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## New and Unusual Birds for Tulsa County, Oklahoma

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Several members of the Tulsa Audubon Society were active in their field observation of birds in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, in 1950 and 1951. Among the many species recorded by the group during these years, the following are the most noteworthy:

Red-necked Grebe (*Colymbus grisegena*). John Newell saw one on Yahola Lake, the largest lake in Mohawk Park, December 17, 1950. On the same lake Hugh Davis saw the species three times in 1949—on October 23, November 1, and November 3, a single bird on each date.

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*): On October 30 and 31, 1951, Mrs. Bruce Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spore, Mrs. Wid Gilbert,

Mrs. Roy Ginter, and the junior author saw one on Recreation Lake in Mohawk Park. On November 1, 1951, Mrs. Donald Acord saw one on the same lake. These are the first Tulsa County records for this species.

Common Scoter (*Oidemia nigra*). On November 3, 1951, the authors saw a female Common Scoter on Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park. When first observed it was about a hundred feet out from shore. The light cheeks were noticeable. The bill appeared to be dark and was without any sort of knob at the base. This species has not been recorded from Tulsa County heretofore.

Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*). The authors saw a Long-billed Curlew along the shore of Recreation Lake in Mohawk Park on April 7, 1951. This species was mentioned in the summary of old records for Tulsa County; it has not, however, been seen in recent years—certainly not since 1934, when the Tulsa Audubon Society began keeping records.

Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*). Mrs. Bruce Reynolds and the junior author saw one in full breeding plumage at Recreation Lake in Mohawk Park on May 25, 1951. On May 26 and 27, 1951, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spore saw four at the same lake. This species has not heretofore been reported from Tulsa County.

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*). Recorded several times on Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park in 1951—May 20 (two birds seen by John G. Newell); June 10 (a single bird seen by the authors and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jessee); and September 16 (a single bird seen by Mrs. Donald Acord). These are the first records of the species for Tulsa County.

Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*). On May 13, 1950, Mrs. Bruce Reynolds and Bess Smith saw four flying over prairie lands near Garnett, about ten miles northeast of downtown Tulsa. This species has not heretofore been reported for Tulsa County.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsoni*). This interesting species may be establishing itself in Mohawk Park. It was recorded repeatedly in moist woodland in the middle of the park in the spring of 1950 and in the spring and summer of 1951. On no occasion during either year, however, were observers certain that they heard or saw more than one bird, and no nest was discovered. In 1950 the species was recorded as follows: April 27, one bird heard singing by James L. Norman and the authors; May 4, singing heard by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spore, James L. Norman, and the authors; May 14, one bird seen by Mrs. Donald Acord; May 21 and 23, one bird heard and seen by the authors and several other persons; May 30 and June 1, singing heard by several persons.

In 1951, various persons saw or heard (or both) a single bird on the following dates: April 29, May 2, May 5, May 9, May 20, and May 30. On July 8, John Newell heard one singing.

The only previous record for the county is that of a single bird seen by the senior author in May, 1939 (exact date lost).

Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*). John Newell saw a male in Mohawk Park on May 20, 1951. The species has not heretofore been reported from the county.

Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*). On April 26, 1951, Mrs. A. M. Mery saw a Connecticut Warbler in a thicketed ravine leading down to an ornamental lake near her home at 2846 S. Florence Street. She saw the species again (one bird) in the same ravine on May 6, 1951. This species has not heretofore been reported from the county.