

**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:
SPRING-SUMMER 2018**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for spring and summer 2018 (1 March-31 July 2018). 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: (Ac) = accidental, (Ca) = casual, (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), m.ob. = many observers, mi. = mile(s), MSU = Mississippi State University, 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 -- 2, 25 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., PM (R); 2-4, 22 Jun.-8 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., MP, JH, TS, MS, LT, m.ob. (R)

GADWALL -- 1 m, 1 f, 13-28 Jun., Stan Tabor Rd., TS (RS)

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 1 m, 1 f, 15 May-28 Jun., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (RS); 1 m, 3 Jun., Prairie Point Rd., Noxubee Co., TS (RS)

BLACK SCOTER -- 1, 18 Mar., Broadwater Marina, Biloxi, HC, BJ (R)

LONG-TAILED DUCK -- 1, 10 Mar., Biloxi, HC (R)

RUDDY DUCK -- 1-3 m, 3 f, 1 Jun.-24 Jul., West Point S.L., TS, MS, MP, BJ (RS)

INCA DOVE -- 1, 6 Mar., Greenwood, HB (R); 3, 31 Mar., Diamondhead, HC, LM (R)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, Mar., Greenwood, HB (R); 2-30, May-Jul., Greenville, FJS (R)

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad f, winter-24 Mar., Ables residence, Mayhew, IBA, MS, MP (R)

KING RAIL -- 2, 18 Jul., Pearl River WMA, Madison Co., LT (U)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1-6, 8 Apr.-fall, Loakfoma Lake, Noxubee Co., KH, TN, PM, MP, LT (R); 4-6, 22 May-fall, Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., JH, TS, MS, MP, LT (R)

COMMON GALLINULE -- up to 15, 7 Apr.-fall, Loakfoma Lake, Noxubee Co., JH, MP, MS, m.ob. (R); up to 4, 21 May-fall, Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., LG, TO, LT (R); 2-5 (2 ad, 3 imm), 2 Jun., 21 Jul., Tupelo Water Treatment Facility, WP (R)

AMERICAN COOT -- 1, 2-26 Jun., West Point S.L., TS, MS (RS); 2, 13 Jun.-28 Jul., Stan Tabor Rd., TS, JH, MS (RS)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1, 26 Jul., Stan Tabor Rd., JH, MS, MP (R)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 1, 30 Jul., White's Creek Lake, Webster Co., TS, MS, JH, BD, SG (R)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1, 9 May, Stan Tabor Rd., TS (RS)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 3, 22 Apr., MSU North Farm, Oktibbeha Co., MS, TS, JH (U)

DUNLIN -- 1, 15 Apr., Catalpa Creek bottoms, Lowndes Co., PM (RS)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 2, 13 Jun., Stan Tabor Rd., TS (L)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 24 Apr., Harrah's Casino green space, Biloxi, HC (R)

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1, 15 Jun., Stan Tabor Rd., TS (L)

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 12, 5 May, Stan Tabor Rd., JH, MS, PM, IB, MP, LC (RS)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 85, 15 Apr., Catalpa Creek bottoms, Lowndes Co., JH, TS, RL, KL (RS); 48, 22 Apr., Catalpa Creek bottoms, Lowndes Co., JH (RS)

WILLET -- 10, 30 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, MS, TS (R); 18, 30 Apr., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., PM (R)

LAUGHING GULL -- 2, 29-31 May, Columbus Lake, Lowndes and Clay cos., TS (R)

GLAUCOUS GULL -- 2, winter-17 Mar., Pass Christian harbor, HC (Ca) [Review List Species]

LEAST TERN -- 1 ad, 26 Jun., West Point S.L., TS, MS, BP (E)

WOOD STORK -- 1, 27 May, Stan Tabor Rd., JH (U, E); up to 44, 2 Jun.-28 Jul., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Winston cos., IB, TS, MS, m.ob. (U); 2, 10 Jun., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., RS (U); 2, 17 Jun., Sessums Rd., Oktibbeha Co., JH (U); up to 75, 19 Jun.-28 Jul., Stan Tabor Rd., TS, MS, JH, MP (U); 6, 23 Jun., near Brooksville, JW (U); 2, 30 Jun., 4 mi. northwest of Brooksville, NP, PK (U); 4, 30 Jun., Black Prairie WMA, Lowndes Co., NP, PK (U); 1, 7 Jul., near Macon, RB (U); 8, 13 Jul., Sessums Rd., Lowndes Co., TS (U)

ANHINGA -- 1, 6 Mar.-12 May, White's Slough, Lowndes Co., JO, PM (U); up to 27, 15 Mar.-fall, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, and Winston cos., JH, MP, TS, MS, m.ob. (U); 1, 4, 9 Apr., Big Black Creek bottoms, Choctaw Co., TS, MS, IB (R); 1, 11 Apr., 2 May, Plymouth Bluff, PM, JO (U); 1, 13 Apr., Oktoc, Oktibbeha Co., JH (U); 1, 21 Jun., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., TS (U); 2, 7 Jul., 5 mi. southwest of Okolona, WP (R); 2, 23 Jul., Eupora, IB, MS (R)

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- up to 128, 1 Jun.-31 Jul., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, m.ob. (US)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 2 Apr., Big Black Creek bottoms, Choctaw Co., WM (U)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- up to 66, 9 Apr.-30 Jun., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., JH, BD, m.ob. (U); up to 8, 22-29 Jun., Brooksville, JH, BD, m.ob. (U); up to 4, 22 Jun.-20 Jul., 7 mi. west of Brooksville, JH, BD, m.ob. (U)

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- up to 3, 21 May-34 Jun., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Winston cos., LG, MP, TS, m.ob. (U)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- up to 9, 21 May-16 Jun., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee and Winston cos., LG, SR, RSn, TS (R)

OSPREY -- 2 ad, 2 imm, winter-21 Jun., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (R nesting species); 2 ad, 1 imm, 19 Apr.-21 Jun., 8 mi. east of West Point, TS (R nesting species)

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- 1, 2 Mar., Ashland, TD (Ac) [Review List Species]

BALD EAGLE -- 2 ad, 1 imm, 4 Mar.-31 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R nesting species); 2 ad, 1 imm, 8 Mar.-28 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., LCr (R nesting species); 2 imm, 21 Jun., Officer's Lake, Columbus, TS (R nesting species)

CRESTED CARACARA -- 1, 13 Jun., near Vicksburg, TE (Ac) [Review List Species]

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1, 7 Apr., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., IB (R)

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 4 Mar., Broadwater Sun Golf Course, Biloxi, HC (R)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 28 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., Jackson Co., HC (R); 1-3, 2 May-24 Jun., Sessums Rd., Oktibbeha Co., JH, MS, MP, m.ob. (R); 1 m, 8 May, Paulette Rd., Noxubee Co., JH (R); 1 f, 15-19 Jun., near Artesia, TS, JH, MP (R)

ALDER FLYCATCHER -- 1, 18 May, Conger Rd., DeSoto Co., HC, HM, RP, RH (R)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- up to 2, 8 May-19 Jun., Stan Tabor Rd., JH, TS, ND, m.ob. (R, E); 1, 8 May-8 Jun., Paulette Rd., Noxubee Co., JH, TS, PM (R, E); 1, 4-5 Jun., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., PM (R)

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 4 Mar., Prairie Waters, Lowndes Co., JH (RS)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 24 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., MS (US, E); 1-2, 27 Apr.-3 May, Plymouth Bluff, PM, JO (US); 1, 28 Apr., Section Line Rd., Columbus, PM (US); 1, 1 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, MS (US)

WARBLING VIREO -- 1, 21 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, MS (U); 1, 16 May-5 Jun., Columbus Lake, Clay Co., MS, TS, JH, PM (R nesting species)

CAVE SWALLOW -- 1, 30 Mar., near Bayou Caddy, Bay St. Louis, HC (R)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 2, 19 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, PM (E); 1, 19 Apr., Columbus Riverwalk, PM (E)

HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 27 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, PM (L)

PINE SISKIN -- 2, 16 May, Copeland residence, Winston Co., MC (L)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- up to 3, 17 Mar.-27 Jun., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., JH, MP, PM, m.ob. (U)

LARK SPARROW -- 2, 19 Apr., Judge Thomas Rd., Clay Co., TS, PM (U); 4, 19 Apr.-22 May, MSU North Farm, Oktibbeha Co., JH,

MS, PM, m.ob. (U); 3, 27 Apr.-26 Jul., Stan Tabor Rd., JH, TS, MS, m.ob. (U); 1-2, 27 Apr.-3 Jun., Prairie Point Rd., Noxubee Co., JH, TS, MS (U); 1, 4 May, Red Bud Rd., Lowndes Co., JH (U); 2, 15 May, Glenn Rd. x Moore Cutoff Rd., Noxubee Co., PM (U); 1, 16-20 May, Paulette Rd., Noxubee Co., LG (U); 2, 3 Jun., Rock Hill Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 3 Jun., East Skinner Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 9 Jun., Firetower Rd., Lowndes Co., JH (U); 2, 17 Jun.-10 Jul., near Artesia, JH, TS (U)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1, 18 May, Buck Island Rd., Tunica Co., HC, HM, RH (R); 1, 18 May-21 Jun., Judge Thomas Rd., Clay Co., TS, MS (R); 2, 30 May, Old Vinton Rd., Clay Co., TS, MS (R)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 18 May, Conger Rd., DeSoto Co., HC, HM, RP, RH (R)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 2, 20 Apr., 5 May, Broadwater Golf Course, Biloxi, HC (R)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 28 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, MP, PM (R)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1, 21 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., JO (E)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 5, 6 Apr.-16 May, Moore's Creek Rd., Lowndes Co., PM, DP, TS, m.ob. (U); 2, 7 Apr.-13 May, Nash Rd., Lowndes Co., PM, JH (U); 4, 10-28 Apr., Section Line Rd., Lowndes Co., PM (U); up to 5, 11 Apr.-23 Jun., Plymouth Bluff, JO, PM, MS, m.ob. (U); 3, 12 Apr.-7 May, Natchez Trace Parkway, Choctaw Co., MS, TS, DP (U); 1, 17 Apr., Edmond's Bridge Rd., Noxubee Co., JH (U); 1, 20 Apr., Bright Rd., Choctaw

Co., MS, DP (U); 1, 23 Apr.-12 May, Morris Rd., Oktibbeha Co., IB, JD (U); 1, 25 Apr., Natchez Trace Parkway, Webster Co., MS (U); 1, 27 Apr., P.D. Fulgham Rd., Oktibbeha Co., MS (U); 2, 28 Apr., Old West Point Rd., Lowndes Co., TS, MS (U); 3, 4 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, NG (U); 2, 11 May, Self Creek Rd. x Brown Rd., Oktibbeha Co., MS (U); 3, 12 May, Longview-Adaton Rd., Oktibbeha Co., IB, JD, TS, MS (U); 1, 12 May, Brown Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 12 May, Read Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 2, 12 May, Hickory Grove Rd., Oktibbeha Co., DP, JP (U); 1, 13 May, Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., JH (U); 1, 15 May-6 Jul., Bluff Lake Rd., Winston Co., TS (U); 1, 20 May, Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., HM, RH, BF (U); 1, 21 May, Section Line Rd., Winston Co., HM, RH, BF (U); 1, 31 May-1 Jun., Daniel Lake, Oktibbeha Co., MS, IB, JH (U); 1, 1-16 Jun., Noxubee NWR entrance road, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1, 1 Jun., Old Vinton Rd., Clay Co., MS, PM (U); 1, 4 Jun., Billy White Rd. x Sun Creek, Clay Co., TS (U); 2, 5-26 Jun., Friendship cemetery, Columbus, PM (U); 1, 10 Jun., Old Cove-Heath Rd., Webster Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 10 Jun., Knight Rd., Webster Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 28 Jun.-1 Jul., River Rd., Oktibbeha Co., JH, NP, PK (U); 3, 1 Jul., Cape Creek Rd., Choctaw Co., WM (U); 1, 2 Jul., Robinson Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1, 7 Jul., Bluff Lake Rd., Winston Co., TS, MS (U)

TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 1 Apr., Section Line Rd., Columbus, PM (E)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 17, 28 Apr., Section Line Rd., Columbus, PM (U); 1, 25 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 26, 28, 29 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, JO, PM, TS, MS (U)

MOURNING WARBLER -- 1, 18 May, Tunica Co. River Park, HC, HM, RP, RH (Ca) [Review List Species]

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 4 Apr., Big Black Creek bottoms, Choctaw Co., TS (E)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1, 9, 11, 24 Apr., Old French cemetery, Biloxi, HC (R); 1, 12-29 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, JO, PM (U); 1, 14, 18, 24, 25 Apr., Columbus Riverwalk, PM (U); 1, 22 Apr., Gillespie St., Starkville, JH (U); 1-2, 24-25 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, Choctaw Co., MS, TS (U)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1, 18 Mar., Waverly Mansion Rd., Clay Co., JA (E)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 2, 18 May, Tunica Co. River Park, HC, HM, RP, RH (R)

WESTERN TANAGER -- 1, 26-29 Jul., Long Beach, BL (Ac)
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PAINTED BUNTING -- 2-3, 2 May-14 Jul., Sessums Rd., Oktibbeha Co., JH, TS, MS, m.ob. (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 4 May, Red Bud Rd., Oktibbeha Co., JH (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 1 f, 5-12 May, Harris Rd., Oktibbeha Co., JH, PM, JPe, LP (U nesting species); 1, 9 May, Paulette Rd., Noxubee Co., TS (U nesting species); 1-2, 12 May-11 Jun., MSU North Farm, Oktibbeha Co., DP, JP, TS, MS, HC (U nesting species); 2-4, 15 May-20 Jul., Stan Tabor Rd., PM, TS, MS, m.ob. (U nesting species); 1, 16 May, Old Vinton Rd., Clay Co., PM (U nesting species); 1, 18 May-21 Jun., Judge Thomas Rd., Clay Co., TS, MS (U nesting species); 1 ad m, 3 Jun., East Skinner Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS (U nesting species); 3, 9 Jun., Firetower Rd., Lowndes Co., JH (U nesting species)

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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.

Plymouth Bluff = Lowndes Co.; Stan Tabor Rd. = Noxubee Co.