

13 & 18 Jun (MS), and a Blackpoll Warbler at Manitou Is., *Keweenaw* 19 Jun (JY). Encouraging were Cerulean Warblers in 17 s. Michigan counties, plus *Arenac* 8 Jul (RW). Wisconsin reported average numbers, while Minnesota had Ceruleans as far w. and n. as *Kandiyohi*, *Pope*, *Otter Tail*, and *Mille Lacs*.

Michigan hosted single Worm-eating Warblers at Port Huron 3 Jun (SES) and Warren Woods S.P., *Berrien* 18–22 Jun (AMB, PCC, CF, JTW). Another late Michigan migrant was the Northern Waterthrush in *Wayne* 1 Jun (WGP). Wisconsin reported average numbers of Kentucky Warblers at Wyalusing S.P., but above average for Minnesota were 2 territorial males at Murphy-Hanrehan (BAF), another in *Blue Earth* (m. ob.), and a vagrant at Moorhead, *Clay* 9 Jun (audiotape DDW; also recorded in North Dakota). Michigan's only Kentucky Warbler was in *Hillsdale* (JR). Though possibly extending its Minnesota breeding range farther se., singing male Mourning Warblers in *Olmsted* 13 Jun (CBe), *Winona* 15 Jun (CB), and *Scott* 17 Jun (RMD) probably represented the tail end of spring migration. North of its usual breeding range in Wisconsin was a territorial Hooded Warbler in *Marathon* (MBe). Yet another late Michigan warbler was the Wilson's in *Alpena* 13 Jun (WNG). Yellow-breasted Chat was absent from the Region except for two Wisconsin reports: *Dane* (m. ob.) and n. of usual in *Outagamie* 4–5 Jul (SPe).

Undeniably cooperative was a singing Baird's Sparrow in *Polk*, MN 18 Jun+ (JPR, m. ob.). Another singing Baird's was discovered by the same observer while conducting surveys at a different *Polk* location 14 Jul. Single Henslow's Sparrows were at four Minnesota locations, including a first county occurrence in *Pope* 3–4 Jun (MCBS). Two White-crowned Sparrows visited W.P.B.O. 3 Jul (JTW). Providing Minnesota's 11th record was a male Painted Bunting in Wouri Twp., *St. Louis* 5 Jun (ph. DJ). An incursion of Dickcissels was readily apparent in Minnesota (47 counties) and Wisconsin (17 counties), but less so in Michigan (8 s. counties). Several reports of both White-winged and Red Crossbills from n. Minnesota and the U.P. raised expectations for a fall flight.

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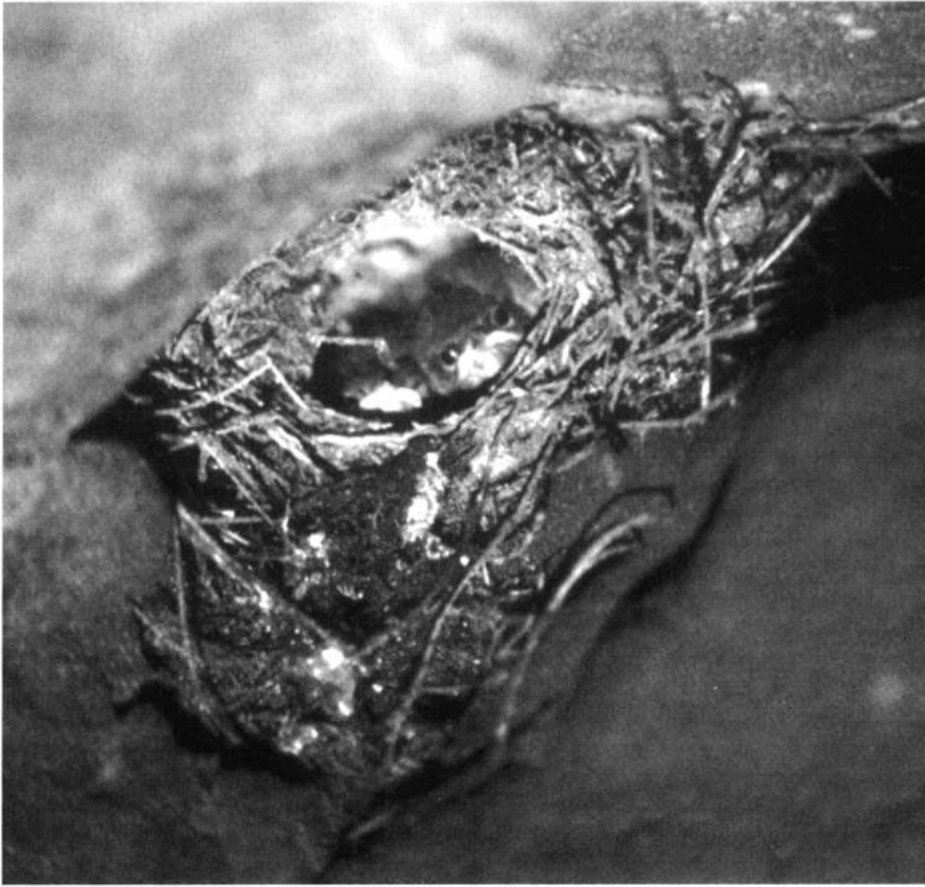


Midwestern Prairie



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It was a hot, hot summer across the Region. Precipitation, which primarily originated from thunderstorms, was spotty, producing excess moisture in some areas and deficits in others. Although many correspondents felt the season was interesting, few noted any trends.



This Winter Wren nest was found at the nest in the Ritchie Ledges section of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Summit County, Ohio 28 July 2002. Nest records for this species are few in the state. Photograph by Dwight W. Chasar.

Barkley, KY (BPB, AC). The most interesting Yellow-crowned Night-Heron report consisted of 4 young that were raised in a residential community of Columbus, OH (BW, m. ob.).

An imm. White Ibis visited the T.N.C.K.S. site 25- 27 Jun (JHz, †JMc, ph., m. ob.) to provide Indiana's first record in seven years. Also quite unusual was an ad. Glossy Ibis at Fairmont City, IL 6-10 Jul (JM, CMM, DKa, FH). Less surprising, but still noteworthy, was a single White-faced Ibis near Ames, IA 2-6 Jun (MMe, JJD et al.), plus an unidentified *Plegadis* in *Winnebago*, IA 6 Jun (Robert Schwartz, *vide* JJD). Additional evidence of the northward expansion of Black Vultures was provided by nesting in *Coshocton*, OH (for the 2nd consecutive year), which is well n of normal nesting range (JMi).

WATERFOWL THROUGH CRANES

If accepted as wild, a Black-bellied Whistling-Duck that visited a wetland in *Delaware*, IN 30 Jun—10 Jul (Betty Clark,

PJK, †EMH, †JMc, †Haw, ph., m. ob.), will constitute that state's first record. A Fulvous Whistling-Duck sporting a red leg band visited Cumming, *Warren*, IA 1-10 Jun (JGi), while an unbanded bird was at Grand Kankakee Marsh, *Lake*, IN 8 Jun (†JKC, SB, †KJB, †JMc, PJK, ph. m. ob.). The presence of summer Snow Geese continued this year, with one to 4 birds reported in four states. More remarkable was the discovery of Ross's Geese in two states. One, seen in Bigelow Marsh, *Holt* 1 Jun (DAE, PK), provided Missouri's first summer record; another at Union Slough N.W.R. 19 Jun—15 Jul (MCK) constituted the 3rd Iowa record in the past 15 years. Perhaps in response to the drought in the prairie states, summering ducks were more prevalent than normal; Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Redhead, and Ruddy Duck were all unusually common and widespread. This season, one to 4 Gadwall were reported in every state except Kentucky and Ohio. The

southernmost nesting Blue-winged Teal were in *Warren*, KY, where small numbers successfully bred (DRm). Breeding Northern Shovelers were more widespread than normal, with nesting reported in Illinois, Iowa, and Ohio. Northern Pintails were reported in every state except Kentucky, and nesting occurred in *Putnam*, IL where 2 ads. and a young bird were seen 21 Jul (DSh). Most noteworthy among several summer diving duck reports were a female Canvasback in *Christian*, KY 27 Jun—15 Jul (BPB, MMo, DRm), groups of up to 10 Redheads in several Iowa counties (MP, m. ob.), and a female Common Goldeneye at S.C.R. 1 Jun (DAE, PK). Unexpected were ad. male Common Mergansers at L. Cal. 8 Jun (CA) and in *Fulton*, IL 21 Jul (LH). Ruddy Ducks were unusually numerous and widespread. Reports from all six states included peak tallies of 120 in *Madison*, IL 5 Jun (FH), 42 at *Ottawa N.W.R.*, OH 2 Jun (EP et al.), and 34 at the *Brazil*, IN sewage ponds 9 Jun (SO, EM).

In part a result of the Osprey reintroduction program, nesting was reported in every state except Missouri. Perhaps most noteworthy among these reports were the 2 young raised at Resthaven W.M.A., *Erie*, OH (Brian Barchus, Grant Rettig), which provided Ohio's first successful Osprey nesting in 60+ years (*vide* RHn). Expansion of Mississippi Kites continued, with summer reports in all six states. Reports of apparently nonbreeding birds included an out-of-range ad. and a first-year bird appearing in *Muhlenberg*, KY periodically throughout the summer (MMo, MV et al.). Bald Eagle breeding assessments were quite positive; nests were reported in 58 Iowa counties (BE), and a generally successful nesting season was registered in Kentucky (*vide* BPB). Most remarkable, among an array of nesting Northern Harrier reports from Iowa, Kentucky, and Missouri, was a study in Peabody W.M.A., *Muhlenberg/Ohio*, KY that detected 26 nests (MV, MMo). The isolated ne. Illinois Swainson's Hawk population in *Kane* and *McHenry* contained three, or possibly four, territories this summer (RMo).

The Region's largest remaining Gray Partridge population is in Iowa, where several correspondents noted that the species was scarce this year (*vide* JJD). King Rail reports were up this summer, with one to 2 at Killdeer Plains, OH 1 & 8 Jun (TB et al.), one in *Morgan*, IL 12 Jun (KAM, CL), one in *Greene*, IN 2 & 15 Jun (LSt), one in *Monroe*, IN 9 & 17 Jun (MC, m. ob.), one in *Gibson*, IN 22 Jun (JMc, et al.), and one to 2 at T.N.C.K.S 2 Jun—22 Jul (JHz, m. ob.). Virginia Rails nested in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa, and 3

Perhaps the most salient characteristic of the season was the presence of an unusually high number of ducks, bitterns, and Wilson's Phalaropes in the Region. These species, most of which normally breed in the prairie wetlands, may have been displaced from their preferred habitats by drought. The most notable example involved Wilson's Phalarope, which appeared in abundance and bred in some areas. Seasonal highlights included both Black-bellied and Fulvous Whistling-Ducks, at least one White-winged Dove, expansion of breeding Black-necked Stilts, and a Lazuli Bunting.

This will be the final report for the large Middlewestern Prairie Region. We have, over the years, received so much outstanding material, from so many hundreds of observers, that to paint on so broad a canvas as the states of Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, plus the better parts of Kentucky and Ohio, has gradually come to mean a sacrifice of depth in this summary. To regain some of the nuance in our coverage, and to give all these fine states their due, the Region will be reorganized in the coming Volume 57. For the fall of 2002 (August through November), I will edit a Region called, simply, "Illinois & Indiana," the states from which I receive the bulk of communication each season and the states I know best. For those who submit reports from Iowa and Missouri, your regional editors will now be Robert I. Cecil (winter; wewarb@aol.com) James J. Dinsmore (summer; oldcoot@ias-tate.edu) William Eddleman (fall; weddlemma@biology.semo.edu) and Roger D. McNeill (spring; Roger.D.McNeill@mail.sprint.com) who will edit the "Iowa & Missouri" Region. For Kentucky birders, Brainard Palmer-Ball (Brainard.Palmer-Ball@mail.state.ky.us) and Chris Sloan (chris.sloan@comcast.net) will commence editing the "Tennessee & Kentucky" Region, while Robert Leberman will be editing records for the state of Ohio in its entirety, along with records from Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Please do give these new and veteran editors every assistance by submitting and interpreting your records and field notes for the fall and beyond. And many thanks for your hard work for this Region over the past 11 years!

Abbreviations: Carl. L. (Carlyle Lake, IL), G.L.N.T.C. (Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Lake, IL), H.B.S.P. (Headlands Beach State Park, OH), L. Cal. (Lake Calumet, Chicago); R.E.D.A. (Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, St. Charles, MO), S.C.R. (Squaw Creek N. W. R., MO); T.N.C.K.S. (The Nature Conservancy Kankakee Sands wetland, Newton, IN).



This Black-bellied Whistling-Duck was photographed in Delaware County, Indiana on 10 July 2002; it had been present since 30 July. In contrast to its congener, the Fulvous, appearances of this species out of range are on the distinct increase. This bird, if accepted as a wild vagrant, will provide Indiana with a first state record. Photograph by Jeffrey J. McCoy.

LOONS THROUGH VULTURES

As is typical, one to 5 Common Loons were reported in every state. Nine Red-necked Grebes were reported in n. Iowa this summer, where the largest concentration consisted of 5 at Grover's L., Hancock 29 Jun (LAS). Also in Hancock, IA, 2 ad. Western Grebes and a downy young were found at Eagle L. 23 Jul (JJD, WO, HZ), providing Iowa's first nesting record in a decade.

Double-crested Cormorant nests were reported in Illinois and Kentucky, but the largest numbers occurred in Iowa, where 31 nests were found at Coralville Res. 27 Jun (MCD). Following a two-year hiatus, the Neotropic Cormorant was again reported in the Region. This summer, a singleton was at Carl. L. 27-31 Jul (DKa, ph.).

American Bitterns were plentiful, with reports from every state except Kentucky and probable nesting at T.N.C.K.S., where one to 3 birds were seen regularly throughout the summer. Nesting Great Egrets were reported

in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. Among the larger Great Egret concentrations were 1016 at L. Chautauqua N.W.R., IL 25 Jul (RBj, SBj), 900 in Jersey, IL 15 Jul (KAM), and 155 at Ottawa N.W.R., OH 7 Jul (EP). Active Snowy Egret nests were reported in Illinois and Kentucky; impressive counts including 150 ads. in Alexander, IL 12 Jun (VK) and 37 at Ottawa N.W.R., OH 2 Jul (JCo et al.). The latter tally is quite impressive for Ohio. Peak Little Blue Heron counts included 750 nests in St. Clair, IL 17 Jun (VK) and "hundreds" at the Lambert St. Louis International Airport 19 Jul (MT). Interestingly, at least 4 Little Blue young fledged from the L. Cal. site (WJM), which is substantially n. of other colonies. Breeding Cattle Egret concentrations included an estimated 1000 nests in St. Clair, IL 17 Jun (VK) and at least 200, and perhaps as many as 300, nests on L. Barkley, KY 14 Jun (BPB). The largest Black-crowned Night-Heron colonies included about 400 nests in St. Clair, IL 17 Jun (VK), 375 nests at L. Cal. (WJM), and 200+ active nests at L.

were heard in *Boone*, MO 4 Jun (BGo). Rare as a breeder in Missouri, the 2 Soras found in *Holt*, MO 24 Jul (DAE et al.) were noteworthy. It was another encouraging breeding season for Common Moorhens, with eight broods reported in Illinois and confirmed nesting in Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri. Breeding Sandhill Cranes were reported in all four n. states. The easternmost report came from Funk Bottoms W.M.A., *Wayne*, OH, where 2 young were produced (*vide* S. Snyder).

SHOREBIRDS

A tardy Black-bellied Plover in *Christian*, KY 19 Jun (DRm) established a new late spring departure date for that state. The 43 Semipalmated Plovers at Ottawa N.W.R., OH 2 Jun (EP et al.) constituted an unusually high count for this late date. The only Piping Plover report from the traditional w. Iowa breeding sites consisted of 2 at Port Neal 9 Jun (BFH). Migrant Piping Plovers were reported as follows: an ad. at Waukegan, IL 7 Jul (SH) and 2 at Horseshoe L., *Madison*, IL 22 Jul (CMM, DKa, KAM m. ob.). A significant post-breeding Killdeer accumulation occurred at in *Montgomery*, OH 21 Jul, where 415 were counted (DDi). It was a remarkable summer for Black-necked Stilts. Breeding activity at traditional sites included 8 ads. and 6 young in *Alexander*, IL 21 Jul (KAM et al.) and an unsuccessful effort in *Fulton*, KY (DRm, HC). The most interesting breeding effort occurred in Indiana, where **Black-necked Stilts** were previously accidental. Four ads. and a nest containing two eggs were discovered in *Sullivan* 14 & 15 Jun (†MRB, LSt, DGo, LAC, ph.) to provide that state's first nesting record. This nest proved unsuccessful, but from 30 Jul through 1 Aug, 2 ads. and 3 juvs. were observed at another site in the same county (†MRB). Reports of non-breeding stilts included a pair in Santa Fe, IL 1-6 Jun (DKa), 2 at Grand Kankakee Marsh, *Lake*, IN 14-17 Jun (BGr, †m. ob., ph.), 2 in *Gibson*, IN 22 Jun (ph., †JMc et al.), and one in *St. Charles*, MO 4 Jul (CMM, JPM). American Avocets were decidedly scarce this summer; the largest tally consisted of 7 at Michigan City Harbor, IN 20 Jul (BGr). The 1000 Lesser Yellowlegs at Chautauqua N.W.R., IL 23 Jul (RTC), provided the season's maximum tally. Willets were widespread, with reports from every state except Missouri. Upland Sandpiper reports were up this summer, with multiple records from all four n. states. The summer's only Whimbrels came from the Indiana lakefront, where 9 birds were recorded; the only Hudsonian

Godwit appeared at Pipe Creek W.M.A., OH 14 Jul (SZ, GL).

A record-early fall Ruddy Turnstone arrived at Union Slough N.W.R., IA 10 Jul (BKP, LJP). Inland Red Knots are rare anywhere in the Region; consequently, the ad. at Chautauqua N.W.R., IL 24 Jul (RTC) was most unexpected. Three tardy Sanderlings lingered in *Ashtabula*, OH until 7 Jun (JSe). Peak counts of the smaller calidrids included 1377 Semipalmated Sandpipers at Chautauqua N.W.R., IL 25 Jul (RBJ & SBj), 1000 Least Sandpipers at Horseshoe L., *Madison*, IL 22 Jul (KAM), and 4000 Pectoral Sandpipers at Chautauqua N.W.R., IL 24 Jul (RTC). The 28 White-rumped Sandpipers in *Paulding*, OH 8 Jun (BW et al.) provided a fine late spring count for Ohio. A wildly out-of-season alternate-plumaged Dunlin was at Miller Beach, IN 4 & 13 Jul (JMc, JKC). Good Stilt Sandpiper numbers were reported in most states, the peak tally consisting of 144 birds at Pickerel Creek W.M.A., OH 30 Jul (VF). A Ruff, believed to have been a molting male, was at Red Rock W.M.A., IA 28 Jul (†JSi, †MCD, †MP), and an ad. female was at Pickerel Creek W.M.A., OH 25 Jul—early Aug (CHO, †JWH, †CCS). It was a marvelous summer for Wilson's Phalaropes. In Iowa, where the largest summer numbers in 18 years were reported (JJD), the peak count was 25 at Red Rock W.M.A. 28 Jul (JSi), and in Ohio there was a surprising number of migrants (RHn), with possible nesting at Big Island W.M.A. (TSh). The center of activity was apparently Indiana, where a nest containing four eggs was found at T.N.C.K.S. 15 Jun (P&JK) to provide that state's first nesting record in 60 years. There was also evidence of nesting in *Allen* and *Gibson*, Indiana.

GULLS THROUGH TERNS

Laughing Gulls were scarce, with reports only in Indiana and Kentucky. An ad. Franklin's Gull at Carl. L. 2 Jul (DKa) was unusual, as were 295 Bonaparte's Gulls at Port Clinton, OH 29 Jul (VF). The Des Plaines, IL rooftop Ring-billed Gull colony reported last summer was active again this summer, with an estimated 200-250 nesting pairs on two buildings (AA, VK, MHe). Perhaps the season's most surprising gull report involved a carefully studied ad. California Gull at G.L.N.T.C. 13 Jun (†DBJ, BS, DDa, et al), which provided an anomalous summer record for the Region. Rounding out the summer gull tally sheet was a third-year Lesser Black-backed Gull at Conneaut, OH 26 Jul (CHO).

Caspian Terns continued their recent expansion, with reports from all four n. states

and peak counts of 40 ads. at L. Cal 23 Jun (WJM), 17 in *Worth*, IA 5 Jun (RG), and 13 at Miller Beach, IN 7 Jul (MTo). Eighteen nests at the G.L.N.T.C. Common Tern colony produced 44 eggs and 26 confirmed fledglings (DDa, ph.). Productivity of the Region's Least Terns was spotty. Reports included 65+ nesting pairs along the Ohio R., in *Pope*, IL (PB), 56 nests and 27 fledglings at the *Gibson*, IN colony (JSC), a maximum of 5 at the traditional MidAmerican Energy plant in Council Bluffs, IA, but no indication of breeding success there (MP, BPr, BKP, LJP), and a nest with two eggs at R.E.D.A. 30 Jun (DRg). Small to modest numbers of Black Terns were reported across the Region, but the only indication of breeding came from *Hancock*, IA, where some 100 birds, some of which were carrying food, were seen 6 Jul (PHe).

DOVES THROUGH VIREOS

Most states reported that the Eurasian Collared-Dove expansion is continuing. Although **White-winged Doves** were reported in Illinois and Missouri, the only documented report came from Clear Lake, IA 29 Jul (†PH, †MP et al.). An increase in cuckoo reports suggested that numbers of both species were up this season. Summer Short-eared Owl reports included one in *Ringgold*, IA 5 Jun (Mel Moe, *vide* BE), 11 in *Sullivan*, IN 25 Jul (LSt), and 2 in *Daviess*, MO (TMc, no date given). The only Common Nighthawk reports came from Illinois, where observers in three different parts of the state lamented the apparent decrease in numbers. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were restricted to the n. counties in Iowa, where this species is a rare breeder, and to a single report from Lost Mound N.W.R., *Jo Daviess*, IL 22 Jun (VK et al.).

A very confused Olive-sided Flycatcher appeared at Illinois Beach S. P., IL 7 Jul (AS, SH). Nesting-period Alder Flycatchers were reported at Illinois Beach S. P., IL 22 Jul—3 Aug (EW), at Volvo Bog State Natural Area, IL 23 Jun (GAW), at Rock Cut S. P., IL 26 Jun (DW), and in *Nobel*, IN 12 Jun (Haw et al.). As expected, Western Kingbirds were reported in Illinois (nesting), Iowa, and Missouri. Most unexpected, however, was Western Kingbird in *Butler*, OH 1-20 Jul, where this species is casual (Tommy & Di Schroeder, †JWH, ph., m. ob.). Scissor-tailed Flycatcher reports e. of the Mississippi R. included a male in *Pope*, IL 24 Jun (AD), an imm. in *Massac*, IL 7 Jul (FB), and, most remarkably, two nesting pairs in w. Kentucky, where this species is casual. A male of the first Kentucky pair was discovered in s. *Livingston* 1 Jun

(RRw) and the nest located 17 Jun (DRo). This nest fledged 5 young about 24 Jun. A 2nd male was discovered near this nest 17 Jun (MMo, et al.). The 2nd nest was found about 3 km from the first, but in *Lyon* below Barkley Dam 29 Jun (CP, HC). Three young fledged from this nest (m. ob.). Who says lightning never strikes in the same place twice? An impressive count of 22 Bell's Vireos was recorded along the Cedar Valley Bike Path in *Black Hawk*, IA (TSt, no date given). Late northbound (?) Blue-headed Vireos were reported in *Bullitt*, KY 16 Jun (DO) and in *Allen*, IN 12 Jun (Haw), and a Philadelphia Vireo was still in *Clay*, IA until 3 Jun (LAS), a normal date for this late migrant.

SWALLOWS THROUGH FINCHES

Late summer swallow concentrations included 1500 Tree and 2000 Bank Swallows at Killdeer Plains W.M.A., OH 15 Jul (RRy). In Iowa, three Red-breasted Nuthatch reports constituted the largest summer count since 1985 (*vide* JJD), and 5, including a juv., were at the traditional Kentucky breeding site in *Wolfe* 7 Jul (FR). Bewick's Wrens were reported in *Taylor*, KY 9 Jun (BPB), *Brown*, IL 12 Jun (KAM), *Lee*, IA 15 Jun (MCD), and in *Washington*, KY 20 Jun (BPB); however, the only confirmed nesting occurred in *Scott*, KY, where a pair successfully raised young (LB). Peak Sedge Wren tallies included 20 at Carl. L 19-30 Jul (DKa) and 17 in *Butler*, OH 28 Jul (MBu). A careful survey of the Ritchie Ledges section of Cuyahoga Valley N. P., *Summit*, OH yielded one Winter Wren nest and six Hermit Thrush nests (DWC, SZ, ph.). Several correspondents noted the abundance and nesting success of Cedar Waxwings. The season's only large count consisted of a longshore flight of 1700 migrants at Indiana Dunes S. P. 1 Jun (BGr).

An ad. male Tennessee Warbler in *Tuscarawas*, OH 20 Jul was believed to have been an early fall migrant (ES). Few correspondents bother counting Yellow Warblers; consequently the 48 birds logged in *Holt*, MO 1 Jun (DAE et al.) are worth mentioning. A number of migrant warblers lingered well into the nesting season; these included a singing Black-throated Blue in *Du Page*, IL 16 Jun (+UG), a Yellow-rumped in Columbia, IL 15 Jun (KAM), a singing Bay-breasted in Columbus, OH 17 Jun (JGr), and a singing Blackpoll at North Chagrin Metro Park, OH 12 Jun (KMe). Two different singing Blackburnian Warblers were heard at Indiana Dunes S. P. 15 Jun (JKC, Sba et al.), where this species has nested for the past five years. Two Blackburnians were also detected at Stebbins

Gulch, *Geauga*, OH 6 Jul (HP), also an established breeding site. A recently fledged Black-and-white Warbler in *Warren*, IA 4 Jul (JSi) suggested local nesting. An impressive 21 Prothonotary Warblers, along with evidence of breeding, were found in Pershing S.P., MO 2 Jul (SK). Swainson's Warbler reports were confined to three traditional breeding locations in Kentucky. Mourning Warblers nested at Illinois Beach S.P., where two territories were observed in Jul and a fledgling was seen 3-10 Aug (EW), the state's first confirmed nesting since 1985 (*vide* EW).

Most interesting was a towhee discovered at Hitchcock W.M.A., IA 11 Jun that displayed characters of a Spotted x Eastern Towhee hybrid (MO). Following last summer's discovery of a Bachman's Sparrow population at Fort Campbell, TN-KY, additional studies have been conducted. As part of the research, some 18 birds were banded, and at least one active nest was found on the Tennessee side (D. Moss and J. Giocomo). One Bachman's was also found in *Calloway*, KY 28 Jun (DRm); this is an area in which Bachman's occurred in the late 1980s. In addition, out-of-range Bachman's Sparrows were reported in *St. Clair*, MO 17 & 26 Jun (SK) and in *Randolph*, MO 7 Jul (SV). Peak Grasshopper Sparrow tallies included 50+ at the Woodbury W.M.A., OH reclaimed strip-mine 3 Jul (RRy), 39 at Urbana, IL 30 Jun (RTC), 30 in Prairie S.P., MO 22 Jun (RMc), and 28 at the Hawthorn Mine, *Sullivan*, IN 28 Jun (J&SH et al.). The Region's Henslow's Sparrow population appears to be thriving. The largest concentration, among numerous reports, consisted of 384 singing males counted during surveys at Big Oaks N.W.R., IN (Jason Lewis, *vide* RHe). Last summer's White-throated Sparrow nesting in downtown Chicago was apparently no fluke, as two pairs were found in Chicago 23 Jun (EW, KW). Interestingly, a White-throated was also present in downtown Indianapolis 28 Jun and 3 Jul (CHe, MHo). While searching for White-throated Sparrow nests, observers discovered a most unseasonal White-crowned Sparrow in downtown Chicago 23 Jun (EW, KW).

The season's major surprise consisted of a male **Lazuli Bunting**, which visited a *Scott*, IL feeder 24-25 Jun (ph. Charlene Robinson). At the recently established E. St. Louis, IL Painted Bunting nest site, the male was seen 5 & 9 Jun and the pair 7 Jul, but the nest was not located (DKa). A pair of Painted Buntings was also reported in nearby *St. Charles*, MO 16 Jun and 8 Aug (JPM, MTh et al.). Triple-digit Dickcissel counts were made in three

states; the peak tallies included 240 near Allerton Park, IL 23 Jun (RTC) and 226 at Prairie S.P., MO 22 Jun (RMc). Several correspondents noted that it was a fine summer for Bobolinks. Brewer's Blackbirds nested at Illinois Beach S.P., with 19 birds present 27 Jul and a nest with 6 young discovered 8 Jun (AS, EW). The Region's only Red Crossbill consisted of an ad. male that visited a Valparaiso, IN feeder 30 Jun (Helen Dancey). Eurasian Tree Sparrows appear firmly entrenched in se. Iowa; this summer a pair near Burlington was working on their 3rd clutch in early Jul (PL).

ADDENDA

The following records should be appended to the spring 2002 report. An ad. California Gull, seen at Fairport Harbor, OH 11 Mar (RHn, SW, BF), was accepted by Ohio's records committee. A male **Painted Bunting** was found dead in *Elkhart*, IN 25 Apr 2002 (Elwood Culp). This specimen, preserved at St. Mary's College, constitutes the 3rd state record.

CORRIGENDUM

The fall 2001 juv. Ruff reported on the Mississippi R. in *Carlisle*, KY 8-9 Sep (*N A B* 56: 58) was actually seen 7-8 Sep.

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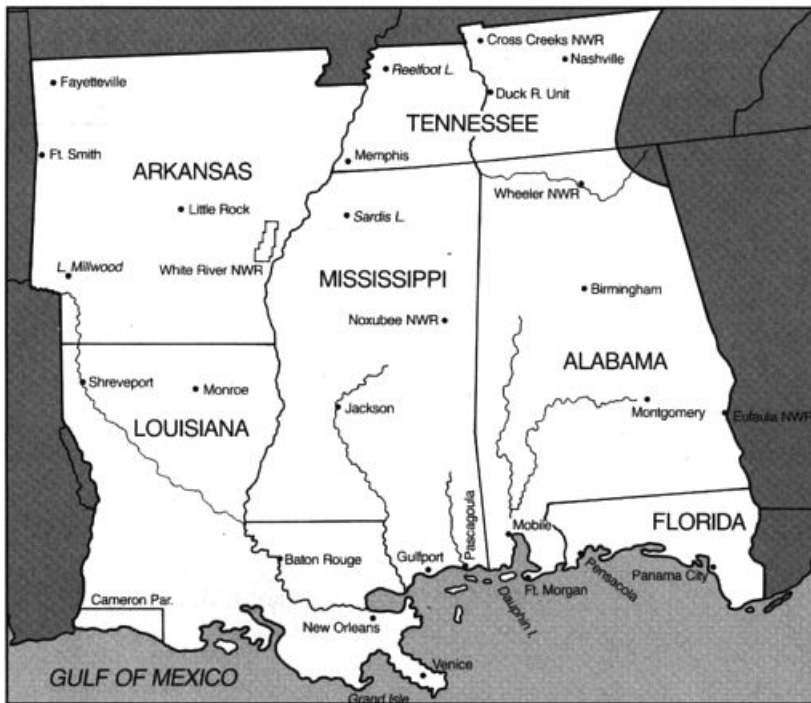
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The June-July report, which incorporates late spring and early fall migration as well as the nesting season, is often memorable for climatic factors, from drought to excessive rainfall to tropical weather. This season, none of these phenomena seems to have prevailed. While June was hot, July moderated some-

what, and if subnormal rainfall continued over much of the Region, July was near normal. There was no tropical weather at all, though next season's report will tell another tale.

Nonetheless, if lacking in dramatic forces or trends, the season was by no means without interest, and of course there were the inevitable early and late migrants, individuals out of season or out of range, and some evidence of range expansion. Breeding Bird Survey routes continue to add to our knowledge, and now Alabama has begun its own

breeding bird atlas program. We await the results from that diverse and interesting state. The only reports of pelagic efforts were from Louisiana.

Our Region will be changed a bit, beginning with next season's issue. Western and central Tennessee will now be part of a new Region, "Tennessee & Kentucky," whose editors will be Chris Sloan for Tennessee (chris.sloan@comcast.net) and Brainard Palmer-Ball for Kentucky (Brainard.Palmer-Ball@mail.state.ky.us). We welcome, on the other hand, our Region's inclusion of north-easternmost Alabama, previously a part of the Appalachian Region. Welcome, Alabama mountains and foothills!

Abbreviations: A.A.S. (Arkansas Audubon Society), L.O.S.B.R.C. (Louisiana Ornithological Society Bird Records Committee).

LOONS THROUGH ANHINGA

A Common Loon in a flooded field in *Lake*, TN 2 Jun (JRW) must have felt very much out of place, and one in *Marshall*, AL (RAR, LBR) 23-25 Jun was also very late. The only pelagic trip into the Gulf was an overnight venture out of Venice, LA 17-18 Jul. On that trip, a Cory's Shearwater, about the 6th record for the state (not including sight records), was seen 72 km off the S. Pass of the Mississippi R. 18 Jul (SWC, DLD, MM, CS, PC, JC), and over the two days, a minimum of 28 Wilson's, 6 Band-rumped, and 8 **Leach's Storm-Petrels** were counted. Recent trips seem to have established that Leach's Storm-Petrel is regular well offshore in mid-summer, and it has been shown that Band-rumped Storm-Petrel is regular over deep water in early to mid-summer. It is interesting to see, sometimes in the same flock, one