

**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2015**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 2015. 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, alt = alternate, Co. = County, Cos. = Counties, f = female/s, Hwy. = Highway, imm = immature/s, m = male/s, mi = mile/s, m.ob. = many observers, MSU = Mississippi State University, NWR = National Wildlife Refuge, pl = plumage, Rd. = Road, and S.L. = Sewage Lagoon. 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 -- 20, 11 Mar., Bay St. Louis, HW (R nesting species); 2, 16 May, near DeSoto River Park, DeSoto Co., HM (U nesting species); 2, 23-31 May, near Greenville, JoS, JosS (U nesting species); 11 ad, 8 imm, 27 Aug.-28 Oct., former channel of Tombigbee River, Clay and Lowndes Cos., TS, MS, m.ob. (R)

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK -- 2, 9 May, Waveland, NB (Ca); 3, 14 May, Seaman Rd. S.L., NB, SM, NM (Ca) [Review List Species]

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 500, 14 Oct., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (N)

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 3 ad, 17 Jan. and 7, 15-16 Feb., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, ZL, TH (U); 1, 5 Dec., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JH, MS, m.ob. (U); 1, 18 Dec., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, MS (U)

EURASIAN WIGEON -- 1 ad m, 25 Apr., Morgan Hill, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., HM, KM (Ac) [Review List Species]

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 1 m, 5 Jun., West Point S.L., TS (L)

CINNAMON TEAL -- 1 ad m, 31 Jan., Seaman Rd. S.L., SM (Ca) [Review List Species]

REDHEAD -- 1 f, 8 Jun., West Point S.L., TS (L)

LESSER SCAUP -- 1 m, 8 Jul.-24 Aug., West Point S.L., TS (RS); 1000, 13 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (N)

COMMON Merganser -- 1 ad f, 1 imm f, 1 Jan.-6 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, WP, ZL, JH (R)

RUDDY DUCK -- 1 m, 22 May-7 Sep., West Point S.L., TS (RS); 1 f, 23 Jul., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E)

EARED GREBE -- 1, 20 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 19 Apr., Southside Rd. near Greenville, JoS, JosS (R)

SELASPHORUS SPECIES -- 1 f/imm, 29 Nov.-15 Dec., Knight residence, Oxford, GK, SK (R)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1 ad, 23 Apr.-13 Oct., Loakfoma Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, ZL, JH, WP, CF (A, R); 1-9, 23 Apr.-13 Oct., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, JH, ZL (R)

COMMON GALLINULE -- 1-9, 27 Apr.-12 Nov., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, JH, WP, CF (A, R); 1, 12 and 16 May, Loakfoma Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, JH (R)

AMERICAN COOT -- 1-2, 2 Jun.-28 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (RS)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 1-61, 1-25 Jan., Cooksville Rd., McLeod, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, LB (R); 1-15, 5-31 Dec., Cooksville Rd., McLeod, Noxubee Co., JH, TS, MS, m.ob. (R)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1, 26 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, ZL, TH, JH (R); 1, 3 Jun., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (R)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 1, 15 Jul., West Point S.L., TS, ZL, TH, JH (R, A); 1, 27-29 Aug., West Point S.L., TS (R); 2, 4-9 Dec., Paulette Rd., TS, MS, JH, m.ob. (R)

SNOWY PLOVER -- 6, 24 Oct., West Ship Island, JHo (R nesting species)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1, 19 Apr., Hussey Turf Farm, Mooreville, WP (U); 1, 26 Apr., MSU North Farm, TS, MS, JH (U)

MARBLED GODWIT -- 1, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, JH, m.ob. (R); 1, 27 Aug., Taylor Rd., Sunflower Co., JHo, JR (R)

RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 1, 18 May, Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., KH, RHa (R)

RUFF -- 1 m, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, JH, m.ob. (Ac) [Review List Species]

SANDERLING -- 1, 3-7 Sep., West Point S.L., TS, MS (R)

DUNLIN -- 4, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, JH, m.ob. (RS); 1, 12-13 May, Starkville S.L., TS, MS (RS); 1-30, 4-31 Dec., Paulette Rd., TS, JH, DP, JP (RS)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1, 2 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (U)

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 200, 4 Dec., Paulette Rd., TS (N)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1-5, 4-8 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS DP, JP, m.ob. (U)

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 2 *hendersoni*, 30 Apr., Prisock Fields, Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (RS)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 45, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, JH, m.ob. (RS); 3, 8 Dec., Paulette Rd., TS (RS)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS, ZL (RS)

WILLET -- 23, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, JH, m.ob. (R); 5, 4 Jul., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R, E); 1, 5 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., DP, JP, PM, MC (R)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 4, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, JH, DP, MC (R, A); 1, 31 Aug., Tupelo S.L., WP (R); 3, 2 Oct., High Rd. Refuge, Humphreys Co., JHo, JR, m.ob. (R)

PARASITIC JAEGER -- 1 ad light-morph, 24 Oct., Mississippi Sound near West Ship Island, JR, JHo, TS, m.ob. (Ca) [Review List Species]

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (R); 1, 29 Nov., Grenada Lake dam, Grenada Co., WP (R)

THAYER'S GULL -- 1 1st winter pl, 8 Jan., Bayou Caddy, Hancock Co., NB (Ca) [Review List Species]

SOOTY TERN -- 1, 10 Jun., West Ship Island, EE, GS (Ca)

LEAST TERN -- 1, 8 Aug., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, JH (R); 1 ad, 24 Aug., West Point S.L., TS (R)

PACIFIC LOON -- 1, 14 Feb., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., WP, GP (R)

WOOD STORK -- 2, 16 May, Goose Overlook, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (RS); 1-5, 11 Jul.-4 Oct., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JH, MS, WP (U); 3 flying, 21 Jul., MSU South Farm, JH (U); 78, 22 Aug., Paulette Rd., JH (U); 1, 26 Aug., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS

(U); 12, 12 Sep., west side of Tombigbee River at Old Hwy. 50, Clay Co., TS, MS (U); 2-13, 12-28 Sep., Section Line Rd., TS, MS, m.ob. (U)

BROWN BOOBY -- 1, 17-19 Apr., West Ship Island pier, WM, LG, JD (Ac, 2nd state record); 1, 14 Oct.-29 Dec., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., DT, AMu, KH, TS, MS, CR, KR, m.ob. (Ac) [Review List Species]

ANHINGA -- 1-33, 20 Mar.-9 Nov., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, ZL, JH (RS, R nesting species); 2, 18 Apr. and 1, 22 Apr., Section Line Rd., PM (U); 9, 9 May, Wade Rd. near Adaton, TS, MS (U); 1, 14 May, White's Slough, Lowndes Co., JO (U)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 10 and 14 Apr., Prisock Fields, Noxubee NWR, TS, MS (U)

GREAT EGRET -- 316, 18 Dec., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS (N)

CATTLE EGRET -- 1-7, 4-26 Jan., Singing River Island, BJ, MJ (RS); 2, 17 Dec., Oktoc Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (RS)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 1 ad, 18 Apr., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (U, A); 3-21, 14 May-19 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, JH (U, N)

OSPREY -- 2 ad at nest, 6 Mar.-14 Jul., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (R nesting species); 2 ad at nest, 25 May, back waters of Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., JM (R nesting species); 1, 11-31 Dec., Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., DP, JP, TS, MS, JH (RS)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1-2, 18-19 Apr., Loakfoma Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, m.ob. (R); 1, 18 Apr., Wilcox Rd. 1.5 mi east of Hwy. 82, Washington Co., JoS (R)

BALD EAGLE -- 2 young in nest, 6 Mar.-17 May, Officer's Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, DP, JP, m.ob. (R nesting species); 2 ad, 9 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 2 large young in nest, 14 Apr., Doyle's Arm, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, m.ob. (R nesting species); 2 large young in nest, 22 Apr.-12 May, Prisock Fields, Noxubee NWR, TS (R nesting species); 2 ad, 9 imm, 20 Dec., Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS (N)

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1, 21 Apr., Hattiesburg, LB (Ca); 1 light morph adult, 13 Nov., Ansley, Hancock Co., NB (Ca) [Review List Species]

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1, 11-21 Jan., Cedar Grove Rd., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., SR (Ca); 1, 14-16 Jan., Triplets Pasture Rd., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., SR (Ca); 1 imm, 2-4 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, JH (Ca) [Review List Species]

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 1-2, 12-29 Dec., Buck Island Rd., Tunica Co., WP, HM, DPr, RH (R)

MERLIN -- 1 f/imm, 3 Jan.-12 Mar., MSU South Farm, TS, MS, m.ob. (R); 1 f/imm, 25 Jan., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, JH (R); 1 f/imm, 7 Feb., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (R); 1 f/imm, 7 Apr., Starkville, JH (R); 1, 11 Oct., Goose Overlook, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JH (R); 1 f/imm, 6 Nov., MSU South Farm, TS (R); 1 f/imm, 11-22 Dec.,

Browning Creek, Oktibbeha Co., MS, TS, DP, JP (R); 1, 31 Dec., Choctaw Lake, Choctaw Co., LT (R)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1 ad, 25-26 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS, MS, JH, MC (R)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 29 Aug., Prairie Waters, Lowndes Co., TS (U, A)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 heard only, 29 May-12 Jun., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., TS (R) (R nesting species)

SAY'S PHOEBE -- 1, 1 Jan.-4 Apr., MSU South Farm, TS, MS, JHo, JR, NW, m.ob. (Ac); 1, 27 Sep., Coldwater River NWR, Quitman and Tallahatchie Cos., JHo, JR (Ac); 1, 27-29 Dec., Sidon, HM, PB, RS, MM, AM (Ac) [Review List Species]

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER -- 1-2, 24-28 Oct., Tillman Street, Pascagoula, DM, BJ, TS, JHo, JR, m.ob. (Ca); 1, 31 Oct.-4 Nov., Old Broadwater Golf Course, Biloxi, HC (Ca) [Review List Species]

TROPICAL KINGBIRD -- 1, 1 Jan.-13 Feb., Jourdan River, Bay St. Louis, NM, LG, NB, m.ob. (Ac, 1st state record) [Review List Species]

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 2, 1 Jan.-6 Mar., Singing River Island, BJ, MJ (RS); 1, 8 May, Hwy. 45 Alt near Artesia, Lowndes Co., PM, JO (R); 1, 22 Oct., Singing River Island, JHo (R); 1, 24 Oct., Tillman Street, Pascagoula, JHo (R)

GRAY KINGBIRD -- 1, 30 Aug., Singing River Island, CD, BJ, JW (Ca); 1, 1 Sep., D'Iberville, LG (Ca) [Review List Species]

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1 nesting pair, 22 Apr.-17 Jul., Hwy. 45 Alt near Artesia, Lowndes Co., TS, m.ob. (R nesting species); 1, 26 Apr., 4 mi east of Duck Lake Rd., Tunica Co., HM (R); 1, 11 Jul., Prather Drive 4 mi east of Starkville, LBe (R); 1, 22 Oct., Singing River Island, JHo (R)

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 19 Dec., Edmonds Bridge Rd., Noxubee Co., DK (RS)

BELL'S VIREO -- 1, 12 Sep., St. Catherine Creek NWR, Adams Co., HC, LG (Ca) [Review List Species]

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 29 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (A, U); 1, 2 May, Robinson Rd., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., ZL, TH (U); 1, 6 May, Robinson Rd. near Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., ZL, TH (U)

WARBLING VIREO -- 1, 9 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., ZL, TH (A, U); 1, 26 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (U); 1, 2 May, MSU South Farm, ZL, TH (U); 1, 16 May-10 Jul., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., TS, MS, DP, JP, JH (R nesting species); 2, 29 May-14 Jun., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS, DP, JP, JH (R nesting species)

CAVE SWALLOW -- 2, 5 Sep., Seaman Rd. S.L., HC, LG, SM (R)

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1, 10 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., ZL, TH (E)

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 26 Apr., Moore's Creek Rd., Columbus, TS, MS, JH, PM (L)

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 27 Mar., Southside, Columbus, PM (E); 1, 29 Mar., Section Line Rd., DP, JP (E); 2, 15-31 Dec., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., JO (RS)

CEDAR WAXWING -- 3000, 22 Mar., MSU campus, TS (N)

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1-2, 1 Jan.-24 Feb., Holly Grove Rd., Ballentine, Panola Co., JHo, JR (Ca) [Review List Species]

PINE SISKIN -- 2, 14 May, Starkville, JH (L); 1, 8 Oct., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS (E)

OVENBIRD -- 1, 2-16 Jun., Sandpit Trail, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (RS)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 30 Oct., White's Slough, Lowndes Co., DP, JP (L)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1 m, 1 f, 1 May, Chewalla Lake, Marshall Co., HM, RH (U); 12, 31 Aug.-6 Oct., various locations, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha Cos., TS, DP, JP, PM (U)

BREWSTER'S WARBLER -- 1 m, 27 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (R); 1, 2 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 3, 8 Apr.-12 Sep, Moore's Creek Rd., Columbus, TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 15 Apr., entrance rd., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1 heard

only, 15 Apr.-17 Sep., Bluff Lake Rd. near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 18 Apr., Bluff Lake, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 19 Apr.-1 May, Section Line Rd., , TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 28 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 1 May, Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 1 May, Old West Point Rd., Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 2 May, Noxubee NWR west of Shinn's Store, Winston Co., TS (U); 1, 2-16 May, Lynn Creek Rd. 7 mi west of Brooksville, TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 3 May, Natchez Trace Parkway, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 6 May, Logan Rd., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 2 heard only, 9 May, Self Creek Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 9 May, Harrell Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 9 May, Brown Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 9 May-19 Sep., Polly Bell Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1 heard only, 12 May, Cemetery Rd., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 13 May, Sand Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 15 May, Longview-Adaton Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 19 May, intersection of Dummy Line Rd. and Bluff Lake Rd., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (U); 1 heard only, 19 May, Shinn's Store, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (U); 1, 2 Sep., Bluff Lake boardwalk, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 1, 14 Sep., River Rd., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 8 Apr., Four County Rd. near Adaton, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A, U); 1, 22 Apr., Starkville, JH (U); 1, 1 May, Chewalla Lake, Marshall Co., HM, RH (U); 1, 3 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (D, U); 3, 16 Sep., Judge Thomas Rd., DP, JP (U)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 2 m, 2 f, 3 Apr., Robinson Rd. near Oktoc, Okibbeha Co., ZL, TH (U, A, N); 1 m, 12 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (U); 1, 17 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., ZL, TH (U); 1, 18 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Okibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 25 Apr., Starkville, JH (U); 1 f, 29 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U)

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 heard only, 16 May, 5 mi south of DeSoto River Park, DeSoto Co., HM (L)

PALM WARBLER -- 1, 16 May, Prairie Wildlife, JH (L); 1-10, 4-31 Dec., Paulette Rd., TS, MS, JH (RS)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 m, 14 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Okibbeha Co., TS (U); 1, 2 Oct., Starkville, JH (U)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 6, 30 Mar.-1 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MS, m.ob. (U)

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW -- 1, 3 Dec., Duck Pond Rd. near Coldwater River, Marshall Co., RH (Ac) [Review List Species]

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1, 13 Oct., Bayou Caddy, Hancock Co., LG (Ca); 1, 18 Oct., Old Broadwater Golf Course, Biloxi, HC (Ca); 1, 14 Nov., McLeod Park, Hancock Co., HC (Ca) [Review List Species]

LARK SPARROW -- 1, 2 Jan., MSU South Farm, TS, MS (RS); 26, 4 Apr.-6 Aug., Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Okibbeha Cos., TS, MS JH (U nesting species) 6, 12 Apr., Okolona Rd., Monroe Co., WP (E, U nesting species); 3, 8 Dec., Old Macon Rd. near Columbus, DP, JP (RS)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1, 17 Apr., Buck Island Rd., Tunica Co., HM (R); 4, 7 May-2 Jul., Old Vinton Rd., Clay Co., TS, MS, JH (R nesting species); 1, 7 May-4 Aug., Judge Thomas Rd., TS, MS, JH, (R nesting species); 1, 10 May, 1.9 mi south of Bass Landing Rd., Mississippi River levee, DeSoto Co., HM (R); 1, 17-30 May, Yokohama Plant, Yokohama Boulevard, West Point, TS, MS (R nesting species); 1, 14 Jun., Hazelwood Rd, West Point, TS (R nesting species); 1, 29 Oct., Judge Thomas Rd., DP, JP (R)

LE CONTE'S SPARROW -- 1, 5 Feb., Prisock Fields, Noxubee NWR, ZL, SR (U)

NELSON'S SPARROW -- 1, 5 Nov., Judge Thomas Rd., TS (R)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 26 Apr., intersection of Levee Rd. and Dundee Rd., Tunica Co., HM (U); 1-2, 28 Apr.-2 May, Starkville, JH, TS, MS, ZL, TH (U); 1, 30 Apr., Gilmer-Wilburn Rd. 1 mi east of Artesia, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 2 May, Bass Landing Rd., DeSoto Co., HM (U); 1-2, 11-29 Oct., Judge Thomas Rd., DP, JP, PM (U); 1, 15 Oct., Morgan Hill, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., DP, JP (U)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 1, 7 May, Prairie Wildlife, TS (L)

BLUE GROSBEAK -- 1, 29 Oct., MSU North Farm, TS (L)

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1 m, 4 Mar., Pascagoula, BJ (E); 1, 26 Mar., Columbus, DP, JP (E)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 ad m, 1 Jan.-8 Apr., Johnston residence, Pascagoula, BJ, MJ (RS); 1 ad m, 24 Apr., 5 mi

northeast of Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., JH (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 25 Apr., Huntington Park subdivision, Oktibbeha Co., JS (U nesting species); 1 f/imm, 29-30 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., TS, MS (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 1 imm m, 30 Apr., Gilmer-Wilburn Rd., Artesia, TS (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 5 May-20 Jul., 2 mi north of Brooksville, TS, MS (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 6-8 May, 3 mi south of Artesia, Lowndes Co., PM, JO (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 1 f/imm, 17 May-1 Sep., Prairie Wildlife, TS, MS (U nesting species)

WESTERN MEADOWLARK -- 1, 24 Feb.-2 Mar., MSU South Farm, TS (R);

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 2 ad m, 25 Apr., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, JH, TS, MS, m.ob. (R)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1, 15 Apr., Garden Isle subdivision, Bay St. Louis, HW (R)

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE -- 1 ad m, 18 Jan.-28 Mar., LaSalle residence, Ocean Springs, ML, m.ob. (Ac) [Review List Species]

BALTIMORE ORIOLE -- 1 imm f, 30 Jan.-28 Feb., Knight residence, Oxford, GK, SK (RS); 1, 12 Apr., Starkville, JH (E); 1, 12 Apr., 1 mi east of Gum Springs, Winston Co., JH (E)

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Key to Localities

Localities not listed are indexed on the “Official Highway Map of Mississippi” or the county is listed in the main text.

Catalpa Creek Bottoms = Lowndes Co.; Judge Thomas Rd. = Clay Co.; MSU North Farm/South Farm = Oktibbeha Co.; P.D. Fulgham Rd. = Oktibbeha Co.; Paulette Rd. = Noxubee Co.; Prairie Wildlife = Clay Co.; Prisock Fields, Noxubee NWR = Winston Co.; Seaman Rd. S.L. = Jackson Co.; Section Line Rd. = Lowndes Co.; Singing River Island = Jackson Co.

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