

Birds Around the State: June and July 1979

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The following is a summary of noteworthy bird sightings in Mississippi for the period 1 June through 31 July 1979. The list of sightings is followed by a key to observers' initials and another key identifying 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; (E) = exceptionally early date; (L) = exceptionally late date; (N) = unusually large number; (R) = species rare in area. Other abbreviations include the following: m = male, f = female, imm = immature, ad = adult, pr = pair, pl = plumage.

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- COMMON LOON -- 2 winter pl., 5-6 July, Horn I., JJ, CDC; 2 winter pl., 9 July, East Ship I., JJ, CDC.
 EARED GREBE -- 1, 5 June, Hattiesburg, TF (L).
 PIED-BILLED GREBE -- 1 ad, 21 July, PRM, JT, LG, PD, WW.
 WHITE PELICAN -- 2, 6 June, PRM, JT, MH.
 BLUE-FACED BOOBY -- 1 imm, 6 July, Horn I., CDC, JJ (R).
 MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD -- 140, 11 July, Ocean Springs, MH (N); 275, 25 July, Harrison and Jackson Cos., JT (N).
 GREEN HERON -- 10 (4 ad, 6 imm), 6 June, PRM, JT, MH.
 CATTLE EGRET -- ca. 40, 19 June, Grenada Lake, MD.
 REDDISH EGRET -- 9, 10 July, East Ship I., CDC, JJ (N); 6, 12 July, Horn I., MH; 1 ad, 25 July, Biloxi, JT.
 LEAST BITTERN -- 1, 19 June, Grenada Lake, MD.
 WHITE IBIS -- 18 (8 ad, 10 imm), 19 July, Horn I., MH.
 GREEN-WINGED TEAL -- 1 ad m, 9-16 June, PRM, JT.
 BLUE-WINGED TEAL -- 6 (1 ad f, 5 imm), 9 June, PRM, JT (photographed by PD on June 10); 5, 28 July, PRM, MH.
 WOOD DUCK -- 4 (1 ad f, 3 imm), 16 June, PRM, JT.
 RING-NECKED DUCK -- 1, all summer, Hattiesburg, LG, TF.
 RUDDY DUCK -- 4 (2 m, 2 f), all summer, Hattiesburg, LG, TF.
 SWALLOW-TAILED KITE -- 1, 11 July, Hattiesburg, TF (R).
 RED-SHOULDERED HAWK -- 3, 3 June, Jackson Co., JT.
 BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 2 ad, 3 June, Jackson Co., JT.
 AMERICAN KESTREL -- 3, 3 June, Jackson Co., JT.
 COMMON GALLINULE -- 4 (2 ad, 2 imm) 6 June, PRM, JT, MH; 5 (1 ad, 4 imm) 9 June, PRM, JT.

- AMERICAN COOT -- 8, summer, Hattiesburg, LG, TF.
 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER -- 20, 16 June, PRM, JT.
 PIPING PLOVER -- 1, 19-20 July, Hattiesburg, LG; TF (E); 18
 RUDDY TURNSTONE -- 3, 6-16 June, PRM, JT, MH; 1, 28 July, PRM, MH (E).
 WILLET -- 1, 22 July, Hattiesburg, TF.
 GREATER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 26 July, Hattiesburg, LG.
 LESSER YELLOWLEGS -- 1, 19 June, Grenada State Waterfowl Refuge, MD.
 PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- 1, 28 July, Hattiesburg, LG (E).
 WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- 4, 1 June, Tupelo, LC, BC; 60, 9 June, PRM, JT,
 MH; 60, 16 June, PRM, JT, MH.
 LEAST SANDPIPER -- 1, 11 July, Hattiesburg, LG.
 SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER -- 2, 5 July, Horn I., CDC, JJ.
 SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- 15, 30 May, Meridian, BBC, LCC; 25, 1 June,
 Tupelo, BC, LC; 150, 16 June, PRM, JT.
 AMERICAN AVOCET -- 1, 6 June, PRM, JT; 40, 9 June, PRM, JT; 42, 16 June,
 PRM, JT; 68, 25 July, PRM, JT (N).
 BLACK-NECKED STILT -- 48, 25 July, JT; 112, 28 July, PRM, MH (N).
 WILSON'S PHALAROPE -- 4 (winter pl.), 28 July, PRM, MH; 1, 6 and 7 June,
 PRM, MH; JT.
 NORTHERN PHALAROPE -- 1, 6 June, PRM Jackson Co., JT, MH (R); 1 (photo),
 7 June, PD -- species no longer hypothetical.
 LAUGHING GULL -- 27, 25-28 July, Hattiesburg, TF, LG.
 BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 1, 6 June, PRM, JT, MH.
 GULL-BILLED TERN -- 5 (2 pr + 1 downy young), June, Spoil I. off W. tip
 of Petit Bois I., JJ, CDC, BS (R).
 COMMON TERN -- 10 (nesting), June, Spoil I. off W. tip of Petit Bois I.,
 JJ, CDC, BS.
 SOOTY TERN -- 19 (14 ad, 5 imm), 11 July, Ocean Springs and Bellefontaine
 beach, MH (R).
 LEAST TERN -- 2, 12 July, Hattiesburg, LG; 2500 pr, June, Spoil I. off W.
 tip of Petit Bois I., JJ, CDC, BJ.
 ROYAL TERN -- 40 pr, June, Spoil I. off W. tip of Petit Bois I., JJ, CDC,
 BJ.
 SANDWICH TERN -- 100, 11 July, Ocean Springs, MH; 3, 11 July, Hattiesburg,
 LG, TF; 500 pr, June, Spoil I. off W. tip of Petit Bois I., JJ, CDC,
 BJ.
 BLACK TERN -- 50, 25 July, PRM, JT; 22, 11 July, Hattiesburg, LG, TF; 1000,
 summer, Horn, Petit Bois and Ship I., JJ, CDC, BS.
 NODDY TERN -- 1 (found dead, dried), 5 July, Horn I., JJ, CDC (R).
 BLACK SKIMMER -- 150 pr, June, Spoil I. off the W. tip of Petit Bois I.,
 Jackson Co., JJ, CDC, BS.
 YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 7, 3 June, Jackson Co., JT.
 WHIP-POOR-WILL -- 1, 3 June, Bridgetown; AY; 1, 4 June, Yacona Ridge State
 Park, BC; 4, 5 June, Sardis Lake area, BC; 2, 11 June, near Bridgetown,
 BC.
 GRAY KINGBIRD -- 5 pr, summer, Horn I., CDC, JJ.
 GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER -- 15, 3 June, D'Iberville BBS route, JT.
 EASTERN PHOEBE -- 1, 31 May, N. Lauderdale Co., BC; nest with 3 young, 2

July, Woodland Lakes, RP

- ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- building nest, 20 July, Archer I., Ark., NH.
 CLIFF SWALLOW -- 3 ad, 19 June, Grenada Lake, MD.
 PURPLE MARTIN -- 400-500 in a 2-mile stretch of levee, 15 July, Archer I., Ark., NH.
 WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 26 m, 3 June, D'Iberville BBS route, JT.
 WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1, 20 July, Hattiesburg, TF.
 BLUE-WINGED WARBLER -- 1 m (singing), 1 June, Tupelo BBS route, CDC.
 YELLOW WARBLER -- 1, 18 July, Hattiesburg, LG, TF.
 PRAIRIE WARBLER -- 12 m, 3 June, Jackson Co., JT.
 OVENBIRD -- 2, 1 June, Tupelo BBS route, CDC.
 YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT -- 11, 3 June, D'Iberville BBS route, JT.
 AMERICAN REDSTART -- 12 (all f or imm), 18 July, Hattiesburg, LG.
 YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- 1 imm m, 22 July, Petal, TF, MF (R).
 NORTHERN ORIOLE -- 1 m, 1 June, Tupelo BBS route, CDC.
 SCARLET Tanager -- 1, 1 June, Kemper Co., BC (R); 1, 1 June, Scooba BBS route, BC (R); 1, 1 June, Tupelo BBS route, CDC (R); 1 m, 15 June, Lipscomb's Lake, HC (R); 1 m, 26 June, Lipscomb's Lake, JE (R); 1 m, 26 June, Sardis Lake, MD (R).
 BLUE GROSBEAK -- 17 m, 3 June, D'Iberville BBS route, JT.
 PAINTED BUNTING -- 5-7 prs, summer, Hattiesburg, TF, LG; 1, 3 June, D'Iberville BBS route, JT.
 RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE -- 42 m, 3 June, D'Iberville BBS route, JT.
 LARK SPARROW -- 2, 2 June, Aberdeen BBS route, CDC.
 BACHMAN'S SPARROW -- 1, 2 June, Corinth BBS, BC, LC; 26 m, 3 June, D'Iberville BBS route, JT.

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Key to new or unusual localities.-- Aberdeen BBS route=Clay Co., Archer I.=Chicot Co. Arkansas, Bellefontaine Beach=Jackson Co., Bridgetown=DeSoto Co., Corinth BBS route=Aicore Co., D'Iberville BBS route=Jackson Co., East Ship I.=Harrison Co., Grenada Lake=Grenada Co., Grenada State Waterfowl Refuge=Calhoun Co., Hattiesburg=Forrest Co., Horn I.=Jackson Co., Meridian=Lauderdale Co., Ocean Springs=Jackson Co., Petal=Forrest Co., PRM=Pascagoula River Marsh, Jackson Co., Sardis Lake=Lafayette Co., Scooba BBS route=Kemper Co., Spoil I. off W tip of Petit Bois I.=Jackson Co., Tupelo=Lee Co., Tupelo BBS route=Lee Co., Woodland Lakes=DeSoto Co., Yacona Ridge State Park=Yalobusha Co.