

their nest sites to ponds selected by the female for brood rearing. They often leave one pond and travel overland to another nearby (Bellrose 1976), but a search of other pond areas in the vicinity on 16 June was unproductive.

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#### Vermilion Flycatcher in Issaquena County, Mississippi

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On 2 December 1978 I was in a duck blind in a beaver pond about one mile northwest of Albermarle Lake in Issaquena County when I saw a female Vermilion Flycatcher (Pyrocephalus rubinus). She was in view, off and on, for about four hours that morning and I observed her at distances from 40 yards to 75 or 80 yards. She had several perches, usually on the branches or tops of dead trees, and sat on each one for several minutes, making short flights into the air and then returning to the perch. After a few minutes on one perch, she would move to another perch and repeat the performance. Occasionally she would disappear but would always reappear. The color on her flanks appeared to be more orange-red than shown in field guides, and was brilliant.

I returned the next day and the bird was still there, never more than 100 yards from the blind and sometimes as close as 30 to 40 yards. Using binoculars I had excellent viewing. She remained in the vicinity of the blind all morning until I left at noon.

On 10 December I returned to the blind and again saw the bird in the same area. I observed her again, off and on, for about four or five hours. I did not see any other Vermilion Flycatchers, only the one female. After 10 December I did not return to the area.

During the fall of 1976 and 1977 I saw a male Vermilion Flycatcher near the levee about one mile north of Delta, La., which is just across the Mississippi River from Vicksburg. Along with several others, I saw this bird three or four times during October, November, and December each year. We never saw more than one bird and assumed it was the same one each time because it was always in the same area. I do not know of any sighting of Vermilion Flycatchers in that area this past fall or this winter.