

THE MISSISSIPPI KITE

Birds Around the State

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The following is a summary of bird sightings in Mississippi and immediately adjacent areas by MOS members and friends during the time period 1 January through 30 June. These records include arrival and departure dates as well as records of the occurrences of unusual species in the state. Keys to places and observers follow the list.

- COMMON LOON -- 5 (breeding plumage), 30 Mar., Bluff L., WCW; 24,25 May, Horn I., WCW.
- BROWN PELICAN -- 3, early June, Horn I., RM.
- ANHINGA -- 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 1, 12 May, Biloxi, W & WCW; 15, 13 May, Ocean Springs, W & WCW; 23 May - 20 Jun., Horn I., (max. 16 on 24 May) WCW; 21, 27 Jun., Ocean Springs to Horn I., WCW, JJ, WDB.
- GREEN HERON -- 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
- LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 27 Apr. (with eggs), Cliftonville (Heronry), JJ, DFW.
- CATTLE EGRET -- 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
- REDDISH EGRET -- 1, 21 May, Horn I., WCW.
- GREAT EGRET -- 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 27 Apr., Cliftonville (Heronry), JJ.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 29 Apr., Huntington Pt., NH.
- LEAST BITTERN -- 1 (female), 19 Jun., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 22 Jun., Yazoo NWR, WCW.
- WOOD STORK -- 3, 20 Jun., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- GLOSSY IBIS -- 2, 22 May, Greenwood, TG.
- WHITE IBIS -- 1 imm., 14 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 21 May, Warren Co., NH, WG, BQ.
- CANADA GOOSE -- 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 5, 24 Jan., Yazoo NWR, WCW, JJ.
- SNOW GOOSE -- 5 white, 35 blue; 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- MOTTLED DUCK -- 2 (pair), 23 May, Horn I., WCW.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 29 Feb., Washington Co., E & GA; 30, 18 Mar., Graveline Bayou, WCW; 29 Apr., Huntington Pt., NH.
- AMERICAN WIGEON -- 1, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- WOOD DUCK -- (female with 16 new young), 22 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JJ.
- RING-NECKED DUCK -- 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JJ; 5, 14 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- LESSER SCAUP -- 10,000, 18 Mar., Bellefontaine Pt., WCW; 40, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 1 (female), 24 Jan., L. Washington, WCW, JJ, EA.
- BUFFLEHEAD -- 6 - 12, 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JJ; 2, 28 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- RUDDY DUCK -- 20, 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JJ; 30, 28 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- HOODED MERGANSER -- 4, 14 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 1 (female), 2 (males), 24 Jan., L. Washington, WCW, JAJ, EA; 3, 8 May, Ocean Springs, WCW.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 26 Apr., Huntington Pt., NH; 2 (copulation observed), 20 May, Archer I., Ark., NH.

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- COOPERS HAWK -- 1, 5 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
 BROADWINGED HAWK -- 1 mature, 2 imm., 18 Apr., Shaw, NH; 1, 19 May, D'Iberville, WCW.
 BALD EAGLE -- 2 imm., 4 Jan., Noxubee NWR, JAS; 2 imm., 7 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JJ; 1 imm., 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JJ.
 MARSH HAWK -- 1, 4 Jan., Noxubee NWR, JAS.
 OSPREY -- (at least 4 active nests, Chimney area, 1 pair nest-building) 17 Mar., Horn I., WCW, WDB; 1, 25 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 Fall and spring sightings, Archer I., Ark., NH.
 TURKEY -- 2 (males), 1 (female), 16 Apr.; (nest with 1 egg), 29 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
 SANDHILL CRANE -- 1, 13 Jun., near Gautier, WCW.
 KING RAIL -- 3, 19 Jun., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 SORA -- 1, 21 Mar., Ocean Springs, WCW.
 PURPLE GALLINULE -- 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 1, 22 Jun., Yazoo NWR, WCW.
 COMMON GALLINULE -- 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 2, 7 Jun., Horn I., WCW; 6, 22 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW.
 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 1, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 2, 8 May, Ocean Springs, WCW.
 SNOWY PLOVER -- 2, 22 May, Horn I., WCW; 2, 20 June, Horn I., WCW, JJ, RR.
 AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER -- 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
 RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 2, 20 May, Ship I., WCW.
 SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 5, 25 May, Horn I., WCW; 1, 28 May, Horn I., WCW.
 SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 2, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 25, 18 Mar., Graveline Bayou, WCW; 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
 LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 6, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 2, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
 WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 2, 22 May, Horn I., WCW; 10, 23 May, Horn I., WCW; 1, 28 May, Ship I., WCW.
 LEAST SANDPIPER -- 20, 1 Feb., Oktibbeha County L., W & WCW; 50, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
 SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 3, 18 May, Bellefontaine Pt., WCW; 1, 28 Jun., Horn I., WCW.
 STILT SANDPIPER -- 4, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 1, 25 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 15, 22 May, Horn I., WCW; 15, 24 May, Horn I., WCW; 2, 6 Jun., Horn I., WCW.
 SANDERLING -- 4, 8 Jun., Horn I., WCW.
 AMERICAN AVOCET -- 20, 28 Apr., Ross Barnett Reservoir, DW.
 BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 2, 22 May, Greenwood, TG.
 BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 6, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 GULL-BILLED TERN -- 2, 23 May, Horn I., WCW; 5, 6 Jun., Horn I., WCW.
 COMMON TERN -- 6, 25 May, Bluff L., JJ.
 LEAST TERN -- (2100 pairs nesting), spring 76, Gulfport Beach, JT.
 SANDWICH TERN -- 2, 12 May, Ocean Springs, W & WCW; 2, 12 May, Ship I., W & WCW; 5, 28 May, Ship I., WCW; 13, 6 Jun., Horn I., WCW.
 CASPIAN TERN -- 1, 20 Jun., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 BLACK TERN -- 20, 12 May, Mississippi Sound (Biloxi - Ship I.), W & WCW; 15, 22 May, Horn I., WCW; 65, 6 Jun., Horn I., WCW.

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- BLACK SKIMMER -- 200, 18 Mar., Gulfport, WCW.
 YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 17 Apr., Shaw, NH; 1, 8 May, Ocean Springs,
 W & WCW; 20 May, Washington Co., E & GA; 12, May 25, Horn I. WCW.
 GREAT HORNED OWL -- 1, 13 Jun., Ocean Springs, WCW.
 CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 14 Apr., Starkville, JJ.
 WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 2,7,19 Apr., Shaw, NH.
 COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1, 23 Apr., Starkville, WCW; 29 Apr., Washington Co.
 E & GA; 1000, 19 May, Shaw, NH.
 CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 2, 28 Mar., MSU Campus, WCW.
 RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 2 (males),
 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 1, 25 May, Horn I., WCW.
 PILEATED WOODPECKER -- 1, 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
 DOWNY WOODPECKER -- 27 Apr., (with 1 wk. old young), Cliftonville, JJ.
 30 Apr., (feeding young), Huntington Pt., NH.
 EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 6 Apr., Starkville, JJ; 6 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JJ;
 22 Apr., Starkville, JJ; 30, 26 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
 GRAY KINGBIRD -- 2, 21 May, Horn I. WCW.
 GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 21 Mar., Jackson Co., WCW; 12 Apr., MSU
 Campus, JJ; 13 Apr., MSU Campus, WCW; 16 Apr, Shaw, NH.
 ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 10, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 EASTERN WOOD PEWEE -- 6 Mar., Starkville, TD; 3, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR,
 WCW; 1, 27 May, Horn I., WCW.
 VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 2 (females), 24 Jan., L. Jackson, JJ.
 TREE SWALLOW -- 10, 24 Jan, L. Jackson, JJ, EA, WCW; (thousands), 13
 Apr. - 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
 BANK SWALLOW -- 2, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 12 May, Ship I., W &
 WCW; 3, 16 May, near Larue, WCW; 1, 26 May, Horn I., WCW.
 ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 2, 28 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 BARN SWALLOW -- 7 Mar., Washington Co., E & GA; 2, 27 Mar., near
 Starkville, WCW.
 CLIFF SWALLOW -- 3, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 PURPLE MARTIN -- 2 (females), 20 Feb., Scooba, RW; 25 Feb., Washington
 Co., E & GA; 1, 28 Feb., MSU Campus, WCW.
 FISH CROW -- 1, 20 Apr., near Columbus, WCW.
 CAROLINA CHICKADEE -- 2 (in nest, unfeathered) 5 Apr., Archer I., Ark.,
 NH; 4, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, JJ.
 WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1, 7 Feb., Noxubee NWR, WCW, EWP.
 RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 15 Jan., 30 Jan., Kosciusko, JAS; 6 Mar.,
 Washington Co., E & GA.
 HOUSE WREN -- 10 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
 WINTER WREN -- 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
 CAROLINA WREN -- 4, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 CATBIRD -- 10 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 1, 18 Apr., Starkville, WCW.
 WOOD THRUSH -- 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 11 Apr., Washington Co.,
 E & GA; 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
 SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 7 May, MSU Campus, WCW; 2, 25 May, Horn I., WCW.
 VEERY -- 2, 25 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1 May, Washington Co., E & GA.
 BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 15, 17 Mar., Horn I., WCW, WDB; 25, 27 Mar.,
 Noxubee NWR, WCW; 28 Mar., Washington Co., E & GA; 1, 19 May, Shaw,
 NH.
 RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 11 May, Washington Co., E & GA.
 WATER PIPITS -- 3 or 4, 4 Jan., Kosciusko, JAS.
 CEDAR WAXWINGS -- 150, 26 Jan, MSU Campus, WCW; 7, 26 May, Horn I., WCW.

- WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 27 Feb., Kemper Co., RW; 1, 17 Mar., Ocean Springs, WCW; 2, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 3, 27 Mar., Oktibbeha Co., WCW; 2, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- SOLITARY VIREO -- 1, 3 Feb., Tombigbee Nat. For., RW; 1, 14 Feb., Tombigbee Nat. For., RW; 2, 28 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 19 Apr., Shaw, NH.
- RED-EYED VIREO -- 2, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 8, 25 May, Horn I., WCW.
- WARBLING VIREO -- 3, 19 May, D'Iberville, WCW; 1, 25 May, Horn I., WCW.
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, RW.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1, 2 Apr., 26 mi. N of Meridian, JJ, WCW; 40, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR; 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 5 May, Dorman L., WCW; 1, 20 Jun., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 17 Apr., Choctaw L., WCW.
- TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 3, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 17 Apr. - 9 May, Washington Co., E & GA; 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 27 Feb., Kemper Co., TD.
- NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.; 1, 28 Apr., MSU Campus, WCW.
- NORTHERN PARULA -- 1, 17 Mar., Ocean Springs, WCW; 1, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- YELLOW WARBLER -- 2, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 27 May, Horn I., WCW.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1 (male), 25 May, Horn I., WCW.
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 23 May, Washington Co., E & GA.
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 11 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 1 (male), 24 May, Horn I., WCW.
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1, 19 May, D'Iberville, WCW; 2 (females), 24 May, Horn I., WCW; 1 (female), 1 (male), 25 May, Horn I., WCW; 1 (male), 26 May, Horn I., WCW.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 3, 14 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 2 May, Archer I., Ark., NH; 3 (1 female, 2 males), 25 May, Horn I., WCW.
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1, 27 Apr., MSU Campus, WCW.
- PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 1, 22 Apr., near Starkville, WCW; 30 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
- PALM WARBLER -- 1, 17 Apr., Choctaw L., WCW; (many), 22 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JJ; 3, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 24 Mar., Oktibbeha Co., WCW; 5, 28 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 8, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
- YELLOWTHROAT -- 1 (male), 21 Jan., Kosciusko, JAS; 27 Feb., Kemper Co., RW.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1, 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 1, 17 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. L., WCW.
- HOODED WARBLER -- 4, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 29 Apr., Huntington Pt., NH.
- AMERICAN REDSTART -- 6, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.

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- BOBOLINK -- 1000, 24 Apr., Rocky Springs, RD, CB, FW; 25 Apr. - 9 May, Washington Co., E & GA; 100, 27 Apr., near Artesia, JJ; 100, 30 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 1 (female), 3 May, Starkville Airport, JJ; 100's, 5 May, MSU Campus, JJ; 50, 6 May, Starkville, WCW; 8 (males), 12 May, Ship I., WCW; 150, 14 May, near Artesia, WCW; 1, 26 May, Horn I., WCW.
- EASTERN MEADOWLARK -- (nesting, 2 young, 2 eggs), 16 May, Oktibbeha Co., JJ.
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 (male); 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
- ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1, 10 Apr., Archer, I., Ark., NH; 12 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 8, 17 Apr., Choctaw L., WCW.
- NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 1, 29 Apr., Starkville, WCW.
- BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE -- 4 Apr., (several) Pascagoula, JJ.
- SCARLET Tanager -- 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 1, 17 Apr., Choctaw L., WCW; 2 May, Archer I., Ark., NH.
- SUMMER Tanager -- 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 16 Apr., Shaw, NH.
- CARDINAL -- 1 (female), 17 Mar., Horn I., WCW, WDB.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 20 Apr., MSU Campus, JJ; 90, 26 Apr., between Jackson and Rocky Springs, RD, CB, FW; 2 May, Washington Co., E & GA.
- BLUE GROSBEAK -- 3, 17 Apr., Choctaw L., WCW.
- INDIGO BUNTING -- 2, 13 Apr., MSU Campus, WCW; 17 Apr. - 9 May, Washington Co., E & GA; 30, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1 (male), 28 May, Horn I., WCW.
- PAINTED BUNTING -- 1, 15 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH; 25 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA.
- DICKCISSEL -- 18 Apr., Washington Co., E & GA; 10, 14 May, near Artesia, WCW; 100, 29 May, Huntington Pt., NH.
- EVENING GROSBEAK -- 60 to 80, Jan. to Mar., Sturgis, RW; 10 to 12, 2 Mar., Kosciusko, WVD; 2, 27 Mar., Oktibbeha Co., WCW; 10 (seen regularly) 28 Mar. to 16 Apr., Starkville, WCW; 30, 2 Apr., Macon, WCW, JJ.
- PURPLE FINCH -- flocks, 27 Mar., MSU Campus, JJ.
- PINE SISKINS -- flocks, 27 Mar., MSU Campus, JJ; small flock, 2 Apr., Macon, JJ; 400, 7 Apr., MSU Campus, WCW; many flocks of 50 or more, 10 Apr., Starkville, JJ; 100, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- RED CROSSBILL -- (pair nesting), Feb. to Apr., Noxubee NWR, RW, TD, JJ. (details to be published in next issue); 9, 7 Mar., Noxubee NWR, RW.
- SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 2, 4 May, Starkville, WCW.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 5 (females), 13 June, Fontainebleau BBS Rte., WCW.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 14 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 2 May, Washington Co., E & GA.
- SONG SPARROW -- 29 May, Washington Co., E & GA.

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Key to Abbreviated Localities.--Archer I. = Archer Island, Arkansas, adjacent to Bolivar Co., Ms.; Artesia = Lowndes Co.; Bluff L. = Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co.; Biloxi = Harrison Co.; Bellefontaine Pt. = Jackson Co.; Columbus = Lowndes Co.; Choctaw L. = Choctaw Co.; Dorman L. = Oktibbeha Co.; D'Iberville = Harrison Co.; Cliftonville = 3 mi. SW Cliftonville, Noxubee Co.; Fontainebleau BBS Route = Fontainebleau Breeding Bird Survey Route, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Jackson Co.; Greenwood = Leflore Co.; Gautier = Jackson Co.; Gulfport Beach = Harrison Co.; Graveline Bayou = Jackson Co.; Horn I. = Jackson Co.; Huntington Pt. = Bolivar Co.; Kosciusko = Attala Co.; L. Jackson = Washington Co.; L. Washington = Washington Co.; Larue = Jackson Co.; MSU Campus = Oktibbeha Co.; 26 mi. N of Meridian = along U.S. 45 in Kemper Co.; Noxubee NWR = Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, Oktibbeha, Winston, or Noxubee Cos.; Ocean Springs = Jackson Co.; Pascagoula = Jackson Co.; Macon = Noxubee Co.; Ross Barnett Reservoir = Madison or Rankin Co.; Scooba = Kemper Co.; Shaw = Bolivar Co.; Ship I. = Harrison Co.; Starkville = Oktibbeha Co.; Tombigbee National Forest = Winston Co.; Between Jackson and Rocky Springs = Hinds Co.; Yazoo NWR = Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge, Washington Co.

Note to Contributors: Please submit your observations to be included in the next issue of the Mississippi Kite as soon as possible. Supply as much detail as possible for unusual records. For all records be very precise in giving localities, dates, and observers. Good quality photographs for use in the Mississippi Kite would be welcomed. Not all records received can be published. Those of most interest are: all early and late records of migrants, records of unusual species or unusual numbers of birds, and unusual breeding records. All breeding records of any species are desired for our nest record card file.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Black and Turkey Vultures are being banded and marked with white plastic tags on the right wing in the vicinity of Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. The wing tags should be visible on top of the wing of perched birds and on the underside of the wing of birds in flight. These tags have a combination of a letter and a two-digit number painted on them. If you sight marked vultures, please send details of the sighting to Dr. J.A. Jackson, Box Z, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

A survey is underway of colonies of all species of wading birds. If you know of the location of a heronry or colonies of other wading birds, please send details to Dr. J.A. Jackson, Box Z, Mississippi State, MS 39762.