

43) and also to Jackson County (Tyler, 1979, Stovall Mus. Contr. 2, p. 50) and Comanche County (1978, Amer. birds, 32:1182).—Lyle L. Byfield, P.O. Box 24, Wakita, Oklahoma 73771, 3 April 1979.

FROM THE EDITOR: Rod W. Smith and Jack S. Barclay have recently published in American Birds (1978, 32: 1123-27) an important paper on the westward range extension of the American Woodcock (*Philohela minor*). A summary of their findings is in order since many students of ornithology in Oklahoma may not even be aware of the fact that woodcocks nest in the state. Data were collected from North Dakota to Texas, and all states except Nebraska reported breeding considerably west of the generally accepted western limits. Earliest dates for courtship ranged from late January in Oklahoma and Texas to 24 April in North Dakota. Nesting began as early as 14 February in Oklahoma and 3 April in South Dakota. Some birds hatched in Minnesota and Wisconsin migrated through or wintered in the southern survey states. The species may be commoner west of its accepted range than has previously been believed.—Jack D. Tyler.

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