

Fall Meeting

October 1-2

Emporia State University

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FINCK, ELMER J. Division of Biology, Kansas State University,
Manhattan, KS 66506. Male Dickcissels as Time Minimizers.

Male Dickcissels decrease their foraging time and increase other activities when their territories are augmented with food. (Continue for a maximum of 150 words. Be explicit and informative.)

LEWIS, EUGENE* and EULALIA LEWIS. 1285 MacVicar Ave., Topeka, KS 66604.
Some Breeding Birds of Shawnee County.

In June of 1983 we censused the birds of Shawnee County. The most abundant species was the House Sparrow (Passer domesticus). (Continue for a maximum of 150 words. Be explicit and informative.)

NEW COUNTY RECORDS

| <u>Species</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Great Egret | Anderson | 3/2/83 | William R. Brecheisen |
| Snowy Egret | Anderson | Summer/82 | William R. Brecheisen |
| Golden Eagle | Anderson | 12/7/82 | William R. Brecheisen |
| Prairie Falcon | Anderson | 3/6/82 | William R. Brecheisen |
| Cinnamon Teal | Butler | 3/16/83 | William Layher |
| Goshawk | Butler | 1/12/83 | Ron Marteney |
| Oldsquaw | Clay | mounted bird | shot by Cal Groen |
| Great-tailed Grackle | Clark | 4/28/83 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| Common Loon | Coffey | 4/23/81 | S. Williams |
| Oldsquaw | Coffey | 12/23/81 | S. Williams |
| Black Vulture | Coffey | 9/3/80 | J. Wiehe |
| Merlin | Coffey | 7/28/82 | S. Williams |
| Turkey | Coffey | 10/15/82 | Bob Culbertson |
| King Rail | Coffey | 7/8/82 | S. Williams/B. Culbertson |
| Ruddy Turnstone | Coffey | 5/19/82 | S. Williams/J. Wiehe |
| Dunlin | Coffey | 5/19/82 | S. Williams/J. Wiehe |
| Least Tern | Coffey | 8/5/82 | S. Williams/D. Williamson |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | Coffey | 9/3/80 | J. Wiehe |
| Long-eared Owl | Coffey | 7/13/74 | H. Lewis |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | Coffey | 5/20/81 | S. Williams/J. Wiehe |
| Willow Flycatcher | Coffey | 5/19/81 | S. Williams/J. Wiehe |
| Carolina Chickadee | Coffey | 7/22/76 | J. Suchecki |
| Veery | Coffey | 5/14/76 | J. Suchecki |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | Coffey | 7/24/76 | J. Suchecki |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | Coffey | 5/20/81 | S. Williams/J. Wiehe |
| Blackburnian Warbler | Coffey | 5/9/75 | J. Suchecki |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | Coffey | 5/3/77 | J. Suchecki |
| Kentucky Warbler | Coffey | 5/14/79 | J. Suchecki |
| Snow Bunting | Coffey | 11/25/81 | S. Williams |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow | Cowley | 2/15-17/83 | James L. Barnes |
| Golden Eagle | Dickinson | 1/8/83 | Eagle Survey |
| White Ibis | Douglas | 1977 | Greg Wedd |
| Goshawk | Ellsworth | 12/--/82 | Steve Burr |
| Hooded Merganser | Ellsworth | 1/--/82 | Steve Burr |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Franklin | 1/8/83 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| American Woodcock | Franklin | 3/1/83 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | Franklin | 1/8/83 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | Franklin | 1/8/83 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| Hairy Woodpecker | Franklin | 1/8/83 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| Great crested Flycatcher | Franklin | 9/1/82 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| Black-capped Chickadee | Franklin | 1/8/83 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| Semipalmated Plover | Grant | 5/25/82 | Kevin Will |
| Prairie Falcon | Jefferson | Fall/82 | Richard Rucker |
| Golden Eagle | Jefferson | 11/27/82 | Eugene & Eulalia Lewis |
| Oldsquaw | Marion | 2/22/83 | Schwilling/Wells/Hansen |
| Goshawk | Marion | 2/22/83 | Schwilling/Wells/Hansen |
| Lapland Longspur | Miami | 12/22/82 | Marvin D. Schwilling |
| LeConte's Sparrow | Pratt | 1/24/83 | Bob Wood |
| Short-eared Owl | Rush | 12/1/82 | Marvin D. Schwilling |

| <u>Species</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Peregrine Falcon | Scott | 1982 | Leonard Hopper |
| Cattle Egret | Sedgwick | 7/27/82 | Guy Ernsting |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | Stevens | 5/26/82 | Kevin Wall |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | Wabaunsee | 7/14/82 | Ken Brunson/Sheryl Barnett |
| Cattle Egret | Woodson | Summer/82 | William R. Brecheisen |
| Turkey | Woodson | 1/24/83 | Bob Culbertson |

Submitted by Marvin D. Schwilling

NEW AND INTERESTING SIGHT RECORDS FOR BIRDS IN KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS

The spring of 1982 produced some interesting sight records for Kiowa County, Kansas. Surprisingly, most of these records are for resident birds rather than for migratory visitors.

The following is a listing of the more interesting species along with the date sighted in 1981 and 1982. An asterisk (*), behind the common name indicates a new sight record for 1982 based on records on file at Fort Hays State University.

| <u>Species</u> | <u>1981</u> | <u>1982</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Eared Grebe | 8 May | 19 May |
| Green-backed Heron | 8 May | 4 May |
| Wood Duck* | | 25 April |
| | | 2 May |
| Mississippi Kite | 12 May | 4 May |
| Cooper's Hawk | | 10 Jan. |
| Swainson's Hawk | 21 April | 1 April |
| American Avocet | 8 May | 29 April |
| Willet | 25 April | 29 April |
| Long-billed Curlew | 24 April | 1 April |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 8 May | -- |
| Baird's Sandpiper | 25 March | -- |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | 27 April | 30 April |
| Wilson's Phalarope | 11 May | 29 April |
| Franklin's Gull | 8 May | 27 April |
| Black Tern | | 26 May |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | 31 May | 19 May |
| Barred Owl* | | 14 March |
| | | 19 May |
| Common Nighthawk | 22 May | 4 May |
| Chimney Swift | 22 April | 15 April |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 23 April | 3 May |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | | 14 March |
| Eastern Wood Pewee* | | 9 June |
| White-breasted Nuthatch* | | 14 March |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | | 19 May |
| Western Kingbird | 22 April | 25 April |
| Brown Creeper* | | 14 March |

| <u>Species</u> | <u>1981</u> | <u>1982</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Eastern Kingbird | 23 April | 3 May |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | 22 April | 25 April |
| House Wren | 23 April | 4 May |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet* | | 14 March |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* | | 16 May |
| | | 19 May |
| Eastern Bluebird | 25 Nov. | 3 April |
| Townsend Solitaire | | 3 April |
| Swainson's Thrush | 22 May | 19 May |
| Gray Catbird | 30 May | 16 May |
| Brown Thrasher | 6 May | 29 April |
| Cedar Waxwing | 24 March | 19 May |
| Bell's Vireo | 8 July | 15 April |
| Warbling Vireo* | | 19 May |
| Red-eyed Vireo* | | 19 May |
| Yellow Warbler* | | 16 May |
| Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler* | | 2 May |
| Black and White Warbler* | | 2 May |
| Common Yellowthroat | 8 May | 16 May |
| Blue Grosbeak* | | 19 May |
| Lazuli Bunting* | | 9 June |
| Indigo Bunting* | | 9 June |
| Chipping Sparrow | 21 April | 2 May |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | 21 April | -- |
| Field Sparrow* | | 19 May |
| Lark Sparrow | 1 April | 3 April |
| Lark Bunting | 29 April | 3 May |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | 21 April | 21 April |
| Lincoln's Sparrow* | | 14 March |
| Eastern Meadowlark* | | 19 May |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 23 April | 29 April |
| Great-tailed Grackle | 28 May | 19 May |
| Orchard Oriole* | | 10 May |
| Northern (Baltimore) Oriole | 28 April | 10 May |

The two most interesting species are the Barred Owl and the Blue-grey Gnatcatcher. Both were viewed by the authors and Dr. Gene Cannata. Sutton (A Checklist of Oklahoma Birds, Stoval Mus. Sci. & Hist., Univ. Oklahoma, Norman, p. 21.) lists the Barred Owl as occurring in "Heavily wooded parts of eastern and central Oklahoma westward to Alfalfa, Woodward, Roger Mills, Kiowa and Tillman counties...". This would indicate that Kiowa County, Kansas is not entirely out of the normal range of this species. Additional sightings should also be expected in Pratt, Comanche, and Clark Counties in Kansas. The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher is listed by Sutton (ibid, p. 33) as being "Transient and summer resident statewide" in Oklahoma. This species should also be expected in surrounding counties.

Early Arrival

Snowy Plover seen on 16 April 1983 at River Pond State Park, Pottawatomie County.

Lowell Johnson

First County Record

Wood Duck collected in Morton County 11 November 1979. Specimen housed at Cameron University Museum in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Jack D. Tyler

New County Records For Cloud County

Pied-billed Grebe 26 April 1983
American Avocet 26 April 1983

Robert D. Wood

New County Records for Kiowa County

| <u>Species</u> | <u>1983</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Great Blue Heron | 22 April |
| Blue-winged Teal | 22 April |
| Ruddy Duck | 22 April |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 23 April |
| American Coot | 22 April |
| Killdeer | 22 April |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 22 April |
| Downy Woodpecker | 23 April |
| Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker | 22 April |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 23 April |
| Northern Waterthrush | 23 April |
| Lark Sparrow | 23 April |
| Harris' Sparrow | 11 March |

Ken Brunson

Observations in Clark County

| <u>Species</u> | <u>1983</u> | <u>Number of Individuals</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| White Pelican | 21 April | 50 |
| Green-backed Heron | 23 April | |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | 10 April | 4 |
| *White-faced Ibis | 13 April | 30 |
| Cinnamon Teal | 4 April | |
| Lesser Scaup | 4 April | 2 females |
| Bufflehead | 24 April | 1 female |
| Ruddy Duck | 4 April | 1 male, 2 females |
| Turkey Vulture | 5 April | |
| Mississippi Kite | 17 April | |

| <u>Species</u> | <u>1983</u> | <u>Number of Individuals</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| *Swainson's Hawk | 16 April | |
| Northern Harrier | 6 April | |
| Virginia Rail | 17 April | |
| American Coot | 2-6 April | 200 |
| *Greater Yellowlegs | 3,5 April | 20 |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 5 April | 30 |
| *Willet | 23 April | 2 |
| *Long-billed Curlew | 15 April | |
| *Long-billed Dowitcher | 4 April | |
| *Common Snipe | 5 April | 3 |
| Wilson's Phalarope | 15 April | 50 |
| Mourning Dove | 2 April | |
| *Snowy Owl | 6 April | |
| Burrowing Owl | 17 April | |
| Belted Kingfisher | 13 April | |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | 21 April | |
| Barn Swallow | 11 April | |
| *Marsh Wren | 21 April | 2 |
| *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 17 April | by Phil Arnold |
| American Tree Sparrow | 4 April | |
| *LeConte's Sparrow | 15 April | |
| Song Sparrow | 21 April | |
| Harris' Sparrow | 4 April | 2 |
| Dark-eyed Junco | 2-6 April | |
| Yellow headed Blackbird | 27 March | |
| | 5 April | |
| Great-tailed Grackle | 24 April | |

*New County Record

Jerry Arnold

Observations by Steve Kingswood

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Number of Individuals</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Eared Grebe | 1 | Spring | Sedgwick |
| Wood Duck | 1 | 1-19-83 | Sedgwick |
| Green-winged Teal | 10 | 1-19-83 | Sedgwick |
| | 15 | 1-29-83 | Sedgwick |
| Northern Shoveler | 9 | 1-29-83 | Sedgwick |
| American Wigeon | 3 | 1- 8-83 | Sedgwick |
| | 3 | 1-29-83 | Sedgwick |
| Ring-necked Duck | 2 | 1- 6-83 | Sedgwick |
| | 15 | 1- 8-83 | Sedgwick |
| | 2 | 1-19-83 | Sedgwick |
| | 10 | 1-29-83 | Sedgwick |
| Lesser Scaup | 1 | 1- 8-83 | Sedgwick |
| Turkey Vulture | 1 | 2-14-83 | Chautauqua |
| Cooper's Hawk | 1 | 1-19-83 | Sedgwick |
| Virginia Rail | 1 | 1-29-83 | Sedgwick |
| American Coot | 2 | 1-19-83 | Sedgwick |
| Sandhill Crane | 5 | 1-28-83 | Sedgwick |
| Carolina Wren | 2 | 1-14-83 | Jefferson |
| Marsh Wren | 1 | 1-28-83 | Sedgwick |
| Swamp Sparrow | 3 | 1-29-83 | Sedgwick |

IN MEMORIAM

Recorded with regret is the passing of Walter J. Broderson, member of KOS from 1972 to 1979, who died at home in Wichita March 28, 1983, of a massive coronary. He had been an invalid since a stroke in June, 1978, and unable to participate any longer in the birding he enjoyed so much. Burial was in Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Wellington, Kansas. He leaves his wife, Ruth, a KOS member, and his daughter, Christina Wilson, and grandson, Peter Wilson, the latter two of Kirkwood, Missouri.

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EXPEDITIONS TO EAST AFRICA

ITHACA, N.Y. -- The Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia are co-sponsoring a series of natural history safaris to Kenya.

The aim of the expeditions is to explore the ecology and culture of East Africa, including the remarkable birdlife of this part of the African continent. Although the safaris are designed for members of the two institutions, others are welcome as well. Three departures are scheduled during November and December of 1983, and each trip will last 21 days.

A special feature of the safaris is the quality of leadership. The expedition leader is Alec Forbes-Watson, a former Kenya game warden and head of the anti-poaching unit, now a staff member of the Academy of Natural Sciences. A widely published scholar and experienced safari guide, Forbes-Watson led the first birding safari in sub-Saharan Africa. Each group also will be accompanied by an experienced nature photographer from Cornell. Pre-departure photography instruction will be offered to safari participants by the Laboratory of Ornithology.

Groups will examine a wide range of habitats, from Afro-alpine forests to parkland savannah. A wide variety of African wildlife and several hundred species of birds will be observed. Participants will have opportunities to observe traditional African culture as well. Two unique aspects of the safari are a trip along the Galana River to the Indian Ocean and an overnight train trip from the coast to Nairobi.

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology is one of the world's leading institutions for the study of birdlife. It supports a variety of educational and research projects such as The Living Bird Quarterly, a full color magazine for members.

The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is one of the most modern exhibition, research and educational facilities of its kind in the United States. Its library attracts scholars from all over the world, and academy scientists regularly work with industry and government to find solutions to environmental problems.

For further information on the Kenya safaris, call David Blanton at the Laboratory of Ornithology, (607) 256-4017, or Alec Forbe-Watson at the Academy of Natural Sciences (215) 299-1069.



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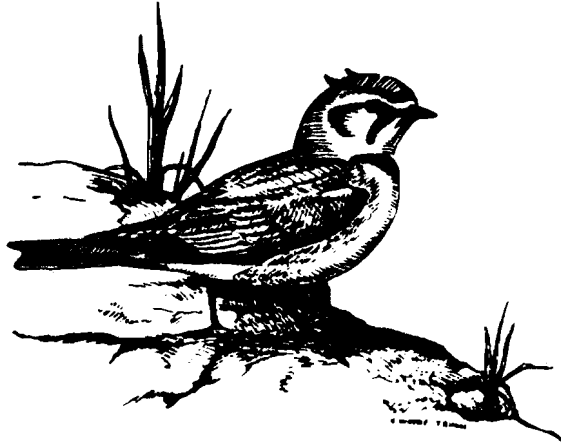
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