

## **IX. THE BIRD COLLECTION OF THE OKMULGEE HIGH SCHOOL**

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The specimens considered in this collection are those which were recorded in the Museum of the High School, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, while the author was instructor of Nature Study. The collection was made from Okmulgee County during the years 1923 to 1926 inclusive. It is probably only a small part of the birds occurring in that region, but it is presented as a beginning to which future records may be added.

An effort has been made to ascertain the probable manner of occurrence, from personal observation and comparison with already published records of the region, particularly with "The Birds of Oklahoma," by M. M. and L. B. Nice (Univ. of Okla. Bull. 286, 3-122 Pl. 1-12.). Whenever possible, items of special interest, as nests or stomach contents, have been noted.

The nomenclature is that used by Dr. H. C. Oberholser, Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., who has identified all of the specimens, with the exception of eight checked by Mr. H. K. Gloyd, Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, and six by Mrs. Margaret Nice, Norman, Oklahoma. The date and the museum number of the specimen are given, the name of the collector when known, and the disposal made of the specimen. In each case the repository is the Okmulgee High School Museum, with the exception of one male Blue-winged Teal presented to the University of Michigan Biological Station; five specimens sent to the Museum of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, and thirteen common species in the personal collection of the writer.

In the following list there are recorded 118 specimens comprising 99 species and subspecies, known to occur in Okmulgee County. The species of which specimens were collected are designated by an asterisk.

The compilation of this record would not have been possible had it not been for the 42 specimens which formed the nucleus of the Museum collection, prepared by Mr. W. H. Barton, Director of Science at the Okmulgee High School in 1924; also for the kindness of Mr. F. L. Chambers, the present director, in allowing the use of the Museum and the Science Library, and for the continued help and enthusiasm of various High School students. Especial grateful acknowledgement is ex-

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**\*Podilymbus podiceps**

Pied-billed Grebe

Transient. A male (16) was collected in the fall of 1923 by W. H. Barton, and another (44) was preserved in the fall of 1924 by the writer. A female (41) collected Oct. 19, 1925, was presented by Morton Carter and another (57) collected the same date, was presented by Renola Bonstein.

**\*Larus delawarensis**

Ring-billed Gull

Transient. One specimen (73) collected in the winter of 1924, by W. H. Barton.

**\*Chroicocephalus franklinii**

Franklin Gull

Transient. One immature female (74) collected Nov. 1, 1925, by Holly Huckaby.

**\*Anas platyrhynchos**

Mallard Duck

Common transient and winter resident. One specimen (15) collected in the fall of 1923. Another specimen was recorded Oct. 6, 1925.

**\*Nettion carolinense**

Green-winged Teal

Common transient. One specimen (14) was collected in the fall of 1923 by W. H. Barton. A female (52) was shot at Cott's lake, Oct. 2, 1925, by Dyer Wild. Another specimen was observed Oct. 6, 1925.

**\*Querquedula discors**

Blue-winged Teal

Common transient. A male (53) collected Oct. 7, 1925, by Dyer Wild, was presented to the University of Michigan Biological Station. A female (62) also collected by Dyer Wild on the same date is in the High School Museum, Okmulgee, Okla. Oct. 6, 1926, fourteen were observed over Cott's Lake.

**\*Aix sponsa**

Wood Duck

Rare resident. A male shot by a hunter from a lake in Okmulgee County, Nov. 15, 1924. An immature female, with wing cut, was retained by a Morris High School boy in the late fall of 1925. This was reported to the U. S. Biological Survey, and a

permit was said to have been given to allow him to keep it for breeding purposes. Another is reported to have been seen on the pond near Morris all winter of 1925-1926.

**\**Marila affinis***

Lesser Scaup Duck

Common transient and winter resident. An immature specimen (35) was collected in the fall of 1923. April 5, 1926, a male found in the woods was banded (378778). Since it was in a weakened condition for want of food and water, it was kept in the school aquarium a couple of days and then taken to Greenwood Lake.

**\**Erismatura jamaicensis***

Ruddy Duck

Transient. Immature female (54) collected Oct. 19, 1925, was presented by Renola Bonstein.

**\**Botaurus lentiginosus***

American Bittern

Winter resident. Four specimens (18,45,47a, 47b) were collected in the fall of 1924. In the stomach of a female (77) shot January 16, 1925, were 12 only slightly digested crayfish, together with three grasshoppers. Another individual was recorded October 6, 1925.

**\**Ardea herodias herodias***

Great Blue Heron

Transient. One specimen (46) was collected by Barton in the fall of 1924, and another (113) by Renola Bonstein, Oct. 19, 1925; both were identified by Oberholser. This latter specimen was destroyed after it had been checked. Sept. 28, 1925, a pair was observed in the Bird Haven two miles north of the city of Okmulgee. This is a new state record.

**\**Butorides virescens virescens***

Green Heron.

Summer resident. A specimen (67) was taken in the school year 1923-1924, probably in the fall, by Barton.

**\**Nyctanassa violacea***

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Rare summer resident. One specimen (38) of uncertain date, in 1923, probably early fall, was prepared by Barton.

**\**Porzana carolina***

Sora, Carolina Rail

Transient. One specimen (24) was prepared by Barton in fall of 1923.

**\**Fulica americana***

American Coot.

Common transient. A male (13) shot by Dyer Wild, Oct. 5, 1925, is now in the collection of the writer. Another male (60), also collected by Dyer Wild, Oct. 8, 1925, and a female (36) prepared in the fall of 1923 by Barton, in the High School Museum.

**\*Capella gallinago delicata**

Wilson Snipe. Jack Snipe

Regular transient. Barton collected one (19) in the fall of 1923. Another was observed Oct. 6, 1925.

**\*Pisobia maculata**

Pectoral Sandpiper

Common transient. April 17, 1926, a male was banded (178201). Pictures and measurements were taken and checked by Oberholser as undoubtedly belonging to this species.

**\*Totanus flavipes**

Lesser Yellow-legs

Transient. A male (12) collected Oct. 7, 1925, was presented by Dyer Wild. Another (34) was collected Oct. 5, 1925, by the father of Renola Bonstein.

**\*Oxyechus vociferus vociferus**

Killdeer

Summer resident. Two males (12, 32) were collected in the fall of 1923 and 1924 respectively, and a female (120) on June 8, 1926, was taken by Blanchard Reel.

**\*Colinus virginianus virginianus**

Bob-white. Quail

Resident. Evelyn Ketchem was donor of a female (92) Nov. 7, 1925, and a male (93) Dec. 9, 1925. The latter is in the collection of the writer. Observation records were made all year. The quail usually appear in a covey of from ten to twelve, frequently near residences in town, as well as in meadows farther out. Observation dates Sept. 28, 1925, Dec. 10-17-27, 1925, and every month till July, 1926.

**\*Zenaidura macroura marginella**

Western Mourning Dove. Turtle Dove

Resident. The first observations recorded were Nov. 27, 1925, three miles west of Okmulgee. Again several were seen close to the same place Dec. 1, 1925. Two specimens were collected but not preserved. Other observations were made April 29, 1926; May 18, 1926, when three nests were found with doves on them; June 5, 1926, a nest with two eggs; June 11 and 14, 1926, birds on the nests.

**\*Circus cyaneus hudsonius**

Marsh Hawk

Transient and winter resident. An albino (42) shot by Charles Van Sant, November 25, 1924, was checked by H. K. Gloyd. A female (49) was presented by Renola Bonstein Oct. 26, 1925. Another female (55) shot Oct. 13, 1925, said to have been catching chickens for several days, revealed no such evidence.

**\*Accipiter velox**

Sharp-shinned Hawk. Little Blue Devil

Winter resident. Male (61) collected by Dyer Wild Oct. 5, 1925. An observation was made Feb. 16, 1926.

**\*Accipiter cooperii**

Cooper Hawk

Resident. A specimen (59) presented by Renola Bonstein and identified by H. K. Gloyd collected Oct. 19, 1925. A pair were observed near the Okmulgee-Okfuskee County line, June 5, 1925.

**\*Buteo borealis borealis**

Red-tailed Hawk

Resident. This hawk was observed Dec. 26, 1925, and Jan. 7, 1926, on field trips. Two males were collected, one (39) by Barton in the fall of 1923 and another (88) by Dyer Wild, Oct. 25, 1925, and a female (91) collected Dec. 2, 1925, was presented by Thomasine Horton; all these were identified by Oberholser.

**\*Buteo borealis calurus**

Western Red-tailed Hawk

A specimen (69) prepared by Barton in the school year—probably the winter of 1924—was referred to this subspecies by Oberholser. It is recorded as a resident in Western Oklahoma (\*) but sufficient records have not been made to determine the nature of its occurrence in Okmulgee County.

**\*Buteo borealis kriderii**

Krider Hawk

One male was collected in the winter of 1923-1924 by Barton, and recorded as (89). Another male (94) was shot Sept. 10, 1925, by R. E. Francis, a poultry raiser, while capturing a three pound white leghorn hen. The stomach contents revealed an adult undigested mouse. Specimen no. 89 is very light in color, as compared with the fuscous specimen collected earlier. They are both in the Museum of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, after being identified by Oberholser. This is a new State record.

**\*Buteo swainsoni**

Swainson Hawk

Transient. A male (112) collected April 10, 1926.

**\*Archibuteo lagopus sancti-johannis**

**American Rough-legged Hawk**

Winter visitant. Two specimens (40, 41) collected in the late fall of 1923 were identified by H. K. Gloyd as belonging to this species.

**\*Falco mexicanus****Prairie Falcon**

Rare winter visitant. A male (79) collected Nov. 12, 1925, by Phil Baker and presented by Ruby Gillock Baker, was identified by Gloyd.

**\*Cerchneis sparveria paula****Little Sparrow Hawk**

A male specimen collected in the fall of 1924 was referred to this form by Oberholser. Sparrow Hawks have been seen Oct. 8, 1925; Nov. 21, 1925; Dec. 9, 10, 17, 27, 1925 altho the subspecies could not be determined. This is a new record for the state .

**\*Tyto alba pratincola****American Barn Owl**

Resident. A male (103) of the white breasted phase was collected Jan 11 1926, by A. J. MacNeese. Another (105) with the deep ochraceous buff breast was collected Feb. 1, 1926, by Dyer Wild. Both of the specimens were found in the City of Okmulgee. The former is in the collection of the writer.

**\*Asio otus wilsonianus****American Long-eared Owl**

Uncommon resident. One specimen (68) collected in the fall of 1924.

**\*Asio flammeus****Short-eared Owl**

Winter resident. One was taken (63) in the winter of 1923-1924.

**\*Strix varia varia****Barred Owl**

Resident. One specimen (65) was collected in the fall or winter of 1923 or 1924; a male (76) was presented, Nov. 1, 1925, by Renola Bonstein; both were identified by Oberholser.

**\*Otus asio naevius (formerly asio)****Northeastern Screech Owl**

Resident. A specimen (23) in the grey phase was collected in the fall of 1923, and another (66) in the rufous phase during the winter of 1923-1924; both were referred to the subspecies by Oberholser. A Screech Owl was recorded Dec. 27, 1925.

**\*Bubo virginianus virginianus****Great Horned Owl**

Resident. One specimen (64) was collected in the fall of 1923-1924 and identified by Oberholser.

**\*Geococcyx californianus**

Chaparral, Road-runner

A farmer, living on a wooded hillside about 7 miles north-east of Okmulgee reports this as a resident, altho no personal observations have been made. He says there are a pair on his hillside all of the time. One specimen (37) of uncertain date, altho it is probably the winter of 1923-1924, was collected.

**Coccyzus americanus americanus**

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Summer resident. Two observations were made, those being June 5 and 16, 1926, in a wood south of Okmulgee.

**\*Streptoceryle alcyon alcyon**

Belted Kingfisher

Summer resident, perhaps also an occasional winter resident. One individual observed Sept. 26, 1925; a male (11) collected Oct. 10, 1925, by Dyer Wild on Cott's Lake.

**\*Dryobates villosus auduboni**

Southern Hairy Woodpecker

A female (86) was taken Nov. 29, 1925, and identified by Oberholser. Hairy Woodpeckers are present all the year but the breeding form may be *Dryobates villosus villosus*.

**\*Dryobates pubescens pubescens**

Southern Downy Woodpecker

Resident. A female (87) was taken Nov. 29, 1925, by Dyer Wild from the same flock as that containing the Southern Hairy Woodpecker. A male (90) was presented by the same collector Dec. 8, 1925; both were identified by Oberholser. Observations of the Downy Woodpecker are recorded Oct. 3, 1925; Nov. 28, 29, 1925, of male and female; Dec. 1 and 26, 1925; Jan. 10, 1926 male and female.

**Sphyrapicus varius varius**

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Transient and occasionally winter visitant. Nov. 27 1925, an observation was made three miles west of Okmulgee by several observers. Again it was recorded on the Christmas Census Dec. 27, 1926, by the writer and three students.

**\*Melanerpes erythrocephalus erythrocephalus**

Red-headed Woodpecker

Resident. One specimen, a male (3) was collected Oct. 25, 1925, by Renola Bonstein and identified by Oberholser. Observations of the Red-headed Woodpecker were made all year, with nesting observations reported by High School students

about May 1, 1925. They always seem abundant in this region.

**\*Centurus carolinus**

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Resident. A male (20) was prepared in the winter of 1923 to 1924 by Barton. Observations have been made from November to July of 1925-1926. Nests have been collected and identified locally as that of the Red-bellied Woodpecker.

**\*Colaptes auratus auratus**

Flicker

A specimen (22) collected in the fall of 1923 and an immature male (80) collected Oct. 26, 1925, by Omer Holcomb were identified by Oberholser.

**\*Colaptes auratus luteus**

Northern Flicker

A male collected March 16, 1926, was identified by Mrs. Nice and recorded as (115). Flickers are present the year around yet it is not certain which subspecies is the breeding form. A nest was watched in May which was located fifteen feet up in a telephone pole near the residence of R. W. Clark. The nest was near a constantly used driveway. There appeared to be four young.

**Chordeiles virginianus howelli**

Howell Nighthawk

Summer resident. On Sept. 28, 1925, a pair was seen in the Bird Haven, North of Okmulgee; they probably belonged to this subspecies.

**\*Chaetura pelagica**

Chimney Swift

Summer resident. An immature female (118) May 19, 1926, by Frank Wilson. The Swifts were nesting in the chimney of the house and frequently fell through the air shaft. Observations were recorded May 18, 19, 25, 1926.

**\*Archilochus colubris**

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Summer resident. The specimen (9) collected in the fall of 1923 and identified by Oberholser was lost after being returned. Another male (117) was trapped in a screen porch May 8, 1926. A nest was found in a rose bush in the fall of 1923.

**Muscivora forficata**

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Summer resident. Sept. 15, 1925, Mrs. Jack Pitchford presented a male, collected after a storm, but the specimen was later destroyed. May 19, 1926, an abandoned nest was discovered near the house on the Charles Wilson Estate, in Ok-



mulgee. The same day a pair were observed building in a young elm tree in the same yard. The nest was about 10 feet from the ground. June 5 and 8 the pair were again observed, but the nest was not visited for fear of disturbing them. June 14 four or five young birds were seen in the nest. July 14 four adults were seen near the vicinity. In the late summer the nest was collected.

**Tyrannus tyrannus**

Eastern Kingbird

Summer resident. A flock of about 25 were observed along the road side and fields southwest of the City of Okmulgee, June 5, 1926, and again June 8, 1926.

**\*Myiarchus crinitus**

Crested Flycatcher

Summer resident. A male (127) was collected by Lynden Berry June 22, 1926. One was observed May 18, 1926. Students have frequently collected nests identified locally as Crested Flycatchers, with the snake skin always in evidence.

**Myiochanes virens**

Wood Pewee

Common summer resident. Observed individual May 18, 1926, and another seen and the song heard July 17, 1926.

**\*Otocoris alpestris praticola**

Prairie Horned Lark

Summer resident. A female (121) was collected by Blanchard Reel, June 8, 1926, and identified by Oberholser. They were abundant all summer. A song was heard as late as Oct. 6, 1925.

**\*Cyanocitta cristata bromia (formerly cristata)**

Northern Blue Jay

Resident. Observations were made each month from Sept. 1925 to August 1926. Two specimens (2,33) were collected in the school year of 1923-1924. A nest was reported as occupied by young May 6, 1926.

**\*Corvus brachyrhynchos brachyrhynchos**

American Crow

Common resident. Observations made all year. One specimen (117) collected in the spring of 1924 and identified by Oberholser.

**\*Molothrus ater ater**

Cowbird

Summer resident. Female (25) and a male (29) were collected by Barton in the school year 1923-1924.

**Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus**

**Yellow-headed Blackbird**

Rare transient. One specimen observed near Greenwood Lake, Okmulgee, April 30, 1926.

**\**Agelaius phoeniceus predatorius*****Red-winged Blackbird**

Resident. Abundant in reeds about Greenwood Lake, altho it is used as a public swimming pool. Observations made all year. A male (81) collected by May Wallace Nov. 12, 1925; a male (123) and a female (122) and an immature bird which was not preserved collected by Blanchard Reel June 8, 1926.

**\**Sturnella magna magna*****Eastern Meadowlark**

Resident. A male (10) was collected in the spring of 1923 by Barton. Oct. 30, 1925, a female (75) was presented by Nellie Stines; both were identified by Oberholser. Observations were made of a nest May 19, 1926, with three eggs in it. Meadowlarks were seen all year in abundance.

**\**Icterus spurius*****Orchard Oriole**

Summer resident. May 18, 1926, in the morning a second year male was observed in the Tourist Park, Okmulgee. In the evening a male and a female seemed to be nesting on the Rebel Estate. Second year males and pairs were seen June 8, 11, 14, 16, 1926. June 16, 1926, a nest with four eggs in it was found in a peach orchard. July 14, 1926, the deserted nest was collected.

**\**Euphagus carolinus*****Rusty Blackbird**

Transient and winter visitant. Individuals were observed Dec. 10, 1926, and Feb. 6, 1926, in flocks of 50 or more.

**\**Euphagus cyanocephalus*****Brewer Blackbird**

Transient and winter visitant. A male (28) collected in the winter of 1923-1924 was identified by Oberholser.

**\**Quiscalus quiscula aeneus*****Bronzed Grackle**

Summer resident. One banded (4128b6) May 6, 1926. One specimen (26) collected in the year 1923-1924 is in the Museum of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, while another (27) collected at the same time is in the High School Museum, Okmulgee, Okla; both were identified by Oberholser.

***Astragalinus tristis tristis*****American Goldfinch**

Resident. Observations were made Dec. 17, 1925; Jan. 16,

1926, a male in winter plumage; March 16, 1926, a pair in summer plumage; May 29, 1926, and June 8, 1926. Others seen at irregular intervals during the summer.

**\*Passer domesticus domesticus**

English Sparrow

Resident. Four males (5, 31, 56, 58) were collected in Oct. 1925. Observations were made all year of adults, nests and young.

**Pooecetes gramineus gramineus**

Vesper Sparrow

Common transient. A flock observed March 15, 1926.

**\*Passerculus sandwichensis savanna**

Savannah Sparrow

Winter resident. One specimen (119) collected May 19, 1926, by Frank Wilson. Another seen Dec. 26, 1924.

**\*Ammodramus savannarum australis**

Eastern Grasshopper Sparrow

Transient. A male (6) collected by Mark Moore, Jr., Oct. 15, 1925, and identified by Oberholser makes a new State record. The breeding Grasshopper Sparrow of this region belongs to the Western subspecies, specimens taken in the summer near Tusa having been identified by Dr. A. Wetmore. (1)

**Chondestes grammacus grammacus**

Lark Sparrow

Common summer resident. A nest, 8 feet up in a fork of a peach tree, near a busy highway, June 10, 1926, had a female on it; June 14 and 26, two eggs; July 14, empty nest collected.

**\*Zonotrichia querula**

Harris Sparrow

Winter resident. An immature male (100) collected by George Cummings, Dec. 26, 1925. Observations made Dec. 27, 1925; Jan. 6, 1926; Feb. 22, 1926; and March 10, 1926.

**\*Zonotrichia albicollis**

White-throated Sparrow

Transient and winter resident. Two males (85, 108) collected by Dyer Wild Nov. 19, 1925, and Feb. 16, 1926. Observations recorded Nov. 16, 24, 29, 30, 1925, and Dec. 27, 1925; Jan. 6, 1926; Feb. 6, 1926.

**\*Spizella arborea ochracea**

Western Tree Sparrow

Winter resident. Observations were made Dec. 27, 1925; Feb. 22, 1926, and Mar. 12, 1926. A male (102) was collected by

<sup>1</sup>Nice, Margaret Morse and Leonard Blaine: The Birds of Oklahoma. University of Oklahoma Bull. 186, 3-122p 1924. Pl. 1-2.

George Cummings Dec. 27, 1925, and identified by Oberholser.

***Spizella passerina passerina***

Chipping Sparrow.

Summer resident. A flock recorded with the Downy Woodpeckers among them, In May, 1926. Again seen in June and July. Nests recorded by local observers in 1924 and 1925.

**\**Spizella pusilla pusilla***

Field Sparrow

Summer resident. A male (128) collected June 19, 1926, by Lynden Berry. Observations recorded Mar. 11, 1926, and June 6, 1926.

***Junco hyemalis hyemalis***

Slate-colored Junco

Common winter resident. Male and female observed Nov. 27, 29, 1926 Dec. 1, 9, 10, 17, 27, 1925; Jan. 1, 16, 1926; Feb. 6, 22, 1926; Mar. 3, 12, 15, 1926; April 2, 1926. Usually in flocks with the Chickadees, Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse and sometimes Creepers.

**\**Passerella iliaca iliaca***

Fox Sparrow

Winter resident. A male (106) was collected Feb. 16, 1926, by Dyer Wild. Observations were made Dec. 26, 1923; Dec. 30, 1925; Feb. 22, 1926.

***Pipilo erythrophthalmus erythrophthalmus***

Towhee

Transient and rare winter resident. A male was observed Nov. 30, 1925. Other individuals Dec. 10, 1925; Jan. 16, 1926; Feb. 16, 1926, a male and female; March 12,, 1926, five males, and May 18, 1926.

**\**Cardinalis cardinalis cardinalis***

Cardinal

Resident. A male (98) was taken Dec. 26, 1925, by George Cummings and identified by Oberholser. Another (130) collected June 30, 1926, by Oliver is in the collection of the writer. Observations have been recorded all year. June 5, 1926, male, female and young recently out of the nest were seen feeding together on the ground.

***Passerina cyanea***

Indigo Bunting

Summer resident. A male was observed in the deep woods singing, north of Okmulgee, June 10, 1926.

**\**Passerina ciris ciris***

Painted Bunting

Summer resident. A specimen (170) was collected in the

fall of 1923 and identified by Oberholser, April 30, 1926, and the week following several students reported a pair in the same vicinity in Okmulgee. June 14, 1926, a record is noted of male, female and immature in a catalpa tree. While the young bird was out on a branch beside the nest the female was feeding it. Another old nest in a nearby tree was collected.

**\**Spiza americana***

Dickcissel

Summer resident. A pair (125 female, 126 male) was collected June 8, 1926, by Blanchard Reel. Large eggs were found in the ovary of the female. Dickcissels were abundant all summer.

**\**Bombycilla cedrorum***

Cedar Waxwing

Winter resident and spring visitant. A male (1) collected in the spring of 1924. A female (97) was presented by Charles Viseur Oct. 10, 1925. Another male (114a) was shot by Earl Hancock Jan. 5, 1926. The latter is in the collection of the writer. Observations were made of small flocks Nov. 4, 27, 28, 1925; Dec. 17, 27, 1925; Mar. 2, 1926.

**\**Lanius ludovicianus migrans***

Migrant Shrike

Resident. Two immature males were taken May 1, 1926, but the specimens were not preserved. Observations were made Oct. 6, 1925; Nov. 11, 27, 1925; Dec. 27, 1925; Mar. 13, 25, 1926, and June 8, 1926.

***Vireosylva olivacea***

Red-eyed Vireo

Summer resident. A female was observed June 12, 1926, feeding one baby bird in a nest in a catalpa tree about 8 feet from the ground. June 14, 1926, a female was seen again, probably the same; June 16, 1926, all seemed to be gone. In the late summer the nest was collected.

***Dendroica aestiva aestiva***

Yellow Warbler

Summer resident. A pair with young ready to fly were observed June 14, 1926, near the nest in a peach orchard. June 16, 1926, after a severe storm which blew the trees over in which the nest was built, it was collected. The female and one immature bird were seen near the tree. July 14, 1926, an immature specimen was banded (A 50429) and was returned to the wooded place in which it was captured.

***Setophaga ruticilla***

Redstart

Transient. Observations of two males, May 11 and 16, 1926.

**\*Mimus polyglottos polyglottos****Eastern Mockingbird**

Common summer resident, a few wintering. June 8, 1926, three immature specimens were collected by Blanchard Reel, but not preserved. Observations were made Sept. 28, 1925; Oct. 6, 1925; Jan. 6, 1926; May 2, 1926. Flocks were seen in the Tourist Park, Okmulgee, April 29, 1926. May 18, 1926, they were nesting. June 8, 1926, well-feathered young were flying about feeding for themselves. June 14, 1926, an abandoned nest with five eggs was found in a grape arbor, 8 feet from the ground, on the Rebolt Estate; another with the female and five young, near by, 6 feet up in a mulberry tree; Jun 16, 1926, immature birds were abundant.

**\*Dumetella carolinensis****Catbird**

Summer resident. A male (124) was collected June 8, 1926, by Oliver Decocq. Observations were made Oct. 6, 1925; April 29, 1926; June 8, 12, 14, 1926. Old nests gathered were locally identified as those of the catbird.

**\*Toxostoma rufum****Brown Thrasher**

Summer resident, occasionally found in the winter. A female (48) was collected in the fall of 1923 and a male (107) taken Feb. 16, 1926. Observations were made under date of Oct. 3, 25, 1925; Dec. 10, 17, 25, 27, 1925; Jan. 6, 1926; Feb. 6, 1926; April 29, 1926; May 18, 1926; a pair preparing to nest; May 19, 1926, two nests were occupied; June 5, 8, 17, 1926, immature birds and nests recorded. June 30, 1926, a specimen (129) was collected; it is in the personal collection of the writer.

**Thryothorus ludovicianus ludovicianus****Carolina Wren**

Resident. Jan. 16, 1926, one male was observed northeast of Country Club in a hilly, closely thicketed spot where there was plenty of food and water. Later they were observed Dec. 17, 27, 1925, and Jan. 10, 1926, in similar habitats seven miles north of Okmulgee.

**\*Thryomanes bewicki cryptus****Texas Wren**

Resident. One specimen (4) was collected in the spring of 1924, two other males (99,109) were collected by George Cummings Dec. 27, 1925, and Feb. 27, 1926 all were identified by Oberholser. No. 109 is in the collection of the author. Observations were made Feb. 16, 27, 1926; Mar. 12, 1926; April 29, 1926; June 5, 12, 1926; May, 1926, nesting.

***Certhia familiaris americana***

## Brown Creeper

Transient and winter visitant. Observations made near Okmulgee in a low wooded area Nov. 27, 28, 1925; Dec. 9, 1925, and Feb. 6, 1926.

**\**Sitta carolinensis cookei (carolinensis)***

## White-breasted Nuthatch

Resident. A male (83) was collected Nov. 29, 1925, by Dyer Wild and identified by Oberholser. Observations were made every month from Sept. 1926, to June 1926, inclusive.

**\**Baeolophus bicolor***

## Tufted Titmouse

Common resident. A specimen (82) was collected by Dyer Wild Nov. 29, 1925. A male (95) was presented by Alletha Dickinson Dec. 12, 1925; it had been collected in Beggs. Observations were recorded all year.

**\**Penthestes carolinensis carolinensis***

## Carolina Chickadee

Common resident. A specimen (84) was collected by Dyer Wild Nov. 29, 1925, and identified by Oberholser.

**\**Polioptila caerulea caerulea***

## Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Summer resident. A female (111) was collected by Dyer Wild April 5, 1926. An observation was made Sept. 26, 1926.

**\**Turdus migratorius achrusterus***

## Southern Robin

Resident. One specimen was collected (30) in the spring of 1924, and another (116) in May 4, 1926; both were identified by Oberholser. The latter specimen is in the University of Oklahoma Museum of Zoology. The Robin is abundant in this region. Dec. 1926 flocks including immature birds were seen. Nestings were reported May 18, 1926. This is a new state record.

**\**Sialia sialis sialis***

## Bluebird.

Resident. A male (96) was collected Nov. 7, 1925, by Dyer Wild. A nest found in a Woodpecker's hole Dec. 1923. Nesting noted May 16, 1926.