

New and Unusual Bird Records for Tulsa County, Oklahoma and Adjacent Areas

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The Tulsa Audubon Society submits the following records for the years January through December, 1959 and January through November, 1960. The dates of the Oklahoma Academy of Science Annual Meeting restricts the inclusion of December, 1960. Any records that may occur will be included in next year's report.

The total species for the eleven months of 1960 for Tulsa County are 227 compared with 212 for the twelve months of 1959. Among the most noteworthy of report at this time: (All names verified in A.O.U. checklist, 1957.)

1959

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*). On March 8, a Kittiwake in immature plumage was identified on Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park. This bird was seen March 8- 29. It was photographed in color by Jack Barrett of Ponca City and Jerry Niel of Tulsa and copies sent to Dr. Fred Baumgartner of Oklahoma State University and Dr. George Sutton of the University of Oklahoma. This is a new record for Tulsa County and for the State of Oklahoma.

On October 12, a Kittiwake in similar plumage appeared at Yahola Lake and remained in the area until November 7.

Dunlin (*Erolia alpina*). This single individual in winter plumage was seen on November 15 on the splash wall of Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park by Bruce and Anne Reynolds. The only other record we have for Tulsa County is September, 1954 when it was seen for two days.

Sanderling (*Crocethia alba*). One individual was seen on the splash wall of Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park on October 12 and 15. Our previous record for this species was in October, 1953.

Northern Phalarope (*Lobipes lobatus*). One bird of this species was seen on October 6 swimming near the edge of Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park by Bruce and Anne Reynolds. The only other recorded occurrence of this species in Tulsa County was in August, 1957.

Rock Wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*). A Rock Wren wintered at the home of Harold and Clara Spore, 2520 East 53rd Street, Tulsa. It first appeared on December 24 and 26, 1958 under a bird feeder and was carefully identified from a distance as close as eight feet. Although severe weather followed, it was seen daily thereafter until April 1, 1959. There is one previous record of a Rock Wren in Tulsa County reported by Koons in 1926 (Nice, 1931).

1960 — January through November

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*). On July 6, White Ibis were observed for the first time in Tulsa County when Bruce and Anne Reynolds saw two birds in immature plumage feeding in large shallow pools left by receding flood waters of the Arkansas River, south of Tulsa. On July 7, there were three immature individuals and none was reported again until August 7, when one White Ibis was seen at the same location.

Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaia ajaja*). In the same situation as described above for the Ibis, on July 6 three Roseate Spoonbills were seen feeding in the strand pools. The identification was made by Bruce and Anne Reynolds with the use of a 20-power Balscope. By the morning of the 7th, about 200 yards from the road, there were seven Spoonbills. This is the first time these birds have been seen in Tulsa County.

Oldsquaw (*Clangula hyemalis*). Three females were observed November 30 on Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park by Ethel Getgood and Anne Reynolds. The last report of Oldsquaws in the Tulsa area was in April, 1950.

White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta deglandi*). An adult male White-winged Scoter was seen on November 6 on Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park by Anne Reynolds and later the same day, by five other observers. The only other records of the White-winged Scoter in the Tulsa area are in December, 1937 and early in the year 1938.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*). There were two reports of Buff-breasted Sandpipers in the Tulsa area in 1960. Two individuals were seen on August 21 and five on August 31 in the same location as the Spoonbills and Ibis. Both observations were by Bruce and Anne Reynolds. Previous records for this species are September, 1952 and August, 1954.

Boat-tailed Grackle (*Cassidix mexicanus*). A female Boat-tailed Grackle was observed by Bruce and Anne Reynolds on April 16 on the Garnett Prairie in an area near Bird Creek. The bird was watched at close range, feeding on the ground with a Red-winged Blackbird and a Meadowlark and all characteristics noted. This is the first report of this species in Tulsa County.

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