

BIRDS KILLED AT THE COWETA TV TOWER 1974-84 (Cont.)

Species	Aug.		Sept.				Oct.				Nov.		Total
	22-31	1-7	8-14	15-21	22-30	1-7	8-14	15-21	22-31	1-7	8-17		
69 Field Sparrow							1						1
70 Savannah Sparrow									1	40	16	1	58
71 Grasshopper Sparrow				2						7			9
72 Le Conte's Sparrow									12	6			18
73 Sharp-tailed Sparrow						2	1						3
74 Fox Sparrow										1			1
75 Song Sparrow									1	4			5
76 Lincoln's Sparrow					3	2	5		5	2			17
77 Swamp Sparrow						1	1		4	3	1		10
78 White-throated Sparrow									9	2			11
79 White-crowned Sparrow									1				1
80 Dark-eyed Junco									6	27			33
81 Bobolink			3	1									4
82 Eastern Meadowlark					1			1	2	4			8
83 Western Meadowlark									1				1
84 Common Grackle											1		1
85 Brown-headed Cowbird				1					3				4
86 Northern Oriole	2		8	159	1								170
87 Pine Siskin										1			1
TOTALS BY WEEK	15	1	96	401	409	75	215	15	479	89	7		1802

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RECENT RECORDS FOR RED KNOT IN OKLAHOMA

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The Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*) was first observed in Oklahoma at the Great Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge in Alfalfa County on 19 September 1941. From that date until 26 July 1968, it was recorded eight times at large impoundments in the vicinity of Oklahoma City and once in Bryan County. All but two of these sightings were in late summer and fall. In 1968, John G. Newell reviewed these records (Bull. Oklahoma Orn. Soc. 1:13-16), concluding that the Red Knot was "a rare and irregular migrant in central Oklahoma and probably throughout the open grasslands of the Southern Great Plains from July 26 to October 18," and that the two spring sightings (probably of the same individual) "suggest that spring occurrence is accidental." Competent observers from several locations around the state have encountered this species a number of times since July, 1968. This paper annotates known sightings through the

fall of 1986. Most of these were extracted directly from George M. Sutton's Species Summaries at the University of Oklahoma's Stovall Museum (now the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History). Without Sutton's untiring efforts to seek out, record and maintain pertinent records, this paper would not have been feasible.

August 17, 1968. Observer G. M. Sutton. A single adult, in "fairly bright" breeding feather, was flushed from a shallow sewage pond near Boise City, Cimarron County. The bird gradually moved away in a series of "hovers and glides" reminiscent of courtship flights which the observer had witnessed in the arctic (Sutton, 1969, Bull. Oklahoma Orn. Soc. 2:22).

September 21, 1969. Observers J. G. Newell, *et al.* One bird seen at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (Sutton, G. M. [1982], Species summaries of Oklahoma bird records, Oklahoma Mus. Nat. Hist., Univ. Oklahoma, Norman).

October 18, 1969. Observers J. G. Newell and V. J. Vacin. A single knot was carefully identified at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (Sutton [1982]).

August 22, 1971. Observers J. G. Newell and J. B. Parkhill. Two knots were photographed at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (Sutton [1982]).

September 2, 7, 14, 1971. Observer D. M. Goard. The species was viewed at Young's Lake, five miles northwest of Dewey, Washington County; one bird on 2 September, two on 7 September, and one on 14 September (Sutton [1982]).

September 23-25, 1972. Observer J. G. Newell. A single juvenile bird with scalloped back feathers was discovered at Lake Overholser, Oklahoma County.

August 25, 1973. Observer J. S. Shackford. A "gray" bird was at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (1974, Amer. Birds 28:73).

September 3, 1973. Observer J. S. Shackford. Three birds were present at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (1974, Amer. Birds 28:73).

September 4-11, 1973. Observers J. G. Newell, *et al.* An individual in gray plumage appeared repeatedly at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (1974, Amer. Birds 28:73).

May 12, 1974. Observer D. A. Shorter. One seen at Great Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge, Alfalfa County (Sutton [1982]).

August 1, 1974. Observer J. S. Shackford. One adult "turning gray on hind neck" found at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (Sutton [1982]).

September 12, 13, 1974. Observer J. S. Shackford. One bird identified each date at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (Sutton [1982]).

August 24, 1975. Observer E. Hicks. At Hulah Reservoir, Osage County, a singleton was present (Sutton [1982]).

August 29, 30, 1977. Observer J. S. Shackford. A knot found each date at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County; bird photographed 30 August (Sutton [1982]).

September 3, 1979. Observer J. C. Hoffman. One seen among shallow ponds near Arkansas River in southern Tulsa County (Sutton [1982]).

May 10, 1981. Observer J. A. Grzybowski. One collected (OMNH 16949) at pond in McClain County, near Norman (Sutton [1982]).

May 20, 1981. Observers J. A. Kirk and P. C. Clover. Flock of seven (all in breeding feather) fed along shore of main reservoir, Great Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge, Alfalfa County (Sutton [1982]).

August 22, 1982. Observers J. C. Hoffman, J. W. Arterburn, and J. S. Tomer.

One (possibly two) observed at Lake Oologah, a bird in juvenile or first winter plumage at Winganon Flats, Rogers County; possibly the same individual about eight miles to the north in Nowata County.

August 29, 1982. Observers H. W. and D. M. Goard. One in winter plumage appeared at Oologah Reservoir, Rogers County (Sutton [1982]).

September 25-28, 1982. Observers J. G. Newell, *et al.* A single bird showed up repeatedly at Rose Lake, Canadian County.

July 17, 1983. Observer J. W. Arterburn. A knot in breeding plumage was present in south Tulsa County (1983, Tulsa Scissortail, August-September, p. 6).

August 21, 1983. Observer E. Delap. Five in winter plumage were found near Copan Lake dam, Washington County (incorrectly reported as one bird in *Amer. Birds* 38:219, 1984).

September 3, 1984. Observer J. C. Hoffman. A bird in juvenile or first winter plumage was discovered at Winganon Flats, on the east side of Lake Oologah, Rogers County.

September 13-14, 1985. Observers J. A. Grzybowski, J. G. Newell, *et al.* A singleton appeared both dates at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (1986, *Amer. Birds* 40:135).

August 7, 1986. Observers M. Droege and D. Verser. Single bird seen at Oologah Reservoir, Nowata County (1987, *The Scissortail* 37[1]:9).

August 10, 1986. Observer M. Oliphant. One knot fed alongside a smaller Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*) on a wave-washed mudflat along the southwest shore of Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (1987, *The Scissortail* 37[1]:8).

September 5, 1986. Observers M. Oliphant and J. Webster. Two individuals were found at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (1987, *The Scissortail*, *ibid.*).

September 6, 1986. Observers J. G. Newell, *et al.* Three knots were seen at Lake Hefner, Oklahoma County (1987, *The Scissortail*, *ibid.*).

September 7, 1986. Observers J. C. Hoffman, J. Thayer, and J. W. Arterburn. On mudflats at the north end of Lake Oologah, Rogers County, a single bird in juvenile or first winter plumage was discovered.

These additional 29 records during the past 19 years (1968-86) tend to indicate that the Red Knot is a rare to uncommon transient in Oklahoma that is decidedly rarer in spring. On an irregular basis it has been seen between 10 and 20 May during northward migration (only five records) and between extreme dates of 17 July and 18 October during fall. However, the great majority of sightings have occurred between mid-August and late September. It is to be looked for throughout Oklahoma during periods of migration.

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