

But all the important identification points were there: the gray head, rufous back, black in front of and around the eye, and the clear ashy gray of the sides and flanks. The bird was *J. caniceps*. I watched it for some time. Many of the juncos with it seemed to be of the "pink-sided" sort. The following evening (25 October) I saw it again, this time alone. I watched it as it drank at the birdbath and flew into a bald cypress tree near the house.

I did not see it again. Nor did I see any more juncos in my yard until 18 November. On that date I saw several "slate-colored" birds there. These remained in the neighborhood for the rest of the winter.

Junco caniceps is not easy to identify. Specimens had been taken in Cimarron and Texas counties (24 November to 18 May), but sight records (several of them published) for Beaver, Comanche, Cleveland, Oklahoma, and Payne counties are all in need of confirmation (see Sutton, 1974, Check-list of Oklahoma birds, Stovall Mus. Sci. & Hist., Univ. Oklahoma, Norman, p. 46 and Tyler, 1979, Birds of southwestern Oklahoma, Stovall Mus. Contr. 2, p. 53). The species has not heretofore been reported from Beckham County. — Ina S. Brown, 106 Sunset, Elk City, Oklahoma 73644, 15 May 1980.

FROM THE EDITOR: A boost in membership of the O.O.S. is sorely needed. This will help put the organization on a sound financial footing, and will provide additional benefits. Any group involved with conservation and study of our rapidly dwindling natural resources is only as strong as the size and intensity of its membership. Greater numbers of trained eyes on Oklahoma's birdlife would result in a larger information-gathering network. (Many parts of Oklahoma contain few or no reliable observers.) A larger membership should lead to Bulletin contributions from a greater number of writers. Success at publication will foster and encourage renewed activity, spontaneous enthusiasm, and an even larger membership.

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