

Birds Around the State - Fall Migration, 1977

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi, and some in immediately adjacent areas, for the 1977 fall migration period (1 August to 30 November). The list of sightings is followed by a key to observers' initials, and another key identifying by county all localities mentioned. Most sightings fall into one of the following categories, as indicated by a capital letter: (A), arrival date and (D) departure date for migratory species; (E), exceptionally early date and (L), exceptionally late date; (N), large number; (R), species rare in the area and/or season in question; or (C), species casual or accidental in Mississippi (recorded less often than once a year, on average).

Abbreviations used in this section are: m, male; f, female; ad., adult; imm., immature; pr., pair; pl., plumage; max., maximum.

- COMMON LOON -- 1, 11 and 12 Aug., East Ship I., WCW (R in summer; bird missing flight feathers); "many", 30 Oct., off Horn I., JAT, LJG, JI, JR, AB (A); 7, 24 Nov., Noxubee NWR, WCW, JAJ, RL (N); 1, 24 Nov., Kosciusko sewage lagoons, JS.
- HORNED GREBE -- 4, 19 Nov., Oktibbeha County L., WCW (A); 20, 24 Nov., Noxubee NWR, WCW (N); 26 Nov., L. Washington, GEA and GA.
- EARED GREBE -- 1, 20 Sept., Hattiesburg sewage lagoons, LJG (A); 8, 23 Sept., Hattiesburg sewage lagoons, WCW; 10, 1 Oct., Hattiesburg sewage lagoons, LJG (highest number recorded in Miss.).
- WHITE PELICAN -- 2, 9 Oct., North I. (Chandeleur Islands, Louisiana), AVH, GT; 11, 6 Oct., Noxubee NWR, RO, VO (R transient away from coast); 4, 9 Oct., same place, WCW, JAJ; 4, 10 Oct., same place, EWP; 100, 15 Oct., eastern Jackson Co., JAT (N); 100, 3 Nov., Biloxi, JAT (N); 117, 7 Nov., Bellefontaine Point, JAT (N); 16, 21 Nov., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT.
- BROWN PELICAN -- 5, last week of July, Waveland, HW; 2, 3 Sept., Gulfport, JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 6 imm. with wing tags, 8 Sept., Marsh Point (near Ocean Springs), RPR (birds from June 1977 introduction to Chandeleur Islands).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 1, 23 Sept., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, WCW (A); 5, 7 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 3, 15 Oct., Jackson County, JAT; 8, 28 Oct., Oktibbeha County L., WCW; 200+ ("several large flocks of about 50 each"), 30 Oct., Mississippi Sound off Horn I., JAT, LJG, JI, JR, AB (N).
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 150, 3 Sept., Biloxi to Bellefontaine Point, JAT, LJG, JI, AB (N); 8, 3 Nov., Biloxi, RP (L); 4, 5 Nov. & 17 Nov., Bellefontaine Point, JAT (L); 1, 24 Nov., Biloxi, BB (L) - Nov. sightings are unusual.
- GREEN HERON -- 1, 21 Sept., Noxubee NWR, JAJ (D); 1, 1 Oct., Jackson, SP; 1 imm., 2 Nov., Kosciusko, JS (D).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 90 (about 70% imm.), 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, WCW (N); 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, JAJ.
- CATTLE EGRET -- 8, 9 Nov., Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW (L); 22, 26 Nov., Noxubee NWR, MF (L).

- REDDISH EGRET -- More sightings this fall than ever before in coastal Miss.; most were of imm. birds. The following partial list of sightings indicates the number of localities where the species was seen: 1, 8 Aug., Horn I., RPR; 1, 13 and 14 Aug., East Ship I., WCW; 1, 18 Aug., freshwater pond near Lakeshore, WCW, JAT; 2, 22 Aug., Pass Christian and Long Beach, JAT, RPR; 2, 24 Aug., Bay St. Louis and Waveland, JAT; 1, 5 Sept., Ocean Springs, RPR; 2, 5 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, AD; 2, 22 Oct., Biloxi, JAT; 2, 24 Oct., Gulfport, JAT.
- GREAT EGRET -- 45, 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, WCW (N).
- LOUISIANA HERON -- 1 imm., 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, WCW (R away from coast - first record for Refuge; detailed notes on file).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB (R); 1 ad., 17 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG (R).
- LEAST BITTERN -- 1, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 1, 4 Sept., Ocean Springs, RPR (first seen in area since early Aug. - birds possibly moved to larger marshes?); 1, 17 Sept., Buccaneer State Park, JAT (D).
- WOOD STORK -- 145, 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, WCW (N - possibly a record high count for Miss.?); 110, 3 Sept., same place, WCW, JAJ (N); 1, 7 Oct., same place, JAJ (D).
- WHITE IBIS -- 6 (1 ad., 5 imm.), 18 Aug., Lakeshore, JAT, WCW; 7 (1 ad., 6 imm.), 22 Aug., Waveland, JAT, RPR; 15, 27 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, RPR; 15 (1 ad., 14 imm.), 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, WCW (N - highest count for Refuge); 1 ad., 24 Nov., Noxubee NWR, WCW (L).
- WHISTLING SWAN -- 1 ad., 24 Nov., Noxubee NWR, WCW (R).
- WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 1 imm., 9 Oct. through end of Nov., Noxubee NWR, WCW, CDC, et al. (R).
- SNOW GOOSE (BLUE PHASE) -- 2, 9 Oct., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG, JR (A); 1 imm., 14 Oct. through end of Nov., Noxubee NWR, EWP, JAJ, WCW, et al.
- BLACK DUCK -- 10, 14 Nov., Noxubee NWR, CDC (A).
- MOTTLED DUCK -- 40, 12 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, VAT, RCB (N); 16, 18 Aug., ponds near Lakeshore, WCW, JAT; 25, 27 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 1, 19 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW, JAT, RPR, LCC (possibly summering?).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 4, 12 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, VAT, RCB (early migrants?); 1, 12 Aug., East Ship I., WCW; 40, 18 Aug., Lakeshore, WCW, JAT; 60, 27 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, JAT; 50, 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 14 Nov., Noxubee NWR, CDC (D).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 5, 19 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW, JAT, RPR, LCC (A); 20, 27 Aug., same place, JAT, RPR.
- REDHEAD -- 2, 21 Nov., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT.
- RING-NECKED DUCK -- 2 (1 m, 1 f), 23 Sept., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, WCW (may have been present all summer); 4, 7 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 200, 5 Nov., Noxubee NWR, JAJ; 500, 9 Nov., Noxubee NWR, WCW, CDC.
- LESSER SCAUP -- 200, 28 Oct., Oktibbeha County L., WCW (N); 3, 15 Nov., Kosciusko sewage lagoons, JS.
- BUFFLEHEAD -- 2, 14 Nov., Noxubee NWR, CDC (A); 25, 19 Nov., Oktibbeha County L., WCW; 2, 26 Nov., Lakeshore, JAT (A).

- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 1, 30 Nov., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG (R).
 SURF SCOTER -- 2 f or imm., 24 Nov., Noxubee NWR, WCW (R - first record for Refuge. Birds studied carefully for 1/2 hour; detailed notes on file).
- RUDDY DUCK -- 20, 9 Oct., Hattiesburg sewage lagoons, LJG, JR (A); 2, 20 Oct., Noxubee NWR, GAH (A).
 HOODED MERGANSER -- 75, 14 Nov., Noxubee NWR, CDC (A).
 RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 5, 30 Oct., Mississippi Sound off Horn I., JAT, LJG, JI, JR, AB; 3, 30 Nov., Kosciusko sewage lagoons, JS.
 BLACK VULTURE -- 148, 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, WCW (N); 125, 30 Oct., same place, WCW (N).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 9 Aug., Leaf River near Merrill, RPR.
 MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 2, 9 Aug. Chickasawhay R. near Merrill, RPR; 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), 9 Aug., Leaf R. near Merrill, RPR; 1, 31 Aug., Archer I., Arkansas, NH; 1, 18 Sept., Gulfport, JAT, AB (D).
 SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1, 9 Aug., Hattiesburg, LJG (E); 2, 15 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG; 1, 25 Nov., Monticello, CLB.
 RED-TAILED HAWK -- 1, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
 RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- 5, 9 Aug., Merrill & vicinity, RPR.
 BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 50+, 24 Sept., Jackson, EC (N); 30, 24 Sept., Brooklyn, LJG (N); 1, 15 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG.
- BALD EAGLE -- 1 ad., 30 Oct., Horn I., JAT, LJG, JI, JR, AB; 2 ads. present at nest site near Gulfport in Nov., JAT.
 MARSH HAWK -- 1, 14 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A); 1 f or imm., 14 Sept., Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW (A); 1 imm., 17 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW, LJG (A); 7, 17 Oct., Golden Triangle Airport (near Columbus), CDC.
- OSPREY -- 2, 14 Sept., Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW; 1, 9 Oct., same place, WCW; 1, 5 Nov., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (D?).
 PEREGRINE -- 1, 15 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (R).
 AMERICAN KESTREL -- 1, 18 Sept., Leflore, NH (A - species not seen in area during summer).
- WILD TURKEY -- 4, 2 Oct., Archer I., Ark., NH.
 SANDHILL CRANE -- At least 3 or 4 heard flying overhead, evening of 12 Nov., Starkville, RL (R transient in inland Miss.).
- AMERICAN COOT -- 4, 20 Aug., Pascagoula, WCW (R in summer); 2, 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 1 Oct., Jackson, SP (A).
 AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- 3, 9 Oct., Cat I., AVH, GT (casual in Miss.).
 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 11, 20 Aug., Bay St. Louis to Lakeshore, WCW; 28, 27 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, JAT (N); also 27 on 26 Aug.; 3, 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 4, 3 Sept., same place, WCW.
 PIPING PLOVER -- 7, 18 Aug., Bay St. Louis to Lakeshore, WCW, JAT; 10, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB.
 SNOWY PLOVER -- 3, 8 Aug., Horn I., RPR; 4, 14 Aug., East Ship I., WCW.
 WILSON'S PLOVER -- 16, 19 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW, JAT, RPR, LCC (N).
- KILLDEER -- 150, 28 Aug., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 200, 3 Sept., same place, WCW (N).
 AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1, 22 Aug., Pascagoula, AD; 1, 9 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 40, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB (N); 5, 9 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW.

- RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 3, 11 Aug., East Ship I., WCW; 6, 20 Aug., Gulfport, WCW.
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- 1, 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, JAJ.
- COMMON SNIPER -- 2, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB (A).
- WHIMBREL -- 1, 12 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, VAT, RCB; 1, 27 Aug., same place, RPR, JAT; 2, 18 Sept., same place, WCW.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 1, 27 Aug. and 1, 1 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR; 1, 3 Sept., Gulfport, JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 1, 17 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG.
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 7 Aug., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA; 1, 12 Aug., Greenville, GEA and GA.
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 27 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, JAT.
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 40, 27 Aug. and 1 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, JAT (max. counts); 10, 28 Aug., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA; 2, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA; 2, 25 Oct., Greenville, GEA and GA.
- RED KNOT -- 5 (breeding pl.), 14 Aug., East Ship I., WCW; 1, 20 Aug., Waveland, WCW; 3, 25 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT; 9 (winter pl.), 5 Sept., West Ship I., RPR (N).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 15, 20 Aug., Gulfport, WCW; 20 on 1 Aug., 75 on 12 Aug., 3 on 5 Sept., and 1 on 23 Sept., Greenville, GEA; 100, 28 Aug., and 12, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA; 400 on 28 Aug., and 150 on 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, WCW (N).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 3, 5 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, AD (R in fall).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 3, 5 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, AD (R).
- LEAST SANDPIPER -- 10 on 1 Aug., 90 on 5 Sept., 130 on 23 Sept., and 225 on 25 Oct., Greenville, GEA; 500, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 20, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA.
- DUNLIN -- 1, 26 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR (E); 5, 3 Sept., same place, JAT, LJG, JI, AB (E); 500, 23 Oct., same place, JAT; 1, 5 Nov., Hattiesburg, LJG.
- DOWITCHER (sp.?) -- 1, 25 Oct., Greenville, GEA; 1, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA.
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 150, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB (N).
- STILT SANDPIPER -- 24, 19 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW, JAT, RPR, LCC (N); 4, 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 2, 23 Oct., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (D).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 7 on 1 Aug., 60 on 5 Sept., 155 on 23 Sept., and 100 on 25 Oct., Greenville, GEA; 500, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 5, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA.
- WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 700, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 22 on 23 Sept., and 11 on 25 Oct., Greenville, GEA.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 22 Aug., Waveland, JAT, RPR; 1, 27 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, RPR; 2, 30 Aug., Long Beach, JAT, RPR; 1, 3 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 1, 3 Sept., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- MARBLED GODWIT -- 1, 24 Oct., Bay St. Louis, JAT (R).
- SANDERLING -- 200, 18 Aug., Bay St. Louis to Lakeshore, WCW, JAT (N).
- AMERICAN AVOCET -- All records from Pascagoula R. marsh. 200+ present on most visits, mid-Aug. to late Oct.; highest counts, 307 on 3 Sept. (JAT, LJG, JI, AB) and 460 on 1 Oct. (LJG, JI, JR) -- latter count a record high for Miss., 60 still present on 21 Nov. (JAT).

- BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 2, 18 Aug., ponds near Lakeshore, WCW, JAT; all other records from Pascagoula R. marsh. Maximum no., 42 on 25 Aug. (JAT). Several partly-grown young seen, 12 Aug. through 19 Aug. (RPR, VAT, RCB, JAT, WCW, LCC), confirming successful breeding. Several late records in Nov. (2 each on 5 Nov., 7 Nov., and 21 Nov., all by JAT). For full details, see article, this issue.
- RED PHALAROPE -- 1, 9 Oct., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG, JR (first record for Miss. - see article, this issue).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 1, 8 Aug., Horn I., RPR; all other records from Pascagoula R. marsh, as follows: 1, 12 Aug., RPR, VAT, RCB; 8, 25 Aug., JAT; 7, 26 Aug., RPR; 11, 27 Aug., JAT, RPR; 12, 3 Sept., JAT, LJG, JI, AB; 8, 10 Sept., RPR, JAT, KRE (R - largest numbers recorded in Miss. by far!)
- NORTHERN PHALAROPE -- 1, 10 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, KRE, RPR, JAT (third record for Miss., and first for Gulf coast; detailed notes on file).
- JAEGER (sp.?) -- 2 imm., 9 Oct., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG, JR (any jaeger casual inland - detailed notes on file).
- HERRING GULL -- 1 imm., 17 Sept., Gulfport, JAT (possibly summering? - R in summer).
- RING-BILLED GULL - 3, 20 Aug., Gulfport, WCW (R in summer); 2, 27 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, RPR; 25 Nov., L. Washington, GEA and GA.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 25 Nov., L. Washington, GEA and GA; 1, 26 Nov., Waveland, JAT (A); 10, 26 Nov., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG (A).
- LEAST TERN -- 7, 11 Sept., Bay St. Louis, JAT (D).
- ROYAL TERN -- Up to 2000, first week of Sept., Marsh Point (near Ocean Springs), RPR (N).
- CASPIAN TERN -- 5, 30 Aug., Noxubee NWR, RO, VO (R); 2, 3 Sept., same place, WCW; 4, 14 Sept., same place, WCW, CDC.
- BLACK TERN -- 400, 8 Aug., Horn I., RPR (N); 250, 12 Aug., East Ship I., WCW; 1, 25 Aug., Kosciusko sewage ponds, JS; 100, 30 Aug., freshwater ponds near Lakeshore, JAT, RPR.
- GROUND DOVE -- 1, 3 Sept., near Starkville, DE (bird shot by mistake on opening day of dove season, now in Miss. State Univ. collection). (R); 1, 18 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (R).
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 15 Oct., Jackson, SP (D); 1 found freshly dead, 21 Oct., Starkville, RL (D - bird now in Miss. State Univ. collection); 1, 5 Nov., Bellefontaine Point, JAT (D).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 15 Oct., Bellefontaine Point, JAT (D).
- GREAT HORNED OWL -- 2, 20 Nov., Starkville sewage ponds, WCW.
- BARRED OWL -- 5, 5 Sept., Jackson (Riverside Park), SP.
- SHORT-EARED OWL -- 1, 17 Oct., Golden Triangle airport (near Columbus), CDC; 1, 7 Nov., Hattiesburg, LJG.
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- abundant, 5 Sept., Noxubee NWR, JAJ; 3, 20 Sept., Archer I., Ark., NH (D).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT -- number?, 10 Oct., Jackson, JAS (D); 25, 14 Oct., Starkville, WCW (D).
- PILEATED WOODPECKER -- 6, 2 Oct., Archer I., Ark., NH (N).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1, 1 Oct., Jackson, SP (A); 10, 15 Oct., Jackson County, JAT (N).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 1 Oct., Gulfport, LJG, JI, JR (D); 1, 9 Nov., near Gulfport, JAT (L).

- GRAY KINGBIRD -- 2, 8 Aug., Horn I., RPR (birds present all summer); 1, 4 Sept., Gulfport, JAT (R - one seen at same spot on 5 Sept. 1976 was omitted from last fall's report; there is only one other mainland record for Miss.).
- WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 1 Oct., Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG, JI, JR (R).
- EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1, 22 Sept., Gulfport, JAT (A); 1, 16 Oct., Jackson, SP (A).
- YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 1 Oct., Jackson, SP, JAS.
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 1, 14 Sept., Noxubee NWR, WCW, CDC (D).
- Empidonax FLYCATCHER (LEAST?) -- 3, 2 Oct., Archer I., Ark., NH.
- EASTERN WOOD PEWEE -- 2, 9 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (D); 1, 5 Nov., Bellefontaine Point, JAT; 1, 7 Nov., same place, JAT (L).
- TREE SWALLOW -- 2, 19 Aug., Pascagoula R. marsh, RPR, JAT, LCC (A); "Several hundred," 2 Oct., Archer I., Ark., NH (N); some too high to see without binoculars; 3000, 6 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA.
- BANK SWALLOW -- 800 roosting in marsh grasses, 7 Sept., Marsh Point, near Ocean Springs, RPR (N).
- BARN SWALLOW -- late nesting record: 3 young still in nest, 13 Aug., Fort Massachusetts, West Ship I., LCC; 25 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (L); 1, 26 Nov., Waveland, JAT (L).
- CLIFF SWALLOW -- 1, 5 Sept., West Ship I., RPR.
- PURPLE MARTIN -- 500+ (many small flocks) flying N through torrential downpour, evening of 31 July, Ocean Springs, WCW (birds possibly forced out of roosting area on Deer I. or Marsh Point); 2000, 30 Aug., Bay St. Louis, RPR, JAT (N); 8, 23 Oct., Gulfport, JAT (L); "several," 23 Oct., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (L); "several," 24 Oct., Hancock County, JAT (L).
- RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 1, 21 Sept., Dorman Lake, WCW (A); 1, 21 Sept., Kosciusko, JS (A); 1, 4 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (A); 7, 19 Oct., Choctaw Lake, WCW (N); 3 banded, 26 and 27 Oct., and recaptured occasionally until 30 Nov., Starkville, NHu; 2, 26 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA.
- BROWN CREEPER -- 1, 15 Oct., Jackson, SP (A); 1, 27 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 1, 6 Nov., Gulfport, JAT (A).
- HOUSE WREN -- 3, 26 Nov., near Starkville, MF (L); 26 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- WINTER WREN -- 1, 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 1, 2 Nov., Kosciusko, JS (A).
- GRAY CATBIRD -- 3, 2 Oct., Greenville, GEA and GA.
- AMERICAN ROBIN -- Huge numbers at Starkville from 20 Nov. (500 seen) into Dec. (e.g. 2000+ on 26 Nov.); large roost located on Miss. State Univ. campus (WCW); 1, 28 Nov., Gulfport, JAT (A)
- WOOD THRUSH -- 1, 12 Oct., Jackson, SP (D).
- HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 16 Oct., Jackson, SP (A); 26 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 22 Sept., Gulfport, JAT; 1, 25 Sept., Jackson, SP.
- EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 20 in a flock, 9 Nov., Archer I., Ark., NH.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1, 12 Aug., East Ship I., WCW (early migrant?); 15, 18 Sept., Gulfport, JAT (migration wave?); 1, 2 Oct., Archer I., Ark., NH (D); 2, 26 Nov., Noxubee NWR, MF (L).
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 2, 19 Oct., Choctaw Lake, WCW (A).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 7 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 1, 15 Oct., Jackson County, JAT (A).

- WATER PIPIT -- 2, 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
 CEDAR WAXWING -- 20, 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
 WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 19 Oct., Choctaw Lake, WCW (D).
 SOLITARY VIREO -- 26 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
 PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 8, 12 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (N); 3, 15 Oct.,
 Hattiesburg, LJG.
 BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1, 26 Nov., Noxubee NWR, MF (L).
 SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 22 Aug., Buccaneer State Park, JAT, RPR.
 GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1 m, 16 Sept., Kosciusko, JS; 1, 9 Oct.,
 Hattiesburg, LJG (D).
 BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 5 Sept., Jackson, SP; 1 m, 14 Sept., Noxubee
 NWR, CDC, WCW; 1, 16 Sept., Kosciusko, JS.
 TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 15 Oct., Jackson, SP (D); 4, 6 Nov., Starkville,
 WCW (L); 1, 6-8 Nov., Kosciusko, JS (L).
 ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 1 Oct., Jackson, JAS (A); 11, 16 Oct.,
 Gulfport, JAT (N); 25 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
 NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 2, 5 Sept., and 1, 2 Oct., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA.
 YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 3 Oct., Jackson, SP (D).
 MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA; 1, 7 Sept.,
 Kosciusko, JS (A); 1, 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (D).
 MYRTLE (YELLOW-RUMPED) WARBLER -- 2, 6 Oct., Starkville, WCW (A); 11 Oct.,
 Jackson, JAS (A); 12, 19 Oct., Gulfport, JAT (A); 25 Nov., Yazoo
 NWR, GEA and GA (A).
 AUDUBON'S (YELLOW-RUMPED) WARBLER -- 1, 24 Oct., near Starkville, RL
 (R - detailed notes on file); 1, 31 Oct., Gulfport, JAT ("well-
 marked male").
 BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 f or imm., 16 Aug., Gulfport, JAT (A);
12, 7 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 2, 8 Aug., Horn I., RPR (early migrants).
 BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1, 2 Oct., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA; 1, 15 Oct.,
 Jackson, SP (D).
 BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1, 2 Oct., Greenville, GEA and GA.
 PALM WARBLER -- 3, 5 Sept., Hancock County, JT (A); "abundant," 9 Oct.,
 Hattiesburg, LJG.
 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 3 Sept., Gulfport, JAT (A).
 KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 3, 2 Oct., Archer I., Ark., NH (D).
 CONNECTICUT WARBLER -- 1, 5 Nov., Bellefontaine Point, JAT (L - species
 hypothetical in Miss.; description on file).
 HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 8 Aug., Horn I., RPR (early migrant); 1 m, 9 Oct.,
 Noxubee NWR, WCW (D); 1, 15 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (D).
 CANADA WARBLER -- 1, 5 Sept., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA; 1, 5 Sept., Jackson,
 SP; 2, 14 Sept., Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW; 1, 19 Sept., Kosciusko, JS.
 AMERICAN REDSTART -- 2, 15 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (D); 1, 16 Oct.,
 Jackson, SP (D).
 NORTHERN (BALTIMORE) ORIOLE -- 4, 10 Sept., Noxubee NWR, PR; 1, 11 Sept.,
 Gulfport, JAT (A).
 RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 1, 15 Nov., Kosciusko, JS (A); 10, 20 Nov., Starkville
 sewage ponds, WCW.
 BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 8, 12 Nov., Pearlinton, JAT (A).
 SCARLET Tanager -- 2, 17 Sept., Buccaneer State Park, JAT; 1, 6 Oct.,
 Starkville, WCW (D); 1, 16 Oct., Gulfport, JAT (D).
 SUMMER Tanager -- 1, 27 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (D); 1, 30 Oct., Gulfport,
 JAT (D)

- CARDINAL -- late breeding report: 1 newly-fledged young with ad. f, 10 Sept., Gulfport, JAT.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1, 10 Oct., Starkville, WCW (D).
- BLUE GROSBEAK -- 2, 9 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (D); 1, 18 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (D).
- INDIGO BUNTING -- 3, 5 Nov. (1, Gulfport; 1, Bellefontaine Point; 1, Pascagoula R. marsh), JAT (D); 1, 9 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1 f, 3 Nov., Kosciusko, JS.
- PAINTED BUNTING -- 1, 6 Sept., Starkville, RL (R).
- PURPLE FINCH -- 3, 16 Nov., Starkville, WCW (A); 26 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- PINE SISKIN -- 28 (2 flocks), 30 Oct., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 7, 5 Nov., Kosciusko, JS (A); 50, 26 Nov., Noxubee NWR, MF (N); several, 9 Nov., Kosciusko, JS (A).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 25 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 1, 3 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (A); 26 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- SEASIDE SPARROW -- 30, first week of Sept., Marsh Point (near Ocean Springs), RPR (N).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 2, 25 Oct., Starkville, WCW (A); 1, 2 Nov., abundant 6 Nov., Archer I., Ark., NH (A); 5 Nov., Monticello, CLB (A); 25 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- FIELD SPARROW -- 25 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 2, 20 Oct., Starkville, WCW (A); 6 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- FOX SPARROW -- 2, 14 Nov., Noxubee NWR, CDC (A).
- SWAMP SPARROW -- 6 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- SONG SPARROW -- 1, 15 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (A); 1, 28 Oct., Oktibbeha County L., WCW (A); 6 Nov., Yazoo NWR, GEA and GA (A).
- SNOW BUNTING -- 1, 14 to 23 Nov., Starkville, JAJ, CDC and many other observers (Accidental - first record for Miss.; bird photographed, trapped, and banded).

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For unusual records (generally, any species preceded by a "4" on the Mississippi check-list, or out-of-season records of other species), please supply as much detail as possible, including a detailed description of the bird(s) made before consulting a field guide, and the conditions of observation (e.g., "bird watched through 10X binoculars for 20 min, at distances of 30 to 100 feet"). If at all possible, such birds should be photographed or corroborated by other observers.

Not all records received can be published. Those of major interest are: arrival and departure dates for migrants, records of unusual species or unusual numbers of birds, or noteworthy breeding records. All breeding records, for any bird species, are desired for our nest record card file. (Nest record cards, with instructions for completing them, are available from the Editor).

Many thanks again to all our contributors, but let's try to get more records from lesser-known parts of the state!