

## New Bird Records for Tulsa County, Oklahoma

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The following observations from the 1964-1965 records of the Tulsa Audubon Society are thought to be of interest to students of bird distribution in Oklahoma:

Louisiana Heron *Hydranassa tricolor* (Müller). On June 18, 1965, one bird of this species was found associated with Little Blue Herons *Florida caerulea* (Linnaeus) at the Romac Farm heronry 3.5 miles southeast of Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, by Anne Reynolds. On June 19, 1965, one was seen in the same place by Anne and Bruce Reynolds. Both observations of about thirty minutes duration were made at a distance of approximately 300 yards with a 20X Balscope. The observers were familiar with this heron, having seen it recently in the Gulf coast area. They recognized it as an unusual species in Tulsa County and were especially careful in observing and identifying the bird.

This is the first recorded observation of this species in Tulsa County. It is not listed in Force's (1929) or Letson's (1954) lists of birds of this vicinity.

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus* (Ord). The following observations during 1964 of one bird on each occasion were made at a gravel dike in Yahoia Reservoir at Mohawk Park, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma: feeding bird seen by Anne and Bruce Reynolds on August 12; August 13 by Bruce Reynolds; August 15 by Anne and Bruce Reynolds and John S. Tomer; and August 16 by Tomer. Presumably all four observations were of the same bird in pale fall plumage, with restricted light brown collar and no frontal band. It was observed carefully at about 80 feet for 30 to 45 minutes during each visit with 7x35 binoculars and a 20X Balscope. The Reynolds, during this period, corroborated their identification by comparing this bird with the Snowy Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* (Linnaeus) which they saw at the Salt Plains in Alfalfa County.

No previous records of the Piping Plover exist for this area. It is not mentioned in either of the lists cited above.

Cape May Warbler *Dendroica tigrina* (Gmelin). On April 30, 1964, one bird of this species was seen in Woodward Park, Tulsa, by Ethel Getgood. The observer is familiar with the bird, having seen it often in previous years in northeastern United States. She watched it twice for several minutes in the lower branches of the trees in the park.

In a previously published account of this sighting, the date was inadvertently reported as April 24, 1964 (Baumgartner, 1964). There is only one other record of this species for Tulsa County, a specimen taken in 1955 (Tomer, 1956).

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