

**BIRDS AROUND THE STATE:
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2008**

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 January through 31 December 2008. The sequence of information in each account is: species, number, date, place, observer(s), and significance. Numbers of birds sighted are underlined. The significance of sightings is indicated by letters in parentheses following a record. These letters are as follows: (A) = arrival date, (D) = departure date, (E) = early date, (L) = late date, (N) = unusually large number, (R) = species rare in area, (RS) = species rare in that season, (U) = species uncommon in area, (US) = species uncommon in that season. Other abbreviations used include the following: ad = adult; BBS = Breeding Bird Survey; Co. = County; Cos. = Counties; CR = County Road; f = female/s; Hwy. = Highway; imm = immature/s; juv = juvenile/s; m = male/s; max. = maximum; mi = mile/s; m.ob. = many observers; MSU = Mississippi State University; NERR = National Estuarine Research Reserve; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge; pl = plumage; pr = pair/s; Rd(s). = Road(s); S.L. = Sewage Lagoon; S.P. = State Park; WMA = Wildlife Management Area. The list of sightings is followed by a key to observers' initials and a gazetteer of localities.

Contributions of records are welcome from anyone who makes observations of Mississippi birds. Only with the assistance of many individuals from throughout the state over a period of years can we come to understand the dynamics of the bird populations of Mississippi. Contributors should submit records on

3" x 5" cards or similar-sized slips of paper with one record per card including the following information: species, number seen, date (including year), location (state, county, and specific location), observer(s), and details and significance of the observation. Very unusual records should be accompanied by full details including description of bird, details of observation, and explanation of how similar species were eliminated. While records are welcome at any time, those received by 15 March, 15 June, 15 August, and 15 December will be submitted with the seasonal report to North American Birds (formerly known as Audubon Field Notes and American Birds) as well as being considered for use in The Mississippi Kite. Please send all records to:

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BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK -- 1, 17-24 Apr., Seaman Rd. S.L., JPe, m.ob. (R); 2-5, 23 Apr.-1 Jul., Yazoo NWR, KH, GK, SK (R); 5, 5 May, Pascagoula, WL (R); 1 pr, 17 May, near Walls, DeSoto Co., GK, SK (R); 2-5, 20 May-24 Sep., Pascagoula, HL (R); 1, 27 May, Holly Bluff, Yazoo Co., LM (R - photograph on file); 1, 28 May, Little Eagle Lake, Humphreys Co., RH (R); 50, 10 Jun., 125, 12 Jun., 65, 14 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., RH, GK, SK, TW, SW (R, N - photograph on file); 2-4, 14-16 Jun., 2 mi NE of Belzoni, RH (R); 2, 15-20 Jul., Eagle Lake, Warren Co., LP (R); 3, 28 Aug., 4 mi S of Silver City, Humphreys Co., RH (R); 1 ad, 3 juv, 5 Oct., Greenwood Island, MaS, TS, MS, m.ob. (R); 1 ad, 6 downy young, 5 Oct., Yazoo NWR, RH, AHu (R); 2 ad, 8 juv, 7 Oct., 2 mi N of Carter, Humphreys Co., RH (R); 7 juv, 17 Nov., 8 mi SE of Belzoni, RH (R); 2 ad, 17 juv, 29 Nov., Yazoo NWR, RH, AHu (R) [Rare - Review List Species]

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK -- 20, 10-12 Jun., 82, 14 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., KB, RH, GK, SK, TW, SW (R, N - photograph on file) [Casual - Review List Species]

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 78, 7 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (N); 1 ad, 26 Apr.-10 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (L)

SNOW GOOSE -- 10, 17 May, Hot Thornton Rd. Catfish Ponds, Tunica Co., GK, SK (L)

ROSS'S GOOSE -- 1 ad, 1-16 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 1 ad, 4 Jan., Oxford S.L., GK (U); 2 juv, 5 Jan., Cooksville Rd., Noxubee Co., TS (U); 1 ad, 9 Jan., A & D Turf Farm, GK (U); 5 ad, 1 juv, 9 Jan., George Payne Cossar S.P., GK, SK (U); 35±, 12 Jan., Tunica, GK, SK (U); 2, 14 Jan., Browning Creek Lake, TS (U); 4 ad, 21 Jan., Sardis Dam, GK, SK (U); 7 ad, 11 Feb., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (U); 15±, 23 Feb., Arkabutla Dam Rd., Tunica Co., GK, SK, m.ob. (U); 1 ad, 25 Feb., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (U); 1, 29 Nov., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., AG (U - photograph on file); 4 ad, 3 juv, 2 Dec., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (U); 1 juv, 10 Dec., Midnight, Humphreys Co., RH, AHu (U); 3 ad, 15 Dec., 1 ad, 21 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 19, 25 Dec., Bellewood, RH (U)

CAACKLING GOOSE -- 4, 12 Jan., Tunica, GK, SK (R); 1, 10 Feb., Oxford S.L., GK, SK (R); 1, 6 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1, 19 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R)

CANADA GOOSE -- 1, 1-22 Jan., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (unusual plumage - leucistic); 1, 15-31 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS (unusual plumage - leucistic)

MOTTLED DUCK -- 1 pr, 14 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., GK, SK (R)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 1, 16 Dec., 4, 20 Dec., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, JP, DP, HM (US)

CINNAMON TEAL -- 1 m, 6 Dec., Seaman Rd. S.L., JW, AW, EP, NM, SM, MW, GM, NB, m.ob. (R) [Casual - Review List Species]

REDHEAD -- 4, 23 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD (A)

RING-NECKED DUCK -- 1 m, 30 Jul.-1 Aug., Prairie Waters, TS (RS)

SURF SCOTER -- 2, 19 Jan., Bay Saint Louis to Waveland, NB (U); 2 ad m, 22 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R); 1, 27 Oct., 9, 24 Nov., Grand Bay NERR, JW, DM, SM (U); 4 f/imm, 17 Nov., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1 f/imm, 17 & 22 Dec., Sardis Dam Lower Lake, QG, GK, SK, DPr (R)

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- 7 f/imm, 22 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R, N); 2 f/imm, 27 Feb.-25 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R, L); 1, 6 Nov., Seaman Rd. S.L., JPe, NM, LCa, GM, SM, DM, MP (R)

BLACK SCOTER -- 6-8, 19 Jan., Bay Saint Louis to Waveland, NB (R); 2, 24 Nov., Grand Bay NERR, JW, DM, SM (R)

LONG-TAILED DUCK -- 1, 19 Jan., Bay Saint Louis to Waveland, NB (R); 1 f, 15 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (R, D); 2, 24 Nov., Grand Bay NERR, JW, SM, DM (R)

BUFFLEHEAD -- 4, 28 Nov., Tupelo S.L., WP

COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 4, 28 Nov., Tupelo S.L., WP (N)

COMMON MERGANSER -- 1 f, 16 Feb., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 1 f, 23 Feb., Arkabutla Dam, DeSoto Co., NB, GK, SK, m.ob. (R)

NORTHERN BOBWHITE -- 8-10, summer, Cybur BBS route, Pearl River Co., NB (numbers similar to previous year)

WILD TURKEY -- 1, 1 Dec., 3 mi W of Starkville, TS (unusual plumage - leucistic)

PACIFIC LOON -- 1, 9 Feb., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., WP (R) [Accidental - Review List Species]

COMMON LOON -- 1, 12 Jan., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (RS); 1, 11-12 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (RS); 1, 1 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (E); 1, 23 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 6, 20 Dec., Okatibbee Lake, WP (U)

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 10 ad, 1 brood, 14 Jun., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK (U nesting species)

HORNED GREBE -- 17, 15 Mar., Tupelo S.L., WP (N); 102, 15 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (N); 1, 16 Apr., Tupelo S.L., WP (L); 3, 20 Dec., Okatibbee Lake, WP (U)

RED-NECKED GREBE -- 1 ad, 23-25 May, Yazoo NWR, DL, AC, SG, MK, RH (R - photograph on file) [Casual - Review List Species]

EARED GREBE -- 1, 16 Feb., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R)

WESTERN GREBE -- 1, 9 Feb., Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo Co., WP (R) [Casual - Review List Species]

AMERICAN FLAMINGO -- 2, 2 Sep., 1, 3 Sep., near Pass Christian, JD, NW, KS, SM, NM, NC (R - 1st state record; photograph on file); 1, 6-11 Sep., Waveland, NB, TS, GK, SK, CE, SB, JR, m.ob. (R - photograph on file; specimen in

Mississippi Museum of Natural Science) [Accidental - Review List Species]

STORM-PETREL species-- 1, 4 Sep., Waveland, NB (R - associated with Hurricane Gustav) [Accidental - Review List Species]

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- 2, 20 Dec., Okatibbee Lake, WP (U)

BROWN PELICAN -- 1 juv, 26 Sep.-2 Oct., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (R); 1, 5 Oct., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin Co., SP (R); 1 imm, 27 Nov., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison Co., MSt, BSt (R)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- 1 in nest, 7 May & 3 Jun., White's Lane, 5 mi SW of Yazoo City, KH, VB, TH (R - 1st state nesting record; photograph on file) [Rare - Review List Species]

ANHINGA -- 1 ad m, 2 imm m, 1 f, 1-25 Jan., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., LC, MC, DP, TS (RS); 1-15, 7 Apr.-27 Oct. (max. 15, 12 Aug.), Bluff Lake, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS (U, D); 1, 17 Apr., Tombigbee S.P., WP (R); 1, 24 Apr., White's Slough, Lowndes Co., DP, JP (U); 1, 4 Jun., Tombigbee River at Hwy. 50, Lowndes Co., TS (U); 1, 18 Jun., Daniels Lake, Hwy. 389 near Starkville, TS (U)

AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 12 Jan., Buck Island Rd., Tunica Co., GK, SK (RS)

LEAST BITTERN -- 1-2, 28 Apr.-23 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, LT (U, ad feeding young on 22 Jul.); 1, 24 May, Yazoo NWR, RH (U); 2, 9 Jul., East Pipeline Rd., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 13 Dec., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., AG (RS - photograph on file)

GREAT BLUE HERON -- 21 nests, 16 Feb., CR 48 south of Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, GK, SK (U nesting species)

GREAT EGRET -- 1, 22 Nov., Lake Jock Demoville, WP, CP (L)

SNOWY EGRET -- 1, 24 Mar., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., MS (A); 1, 27 Apr., Tupelo S.L., WP (E)

TRICOLORED HERON -- 1 juv, 16 Aug., Trim Cane WMA, TS (R); 1 ad, 14 Sept., Hurricane Landing, Sardis Lake, GK, SK (R)

REDDISH EGRET -- 9-10, 14 Sep., Bay Saint Louis & Waveland, NB (N - associated with Hurricane Ike)

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- 4, 22 Mar., Columbus, JP, DP (U, A)

WHITE IBIS -- 85+, 3 May, Coldwater River NWR, Quitman & Tallahatchie Cos., GK, SK, DN (U, N)

GLOSSY IBIS -- 2, 14 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., GK, SK (U)

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- 30, 14 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., GK, SK (U)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- 4, 9 Jun., Panther Swamp NWR, RH (U); 1, 24 Jul., 2 10 Aug., Sky Lake WMA, Humphreys Co., RH (U); 2-64, 10 Aug.-19 Sep. (max. 64, 18 Aug.), Bellewood, RH (U); 1, 17 Aug., Old River WMA, NB (R); 79, 23 Aug., Dutch Brake, Sunflower Co., RH (U); 1, 28 Aug., Prisock Field, JBr (R); 4 juv, 25 Oct., near Moorhead, SD (U); 1, 10 Nov, Lake Henry, near Itta Bena, RH (U)

WOOD STORK -- 1 ad, 14-28 May, Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (RS); 1-4, 23 Jun.-1 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS, LT (U);

17, 3 Jul., near Swiftown, Leflore Co., RH (U); 5-75, 4 Jul.-4 Sep., (max. 75, 29 Aug.), Bellewood, RH (U); 10, 7 Jul., Deaton Preserve, George Co., WS, TB (U - photograph on file); 2, 9 Jul., Big Black River at I-55, Madison Co., GK, SK (U); 79, 24 Jul., 800-1000, 4 Aug., 100+, 7 Aug., 200, 17 Aug., Sky Lake WMA, Humphreys Co., RH (U); 20, 26 Jul., 8 mi E of Belzoni, RH (U); 40, 25 Aug., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (U); 17, 30 Aug., Egypt, Chickasaw Co., WP, NP (U); 1, 7 Sep., Brooksville, TS (U); 37, 8 Sep., Wasp Lake, Humphreys Co., RH (U); 1, 10 Sep., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 3, 20 Sep., Bluff Lake Rd., Oktibbeha Co., DP, JP (U)

OSPREY -- 1, 5 Jan., Cooksville Rd., Noxubee Co., TS (RS); 1, 11 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A); 1 at nest, 5 Apr., Camp Pratt on Tombigbee River, Lowndes Co., DP, JP (R nesting species, new nest site); 1-5 at nest, 6 Apr.-1 Jul., Tombigbee River at Hwy. 50, Lowndes Co., DP, JP (R nesting species); 2 ad at nest, 26 Apr.-4 May, Columbus Lake west bank at lock & dam, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (R nesting species, new nest site)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 4, 23 Jun., Red Creek east of Perkinston, Stone Co., WS, TB (U - photograph on file)

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1, 23 Apr., Columbus, DP (A); 2 mating at nest site, 4 May, near Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U nesting species); 1 juv, 16 Sep., Torrance Landing, Grenada Lake, GK, SK (L)

BALD EAGLE -- 2 ad, 2 young in nest, 1 Jan.-19 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, m.ob. (R nesting species); 2 ad, 3 young in nest, 7 Feb.-19 May, Doyle's Arm, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, LC, m.ob. (R nesting species); 1 ad, 2 young in nest, 25 Feb.-spring, Section Line Rd., Columbus, DP, JP, TS (R nesting species); 1 pr, fall, Waveland, NB (R nesting species, rebuilt nest destroyed in Hurricane Gustav)

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 1 ad, 22 Oct., Hwy. 61 about 2 mi N of Tunica Co. line, DeSoto Co., SD (R) [Casual - Review List Species]

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 3-5, 12 Jan., Buck Island Rd. area, Tunica Co., JWi, GK, SK (R - photograph on file) [Accidental - Review List Species]

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1 juv, 12 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (R); 1, 4 Nov., Grand Bay NERR, JW (R)

MERLIN -- 1 ad f, 1 Jan., CR 156 north of Grenada Dam, Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 1 f *richardsonii*, 19 Jan., Greenbrier Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS (R); 1 f, 16 Feb., Riverdale Rd., Grenada Co., GK, SK (R); 1 m, 16 Feb., Hwy. 7 near Bryant Rd., Yalobusha Co., GK, SK (R); 1 f, 23 Feb., Hwy. 6 west of Batesville, GK, SK (R); 1, 1 Apr., Verona, WP (R)

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1 ad, 12 Jan., Saint Catherine Creek NWR, Adams Co.; BL (R - photograph on file); 1, 18 Apr., Blue Bluff Campground, Aberdeen, WP (R)

KING RAIL -- 1, 28 Apr., Prisock Field, TS, MS (R); 3, 9 Jul., East Pipeline Rd., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin Co., GK, SK (U)

VIRGINIA RAIL -- 2, 23 Oct., Starkville south S.L., TS (R)

SORA -- 1, 1 Jan.-12 Feb., Starkville south S.L., TS (RS); 4, 19 Sep., Bellewood, RH (U)

PURPLE GALLINULE -- 1-2, 21 Apr.-21 Aug., Bluff Lake, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, HM (R, A); 2, 26 May, Yazoo NWR, RH (U); 11 ad, 3 young, 14 Jun., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK (U); 8 ad, 2 broods, 9 Jul., East Pipeline Rd., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin Co., GK, SK (U); 1 juv, 8-10 Oct., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (R, L)

COMMON MOORHEN -- 4 ad, 8 juv, 14 Apr.-28 Oct., Bluff Lake, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS, LT (R, D); 6, 24 May, Yazoo NWR, RH (U); 12 ad, 14 Jun., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK (U); 14 ad, 5 broods, 9 Jul., East Pipeline Rd., Ross Barnett Reservoir, Rankin Co., GK, SK (U); 30, 5 Oct. Yazoo NWR, RH (U); 15, 14 Dec., Pearl River WMA, PW (RS); 1, 20-21 Dec., Bluff Lake, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos., LC, EC, TS (RS)

SANDHILL CRANE -- 67, 4-28 Jan., Cooksville & Paulette Rds., Noxubee Co., TS, MS (R); 40±, 12 Jan., Arkabutla Dam Rd., Tunica Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 20 Jul., Trim Cane WMA, MiS (RS - photograph on file)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 1, 27 Apr., A & D Turf Farm, GK (R); 1, 4-5 Sep., MSU North Farm, TS, MS (R); 3, 19 Oct., Torrance Landing, Grenada Lake, GK, SK (R)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- 5, 5 Mar., Catalpa Creek Bottoms, TS (A); 4-64, 14-19 Mar., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 54 alternate pl, 17 May, Buck Island Rd., Tunica Co., GK, SK (U); 6, 14 Sep., Hurricane Landing, Sardis Lake, GK, SK (U); 6, 25 Oct., Grenada Dam, GK, SK, SD (U); 1, 16 Nov., Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, GK, SK (L)

KILLDEER -- 236, 22 Oct., Washington Co., SD (N)

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 25, 12 Jun., 250±, 14 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., RH, GK, SK (U, N); 4, 27 Jun., 8 mi E of Belzoni, RH (U); 10-53, 5 Jul.-19 Sep. (max. 53, 13 Aug.), Bellewood, RH (U); 1, 19 Jul., Lake Jock Demoville, WP (R)

AMERICAN AVOCET -- 10, 19 Aug., 26, 25 Sep., Bellewood, RH (U); 314, 22 Oct., Humphreys Co., SD (N)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 16 Jan.-2 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (RS)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 25 Oct., Sunflower Co., SD (L)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 15 Jan., Browning Creek Lake, TS (US)

WILLET -- 52, 1 May, Tupelo S.L., WP (R - photograph on file)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 2, 4-5 Jan., Greenbrier Rd., Noxubee Co., TS, MS (RS)

UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 3, 18 Apr., MSU North Farm, MS, TS (U); 1, 30 Apr., Black Belt Experiment Station, TS, MS (U); 1, 3 Aug., 1, 16 Aug., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U)

MARbled GODWIT -- 28, 13 Apr., Moses' Pier, Gulfport, GK, SK (U, N); 2, 5 Oct., Greenwood Island, TS, m.ob. (U)

SANDERLING -- 1, 25 Oct., Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, GK, SK, SD (R)

WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 1, 16 Nov., Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, GK, SK (L)

LEAST SANDPIPER -- 495, 22 Oct., Washington Co., SD (N)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 3, 14 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 6, 17 May, Buck Island Rd., Tunica Co., GK, SK (U)

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1, 14 May, A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 2, 14 Sep., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 1 juv, 22 Oct., Washington Co., SD (U)

DUNLIN -- 1, 28 Apr., Tupelo S.L., WP (E, R)

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 3, 3 Aug., 3, 14 Sep., A & D Turf Farm, GK, SK (U); 1, 16 Aug., 2, 30 Aug., Hussey Sod Farm, Lee Co., WP (U); 1, 5 Sep., Pontotoc, WP (U); 1, 20 Sep., MSU North Farm, DP, JP (U)

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 132, 25 Oct., Sunflower Co., SD (N)

WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 1, 5 May, Tupelo S.L., WP (R - photograph on file)

SABINE'S GULL -- 1 juv, 15 Sep., Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake, GK, SK (R) [Accidental - Review List Species]

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 18, 8 Nov., Tupelo S.L., WP (A)

LAUGHING GULL -- 1 ad alternate pl, 26 Apr., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS, MS (R); 1 juv, 27-29 Aug., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (R - associated with Tropical Storm Fay); 1 juv, 2-4 Sep., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R - associated with Hurricane Gustav); 1 juv, 25 Oct., Torrance Landing, Grenada Lake, GK, SK, SD (R); 2, 22 Dec., 20, 28 Dec., Sardis Dam, GK, SK, DPr, m.ob. (RS); 8, 28 Dec., Grenada Dam, GK, SK, JWi, PL, MT (RS)

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- 2-4, 25 Oct.-30 Nov., Bay Saint Louis & Waveland, NB (U); 31, 25 Oct., Torrance Landing, Grenada Lake, GK, SK, SD (U); 7, 31 Oct., Dutch Brake, Sunflower Co., GK, SK (U)

RING-BILLED GULL -- 1, 8 Nov., Tupelo S.L., WP (A)

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL -- 4 ad, 2 Sep., Bayou Caddy, Hancock Co., SE (R - associated with Hurricane Gustav; photograph on file); 1 ad, 3 Sep., Long Beach, JW, AW (R) [Casual - Review List Species]

BROWN NODDY -- 1 ad, 13 Sep., Front Beach, Ocean Springs, JW, MW (R - associated with Hurricane Ike) [Accidental - Review List Species]

SOOTY TERN -- 2 ad, 1 Sep., pond on Allen Rd., near I-10 at Hwy. 57, Jackson Co., JW, AW, EP (R - associated with Hurricane Gustav); 12 ad, 1 Sep., near Bellefontaine Beach, JW, EP (R - associated with Hurricane Gustav); 1, 4 Sep., Waveland, NB (R - associated with Hurricane Gustav); 1 ad, 4 Sept, Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (R - associated with Hurricane Gustav); 7, 14 Sep., Waveland, NB (R - associated with Hurricane Ike); 1 ad, 14 Sep., Hurricane Landing, Sardis Lake, GK, SK (R - associated with Hurricane Ike) [Accidental - Review List Species]

LEAST TERN -- 5, 11 May, Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 9 ad, 17 May, Little Texas Rd. Catfish Ponds, Tunica Co., GK, SK (U); 1 ad, 14 Jun., Mahannah WMA, Issaquena Co., GK, SK (U); 1 ad, 14 Jun., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK (U); 2, 15 Jun., Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 50, 21 Jun., Prentiss Bar, Mississippi River, Bolivar Co., RH (U); 20, 22 Jun., 20, 8 Jul., American Bar, Mississippi River, Washington Co., RH (U); 1, 5 Jul., Tupelo S.L., WP (U); 1, 1st year pl, 28 Jul., Bluff Lake, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 300+ birds, 15 nests with 1-3 eggs each, 10 Aug., Mississippi River sandbars north of Hwy. 82 bridge, Washington Co., Mississippi & Chicot Co., Arkansas, RH (N); 1, 14 Aug., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (U)

CASPIAN TERN -- 1, 25 Mar., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (E)

BLACK TERN -- 1, 3 May, Tupelo S.L., WP (U)

COMMON TERN -- 12, 16 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (U); 3, 28 May, Browning Creek Lake, TS (U, D)

FORSTER'S TERN -- 238, 25 Oct., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., SD (N); 6, 20 Dec, Okatibbee Lake, WP (US)

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- 1, 4 Nov., MSU North Farm, TS (unusual plumage - leucistic); 2, 19 Nov., Eupora, TS (R - 1st county record)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- 1, 25 Apr., Lamont, Bolivar Co., TE (R - photograph on file)

INCA DOVE -- 1 pr, 14 Jun., Arcola, Washington Co., GK, SK (R); 2-12, 1 Aug.-7 Dec., Ryan Residence, Pass Christian, PR, MR, SM, PMi, RI, MP, DM, AH (R) [Accidental - Review List Species]

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 16 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 12 Apr., Greenwood Island, GK, PD (U)

GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- 1, 2 Oct., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (R)

BARN OWL -- 1, 3 May, Coldwater River NWR, Quitman & Tallahatchie Cos., GK, SK, DN (U)

SHORT-EARED OWL -- 10, 12 Jan., 3, 23 Feb., Buck Island Rd., Tunica Co., GK, SK (U)

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 1, 13 Aug., Ardenna Rd., 12 mi W of Starkville, TS (L)

BUFF-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 imm f, 19 Nov.-31 Dec., Lafferty Residence, Hattiesburg, DLa, BS, MSa (R - banded 21 Nov. by BS, MSa; photograph on file)

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 3 ad m, 21 Mar., Bell Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB (A - banded by JB); 1, 21 Jul.-Aug., Henleyfield, NB, DB, JB (unusual plumage - leucistic;

photograph on file); 1, 11 Aug., Steens, Lowndes Co., SH, CH, EM (unusual plumage - leucistic); 1, 8-9 Sep., Columbus, JN, TN (unusual plumage - leucistic); 1 imm f, 31 Oct., Bell Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB (D - banded by JB); 1 imm f, 29 Nov., Moreau Residence, Diamondhead, Hancock Co., JB, CM (RS - banded by JB); 1, 31 Dec., Bell Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB (RS - banded by JB)

BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD -- 2, 1 Jan.- 28 Feb., Henleyfield, JB, DB, NB (R - banded by JB); 1 imm m, 5 Jan., Morgan Residence, Biloxi, JB, GM (R - banded by JB); 1, 31 Dec., Bell Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB (R - banded by JB)

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad f, 1 Jan.- 21 Apr., Kohers Residence, Starkville, RK, TK, BS, MSa, TS (R, L); 1, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Henleyfield, JB, DB, NB (R - banded by JB); 1 imm f, 3 Jan., Carmichael Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB, MCa (R - banded by JB); 1 imm m, 5 Jan., Morgan Residence, Biloxi, JB, GM (R - banded by JB); 1 imm f, 6 Jan., Stinson Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB, SS (R - banded by JB); 1 ad f, 19 Jan., Carter Residence, Gulfport, JB, DC (R - banded by JB); 1 imm m, 19 Jan., Baughman Residence, Gulfport, JB, NBa (R - banded by JB); 1 imm f, 19 Jan., Eason Residence, Pass Christian, JB, DE (R - banded by JB); 1 ad f, 2 Feb., Barnett Residence, Gulfport, JB, MB (R - banded by JB); 1 ad f, 21 Mar., Bell Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co, JB (R - banded by JB); 1 imm m, 31 Oct., Bell Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB (R - banded by JB); 1 ad f, 24 Nov.-31 Dec., Kohers Residence, Starkville, RK, TK, TS, BS, MSa (R - banded 13 Dec. by BS, MSa; photograph on file); 1 ad m, 29 Nov., Burdette Residence, Columbia, JB, GB (R - banded by JB); 1 ad m, 6-12 Dec., Reeves Residence, Starkville, RR, JeR (R); 2, 31 Dec., Bell Residence, Carriere, Pearl River Co., JB (R - banded by JB)

RUFOUS/ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 ad f, 20 Nov.- 22 Dec., Parsons Residence, Starkville, TS, BP, GP (R)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1, 11 Apr., Tombigbee S.P., WP (L)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 2, 17 Sept., Grand Bay NERR, JW, MW, DR, GG (U)

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE -- 1, 8 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (A)

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1, 21 May, Nanih Waiya WMA, NW, JM (R - photograph on file) [Rare - Review List Species]

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1, 7 Sep., Tombigbee S.P., WP (U)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 ad m, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Kiln, NB (R); 1 ad f, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Waveland, NB, DM, SM (R); 2, 2 Oct., Ansley, NB (R, E)

WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 2 Oct., Ansley, NB (R)

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 23 Sep., Columbus Air Force Base, DP, JP (D)

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 4, 25 Oct., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (R); 1, 26 Oct., Kiln, NB (R)

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE -- 6 pr, summer, Ansley, Waveland, and Henleyfield, Hancock & Pearl River Cos., NB (numbers similar to previous year)

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 20 Dec., Pike Rd., Oktibbeha Co., LT (RS)

BLUE-HEADED VIREO -- 1, 27 Sep., Nettleton Hunting & Fishing Club, WP (E)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 4 May, near Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U); 1, 15 May, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (L)

RED-EYED VIREO -- 2, 1 Apr., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 m, 6 Feb., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)

TREE SWALLOW -- 8, 24 Feb., Enid Dam, GK, SK (E); 1 ad, 14 Jun., Yazoo NWR, GK, SK (RS)

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 1, 21 Dec., Bluff Lake, Oktibbeha Co., TS (RS)

CLIFF SWALLOW -- 1, 7 Mar., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., TS (E)

CAVE SWALLOW -- 1, 10 Feb., Kiln, NB (R); 1, 13 Feb., Pascagoula, DM, SM (R - photograph on file); 8, 22 Oct., Grand Bay NERR, JW (R); 5, 16 Nov., Bellefontaine Beach, JW, AW (R) [Accidental - Review List Species]

BROWN CREEPER -- 1, 5 Oct., Shannon, WP (E)

BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 16 & 28 Dec., Torrance Landing, Grenada Lake, GK, SK, JW, PL, m.ob. (R)

SEDGE WREN -- 1, 16 Feb., Torrance Landing, Grenada Lake, GK, SK (U)

MARSH WREN -- 1, 23 Feb., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, NB (U); 2, 1 Nov., Tupelo S.L., WP (U)

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 30 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1, 5 Jan., Paulette Rd., Noxubee Co., TS (RS); 2, 16 Mar., near Adaton, TS, MS (A); 5, 19 Oct., Tupelo S.L., WP (L); 1, 6-8 Dec., Columbus Lake, Lowndes Co., MG, AG, TS (RS)

VEERY -- 1, 27 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, TS, MS (A); 1, 18 May, Columbus, PM (L)

GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 1, 18 May, Columbus, PM (L)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 23 May, Columbus, TS (L)

WOOD THRUSH -- 8-9 m, 15 May-30 Jun., Cybur BBS route, Pearl River Co., NB (N)

AMERICAN ROBIN -- 1, 5 Feb., Starkville, TS (unusual plumage - albinistic); 8, 14 Sep., Waveland, NB (A)

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 16 Feb., Section Line Rd., Columbus, DP, JP (RS); 1, 5 Apr., near Adaton, MS (E)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 30 Apr., near Adaton, TS, MS (U); 1, 7 Sep., Tombigbee S.P., WP (U); 1, 20 Sep., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS, MS (U); 1, 20 Sep., Fate Douglas Rd., Oktibbeha Co., TS, MS (U); 1, 20 Sep., Hickory Grove Rd., Oktibbeha Co., DP, JP (U); 1 ad m, 21 Sep., Knight Residence, near Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1, 22 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (U); 1, 24 Sep., MSU North Farm, TS (U)

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 19 Apr., Natchez Trace Parkway, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (D)

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr., Tombigbee S.P., WP (U); 1, 29 Apr., 1, 2 May, Plymouth Bluff, TS, MS (U, D); 1, 4 May, Trace S.P., WP (U); 1, 19 Oct., Tupelo S.L., WP (L); 1, 25 Oct., Grenada Lake, Yalobusha Co., SD (L)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1, 18 May, Columbus, PM (D)

CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 1 m, 20 Apr., Knight Residence, near Oxford, GK (R); 1-2 m, 28 Apr.-3 May, Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS, MS, MC (R, L); 1 m, 6 May, Knight Residence, near Oxford, GK (R)

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1, 22 Mar., near Adaton, TS, MS (A); 1, 12 May, near Adaton, TS (D)

PALM WARBLER -- 1, 4 Jan., 2, 10 Feb., Oxford S.L., GK, SK (RS); 2, 23-24 Feb., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., TS, MS, JD, GK, SK (RS); 1, 7 Dec., Tupelo S.L., WP (RS)

CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1, 19 Apr., Natchez Trace Parkway, Choctaw Co., TS, MS (U); 2 m, 20 Apr., Knight Residence, near Oxford, GK, SK (U); 1, 29 Apr., Plymouth Bluff, TS (U)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1, 3 Apr., Tupelo S.L., WP (E)

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr., Tombigbee S.P., WP (E)

SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 19, 21 Apr.-22 Jul., eleven locations in Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha Cos., TS, MS (U); 1, 13 Jul., Springdale WMA, GK, SK (U)

OVENBIRD -- 1, 29 May-11 Jun., Scattertown Trail, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS (R nesting species)

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 6 Apr., near Adaton, TS, MS (A)

MOURNING WARBLER -- 1 m, 10 May, near Adaton, TS, MS (R)

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 2, 23 Feb., Coldwater River NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, NB (RS)

HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 28 Mar., near Adaton, TS (A); 1, 28 Mar., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (A)

WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 16 Apr., Nettleton Hunting and Fishing Club, WP (R, E); 1, 30 Apr., Black Prairie WMA, TS, MS (R, E); 1, 12 May, Plymouth Bluff, PM (R); 1, 17 May, Columbus, PM (R); 1, 17-18 May, Columbus near River Walk, PM (R, L); 1, 19 Sep., Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., TS (U); 1, 26 Sep., Macon, LT (U); 1, 4 Oct., Seaman Rd. S.L., TS, m.ob. (U)

CANADA WARBLER -- 1, 23 May, Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (L); 1, 19 Aug., Noxubee NWR, Noxubee Co., TS (A)

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1, 10 Apr., Tupelo S.L., WP (E)

BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 3, 3 Apr.-31 May, Noxubee NWR, Winston Co., TS, MS (U)

CHIPPING SPARROW -- 2 ad, 2 juv, 28 Apr.-18 Jun., Henleyfield, NB (RS - probably nesting)

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW -- 1, 26 Oct., Henleyfield, NB (R) [Casual - Review List Species]

LARK SPARROW -- 1, 24 Apr., Trim Cane WMA, MG (U); 2, 30 Apr., Black Belt Experiment Station, TS, MS (U); 2 ad, 3 young, 25 May, 1, 12 Jul., Camargo Rd., SW of Nettleton, GK, SK, WP (U); 1, 1 Jun., 6 mi NE of Macon, TS, MS (U); 2, 1 Jun., 12 mi E of Macon, TS, MS (U); 5, 4 Sep., 1, 5 Sep., MSU North Farm, MS, TS (U)

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 3, 17 May, Mississippi River levee near Walls, DeSoto Co., GK, SK (U); 1, 4-19 Jun., Windmill

Rd., 5 mi E of West Point, TS (R); 3, 26 Jun., Williams Farm, Clarksdale, GK, SK (U); 4, 12 Jul., NE of Okolona, WP (R); 1, 31 Jul., Old Vinton Rd., 5 mi NE of West Point, TS (R)

HENSLOW'S SPARROW -- 7-10, 23 Dec. 2007- 1 Jan., Cedar Hill Rd. at Lake Trail Rd., Madison Co., MCo, BSu (R); 3, 18 Nov., Grand Bay NWR, JW (A, U)

LECONTE'S SPARROW -- 1, 23 Feb., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., TS, MS, JD (U); 1, 26 Mar., Prisock Field, TS (U); 2, 20 Dec., Prisock Field, TS, MS (U); 2, 20 Dec., Sardis Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, Lafayette Co., GK, SK (U)

NELSON'S SPARROW -- 1, 30 Sep., 3, 22 Oct., 11, 27 Oct., 2, 5 Nov., Grand Bay NERR, JW (A, N); 9, 5 Oct., Ansley, JW, AW, EP (N)

LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 23 Feb., Grenada Lake, Grenada Co., TS, MS, JD (RS); 1, 1 Oct., Grand Bay NERR, JW (U); 1, 25 Oct., Carroll Co., SD (U)

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1, 29 Jun.-24 Jul., Starkville, MG (RS - photograph on file)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 5, 30 Apr., Black Prairie WMA, TS, MS (D)

DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 1, 17 Oct., Shannon, WP (E)

SCARLET TANAGER -- 1, 15 May, Columbus, JP, DP; 1, 18 May, Columbus, PM (D)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 4, 19 Apr., Jeff Busby Park, TS, MS (A)

INDIGO BUNTING -- 1, 10 Apr., Tupelo S.L., WP (E)

PAINTED BUNTING -- 4 m, 3 May, Coldwater NWR, Tallahatchie Co., GK, SK, DN (U); 1, 1 Jun., Joes Creek, 2 mi W of Macon, TS, MS (R); 1, 1 Jun., 12 mi E of Macon, TS, MS (R)

BOBOLINK -- 7, 25 Sep., near Waveland, NB (RS)

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 ad m, 16 Mar., Columbus, JP, DP (R); 1 ad m, 27 Mar., Hwy. 45, 11 mi N of Columbus, JP (R); 1, 11 May, Tupelo S.L., WP (R - photograph on file)

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 700+, 24 Feb., Enid Dam, GK, SK (N)

BRONZED COWBIRD -- 1-2, fall-25 Oct., Heron Bay, Hancock Co., NB (R)

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1, 3 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, TS (A)

BALTIMORE ORIOLE -- 1, 16 Apr., near Adaton, MS (A); 1 imm f, 10 Dec., Browning Creek, TS (RS)

PURPLE FINCH -- 2-15, 1 Jan.-28 Feb., Henleyfield, NB (U)

PINE SISKIN -- 1-3, 1 Jan.-27 Feb., Henleyfield, NB (U); 1, 30 Apr., Shannon, WP (L); 1, 25 Oct., Enid Lake, Yalobusha Co., SD (A); 10-30, 23 Nov., Henleyfield, NB (N)

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Co.; Black Prairie WMA = Lowndes Co.; Bluff Lake = Noxubee NWR, Noxubee & Oktibbeha Cos.; Browning Creek/Lake = Oktibbeha Co.; Catalpa Creek Bottoms = Lowndes Co.; Coldwater River NWR = Quitman & Tallahatchie Cos.; Columbus Lake = Lowndes & Clay Cos.; Enid Dam = Yalobusha Co.; Enid Lake = Yalobusha, Panola, & Lafayette Cos.; Grand Bay NERR = Jackson Co.; Grand Bay NWR = Jackson Co.; Greenwood Island = Jackson Co.; Grenada Dam = Grenada Co.; Grenada Lake = Grenada & Yalobusha Cos.; Henleyfield = Pearl River Co.; Hurricane Landing, Sardis Lake = Lafayette Co.; Jeff Busby Park = Choctaw Co.; Lake Jock Demoville = Chickasaw Co.; Mahannah WMA = Issaquena & Washington Cos.; MSU North Farm = Oktibbeha Co.; Nanih Waiya WMA = Neshoba Co.; Noxubee NWR = Noxubee, Oktibbeha, & Winston Cos.; Old River WMA = Pearl River Co.; Panther Swamp NWR = Yazoo Co.; Pearl River WMA = Madison Co.; Plymouth Bluff = Lowndes Co.; Prairie Waters = Lowndes Co.; Prisock Field = Noxubee NWR, Winston Co.; Ross Barnett Reservoir = Madison & Rankin Cos.; Saint Catherine Creek NWR = Adams & Wilkinson Cos.; Sardis Dam/Lower Lake = Panola Co.; Seaman Rd. S.L = Jackson Co.; Sky Lake WMA = Humphreys & Leflore Cos.; Springdale WMA = Lafayette Co.; Torrance Landing, Grenada Lake = Yalobusha Co.; Trim Cane WMA = Oktibbeha Co.; Water Valley Boat Landing, Enid Lake = Yalobusha Co.; Yazoo NWR = Washington Co.