 217, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK, JW (N)

WHITE IBIS -- 2, 7 Sep., Lake Jock DeMoville, WP (U)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- 2 ad, 3 juv, 15 Jul., Dutch Brake, SD (U); 1 juv, 15 Jul., Humphreys Co., SD (U); 9, 29 Aug., Sky Lake, Humphreys Co., TS (U); 2, 1 Sep., Daniels Lake near Starkville, MJ (R); 184, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK, JW (U,N); 30, 11 Sep., Lake Dawson, Sunflower Co., RH (U); 54, 14 Sep., near Belzoni, RH (U,N) 9, 29 Sep., near Waveland, NB (R,N)

JABIRU -- 1, 24-27 Aug., near Caile, Sunflower Co., LM, MM, SJ (Accidental-Review Species) 1<sup>st</sup> Record for Mississippi

WOOD STORK -- 3, 22 May, Green Tree Reservoir #3, Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., JB (RS); 1-130, 18 Jun.-17 Sep., Bluff lake,



Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS (U); 1-41, 24 Aug.-15 Sep., OCL, TS, MS (U); 5, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK (U); 40, 4 Sep., Trim Cane WMA, TS (U); 10, 11 Sep., Lake Dawson, Sunflower Co., RH (U); 17, 14 Sep., 2, 22 Sep., near Belzoni, RH (U); 3, 11 Oct., Tombigbee River at Hwy 45, Lowndes Co., JP, DP (U)

OSPREY -- 2 ad, 2 juv at nest, 2 May- 29 Jun., NW of Columbus, TS, MS (Rare Nester); 1, 17 Nov., Bay Springs Lake, WP (L)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 12 Apr., Stennis on East Pearl River, Pearl River Co., JC (U); 5, 1 May, Walkiak Bluff, Pearl River Co., JC, TC (U); 9, 17 May, Waveland, NB (U); 1, 10 Aug., I-55 at Enid Lake Exit, Yalobusha Co., DW (R)

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1 ad, 18 Apr., Bluff Lake, TS (E); 14, 23 May, Prisock Field, TS (N)

BALD EAGLE -- 2 ad at nest, 1 Jan.-30 Apr., OCL, TS (R); 1 ad, 2 Jul., Bluff Lake, TS (RS); 1 ad, 31 Jul., OCL, TS (RS); 2 ad, 19 Oct.-31 Dec., OCL, TS, m.ob. (R) Rare Nester; 1, 11 Nov., TWTP, WP (U)

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 31, 10 Feb., Leflore Co., SD, PB, KB (N)

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1, 7 Nov., Buccaneer S.P., Hancock Co., NB (Casual-Review Species)

FERRUGINOUS HAWK-- 1 ad, 1 Dec., Buck Island Rd., GK, JW, MT (Accidental-Review Species)

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 3-5, 1-31 Dec., Buck Island Rd., JW, GK, SK, WP (Accidental-Review Species)

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1, 20 Jan., Henleyfield, NB (R); 1, 3 Mar., Ansley, NB (R); 1 juv, 5 Apr., Goose Overlook, TS (RS); 1, 24 Oct., near Waveland, NB (R)

MERLIN -- 1 ad m, 20 Jan., Buck Island Rd., GK, SK (R); 1, 20 Sep., Oxford, GK (R); 1, 24 Oct., Columbus Lake, TS (R); 1, 8 Nov., MSU South Farm, TS (R); 1, 24 Dec., near Shannon, Lee Co., WP (R)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1, 7 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, GK, SK (R)

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1, 5 Nov.-4 Dec., Starkville S.L. (South), TS (R); 1, 19 Dec., Grenada S.L., GK, SK (RS)

SORA -- 1, 22 Apr., Prisock Field, TS (U); 1, 29 Apr., TWTP, WP (U); 1, 5 Nov.-31 Dec., Starkville S.L. (South), TS (RS); 1, 15 Dec., Prisock Field, TS, MS (RS)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1-2 ad, 3 juv, 7 May-3 Sep., Bluff Lake, TS, LT (R,D) Rare Nester

COMMON MOORHEN -- 1-20, 1 May-19 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, DP, JP, LT (R) Rare Nester

AMERICAN COOT -- 1 with 3-4 chicks, 24 May, Kiln, Hancock Co., NB (Erratic Nester); 1-4, 11 Jun.,-Aug., Bluff Lake, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS (RS)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 80+, 20 Jan., Hambrick Rd., GK, SK (U); 74, 10-12 Feb., McLeod, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, DP, JP (R,N); 1, 18 Apr., near Shannon, Lee Co., WP (RS); 4 ad, 4 Dec., Prisock Field, DR, TS (R)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1, 25 May, Lake Jock DeMenville, WP (R); 1, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK, JW (U); 1, 13 Oct., Lake Jock DeMenville, WP (R)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 1000+, 27 Oct., Buck Island & Hambrick Rds., JW (N)

SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 72, 21 Apr, Coldwater River NWR, GK, SK (N)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1 pr, 21 Apr & 19 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (Uncommon Nester); 4, 22 May, Lower Lake, Sardis, GK, SK (R); 2 ad, 24 May, Waveland, NB (Possible Nesting); 2, 17 Jun., near Macon, TS (R); 30, 29 Aug., Caile, Sunflower Co., TS (U); 60, 1 Sep., Catfish Ponds, Sunflower Co., GK, SK (U,N); 10, 11 Sep., Lake Dawson, Sunflower Co., RH (U); 20, 28 Sep., near Isola, RH (U)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 37, 10 Feb., Leflore Co., SD, PB, KB (RS); 1 alt pl, 14 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (R); 1 alt pl, 6 May, Whitten Lock & Dam, Bay Springs Lake, GK, SK (R); 37, 1 Sep., Catfish Ponds, Sunflower Co., GK, SK (U); 3, 6 Oct., TWTP, WP (U); 13, 14 Sep., 39, 25 Sep., near Isola, RH (U)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 1-8 Jan., OCL, TS, MS (RS)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 9 Jul., Browning Creek, TS (E)

WILLET -- 3, 6 May, Whitten Lock & Dam, Bay Springs Lake, GK, SK (R); 1, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK, JW (U)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 2, 10 Apr., 7, 11 Apr., MSU North Farm, TS, MS, MC (U); 2, 11 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 4, 27 Apr., Shannon, Lee Co., WP (U); 4, 21 Aug., BBES, TS (U); 1, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK, JW (U)

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 6, 11 Feb., Moses Pier, Gulfport, BB, AH (R)

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 1, 8 Sep., TWTP, WP (R)

RED KNOT -- 1, 17 Sep., Waveland S.L., NB (U)

WHITE-RUMPED Sandpaper -- 8, 5 May, Waveland, NB (E)

DUNLIN -- 4, 16 May, MSU North Farm S.L., TS (RS,L)

STILT SANDPIPER - 5, 16 May, MSU North Farm S.L., TS (RS,L)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 5, 11 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (RS); 1, 19 Aug., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 1, 3 Sep., OCL, TS, MS (U)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 221, 10 Feb., Washington Co., SD, PB, KB (N); 2200, 17 Mar., Coldwater River NWR, GK, SK (N); 2, 17 Nov., Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, GK, SK (L)

AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- 1, 20 May, Bluff Lake, LT, ST (RS)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 1 ad f, 7 May, Waveland, NB (RS); 1, 8 Sep., TWTP, WP (U)

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad, 2-17 Feb., Grenada Lake, DW (RS); 2 ad alt pl, 2 May, Columbus Lake, TS, MS (R); 1 ad, 6 May, Bay Springs Lake, GK, SK (R); 7, 24 May, OCL, TS (R); 2, 24 May, 1, 25 May, Lower Lake, Sardis, GK (R); 1, 20 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., JW (U); 1 ad, 1 juv, 25 Nov., Columbus Lake, TS, MS (R)

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 juv, 12 Sep., OCL, TS (R,E); 1-6, 24 Sep.-21 Nov., Jourdan River to Bayou Caddy, NB (R); 3, 13 Oct., Cossar S.P., GK, SK (U); 1 ad, 19 Oct., OCL, TS (R); 50, 20 Oct., 72, 21 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., JW (U); 1, 25 Oct., Columbus Lake, TS (R)

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 2,900, 11 Feb., Sardis Lake, SD, GK (N)

RING-BILLED GULL -- 6,500, 11 Feb., Sardis Lake, SD, GK (N)

THAYER'S GULL -- 2 juv, 1 Dec., Tunica County Dump, MT, JW, GK, SK (Accidental-Review Species)

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 juv, 15-17 Feb., Bay St. Louis, NB (Casual-Review Species)

LEAST TERN -- 3 ad, 19 May, Bass Landing, MS River, DeSoto Co., GK, SK (U); 2 pr, 24 May, Waveland, NB (Rare Nester at this site); 1, 2 Jun., Lake Jock DeMerville, WP (R); 2, 15 Jul., Sunflower Co., SD (U); 1, 15 Jul., Washington Co., SD (U); 1, 18 Jul., Coahoma Co., SD (U); 1, 4 Aug., Nettleton, Monroe Co., WP (U); 1, 12 Aug., TWTP, WP (U); 1 ad, 1 Sep., Dutch Brake, GK, SK (U); 1 ad, 1 Sep., Myer Catfish Complex, Isola, Sunflower Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 14 Sep., Coontown Landing, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U,L); 1 juv, 14 Sep., Bluff Lake, TS (U,L)

BLACK TERN -- 5, 5 Sep., Henleyfield, NB (R); 1, 20-21 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., JW (L)

COMMON TERN -- 3 ad, 16 May, Bluff Lake, TS (U)

FORSTER'S TERN -- 1 pr, 24 May, Waveland, NB (Rare Nester); 1 ad, 28 Jun., Bluff Lake, TS (RS); 400+, 20-21 Oct., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., JW (N)

INCA DOVE -- 14, 10 Feb., Arcola, SD, PB, KB (Accidental-Review Species); 1 shot, 1 Sep., near Lamont, Bolivar Co., DWa (shot by), (Photos by TE) Specimen to be donated to Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- 1, 10 Jun., near Macon, Stop #37 on Macon BBS Route, TS, MS (R); 1, 3 Aug., Coahoma Co., RC (R)

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1 heard only, 24 Mar., McGehee Res., Natchez, BM (E); 1, 4 Nov., TWTP, WP (L)

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- 1, 30 Oct., near Waveland, NB (R)

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 27, 20 Jan., Buck Island Rd., GK, SK, JW (U,N); 1, 9 Feb., Leflore Co., SD (U); 2, 12 Feb., Hillsdale, Hancock Co., NB (U)

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 1, 17 Mar., TWTP, WP (E)

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 2, mid Dec.-31 Dec., Henleyfield, NB, JB, DB (U) Banded by James Bell in mid Dec.

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 f, early Jan., Henleyfield, NB (Accidental-Review Species)

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 juv m, 1 Jan.-17 Mar., Hoar Res., Oxford, TH, DH, GK, SK, BS, MSa (R) Banded by the Sargents on 29 Oct. 2006; 1 ad f, 1 Jan.-7 Apr., Kohers Res., Starkville, RK, TK, TS, BS, MSa (R) (5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year-avoided banding effort on 2 Jan); 2, mid Jan., Ned Boyajian Res., Henleyfield, NB, JB (R) Banded by James Bell; 1 ad f, 1 Jan.-10 Mar., Hayward Res., Columbus, MH, BS, MSa (R) Banded by the Sargents on 2 Jan.; 1 imm f, 20 Oct.-5 Dec., Reeves Res., Starkville, RR, JR, BS, MSa (R) Banded by the Sargents on 29 Nov.; 1 ad f, 22 Nov.-31 Dec., Kohers Res., Starkville, RK, TK, BS, MSa, TS (R) (6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year-avoided banding effort on 29 Nov., as it did the two previous years); 1, mid Dec.-31 Dec., Henleyfield, NB, DB, JB (U) Banded by James Bell in mid Dec.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 19 May, near Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 heard, 5 May, Ansley, NB (R)

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1 heard, 6 May, Paden Overlook, Tenn-Tom Waterway, Tishomingo Co., GK, SK, m.ob (U); 1, 19-28 Aug., Knight Res., GK, SK (U,E); 1, 14 Sep., Tombigbee S.P., WP (U); 1, 15 Sep., Noxubee NWR, LT, ST (U)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1, 1 Jan.-7 Feb., Kiln, Hancock Co., NB (R); 1, 12 Oct.-31 Dec., near Waveland, NB (R); 1 ad m, 1-31 Dec., Kiln, Hancock Co., NB (R)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 24 Oct.-3 Nov., Ansley, NB (R)

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 38, 15 Jul., Central Delta, SD (N)

BELL'S VIREO -- 1 ad m, 25 May-21 Jul., Coahoma Co., RC, SD, PB (Casual-Review Species); 1 ad m singing, 3 Sep., Landfield Rd., Sunflower Co., RKn (Casual-Review Species)

WARBLING VIREO -- 1, 12 Apr., Ansley, NB (U); 1, 21 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 30 Apr., Law's Woods, TS, MS (U)

RED-EYED VIREO -- 3, 1 Apr., Tombigbee S.P., WP (E)

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1, 29 Jan., Waveland, NB (A)

TREE SWALLOW -- 10,000+, 26 Oct., Enid Lake, GK, SK (N)

CLIFF SWALLOW -- 2 plus 15 nests, 10 Jun., near Macon, TS (1<sup>st</sup> Nesting for Noxubee Co.)

CAVE SWALLOW -- 2, 23 Oct., 1, 25 Oct., Columbus Lake, TS (Accidental-Review Species); 1, 24-26 Oct., Waveland S.L., NB (Accidental-Review Species)

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1, 20 Oct., Plymouth Bluff Environmental Center, Lowndes Co., LT (U)

ROCK WREN -- 1, 11 Feb.-17 Mar., Persimmon Hill, Enid Lake, GK, SK (Accidental-Review Species) Continuance of this 1<sup>st</sup> State Record found on 15 Oct 2006

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 19 Jan., Patterson Res., Shannon, Lee Co., WP (R)

SEDGE WREN -- 6, 19 Dec., Grenada Lake, GK, SK (US,N); 1, 22 Dec., SMWR, GK, SK (US)

MARSH WREN -- 1, 12 May, Trim Cane WMA, TS (L); 1, 17 Dec., Grenada S.L., GK, SK (US); 1, 19 Dec., Bryant Landing, Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (US)

CEDAR WAXWING -- 1 ad, 2 juv in nest, 1 Jul., near Adaton, TS, MS (Rare Nester-1<sup>st</sup> nest to be found in MS)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 9 Oct., Knight Res., GK, SK (L)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 26 Apr., near River Walk, Columbus, TS, MS (U); 1, 28 Apr., Nettleton Hunting & Fishing Club, Monroe Co., WP (U); 2, 30 Apr., Law's Woods, TS, (U); 1, 4 May, J.P. Coleman S.P., TS, MC, DP (U); 1, 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, TS (U); 2, 15 Sep., Hickory Grove Rd. near Starkville, DP (U); 2, 15 Sep., Polly Bell Rd., near Starkville, TS, MS (U); 1, 16 Sep., Trace S.P., Pontotoc Co., WP (U); 1, 19 Sep., Noxubee NWR, TS (U); 1 f, 5-6 Oct., Knight Res., GK, SK (U)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER X GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (Rare Hybrid)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1 singing m, 12 Apr., Ansley, NB (R); 1, 24 Apr., 2, 28 Apr., Knight Res., GK, SK (U); 1, 28 Apr.,



Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U); 1, 28 Apr., Trim Cane WMA, TS, MS (U); 2, 29 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 29 Apr., Tombigbee S.P., WP (U); 1, 29 Apr., TWTP, WP (U); 1, 30 Apr., Law's Woods, TS, MS (U); 2, 12 Sep., Columbus, DP, JP (U); 1, 18 Sep., BBES, TS (U); 1, 13 Oct., Cossar S.P., GK, SK (U); 1, 21 Oct., near Adaton, TS, MS (U)

CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 1 ad m, 21 Apr., Choctaw Lake, TS, MS (R); 1 ad m, 4 May, J.P. Coleman S.P., TS, MS, MC, DP (R); 1 m, 30 Sep., Knight Res., GK, SK (R)

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 singing m, 28 Apr., Henleyfield, NB (R)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 m, 1 f, 3 Aug., Knight Res., GK, SK (E)

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 1, 13 Oct., Cossar S.P., Enid Lake, GK, SK (L); 1, 17 Oct., Noxubee NWR, TS (L)

PALM WARBLER -- 4, 6 Jan., 2, 10 Feb., near Macon, TS, MS (RS); 2, 23 Nov., Carroll Co., DW, JJ, RW (L)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1 m, 21 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U); 1 m, 26 Apr., near River Walk, Columbus, TS, MS (U); 2 m, 26 Apr., MSU North Farm, TS, MS, MC (U); 1 f, 27 Apr., near Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U); 1 f, 30 Apr., Law's Woods, TS, MS (U)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 21 Apr., Ackerman S.L., Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 22 Apr., Oktoc Rd. Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 4, 26-30 Apr., near River Walk, Columbus, TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 26 Apr., Hickory Grove Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 28 Apr., Bluff Lake Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 28 Apr., Springdale WMA, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U); 5, 30 Apr., Law's Woods, TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 1 May, Beaver Dam Trail,

Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U); 2 heard only, Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 7-14 May, Noxubee NWR, Entrance Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 12 May-2 Aug., Polly Bell Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 12 May, OCL, TS (U); 1 heard only, 12 May, Buntin Drive., Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 12 May, Brown Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (U)

OVENBIRD -- 1, 23 May-25 Jun., Scattertown Trail, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (1<sup>st</sup> evidence of possible nesting in Winston Co.)

CONNECTICUT WARBLER -- 1, 12 Sep., Patterson Res., Columbus, DP, JP (Casual-Review Species)

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1, 19 Dec., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (RS)

HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 24 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (E); 1, 4 Oct., Knight Res., GK, SK (L)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 15 Sep., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (U); 1, 7-9 Oct., Magnolia Drive, Macon, LT (U); 1 m, 13 Oct., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (U)

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1, 10 Feb., Old River WMA, Pearl River Co., NB (RS)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 7, 20 Mar.-13 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Bluff Lake Rd. & Ross Branch Rd., Noxubee & Winston Cos., TS, MS (U)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1, 1 Oct., Henleyfield, NB (Casual-Review Species)

LARK SPARROW -- 3, 24 Apr., Camargo Rd., Monroe Co., GK, SK (U) Regular Nester; 3-7, 28 Apr.-21 Aug., BBES, TS, MS (U)

Regular Nester; 1, 18 May, Okolona, WP (U); 4, 10 Jun., near Macon, Macon BBS Route, TS, MS (U) Regular Nester

SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 3, 17 May, Waveland, NB (L)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 2, 10 Feb., Washington Co., SD, PB, KB (RS); 2, 2 May-29 Jun., Old Vinton Rd., West Point, TS, MS (R) Regular Nester; 1, 18 May, Okolona, Monroe Co., WP (U); 1 heard only, 19 May, Mile Marker #12 on MS River Levee, DeSoto Co., GK, SK (U); 1 heard only, 19 May, Paducah Wells Rd., Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK (U); 15 +, Summer Season, Coahoma Co., RC (U)

LECONTE'S SPARROW -- 1-10, 23 Jan.-26 Feb., Cornerstone Industrial Park, Starkville, TS, MS (U); 1, 24 Apr., Waveland, NB (L); 2, 24 Oct., near Waveland, NB (A); 7, 28 Oct., SMWR, 1, 28 Oct., Coontown Landing, Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, JW (E); 3, 15 Dec., Prisock Field, TS, MS (U); 1, 22 Dec., SMWR, GK, VT (U)

FOX SPARROW -- 1 ad m, 24 Apr., Columbus, JH (RS); 1, 13 Oct., Torrance Landing, GK, SK (E); 14, 19 Dec., Bryant Landing, Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (N)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 5 May, TWTP, WP, (U); 1, 14 Oct., near Adaton, TS (U); 1, 22 Nov., North Boat Ramp, Grenada Lake, DW (RS)

HARRIS'S SPARROW -- 1 ad, 19 Dec., CR 156 near Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (Casual-Review Species)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 3, 5 May, Ansley, NB (L)

LAPLAND LONGSPUR -- 685, 9 Feb., Leflore Co., SD (N); 1, 10 Feb., Paulette Rd., McLeod, Noxubee Co., TS (D,L)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 f, 27 May, near Adaton, TS, MS (L)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 ad m, 24 Apr., Columbus, JH (R); 1 ad m, 28 Apr., BBES, TS, MS (R) Rare Nester; 1, 28 May, Shannon, Lee Co., WP (R); 5 m, 10-25 Jun., Macon area, TS, MS (R) Regular Nester; 1, 21 Jul., TWTP, WP (R); 8 + m singing, Summer Season, Coahoma Co., RC (U)

DICKCISSEL -- 5, 24 Apr., Waveland, NB (U)

BOBOLINK -- 350+, 24 Apr., Waveland, NB (N); 60+, 17 May, Waveland, NB (L)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 ad m, 12 Jan., Starkville Sportsplex, RB (R)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 600+, 1 Jan., Sardis Dam Picnic Area, GK, SK (N); 50, 17 Jan., Old River WMA, Pearl River Co., NB (U)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1-5, 5 May-Jun., Ansley, NB (R)

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1, 1 Apr., Tombigbee S.P., WP (E)

PURPLE FINCH -- 2-15, 18-31 Dec., Henleyfield, NB (U)

PINE SISKIN -- 1-3, 26-31 Dec., Henleyfield, NB (U)

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