

UNUSUAL ITEMS FROM THE 1947 AND 1948 RECORDS OF THE TULSA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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The following records of birds are believed to be new or unusual for eastern Oklahoma; some of them new for the State.

Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*. One was seen flying low over Recreation Lake in Mohawk Park, April 1, 1948, by Tom and Cepha Jessee and Orrin and Ethel Letson. Two were seen in the spring of 1938 or 1939 by Hugh Davis, Wallace Hughes and Orrin Letson, the written record having become lost. These are the only known records of brown pelican in Tulsa County.

Water-Turkey, *Anhinga anhinga*. One was seen in Mohawk Park, September 24, 1948, by Tom Jessee and Orrin and Ethel Letson. Three were seen in Mohawk Park October 17, 1948, by Mrs. Peggy Acord. These are the first records of water-turkey for Tulsa County.

Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*. One was seen in Mohawk Park, December 28, 1947 by Hugh Davis. One was seen in Mohawk Park January 15, 1948, by Boyd Robinson, Hugh Davis, Charles Brown and Newman Perryman.

Sandhill Crane, *Grus canadensis*. A flock of 19 observed flying over Mohawk Park, October 9, 1948, by Hugh Davis and Tom Jessee.

Sora, *Porzana carolina*. One seen in Mohawk Park, December 28, 1947, by Hugh Davis.

Eskimo Curlew, *Numenius borealis*. Four individuals of this nearly extinct species were seen in Osage County, April 18, 1948, by Tom and Cepha Jessee and Orrin and Ethel Letson.

Willet, *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*. One was seen in Mohawk Park, April 25, 1948, by Harold and Clara Spore, the only Tulsa County record for many years, if not a first record.

Laughing Gull, *Larus atricilla*. Four were observed over Mohawk Lake, October 9, 1948, by Orrin Letson. On October 10, 1948, a large flock was observed at the same locality by several members of the Tulsa Audubon Society.

Road-Runner, *Geococcyx californianus*. A young road-runner was caught on a farm two miles west of Turley in extreme eastern Osage County, June 26, 1948, by Hugh Davis. On July 6, 1948, a nest with eggs was found at the same locality by Hugh Davis and Bob Jenni.

Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Nuttallornis borealis*. The first records of this bird for Tulsa County were made in 1948, and the number of observations indicates an unusually heavy flight. One was seen April 10, 1948, in Tulsa city, by Mrs. Mary Crosser; one in Mohawk Park, April 25, 1948, by Tom and Cepha Jessee; and one at Camp Garland in Mayes County, May 23, 1948, by 14 members of Tulsa Audubon Society.

Black-throated Green Warbler, *Dendroica virens*. One was seen in Mohawk Park, October 11, 1947, by John Galley and Alexander Sprunt, Jr.