

**New and Unusual Occurrence of Birds in Tulsa County,
Oklahoma as Recorded by the Tulsa Audubon Society,
for December 1960 Through November 1961**

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1960

Snowy Owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*). One Snowy Owl was seen in Mohawk Park on December 14 by Mrs. Bruce Reynolds, and later on the same day by Bruce Reynolds, Mrs. George Getgood, Fraser and Janet Getgood. This is the first recorded occurrence of this species in Tulsa County.

An individual of the same species was seen on the airfield adjoining Mohawk Park on December 16 by C. E. Brown and Lewis Davis, employees of Mohawk Zoo.

On December 17, a Snowy Owl was killed by a passing car on a highway northeast of Tulsa. The specimen was retrieved and brought to A. L. Statum, a Tulsa taxidermist.

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Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*). One Ruddy Turnstone was observed feeding on the splash wall of Yahola Lake in Mohawk Park by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Reynolds on May 21. The only other record for this species was in May, 1955.

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*). A male of this species was identified on April 24 by Mrs. George Getgood near her home at 1835 South Cheyenne, which is near the Arkansas River in Tulsa. This is the first record for this species in Tulsa County.

Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*). Two males and two females of this species were identified on May 7 by Mrs. Lugene Alexander at her home, 1313 South Pittsburg. The birds were seen under very favorable conditions drinking from a birdbath within twelve feet of the observer. This is the first record for this species in Tulsa County.

Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*). Ten birds of this species were identified by Virginia Kelting at her home, 535 South Quebec, on February 21. On March 14, three Red Crossbills were seen by the same observer at the same location. The only other record for this species was a single individual in April, 1954.