

15 feet, I could tell that this finch was not an American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*), a species that recently had been frequenting the feeder. Although the bird was goldfinch size, its bill was slightly smaller and it had a streaked, rather than an unmarked, breast. It was a Pine Siskin (*Carduelis pinus*), a species we commonly see in winter. As I came closer to it, the bird flew before I could detect other field marks. My wife Janet saw a siskin the next day and I saw one on 21 July. This time, I saw that the wing bars and the bases of the tail feathers were yellow. It is likely that we saw the same bird each date.

I learned that a siskin had lingered until 15 June at the residence of Paul and Iris Hefty in Bartlesville, sporadically visiting their feeders with several Northern Cardinals (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) and Tufted Titmice (*Parus bicolor*). Because these locations are barely 3 miles apart, and since the date is so unseasonal, it could well be that we were seeing the same individual.

In Delaware County, 75 miles southeast of Bartlesville, a single siskin visited a feeder in the Murray L. Looney yard 5 miles north of Colcord during mid-morning on 7 and 8 July, 1984. It was seen by Looney, his wife Mary, and Fred and Marguerite Baumgartner on both days.

Carduelis pinus is a transient and winter visitor statewide that has been recorded from 28 September (from 1 September in Cimarron County) to as late as 2 June (Sutton, G. M., 1974, A check-list of Oklahoma birds, Stovall Mus. Sci. & Hist., Univ. Oklahoma, Norman, p. 43). There is only one breeding record for Oklahoma: a nest containing three eggs was found in a pinyon pine (*Pinus edulis*) near Kenton, Cimarron County, at the western end of the Panhandle on 5 June 1911 (Tate, R. C., 1923, Proc. Oklahoma Acad. Sci. 3:47).—Randall A. Porter, 5307 Ranch Rd., Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006, 17 September 1984.

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