

Whimbrel: first specimens for Kansas.—On 22 May 1963, at Cheyenne Bottoms, Barton County, Kansas, H. A. Stephens, Larry Darling, and I saw two Whimbrels (*Numenius phaeopus*) standing side by side in shallow water among spike rushes. Marvin D. Schwilling of the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, joined us in pursuit of the birds and through combined efforts we collected them—the first specimens for the state. Both proved to be males (testes: left 14.0×10.0 mm, right 11.0×9.0 ; and 12.0×9.0 , 12.0×10.0 , respectively).

The species had been seen at Cheyenne Bottoms several times earlier in 1963. Stephens noted a single bird on 24 April and two birds together on 30 April. Schwilling noted two birds together and a single bird, on 13 May. Stephens and I saw a flock of 11 birds on 17 May; on the 18th we watched a single bird rise from the ground and join five more in a northerly flight. Other sight records for the state, though few in number, date back 70 or more years (N. S. Goss, 1891. *History of the Birds of Kansas*, G. W. Crane & Co., Topeka). The species can be rightly called an uncommon transient in Kansas. The two specimens are in the Biology Department Museum at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

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