Canyon, 3 mi. north of Clayton; on April 3, 1955, a male along Perico Creek, 6 mi. west of Clayton; on October 23, 1955, a female in Paradise Canyon, 3 mi. north of Clayton; on April 19, 1959, a male in Clayton. Clayton is in northeastern New Mexico, about 11 mi. from the southwestern corner of the Oklahoma Panhandle.—George M. Sutton, Department of Zoology. University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma 73069, 28 May 1968.

**Rufous-crowned Sparrow in Custer County, Oklahoma.**—On 27 May 1968, in a deeply eroded gully 3 mi. north of Thomas, in northeastern Custer County, Oklahoma, I happened upon two Rufous-crowned Sparrows (*Aimophila ruficeps*). The walls of the gully were almost bare, but scattered shrubbery grew near the top. Neither bird was singing and so far as I could tell neither was carrying food. Since *Aimophila ruficeps* had not been reported from Custer County, I collected one of the two, finding it to be a female with well defined brood-patch. The specimen is No. 6351 in the bird collection at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.—Jack D. Tyler, Department of Biology, Cameron State College, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501, 15 November 1968.

**Black-throated Sparrow in Kiowa County, Oklahoma.**—On 5 March 1962, while mist-netting 3 mi. south of Lugert, Kiowa County, southwestern Oklahoma, I banded (No. 101-87558) and released an adult Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*). The bird was flushed from a large pile of cut brush in a weedy area along a stream bottom. Several Slate-colored Juncos (*Junco hyemalis*) and a Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*) were netted in the same area that morning.

According to Sutton (1967, Oklahoma Birds. pp. 617-18), there is only one previous record for the Black-throated Sparrow east of the Panhandle's Black Mesa country in Cimarron County: a specimen taken by Sutton in central Oklahoma, near Lexington, Cleveland County, on 27 October 1956. The banded bird also represents unusually early spring arrival, 3 April being the earliest spring record heretofore reported (Sutton, op. cit.).----Willet T. Van Velzen, Migratory Bird Populations Station. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Laurel. Md. 20810, 26 September 1968.

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