

Birds Around the State: December 1977 through November 1978

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi and some immediately adjacent areas for the 1977-78 winter season, Spring migration, nesting season, and Fall migration. The list of sightings is followed by a key to observers initials and another key identifying all localities mentioned. The significance of sightings is indicated by a capital letter in parentheses following a record. These letters and their meanings are as follows: (A) = arrival date; (D) = departure date for migratory species; (E) = exceptionally early date; (L) = exceptionally late date; (N) = large number; (R) = species rare in the area; (C) = species casual or accidental (of less than annual occurrence) in Mississippi.

Abbreviations used include the following: m = male; f = female; juv = juvenile; ad = adult; subad = subadult; imm = immature; pr = pair; pl = plumage; BBS = Breeding Bird Survey; CBC = Christmas Bird Count; m. ob. = many observers.

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- COMMON LOON -- 40, 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., MOS (N); 31, 20 Dec., Gulfport harbor, WCW (N); 50, 15 Jan., Horn I., WCW (N); 1, 4 June, Ocean Springs, WCW (L); 5, 1 July, East Ship I., WCW; 1, 22 Oct., Hattiesburg, LYG (A).
- RED-THROATED LOON -- 1, 14 Jan., Horn I., WCW (R).
- HORNED GREBE -- 87, 31 Dec., Sardis L. CBC (N); 250, 15 Jan., Horn I., WCW (N).
- EARED GREBE -- 2, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, CW, JF (R); 1, 20 Dec., Gulfport harbor, WCW; 5, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LYG, JAT, JI; 1, 1 Jan., Gulfport harbor, WCW, WJW, JAT; 3, 5 Jan., L. Washington, GEÄ; 5 (breeding pl), 25 Apr., Hattiesburg sewage ponds, WCW; 1, apparently spent summer 1978 at Hattiesburg, LYG; 6, 21 Aug., Hattiesburg, LYG (A); 1, 24-25 Sept., Kosciusko, JAS.
- PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 5 (1 ad, 4 juv.), 17 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW; 7 (1 ad, 6 juv), 19 July, Noxubee NWR, PR; 100, 24 Oct., near Jackson, FW, CB, RD (N).
- WHITE PELICAN -- 3, 1 Dec., Gulfport, JAT; 1, 20 Dec., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 65, 10 Mar., East Ship I., WCW; 25, 9 May, Long Beach JAT; 4, 10 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, AB, MH; 200, 3 Oct., Biloxi, PD, JP; 2, 21 Oct., Pascagoula, LYG, JAT; 100+, 4 Nov., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, GM, MN.
- BROWN PELICAN -- 1, 8 Jan., Gulfport, GP; 3 ad, 17 June, West Ship I., EA; 1 imm, 28-29 July, West Ship I., EA, LC; 14, 28 Sept., Gulfport, PD, m.ob.
- GANNET -- 3 imm, 13 Jan., Horn I., WCW; 2, (1 ad, 1 imm), 14 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 6 (1 ad, 5 imm), 27 Feb., Horn I., WCW; 1, 20 Apr., Horn I., WCW (L).

- BLUE-FACED BOOBY -- 5 ad., 27 Sept., Biloxi, JAT, GM (editor's note: this species is still only hypothetical for Mississippi in the absence of a specimen, identifiable photograph, or equally substantial evidence of its occurrence in the state).
- GREAT CORMORANT -- 1 imm., 1 Nov., Bellefontaine Point, LJJ, JT (hypothetical for Mississippi).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 100 (one flock), 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., GEA, GA (N); 13, 31 Dec., Jackson CBC; 1, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 21 May, Biloxi, JAT; 1, 11 July, Ocean Springs, WCW.
- ANHINGA -- 1, 18 Mar., Hattiesburg, LJJ (A); 6, 13 May, Merrill, LJJ; 2, 1 June, Merrill, WCW.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 1, 16 Dec., Biloxi, EJT; 1 ad m, 12 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW; 40, 29 June, East Ship I., WCW (N).
- GREEN HERON -- 1, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC; 1, 9 Mar., East Ship I., WCW (A); 2, 31 Mar., Starkville, WCW (A).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 28 imm., 20 Jan., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT; 2, 13 Mar., Hattiesburg, LJJ (A); 65, (40 ad, 25 imm), 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- CATTLE EGRET -- 36, 3 Dec., Hancock Co., JAT (N); 5, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC, CDC; 1, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC; 1000+ prs, 11 July, Wiggins, WCW (nested in woodlot within city limits).
- REDDISH EGRET -- 1, 20 Dec., Gulfport, WCW; 1, 13-16 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 1 imm, 26 July, Long Beach, JAT; 3, 1 July, East Ship I., WCW; 1 imm, 10 Aug., Gulfport, JAT; 1 imm, 30 Aug., Bay St. Louis, JAT; 1 (white phase), 4 Oct., Clermont Harbor, JAT; 1, 21 Oct., Pascagoula River marsh, LJJ, JAT.
- GREAT EGRET -- 10, 4 Nov., near Jackson, RD, CB.
- SNOWY EGRET -- 5, 26 Aug., Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW.
- LOUISIANA HERON -- 1 imm, 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW (R inland).
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 6 (2 ad, 4 imm), 5 Oct., Noxubee NWR, CDC; 1 imm, 24 Nov., Flora, WHT.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1 imm, 20 June, Longview, JAJ; 24, 18 June, Dundee BBS route, WCW; 40 imm, 29 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (N); 5, 2 Nov., Archer Island, Ark., NOH (D).
- LEAST BITTERN -- 3 (heard only), 17 May, Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 17 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW.
- AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 23-28 Jan., Noxubee NWR, BJS, JAJ, CDC; 1, 13 Feb., Fontainebleau, JAT.
- WOOD STORK -- 5, 13 June, Noxubee NWR, PR (A); 75, 27 July, Noxubee NWR, PR.
- Plegadis* sp. -- 1, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, JAT; 2, 15 Jan., Clermont Harbor, JAT.
- WHITE IBIS -- 13 (12 ad, 1 imm), 17-20 Dec., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, WCW; 1 imm, 20 Jan., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT; 4 imm, 5 Mar., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 30, 4 May, Jackson Co., JAT, LJJ; 20 (most imm), 23 July, Wade, JAT, MH; 2 imm, 26 July, Kosciusko, JAS; 1, 4 Nov., near Jackson, RD, CB (D); 18, 4 Nov., Jackson Co, JAT, GM, MN.
- WHISTLING SWAN -- 1, 3 Jan., L. Washington, GEA (R); 2, 25 Nov., Pearl R. Waterfowl Refuge, RWE, HM.
- CANADA GOOSE -- 456, 18 Dec., Washington Co., Washington Co. CBC; 3800, Sardis L., Sardis L. CBC.

- COMMON BRANT -- 1, 1 July, East Ship I., WCW .
 WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 38, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC.
 SNOW GOOSE -- 45 (2 flocks, all white-phase), 4 Mar., n. Jackson Co., JAT et al.
 MALLARD -- 35,578, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC (N); 13,350, 31 Dec., Sardis L. CBC (N); 2 (pr), 24 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 2 (pr), 17 May, Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1 f, 11 June, Graysport Crossing, Grenada L., WCW; 1, Dundee BBS route, WCW.
 BLACK DUCK -- 65, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC; 1 m, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR; 4-6, through May to 2 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG, JAT, AB, MH, RTC, JC.
 MOTTLED DUCK -- 2, 19 Dec., Southern Hancock Co. CBC; 8, 5 Mar., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 10 (1 f with 9 young), 22 Apr, Pascagoula R. marsh, MOS; 30, 29 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 53 (max. ads on 29 July), present throughout June and July, several broods seen (e.g., broods of 7 and 5 on 5 July, brood of 3 small young on 29 July), JAT, WCW, et al.
 GADWALL -- 4, 25 Mar., Clermont Harbor, JAT (D); 6, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (D).
 PINTAIL -- 1, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG.
 GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 1214, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC (N); 2 (pr), 5 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (D).
 BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 1, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC; 18 (most m), 25 Feb., Horn I., WCW; 7, 3 Mar., Hattiesburg, LJG (A); 5, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 40, 23 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW; 2 (m & f), 11 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAJ, BJS; up to 9 through June and July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH, BB, et al.; 1 m, 17 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW.
 CINNAMON TEAL -- 2, 25 Feb.-16 Mar., Yazoo NWR, GEA, GA (R).
 AMERICAN WIGEON -- 6, 23 Mar., Clermont Harbor, JAT (D); 4, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW, CDC (D).
 NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 2 (pr), 24 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW (D); 1, 4 May, Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG (D).
 WOOD DUCK -- 80, 17 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW; 8, 18 June, Dundee BBS route, WCW.
 REDHEAD -- up to 500, 13-20 Jan., Horn I., WCW (N).
 RING-NECKED DUCK -- 4, 19 Mar., Clermont Harbor, JAT, AB (D); 1, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW, CDC (D); 1, 26 Aug., Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW (A).
 CANVASBACK -- 120, 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Reservoir, MOS (N); 705, 31 Dec., Sardis L. CBC (N); 1000, 3 Jan., L. Washington, GEA (N); 1 m, present through June & July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JT, MH, BB, WCW.
 GREATER SCAUP -- 1, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, LJG, SP; 1, 19 Dec., Southern Hancock Co. CBC.; 20, 11 & 16 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 6, 28 Feb., Horn I., WCW, EA; 2 (1 m, 1 f), 16 Oct., Horn I., CDC
 LESSER SCAUP -- 2000, 15 Jan., Horn I., WCW (N); 250, 25 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. L., WCW; 4, June & July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, WCW, et al.
 COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 4 f, 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., MOS (A); up to 10, 10-17 Feb., East Ship I., WCW.
 BUFFLEHEAD -- 120, 16 Jan., Horn I., WCW (N); 5, 25 Mar., Oktibbeha Co. L., WCW (D); 6, 30 Mar., Gulfport, JAT (D).
 OLDSQUAW -- 1, 31 Dec., Jackson CBC (R); up to 16, Jan.-8 Mar., Horn and East Ship Islands, WCW.

- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER -- up to 13, 11-17 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 5, 28 Feb., Horn I., WCW, EA; 7, 23 Mar., Gulfport, JAT.
- SURF SCOTER -- 1 f, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, LJG, SP; up to 40, 11-17 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 80, 28 Feb., Horn I., WCW, EA; 1 f, Horn I., WCW.
- BLACK SCOTER -- up to 50, 11-17 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 2 f, 28 Feb., Horn I., WCW, EA; 12, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW.
- RUDDY DUCK -- 4, 9 May, Hattiesburg, LJG; several present all summer, Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG.
- HOODED MERGANSER -- 18, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC; 253, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC (N).
- COMMON MERGANSER -- 8, 27 Dec., Moon L. CBC, BBC, LCC (R); 1 f, 4 Feb., Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- RED-BREADED MERGANSER -- 2 f, 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., MOS; 1 f, 28 May, West Ship I., WCW et al.; 1 ad m, 23 June, Pascagoula, JAT, MBH, DG; 1 f, 1 July, East Ship I., WCW.
- BLACK VULTURE -- 102, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC (N).
- SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 6, 13 May, Merrill, LJG, JR (N); 2, 1 June, Wade, WCW; 5, 23 July, Wade, JAT, MH.
- MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 2 (1 ad, 1 imm), 30 May, Vancleave, WCW; 3 (1 imm), 1 June, Wade, WCW, BC, JC; 1 ad, 13 June, Kosciusko, JAS; 1 ad, 15 June, Saucier, BH, NH; 5, 17 June, Leroy Percy State Park, WCW; 2, 17 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW; 5, 18 June, Dundee BBS route, WCW; 3 (1 ad, 2 imm), 8 July, Wade, JAT; 7, 18 July, Wade, JAT, LS, JL; 3, 9 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (D).
- SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1, 3 Dec., Rankin Co., MOS; 1, 16 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, MN, JT (A); 1, 15 Oct., Kosciusko, JAS.
- COOPER'S HAWK -- 1, 4 Oct., Hancock Co., JAT (A).
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- 13, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC (N).
- BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1, 16 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (A); 250, 26 Sept., Kosciusko, JAS (N); 75-85, 28 Sept., Warren Co., GC (N).
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1, 31 Dec., Sardis L. CBC (R); 1 (light phase), 22 Apr., Wiggins, LJG (R).
- GOLDEN EAGLE -- 1 ad, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC, JAJ (R); 1, 1 Nov., Graveline Bay, LJG, JAT (R).
- BALD EAGLE -- 3 (1 ad, 2 imm), 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., MOS; 1 ad, 12 Dec., Noxubee NWR, JAJ; 1 ad, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC, BH, NH, MW; 4 imm, 31 Dec., Jackson CBC; 1 ad., 21 Jan., at nest near Gulfport, WCW; 1 ad, 27 Jan., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 2 ad, 4 Feb., Noxubee NWR, WCW, DS, MS; 1 imm), 19 Feb., Yazoo NWR, GEA; 1 21 Oct., Gulfport, LJG, JAT; 1 imm., 27 Oct., Noxubee NWR, JAS; 1 ad, 6 Nov., Monroe Co., RH; 1 imm, 7 Dec., Pearl R. Waterfowl Refuge, WHT.
- MARSH HAWK -- 1, 16 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, MN, GN (A).
- OSPREY -- 4, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC; 2, 15 and 18 Jan., Horn I., WCW; 1, 5 Feb., Pass Christian, JAT; 2-3, 11-16 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 4 pr nesting, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW; 1, 3 Apr., Noxubee NWR, BW (A); 2, 23 June, Round I., JAT, MBH, DG; 5 (incl. 1 on nest), 18 July, Escatawpa, JAT, LS, JL; 4, 23 July, Escatawpa, JAT, MH.
- PEREGRINE -- 1, 19 Dec., Southern Hancock Co. CBC; 1, 18 Jan., Horn I., WCW; 2, 6 Mar., East Ship I., WCW; 1, 19 Apr., Horn I., WCW; 1, 2 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, BC, JC.

- MERLIN -- 1, 19 Dec., Southern Hancock Co. CBC; 1, 20 Dec., Gulfport harbor, WCW; 1, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg CBC (R); 2, Jan.-Feb., Horn I., WCW; 1, 11-17 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 1, 14 Feb., Washington Co., GEA; 1, 11 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW; 2, 14 Oct., Horn I., CDC, JAJ, BJS.
- SANDHILL CRANE -- 39, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, JAT, EWC, et al.
- KING RAIL -- 1, 21 Oct., Biloxi, LJG.
- VIRGINIA RAIL -- 1, 9 Oct., Gulfport, CR (A); 1, 21 Oct., Biloxi, LJG, JAT.
- SORA -- 2, 21 Oct., Biloxi, JAT; LJG (A).
- COMMON GALLINULE - 10 ad (including 1 pr with 4+ very small chicks), 22 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW et al.; 25, 17 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW; present throughout June & July, at least 2 broods of chicks seen, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, WCW, et al.
- AMERICAN COOT -- 2, 17 June, Yazoo NWR, WCW; 2, 28 May, West Ship I., AB (L); 4, present throughout June & July, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW, JAT, et al.; several present throughout summer, Hattiesburg sewage ponds, LJG; 12, 14 Oct., Pascagoula, JAT, MH, MN, GN (A).
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- 1, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, LJG, SP (R).
- SEMPALMATED PLOVER -- 1, 29 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW (L); 1, 2 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, BC, JC (L); 6, 1 July, East Ship I., WCW; 3, 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 26, 7 Aug., Waveland, JAT.
- PIPING PLOVER -- up to 28, January, Horn I., WCW; up to 30, 11-16 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 8, 17 Apr., Horn I., WCW; 1, 8 July, Horn I., WCW; 1, 7 Aug., Bay St. Louis, JAT.
- SNOWY PLOVER -- up to 3, Jan., Horn I., WCW; up to 7, 11-16 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 2 (pr), successfully nested in Least Tern colony, Gulfport (see article this issue), MBH; 1, 2 July, East Ship I., WCW; 2, 4 July, West Ship I., WCW; 1, 9-10 July, Horn I., WCW.
- WILSON'S PLOVER -- 4, 8 Mar., East Ship I, WCW; 8, 1 July, East Ship I., WCW; 3 (possibly 5) (adults with at least 1 juv), 11 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAJ, BJS; 7 present throughout June & July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT et al.
- KILLDEER -- 218, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC (N).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW (A); 30, 9 Mar., East Ship I., WCW; several sightings 12-31 Mar., Gulfport & Pascagoula R. marsh (max. 30 at Gulfport, 12 Mar.), all in winter pl., JAT; 100+, 25 Mar., Yazoo, WHT (N); 35, 9 Apr., Scott Plantation, NOH.
- BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- 2, 16 Sept., Noxubee NWR, JAS, EWP.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 15, 20 Dec., Gulfport harbor, WCW (N); 3, 28 May, West Ship I., WCW, JAT, et al.; 1, 29 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 1, 2 June, Biloxi, WCW; 1, 10 June, Gulfport, PR, BT, MBH; 4, 1 July, East Ship I., WCW; 2, 7 Aug., Bay St. Louis, JAT (A).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- 4, 1 May, Latimer, WCW; 1, 22 Nov., Gulfport, JAT.
- COMMON SNRIPE -- 49, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC (N); 1, 18 Apr., Horn I., WCW; 1, 24 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW (D); 4, 9 Sept., Pascagoula, JAT.
- LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1, 16 Dec.-25 Mar., Gulfport, AB, m. ob.
- WHIMBREL -- 1, 17 Apr., Horn I., WCW; 1, 10 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, AB, MH.
- UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 3, 25 Mar., Brooksville, RW (A); 1, 12 Aug., Pascagoula, WCW, JAT.

- SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 4, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg CBC, LJG, JAT, JI; 1, 5 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 2, 12 May, MSU sewage ponds, JAJ, BJS; 1, 28 May, West Ship I., MBH; 2, 9 July, Horn I., WCW; 1, 18 July, Noxubee NWR, PR; 4, 28 July, Hattiesburg, LJG.
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 4 Mar., Ocean Springs, JAT et al. (E); 1, 11 Mar., Pearlinton, JAT et al; 4, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 28 May, West Ship I., WCW et al. (L).
- WILLET -- several, including 1 3/4 grown downy juv., 11 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAJ, BJS.
- GREATER YELLOWLEGS - 24, 8 Feb., Bellefontaine Point, WCW (N); 20, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW; 1, 22 Mar., Starkville, WCW (A); 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ; 1, 27 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 10, 29 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT.
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 26, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW; 10, 12 Mar., Ocean Springs, WCW; 65, 27 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW.
- RED KNOT -- 1-3, 13-16 Feb., East Ship I., WCW (R); 1, 4 May, Gulfport, LJG; 8, 28 May, West Ship I., WCW.
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 2, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW; 25, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, CDC (A); 2, 28 June, East Ship I., WCW; 2, 18 July, Noxubee NWR, PR (A); 1, 20 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH; 50, 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW; 20, 9 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, MBH, TH; 1, 24 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (D).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 1, 22 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW et al. (A); 14, 9 May, Hattiesburg, LJG; 25, 14 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG; 6, 29 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 1, 1 June, Tupelo Fish Hatchery, BBC, LCC; 1, 2 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, BC, JC.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER -- 1, 19-20 Apr., Horn I., WCW; 3, 4 May, Gulfport harbor, LJG (R); 2, 12 Aug., Pascagoula, WCW, JAT; 1, 28 Sept., Hattiesburg, LJG.
- LEAST SANDPIPER -- 17, 27 Dec., Moon Lake CBC, BBC, LCC (R); 3, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ, CDC; 1, 9 July, Horn I., WCW; 200, 23 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH (N); 40, 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW; 200+, 9 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, MBH, TH.
- DUNLIN -- 23, 12 May, MSU sewage ponds, JAJ, BJS; 700 (most in breeding pl), 21 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (N); 1, 30 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT et al.
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 300, 2 June (present through most of June & July), Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, m. ob.; 1, 9 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, MBH, TH.
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 30, 24 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 8, 9 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, TH, MBH.
- STILT SANDPIPER -- 16, 24 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 50, 14 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG (N); 2 (breeding pl), 29 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 9, (breeding pl), 5 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, WCW; 5, 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 9 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, TH; 12, 13 Sept., Noxubee NWR, JAS; 1, 24 Oct., near Jackson, WHT, JP.
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 700, 29 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW (N); 4, 1 June, Tupelo Fish Hatchery, BBC, LCC; 1000, 2 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, BC, JC; 2, 20 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH; 200, 26 July, Waveland, JAT (N); 150, 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW; 300, 17 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, WCW (N).

- WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 12, 27 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 400, 23 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH (N); 450, 26 July, Waveland, JAT (N); 5, 30 July, Noxubee NWR, WCW; 100+, 19 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT.
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 1, 22 Apr., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAJ, CDC, BJS, m. ob.; 2, 4 May, Gulfport, LJG; 1, 14 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, LJG, WCW.
- MARbled GODWIT -- 1, 10 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, AB, MH.
- HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- 2, 13-16 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, PD, JP, LJG, JAT, MH, BB, m. ob. (first Mississippi record, see article this issue).
- AMERICAN AVOCET -- 2, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, LJG, SP; 26, 20 Jan., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT; present all spring (max. 5T, 22 Apr.), all in breeding pl by late Mar., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT et al.; 10, 16 Apr., Bay St. Louis, JAT; 8, 23 Apr., Hattiesburg, LJG; 1, 20 & 29 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH; 3, 9 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, MBH, TH; 1, 16-19 Sept., Hattiesburg, LJG.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 17 Dec., Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG, SP; 1, 13 Mar., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (E); present all spring (max. 3T on 31 Mar.), Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT et al.; 1, 11 Apr., Kosciusko, JAS; 1, 4 May, West Ship I., LC; 12, 11 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAJ, BJS; 30 ad, 26 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW, JAT; 3 juv seen with adults, 5 July, and up to 15 juv as well as adults seen 29 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT et al.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 5, 4 May, Gulfport harbor, LJG (R); 16 (at least 8 f in breeding pl), 4 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG, JAT (N); 2 (1 m, 1 f), Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, AB, MH; 1 (winter pl), 11 May, MSU sewage ponds, CDC, BJS; 1 f (breeding pl), 27 June, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW; 4 (incl. 2 f in breeding pl), 18 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT; 3, 14 Aug., Pascagoula, JAT, WCW, LJG; 2, 25 Aug., Pascagoula, LJG; 1, 9-16 Sept., Hattiesburg, LJG.
- HERRING GULL -- 2 juv, 8 July, spoil bank W of Petit Bois I., WCW; 3, 3 Aug., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT.
- RING-BILLED GULL -- 800, 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., MOS (N); 100+, 7 Mar., Ross Barnett Res., WHT; 1, 28 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (R); 1 ad, 23 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH; 1, 30 Aug., Bay St. Louis, JAT.
- LAUGHING GULL -- 600 (500 ad, 100 juv), 23 June, spoil bank off Pascagoula, JAT, MBH, DG.
- BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 200, 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., MOS (N); up to 160, Jan.-Feb., Horn I., WCW (N); 250, 5 Mar., Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW (N); 9 (winter pl), 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, CDC (R); 1, 25 Apr., Hattiesburg, WCW (L); 1, 4 and 10 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, LJG (L).
- LITTLE GULL -- 1 imm, 5 Feb., Sardis L., MD (3rd state record, all at this locality).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE -- 1 imm, 19 Dec., Bay St. Louis, SP, LJG.
- GULL-BILLED TERN -- 1, 19 Dec., N of Bay St. Louis, LJG, SP; 4, 10 Apr., Clermont Harbor ponds, JAT; 34 (17 ad, 17 juv), 23 July, Pascagoula R. marsh (present throughout June & July, distraction displays seen); 2 (an adult feeding a juv), 25 Aug., Pascagoula, LJG; 2, 27 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT (D).
- COMMON TERN -- 50 (2 in near-breeding pl), 1 July, East Ship I., WCW (N).

- SOOTY TERN -- 1-3, 14-15 Oct., Horn I., JAJ, CDC, BJS (R, see article and photograph this issue).
- LEAST TERN -- several, 6 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (E); first eggs, 28 Apr., Long Beach, JAT; 2200 pr nesting at Gulfport, 2000 pr at Long Beach, nesting success very good at Gulfport, but only moderate at Long Beach-Pass Christian because of disturbance - also about 10 smaller groups of 15-30 pr nesting at various places from Bay St. Louis to Biloxi, MBH, JAT, JAJ; 24, 25 Sept., Gulfport, JAT (D).
- ROYAL TERN -- none nested this year on the spoil bank W of Petit Bois I. - 50, including flying juv, seen on 8 July, JAT, WCW, et al.
- SANDWICH TERN -- none nested this year on the spoil bank W of Petit Bois I. - 400, including flying juv, seen on 8 July, JAT, WCW, et al.; 1, 30 Sept., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, WCW, LJG.
- CASPIAN TERN -- 1, 13 Sept., Noxubee NWR, JAS, EWP (A).
- BLACK TERN -- 6, 4 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG (A); 9, 10 May, same place, JAT, AB, MH; 150, 28 June-2 July, East Ship I., WCW; 60, 8 July, Horn I., WCW.
- BLACK SKIMMER -- 1200, 3 Dec., Gulfport harbor, JAT (N); 1250, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC (N); no birds seen on 8 July on spoil bank W of Petit Bois I, nesting colony on Horn I also reported abandoned, few juv seen in late summer, WCW.
- GROUND DOVE -- 1, 4 May, Pascagoula R. flats, LJG, JAT.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 16 Apr., Buccaneer State Park, JAT (A); 1, 28 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 1, 29 Apr., Vicksburg, HM (A); these cuckoos seemed to be particularly abundant throughout the state this summer, JAJ, et al.; 1, 26 Oct., Kosciusko, JAS (D); 2, 12 Nov., Hattiesburg, MOS (D).
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 6 May, Bovina, WHT; 1, 10 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, AB, MH.
- GROOVE-BILLED ANI -- 4, 19-21 Oct., Biloxi, PD, m. ob.
- BARN OWL -- 2, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC; 1, 27 Feb., Horn I., WCW.
- GREAT HORNED OWL -- 2 (pr copulating), 22 Jan., Ocean Springs, WCW.
- BURROWING OWL -- 1, 15 Oct., Horn I., CDC, JAJ, BJS (R); 1, 31 Oct., Gulfport (found in schoolyard, released at Bellefontaine Beach), JAT.
- WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1, 1 Nov., Bellefontaine Point, JAT.
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW -- 1, 17 Jan., Horn I., WCW (C); 1, 15 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 1, 29 Mar., Starkville, CDC (E); 8, 11 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW (A).
- CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 1, 18 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 27 Mar., Gulfport, AB (A); 4, 31 Mar., Starkville, WCW (A); 1, 5 Apr., Archer I., Ark, NOH; Hundreds, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ, CDC.
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1, 23 Mar., Gulfport, JAT (A); 1, 31 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 5 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 1 f seen on nest, 18 July, Wade, JAT (nest 18 ft. up in live oak, first evidence of nesting in coastal Miss.).
- BELTED KINGFISHER -- 2 active nests found in sawdust piles, 20-22 May, Noxubee NWR, WCW, PR.
- PILEATED WOODPECKER -- 23, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC (N); 9, 1 June, Benndale BBS route, WCW; 1 (heard), 9-10 July, Horn I. WCW.

- RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER -- 25, 11 June, Walthall BBS route, WCW.
 YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER -- 1, 20 Apr., Horn I., WCW (D).
 RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER -- 18, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC (N), 1, 31 May, near Center Hill, no apparent nest tree near, BBC, LCC.
 EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 3, 18 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT (E), 1, 30 Mar., Longview, WCW (A), 1, 21 Oct., Pascagoula, LJG, JAT (D).
 GRAY KINGBIRD -- 1, 17 Apr. Horn I., WCW (A), 2 prs., 8-11 July, one bird incubating on nest in same location as 1976, Horn I., WCW.
 WESTERN KINGBIRD -- 1, 21 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, LJG, JAT (R).
 SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 23 Apr., Guntown, RH, 1, 21 Oct. Bellefontaine Beach, LJG, JAT; 1, 21 Oct., Biloxi, PD, JP, SPE.
 GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 31 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT (A), 1, 12 Apr., Jackson, WHT (A), 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ (A).
 EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1, 31 May, nest under bridge, Center Hill, BBC, LCC.
 ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 1, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, CDC, JAJ (A), 1, 30 Apr., Vicksburg, HM (A).
 WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 2 m singing, 16 May, and 1, 17 May, Starkville, WCW.
 EASTERN WOOD PEWEE -- 1, 31 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT (E), 15, 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, LJG (N).
 OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 31 Aug., Jackson Co., JAT (R), 1, 7 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, LJG (R), 1, 21 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, LJG, JAT (R).
 HORNE LARK -- 4, 28 Jan., MSU South Farm, CDC, JAJ, m. ob. (R in area)
 TREE SWALLOW -- 20, 18 Dec., Washington CBC, (R - winter), 5000+, 19 Feb., Bay St. Louis, JAJ (N), 2, 25 Feb., Yazoo NWR, GEA, GA, 16, 13 Mar., Hattiesburg, LJG (A), 10, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A), no. ?, 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, LJG (D).
 BANK SWALLOW -- 20, 31 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT (A), 2, 29 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, WCW (L).
 ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 20, 31 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT (A), 1, 5 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A), 1 nest, 3 June, Attala Co., JAS, EWP, 2, 24 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (D).
 BARN SWALLOW -- 2, 17 Mar., Brookhaven, JAJ (A), 1, 18 Mar., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT et al. (A), 1, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
 CLIFF SWALLOW -- 1, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJG, 2 nesting prs., 11 June, Graysport Bridge, Grenada L., WCW, 22 active nests, 19 June, Yellow Cr. Bridge, Iuka, WCW.
 PURPLE MARTIN-- several, 1 Feb., Horn I., JN (A), 15, 4 Feb., West Ship I., DS*(A), numerous birds found dead apparently due to starvation during cold weather Nat. Park Service staff, 1, 12 Feb. Hattiesburg, RM (A), 3, 26 Feb., Jackson, WHT (A), 1, 10 Mar., Vicksburg, HM (A), 10+, 12 Mar., Noxubee NWR, JAJ, 120, 8 July, Horn I., WCW, 2000, 20 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH (N).
 FISH CROW -- 2, 3 Dec., Barnett Res. MOS (R in winter), 3, 31 Dec. Jackson CBC, 1, 1 Mar., Hattiesburg, LJG, (A), 1, 19 Mar., Noxubee NWR, JAJ, 1, 19 Mar., Vicksburg, HM, 1, 7-8 Apr., Noxubee NWR, PR.
 RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH -- 37, 17 Dec., Grenada CBC (N), 2, 9 Apr., Jackson, WHT (D), 2, 16 Sep. Noxubee NWR, JAS, EWP (A), 3, 7 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, LJG (A).

- HOUSE WREN -- 1, 29 Mar., Starkville, CDC (A).
 BEWICK'S WREN -- 1, 17 Dec., Grenada CBC, 1, 14 Feb. to 9 Mar., East Ship I., WCW, 1 m, singing, 5-27 May, Biloxi, PB, 7 at 4 stops, 17 June, Cockrun BBS route, ER, RJ (R).
 SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN -- 2, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg CBC, 1, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ (D).
 GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ (A).
 WOOD THRUSH -- 1, 6 Apr., Jackson, WHT (A), 1, 6 Apr., Hattiesburg, JAT, LJJ (A), 3, 9 Apr., Gulfport, JAT, AB (A), 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ (A).
 SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 18 Feb., Buccaneer State Park, JAT et al. (R), 2, 19 Apr., Horn I., WCW (A), 1, 28 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A), 7, 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, LJJ.
 VEERY -- 1, 19 Apr., Horn I., WCW (A).
 BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC, 5, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
 RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 20 Apr., Horn I., WCW (D), 3, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJJ (A).
 WATER PIPIT -- 4, 30 Sep., Gulfport, PD (A), 1, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJJ (A).
 SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 1, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, (R).
 CEDAR WAXWING -- 800, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg CBC (N), 12, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ (D), 12, 19 May, Starkville, WCW (D).
 BLACK-CAPPED VIREO -- 2 (1 m, 1 f), 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, LJJ, JAT (first record for Mississippi).
 WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1, 5 Mar., near Latimer, WCW (A), 2, 24 Mar., Hillside Ref., WHT (A), 12, 5 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
 YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 1, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, 1, 18 Mar., Hattiesburg, LJJ (E), 1, 19 Mar., Noxubee NWR, JAJ (E), 1, 23 Mar., Buccaneer State Park, JAT (A), 2, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, CDC (A).
 SOLITARY VIREO -- 1, 3 Dec., Barnett Res., GEA, GA, 1, 17 Dec., Grenada CBC, 1, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC, 1, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC, 1, 22 Jan., Noxubee NWR, CDC, BJS, 1, 27 Jan., Noxubee NWR, WCW, 1, 10 Mar., Vicksburg, HM (A), 1, 16 Apr., Buccaneer State Park, JAT (D).
 RED-EYED VIREO -- 1, 31 Mar., Ocean Springs, MH (A), 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ, 1, 4 Nov., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, MN (D).
 PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 20 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (A).
 WARBLING VIREO -- 6, 20 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (N).
 BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC, 2, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW (A), 3, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
 PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 1, 12 Mar., Buccaneer State Park, JAT (A).
 SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 1, 23 Apr., Hattiesburg, LJJ, 1, 21 May, Noxubee NWR, WCW.
 WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1, 27 Mar., Gulfport, JAT (A).
 GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ (A), 2, 2 Oct., Kosciusko, JAS (A).
 BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 5 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A), 1, 9 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (A).

- TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 27 Mar., Gulfport, JAT (E); 25, 28 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 1, 30 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 3 Dec., Ross Barnett Res., GEA, GA; 2, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC; 2, 31 Dec., Jackson CBC; 1, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJJ (A).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 1, 6-14 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJJ.
- NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 m, 2 Mar., Horn I., WCW; 1, 14 Mar., Hillside Refuge, WHT (A); 10, 18 Mar., Hattiesburg, LJJ, (A); 1, 19 Mar., Noxubee NWR, PR.
- YELLOW WARBLER -- 2, 11 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW (A); 4, 9 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ; 1, 4 June, Ocean Springs, WCW (D); 1, 29 July, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT (E); 1-4, 5-7 June, Penton, DK.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 6, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ; 1, 5 May, Vicksburg, HM; 1, 17 May, Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 1, 27 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1, 6 May, West Ship I., KL; 1 f, 4 Oct., Gulfport, JAT; 1, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJJ.
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER -- 1, 23 Apr., Gulfport, JAJ; 50, 23 Apr., Ocean Springs, WCW; 1, 27 Apr., Starkville, CDC; 1, 27 Apr., Gulfport, JAT; 1, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ (D).
- YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (AUDUBON'S) -- 2, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC, JAT; 1, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg CBC, LJJ (R).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, CDC (A); 1, 28 Oct., near Jackson, FW, RD, ET, CB (D).
- CERULEAN WARBLER -- 1, 11 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW (A).
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 2, 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT; 1, 14 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, LJJ; 1, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJJ.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 2, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW (A); 1 m, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 1 m, 23 Apr., Ocean Springs, WCW (A); 5, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ; 10, 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, LJJ, JAT (N); 1, 17 May, Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 15, 20 Apr., Horn I., WCW (A); 3, 21 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (A); 25, 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, LJJ, JAT (N); 10, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ; 3, 9 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ; 1, 10 May, Vicksburg, HM; 1, 18 Sept., Gulfport, JAT (A).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1, 19 Apr., Horn I., WCW (A).
- PALM WARBLER -- 1, 21 Apr., Horn I., WCW; 1, 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ, CDC.
- OVENBIRD -- 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ; 1, 14 May, Vicksburg, HM; 1, 1 June, E of Schippel's Mill, Kemper Co., LCC, BBC, (noted on Scooba BBS route and also noted from same stop on 12 June 1974, 2 June 1975, and 27 May 1976); 1, 21 June, Tupelo BBS route, CDC.
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 27 Apr., Starkville, WCW (A).
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- 2, 8 Mar., East Ship I., WCW (E); 1, 29 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 1, 1 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 29 June, East Ship I., WCW (R - summer).
- KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 6 Apr., Hattiesburg, LJJ, JAT (A); 1, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A).
- CONNECTICUT WARBLER -- 1 singing, 3 May, Noxubee NWR, CDC; 1, 10 May, Bellefontaine Beach, MH; 1, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJJ (R).

- COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 41, 20 June, Aberdeen BBS route, CDC (N).
 YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1, 20 Apr., Horn I., WCW (A); 1, 26 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- HOODED WARBLER -- 1, 1 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 5 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 8, 12 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW; 13, 1 June, Benndale BBS route, WCW (N).
- WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 f, 20 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (E); 1 f, 5 May, Gulfport, JAT.
 CANADA WARBLER -- 3, 17 May, Noxubee NWR, WCW.
- AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1 m, 11 Apr., Gulfport, FM (A); 1, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (A); 1, 14 May, Vicksburg, HM; 1 m, singing, 30 May, Vancleave, WCW.
- BOBOLINK -- 20, 27 Apr., Starkville, CDC, JAJ; 110, 3 May, Raymond, WHT.
 YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 m, 8 Aug., Archer I., Ark., NOH (R).
- ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 1 m, 1 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (A); 1, 4 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 4, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW; 16 (7 ad m, 1 imm m, 8 f), 21 June, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, MH (N).
- NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 1, 17 Dec., Natchez CBC; 1 m, 21 Mar., Gulfport, FM (E).
 RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 3, 21 Oct., Bellefontaine Point, LJJ, JAT (A).
- SCARLET TANAGER -- 1 m, 11 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW (A); 8 (5 m, 3 f), 27 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT; 1, 30 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1 m, singing, 1 June, W of Scooba, LCC, BBC; 2 singing m, 19 June, Tishomingo State Park, WCW.
- SUMMER TANAGER -- 1 m, 9 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (A); 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ.
 ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1 m, 10 Jan., Ocean Springs (at feeder), AD; 2 m, 12 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WCW (A); 1, 29 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1 m, 21 Sept., Starkville, BW (A).
- BLUE GROSBEAK -- 1, Ocean Springs, and 1, Bellefontaine Beach, 12 Apr., WCW (A); 1, 29 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- INDIGO BUNTING -- 2, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg CBC, MaN, RB, PK (C in winter); 1 m, molting, 25 Mar., Gulfport, JAT (A); 62, 20 June, Aberdeen BBS route, CDC (N); 1, 4 Nov., Gulfport, JAT (D).
- PAINTED BUNTING -- 3 m, 12 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, WCW (A); 2, 23 Apr., Brownsville, WHT (A); 1 m, 10-14 May, Bellefontaine Beach; 1 imm m, 18-23 May, Starkville, WCW.
- DICKCISSEL -- 43, 20 June, Aberdeen BBS route, CDC (N).
 EVENING GROSBEAK -- 4, 2 Dec., Starkville, WCW (A); 4, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC; up to 8, about 20 Jan to 6 Feb., Ocean Springs, JB, MaH; 10, 27 Jan., Hattiesburg, HB (A); 200+, late Feb., Hattiesburg, LJJ (N); 100+, 16 Mar., MSU campus, JAJ; many, 26-27 Mar., Natchez, FF; 10, 6 Apr., Osyka, WHT; several, 25 Apr., Louisville, RW (D); 1, 30 Apr., near Latimer, WCW (D); number ?, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ (L).
- PURPLE FINCH -- several, 30 Mar., Gulfport, JAT (D); 1, 1 Apr., Starkville, WCW (D).
- PINE SISKIN -- very common all winter, Hattiesburg, LJJ; 15, 20 Dec., Gulfport harbor, WCW; up to 50, 11-16 Feb., East Ship I., WCW; 6, 28 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (D); 15, 1 May, Hattiesburg, LJJ (D); 3, 8 May, Gulfport, JAT (L).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 3, 16 Apr., Gulfport, JAT (D).

- SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 24 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ, CDC (D); 1, 3 May, Bolton, WHT (D); 1, 4 May, Bellefontaine Beach, LJG (D); 1, 14 May, Brownsville, WHT (D).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1 m singing, 4 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, LJG, JAT.
- LE CONTE'S SPARROW -- 3, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC; 5, 17 Dec., Grenada CBC; 2, 31 Dec., Sardis L. CBC; 1, 14 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, MH, MN (A).
- SEASIDE SPARROW -- 3, 19 Apr., Ship I., JAS.
- VESPER SPARROW -- 1, 18 Dec., Washington Co. CBC; 1, 18 Dec., Noxubee NWR CBC; 6, 27 Dec., Moon Lake CBC; 1, 27 Oct., Noxubee NWR, JAS.
- LARK SPARROW -- 1, 20 June, Aberdeen BBS route, CDC; 1, 1 Oct., Pascagoula, WHT, ACT; 1 imm, 23 Sept., Clermont Harbor, MN, JAT; 1, 8-21 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, LJG.
- BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 14, 19 Dec., Southern Hancock Co. CBC, JAT et al. (N); 1, 21 June, Tupelo BBS route, CDC (R in north Mississippi).
- DARK-EYED JUNCO -- 509, 31 Dec., Sardis L. CBC (N); 1, 6 Apr., Starkville, WCW (D).
- TREE SPARROW -- 1, 22 Jan., Leroy Percy State Park, GA (R).
- CHIPPING SPARROW -- 455, 29 Dec., Hattiesburg CBC (N).
- FIELD SPARROW -- 25, 20 June, Aberdeen BBS route, CDC (N).
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW -- 12, 23 Apr., Brownsville, Hinds Co., WHT (D).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 1, 4 May, Hattiesburg, LJG (D); 1, 11 May, Starkville, EWP (D); 1, 10 Oct., Starkville, NH (A).
- FOX SPARROW -- 8, 20 Jan., Ocean Springs, WCW.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1, 17 Dec., Jackson Co. CBC; 1, late December-13 Apr., (at feeder), Kosciusko, JAS; 1, 6 May, Bovina, WHT.
- SWAMP SPARROW -- 1, 20 Apr., Noxubee NWR, JAJ; 1, 22 Apr., Buccaneer State Park, JAT et al. (D); 1, 6 Oct., Hattiesburg, LJG (A).

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Key to localities.--Aberdeen=Monroe Co.; Ackerman=Choctaw Co.; Archer I.=Chicot Co., Ark.; Bay St. Louis=Hancock Co.; Bellefontaine Beach=Jackson Co.; Benndale=George Co.; Biloxi=Harrison Co.; Brookhaven=Lincoln Co.; Brooksville=Noxubee Co.; Bolton=Hinds Co.; Bovina=Warren Co.; Buccaneer State Park=Hancock Co.; Center Hill=n. Lauderdale Co.; Clermont Harbor=Hancock Co.; Cockrum=Desoto Co.; Dundee=Tunica Co.; East Ship I.=Harrison Co.; Escatawpa=Jackson Co.; Flora=Madison Co.; Fontainebleau=Jackson Co.; Graveline Bay=s. Jackson Co.; Graysport Crossing=Grenada Co.; Gulfport=Harrison Co.; Guntown=Lee Co.; Hattiesburg=Forrest Co.; Hillside Ref.=Holmes Co.; Horn I.=Jackson Co.; Jackson=Hinds Co.; Kosciusko=Attala Co.; L.Washington=Washington Co.; Latimer=w. Jackson Co.; Leroy Percy State Park=Washington Co.; Long Beach=Harrison Co.; Longview=Oktibbeha Co.; Merrill=George Co.; Mississippi State University (MSU)=Oktibbeha Co.; Moon L.=Coahoma Co.; Noxubee NWR=Noxubee, Oktibbeha, & Winston cos.; Ocean Springs=Jackson Co.; Pascagoula=Jackson Co.; Pascagoula R. marsh=Jackson Co.; Pass Christian=Harrison Co.; Pearl R. Waterfowl Ref.=Madison & Rankin cos.; Penton=Desoto Co.; Petit Bois I.=Jackson Co.; Ross Barnett Res.=Hinds, Madison, & Rankin cos.; Round I.=Jackson Co.; Sardis L.=Lafayette & Panola cos.; Saucier=Harrison Co.; Schippel's Mill=Kemper Co.; Scooba=Kemper Co.; Scott Plantation=Bolivar Co.; Starkville=Oktibbeha Co.; Tupelo=Lee Co.; Tupelo Fish Hatchery=Lee Co.; Vancleave=Jackson Co.; Vicksburg=Warren Co.; Wade=Jackson Co.; Walthall=Webster Co.; Waveland=Hancock Co.; West Ship I.=Harrison Co.; Wiggins=Stone Co.; Yazoo NWR=Washington Co.; Yellow Creek=Tishomingo Co.

Instructions for contributors.==In spite of the longer time period included in the above records, it is obvious that Mississippi is experiencing a very gratifying increase in the number of observers sending in bird reports and in the number of observations being submitted. This growth, however, is not without some growing pains. Records have been submitted in varying fashions, to various individuals, and with varying amounts of documentation for unusual records. Beginning immediately we would appreciate it if you could prepare your records in a uniform manner and submit them by specified dates so that they might also be sent in for possible inclusion in American Birds. Our deadlines will be correlated with those set by American Birds. Inclusive observations periods and deadline for submission of records will be as follows:

<u>Observation Period</u>	<u>Deadline for Records</u>
Winter: 1 Dec. - 28 Feb.	15 March
Spring: 1 Mar. - 31 May	15 June
Summer: 1 June - 31 July	15 August
Fall: 1 Aug. - 30 Nov.	15 Dec.

All records should be mailed directly to: Jerome A. Jackson, Department of Biological Sciences, Box Z, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762. Do not send records to any other individual or address. Some records and manuscripts have taken several weeks to several months to reach the editor after having been sent to the wrong individual.

By far the best method for submitting records is to include each record on a 3" X 5" card or slip of paper. Such cards or papers are easily filed and collated in systematic and chronological order - and they are in the required form for submission of records to American Birds. In other words, if you do not submit records in this form, we have to copy them over. The illustration below shows what a properly prepared record looks like:

species: Cinnamon Teal
 date: 25 Feb. - 16 Mar. 1978
 locality: Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge, Washington
 County, Mississippi
 numbers: 2 observers: G.E. Alexander, Ginger Alexander
 details and significance: rare in Mississippi,
 bird was in a pond near refuge headquarters
 and was photographed (photos enclosed)

In whatever form records are submitted, the above information must be provided. In giving dates, do not write "4/5" for "4 May" or "5 April." Spell out or abbreviate the month to prevent errors. In giving locality, always be as specific as possible, but always include county and place names that can be found on any highway map. County names are particularly important. We have spent hours trying to find some localities used on records. Where possible include numbers of individuals, sex, plumage, age, or other details. Observer's names should be spelled out the way they should appear in print - do not list "Bob" if he would prefer to be "Robert."

Finally, don't be discouraged by the formality and scheduling we've presented above. We still want your records in any form and at any time. The use of the above format will give us more time to spend birding. Getting your records in on schedule will assure that the important ones are sent on to American Birds and are included in the Mississippi Kite. Even late, however, the records are placed in our permanent file for the use of future researchers.