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The Fall 2023 MOS Meeting will be held on the Gulf Coast in the Biloxi and Gulfport areas. The main field trip on Saturday will be a boat trip to visit Ship Island. This field trip provides not only gorgeous scenery on one of Mississippi's barrier islands, but also the opportunity for interesting water birds en route, such as gulls, terns, and jaegers; and shorebirds and migrant passerines on the island itself. Beforehand, we'll also have an optional short excursion to nearby Clower-Thornton Nature Reserve, and afterwards some optional shorebirding at Jones Park. **Tickets will be required for Ship Island Ferry and can optionally be purchased in advance for a small discount (<https://msshipisland.com/round-trip-ferry/>).** The Saturday evening banquet will feature a talk by special guest Dr. Dawn O'Neal, Executive Director of Audubon Delta. There will be an optional Sunday field trip to Greenwood Island in Pascagoula, which contains a diversity of habitats (woody vegetation, freshwater wetlands, saltwater mudflats) and can be a good vagrant trap during late October.



ACCOMMODATIONS: A limited block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn & Suites at I-10 in Gulfport (15580 Daniel Blvd, Gulfport MS 39503). Please make your reservation as soon as possible, and be sure to refer to the "MS Ornithological Society" room block. Reservations can be made by calling 228-539-0601, or by visiting <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/msornithologicalsocietygptms/>.

FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL: On the evening of Friday, October 27, we will have an optional, casual group dinner (cost is on your own, not included in the conference registration, and we will likely need to split into multiple tables) at 6:30 p.m. at the Half Shell in Gulfport (see the menu link here: <https://www.halfshelloysterhouse.com/dinner-menu/>). **If you want to join in this dinner, please RSVP to Jason Hoeksema no later than Friday, October 20, by emailing him at jason.hoeksema@gmail.com.**

BANQUET VENUE: Patio 44 restaurant, 1244 24th Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501 (website: <https://www.patiofortyfour.com/gulfport-ms>). Meal will include salad, choice of main dish (barbecued salmon, chicken alfredo, sirloin, or blackened catfish), dessert (white chocolate bread pudding), and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost of this meal is included in your meeting registration. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased separately on site.

FRIDAY EVENING, October 27

6:30 p.m.Optional dinner at the Half Shell restaurant in Biloxi (see the menu link here: <https://www.halfshelloysterhouse.com/dinner-menu/>). **If you want to join in this dinner, please RSVP to Jason Hoeksema no later than Friday, October 20, by emailing him at jason.hoeksema@gmail.com.**

SATURDAY, October 28

6:00 a.m.For those staying at the Hampton Inn, breakfast is available in the breakfast room starting at 6:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m.Optional short excursion to Clower-Thornton Nature Trails, to look for songbirds. Meet in hotel lobby at 7:00 a.m. If you want to go earlier, you can meet the group at the site. It is located about 15 minutes from the hotel, and only a 6 minute drive from the Ship Island Ferry in Gulfport Harbor.

9:00 a.m.Ferry to Ship Island departs Gulfport Harbor. Please arrive by around 8:30 a.m. The ferry will return at about 2:30 p.m.

Lunch.....On your own. Pack a lunch if you are going to Ship Island, or lunch food can be purchased on the boat to Ship Island.

6:30 p.m.Banquet: Patio 44, 1244 24th Ave, Gulfport.

7:30 p.m.Business Meeting and Species Tally.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dawn O'Neal, Executive Director of Audubon Delta.

SUNDAY, October 29

Field Trips (leaving from Hampton Inn)

6-7:00 a.m.Breakfast for those staying at the Hampton Inn.

7:00 a.m.Field trip to Greenwood Island in Pascagoula (~45-minute drive from the hotel). Note: It's not actually an island. (Continued on Page 2)



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Dawn O'Neal joined Audubon in July 2021 as serves as a Vice President at Audubon and Executive Director of Audubon Delta – Audubon's new regional office encompassing Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Dr. O'Neal leads a talented team in engaging communities and stakeholders in meaningful and productive collaborations to develop equitable, inclusive, and durable conservation strategies and policy solutions.

Prior to joining Audubon, Dr. O'Neal worked at the Nature Conservancy as the Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Office of the Chief Scientist. In this role, she developed and stewarded several long-term strategies to help Conservancy scientists build emotional intelligence, enhance technical capacity, and develop skills to enrich collaborations with stakeholders and increase the impact of conservation outcomes. Before joining the Nature Conservancy, Dr. O'Neal was Executive Director at the Huyck Preserve leading four critical organizational functions in the areas of Conservation, Education, Research, and Recreation for the 2,000-acre land trust. She stewarded volunteer programs, vibrant science-based nature programs, and a biological research station in addition to fostering partnerships with a regional network of preserves, academic, and governmental agencies to inform natural resource conservation through research.

Dr. O'Neal holds a BA in environmental studies from Washington University and a Ph.D. in ecology from Indiana University. Dr. O'Neal also has a deep passion for nature and the outdoors and can be found hiking or kayaking most weekends. She is always looking for opportunities to build bridges between her expertise in conservation and her passion for outdoor recreation to help create healthy and safe environments, mitigate climate change, and increase access to the outdoors for black and brown communities. □



Dr. Dawn O'Neal

President's Corner by JR Rigby, MOS President

Limpkins. They've shown up everywhere else lately, so it's no wonder that they have wandered into the President's Corner as well.

We are undoubtedly witnessing a dramatic change in species distribution. From Accidental occurrence (that mysterious "A" to the right of "Limpkin" on your state checklist) to arguably not even a Review Species in only a couple of years, Limpkins are clearly on the move. If you interrogate eBird for Limpkin records outside of Florida prior to 2020, they were rare, mostly limited to adjacent states and seemed to be following the range expansion of the invasive giant applesnail (*Pomacea maculata*) along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. So, in a sense, we expected Limpkins in Mississippi eventually, at least along the coast. But Sardis Lake?! Indeed, most discussions of Limpkin records cite the expanding food source as the primary reason for these quirky birds moving beyond the Sunshine State. The applesnail has crept beyond Florida into adjacent states. That said, while there are a few records far inland from the coast according to the USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species viewer, the snail seems largely to hug the Gulf and south Atlantic coastlines. Limpkins, on the other hand, have been showing up across the entire eastern half of the United States, even making an appearance in Canada. Virtually anywhere there's enough water to justify a waterbird, this mashup of a rail and a heron seems to be showing up.

Range expansion, of course, is not new. Other recent examples witnessed in Mississippi include the Black-bellied Whistling Duck and Neotropic Cormorant, both of which have expanded their ranges northward to include most of the state and beyond since the early 2000s. Still, those range expansions were gradual compared with the advance of Limpkins across the country in the last two years. Northward range expansions have been documented more generally in a variety of North American species, one study finding an average northward expansion among 40 species of just over one mile per year from 1979-2009 associated with warming temperatures at higher latitudes. A full understanding of the Limpkin explosion is not yet clear, but will almost certainly include the expansion of the applesnail and warming trends as contributing factors. And, from this bird, who wouldn't expect a quirk or two in the final explanation?

Meanwhile, there's no denying the enjoyment of having a new species to find at your favorite birding spots around the state. Good birding! □

JR Rigby

Limpkins at St. Catherine Creek NWR
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Limpkin at Pearl River WMA
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Notes from the Spring Meeting

By Cullen Brown

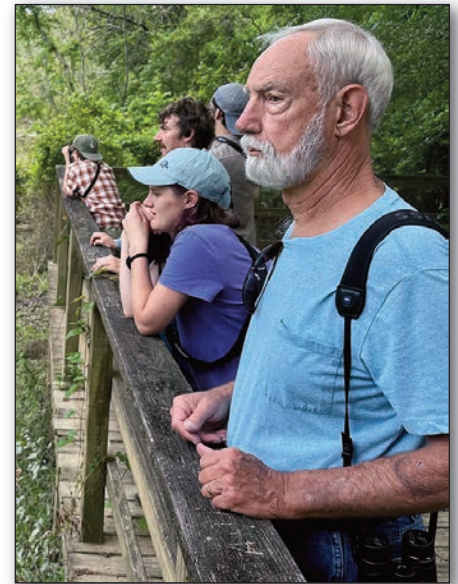
Our Spring Meeting was held in Jackson, Mississippi, this past spring. Our group convened at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science for a presentation led by Lillie Gibb on owls and other nocturnal creatures. A large crowd was in attendance and all enjoyed close observations of several rehabilitated birds. Lillie also informed audience's of the ecological significance of owls in Mississippi and several conservation challenges and opportunities to protect these incredible birds in our state.

The following morning, members split into two groups. The first group explored the Pearl River WMA in Madison County in the hopes of seeing several spring migrants and summer residents. The other group joined the First Saturday Bird Walk at LeFleur's Bluff State Park sponsored by the Jackson Audubon Society. While early morning drizzle made for a slower start, all participants, whether at LeFleur's or the Pearl River WMA, enjoyed views of several warbler species and summer residents such as Black-bellied Whistling-duck and Painted Bunting.

After reconvening for lunch in Gluckstadt, members departed for Philips Brothers Catfish Ponds in Yazoo County, eager to relocate a Red-necked Phalarope spotted by Gene Knight the day before. While we didn't relocate this elusive bird, members still enjoyed close encounters with several migratory shorebirds such as White-rumped Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, and American Avocet to name just a few.

Exhausted over searching for shorebirds but eager to hear more about the importance of habitat in conserving waterfowl, members again reconvened at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science to listen to a talk delivered by Tom Moorman, a retired Chief Scientist for Ducks Unlimited. Tom's talk illuminated the importance of "Prairie Pothole" habitat for maintaining stable populations of waterfowl (and shorebirds like Wilson's Phalarope and American Avocet that also make use of this habitat). Tom's presentation also provided a fascinating inroad to the differences in bird behavior between the non-breeding and breeding seasons. Indeed, we are used to seeing flocks of waterfowl behave in a somewhat gregarious fashion during their period of overwintering in the state, but this behavior all but disappears as birds like Northern Shoveler jealousy guard their territory against any intruder during the breeding season. When I had the opportunity to see this type of habitat in my trip to Montana about a month after this talk, I got to see this habitat and behavior firsthand, and it certainly made an impression!

After the presentation and species tally, members made plans for the following morning. A small group of us returned to LeFleur's Bluff while others returned to the Pearl River WMA. Birding was relatively slow the following morning, with many migrants taking advantage of the clearing conditions and warm southerly wind to continue their journeys northward. Yet we still managed to pick up some species we missed from the day before, including Cooper's Hawk and Swainson's Warbler! ☐



Species Tally: Spring 2023 MOS Meeting, Jackson

Black-Bellied Whistling Duck	Cooper's Hawk	White-winged Dove	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Yellow Warbler
Canada Goose	Red-shouldered Hawk	Mourning Dove	Bank Swallow	Blackpoll Warbler
Wood Duck	Broad-winged Hawk	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Cliff Swallow	Pine Warbler
Gadwall	Red-tailed Hawk	Barn Owl	Barn Swallow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Mallard	King Rail	Barred Owl	Carolina Chickadee	Yellow-throated Warbler
Blue-winged Teal	Virginia Rail	Chimney Swift	Tufted Titmouse	Prairie Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Sora	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	White-breasted Nuthatch	Canada Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Purple Gallinule	Belted Kingfisher	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Yellow-breasted Chat
Wild Turkey	Common Gallinule	Red-headed Woodpecker	Sedge Wren	Eastern Towhee
Common Loon	American Coot	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Chipping Sparrow
Neotropic Cormorant	Black-necked Stilt	Downy Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Savannah Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	American Avocet	Hairy Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	Lincoln's Sparrow
Anhinga	Killdeer	Northern Flicker	Swainson's Thrush	Swamp Sparrow
American White Pelican	Spotted Sandpiper	Pileated Woodpecker	Wood Thrush	White-throated Sparrow
American Bittern	Solitary Sandpiper	Eastern Wood-Pewee	American Robin	Summer Tanager
Least Bittern	Greater Yellowlegs	Acadian Flycatcher	Gray Catbird	Northern Cardinal
Great Blue Heron	Lesser Yellowlegs	Eastern Phoebe	Brown Thrasher	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Great Egret	Stilt Sandpiper	Great Crested Flycatcher	Northern Mockingbird	Blue Grosbeak
Snowy Egret	Least Sandpiper	Eastern Kingbird	European Starling	Indigo Bunting
Little Blue Heron	White-rumped Sandpiper	Loggerhead Shrike	Cedar Waxwing	Painted Bunting
Cattle Egret	Pectoral Sandpiper	White-eyed Vireo	Louisiana Waterthrush	Dickcissel
Green Heron	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Yellow-throated Vireo	Northern Waterthrush	Bobolink
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Western Sandpiper	Philadelphia Vireo	Prothonotary Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
White Ibis	Wilson's Phalarope	Red-eyed Vireo	Swainson's Warbler	Red-winged Blackbird
Black Vulture	Red-necked Phalarope	Blue Jay	Tennessee Warbler	Common Grackle
Turkey Vulture	Laughing Gull	American Crow	Kentucky Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
Osprey	Forster's Tern	Fish Crow	Common Yellowthroat	Orchard Oriole
Mississippi Kite	Rock Pigeon	Purple Martin	Hooded Warbler	Baltimore Oriole
Bald Eagle	Eurasian Collared Dove	Tree Swallow	American Redstart	House Finch
			Northern Parula	American Goldfinch
			Magnolia Warbler	House Sparrow
			Blackburnian Warbler	Species Observed: 149 ☐

Volunteers Needed for Shorebird Radio-tagging and Banding

Jason Hoeksema, T.J. Zenzal, Kristina Mitchell, Emma Counce, and Hal Mitchell are once again gearing up to capture, band, and radio-tag shorebirds at Failing Farms in Indianola, Mississippi, and are in need of volunteers to assist their efforts. Volunteers are needed for sessions beginning in mid-October and continuing through early December. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Jason Hoeksema at jason.hoeksema@gmail.com.

Banding dates:

October 13th (and maybe 12th)
October 20th (and maybe 19th)
November 3rd-4th
November 17th-18th
December 1st-2nd

Volunteer Schedule


Our typical schedule is to set up nets the Thursday afternoon before each banding session. Banding then commences approximately two hours before sunrise on Friday morning and continues until about 9:30 in the morning. This fall, and volunteers permitting, we are considering banding on Thursday morning, which will require volunteers setting up nets the Wednesday before. And in November, we are also considering adding a Saturday banding session, but this will depend on having the requisite amount of volunteers.

Accommodations and Directions

Because of our early start time, we recommend volunteers stay overnight in Indianola. The best options are the nearby Super 8 and

Hampton Inn (<https://goo.gl/maps/o7pecWFCTZdXX3TQ6>). For those needing directions, one of our banding sites can be found by traveling to this link: <https://goo.gl/maps/IF9KDsVrr6EYvtuu7>. The other field site is nearby. If affordability of accommodations is an issue that may prevent you from participating, please contact Jason via email.

Information about the Project

Additional information about the banding project and Delta Wind Bird's collaboration with Bird Collective can be found on DWB's website at <https://www.deltawindbirds.org>. 



Buff-breasted Sandpiper
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Birds Around the State (May-September) by Cullen Brown

The following list was generated primarily from reports submitted to eBird and MISSBIRD. All species listed reflect either "Review Species" for the state of Mississippi or species listed as rare and uncommon across the state. Some records also indicate birds that are uncommon to rare outside of particular regions of the state. A full list of these species can be found on MOS's website. If a record was omitted, please contact me.

• GEESE, SWANS, AND DUCKS

A pair of **Mottled Ducks** (GUP;IA) were spotted inland in Issaquena County. **Black-bellied Whistling Ducks** (UP) were spotted away from the Delta and Coast in Forrest, Jones, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Noxubee, Lowndes, and Oktibbeha counties

• PIGEONS AND DOVES

Inca Dove (LUP) sightings continue to roll in from Quitman, Coahoma, Adams, Franklin, Pike, Forrest, Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock counties. **Common Ground Doves** (GFP; IA) were reported inland in the following counties: Pearl River, Greene, Wayne, and Yazoo.



Upland Sandpiper
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• CUCKOOS AND ANIS

A late spring record of **Black-billed Cuckoo** (Rt) was reported in Hancock County.

• RAILS, LIMPKINS, AND CRANES

Limpkin (A) sightings continue to explode across the state. Birders have confirmed sightings in the following counties: Lafayette, Yalobusha, Oktibbeha, Clay, Holmes, Yazoo, Issaquena, Hinds, Rankin, Adams, Covington, George, Jackson, and Pearl River. **King Rail** (Up) was reported in the following counties: Noxubee, Madison, Rankin, Washington, and Holmes. **Purple Gallinule** (Us) was reported in the Noxubee, Madison, Rankin, Washington, and Holmes counties as well. A late spring record of **Virginia Rail** (GUw;IUTRw) arrived away from the Delta and Coast from Madison County. An additional late spring record of **Sora** (GFw;IUTRw) arrived away from the Delta and Coast from Madison County as well. **Common Gallinule** (CP) was well represented away from their strongholds along the coast and within the Mississippi Delta, with records from Madison, Pike, and Noxubee counties

• SHOREBIRDS

Upland Sandpiper (Ut) was spotted by birders in the following counties: Lee, Yazoo, Jones, Jackson, and Harrison. A **Long-billed Curlew** (Rw;IA) sighting emerged out of Hancock County this fall. *(Continued on Page 5)*



Birds Around the State, continued

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (Ut) sightings were numerous this fall, with records from Jackson, Harrison, Yazoo, Noxubee, Lee, Lafayette, and Tunica counties. **Red-necked Phalarope** (Rt) sightings arrived from Harrison and Prentiss counties this fall. Late spring records arrived from Yazoo and Jackson counties. Inland records of **Piping Plover** (GUw;IAt) were reported in Noxubee County and Lafayette County. Fall records of inland **Ruddy Turnstone** (GFw;IRt) were reported in the following counties: Madison, Yazoo, Noxubee, Quitman, and Tunica. Inland birders spotted **Willet** (GFP;IRt) in Yazoo, Lafayette, Noxubee, and Madison counties. **Black-necked Stilt** (GCp;IFs) was reported away from the Delta and the Coast in the following counties: Noxubee, Prentiss, and Forrest. **American Avocet** (GUP;IFT) was spotted away from the Delta and the Coast in Lee, Noxubee, Adams, Madison, and Rankin counties.

• JAEGERS

Mississippi's 3rd record of a **Long-tailed Jaeger** (A) was documented on the Ross Barnett Reservoir in Madison County. Mississippi's 4th record of Long-tailed Jaeger was documented just a couple weeks later at the same location.

• GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

A fall **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (R) was spotted in Harrison County. Two confirmed juvenile **Sabine's Gulls** (A) were documented in Madison County. A possible third juvenile Sabine's Gull was reported a couple days after the initial sighting. **Common Tern** (GUs;IRT) was reported both in the coastal counties of Harrison and Jackson and in the inland counties of Madison and Noxubee. Late spring records of inland **Laughing Gull** (GCP;IR) emerged from Lowndes and Madison counties. **Least Tern** (GCS;ILCS) was spotted away from the Mississippi Delta and Coast in the following counties: Noxubee, Lowndes, and Adams.

• HERONS AND BITTERNs

Inland records of **American Bittern** (GUw;IASUT) arrived from the following counties: Madison, Noxubee, Lowndes, Lafayette, and DeSoto. Inland records of **Least Bittern** (Us) were reported in the following counties: Washington, Holmes, Madison, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha.

• STORKS, IBISES, AND SPOONBILLS

Wood Stork (LCs) was well represented away from the Delta and Coast, with records emerging from Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Lowndes, Leake, Scott, Madison, Hinds, Rankin, Adams, Lincoln, Marion, Forrest, and George counties. **White-faced Ibis** (LFs) records emerged from Adams County, one of the few places these birds are reliably found away from the Mississippi Coast and Delta. There were some scattered **Roseate Spoonbill** (LFs) records away from the coast and delta in the following counties: Oktibbeha, Yalobusha, Adams, and Wilkinson.

• CORMORANTS

Neotropic Cormorant (LFp) was recorded in the following counties: Issaquena, Sharkey, Warren, Yazoo, Holmes, Tunica, Oktibbeha, and Noxubee.

• KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS

Swallow-tailed Kite (Us) was recorded away from the coast in the following counties: Marshall, Oktibbeha, Noxubee, Sharkey, Warren, Madison, Lauderdale, Clarke, Copiah, Adams, Franklin, Lincoln, Lawrence, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Lamar, Forrest, Wayne, Greene, George, and Pearl River.

• TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Mississippi's first state record of **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** (A) was recorded in Amite County by Melissa Johnson. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** (AsRt) was abundant this summer, with reports arriving from the following counties: Lafayette, Sharkey, Yazoo, Noxubee, Lowndes, and Hancock. **Western Kingbird** (LsRt) was recorded in the following counties: Quitman and Yazoo. **Olive-sided Flycatcher** (Rt) was recorded in the following counties: Quitman, Bolivar, Lowndes, Noxubee, Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock. **Willow Flycatcher** (AsRt) was reported in DeSoto and Madison counties. **Alder Flycatcher** (Rt) was reported in Adams County. Least Flycatcher (Ut) were reported in the following counties: Lafayette, Oktibbeha, Issaquena, and Jackson. *(Continued on Page 6)*

Birds Around the State, continued

• **VIREOS**

A single **Bell's Vireo** (Ca) was documented by Gene Knight in Lafayette County.

• **SWALLOWS**

Cave Swallow (Ca) was reported in Adams and Hancock counties.

• **MUNIAS**

Provisional records of **Scaly-breasted Munia** continue to arrive from coast, with records in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson counties.

• **NEW WORLD SPARROWS**

Grasshopper Sparrow (GRW;ILRs) was reported in Monroe County. **Lark Sparrow** (LRs) was reported in the following counties: DeSoto, Lee, Monroe, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, and Noxubee. A single **Clay-colored Sparrow** (R) was documented in Madison County. **Lincoln Sparrow** (Ut;Rw) was reported in the following counties: Madison, Coahoma, Lafayette, and Union.

• **BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES**

A single **Yellow-headed Blackbird** (Rt) was reported in Lee County. **Bronzed Cowbird** (LRGs) was reported over the summer in Harrison County.

• **WOOD WARBLERS**

A single **Black-throated Blue Warbler** (Ca) was reported in Jackson County during spring migration. **Golden-winged Warbler** (Ut) was reported in the following counties: Hinds, Oktibbeha, Lowndes, Grenada, Monroe, Lafayette, and Lee. **Nashville Warbler** (Ut) was reported in the following counties: DeSoto, Tunica, Marshall, Lafayette, Union, Oktibbeha, Madison, and Jackson. Two **Cape May Warblers** (GRt;ICat) were spotted at Singing River Island in Jackson County in May. **Cerulean Warbler** (Ut) was reported in the following counties: Amite, Oktibbeha, Choctaw, and Lowndes. **Wilson's Warbler** (Ut) was reported in the following counties: Warren and Lafayette. ▣



American Golden Plover
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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
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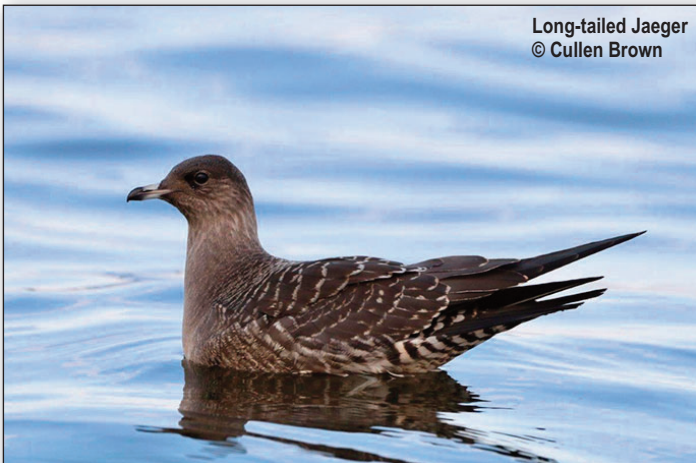


Tri-colored Heron
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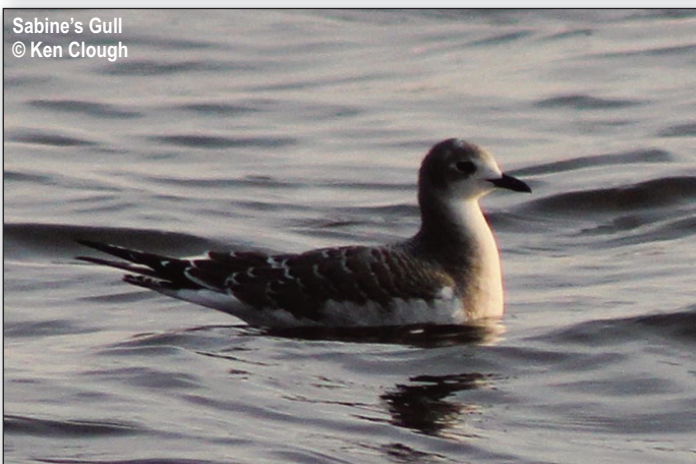
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- Life bird experiences
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- Any interesting story about birds or bird behavior.

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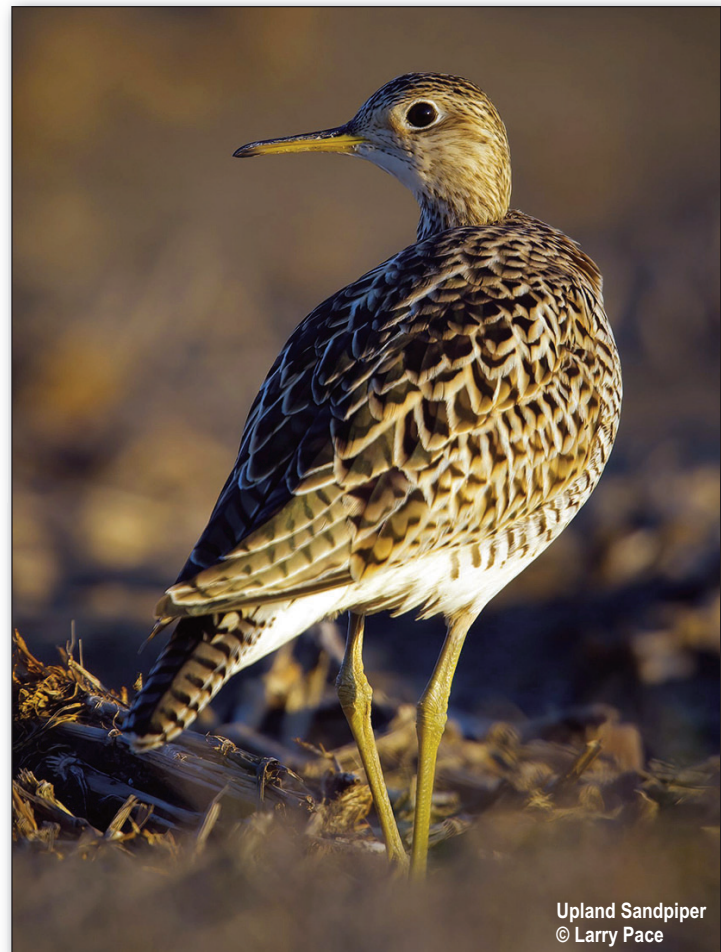
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