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THE COVER

Thanks go to Kathy Caminiti for this photograph of a Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora pinus*) at a nest in Boone County.

THE WINTER SEASON - 2000-2001
Fred M. Busroe

December 2000 was the third coldest December on record, about 10 degrees below the average normal temperature. Frequent snow flurries and cold air combined to keep a seemingly continual snow cover. The weather did moderate during January and February 2001. The season was highlighted by observations of Pacific Loon, Northern Goshawk, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, several gull species, Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, and Red Crossbill.

Abbreviations - WMA = Wildlife Management Area; AJP = A.J. Jolly Park, Campbell County; Aug = Augusta, Bracken County; Bar = Barren River Reservoir, Allen/Barren counties; Bark = Barkley Dam, Lyon County; BBL = Big Bone Lick State Park, Boone County; Blo = Blood River Embayment, Ky Lake, Calloway County; Cad = Cadiz, Trigg County; Cal = Calloway County; CEL = Camp Ernst Lake, Boone County; Cor = Corbin, Laurel County; Cov = Covington, Kenton County; Cra = Craig's Creek, Gallatin County; Day = Dayton, Campbell County; EBP = East Bend Power Plant, Boone County; Ful = Fulton County; Ghe = Ghent Power Plant, Carroll County; Gray = Grayson County; Hart = Hart County; Her = Herndon, Christian County; Hib = Hickman Bottoms, Fulton County; Jon = Jonathan Creek, Marshall County; KyDam = Kentucky Dam, Marshall/Livingston counties; KyLake = Kentucky Lake, Marshall/Lyon counties; L#9 = Lake No. 9, Fulton County; Lex = Lexington, Fayette County; LBark = Lake Barkley, Livingston/Lyon/Trigg counties; LBL = Land Between the Lakes, Lyon/Trigg counties; Lim = Limestone Lake, Warren County; Log = Logan County; LPU = Long Point Unit of Reelfoot NWR, Fulton County; Lyon = Lyon County; Mark = Markland Dam, Bracken County; McC = McCracken County; Mel = Meldahl Dam, Bracken County; New = Newport, Campbell County; NKU = Northern Kentucky University, Campbell County; PWMA = Peabody WMA, Muhlenburg/Ohio counties; Pet = Petersburg, Boone County; Rab = Rabbit Hash, Boone County; RRL = Rough River Lake, Grayson County; SC = Short Creek, Grayson County; She = Shelby County; Smi = Smithland Dam, Livingston County; Ste = Steele's Bottom, Gallatin County; Uni = Union, Gallatin County; UKF = University of Kentucky Farm, Fayette County; Warn = Warren County.

Red-throated Loon - 1 from December 3 -7 at Bar (DR).

Pacific Loon - 1 on November 19 on KyLake (DR). Documentation to be submitted.

Horned Grebe - 2 on December 2 and 1 on December 12 at New; 4 on January 21 at KyDam (Hap, CP).

Eared Grebe - 1 on December 3 on Bar (DR).

American White Pelican - 9 on December 31 near Bark; 150 on February 10 in Ful (Hap, RD); 250 on February 23 on LBark (DR).

Black Vulture - 100 on December 16 at Ghe and 25 on December 30 at EBP (LMc); 8 on January 31 at LPU (GC); 2 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD).

Turkey Vulture - 95 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 94+ on February 11 at LPU (KL); 2 on February 18 at Blo (Hap).

Mute Swan - 1 on December 4 on Bar (DR); 7 on December 30 - January 1 at EBP (LMc); 9 on January 1 at New and 9 on January 8 at Mel (FR); 2 observed from January 11-16 at LBark (BL).

Trumpeter Swan - 2 on January 21 west of Paducah, McCracken County (Hap, CP). Documentation to be submitted.

Greater White-fronted Goose - 175+ on January 9, 130 on January 17 and 60 on January

- 26 at LPU (KL); 5 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 12 on February 28 at LPU (KL).
- Snow Goose** - 19 on January 9 at LPU (KL); approximately 500 on February 10 in Ful (Hap, RD).
- Ross's Goose** - 4 on February 10 in Ful (Hap, RD); 1 on February 28 at LPU (KL).
- Canada Goose** - 130 on January 5 in Bar (MS); 55 in cornfield on January 10 in Gray (JP); 40 on February 10 and 200 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 24 on February 18 at Blo (Hap).
- Wood Duck** - 10 on February 19 at Ste and 2 on February 24 at Pet (LMc).
- Gadwall** - 77 on February 6 at LPU (KL); 8 on February 18 at Blo, 8 at Jon and 25 in Cal on February 25 (Hap).
- American Wigeon** - 30 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD).
- American Black Duck** - 10 on January 13 in Gray (JP); 21 on February 7 at Mel (FR); 2 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD).
- Mallard** - 150 on January 4 at Mel (FR); 18 on January 13 in Gray (JP); 60 on February 7 at AJP (FR); approximately 500 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 30 on February 25 at Jon (Hap).
- Northern Pintail** - 2 on February 3 in Ful (JP); 150 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD).
- Northern Shoveler** - 4 on February 6 at LPU (KL); 12 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 4 on February 25 at Jon (Hap).
- Green-winged Teal** - 12 on February 6 at LPU (KL); 19 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 6 on February 25 in Cal (Hap).
- Greater Scaup** - 3 on December 16 at Willow Bay, LBark (BL, PL); 450 on February 23 on Bark (DR).
- Lesser Scaup** - Approximately 9,500 on December 27 on Bark (DR).
- Surf Scoter** - 1 from December 3 - 4 at Bar (DR).
- Long-tailed Duck** - 1 on November 30 at Lim and 1 on December 6 at Bar (DR).
- Common Goldeneye** - 65 on January 21 at KyDam (Hap, CP).
- Hooded Merganser** - 3 on January 11 and 4 on February 18 at Blo (Hap); 3 on February 10 at CEL and 8 on February 19 at Ste (LMc).
- Common Merganser** - 3 on December 7 on Bar (DR); 11 on the Ohio River at Rab on January 1 (LMc).
- Ruddy Duck** - 3 on February 18 at Blo and 100 on February 25 at Jon (Hap).
- Bald Eagle** - 1 immature on December 28 at Mel (FR); 1 - 6 seen during January at LPU (GC); 2 on January 18 at Blo (Hap); 2 on February 7 at RRL (CL, LL); 1 immature on February 13 at Mark (FR); 4 on February 10 and 3 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 1 on February 18 at Blo (Hap); 2 on nest at L#9 during February (BL, KL).
- Northern Harrier** - 1 on December 12 at PWMA (JP); 3 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 12 observations on February 11 in Ful (KL).
- Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1 on January 13 in Gray (JP); 1 on January 22 (GC) and February 11 at LPU (KL); 1 on February 23 in Hart (MS).
- Cooper's Hawk** - 2 on January 8 at Cov (FR); 1 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 1 on February 14 in Leitchfield, Gray (JP); 1 on February 18 in Hart (MS).
- Northern Goshawk** - 1 juvenile on December 11 at Cor (DR). Documentation to be submitted.
- Red-tailed Hawk** - 1 dark morph on December 30 at EBP (LMc); 5 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD).
- Rough-legged Hawk** - 1 on January 6 near Cad (BL, BP); 1 on January 9 at LPU (GC); 1 on February 5 and 11 at L#9 (KL); 1 on February 10 and 11 in Ful (Hap, RD).
- Merlin** - 1 on January 9 in Ohio County (JP); 1 on December 27 near Cad (BL, PL); 1 near SC on February 4 (JP).

- Peregrine Falcon** - 2 on December 16 at Ghe and 1 on December 30 at EBP (LMc).
- Wild Turkey** - 39 on December 8 at LBL (BL).
- American Coot** - 40 on February 27 at New; 21 on February 28 at LPU (GC).
- Sandhill Crane** - 120 on December 3, 138 on December 6 and 100+ on February 18 in Hart (MS); 40 on December 3 at SC (JP).
- Spotted Sandpiper** - 1 on December 1 at Bark (DR).
- Least Sandpiper** - 12 on January 18 at Blo (Hap).
- Dunlin** - 2 on January 18 at Blo (Hap).
- Common Snipe** - 16 on January 18 at Blo (Hap).
- American Woodcock** - 1 on January 13 and 5 on January 15 in Hart (MS); first heard on February 17 in Trigg County (BL, PL).
- Laughing Gull** - 1 to 2 adults from December 27 to 31 at KyDam (DR); 1 on January 21 at KyDam (Hap, CP); 1 adult on February 17 at Mark (FR).
- Bonaparte's Gull** - 8 on December 13 and 15 on December 15 at New (FR); 76 on January 18 at Blo (Hap).
- Ring-billed Gull** - 700 on December 28 at Mel (FR); 3 on January 3 at Fayette Mall, Lex (WD); 1,500+ on January 4, 3000 on January 8 and 1,800 on January 20 at Mel (FR); 1,200 on February 6 at LPU (KL); 400 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD); 30 on February 18 at Blo and 74 on February 25 at Jon (Hap); 18 on February 25 in Cal (Hap).
- Herring Gull** - 12 on December 28 and January 4 with 15 on January 8 at Mel (FR); 30 on January 21 at KyDam (Hap, CP); 3 on February 18 at Blo (Hap); 3 on February 19 at Cra and 1 at Pet on February 24 (LMc); 10 at Jon and 4 in Cal on February 25 (Hap).
- Thayer's Gull** - Several observations of different age birds seen during the period at KyDam, Bark, and Smi (DR).
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** - Several of different ages were observed during the period at KyDam, Bark, and Smi (DR).
- Glaucous Gull** - a first year bird on December 21 and 27 at LBark (DR).
- Forster's Tern** - 9 on February 25 at Jon (Hap).
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** - 1 on January 26 at Her (BL, PL).
- Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1 on December 6 and January 18 in Hart (MS).
- Great Horned Owl** - 2 on December 13, 1 on December 24, and 2 on January 12 in Hart (MS); 1 on February 18 at Blo (Hap).
- Barred Owl** - 1 on February 9 in Ful (Hap, RD); 1 on February 11 at Hib (JP); 1 on February 18 at Blo (Hap).
- Short-eared Owl** - 5 on December 16 at Ghe (LMc); 1 on February 9 in Ful (Hap, RD); 1 on February 11 near Western Kentucky Parkway, Ohio County (JP).
- Loggerhead Shrike** - 1 on December 24 in Hart (MS); 1 on January 6 at UKF (WD); 1 on February 3 in McLean County, 1 in Hib, and 1 in Ful on February 11 (JP).
- Horned Lark** - Over 200 observed on December 17 near Cad (BL, PL); 50 in Day on December 17 and 25 on December 18 in Day with 90 in She on December 21 (FR); 50 on February 2 in Hib (JP).
- Purple Martin** - 3 on February 27 in Cal (Hap).
- European Starling** - 100,000+ on December 7 and 50,000+ on December 13 at NKU (FR); an albino was seen in Hart on December 15 (MS).
- American Robin** - Approximately 1,500+ on December 7 and 8,000+ on December 15 at NKU (FR); 250+ on February 11 at LPU (KL).
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 12 on January 21 at KyDam (Hap, CP); 33 on February 3 at LPU (KL); 10 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD).
- Pine Warbler** - 1 December 16 near Hillman Ferry, LBL (BL, PL); 1 singing on February 22 in LBL (BL, PL); 1 on February 25 in Cal (Hap).

American Tree Sparrow - First observed on December 22 at Cad and remained until mid-February (BL, PL); 60 on December 23 at Day and 40 on January 3 at Hib (FR); 2 on January 20 at SC (JP); 2 on February 3 in Ful (JP); 42 on February 3 and 56 on February 18 in the L#9 area (BL, KL).

Chipping Sparrow - 1 at LBL feeders during much of the period (BL, PL).

Savannah Sparrow - 3 on December 23 in Day (FR); as many as 6 were seen in LBL during the period (BL, PL); 2 on February 3 at L#9 (BL, KL).

LeConte's Sparrow - 4 on February 11 in Ful (Hap, RD, KL, *et al.*).

Swamp Sparrow - As many as 200 on February 11 at LPU (KL, *et al.*).

Harris's Sparrow - 1 on February 3 through 18 at L#9 (BL, GC, JP, KL). Documentation to be submitted.

White-crowned Sparrow - As many as 50 were seen on several dates during the period in Hart (MS); 6 on December 2 at SC (JP); 10 on February 3 in L#9 area (BL, KL).

Lapland Longspur - 3 on December 16 at Ste (LMc); 8 on December 17 at Day (FR); 600-700 on December 18 in Bark and KyDam areas (DR); 16 on December 21 in She (FR); 10+ on December 22 near Cad (BP, PL); 35 on December 30 at EBP and 15 at Uni December 30 - January 1 (LMc).

Snow Bunting - 1 on December 20 in Warn (DR); 2 on December 21 in She (FR).

Purple Finch - As many as 10 near offices at LBL during the period with up to 3 at feeders near Cad (BL, PL); 2 on December 1 - 2 and 1 on January 13 at SC (JP).

Pine Siskin - 3 on December 3 near Cad (BL, PL).

Eastern Meadowlark - 150+ on February 18 in L#9 area (BL, KL).

Western Meadowlark - 1 on February 4 in Ful (DR); 1 on February 11 in Ful (JP).

Red Crossbill - 8 on December 28 in Log (DR).

Contributors - Hap Chambers (Hap), Glen Criswell (GC), Wayne Davis (WD), Roseanna Denton (RD), Betty Leggett (BL), Ken Leggett (KL), Bill Lisowsky (BL), Paula Lisowsky (PL), Charles Logsdon (CL), Larry Logsdon (LL), Lee McNeely (LMc), Clell Peterson (CP), Joyce Porter (JP), Frank Renfrow (FR), David Roemer (DR), Mitchell Sturgeon (MS).

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Kentucky Ornithological Society Spring Meeting Carter Caves State Resort Park April 27th through April 29th.

The spring meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society was held from April 27th through April 29th at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Carter County. President Marilee Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. EDT in the Olive Hill Room of the Park lodge. The evening program consisted of two speakers, Elizabeth Ciuzio of Eastern Kentucky University and Lee McNeely, KOS member. The speakers were introduced by Vice-President Kathy Caminiti.

Elizabeth Ciuzio presented an outline of her planned research of *The Effect of the Elk Reintroduction on Edge- and Grassland-Nesting Songbirds in Eastern Kentucky*. Ms. Ciuzio presented background information on Elk in general including the now extinct eastern subspecies. She discussed reintroduction efforts in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Michigan.

Ms. Ciuzio presented habits of Elk that might have an effect, either positive or negative, on certain edge and/or grassland-nesting birds in Kentucky based primarily on their grazing habits.

Elizabeth plans to measure effect on songbirds indirectly through changes in habitat where Elk have been reintroduced with a focus on the habitat of four species: the Yellow-breasted Chat, the Grasshopper Sparrow, the Blue-winged Warbler, and the Common Yellowthroat. Elizabeth Ciuzio is a full-time student at Eastern Kentucky University and a part time employee of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Following Ms. Ciuzio's presentation on Elk reintroduction in Kentucky, Mr. Lee McNeely presented a program on *A Birding Day on Attu*. Attu is the farthest point west in North America and is the last island in the Aleutian Island chain off southwest Alaska. Because of its unique geography, Eurasian species often stop over on Attu during migration south or north. Lee and four other KOS members traveled to Attu in the spring of 2000. The program was focused on presenting what a typical day of birding on Attu was like and included a very nice slide presentation.

Mr. McNeely presented information concerning the climatic and weather conditions, accommodations, food and travel on Attu, as well as some nice photographs of birds seen on the trip. Some of the noteworthy species observed by Lee and his colleagues were Mongolian Plover, Siberian Ruby-throat, and Olive-backed Pipit. Other interesting species included Harlequin Duck, Puffin species and various waterfowl of the north Pacific region. Organized trips to Attu have ended and the island is now only accessible for day trips via a cruise.

On Saturday morning, three field trips departed from the lodge at 8:00 a.m. Gerald Robe led a trip to nearby Grayson Lake and Lee McNeely and Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. each led a trip to various parts of Carter Caves Park and surrounding areas. Meetings of the KOS Board, the Kentucky Bird Records Committee, and the Nomination Committee were held in succession beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the lodge. Most members continued to bird independently during this time within the park.

Dr. Kenneth Able presented the Saturday evening program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Originally from Louisville, Dr. Able is presently an editor for *Birding*, the bimonthly magazine of the American Birding Society, and a professor of biological sciences at New York University, Albany. Dr. Able's program included an excellent presentation on the current knowledge of bird migration with an entertaining, exciting, and difficult quiz embedded within the migration slides.

Dr. Able presented evidence suggesting that birds use a variety of abilities in migrating accurately to and from their breeding grounds. Based on evidence presented, it appears that birds use a complex interaction of their sense of true north as measured by star pattern and other solar cues with their ability to sense magnetic fields and the magnetic poles. Evidence suggests that birds are able to use both sets of cues to determine their relative location and to alter their path as their location changes relative to true north and the magnetic north pole. Dr. Able also presented strong evidence suggesting that some species are able to interpret a combination of odors and wind direction to assist in navigation.

Interspersed in Dr. Able's presentation was a slide quiz on six North American birds. The quiz was very challenging. Of those in attendance, only three members were able to correctly identify three of the birds. The lucky winners, Mark Monroe, Jackie Elmore, and Tina Ricketts, were awarded a copy of Dr. Able's book. All members thoroughly enjoyed the informative presentation and the quiz.

On Sunday morning, one field trip departed for the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery and adjacent Cave Run Lake in Rowan and Bath counties. Other KOS members informally birded the park before departing for home.

Through Saturday evening, 103 species were observed and are listed below. Additional species observed on Sunday brought the weekend total to 119 species.

There were 51 people in attendance at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Mark Bennett, Recording Secretary

Birds Observed at the Spring 2001 KOS Meeting

Bird species observed in the proximity of Carter Caves State Resort Park and Grayson Lake included: Pied-billed Grebe, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Common Merganser, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Wild Turkey, Killdeer, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Screech-Owl, Barred Owl, Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, White-eyed Vireo, Blue-headed Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue-winged Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Palm Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Hooded Warbler, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, House Finch, American Goldfinch, and House Sparrow for a total of 103 species. Species observed on Sunday field trips at Cave Run Lake and the Minor Clark Fish Hatchery that were not included in the Saturday list were; Common Loon, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Lesser Yellowlegs, Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Forster's Tern, Bank Swallow, Warbling Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, Field Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, and Swamp Sparrow, bringing the weekend total to 119 species.

Meeting Attendance

ALEXANDRIA: Deanna Lusby, Mary Beth Lusby, Ron Lusby

BEREA: Art Ricketts, Tina Ricketts

BOWLING GREEN: Diane L. Elmore, Jackie B. Elmore, Blaine Ferrell

BRONSTON: Margaret York

BURLINGTON: Joe Caminiti, Joey Caminiti, Kathy Caminiti, Lee McNeely, Lynda
McNeely

CARLISLE: Ginny Kingsolver, Wendell Kingsolver, Brian Myres,

CYNTHIANA: Jimmy Edwards, Julie Richie

DANVILLE: Ginny Eklund, Neil Eklund

FALLS OF ROUGH: Joyce Porter

FRANKFORT: Amy Covert

LEXINGTON: Rhonda Bryant, Elizabeth Cuzio, Shirley Davis, Wayne Davis, Daniel Marsh,
Scott Marsh, Jim Williams

LOUISVILLE: Richard Cassell, Bonnie Dever, Robert Dever, Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr.,
Wally Roberts

MOREHEAD: Fred Busroe

MT. STERLING: Gerald H. Robe

OWENSBORO: Marilee Thompson, Wendell Thompson

PRINCETON: John W. Niemi, Phyllis B. Niemi

PROSPECT: Fred T. Mansmith

RICHMOND: Mark Monroe, Gary Ritchison, Pete Thompson

RUSSELLVILLE: Mark Bennett

SCIENCE HILL: Roseanna Denton

SOUTH WILLIAMSON: Joan Carr, Les Estep

UTICA: Brenda M. Eaden, Tony D. Eaden

**Kentucky Ornithological Society
Audited Statement of Accounts
October 19, 2000**

Checking Account:

National City Bank Account #85378821

Balance reported 9/25/00 \$4,546.62

Checks written since then:

#745 Paul Baicich \$216.00#746 ABA 100.00#747 Barren River State Park 189.38#748 Bell South 18.43#749 Kathy Caminiti 75.58 599.39Balance at 10/19/00 \$3,947.23**Burt Monroe Research Fund**

National City Bank Account #33855788

Balance 10/19/00 \$2,033.18

No additional activity since 9/25/00

Anne Stamm Education Fund

Heritage Bank Account #822213

Balance 10/19/00 \$ 798.88

No additional activity since 9/25/00

Gordon Wilson Fund

Heritage Bank Account #283613

Balance 10/19/00 \$1,911.62

No additional activity since 9/25/00

Certificate of Deposit

Heritage Bank CD#4047 dated 1/22/99

Face Amount \$11,879.67

24 months - matures 1/22/01 - interest at 5% credited annually

Balance 10/19/00 \$12,473.72**Endowment Fund Certificate of Deposit**

Heritage Bank CD#4347 dated 1/19/99

Face Amount \$10,933.00

12 months - matures 12/19/00 - interest of 5.75% credited annually

Balance 10/19/00 \$10,933.00**TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 10/19/00****\$32,097.63**

EIGHTH REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Lee K. McNeely, Secretary

This report is the eighth from the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (hereafter KBRC), and covers actions completed from July 1999 through April 2001. Members serving on the committee during this period were Fred Busroe, Wayne Mason, Lee McNeely, Brainard Palmer-Ball Jr., and David Roemer. The stated purpose of the KBRC is to determine the validity of records of rare birds within Kentucky, maintain the documentation of these records, and to publish a summary of the committee's deliberations.

During this period there were two rounds of circulation through the KBRC consisting of 24 individual records. Twenty-one of these were finalized, while three remain unresolved at this point.

Accepted records:

- Pelecanus occidentalis*. BROWN PELICAN. [#99-8] May 30, 1999, Kentucky Lake above Kentucky Dam, Livingston/Marshall counties (RD) [second Kentucky record].
- Gavia pacifica*. PACIFIC LOON. [#99-16] November 19, 1999, Kentucky Lake, Marshall County (DR)
- Egretta tricolor*. TRICOLORED HERON. [#98-11] August 10, 1998, Lake #9, Fulton County (DR).
- Dendrocygna autumnalis*. BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK. [#00-07] August 19, 2000, Mitchell Lake, Ballard County (SR) [2 birds, first Kentucky record].
- Numenius phaeopus*. WHIMBREL. [#00-04] May 15, 2000, Smithland Dam, Livingston County (FBe) [4 birds].
- Limosa fedoa*. MARBLED GODWIT. [#99-9] August 17, 1999, Smithland Dam, Livingston County (FBe) [2 birds].
- Limosa fedoa*. MARBLED GODWIT. [#99-14] May 10, 1999, Kentucky Dam, Marshall County (DR) [videotaped].
- Phalaropus lobatus*. RED-NECKED PHALAROPE. [#99-15] September 20, 1999, Blood River at Kentucky Lake, Marshall County (DR,HC) [videotaped].
- Stercorarius pomarinus*. POMARINE JAEGER. [#99-6] January 23, 1999, Kentucky Dam, Livingston/Marshall counties (MB,HC,DR,CS) [videotaped, third Kentucky record].
- Xema sabini*. SABINE'S GULL. [#99-13] October 7, 1999, Ohio River, McCracken County (FBe) [second Kentucky record].
- Rissa tridactyla*. BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE [#00-03] December 4-15, 1999, Meldahl Dam, Bracken County (FR) [photographed].
- Colibri thalassinus*. GREEN VIOLET-EAR. [#99-10] August 25-27, 1999, Taylor Mill, Kenton County (LM,BPB,WA) [videotaped and photographed, first Kentucky record].
- Sayornis saya*. SAY'S PHOEBE. [#99-18] December 28-January 16, 2000, Logan County, (MB, DR) [second Kentucky record, first documented by photographs].
- Rissa tridactyla*. BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE [#00-03] December 4-15, 1999, Meldahl Dam, Bracken County (FR) [photographed].
- Colibri thalassinus*. GREEN VIOLET-EAR. [#99-10] August 25-27, 1999, Taylor Mill, Kenton County (LM, BPB, WA) [videotaped and photographed, first Kentucky record].
- Sayornis saya*. SAY'S PHOEBE. [#99-18] December 28-January 16, 2000, Logan County, (MB, DR) [second Kentucky record, first documented by photographs].
- Poecile atricapilla*. BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE. [#00-01] November 1999-March 2000, multiple observations of several birds from Boyd County, Lawrence County, and Madison County (LT, SS, DR. BPB, MM) [first accepted Kentucky records, individuals photographed and measured].

- Sitta pusilla*. BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH. [#99-12] September 26-October 12, 1999, below Wolf Creek Dam, Russell County (FBu, DR) [photographed, first Kentucky record].
- Dendroica discolor*. PRAIRIE WARBLER. [#99-17] December 18, 1999, Warsaw, Gallatin County (TS, KF).
- Spizella pallida*. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW. [#98-13] October 24, 1998, Warren County (DR, JR).
- Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*. YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD. [#00-02] December 31, 1999, Meade County (BPB).

Observers: William Angel (WA), Frank Bennett (FBe), Mark Bennett (MB), Fred Busroe (FBu), Hap Chambers (HC), Bonnie Dever (BD), Robert Dever (RD), Kevin Flowers (KF), Lee McNeely (LM), Mark Monroe (MM), Brainard Palmer-Ball, Jr. (BPB), Scott Record (SR), Frank Renfrow (FR), David Roemer (DR), Joan Roemer (JR), Chris Sloan (CS), Tommy Stephens (TS), Steve Sweeney (SS), and Lin Towler (LT).

Rejected records:

- Podiceps grisegena*. RED-NECKED GREBE. [#98-3] March 19, 1998, Dix Dam ash pond, Mercer County.
- Plegadis falcinellus*. GLOSSY IBIS. [#99-11] September 17-20, 1999, Drakes Creek, Simpson County [accepted as *Plegadis* species].
- Spizella pallida*. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW. [#98-14] October 1, 1998, Louisville, Jefferson County.

The current official Kentucky list now stands at 363 species (12 of which are by sight only) with Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Green Violet-ear, Black-capped Chickadee, and Brown-headed Nuthatch added since the last report. All records of birds on the mandatory review list should be sent to the secretary of the KBRC, Lee McNeely, P.O. Box 463, Burlington, Kentucky 41005.

FIELD NOTES

HUDSONIAN GODWIT AT KENTUCKY POINT

On 3 October 2000 at 13:20 until 14:05 the author and Nancy Moore observed a Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) in a pool on the sandbar at Kentucky Point in the Kentucky or Madrid Bend, Fulton County.

The bird was first spotted by Nancy and was observed by both individuals with 10x40 binoculars and a KOWA 32X spotting scope for nearly an hour from a number of angles and positions. The bird was still there when we left. The weather was mostly clear with temperatures in the high 80s and a southwest wind of 8-12 knots.

The bird was in juvenile plumage and was in the company of over 200 other shorebirds. They consisted of 100+ Least Sandpipers (*Charadrius minutilla*), seven Semipalmated Plovers (*Calidris semipalmatus*), two Sanderlings (*Calidris alba*) and one Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*).

The Hudsonian was over 1.5 times as large as the Lesser Yellowlegs and nearly twice as large as the Semipalmated Plovers. The bird had all the colors of a juvenile except that the belly and flank was almost as white as a winter adult. The white stripe over the eye was clearly visible and prominent. The bird cooperated by extending its wings so that the

narrow white stripe and black wing linings were clearly visible along with the black feathers on the tail and the white bar. The bird did this a number of times and we could clearly see the wing pattern. This pattern clearly separated it from a Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*), which does not have any black on the tail, and from the Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*), which has more white on the tail and a less prominent wing pattern and an almost straight bill.

The slightly upturned dark-colored (we could not see two colors) bill was clearly visible from a number of angles. The upper part of its back was brownish and scaly appearing as shown in the third addition of *The National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America* on page 168. The legs were a dark gray in contrast to the yellow legs of the Lesser Yellowlegs.

As an interesting side note, *The Sibley Guide to Birds* did not come out until nearly a month after this observation. However, we both agreed that the juvenile shown on page 177 depicted the bird more accurately than any of the other guides we had at the time.

According to the Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Kentucky (Monroe et al. 1988), this represents the third record of Hudsonian Godwit for Kentucky and the first one in the fall. There are nine other records that include a flock of eight birds for the Reelfoot Lake area Kentucky and Tennessee with one previous report in the fall. One of these records was for a single bird seen by Don and Gina Manning in both Tennessee and Kentucky on the Long Point Unit of Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge on 9 May 1971.--- **KEN LEGGETT**, 554 Lakewood Drive, Dyersburg, TN 38024

ANHINGA IN HENDERSON COUNTY

On the afternoon of August 17, 2000, I was scanning the trees of a recently used heronry in a swamp just north of the John James Audubon State Park, Henderson County, when I found an Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) perched on a low snag in the middle of the swamp. The bird was approximately the size of a Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*), with a long neck and tail, and long, pointed bill. It was a female based on the bright buffy throat and chest, with abrupt cut-off to black of the belly. The bill was yellowish and the gular area and webs of the large feet were relatively bright orange-yellow. The long tail was irregular in shape due to the presence of several shorter feathers, presumably the result of molt. The upper wing coverts and back feathers displayed the characteristic pale markings of the species; this patterning was somewhat buffy rather than silvery-white, suggesting that the bird might be in its first year.

The Anhinga was photographed and videotaped that afternoon, and it was observed off and on through part of the afternoon of August 19, 2000. At that time, it was last observed by Jackie and Diane Elmore and Lester Doyle as it soared upwards over the swamp before heading out of view to the south. Subsequent attempts to find the bird by other birders were unsuccessful. During most periods of observation, the Anhinga was seen perched on one or more of the numerous snags in the swamp, either resting or preening. A few birders observed the bird in the water or flying overhead.

This sighting represents the first conclusively documented record of an Anhinga in Kentucky in many years. There have been several reports of the species in the last few decades, but none have been documented by photographs. The most recent of these sightings was that of a male reported by Jeff Wilson, a very reliable Tennessee birder, from Lake No. 9 in Fulton County on 15 June 1996.—**BRAINARD PALMER-BALL, JR.**, Ky. State Nature Preserves Commission, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY, 40601.

KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**BYLAWS****ARTICLE I --- MEMBERSHIP**

Section A. Membership in the Kentucky Ornithological Society, Inc. (hereafter, the Society, which includes Corporation, as used occasionally in earlier versions of the Bylaws) shall be open to all persons interested in any phase of bird life and shall consist of Active, Contributing, Life, Student, Honorary, and Corporate Members.

Section B. Active Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the active membership fee, and who desire to cooperate in the work of the Society and wish to receive its publications. They are entitled to participate in all the activities of the Society and to vote and hold office.

Section C. Contributing Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the contributing membership fee. They shall be accorded all the privileges and duties of Active Members.

Section D. Life Membership shall consist of those persons who pay the life membership fee. They shall be accorded all the privileges and duties of Active Members.

Section E. Student Membership shall include bona fide full-time students. This membership may continue as long as the individual satisfies the stated conditions. Such members are entitled to all the privileges of Active Members.

Section F. Honorary Membership shall consist of those persons who because of special merit have been elected to such status by the Board of Directors (hereafter, the Board) after recommendation by five (5) members. They are entitled to all the privileges of Active Members.

Section G. Family Membership shall consist of the head or heads of a family and their children under eighteen (18) years of age, who live at the same address, and who pay one Active, Contributing, or Life Membership fee plus an additional annual fee (see Art. II, Sec. A). All members within a Family Membership are entitled to the privileges of active members except: they shall receive only one (1) copy of *The Kentucky Warbler* and only one (1) copy of notices of meetings or other information about the activities of the Society; they shall be allowed only one (1) vote at Society business meetings; and only one (1) of the heads of a Family Membership may hold office at any one (1) time.

Section H. Corporate Membership may be conferred by the Board upon any business organization that shows interest in the work of the Society by contributing to it, in money or other considerations, to assist it in carrying out its various activities. All contributions made under the provisions of this category of membership shall be appropriately recognized and membership shall continue for the duration of such interest. It requires no regular dues and gives no right to vote or hold office. Corporate Members are entitled to a subscription to *The Kentucky Warbler* if requested.

Section I. The anniversary date of every membership shall be January 1. New memberships shall begin with January of the calendar year in which application and payment is dated, except that a new member whose application and payment is dated during or subsequent to the annual fall meeting of that year shall become a member the following January 1, but shall receive a courtesy copy of the last issue of *The Kentucky Warbler* for the year in which payment is made.

ARTICLE II --- DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Section A. The annual dues for the various classes of members may be established or changed by the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the members present at the business meeting announced as the occasion for a vote on the proposed action, provided that a quorum is present (See Art. V, Sec. C). The dues for life membership may be paid in two (2) or three (3) equal, consecutive monthly installments. The dues for family membership shall be a sum of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) annually in addition to the regular dues for one Active, Contributing, or Life Membership.

Section B. Dues from Life Members shall be placed in the Endowment Fund (see Art. VII, Sec. A).

Section C. Dues are payable for the fiscal year which shall run from January 1 through December 31 (see Art. I, Sec. I). Members who have not paid their dues by March 1 shall be deemed not in good standing and shall be reminded by mail. If dues are not paid within fifteen (15) days after that notice, membership shall lapse. Members are responsible for giving the Corresponding Secretary prompt notice of any change of address.

Section D. Any organization or institution may subscribe to *The Kentucky Warbler* by paying a fee determined by the Board.

ARTICLE III--- GOVERNMENT

Section A. The governing body of the Society shall be the Board, composed of eleven (11) elected officers, three (3) appointed officers, the immediate past President of the Society, and one (1) representative chosen by each qualified affiliated organization (see Art. VI, Sec A). All living past Presidents shall serve as *Ex Officio* Board members. The elected officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and six (6) Councillors, two (2) of whom shall be elected each year. The appointed officers shall be the Editor of *The Kentucky Warbler*, the Curator, and the Secretary of the Kentucky Bird Records Committee. A quorum of the Board shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of its voting membership plus one (1) voting member.

Section B. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee that shall nominate one (1) member for each of the elective offices, except that only two (2) Councillors shall be nominated at each election unless additional vacancies have occurred. The committee shall submit its nominations to the Corresponding Secretary forty-five (45) days before the annual meeting; the Corresponding Secretary shall send the names of the nominees to all members not less than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. Other nominations may be submitted for any elective office by three (3) members in good standing; such nominations must also be received by the Corresponding Secretary forty-five (45) days in advance of the annual meeting. The nine (9) officers shall be elected by ballot (show of hands or voice

vote, at the discretion of the President) by a majority of the members present, provided that a quorum (as defined in Art. V, Sec. C) be present. All officers shall take office at the conclusion of the fall meeting.

Section C. Officers (except Councillors and affiliate Representatives) shall be elected for one (1) year, and they may be re-elected to the same office for not more than four (4) successive terms. Councillors and affiliate Representatives shall be elected for three-(3) year terms, and may not serve consecutive terms.

Section D. Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled by the Board. Any person so selected shall act until the next annual meeting, at which time a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Section E. There shall be three (3) appointed officers: the Editor of *The Kentucky Warbler*; the Curator, who shall be appointed annually by the Board at the fall meeting; and the Secretary of the Kentucky Bird Records Committee. Appointed officers may also be elected officers.

Section F. There shall be a Standing Committee, The Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC), which shall be governed by its own bylaws. The KBRC shall determine the validity of records of rare birds from Kentucky, publish annually in *The Kentucky Warbler* a report of accepted records, maintain documentation of these records, and keep the official Kentucky State List of Birds. The Secretary of the KBRC shall be appointed for a three (3) year term by the Board. The Secretary of the KBRC may be replaced at any time by either the unanimous consent of all other members of the KBRC or by a majority of the Board. Bird records resulting from the KBRC deliberations shall be kept in the possession of the KBRC until publication in *The Kentucky Warbler*. At that time they shall be turned over to the Curator of the Society for archiving.

Section G. There shall be a Standing Committee, The Affiliate Committee, appointed by the Society President and approved by the Society Board. This committee shall develop guidelines, subject to Board approval, to define and enhance the relationship between the Society and its affiliates.

ARTICLE IV--- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. The Board shall meet at least twice a year to conduct the regular business of the Society and shall have power to carry on any necessary business in the interim between meetings. It shall advise, assist, and cooperate with the various individual officers and committees in the performance of their duties. It shall make appointments to fill out the unexpired term of any office in which a vacancy occurs.

Section B. The duties of the officers shall be such as pertain to their respective offices in similar organizations. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board and shall appoint all committees (but see Art. III, Sec. F and Sec. G).

Section C. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. She/he shall be primarily responsible for planning the fall and spring meetings.

Section D. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society and of the Board in books kept for that purpose and shall have charge of the records of the Society not appropriate for archiving. All records more than five (5) years old shall be turned over to the Curator for archiving.

Section E. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and keep a record thereof, shall give notice of all meetings; and shall be responsible for mailing the Society's publications.

Section F. The Treasurer shall take care of the accounts and funds of the Society; shall pay from the funds of the Society all bills duly approved by the President or the Board; shall collect all bills due the Society; and at the annual meeting shall furnish a statement of the financial condition of the Society. The Treasurer shall not pay any sum greater than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for any one purpose, other than publication costs of *The Kentucky Warbler*; unless such expenditure has been approved by the Board.

Section G. The six (6) Councillors, besides serving as members of the Board, shall act as advisors to the members of the Society, and shall not only endeavor to be familiar with the species of birds occurring in their own sections of the state, but shall also foster relevant activities in their sections.

Section H. The Representative from each qualified Affiliated organization shall serve as a member of the Board and shall have the rights and obligations of all board members and shall in addition maintain communication between their organization and the Society (See Art. VI, Sec. A) during his/her term of three (3) years.

Section I. The Editor of *The Kentucky Warbler* shall edit four (4) seasonal issues which shall be sent to all members in good standing (see Art. II, Sec. C).

Section J. The Curator shall have charge of all scientific records (including archived records from KBRC) and all society documents as specified in Article VIII. The Curator shall also be responsible for the legal disposition of birds, nests, and eggs that may come into possession of the Society.

ARTICLE V--- MEETINGS

Section A. The Society shall hold one (1) regular meeting in the spring and one (1) regular meeting in the fall. The location for the meetings shall be selected by the Board. The fall meeting shall be the annual meeting and it shall be held in a central location of the state. At this meeting the members of the Society shall meet to discuss and act upon significant issues. The spring meeting shall alternate between eastern and western parts of the state as far as practicable.

Section B. Special meetings may be called at any time by action of the Board, or upon written petition of fifteen (15) Active, Contributing, or Life Members, which includes one (1) adult from each Family Membership, to the president, who shall thereupon call the meeting. Two (2) weeks' notice of such meeting must be given in writing, stating the purpose of the call, to the members by the Corresponding Secretary.

Section C. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of twenty-five (25) Active, Contributing, or Life Members, which includes one adult from each Family Membership.

ARTICLE VI --- AFFILIATED CHAPTERS

Section A. The Society shall encourage the formation of local affiliates in all cities and areas of the state. Such affiliated organizations shall have a major interest in birding or ornithology, and must include at least five (5) Society members to maintain affiliated status. They shall retain autonomy of their organization, but shall act in cooperation with the Society. Each affiliated organization shall remit annually to the Society the sum equivalent to one (1) individual membership, and shall receive in exchange, one (1) copy of each *The Kentucky Warbler* and newsletter. Each such organization shall transmit annually lists of its Society members to the Society Treasurer. Affiliates including at least fifteen (15) Society members shall be entitled to seat one (1) representative on the Society Board. Affiliated organizations shall have certain privileges, the specifics of which are to be determined, updated, and made known to all interested organizations by the Society Board through a standing Affiliate Committee.

ARTICLE VII --- SPECIAL FUNDS

Section A. An Endowment Fund shall be established to further the work of the Society, from which the investment income only may be used for current needs. All monies obtained from bequests, gifts, etc, given for endowment purposes, and the dues of Life Members, shall be placed in this fund. Such monies shall be invested in accordance with the laws of the State of Kentucky governing investments by fiduciaries. The investment income from this Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund annually.

Section B. The Gordon Wilson Fund was established in honor of Dr. Wilson, one of the founders of the Society and an active member until his death in 1970. Monies in this fund are gifts to the Society designated for the fund. The Board may draw upon the fund for purposes covered by its original intentions: to assist in publication of *The Kentucky Warbler*; to improve and expand it, to help finance and publish ornithological research in Kentucky; and help provide fellowships and scholarships in the study of ornithology. The Board shall approve expenditures from the fund.

Section C. The Burt Monroe Jr. Avian Research Fund was established in honor of Dr. Burt L. Monroe Jr., who was an international authority on the taxonomy of birds and an active member of the Society. Monies in this fund are gifts to the Society designated for this fund. The Board may draw upon the fund for purposes covered by its original charter: to assist persons in conducting research on birds within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A Board-appointed committee shall review all research proposals and make recommendations to the Board regarding grant awards. The Board has the authority to approve expenditures from the fund.

Section D. The Anne Stamm Fund was established in honor of Mrs. Anne L. Stamm, a distinguished member of the Society who remained active until her death in 1999. Monies in this fund are gifts to the Society designated for the fund. The education of children in the deeper appreciation of birds and ornithology is the focus of the fund. The Board shall approve expenditures from the fund.

ARTICLE VIII --- SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

Section A. Western Kentucky University shall be the repository of all books, manuscripts, and works of art acquired by the Society, the files of other ornithological journals accumulated through exchanges, and the stock of back issues of *The Kentucky Warbler*.

ARTICLE IX --- RULES OF ORDER

Section A. The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE X --- AMENDMENTS

Section A. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any legal meeting, provided that a written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member by the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting in which it is to be voted upon.

Note: The present bylaws were adopted by the membership September 28, 1991 (Amended September 25, 1999 and October 07, 2000).

NEWS AND VIEWS

Reminder of the Kentucky Rare Bird Alert Hotline

The Kentucky Rare Bird Alert Hotline is (502)-326-0878. Please report any unusual sightings in order to provide others with the opportunity to see rare birds.

K.O.S. Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Grant Fund

Persons that need money (*i.e.*, up to \$500) to assist them in conducting research on birds in Kentucky should contact the K.O.S. Burt L. Monroe, Jr. Avian Research Grant Fund Committee *c/o* Blaine Ferrell, Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101 (email: blaine.ferrell@wku.edu) for a set of guidelines and an application form.

Kentucky Bird Records Committee

Rare bird sightings and birds observed out of season should be well documented and the documentation should be sent to Lee McNeely, Secretary of the KBRC, P.O. Box 463, Burlington, Kentucky 41005, for consideration by the committee for official state record status.

The K.O.S. Fall Meeting

The fall meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society is September 28 through September 30 at Kenlake State Resort Park, Hardin, Kentucky. Reservations must be made by August 1, 2001 because the park will not hold rooms after this date. The number for reservations is 1-800-325-0143.