

A Rock Wren on Archer Island, Arkansas

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On 10 October 1976 I observed and photographed a Rock Wren (Salpinctes obsoletus) on Archer Island, Arkansas. Archer Island is on the east side of the Mississippi and is near Greenville, Washington Co., Mississippi. The area I was in when I saw him had been planted in beans, and the perimeter of the approximately 150 acre field had logs piled up to discourage deer from feeding on the beans. I saw a Carolina Wren (Thryothorus ludovicianus) first and stopped. Then I saw this pale gray bird bobbing up and down as it walked along a log. He was slightly longer than the Carolina Wren and slimmer looking. Chandler S. Robbins kindly confirmed my identification from the photographs I took. The Rock Wren has been reported before in Arkansas, but is apparently a rare bird in the state. This species has not yet been reported from Mississippi.



Figure 1. Views of a Rock Wren, Archer Island, Arkansas. Photos by Nona Herbert.