



SOME BIRD RECORDS FOR TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA AND VICINITY

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This article contains records based on specimens collected in the state by the writers during the winter of 1934-1935, and during the spring migration following.

Of the 24 species collected, nine represent new records for northeastern Oklahoma, two of which are also new State records. These are marked by an asterisk. Seven are western birds, one a southern bird and one is probably a regular transient in this vicinity. The specimens were collected almost entirely within a radius of 10 mi. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, except in three instances when specimens were taken near Locust Grove in Mayes County.

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ANNOTATED LIST OF SPECIES

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. *Sphyrapicus varius varius*. Immature male taken Apr. 14, 1935, 4 mi. southeast of Tulsa (Tomer). *Status*: Uncommon transient and winter visitant in eastern two-thirds of the state (Nice). This date is a month later than any other recorded for the state.

Prairie Horned Lark. *Otocoris alpestris praticola*. One male taken 6 mi. east of Tulsa near Lynn Lane, Feb. 4, 1935 (Tomer). *Status*: Resident in eastern Oklahoma, winter visitant in central part (Nice). Three other specimens have been reported from Tulsa.

Rough-winged Swallow. *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*. One male collected Apr. 14, 1935, near Locust Grove (Tomer). *Status*: Summer resident (Nice). First specimen reported as collected in this vicinity.

*Florida Nuthatch. *Sitta carolinensis atlinsi*. A female collected Apr. 22, 1935, 4 mi. east of Camp Garland near Locust Grove, Mayes Co. (Hughes). *Status*: Resident in eastern McCurtain and LeFlore Co. (Nice).

This is the first specimen reported from northeastern Oklahoma. The brood-patches on its plumage were evident signs of nesting.

*Mountain Bluebird. *Sialia currucoides*. A male taken Nov. 17, 1934, 9 mi. west of Tulsa in the Osage Hills, Osage Co. (Hughes). *Status*: Summer resident in northeast corner of Cimarron Co., common fall and winter visitant in that region, irregular in the rest of the Panhandle, rarely reaching central Oklahoma (Nice). It was collected from a flock of 50-100 birds. The first record east of Cleveland and Bryan Co.

Eastern Golden-crowned Kinglet. *Corthylio satrapa satrapa*. A female collected Feb. 9, 1935, 9 mi. northwest of Tulsa in the Osage Hills, Osage Co. (Tomer). *Status*: Uncommon transient and winter visitant in eastern and central Oklahoma (Nice). This is the first specimen reported as collected in Tulsa Co., although they have been taken as near as Sapulpa.†

Yellow-throated Vireo. *Laniivireo flavifrons*. A female collected Apr. 14, 1935, 9 mi. northwest of Tulsa (Tomer). A male taken Apr. 22, 1935, near Locust Grove (Hughes). *Status*: Summer resident throughout eastern Oklahoma (Nice). First specimens collected from Tulsa and Mayes Co.

*Rocky Mountain Orange-crowned Warbler. *Vermivora celata orestera*. One found dead Oct. 17, 1935 (W. J. H. 249) under a telephone wire in Tulsa. *Status*: Although the eastern form is a transient in the main body of the State (Nice), this form has not before been taken in Oklahoma according to Oberholser.

*Western Parula Warbler. *Compsothlypis americana ramalinae*. A male collected Apr. 22, 1935, near Locust Grove (Hughes). *Status*: Summer resident in eastern Oklahoma.

Myrtle Warbler. *Dendroica coronata*. A male taken Apr. 7, 1935, 4 mi. southeast of Tulsa (Tomer). *Status*: Transient throughout the main part of the state. Koons collected one specimen Apr. 20, 1927 (Nice).

*Giant Red-wing. *Agelaius phoeniceus arctolegus*. A female collected Mar. 15, 1935, 4 mi. southeast of Tulsa (Tomer). *Status*: Transient. Second specimen taken in the State, the first being taken at Wilburton Mar. 5, 1927 (Nice). The present specimen was taken from a mixed flock of Cow-birds and Red-winged Blackbirds. It is the first specimen taken in the State to be identified by an authority (Nice).

Eastern Goldfinch. *Spinus tristis tristis*. A male in winter plumage taken Apr. 17, 1935, 4 mi. southeast of Tulsa (Tomer). *Status*: Resident throughout eastern and central Oklahoma (Nice).

*Western Savannah Sparrow. *Passerculus sandwichensis alaudinus*. One found dead Mar. 23, 1935, 8 mi. east of Tulsa (Force), and identified by Oberholser as this subspecies (W. J. H. 206a). *Status*: Uncertain. Not known to have been previously collected in the State (Force).

Nevada Savannah Sparrow. *Passerculus sandwichensis nevadensis*. A male collected Jan. 26, 1935, 6 mi. east of Tulsa (Tomer). *Status*: Winter resident throughout the main part of the State. A specimen was taken by Koons Apr. 17, 1926 from Tulsa.†

*Western Lark Sparrow. *Chondestes grammacus strigatus*. A male taken Apr. 5, 1935, 6 mi. north of Tulsa near Turley (Hughes). *Status*: Common summer resident throughout central and western Oklahoma (Nice). This is the first specimen from eastern Oklahoma. Perhaps a transient visitor.

*Western Tree Sparrow. *Spizella arborea ochracea*. A female collected Jan. 19, 1935, 6 mi. east of Tulsa (Tomer-Hughes). *Status*:

†Nice, Margaret M., *The Birds of Oklahoma*, Rev. ed., Univ. Okla. Biol. Surv. (Univ. of Okla. Press).

Winter visitant in central and western Oklahoma (Nice). This is the first specimen recorded from eastern Oklahoma.

Eastern Field Sparrow. *Spizella pusilla pusilla*. A male collected Jan. 26, 1935, 6 mi. east of Tulsa (Tomer). Status: Summer resident in eastern and central Oklahoma (Nice). Two other specimens have been reported from Tulsa.†

Mississippi Song Sparrow. *Melospiza melodia beata*. A male collected Jan. 5, 1935, near Locust Grove (Hughes). Status: Common winter resident in eastern and central Oklahoma (Nice). This is the first specimen reported from Mayes Co.

*Chestnut-collared Longspur. *Calcarius ornatus*. A male and female collected Feb. 9, 1935, 8 mi. southeast of Tulsa (Tomer). Status: Winter visitant throughout the State (Nice). These are the first specimens reported from Tulsa Co.

Smith or Painted Longspur. *Calcarius pictus*. A female collected Feb. 9, 1935, 8 mi. southeast of Tulsa (Tomer). A male taken Nov. 30, 1934, 7 mi. northeast of Tulsa near Bald Peak (Hughes.) Status: Transient and winter visitant (Nice). One other specimen has been collected from Tulsa, by Gilmore, Dec. 1, 1928.

