
New and Unusual Birds in Tulsa County from the 1952 Records of the Tulsa Audubon Society

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The members of the Tulsa Audubon Society turned in the following unusual bird records for the year 1952:

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanopters*). One male Cinnamon Teal was seen on Recreation Lake in Mohawk Park on February 9, 1952, by the authors. On February 10 four were present and reported by John G. Newell and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Esst, at the same location. On February 14 one was seen by Harold and Clara Spore. On March 15 one was seen by Peggy Acord and on March 16 one was seen by group of Tulsa Audubon Society members. It was last seen on March 19 by Anne Reynolds, Mame Ginter and Ethel Letson. These are the first recorded observations of Cinnamon Teal seen in Tulsa County since March 1939.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*). Three were present September 17 on the dry bed of Sperry Lake. They were observed by Sophia Mery, Mame Ginter, Bruce and Anne Reynolds, and Ethel Letson. This is the first record since the Tulsa Audubon Society began keeping records in 1934.

Wilson's Phalarope (*Steganopus tricolor*). On August 27 one Wilson's Phalarope was observed in the Arkansas River at Tulsa by Anne Reynolds, Mame Ginter, and Ethel Letson. On September 3 Bruce and Anne Reynolds saw one at the same location. On September 4, Clara Spore, Minta Robinson,

and Anne Reynolds observed two at the same area. These are the first records of Wilson's Phalarope for Tulsa County.

Short-billed Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*). The first recorded occurrence of the Short-billed Marsh Wren in Tulsa County occurred August 9, when one was observed in Mohawk Park by John G. Newell, Mame Ginter, Anne Reynolds, Minta Robinson, and Ethel Letson. It was seen in the cattail covered area south of Recreation Lake.

Palm Warbler (*Denaricoa palmrum*). The Palm Warbler appeared in migration in Tulsa County, May 1, when one was observed by Bruce and Anne Reynolds on North Lewis Road, north of the city of Tulsa. This is the first record since the spring of 1938.

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*). The first recorded nesting of the American Redstart occurred in Mohawk Park in 1952. On May 16, a male was discovered carrying nesting material by Minta Robinson, Anne Reynolds, and Mame Ginter. On June 8, various members of the Tulsa Audubon Society observed the female on the nest, apparently incubating. On June 13, the female was observed carrying food by Ruth Rose, Minta Robinson, and Ethel Letson. On June 15, the male was observed singing in the vicinity of the nest by Tom and Cepha Jessee and the authors. On June 16 the male and female were seen in the vicinity of the nest by Minta Robinson and Ethel Letson. On June 29 the nest was vacated and the parents and young could not be found in the neighborhood by the authors.
