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**BEGGING BY A NON-CAPTIVE FLEDGLING NORTHERN  
MOCKINGBIRD FROM A CAPTIVE HOUSE SPARROW**

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I maintained a House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) cage trap near a Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) nesting gourd rack in a residential yard in Jackson, MS, in order to remove House Sparrows that attempted to usurp the available Purple Martin nest cavities. I kept one House Sparrow in the trap in order to increase the likelihood of trapping others. On the morning of 4 July 2015, I observed a fledgling Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) in the yard being followed by its parents, <10 m from the trap with an adult female House Sparrow inside. Later that evening, I noticed the fledgling Northern Mockingbird was beside the trap while the House Sparrow inside the trap fluttered back and forth as trapped birds typically do. The fledgling could be heard faintly begging from the House Sparrow. Its mouth was open, exposing its yellowish gape. The fledgling oriented itself toward the House Sparrow, and its head followed the House Sparrow as it fluttered back and forth inside the trap. This behavior continued for over three minutes, during which time I videoed a portion of the event (viewable online under *The Mississippi Kite* Supplemental Files at [missbird.org](http://missbird.org)). After about 30 seconds of videoing, the fledgling stopped begging. It may have been disturbed by my presence (<2 m away) or the alarm calls its nearby parents were making because of my proximity. I do not know how long the begging behavior occurred before my observation, but I never saw it happen again.

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Northern Mockingbird fledglings are fed a diet of mostly invertebrates and some fruit (Farnsworth et al. 2011), and these items were not available inside the trap. At no point during the observation did I see the House Sparrow attempt to feed seed from inside the trap to the fledgling. The House Sparrow did not appear to have anything in its mouth to suggest it might be willing to feed the fledgling. However, the fledgling continued unsuccessfully soliciting food from the trapped House Sparrow for over three minutes, even while its parents were nearby giving alarm calls.

At least one instance of a captive bird feeding a non-captive bird has been reported (Davis 1952), but I am unaware of any involving Northern Mockingbirds. There are at least three published reports of Northern Mockingbird fledglings being fed by other species. These include two separate instances of nestlings being fed even after fledging; one by an Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) pair (Carr and Goin 1965) and another by a Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) (McNair and Duyck 1991, Wayne 1910). The third report is of a female Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*) feeding two fledglings (Westwood 1946). I am unaware of reports of unsuccessful soliciting by Northern Mockingbird fledglings from another species.

Many bird species have conspecific nonbreeding helpers which help rear their young during the breeding season (Skutch 1935, 1961); but, excluding brood-parasites, interspecific feeding is less common. Interspecific feeding probably conveys no evolutionary benefit to the caregiver, but is evidently beneficial to the one being fed. Though interspecific feeding is relatively uncommon among non-brood-parasitic birds, the incidence of such behavior is not well known (Drózdź et al. 2004, Farmer et al. 2008, Lozano and Lemon 1998, McGowan 1990, McNair and Duyck 1991, Pierce 2005, Shy 1982, Skutch 1961, Yoerg and O'Halloran

1991). Shy (1982) reviewed instances where interspecific feeding was reported in the literature. She believed it was unlikely that unsuccessful begging attempts would be reported, though she relayed a personal communication from Brewer of a fledgling Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*) begging from a female House Sparrow which pecked at the fledgling. Ficken (1967) observed a fledgling Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) beg from an American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*). Brown-headed Cowbirds are brood-parasites, but the American Crow was not the host in this instance and ultimately killed the fledgling. In Australia, a begging brood-parasitic Pallid Cuckoo (*Cuculus pallidus*) fledgling was alternately (even simultaneously) attacked and fed repeatedly by a Jacky Winter (*Microeca fascinans*) pair that was likely not the host (Kikkawa and Dwyer 1962). Evidently, interspecific begging (excluding begging of a brood-parasite from its host), aside from being peculiarly interesting, can have positive and/or negative consequences for fledglings and warrants documentation even when unsuccessful.

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**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2014**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 2014. 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, (Ac) = accidental, (Ca) = casual, (D) = departure date, (E) = early date, (L) = late date, (N) = unusually large number, (R) = species rare in area, (RS) = species rare in that season, (U) = species uncommon in area, (US) = species uncommon in that season. Other abbreviations used include the following: ad = adult, Co. = County, Cos. = Counties, f = female/s, imm = immature/s, m = male/s, mi = mile/s, m.ob. = many observers, MSU = Mississippi State University, NF = National Forest, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, Rd. = Road, S.L. = Sewage Lagoon, and 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*), and will also be considered for use in *The Mississippi Kite*. Please send all records to:

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BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK -- 46, 3 Apr., Singing River Island, Jackson Co., JH, SN (U, N); 5, 5 Apr., Ansley, Hancock Co., JH, GK, SN, JR (U); 2 ad, 3 imm, 22 Aug., Walls, DeSoto Co., GK, JH, JR (U nesting species)

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK -- 11, 16 May, near Waveland, NB (Ca) [Review List Species]

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 1 ad, 21 Nov., MSU South Farm, TS (U); 1 imm, 26 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, JHa (U); 1, 30 Nov., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., DP, JP (U); 2-10, 1-8 Dec., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (U)

TUNDRA SWAN -- 3, 6-10 Jan., Holly Grove Rd., JH, TB, VG, RG, MR, WS (R)

GADWALL -- 1 m, 23 Jun.-16 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, JHa (RS)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 1 ad m, 4 Jan., Sardis Waterfowl WMA, Lafayette Co., GK, JR, BH (RS); 2-3, 9 Jun.-11 Aug., West Point S.L., TS (RS)

REDHEAD -- 2 m, 1 f, 6 May, Black Prairie WMA, TS (L)

LESSER SCAUP -- 1 m, 17 May-18 Oct., West Point S.L., TS (RS)

SURF SCOTER -- 1 f/imm, 9 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, JHa (R)

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1-2, 4-17 Jan., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., JR, JH, GK, SK (R); 1 ad m, 8 Jan., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, LBe, DP, JP (R); 3 f/imm, 9 Jan., White's Creek Lake, TS (R); 1 f/imm, 16 Jan.-5 Feb., Section Line Rd., Lowndes Co., FD, DD, DP, JP, MS, TS (R); 1 ad m, 20 Jan., Pickwick Lake, Tishomingo Co., GK, JH, JR, SN (R); 3 ad m, 2 f/imm, 25 Jan., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, JHa (R); 1 ad m, 1 f/imm, 29 Jan., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R); 2-6 f/imm, 20-21 Feb., 1 ad m, 4 Mar., 1 ad f, 6 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R)

LONG-TAILED DUCK -- 1 f, 7-8 Mar., White's Creek Lake, TS, MS, JHa, LC, JC (R); 2, 9 Mar., Bay Springs Lake, Prentiss and Tishomingo Cos., WP, GK, SK, SN (R)

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 f, 1 Jan., Arkabutla Lake, Tate Co., JH, JR, GK, SK (R); 1 f, 8 Jan., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK, JH (R); 1 f, 18-31 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., QG, GK, JH, m.ob. (R); 1-2 f, 19 Nov.-31 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, JHa, WP, ZL (R)

RUDDY DUCK -- 1 m, 23 May-2 Oct., West Point S.L., TS (RS)

RED-THROATED LOON -- 1, 20 Jan., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., GK, JH, JR, SN (R); 1, 26 Dec., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., WP (R)

PACIFIC LOON -- 1, 20-26 Jan., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., GK, JH, JR, SN (R); 1, 9 Mar., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., GK (R); 1, 26 Dec., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., WP (R)

EARED GREBE -- 3, 9 Mar., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., GK, SK, WP, SN (U); 1, 28 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, JHa (U)

WOOD STORK -- 1, 9 Jun., Pearl River near Monticello, JeC, WW (R); 1, 20 Jun., Pearl River near White Bluff, Marion Co., JeC, WW (R); 1-100, 21 Jun.-18 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha and Noxubee Cos., DP, JP, TS, JHa, ZL (U); 5, 1 Jul., Pearl River near Wanilla, Lawrence Co., JeC, WW (R); 1, 31 Jul., Tibbee Creek near West Point, TS (U); 30, 10 Aug., west of Itta Bena, WP, GK (U); 1-100, 20 Aug.-2 Sep., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS, JHa (U); 15, 18 Sep., Trim Cane WMA, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1, 2 Oct., near Trim Cane WMA, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- 9-42, 17 Aug.-7 Sep., St. Catherine Creek NWR, Adams Co., GK, JH, WP (U); 1, 20 Sep., Tackett Catfish Complex, GK, JH, KK, m.ob. (U)

ANHINGA -- up to 10, 1 Apr.-27 Oct., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, JHa, ZL, m.ob. (U); 1, 11 Aug., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (U); 1, 20 Sep., Daniels Lake near Starkville, TS, MS (U); 1-2, 14-20 Dec., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JHa, TS, MS (RS)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 58, 1 Jun., east of Macon, TS, MS (RS); 7, 7 Jun., near West Point, DP, JP (RS); 1-15, 9 Jun.-11 Jul., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (RS); 150-350, 13 Aug.-3 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, m.ob. (N)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 4, 19 Apr., Pipeline Rd., Pearl River WMA, GK (U); 1, 24 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, JH, JR (U)

LEAST BITTERN -- 1, 24 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., JH, JR, GK (U)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1-12, 5 Jun.-16 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., DP, JP, TS, MS, JHa (RS); 1, 12 Aug., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JHa (U); 3 imm, 13 Dec., Paulette Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS, JHa, LC, JC (RS)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- 3 imm, 13 Aug.-10 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., AD, TS, MS, JHa, ZL, SRe (R); 2-3 imm, 31 Aug.-2 Sep., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, JHa, TS, MS (R)

OSPREY -- 1, 16 Jan., White's Creek Lake, TS (RS); 1, 17 Jan., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, JHa (RS); 1, 29 Jan., Browning Creek Lake, Oktibbeha Co., FB, LB (RS); 1-5, 17 Feb.-24 Jun., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (E, R)

BALD EAGLE -- 15 imm, 30 Jan., Browning Creek Lake, Oktibbeha Co., TS (R, N); 1-2 imm, 22 Mar.-4 May, Officer's Lake near Columbus, TS, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 3 imm, 12 Apr., Doyle Arm, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, m.ob. (R)

RED-TAILED-HAWK -- 1 imm "Kriders", 22-29 Mar., Prairie Wildlife, TS, MS, MC, JHa (U)

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1, 23 Jan., Seaman Rd. S.L., Jackson Co., NB (Ca); 1 imm, 15-16 Feb., Buck Island Rd., GK, JH, DS, MSw, WP (Ca); 1, 15-24 Nov., Buck Island Rd., WP, JR (Ca) [Review List Species]

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1-2, 7 Jan.-3 Feb., 1, 17 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., SR (R)

YELLOW RAIL -- 1, 2-9 Apr., Morgan Hill, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., KM, ZL, m.ob. (R)

BLACK RAIL -- 1, 29 Nov., Waveland, JF (Ca) [Review List Species]

SORA -- 6, 24 Apr., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman and Tallahatchie Cos., JH, JR, GK (U)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 3-7, 3 May-23 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, DP, JP, JHa,

ZL (R); 6 ad, 22 Jun., Pipeline Rd., Pearl River WMA, GK, SK (U)

COMMON GALLINULE -- 4-6, 26 Apr.-22 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, JHa (R); 3-4 ad, 22-28 Jun., Pipeline Rd., Pearl River WMA, GK, SK (U); 1, 3 Nov., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 150-450, 3-6 Jan., Holly Grove Rd., JH (R, N); 6-41, 11 Jan.-15 Feb., Cooksville Rd., Noxubee Co., DP, JP, JHa, TS, MS, m.ob. (R); 1 "Lesser", 6 Dec., Holly Grove Rd., WP (R); 11, 13 Dec., Cooksville Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS, JHa, m.ob. (R)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1, 14 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R); 152, 10 Aug., near Itta Bena, GK, WP (N)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 3, 2 May, Oxford S.L., GK, SK (R); 219, 5 Jul., near Itta Bena, GK, SK (N); 241, 10 Aug., near Itta Bena, GK, WP (N); 1, 16 Sep. and 29-31 Oct., Oxford S.L., GK (R)

AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- 1 ad, 5 Apr., Pass Christian beach, GK, JH, JR, SN (U)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 2, 22 Aug., Gum Pond Rd., GK, JH, JR (U); 1 ad, 31 Aug., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, JHa, TS (R); 1, 20 Sep., Tackett Catfish Complex, GK, m.ob. (U)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 2, 3 May, Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., JH, JR, GK, WP (U)

SNOWY PLOVER -- 7, 6 Sep., Horn Island, GK, WP, NB (R)

WILSON'S PLOVER -- 1 ad, 6 Sep., Horn Island, GK, WP, NB (U)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 8 Jan., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK (RS); 1, 13 Jan.-17 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, JHa, ZL (RS); 1, 30 Jan., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., GK, SK (RS); 1, 9 Jul., West Point S.L., TS (E); 1, 6-10 Dec., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, ZL (RS)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 31 Dec., near Greenville, FS (RS)

WILLET -- 7, 9 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, MS, TS (R)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1-5, 7-8 and 27 Apr., MSU North Farm, TS, MS, JHa (U); 1-2, 6 Aug.-5 Sep., A&D Turf Farm, Lafayette Co., GK, JH, JR (U)

MARBLED GODWIT -- 20, 5 Apr., Biloxi beach, WP (U); 10, 1 Sep., Fisackerly Rd., Sunflower Co., PB (R, N); 5, 6 Sep., Horn Island, GK, WP, NB (U)

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 1, 14-15 May, Oxford S.L., GK, JH (R); 2, 19 Sep., Fisackerly Rd., Leflore Co., JH, JR, KK (R)

STILT SANDPIPER -- 1, 29 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (R); 1, 10 May, Starkville S.L., JHa (R)

SANDERLING -- 3, 17 Sep., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK (R)



DUNLIN -- 1, 16 May, Oxford S.L., GK (R); 10, 13 Dec., Paulette Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS, JHa, LC, JC (RS)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 2, 31 Aug.-3 Sep., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS, JHa, MS (U)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1-3, 3 Aug.-1 Sep., A&D Turf Farm, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 31 Aug., MSU North Farm, TS, MS, JHa (U); 1-2, 31 Aug.-3 Sep., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS, JHa, MS (U); 1, 14 Sep., Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 11, 21 Sep., Battle Sod Farm, Tunica Co., JH, JR, KK (U)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 1, 29 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (R)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 27 f, 10 m, 3 May, Coldwater River NWR, Quitman and Tallahatchie Cos., WP, GK, JH, m.ob. (U, N); 1 f, 9 May, Starkville S.L., TS, MS, JHa (R); 1 m, 15 May, Oxford S.L., GK (R, L); 2, 28 Jul., West Point S.L., TS (R); 1, 10 and 17 Aug., near Itta Bena, GK, WP, JH (U); 1 ad, 29 Aug., West Point S.L., TS (R); 3, 7 Sep., St. Catherine Creek NWR, Adams Co., WP, GK, CK (U); 1, 18 Sep., Tupelo S.L., WP (R); 1, 19 Sep., Tackett Catfish Complex, JH, JR, KK (U)

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- 3, 19 Sep., Tackett Catfish Complex, JH, JR, KK (R)

RED PHALAROPE -- 1 ad, 19 Jul., Palmyra Lake, Davis Island, Warren Co., LL (Ca) [Review List Species]

POMARINE JAEGER -- 1, 6 Jun., Gulfport beach, BP (Ac) [Review List Species]

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad, 22 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 7 imm, 27 Apr., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JHa (R); 2 imm, 28 May, Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 1 ad, 3 Jun., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1 imm, 10 Jun., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R, L); 1 ad, 3 Oct., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R)

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 1 imm, 30 Jul.-20 Aug., West Point S.L., TS, JHa (R, E); 4, 10 Nov., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., GK, SK (U)

THAYER'S GULL -- 2 imm, 23 Jan., Tunica Co. Landfill, GK (Ca) [Review List Species]

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 imm, 11-30 Jan., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 21 Jan.-16 Mar., Sardis Lake, Panola Co., JR, JH, GK, SK (R); 1 imm, 23 Jan., Tunica Co. Landfill, GK, JR, SS (R); 1 ad, 17 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, ZL (R); 1 ad, 6 Mar., White's Creek Lake, TS (R); 1 ad, 6 Sep., Deer Island, GK, WP, NB (R)

GLAUCOUS GULL -- 1 imm, 17-28 Jan., Tunica Co. Landfill, QG, JH, GK, m.ob. (Ca) [Review List Species]

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 1 ad, 17 Aug., Biloxi beach, TS, MS (Ca) [Review List Species]

LEAST TERN -- 1, 12 May, Gum Pond Rd., JH, TB (U); 2, 20 May, Stoneville Experiment Station, JH, JR (U); 2, 20 May, Doddsville catfish ponds, Sunflower Co., JH, JR (U); 4, 20 Aug., Walls Slough, DeSoto Co., JH, GK, JR (U); 1 ad, 21 Aug., West Point S.L., TS (R); 1-2, 21-31 Aug., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS, JHa (R); 100, 22

Aug., Gum Pond Rd., GK, JH, JR (U, N); 1 ad, 28 Aug., 1 imm, 3 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 40, 19 Sep., Fisackerly Rd., Leflore Co., JH, JR, KK (U); 2, 20 Sep., Tackett Catfish Complex, JH, JR, GK, KK, m.ob. (U)

CASPIAN TERN -- 4, 9 Jun., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (L); 1, 31 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L)

COMMON TERN -- 1, 13 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, JHa (U)

INCA DOVE -- 2, 20 May, Sumner, JH, JR (R); 1-2, 3 Sep.-28 Oct., Pascagoula, BJ, MJ (R)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 6 May, Starkville, JHa (R)

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 14 Sep., near Oxford, GK (R)

SNOWY OWL -- 1, 10-11 Feb., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., LH, RH, m.ob. (Ac); 1, 13 Feb., near Rolling Fork, JD (Ac) [Review List Species]

BURROWING OWL -- 1, 11-14 Nov., Buck Island Rd., JR, GK, JH (Ac) [Review List Species]

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad m, 5 Apr., Biloxi, GK, JH, JR, SN (U)

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad m, 5 Apr., Biloxi, GK, JR, JH, SN, m.ob. (R)

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad m, 1 Jan.-1 Feb., Pascagoula, BJ, m.ob. (R, banded by FBa on 11 Jan.)

CRESTED CARACARA -- 1, 11 Dec., Seaman Rd. S.L., Jackson Co., AH, GM (Ac) [Review List Species]

AMERICAN KESTREL -- 1, 2 Jun., Tombigbee NF, Winston Co., WL (RS)

MERLIN -- 1 m, 21 Dec., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS (R); 1, 30 Dec., near West Point, DP, JP (R)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1 ad, 29 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R); 1, 28 Sep., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK, JH, m.ob. (R)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 26 Aug., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS (R); 1, 21 Sep., near Friars Point, JH, JR, KK (R)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 14 Sep., Nettleton Hunting and Fishing Club, Monroe Co., WP (U)

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 1, 12 Oct., near Adaton, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (L)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1, 3-9 Jun., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., TS (R)

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1, 20 Sep., near Adaton, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U)

SAY'S PHOEBE -- 1, 24-31 Oct., West Ship Island, LG, NB, m.ob. (Ac) [Review List Species]

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad m, 6-13 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MC, JoC, MS, m.ob. (R)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD -- 1, 16-31 Dec., Bay St. Louis, LG, NM, NB, m.ob. (Ac) [Review List Species]

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1 m, 6-14 Jul., Canton, BS, GK, m.ob. (R); 1 imm, 22 Aug., Bass Landing Rd., DeSoto Co., GK, JH, JR (R); 1 ad m, 11 Oct., north of Belzoni, PB (R); 1 ad m, 11 Oct., south of Greenwood, PB (R); up to 9, 21-22 Oct., Pascagoula, BJ, MJ (R, N)

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 20 Dec., near Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MS (RS)

WARBLING VIREO -- 1, 15 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (U); 1, 29 Apr., Starkville, JHa (U); 1, 5 May, Plymouth Bluff, PM (U); 1, 3 Jun.-3 Jul., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., TS, JHa, DP, JP, MS (RS)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 1 May, near Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U); 1, 2 May, Plymouth Bluff, PM (U); 1, 2 May, near Starkville, TS, MS (U)

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 13 May, Oxford, JH (Ac) [Review List Species]

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 5 Jan., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., MS, TS (RS); 1, 11 Dec., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (RS)

SAGE THRASHER -- 1, 26-31 Oct., West Ship Island, LG, NB, m.ob. (Ac) [Review List Species]

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1-2, 1 Jan.-18 Feb., Holly Grove Rd., GK, JH, SN, JR, m.ob. (Ca); 1, 28-29 Jan., Buck Island Rd., JR, MT (Ca); 1-2, 24 Nov.-31 Dec., Holly Grove Rd., JH, JR (Ca) [Review List Species]

CEDAR WAXWING -- 1-2, 7 Jul.-28 Aug., near Adaton, Oktibbeha Co., TS (RS)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 5 Dec., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (RS, L)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 28 Apr., near Oxford, GK (R); 3-4, 29 Apr.-2 May, Rowan Oak, GK, JH, JR (R); 1, 30 Apr., Columbus, TS, MS, JHa (U); 1, 1 May, near Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U); 3, 2 May, Columbus, DP, JP (U); 1, 2 May, Plymouth Bluff, PM (U); 1, 4 May, Columbus, TS, MS (U); 2, 20 Sep., Robinson Rd., Oktibbeha Co., JHa (U); 2-3, 20-24 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., JHa, TS (U); 1, 27 Sep., Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 2, 30 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., TS (U); 1, 8 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1, 9 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (L)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr.-1 May, Plymouth Bluff, PM, TS, MS (U); 3, 17 Apr.-22 May, Columbus, DP, JP, TS, MS, JHa (U); 2, 17 Apr.-29 Apr., Natchez Trace Parkway, Choctaw Co., MS, TS (U); 6, 19 Apr.-20 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee, Oktibbeha and Winston Cos., TS, MS, JHa (U); 10, 20 Apr.-20 Sep., near Starkville, TS, MS, JHa (U); 2, 22 Apr.-14 May, Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 2, 28 Apr.-6 May, near Columbus, TS, MS, JH, JR (U); 1, 9 May, Starkville S.L., TS (U); 1, 8 Jun., near

Bellefontaine, TS, MS (U); 1, 8 Jun., White's Creek Lake, TS, MS (U); 1, 5 Sep., Starkville, JHa (U)

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 2 May, near Starkville, TS, MS (L)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 19 Apr., Columbus, DP, JP (U); 1, 20 Apr., Rowan Oak, JH (U); 1, 22 Apr. and 28 Apr., Starkville, JHa (U); 1, 30 Apr., Columbus, PM (U); 1, 1 May, Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U); 1, 1 May, near Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U); 1, 3 May, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 8 Oct., Sardis Lake, Lafayette Co., GK (U); 1, 18 Oct., Prairie Wildlife, TS (U)

MOURNING WARBLER -- 1 m, 4-5 May, near Columbus, TS, MS, JHa, JH, JR (R, E); 1 m, 10 May, near Starkville, TS (R, L)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1 m, 5 Apr., near Waveland, JH, GK, JR, SN (U); 1 m, 17 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., MS (U); 1, 18 Apr., Oxford, JH, TB (U); 1 m, 26 Apr., Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, Marshall Co., WP, GK (U); 1 m, 29 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U); 1 f/imm, 14 Aug., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (RS)

PALM WARBLER -- 2, 11 Jan., east of Macon, TS, MS (RS); 1, 7 Dec., Gilmer-Wilburn Rd., Lowndes Co., DP, JP (RS)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 m, 2 May, Rowan Oak, GK, JH, AS (R); 1 m, 18 May, near Oxford, GK, SK (R); 1, 28 Sep., Starkville, JHa (U)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 2, 2 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JHa (U)

LARK SPARROW -- 2, 17 Apr.-7 Jul., MSU North Farm, TS, JHa (U); 3, 19 Apr.-20 May, Dwelling Place Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS (U); 3, 19 Apr.-7 Jun., Judge Thomas Rd., Clay Co., DP, JP, TS, MS, JHa, PM (U); 2, 21 Apr., Schlater Rd., Lowndes Co., TS (U); 1, 27 Apr., near Shannon, WP (U); 4, 4 May-17 Jul., Black Prairie WMA, DP, JP, TS, JHa (U); 1, 13 May, Redbud Rd., Lowndes Co., TS (U); 1, 30 May, Davis Rd., Noxubee Co., TS (U); 6, 1 Jun., east of Macon, TS, MS (U); 2 ad, 14 Jun., Okolona Rd., Monroe Co., GK, SK (U); 2, 22 Aug., Bass Landing Rd., DeSoto Co., GK, JH, JR (U); 1, 25 Aug., near West Point, TS (U)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1, 24 Apr., Prairie Wildlife, TS (R); 1, 2 May, MSU South Farm, JHa (R); 2, 21 Jun., Aberdeen, WP, GK, RS (R); 2, 23 Jun., west of Aberdeen, GK (R); 2 ad, 4 Jul., Okolona Rd., Monroe Co., GK, JR (R); 2, 8 Jul., Prairie Wildlife, TS (R)

LE CONTE'S SPARROW -- 4, 25 Jan., Sardis Waterfowl WMA, Lafayette Co., JH (U); 1, 15 Oct., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., ZL, SR (U, E)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 22 Apr.- May, Starkville, JHa (U); 1, 26 Apr., Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, Marshall Co., GK, WP, m.ob. (U); 1, 3 May, Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., WP (U); 1, 3 May, Oxford, JH (U); 1-5, 17-18 Oct., Prairie Wildlife, DP, JP, TS, MS (U); 1, 25 Oct., Starkville, JHa (U)



DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1 m "Cassiar", 27-31 Dec., near Adaton, Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (R)

SCARLET TANAGER -- 1 m, 28 Jun., Pipeline Rd., Pearl River WMA, GK, SK (RS)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1, 12 Apr., near Starkville, LB, FB (E)

LAZULI BUNTING -- 1 ad m, 25 Mar.-1 Apr., Gulfport, RE, SE (Ac) [Review List Species]

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 m, 27 Mar., Plymouth Bluff, DP, MC (E)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 ad m, 1 Jan.-8 Apr., Pascagoula, BJ (RS); 1 ad m, 23 Apr., Starkville, JS (U); 1 f, 3 May, Coldwater River NWR, Quitman Co., JH, GK, JR, m.ob. (U); 1-2, 3-18 May, Black Prairie WMA, TS, MS, DP, JP, PM, m.ob. (U); 1 ad m, 6-30 May, near Brooksville, TS (U); 1, 9 May, Starkville, JHa (U); 1, 10 May, near Starkville, JHa (U); 2, 15-30 May, near Brooksville, TS (U); 2, 18 May, near Starkville, LB, FB (U); 1 ad m, 1 Jun., near Macon, TS, MS (U); 3, 7 Jun.-8 Jul., Prairie Wildlife, DP, JP, TS (U); 1 m, 5 Jul., near Itta Bena, GK, SK (U); 2 f/imm, 25 Aug., Prairie Wildlife, TS (U); 1 m, 19 Nov.-31 Dec., Pascagoula, BJ, MJ (RS)

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1, 11 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, LG, MS, JHa, GK (R)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1, 3 Apr., Singing River Island, Jackson Co., JH, SN (R)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 2, 5 Apr., Ansley, Hancock Co., JH, GK, JR, m.ob. (R); 1, 27 Jun.-17 Jul., Brookhaven, CK, TK (R)

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE -- 1 imm m, 14 Jan.-18 Feb., Vicksburg, CK, MSt, BSt (Ac); 1 ad m, 17 Jan.-6 Apr., Ocean Springs, MW, JW, NB, TS, JHa, ML, GK, DM (Ac)  
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BALTIMORE ORIOLE -- 1, 17 Oct., Starkville, JHa (D)

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### Key to Localities

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Black Prairie WMA = Lowndes Co.; Buck Island Rd. = Tunica Co.; Catalpa Creek Bottoms = Lowndes Co.; Gum Pond Rd. = Tunica Co.; Holly Grove Rd. = Panola Co.; MSU North Farm/South Farm = Oktibbeha Co.; Pipeline Rd., Pearl River WMA = Madison Co.; Plymouth Bluff = Lowndes Co.; Prairie Wildlife = Clay Co.; Rowan Oak = Lafayette Co.; Tackett Catfish Complex = Leflore Co.; White’s Creek Lake = Webster Co.

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