

birds, Stovall Mus. Sci. & Hist., Univ. Oklahoma, Norman, p. 47). The first state record as well as the latest fall date of occurrence heretofore was 11 October 1925, when R. Crompton Tate observed 14 of these birds near Kenton (Tate, R. C., 1926, *Condor* 28:181). — Sebastian T. Patti, 6528 *Wenonga Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66208, 10 January 1980.*

**White-winged Crossbill in Beckham County, Oklahoma.**—From 9 February to 3 March 1982 a White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*) visited Elk City, Beckham County, western Oklahoma. I first saw the bird at 0745 on 9 February at the feeder in my yard. The weather that day was decidedly wintry. Air temperature rose from a low of 4°F in the early morning to a high of 16° in mid-afternoon. The sky was overcast; icy sleet and snow covered the ground. Also visiting the feeder that morning were six House Finches (*Carpodacus mexicanus*), several House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*), and a female Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*). I had no trouble identifying the crossbill, for its white wingbars were conspicuous and I could see its crossed mandibles easily when I looked at them through my binocular. Its fierceness toward the other birds surprised me. The House Finches and House Sparrows gave way to it. More than once while I watched it, before leaving the house for the day, it chased off the House Sparrows.

When I returned home in the evening, I saw the white wingbars flash as the crossbill flew from the feeder with the House Finches. A few minutes later I had a telephone call from Pope Almon and his wife Alma, who had just seen at their feeder a "white-winged finch-like bird" whose pugnacious attitude toward the other birds was noticeable. They continued to see the crossbill frequently at their feeder along with the House Finches from 10 to 16 February, during most of which period I was out of town. They last saw it on 3 March. It was with House Finches on that date.

*Loxia leucoptera* has now been recorded on six occasions in Oklahoma. A specimen was found dead in Beaver County; the other records are for the following counties: Tulsa 2, Cleveland 1, Washington 1, McCurtain 1 (G. M. Sutton Summary of Bird Records, Stovall Mus. Sci. & Hist., Univ. Oklahoma). The species was well photographed by Robert J. Farris in Tulsa County on 26 February 1977 (1977, *Bull. Oklahoma Orn. Soc.* 10:25). — Ina S. Brown, 106 *Sunset, Elk City, Oklahoma 73644, 3 March 1982.*

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