were late migrants this spring and several flocks stayed to breed in Ohio and n. Kentucky this year. A nesting pair of Loggerhead Shrikes was located in Ottawa Co., Ohio, unusual for that area (LVC).

VIREOS. WARBLERS - White-eved Vireos continued their invasion of n. Ohio, but nesting success was not determined (OD, WK). Other vireo species and some warbler species were down as breeding birds throughout the Region; cause: ?. A singing δ Worm-eating Warbler at Charleston. Ill. July 2 & 3 was only the second recent record for this species in that area (LBH). A & Blackpoll Warbler in spring plumage singing July 4 at Lakewood, Ohio, was very unusual (CB, OD). The first record of a nesting pair of Pine Warblers was established at Bernheim Forest, Bullitt Co., Ky. Apr. 10 when nest construction was observed (BM, AS); 3 young were in the nest May 16 (JP, LS). Prairie Warblers have found strip-mining areas to their advantage; on June 12 they were everywhere in the Madisonville, Ky. area (CP). The earliest record for a N. Waterthrush in Kentucky was established Aug. 8 when one was netted in Louisville (BM).

BLACKBIRDS, TANAGERS — Several Bobolinks spent the summer near Goshen, Oldham Co., Ky. (fide AS); the third breeding record for this species in Missouri was established when nests were found near St. Joseph (MR); two pairs also nested in Marion Co., Iowa, where there hadn't been any records for decades prior to 1969 (GB). As usual, Com. Grackles were nuisances; but this year, they increased their disfavor in Des Moines by nesting in the city (WB). There was a successful Summer Tanager nest found in Polk Co., Iowa—rather far north for this species (WB).

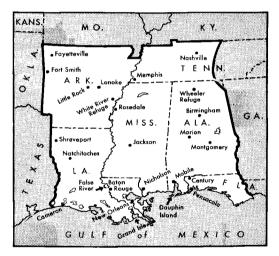
FRINGILLIDS — Young Blue Grosbeaks were still being fed by the adults Aug. 13 & 14 at Salem. Marion Co., Ill. (WJ); at least 4 pairs were found in Adams and Pike counties, Ill. but no nests were located (JF). Purple Finches were "more abundant and in wider distribution than is typical" (WK) for the n. Ohio area, but there was "no definite evidence of nesting" (OD). Henslow's Sparrows were reported up in numbers in a few places: at least 20 pairs bred at Tucker Prairie, Callaway Co., Mo.; but in other areas, especially n. Ohio, the populations were down or non-existant locally (WK). A Sharp-tailed Sparrow lingered as late as June 6 at Goose Lake Prairie in n. Ill. (LGB, CC). Nesting Vesper Sparrows were more common than usual in Nodaway Co., Mo. this year. Lark Sparrows have still maintained a small breeding population in Custer Park (Chicago) (LGB).

ADDENDUM — On Nov. 2, 1970, a **Rock Wren** was collected at Normal, Ill.; it constitutes the first state record for this species and was deposited in the Ill. State Univ. Museum at Normal (DEB).

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## CENTRAL SOUTHERN REGION / James R. Stewart, Jr.

A tremendous contrast in weather existed across the Region this year. The western parts extending as far east as New Orleans were seared by a drought with annual rainfall deficits exceeding 12 inches in some places at the end of July. Birmingham, Ala., however, had a cool wet July and



although August was dry, annual rainfall excess was still over six inches. The effect of the drought was not indicated for any land birds but it was drastic in the s.w. Louisiana marshes. Bob Newman reported "Eventually rains came, but bare, cracked pond bottoms soaked them up and we continued to walk with mudless shoes in places where we never expected to be able to walk at all." Grebes and ducks showed essentially no evidence of breeding and perhaps some of the problems in the local heronries also stemmed from the dryness. Details are found in the appropriate species accounts.

The "Camille"-ravaged but rebuilding Chandeleurs again provided a large number of interesting Louisiana records. On June 10-13, Bob Newman, R. D. Purrington, B. M. Myers, Jake Valentine and A. N. Robinson made a trip to these islands which Bob characterizes as "the most thorough combing they have yet had." Al Ensminger, Chief of the Refuge Division, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission provided large and small boats plus a float plane for the two days of actual surveying. Approximately onethird of the terrain was given a close-up ground census, producing a "galaxy" of record slips. Newman, however, was more gratified over the improved condition of the islands; rebuilding was surprisingly well along, although the prehurricane nesting site of the Sooty Terns, Stake Island, still had not reemerged. Apparently no breeding species has suffered serious long-term effects.

Louisiana has a startling number of breeding season firsts this year, such as a Com. Tern nest, White-winged Dove breeding, Grooved-billed Anis with smooth-billed young, Black-whiskered Vireos on territory, Bronzed Cowbird and the second rediscovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in the state.

LOONS, GREBES — A Com. Loon in breeding plumage in Chandeleur Sound June 12 (RJN, et al.) is the latest in spring for Louisiana. There is only one previous June record. Only two Piedbilled Grebes during two days in Cameron Par. June 26-27 (RJN, RJS, JF) is indicative of the effect of the drought on this normally numerous species.

PELICANLIKE BIRDS - The Brown Pelican is again breeding naturally in the Region, although just inside the e. boundary. On July 1, 15 nests containing hard-shelled eggs and young up to one week old were found on a narrow 200-vd. long island near St. Joe Port, Fla. (MAO, RCH, AP). Mrs. Olson's description of her visit implies, but does not clearly state, previous breeding at this site. At least 30 of 95 full-sized birds in the area were adults. The species was also observed several times in small numbers during June in the Pensacola Beach-Destin area, Fla. (fide CLK); 49 on June 28 (PFC) and 28 (14 imm.) Aug. 18 (TAI) at Fort Morgan, Ala.; and 15 at Romar Beach, 20 mi. e. of Ft. Morgan June 17 (LD). Imhof speculated that the origin of the Alabama birds was the Tampa Bay area of Florida, the nearest successful breeding colony known to him and the point of a banding recovery. The St. Joe Port discovery, particularly if it is an old colony, may also qualify. A sick "Gannet" captured by a cast net on L. Shelby, Gulf State Park, Ala. and photographed Jan. 24 (CTT, et al.) was subsequently identified from the photographs as a changingplumage Blue-faced Booby (CSR, RCL), thus displacing the April birds as the first Alabama record. A Double-crested Cormorant at Gallatin Steam Plant, Old Hickory L. June 12 (DC, PC) was the first in summer for Middle Tenn. About 1500 Magnificent Frigatebirds on the North Is. and Chandeleurs, June 11 (RJN, et al.) were only half of the number noted last year. Again no evidence of breeding could be found.

HERONS, IBIS - A Snowy Egret at Byrdstown, Pickett Co., May 9-14 (RH) adds to the dozen or so records in the last 56 years for Tennessee. An unprecedented number of Reddish Egrets for Louisiana, at least 44, was seen on the Chandeleur I. trip by Newman and party. Among these was one white phase bird June 12, the fifth seen in the state (RJN, ABE). Nests were also noted but no attempt was made to count them for fear of disturbance in the dense mangroves. This species was again noted in the Pensacola area when 1 was seen at Pensacola Beach, Aug. 1 (EEF, AF, JF). Imhof reports that the Little Blue Heron seems to have improved while the Cattle Egret has lost ground in Alabama, reversing the trend of the past several years. Cattle Egret nestings of note in Louisiana were of 10,000 birds one mi. w. of "The Pool", Lacassine Nat'l W. R. (JR) and 5,000 birds on a small island in Clear L. near Natchitoches (fide JRS). Herons and egrets abandoned the long-established heronry at "The Burn", Cameron Par. (JMV). The Luxora, Ark. heronry was also abandoned, but a new heronry 3 mi. w. is doing well (ELH). A disaster struck the heronry on Rabbit I., Calcasieu L., La. where on July 2-3 the following population (ad. and young) estimates were made (JW, JL, et al.): Com. Egret, 2000; Snowy Egret, 1000; Louisiana Heron, 1600; Olivaceous Cormorant, 200; White-faced Ibis, 200; other, 30. More than 1000 dead birds were noted, about 16 per cent of the heronry. Cause was not determined but specimens were taken for analysis. Wood Ibis were noted in small numbers at several locations in Louisiana: 4, Tensas Par., July 29; 20, LaSalle Par., July 29; 24, Franklin Par., Aug. 4; 12, Madison Par., Aug. 23 (ERS). Not breeding data but of interest is the recording last February by Bill Palmisano in a survey s. of U.S. 90 in Louisiana of approximately 70,000 White and 130,000 Glossy Ibis. These ibis have now been classified as game birds in Louisiana, although no season has yet been set. Imhof reported more White Ibis than usual in the Alabama Coastal Plain. Several Glossy Ibis were seen at Venice, La. July 3 & 10 (RJN, JPO, et al.). Although Palmisano noted a 9 to 1 ratio of White-faced to Glossy in a Barataria Bay colony, no White-faced were at Venice. About 90 pair of Roseate Spoonbills were nesting in "The Burn" and "The Pool" July 6 (JMV), and about 380 adults were noted at Lacassine July 8 (JR).

GEESE, DUCKS — Canada Geese, originally started by Game and Fish as tub-imprinted nesters are now nesting naturally outside the G. and F. area near Gallatin, Tenn. (DC, PC). A Greenwinged Teal at Lonoke June 5 (EH, HH) was the first in June for Arkansas. A Q with 4 young July 25 (RJN, HDP, et al.) was the only Blue-winged Teal brood seen on several trips to the Cameron marshes. No evidence of 1971 breeding for Ruddy Ducks was noted in these marshes. A  $\beta$  Greater Scaup in eclipse plumage was collected on the "Yellowgate" Road, Cameron Par. July 24 (RJN, SLG, et al.) to provide the first summer record of this species for Louisiana. A Q Red-breasted Merganser near the North Is. June 11 (RJN, et al.) was the first in June for the state.

CRANES, RAILS — Five Sandhill Crane nests were found between Ocean Springs and Pascagoula, Miss. Apr. 25-26 (LHW, JMV). Four nests had two eggs and the fifth one egg when found, but later two. This species is now nearly extirpated from the Region. The fifth Yellow Rail for Mississippi was noted by the same observers at Fontainbleau Apr. 25. Three Purple Gallinules at Marion, Ala., June 20 (EGR, RRR), were near their northern limit in the state. A Com. Gallinule, scarce n. of the Fall Line, was seen at L. Purdy, Birmingham, May 17-18 (JVP, RRR, EGR).

SHOREBIRDS, TERNS — The highest-ever count of Am. Oystercatchers in Louisiana was obtained June 11-12 on the Chandeleur trip when the Newman party saw 21, a very gratifying number since only 2 were seen last year. There was no evidence of breeding. Also a surprisingly large number of Knots, 175, were noted by this same party on June 12, equal to the previous late spring date. Few of these birds were in breeding plumage. About 60 Knots at Grand Terre, Jefferson Par. Aug. 1 (RJN, JF, HDP, CAS) was a large number for so early in "fall" migration. Most of these birds were in breeding plumage. Other migrant shorebird records with the significance were: Ruddy Turnstone, 1, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, July 5 (RD, LD), either 24 days late or 16 days early locally; Whimbrel, 1, Aashland City marsh (23 mi. w. of Nashville), July 24 (JR, HR) and 2, Nashville, July 24 (JR), second and third Tennessee records; Spotted Sandpiper, 1, Ashland City marsh, July 1 (JR), equals earliest Middle Tennessee return; Willet, 1, Nashville Aug. 10 (KAG, MLB, MLM), first fall record for Middle Tennessee; Greater Yellowlegs, 1, Nashville, Aug. 4 (KAG, HCM), 4 days early for Middle Tennessee, and 6, Tennessee Nat'l W. R., Humphreys Co., July 18 (DM, GM); Lesser Yellowlegs, 4, L. Hamilton Fish Hatchery, Hot Springs, Ark., June 30 (MP), first June record for state; Baird's Sandpiper, 4, Big Sandy Unit, Tennessee Nat'l W. R., Henry Co., June 5 (DM, GM) and 1, Nashville, July 24 (HEP, JR, HR), eighth and ninth Tennessee records and first July record for state; Least Sandpiper, 1, Big Sandy Unit, June 26 (DM, GM, FJA), late date; Dunlin, I, Gallatin, Tenn., June 12 (DC, PC), first June record for state; and 1, Lonoke, Ark., July 18 (GG, AB, et al.) second July record for state; Stilt Sandpiper, 2, Nashville, July 8 (MLB), 16 days early locally; l, Destin, Fla., July 15 (HG, AG), 7 days early locally; and 10, New Orleans, July 18 (RDP), earliest for s.e. Louisiana; Marbled Godwit, 3, North I., June 11 (RJN, et al.), apparently can be expected in summer in islands, seen in 1967 and 1969; 2, Holly Beach marshes, Cameron Par., July 25 (ANR, et al.), 3 days early locally; and 1, Nashville, Aug. 10 (KAG, MLB, MM), second Tennessee record; Wilson's Phalarope, 2, Cameron Par., July 25 (HDP, et al.), second earliest Louisiana record.

Two Ring-billed Gulls apparently summered inland at the Tennessee Nat'l W. R., being seen on July 3 & 18 (DM, GM). Nine ad. Gull-billed Terns and 4 nests on the main mass of the Chandeleurs June 12 (RJN, et al.) is the first breeding evidence in several years despite extensive coverage. This species apparently did not repeat last year's attempt to nest on the mainland at the Rigolets. A single Com. Tern and nest with 2 eggs on "Monkey I.", Chandeleurs, June 11 (RJN, RDP, BMM, JMV, ANR) provides the first nesting record for Louisiana. Purrington obtained photographs. A mate was never in evidence. Of note was the total absence of Forster's Terns in the Chandeleurs. A Com. Tern at El Dorado, Ark., Aug 3 (JJB, LMG) was nine days early for the state. A minimum of 34 Sooty Terns and 19 nests, highest count yet for Louisiana of birds or nests, was found in several small groups near other tern colonies on the main mass of the Chandeleurs June 11-12 (RJN, et al.). Jake Valentine's nest inventory for the common species on the Chandeleur trip included Laughing Gull, 1800; Sandwich Tern, 23,400 on main Chandeleurs and 3,000 on North Is., Royal Tern, 2,600; Least Tern, 220; and Black Skimmer, 155.

DOVES, CUCKOOS — After several years of observation that indicated White-winged Doves were breeding in Louisiana, conclusive proof was obtained this year. On June 19, a fledgling capable of flying only a few feet at a time and 2 adults were found Headquarters, Delta Nat'l W. R., Plaquemines, Par. (JHB, et al.). The fledgling disappeared after 2 days and on July 3 a White-winged Dove was observed on a nest nearby (RJN, CAS, HDP, JF). This is also the first breeding of this species in the Region. Notable were 6 Yellow-billed Cuckoos in Black Mangroves in the Chandeleurs June 12 (RJN, et al.). No evidence of breeding was noted but this seems a very late date for migrants. On May 9 a Groove-billed Ani was seen at Triumph, Plaquemines Par., providing the latest state record for this species. Then on July 4, at the same location, 7 were seen (RDP) and on July 5 5 were seen and photographed (RDP, ML, WB). One cohesive "family" group of 4 included 2 apparently imm, birds, i.e., almost grooveless bills, generally ruffled appearance, and lack of some facial feathering. Still later, on July 10, Newman (and others) saw 3 birds and found a nest in an orange tree which resembled a Groove-billed Ani nest he had seen in Mexico. Since the nest was unoccupied, its identity could not be definitely established. These records are the first in summer for Louisiana.

WOODPECKERS — A Red-headed Woodpecker was observed leaving a typical Red-cockaded Woodpecker nesting cavity in a living pine near Jay, Santa Rosa Co., Fla. June 3 (CLK). Fifteen minutes later it returned and reentered the hole. A Hairy Woodpecker at Delta Nat'l W. R. June 19 (RJN, JF, et al.) was also in a typical habitat, an isolated stretch of small trees, mainly willows, deep in the Delta and surrounded by marsh. Two Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, considered rare in Tennessee, had an active nest in Pickett State Park, Pickett Co. June 6 (RH, DH). On May 22 a pair of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers was seen and photographed "somewhere in Louisiana" (fide George H. Lowery, Jr.). The anonymous observer has been reporting the species for three years but has seldom seen it. The photographs, though taken without high priced camera equipment, leave no doubt as to the subject's identity. The location was not in virgin timber, long presumed by most people to be necessary for survival of this species.

FLYCATCHERS, LARKS, SWALLOWS — Gray Kingbirds, a matter of concern in the spring report because of early absence, apparently just arrived late. Four were seen at Fort Morgan, Ala., Aug. 18 (TAI) and another at MaryAnn Beach, 14 mi. across Bon Secour Bay Aug. 19 (TAI, PFC, VDH). A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher nest, observed until the young were nearly fledged June 26 (JWG), near Grambling, Lincoln Parish, extended the known breeding range of this species e. in Louisiana to more nearly coincide with its range in s. Arkansas. A Great Crested Flycatcher at Grand Pass, La. May 28 (RJN, ABE) was certainly unexpected on a marsh island so far from the mainland this late in the season. A pair of Traill's Flycatchers, first noticed May 19 (FJA, MLB) at Nashville, overcame a late June nest failure and renested successfully, fledging 3 young in early August (KAG). This is the first Middle Tennessee nesting record. An Acadian Flycatcher banded at Fort Morgan Aug. 17 (TAI) indicated the rarely noted beginning of fall migration for this species. An Olive-sided Flycatcher at Hot Springs, Ark. June 5 (BBC, LC, AS) was three days late for the state.

The Horned Lark near Ida, Caddo Par., which was reported in the spring report was also present June 1 and July 1 (HHJ) providing the first record in each of these months for Louisiana. Imhof reports the Barn Swallow continued to increase in Alabama, occupying new sites and increasing in some of the older ones. Even the coastal population is expanding. Last year the species first bred under a Cochrane Causeway bridge and this year on June 27 a pair was feeding young in a nest under the Perdido Pass Bridge at Alabama Pt. In s.w. Louisiana the coastal population made a slight extension eastward where 1 nest was in a culvert 4 mi. w. of Pecan I., Vermilion Par. May 30 (RJN, MHN, ANR). The Grand Pass colony, whose long established nesting site was destroyed by "Camille," reestablished itself this year at about half its normal size in a new structure (RJN, ABE).

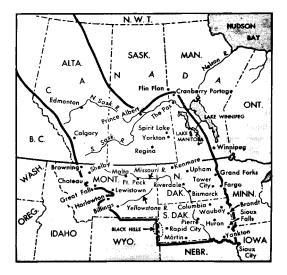
VIREOS, WARBLERS — A continuously singing Bell's Vireo, 5 mi. e. of Weiner, Poinsett Co. June 18 (ELH), is only the third for n.e. Arkansas. One at the n. end of Mud I. at Memphis June 27 (BBC), however, sang only three times and disappeared. Since it could not be located again either on June 28 or July 13 this second bird for Tennessee was evidently wandering. The repeated occurrence in the last decade of Black-whiskered Vireos in Louisiana during the period of spring migration has strongly hinted these birds might represent a small Louisiana population rather than annual strays from the Florida-West Indies population. On June 19 at the Delta Nat'l W. R. 1 was seen and heard singing (JSW, HDP, JHB, et al.) apparently on territory, as it repeatedly returned to the same willow. A second bird was thought to be singing in the distance. About 5 mi. from the June 19 site, 2 birds were also seen and heard July 4 (RJN, JF, CAS, et al.). Diligent searches for nests were fruitless on both occasions. A singing Warbling Vireo near Pensacola June 12 (Furnans, HL) is the first locally for June and is considered a rare spring migrant there at all times. An Ovenbird near Britton Ford, Henry Co., June 26 and July 3 (FJA, DM, GM) established the second W. Tennessee summering locality for this species. The other is in the Natchez Trace Forest.

ICTERIDS, TANAGERS, FINCHES — Bobolinks at Gulf Breeze June 6 (RD, LD) and N. Escambia Co. June 12 (LG, et al.) were the fourth and fifth for n.w. Florida in June. One at Santa Rosa Shores Aug. 7 (CLK, et al.) was the earliest in fall by 24 days. The male Bronzed Cowbird mentioned in the spring report was still present June 5 (CJC, et al.) at the Metairie, La. feeding station. A 3 Scarlet Tanager in breeding plumage at Johnson Bayou, Cameron Par. July 26 (RJN, HDP) is the only one from June to Aug. 30 recorded in Louisiana. A singing & near Iuka, Miss. July 4 (BBC, LC) was in the extreme s. edge of the species' breeding range. Painted Buntings were observed twice in n.e. Arkansas: 1 at Wilson June 5 and a pair at Marion June 27 (ELH). The species is highly irregular in its appearance in this area. Two White-throated Sparrows were noted in Alabama this summer: 1, Magnolia Springs, June 15 (PFC) and 1, Birmingham, July 31 (HT, PLT).

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## NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS REGION / C. Stuart Houston

Most of the region was wet and cool through June and most of July, though Montana was generally hot and dry throughout the season and Alberta was hot in July. Water levels in the sloughs were excellent across the Canadian prairies with less evaporation loss than usual as the season progressed.



LOONS, GREBES — Two nearly grown young Com. Loons at relatively new Blackstrap L. were the first breeding record for the Saskatoon area (JBG). The largest colonies of Eared Grebes were at Benton L. Refuge, Great Falls, Mont. (2500 nests—OV); n.w. of Marshall, N.D. (RES) and near Sterling, N.D. (55 nests with 158 eggs and 3 broods June 8—WAB).

PELICAN — The largest White Pelican colonies were at Bowdoin Refuge, Malta, Mont. (2500 nests—JRF) and Medicine L. Refuge, Mont. (1750 young—JLM). Old Wives L., Redberry L. and the long-deserted colony at Little Quill L. Sask. produced respectively 400, 140 and 60 young (FWL) and there were 40 nests on N. Drywood L., Roberts Co., S.D. (BKH). Disturbance has caused desertion of the colony at L. Newell near Brooks, Alta. (HCES).

CORMORANT — Small new colonies of 10-30 nests of Double-crested Cormorants were reported this year on islands in three reservoirs near Maple Creek, Sask. (DSG), whereas the 13 nests at a new colony near Elphinstone, Man. were also on a small island but in dead balsam poplars (BS). The first nesting in over 20 years s. of Churchs Ferry, N.D. was also in trees (BR). There were 273 nests at Bowdoin Refuge, 30 nests at Freezeout L. and 95 nests near Columbus, Mont. (LMM, JRF) but the 16 nests at Tewaukon Refuge, Cayuga, N.D. had low success due to predation (EAA).

HERONS, IBIS — Com. Egrets were unusually wide-ranging with 6 June 18 at Indian Head (MS) and 3 all summer at Eyebrow, Sask. (HHH), 2 on June 7 and 1 June 26 at Devil's L., and 4 at Medina, N.D. Aug. 2 (RES). A subadult Little Blue Heron was seen at Oak L., Man. Aug. 1 (DRMH, LH, LTS). No less than 121 Blackcrowned Night Herons were counted at four culvert outlets s. of Churchs Ferry June 20 (BR), while colonies of 50 and 55 nests, respectively, were located at Erickson, Man. (HWRC) and Whitewater L. near Deloraine (EB). An ad. Yellow-crowned Night Heron was sighted at Clear L., S.D. June 17 (BKH). A Green Heron just w. of Regina June 12 was the second sight record for Saskatchewan (FHB) and another was noted June 28 at Devils L., N.D. (DHJ, RES). The second authentic Manitoba record of a Cattle Egret was obtained s. of Carberry June 20-21 (VHS, N.H.S.M.). A Least Bittern was observed July 16 at Arrowwood Refuge, Edmunds, N.D. (ADK). A White-faced Ibis was seen near Roscoe, S.D. July 14 (HAK) and another near Oakes, N.D. July 20 (PFS).

WATERFOWL - Trumpeter Swans continued to nest successfully in the Cypress Hills of s.w. Sask. as they have done since 1953, with a pair each at Adams and Coulee Lakes (DSG). Aerial surveys revealed a record 2000 pairs of Canada Geese breeding in a larger area s. and w. of Swift Current (DSG). Medicine L. Refuge had an impressive number of breeding pairs as follows: Mallard, 625; Gadwall, 987; Pintail, 387; Greenwinged Teal, 50; Blue-winged Teal, 1962; Am. Widgeon, 300; Shoveler, 575; Redhead and Canvasback, 50 each; Lesser Scaup, 437; Ruddy Duck, 212 (JLM). At Des Lacs Refuge, N.D. numbers of ducks generally were up 20 per cent (JEF). There were 37 Wood Duck nests in artificial structures at Arrowwood Refuge, Edmunds, and Hooded Mergansers occupied 27 of 40 tree structures at Clark Salyer Refuge, Upham, N.D. (RCF). Breeding range extensions were indicated by a brood of nine Ring-necked Ducks near Wilmot, S.D. July 5 (BKH) and 6 Ruddy Duck nests with eggs at Beaver L., Minnehaha Co., S.D. (HK), while 5 broods of Com. Goldeneye