

Birds Around the State: December 1978 through May 1979

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi and some immediately adjacent areas for the period December 1978 through May 1979. The list of sightings is followed by a key to observers' initials and another key identifying localities mentioned. A list of errata for the last "Birds Around the State" follows these keys. 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; (E) = exceptionally early date; (L) = exceptionally late date; (N) = unusually large number; (R) = species rare in the area.

Other abbreviations used include the following: m = male, f = female, imm = immature, ad = adult, pr = pair, pl = plumage.

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- COMMON LOON -- 75, 4 Mar., Gulfport Harbor, JT; 1, Bellefontaine Beach, 23 May, JT, WW; 1, 24 May, Horn I., DC, JJ.
- HORNED GREBE -- 120, 4 Mar., Gulfport harbor, LG, JT; 2, Hattiesburg, 28 Apr., LG, JT; 1, 6 May, Ocean Springs, JT; 1, 8 May, Hattiesburg, LG.
- EARED GREBE -- 1, 8 Mar., PRM, JT, GM; present all winter, 2, 8 May, 1, 2 June (breeding plumage), Hattiesburg sewage lagoons, LG, TF.
- WHITE PELICAN -- 17, 25 Feb., W. Ship I., JJ, DC; 60, 15 Apr., Gautier, JT, LG; 10, 22 Apr., Horn I., JJ, DC; 200, 25 Apr., Jackson Co., JT; 130, 5 May, Ocean Springs, JT.
- BROWN PELICAN -- 24 (all imm.), 12 Mar., west tip Horn I., JT, GG; 3, 12 Mar., spoil bank near Deer I., JT, GG; 1, 6 May, Horn I., JC; 7, 13 May, Horn I., JC; 1 imm., 18 May, West Ship I., DS; 3 (1 ad., 2 imm.), 19 May, West Ship I., WW.
- GANNET -- 37 (20 ad., 17 imm.), 12 Mar., south of E and W Ship I., JT, GG; 1, 22 Apr., Horn I., JJ, DC (L).
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- 1, 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JS; 1, 22 May, Ocean Springs, MHO; 5, 25 May, Bellefontaine Beach, WW; 1, 27 May, Cat I., WW, JT (L).
- ANHINGA - 4, 9 May, Merrill, WW; 4, 12 May, Yazoo NWR, MOS.
- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 14, 22 Apr., Ocean Springs, JP; 61, 23 May, Horn I., DC.
- GREAT BLUE HERON -- ca 50 nests, Round I., 6-10 nests, Horn I., 6-10 nests, E. Ship I., 14 Apr., JJ, DC.

- GREEN HERON -- 1, 25 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 6 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH (A).
- LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 3 ad., 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 13 May, Vicksburg, HM.
- CATTLE EGRET -- 1, 18 Jan., Noxubee NWR, JS, EP; 1, 27 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 2, 3 Apr., Sturgis, WW; 1, 11 Apr., Greenville, JH.
- REDDISH EGRET -- 1, 13 Apr., West Ship I., reported to SU; 3 (1 white-phase), 22 Apr., Horn I., JJ, DC; 2, 23 Apr., Long Beach, JT; 2, 24 Apr., W. Ship I., JJ, DC; 1, 20 May, Horn I., MHO.
- GREAT EGRET -- 10, 11 Dec., Noxubee NWR, JS, EP.
- SNOWY EGRET -- 1, 22 Jan., Hattiesburg, LG.
- YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON -- 1, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A).
- LEAST BITTERN -- 1, 19 Apr., PRM, JT; 5, 6 May, PRM, JT, EP, CR; 5, 12 May, Yazoo NWR, MÖS (one of few known inland nesting areas in Mississippi).
- AMERICAN BITTERN -- 1, 27 Mar. and 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW.
- WHITE IBIS -- 1, 18 Mar., Escatawpa, JT; 2, 28 Apr., Merrill, LG, JT (U); 1, 20 May, Vicksburg, HM.
- WHISTLING SWAN -- 1, 20 Dec., Walls, LG, PG; 2, 5 Feb., near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., EP.
- SNOW GOOSE -- 11, 26 Feb., near Noxubee NWR, Oktibbeha Co., EP; 7 (3 white, 4 blue), 10 Mar., Hancock Co., JT (D).
- MALLARD -- 1 m, 23 May, PRM, WW (L).
- BLACK DUCK -- 1, 15 Apr., Jackson Co., LG, JT; 7, 6 May, same place, KS, JT, EP.
- MOTTLED DUCK -- 68, 13 May, Jackson Co., JT (N); 47, 14 May, PRM, MHO, EG (N).
- GADWALL -- 24, 18 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, JT, DK (N); 20, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D); 5, 29 Apr., PRM, WW (L).
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 3, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D).
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 12, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 110, 29 Apr., PRM WW (N).
- AMERICAN WIGEON -- 1, 31 Mar., Jackson Co., LG, JT, MN, GN (D).
- NORTHERN SHOVELER -- 50+, 31 Mar., Jackson Co., LG, JT, MN, GN (N); 1, 14 May, PRM, MHO, EG.
- WOOD DUCK -- 2 (m & f), 22 Mar., Buccaneer State Park, JT, GM; 2 (m & f), 31 Mar., Sheperd State Park, JT, LG, MN, GN; 1 f with 7 yg., 28 Apr., PRM, LG, JT.
- REDHEAD -- 1, 9 Apr., Jackson Co., JT, BB, MH (D).
- RING-NECKED DUCK -- 2 (pr.), 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D); 1, 31 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, JT, LG, MN, GN (D).
- CANVASBACK -- 1, 5 Apr., Jackson Co., JT, MH (D).
- GREATER SCAUP -- 1, 15 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (D).
- LESSER SCAUP -- 730, 4 Mar., Gulfport Harbor, JT (N); 27 (mostly f), 20 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, WW (D); 10, 25 Apr., PRM, JT.
- COMMON GOLDENEYE -- 2, 6 Dec., Kosciusko, JS; 1, 24 Mar., Clermont Harbor, JT, DK (D).
- BUFFLEHEAD -- 300+, 4 Mar., Gulfport Harbor, JT (N); 1, 18 Apr., Biloxi, JT (D).

- OLDSQUAW -- 17, 12 Mar., N. of Ship I., JT; 1, 25 Apr., Biloxi, JT (D).  
 BLACK SCOTER -- 4, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG.  
 RUDDY DUCK -- 24, 10 Mar., Clermont Harbor, JR, JT, BMC (D); 10, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D).  
 HOODED MERGANSER -- 150, 11 Dec., Noxubee NWR, JS, EP; 2, 3 Mar., Jackson Co., MBH, JT; 10, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW.  
 RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 179, 12 Mar., between Biloxi and Horn I., JT; 2, 29 Apr., Jackson Co., LG, JT; 1, 12 May, Biloxi, JT; 1, 18 May, Ocean Springs, MHO, EG; 3, 20 May, Ocean Springs, MHO.  
 SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 19 Mar., east Pearl R. bridge, U.S. 90 (on La.-Miss. border) RR, (A); 1, 25 Mar., Gulf Park Airport, JT, DK, MN, GN; 2, 1 Apr., Logtown, LG, JT (A).  
 MISSISSIPPI KITE -- 1, 6 Apr., near Hattiesburg, JT (A); 4, 11 Apr., Archer I., JH (A); 1, 15 Apr., near Wade, WW (A); 3, 28 Apr., near Hattiesburg, LG, JT; 2, 25 May, Wade, MHO, JT; 1, 28 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 3, 7 May, Sunflower (near Perkinston), RL; 2, pr. building nest in residential area, early May, Picayune, GH.  
 SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 1, 8 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT (D).  
 RED-TAILED HAWK -- 1, 10 May, Latimer, MHO, DK; 1, 14 May, Ocean Springs, MHO, EG; 1, 27 May, N. of Ocean Springs, PD (R in summer on coast).  
 BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 2, 1 Apr., Logtown, LG, JT (A); 1, 7 Apr., Homochitto NF, HM; 8, 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH.  
 BALD EAGLE -- 2, 11 Dec., 1, 26 Dec., Noxubee NWR, JS, EP; 2, 18 Jan., Noxubee NWR, JS, EP; 1, 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JS; 1, 1 Mar., Ross Barnett Res., HM; 2, 25 Mar., Harrison Co., JT.  
 MARSH HAWK -- 1, 24 Feb., Noxubee NWR, JS.  
 OSPREY -- 4, 24 Feb., E. Ship I., JJ; 1, 25 Feb., W. Ship I., JJ, DC; 1, 3, 11, & 18 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, JT, MHO, DK; 1, 18 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG, MN, GN; 1, 31 Mar., 15 & 29 Apr., 23 May, PRM, LG, WW, JT; 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, TR (A); 1, 15 Apr., Biloxi, JT, LG; 15 active nests, Escatawpa River bottom; 6 active nests, E. Ship I.; 10 active nests, Horn I.; 3 active nests, Round I.; all on 15 Apr., found during aerial survey, JJ, DC; 1, 25 Apr., Archer I., NoH; 1, 26 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 5-6 May & 18-19 May, near Troy, MS, DH.  
 PEREGRINE FALCON -- 1, 25 Feb., W. Ship I., JJ, DC; 1, 29 Apr., PRM, WW (R).  
 AMERICAN KESTREL -- 1, 15 May, Little Creek, WW; 1, 25 May, Vancleave, MH, JT.  
 MISSISSIPPI SANDHILL CRANE -- 3, 18 Mar., 15 & 25 Apr., Gulf Park Airport, JT, LG, DK.  
 PURPLE GALLINULE -- 2, 6 May, PRM, KS, JT (U); 4, 7 May, PRM, JT, BT; 10, 12 May, Yazoo NWR, MOS (N); 1, 19 May, West Ship I., WW.  
 AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER -- 1, 25 Mar., Gautier side of PRM, JT, DK, MN, GN (R).  
 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- ca 30 (in small groups), 25 Feb., W. Ship I., JJ, DC; 6, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW (N); 10, 7 May, Jackson Co., JT, WT (N).  
 SNOWY PLOVER -- 1, 16 May, Gulfport, DG (R); 2, 19 May, W. Ship I., WW; 2, 19 May, Gulfport, MHO.

- WILSON'S PLOVER -- 3, 5 Apr., PRM, JT, MG (A); 7, (3 m, 4 f), 19 May, W. Ship I., WW; 2 f, 27 May, Cat I., WW, JT, MBH.
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER -- 1, 10 Mar., Port Bienville Industrial Park, JT, JR, BMC; 1, 11 Mar., PRM, JT; 24, 11 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, JT; 18, 24 Mar., Port Bienville, JT; 100+, 27 Mar., Biloxi, PD (N); 2, 1 Apr., Gulfport Harbor, LG, JT; 1, 1 Apr., Port Bienville Industrial Park, LG, JT.
- RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 47, 13 May, PRM, JT (N); 51, 17 May, PRM, MHO, WW, (N).
- AMERICAN WOODCOCK -- 1, 20 Dec., Kosciusko, JS.
- COMMON SNIBE -- 1, 29 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (D).
- WHIMBREL -- 2, 31 Mar., PRM, LG, JT, MN, GN (U); 2, 6 May, near GCRL, JT; 2, 10 May, Ocean Springs, WW (U).
- UPLAND SANDPIPER -- 4+, 27-28 Mar., Biloxi, PD, JP (R); 2, 29 Mar., Starkville, DC, WW (A); 3, 28 Apr., Biloxi, JT, LG (R); 30 Apr., Biloxi, PD (D, R).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER -- 25, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg Lagoons, LG, JT; 7, 28 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (N).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- 1, 3 Mar., PRM, JT, MHO (A); 1, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 7, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG, JT; 1, 29 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- WILLET -- 100+, 31 Mar., PRM, JT, LG, MN, GN (N); 1, 3 May, Starkville, DC (R migrant inland).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 4, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 30, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW (N).
- RED KNOT -- 40, 23 Feb., W. Ship I., DC, JJ; 1, 6 May, PRM, JT, KS, EP (U); 1, 27 May, Cat I., WW, JT, MBH (L).
- PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 6, 11 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, JT (A); 17, 22 Mar., Starkville, BS; 30, 25 Mar., PRM, JT, DK, MN, GN (N); 50, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW; 5, 13 May, PRM, JT (D).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 4, 29 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (A); 1, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW; 7, 12 May, Greenville, LG, JT, NoH; 134, 13 May, PRM, JT (N); 100, 23 May, PRM, WW, JT.
- LEAST SANDPIPER -- 100, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW (N).
- DUNLIN -- 1200, 31 Mar., PRM, JT, LG, MN, GN (N).
- SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 269, 31 Mar., PRM, LG, JT, MN (N).
- LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 37, 3 Mar., PRM, JT, MHO; 50+, 31 Mar., PRM, JT, LG, MN, GN (N).
- STILT SANDPIPER -- 25, 31 Mar., PRM, LG, JT, MN, GN (A); 106, 14 May, PRM, MHO, EG (N); 95, 23 May, PRM, WW, JT (N).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 3, 15 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (A); 2500, 23 May, PRM, WW, JT (N).
- WESTERN SANDPIPER -- 500+, 31 Mar., PRM, JT, LG, MN, GN (N); 3 (breeding pl.), 17 May, PRM, WW, MHO (L).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER -- 5+, 27-28 Mar., Biloxi, PD, JP; 4, 28 Apr., Gulfport Harbor, JT, LG.
- MARbled GODWIT -- 1, 31 Mar., PRM, JT, LG (U); 1, 27 May, Cat I., JT, WW (R, L)

- AMERICAN AVOCET -- 194, 15 Apr., PRM, LG, JT, WW (N); 160, 29 Apr., PRM, WW, (N); 208, 8 Apr., PRM, JT (N); 73, 14 May, PRM, MHO, EG; 20, 29 May, PRM, MHO.
- BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 1, 3 Mar., PRM, JT, MHO; 38, 31 Mar., PRM, JT, LG, MN, GN; 49, 5 Apr., PRM, JT, MHO; 42, 8 Apr., PRM, JT; 16, 25 Apr., PRM, JT; 17, 13 May, PRM, JT; 15, 14 May, PRM, MHO, EG; 30, 23 May, PRM, JT, WW; 3, 27 May, Cat I., WW, JT, MBH (R); 37, 29 May, PRM, MHO.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 3, 28 Apr., PRM, LG, JT; 24 (23 f, 1 m), 29 Apr., PRM, WW, PD, JP (N); 7, 6 May, PRM, JT; 1 ♀, 17 May, PRM, WW MHO (D).
- HERRING GULL -- 3 imm., 27 May, Cat I., WW, JT, MBH.
- RINGED-BILL GULL -- 1, 4 Dec., Kosciusko, JS.
- LAUGHING GULL -- 1, 12 May, Greenville, JT, LG, NoH (R inland).
- BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 300, 31 Mar., PRM, JT, LG, MN, GN (N); 12 (some with black heads), 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (R migrant); 3, 23 May, PRM, JT, WW.
- GULL-BILLED TERN -- 1, 9 Apr., PRM, JT, AD, BB, MH; 12, 28 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (N).
- FORSTER'S TERN -- 1, 22 Jan., Hattiesburg, LG (R inland in winter).
- LEAST TERN -- 12, 8 Apr., Gulfport, JT.
- BLACK TERN -- 1, 25 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, JT, DK, MN, GN (A); 1 ad., 23 Apr., Gulfport, JT.
- GROUND DOVE -- 1, 17 May, near Bethel, RL.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 5 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT (A); 1, 14 Apr., Homochitto NF, HM; 2, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 21 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; numerous, 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH.
- BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO -- 1, 25 Apr., Ocean Springs, SU (A); 1, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg, JT, LG (A); 1, 25 May, Ocean Springs, JT.
- BURROWING OWL -- 1, 25 Feb., W. Ship I. (in Ft. Massachusetts), JJ, DC (R).
- CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW -- 1, 7 Apr., Homochitto NF, HM; 1, 12 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 10, 14 Apr., Miss. Hwy. 25, Winston Co., WW (A); 1 singing, 14 Apr., Gulfport, JT (A); 8 seen, many more heard at Bellefontaine Beach, 28 Apr., JT, LG.
- WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1, 27 Mar., Gulfport, JT; 1, 14 Apr., Miss. Hwy. 25, Winston Co., WW (A).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK -- 2, 15 Apr., near Vancleave, WW; 1, 20 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. Lake, WW (A); 10, 28 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT; 1, 15 May, Vicksburg, HM.
- CHIMNEY SWIFT -- 2, 17 Mar., Kosciusko, WW, (E); 4, 21 Mar., Hattiesburg, LG (A); 24 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 3, 24 Mar., Hancock Co., JT, DK (A); 1, 25 Mar., Starkville, GP (A); 100, 29 Mar., Starkville, WW (A).
- RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 m, 23 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 1 f, 7 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 3, 25 May, Wade, JT, MHO (including one f on nest in live oak at height of 18 feet, short distance from nest and incubating f found in July 1978 [2nd coastal breeding record]).
- EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 6, 31 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG, MN, GN; 14 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 4, 15 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH, JCH.

- GRAY KINGBIRD -- 1, 13 Apr., Biloxi, PD (R); 5, 20-21 Apr., Horn I. ranger station, JJ, DC.
- GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 31 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT, MN, GN (A); 1, 6 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 11 Apr., Archer I., NoH (A); 1, 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW, (A); 27, 25 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT.
- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 2, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 4, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg area, LG, JT.
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- 1 f, 2-10 Dec., near Albemarle L., Issaquena Co., LC.
- EASTERN WOOD PEWEE -- 1, 5 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MH (A); 1, 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 25 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 12 May, Yazoo NWR, WW (R).
- TREE SWALLOW -- 1, 11 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 20 Mar., near Longview, WW (A); 2, 28 Apr., PRM, JT, LG (D).
- BANK SWALLOW -- 1, 26 May, N of Bethel, WW (D).
- ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -- 1, 10 Mar., Port Bienville Industrial Park, JR, JT, BMC; 3, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 2 active nests, 6 May, Ocean Springs, JT.
- BARN SWALLOW -- 1, 10 Mar., Bay St. Louis, JT, JR, BMC (A); 1, 28 Mar., Vicksburg, HM.
- PURPLE MARTIN -- 1, 13 Feb., Kosciusko, JS.
- FISH CROW -- 1, 11 Mar., Vicksburg, HM.
- BROWN CREEPER -- 1, 28 Mar., near Longview, WW; 7 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG (D).
- SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN -- 2 m singing, 6 May, near Longview, WW (L).
- GRAY CATBIRD -- 1, 9 Mar., Starkville, EP (E); 1, 6 Apr., Archer I., NoH (A); 1, 6 May, Vicksburg, HM; 1, 23 May, PRM, JT (L).
- ROBIN -- 1, 25 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG, MN (D).
- WOOD THRUSH -- 1, 3 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 2, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 8, 28 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT.
- HERMIT THRUSH -- 1, 24 Mar., Buccaneer State Park, JT, LG (D); 1, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D); 1, 10 Apr., Ocean Springs, SU (D).
- SWAINSON'S THRUSH -- 1, 25 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT (A); heavy nocturnal migration (birds heard overhead), 24-25 Apr., Starkville, WW (A); 1 m singing, 26 May, Bethel, WW (D).
- GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH -- 1, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT (A).
- VEERY -- heavy nocturnal migration, 24-25 Apr., Starkville, WW (A); 2, 25 Apr., Ocean Springs, SU (A); 1, 25 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT (A).
- EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- 3 ad., 4 young (in nest), 10 May, Latimer, MHO, DK.
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER -- 1, 21 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 15, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 20, 5 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT; dozens, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg to coast, JT, LG.
- GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 1, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D).
- RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET -- 5, 6 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH (A); 1, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG (D); 1, 30 Apr., near Vossburg, WW, DC (D).
- CEDAR WAXWING -- 200+, 8 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT; 1, 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH; 15, 25 Apr., Choctaw, NoH; 4, 29 Apr., Gulfport, JT, LG;

- 40, 8 May, McHenry, WW; 1, 18 May, Vicksburg, HM; 5, 24 May, Horn I., JJ, DC, BS.
- WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 4, 22 Mar., Buccaneer State Park, JT (A); 4, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 6 Apr., Archer I., NoH (A).
- YELLOW-THROATED VIREO -- 5, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 31 Mar., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG, MN, GN.
- SOLITARY VIREO -- 1, 10 Apr., Ocean Springs, SU; 1, 16 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, WW (L); 1, 28 Apr., Merrill, LG, JT.
- RED-EYED VIREO -- 1, 31 Mar., Sheperd State Park, LG, JT; 3, 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A).
- PHILADELPHIA VIREO -- 1, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach; 1, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG, JT; 1 m singing, 25 & 26 May, Gulfport, JT; 1, 12 May, Greenville, JT, LG, NoH.
- WARBLING VIREO -- 1 m singing, 17 Apr., Gulfport, JT (A); 1, 26 Apr., West Ship I., SU; 1 m singing, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW; 1, 9 May, Merrill, WW.
- BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- 1 m, 20 Mar., near Longview, WW (A); 1, 22 Mar., Buccaneer State Park, JT, GM (A); 1, 24 Mar., Homochitto NF, HM; 6, 25 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER -- 4, 25 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, JT, DK, MN, GN (A); 1, 29 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 3, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (E); 7, 5 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MH; numerous, 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH; 15, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG, JT.
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER -- 6 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG (A); 1 m, 15 Apr., near Wade, WW (A); 1 m, 17 Apr., Merrill, WW (A); 1, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 2, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG, JT; 2 m, 9 May, Merrill, WW; 1 m singing, 21 May, De Soto NF, Harrison Co., WW.
- WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 2, 10 Apr., Ocean Springs, SU (A); 1, 14 Apr., Homochitto NF, HM; 1, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT (A); 1, 15 Apr., near Vossburg, WW (A); 25 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG.
- GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER -- 23 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG.
- BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1, 9 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, AD, BB, MH (A); 1, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 15 Apr., near Vossburg, WW (A); 4, 23 Apr., 1, 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG.
- TENNESSEE WARBLER -- 1, 7 Dec., 1, 8 Dec., Kosciusko, JS; 1, 31 Mar., Sheperd State Park, LG, JT (A); 6 Apr.- 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG; 3, 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 29 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER -- 1, 17 Mar., Kosciusko, WW (A); 1, 1 Apr., Hancock Co., LG, JT (D); 2, 7 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG (D).
- NASHVILLE WARBLER -- 2, 20 Apr., West Ship I., SU; 1 m, 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A, U).
- NORTHERN PARULA -- 1 m (found dead), 8 Mar., Biloxi, MG (A); 3, 15 Mar., Hattiesburg, LG; 5 m, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 6 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH (A).
- YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT (A); 1 m, 18 Apr., Starkville, WW (A); 23 Apr.- 10 May, Hattiesburg, LG.
- MAGNOLIA WARBLER -- 1, 25 Apr., Gulfport, JT (A); 25 Apr.- 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG; 1 m, 6 May, Vicksburg, HM.

- CAPE MAY WARBLER -- 3 (2 m, 1 f), 20 Apr., West Ship I., SU (R, E); 1, 22 Apr., Horn I., JJ, DC (R); 2, 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG.
- BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER -- 1 m, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT (A); 1 f, Bellefontaine Beach, 25 Apr., JT; 1 m, 21 Apr., Horn I., JJ, DC (R).
- YELLOW-RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER -- 15, 23 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG; 28 Apr., Biloxi, PD (D); 2 m (singing), 26 Apr., Gulfport, JT (D); 1, 6 May, Noxubee NWR, WW (D).
- BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 m, 25 Mar., Vicksburg, HM; 2, 25 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG.
- CERULEAN WARBLER -- 25 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG; 1, 25 Apr., Gulfport, JT; 2 m, 3 f, 26 Apr., Gulfport, JT.
- BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER -- 1, 15 Apr., near Vossburg, WW (A); 2 m, 26 Apr., Gulfport, JT; 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG; 1 f, 23 May, Bellefontaine Beach, WW, JT; 1 f, 24 May, Gulfport, JT.
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER -- 2 m, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 27 Mar., Hattiesburg, LG (A); 1, 11 Apr., Choctaw, Noh (A).
- CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- 25 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG.
- BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -- 1, 28 Apr., Merrill, JT, LG (A); 9, 28 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG; 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG; 2 m, 1 f, 25 May, Wade, JT, MHO (D).
- BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1, 16 Apr., West Ship I., SU (E); 1 m singing, 17 Apr., Gulfport, JT; 10, 25 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT; 1 m, 25 Apr., Oktibbeha Co. L., WW (A).
- PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 1 m singing, 1 Apr., N of Long Beach, LG, JT (A); 7 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG (A); 1, 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A).
- PALM WARBLER -- 10, 18 Apr., near Longview, WW (A); 3, 25 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT (D).
- OVENBIRD -- 1, 2 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG; 1 m, 13 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 22 Apr., near Vossburg, WW (A).
- NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG.
- LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH -- 1, 18 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (E); 1, 24 Mar., Homochitto NF, HM; 7 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG (A); 1, 28 Apr., Biloxi, PD (L); 1, 29 Apr., West Ship I., SU (L); 1 m singing, 21 May, Aerey, WW.
- KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1, 7 Apr., Homochitto NF, HM; 3 (2 m, 1 f), 10 Apr., Ocean Springs, SU (A); 3, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG.
- COMMON YELLOWTHROAT -- 1, 6 Dec., Kosciusko, JS.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 1, 11 Apr., Noxubee NWR, CP (E); 2, 15 Apr., near Vossburg, WW (A); 1, 15 Apr., Sheperd State Park, JT, LG; 1, 21 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1, 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NH.
- HOODED WARBLER -- 1 m, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (E); 25+, 1 Apr., N. of Long Beach, LG, JT.
- WILSON'S WARBLER -- 1 m, 25 Apr., Gulfport (A); 1 f, 26 Apr., Gulfport, JT; 1 f, 29 Apr., Gulfport, LG, JT.
- CANADA WARBLER -- 1 m, 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1 m singing, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG, JT (A); 5 May, Hattiesburg, LG.



- AMERICAN REDSTART -- 1, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, LG (A); 2, 19 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 1 f, 6 May, Vicksburg, HM; 1, 27 May, near Wade, PD.
- BOBOLINK -- 25, 20 Apr., Bolivar-Sunflower Co. Line Rd., JH; 8 m, 21 Apr., Horn I., JJ, DC (E); 15 (14 m, 1 f), 21 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (E); 5-7, 28 Apr., S. of Beaumont, LG, JT; 1, 28 Apr., Biloxi, LG, JT.
- ORCHARD ORIOLE -- 7, 5 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MH; 2, 6 Apr., Archer I., NoH (A); 1 m, 9 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1 m, 13 Apr., Starkville, WW (A); 30, 19 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT.
- NORTHERN (BALTIMORE) ORIOLE -- 1 m, 27 Mar., Gulfport, JT (A); 20+, 15 Apr., Archer I., NoH, JH; 9 (5 m, 4 f), 26 Apr., West Ship I., SU; 1 m, 29 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- 2, 27 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D); 30, 31 Mar., Sheperd State Park, JT, LG; 6, 8 Apr., Sheperd State Park, JT, PD, JP (D).
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD -- 6, 1 Apr., Pearlinton, LG, JT (D).
- SCARLET TANAGER -- 1 f, 12 Apr., Ocean Springs, RoL (A); 3, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT (A); 1 m, 20 Apr., Starkville, WW (A); 2, 23 Apr., 2, 6 May, Hattiesburg, LG.
- SUMMER TANAGER -- 1, 4 Apr., Gulfport, JT (A); 1 m, 6 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 2, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (A); 2, 25 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH (A); 1 f, 26 Apr., Vicksburg, HM.
- ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- 1, 15 Apr., near Vossburg, WW (A); 1 m, 20 Apr., Starkville, WW (A); 4, 20 Apr., Gulfport, JT (A); 6, 23 Apr., 9, 6 May, Hattiesburg, LG; 1 f, 5 May, Vicksburg, HM.
- BLUE GROSBEAK -- 7 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG; 1 m, 15 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, LG, JT (A); 5 m, 17 Apr., Gulfport, JT; 2, 18 Apr., near Longview, WW (A); 1 m, 3 May, Vicksburg, HM.
- INDIGO BUNTING -- 4, 5 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT, MH (A); 2, 15 Apr., near Vossburg, WW (A); heavy nocturnal migration (birds heard overhead), 24-25 Apr., Starkville, WW (N); 6, 24 Apr., Scott, NH; 1, 28 Apr., Homochitto NF, HM.
- PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 ad. m, 12 Apr., Ocean Springs, SU, RoL (A); 1 m, 19 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT; 1 m, 6 May, Vicksburg, HM; 1 imm. m, 30 May through June, Starkville, WW.
- DICKCISSEL -- 1 m, 9 Apr., Vicksburg, HM; 1 f, 28 Apr., PRM, LG, JT; 1 m, 29 Apr., PRM, LG, JT; 3, 30 Apr., Biloxi, PD, (D, R on coast).
- PURPLE FINCH -- 1 m, 9 Mar., Gulfport, JT; 1, 21 Mar., near Longview, WW (D).
- PINE SISKIN -- 1 banded, 13 Feb., Starkville, NH.
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH -- 10+, 6 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH; 6, 19 Apr., Gulfport, JT (D).
- SAVANNAH SPARROW -- 30, 25 Feb., W. Ship I., DC, JJ; 3, 28 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (D); 1, 12 May, Yazoo NWR, GA (L).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1, 29 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (U); 1, 8 May, PRM, PD (L); 4 (at least 3 m singing), 12 May, Yazoo NWR, MOS (R).
- HENSLÖW'S SPARROW -- 1, 28 Apr., PRM, JT, LG (R).
- VESPER SPARROW -- 1, 11 Dec., Noxubee NWR, JS, EP; 1, 14 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WW (D).

- BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 2 m singing, 1 Apr., N. of Long Beach, LG, JT; 7, 10 May, Latimer, MHO, DK; 10 m, 20 May, De Soto NF, Stone & Harrison Cos., WW.
- DARK-EYED (SLATE-COLORED) JUNCO -- 2, 31 Mar., Noxubee NWR, WW (D).
- CHIPPING SPARROW -- several, 1 Apr., Hancock Co., LG, JT (D).
- FIELD SPARROW -- 1, 28 Apr., Hattiesburg, LG, JT (L).
- WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -- 7, 25 Apr., Bellefontaine Beach, JT; 2, 26 Apr., Hattiesburg, JT, LG (D); 3, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW (D).
- FOX SPARROW -- 1 banded, 30 Apr., Starkville, NH.
- LINCOLN'S SPARROW -- 1 banded, 23 - 27 Apr., Starkville, NH (R).
- SWAMP SPARROW -- 1, 9 Apr., Ocean Springs, JT, BB (U); 2, 29 Apr., PRM, LG, JT (D); 2, 29 Apr., PRM, WW (D); 1, 1 May, Noxubee NWR, WW (D).
- SONG SPARROW -- 1, 31 Mar., Bayou Cassotte, LG, JT, MN, GN (D); 10, 6 Apr., Archer I., Ark., NoH; 1, 20 Apr., Horn I., JJ, DC (L).

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### "BIRDS AROUND THE STATE" -- ERRATA

In the last installment of "Birds Around the State" (Mississippi Kite 8:48-62, 1978), the following records were cited with incorrect details or with some details missing. Many of these errors occurred as a result of inaccurate reporting by observers; please check the accuracy of your records before submitting them. The corrected records are as follows:

- SNOWY EGRET -- 5, 27 Aug. (not 26 Aug.), Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW.
- CANADA GOOSE -- 3800, 31 Dec., Sardis Lake, Sardis Lake CBC (date omitted).
- MALLARD -- 1, 18 June, Dundee BBS route, WCW (date omitted).

- BLACK DUCK -- 1 m, 13 Apr., Noxubee NWR, WCW (observer omitted); last sighting, 2 on 17 June (not on 2 June as stated), Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, MH, BB (L).
- RING-NECKED DUCK -- 1, 27 Aug. (not 26 Aug.), Noxubee NWR, CDC, WCW (bird probably summering).
- SURF SCOTER -- 1 f, 1 Mar., Horn I., WCW (date omitted).
- BALD EAGLE -- 1 imm., 7 Dec. 1978 (not 1977), Pearl R. waterfowl refuge, WHT.
- DUNLIN -- 1, 30 Sept., Pascagoula R. marsh (not Bellefontaine Beach), JAT, LJG, WCW, GN (E).
- SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 300, 12 Aug. (not 11 Aug.), Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, WCW (N).
- BLACK-NECKED STILT -- maximum spring count, 29 (not 31), 31 Mar., Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT.
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 2 (1 m, 1 f), 10 May, Pascagoula R. marsh, JAT, AB, MH (date omitted).
- LAUGHING GULL -- 100 imm., spoil island off Petit Bois I., and 500 imm., spoil island near Pascagoula, 23 June, JAT, MBH, DG (localities and ages incorrectly cited).
- WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1 f, 17 Jan., Horn I., WCW (this bird, originally reported as a CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW, was re-identified after careful comparison of field notes with specimens at LSU Museum of Zoology).
- SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER -- 1, 21 Oct., Bellefontaine Beach, LJG, JAT, PD, JP; 1, 5 Oct. (not 21 Oct.), Biloxi, PD, JP, SPe (R).
- WATER PIPIT -- 4, 30 Sept., Biloxi (not Gulfport), PD (E).
- PAINTED BUNTING -- 1 m, 10 and 14 May, Bellefontaine Beach, JAT, MH, AB, LJG (observers omitted).
- PINE SISKIN -- 1 (not 3), 8 May, Gulfport, JAT (L).

In addition to the above, Bette Schardien's name was omitted from the list of observers. Her initials, however, are included in the species' accounts.