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Thanks to Kathy Caminiti for this picture of a Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*) at its nest in the Boone County Cliffs Nature Preserve.

THE SPRING MIGRATION, 2001

Fred M. Busroe

The temperatures ranged from near normal to below normal. The precipitation was near normal but not heavy enough to alleviate the drought conditions that developed the previous year.

Rare to uncommon species reported this spring include: Eared Grebe, Black Rail (a possible first state record), California Gull from two locations as well as other gull species and a Varied Thrush.

Publication of any unusual sightings in the seasonal report does not imply that these reports have been accepted as records for the official checklist of Kentucky birds. Observers are cautioned again that records of out-of-season birds and all rarities must be accompanied with good details or documentation for acceptance. Documentation must be submitted to the Kentucky Bird Records Committee (KBRC: see pg. 55). Decisions regarding the official Kentucky list are made by the KBRC and will be reported periodically in *The Kentucky Warbler*.

Abbreviations — WMA = Wildlife Management Area ; Bad = Bad Branch Nature Preserve, Letcher County; Bark = Lake Barkley Dam, Livingston/Lyon counties; Bar = Barren River Lake, Allen/Barren counties; Barn = Barren County; BBL = Big Bone Lick State Park, Boone County; BCNP = Boone County Cliffs Nature Preserve, Boone County; Bel = Bellevue, Campbell County; Bern = Bernheim Forest, Bullit/Nelson counties; Blo = Blood River Embayment, Kentucky Lake, Calloway County; BGA = Blue Grass Army Depot, Madison County; Bur = Burlington, Boone County; CEL = Camp Ernst Lake, Boone County; Can = Caneyville Reservoir, Grayson County; Chris = Christian County; Day = Dayton, Campbell County; Eng = England-Idlewild Park, Boone County; Falls = Falls of the Ohio, Jefferson County; FtT = Fort Thomas, Campbell County; Ful = Fulton County; GCA = Greater Cincinnati Airport, Boone County; Ghe = Ghent Power Plant, Carroll County; Gri = Basil Griffin Park, Warren County; GRC = George Rogers Clark Park, Louisville, Jefferson County; Gray = Grayson County; Hart = Hart County; Heb = Hebron, Boone County; Hopv = Hopkinsville, Christian County; Jef = Jefferson County; JMF = Jefferson County Memorial Forest, Jefferson County; Jon = Jonathan Creek Embayment, Kentucky Lake, Marshall County; KBend = Kentucky Bend, Fulton County; KyDam = Kentucky Dam, Livingston/Marshall counties; KyLake = Kentucky Lake, Marshall/Trigg counties; Kut = Kuttawa Landing, Lyon County; L#9 = Lake #9, Fulton County; LBark = Lake Barkley, Livingston/Lyon/Trigg counties; LBL = Land Between the Lakes, Lyon/Trigg counties; Log = Logan County; Long = Longpoint Unit, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fulton County; LWC = Louisville Water Company settling ponds, Jefferson County; MCNP = Mammoth Cave National Park, Edmonson County; Mel = Meldahl Dam, Bracken County; MCP = Middle Creek Park, Boone County; New = Newport, Campbell County; Open = Open Pond, Fulton County; Owen =

Owensboro, Daviess County; Par = Paradise Ash Pond, Muhlenberg County; PBF = Palmer-Ball Farm, Jefferson County; Pend = Pendelton County; Pet = Petersburg, Boone County; Ple = Pleasant Hill Road, Cadiz, Trigg County; PWMA = Peabody WMA, Muhlenberg/Ohio counties; RRSP = Rough River State Park, Grayson County; SC = Short Creek, Grayson County; SWMA = Sloughs WMA, Henderson County; Smi = Smithland Dam, Livingston County; SCTT = Swift Camp Creek Trail, Red River Gorge, Wolfe County; Tod = Todd County; Tow = Towhead Island, Jefferson County; Van = Vanceburg, Lewis County; War = Warsaw, Gallatin County; WKU = Western Kentucky University, Warren County; Whit = Whitley County; Wil = Willow Pond, Fulton County.

Common Loon - 1 on April 13 at KyDam (MB); 1 on April 20 on KyLake (PL, WL); 1 on April 24 at CEL (LMc).

Horned Grebe - 12 on March 10 at Bark (Hap); 200+ at LBark and KyLake on March 10 (DR); 2 on March 16 at CEL (LMc).

Eared Grebe - 1 on March 10 at KyDam (DR).

American White Pelican - 169 on March 10 at Bark (Hap); approximately 200 on March 10 on LBark (DR); 6 on April 8 at L#9 (BL, KL); 3 on April 13 at LBark (MB).

Double-crested Cormorant - 12 on March 10 at LBark (Hap); 125 at Kut, 500 at LBark with 20+ at Smi on April 13 (MB); 4 on May 12 at Falls (DO); 30 on May 28 at Par (MB).

American Bittern - 1 on April 21 at SWMA (DO).

Least Bittern - 1 on April 21 at SWMA (DO).

Great Blue Heron - 11 on May 17 at L#9 (KL); 3 active nests observed on May 28 at PWMA (MB).

Great Egret - 12 on April 8 near Miller, Ful, and 6 on May 17 at L#9 (KL).

Snowy Egret - 4 on April 3 at Long (GC).

Little Blue Heron - 1 on April 21 at SWMA (DO); 1 on April 28 in Ful (Hap); 1 on May 23 at LBL (PL, WL).

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 100+ on April 13 at Kut (MB); 25 on April 25 at Falls (FR); 50 on May 12 at Falls (DO).

Turkey Vulture - 75 on March 5 at Long (GC).

Ross's Goose - 1 on March 15 at Gri (JE).

Wood Duck - Female with 7 young on May 15 at L#9 (KL); 2 females with broods of 7 and 4 on May 19 at Pet (LMc).

American Wigeon - 8 on April 8 at Wil (BL, KL).

Blue-winged Teal - First observed at LBL on March 12 (PL, WL); 13 on April 8 at Wil (BL, KL).

Northern Shoveler - 8 at Kut on April 13 (MB).

Northern Pintail - 2 on March 10 at Bark (Hap).

Green-winged Teal - 5 on March 11 at Pet (LMc).

Canvasback - 6 on March 10 at Bark (Hap); 1 on April 13 at Par (MB).

Ring-necked Duck - 12 on March 6 in Pend (FR); 16 to 27 at Pet from March 11-17 (LMc); 20 on March 24 at Heb (FR); 3 at Can on March 25 (JP); 8 on March

- 30 at Gri (MB).
- Lesser Scaup** - 100 on March 10 Bark (Hap); approximately 10,000 on LBark on March 10 (DR); 50 on March 29 at Falls (MB); 69 at Kut and 300+ above Bark on April 13 (MB).
- Ruddy Duck** - 15 on March 10 at Bark (Hap); 2 at CEL March 16-17 (LMc); 3 on March 29 at Falls and 40 on April 13 above Bark (MB).
- Osprey** - 1 on March 9 in Gray (JP); 1 on March 18 at LBL (PL, WL); 4 in LBL area and 2 at Smi on April 13 (MB); 1 on April 16 below Bar (JE); 1 on May 19 at FtT (FR).
- Mississippi Kite** - 3 on April 28 in Ful (Hap); total of 5 near two possible nest locations from May 1 to 25 at KBend (BL, KL).
- Bald Eagle** - 1 on nest on March 5 at L#9 (GC); 2 on April 21 at SWMA (DO); 1 on April 28 in Ful (Hap); 2 adults at nest and feeding young in Ful from April 30 to May 23 (KL).
- Northern Harrier** - 5+ on March 3 at PWMA (DO); 1 on April 8 at WKU farm (JE); 1 female on April 8 and 1 male on April 9 at L#9 (BL, KL).
- Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1 on April 21 at SWMA (DO).
- Cooper's Hawk** - 1 on March 13 in Bar and 1 on March 28 in Hart (MS); 1 on March 26 in Gray (JP).
- Broad-winged Hawk** - 1 on April 8 at WKU woods (JE); 1 on April 14 at War (LMc).
- Red-tailed Hawk** - Active nest on April 14 at Ghe and nest with two young at Pet on May 19 (LMc).
- Merlin** - 1 on April 21 at SWMA (DO).
- American Kestrel** - 1 at nest box at SC on April 18 (JP).
- Wild Turkey** - Nest with 20 eggs on April 30 at Eng (LMc).
- Virginia Rail** - 1 on April 21 at SWMA (DO).
- BLACK RAIL** - 1 on April 24 at PWMA (DR). This would be a first Kentucky observation. Documentation to be submitted.
- Sandhill Crane** - 35 on March 2 in Hart (MS); 25 on March 2 over Hardin County (JP).
- American Golden-Plover** - 8 on April 28 in Ful (Hap).
- Semipalmated Plover** - Approximately 100 on April 25 at L#9 (KL); 56 on April 28 in Ful (Hap); 3 on May 28 at Par (MB).
- Greater Yellowlegs** - 3 on March 8 at Long (GC); 8 on April 13 at Par (MB); 2 on April 21 at SWMA (DO); 50 on April 22 at Wil (BL, KL); 5 on April 28 in Ful (Hap); 6 on April 30 at KBend (KL).
- Lesser Yellowlegs** - 2 on April 22 and 4 on April 9 at L#9 with 40 at Wil on April 30 (BL, KL); 4 on April 28 in Ful (Hap).
- Solitary Sandpiper** - 20 on April 28 in Ful (Hap); 1 on April 30 at KBend (KL).
- Willet** - 7 on April 21 at CEL (LMc); 5 on May 7 at KyDam (Hap).
- Spotted Sandpiper** - 1 on April 28 in Ful (Hap).
- Marbled Godwit** - 15 at Falls on April 22 (DO); Documentation to be submitted.
- Semipalmated Sandpiper** - 2 on April 28 at Blo (Hap); 12 on May 28 at Par (MB).
- Least Sandpiper** - 6 on March 11 at Blo (Hap); 1 on May 28 at Falls (DO).

- White-rumped Sandpiper** - 22 on May 28 at Par (MB).
- Pectoral Sandpiper** - 35 on April 8 and 110 on April 30 at Wil (BL, KL); 50+ in western Chris on April 13 (MB); 250 on April 28 in Ful (Hap).
- Dunlin** - 4 on April 9 at L#9 (KL); 1 on April 28 in Ful (Hap).
- Common Snipe** - 3 on March 11 at Pet (LMc); 5 on March 11 at Blo and 1 on April 28 in Ful (Hap).
- American Woodcock** - 1 on March 2, 2 on March 12, and 1 on March 30 in Hart (MS); 1 juvenile on April 29 at Van (LMc).
- Bonaparte's Gull** - 15 on April 7 near BBL (LMc); 200 at Bark and 20 at Smi on April 13 (MB).
- Ring-billed Gull** - 13 on May 12 at Falls (DO).
- CALIFORNIA GULL** - 1 adult observed on March 17 at Boyd's Landing, LBark (DR). Documentation to be submitted. 1 adult on April 25 at Falls (FR). Documentation has been submitted to the Kentucky Bird Records Committee.
- Herring Gull** - 8 on March 21 at Jon (Hap); 2 on May 18 at KyDam (Hap).
- Thayer's Gull** - 2 on March 10 at Bark (Hap, DR); 1 first year bird on LBark on March 17 (DR).
- Lesser Black-backed Gull** - 3 adults on March 10 at Bark and 2 on March 17 on LBark (DR).
- Glaucous Gull** - 1 first year bird on March 10 on KyLake and 2 on March 17 at Boyd's Landing, LBark (DR).
- Great Black-backed Gull** - 1 first year bird seen on March 10 at Bark and 1 on March 17 at Boyd's Landing, LBark (DR). Documentation to be submitted.
- Caspian Tern** - 1 at Smi on April 13 (MB); 1 on April 20 at LBL (PL, WL); 3 on May 12 at Falls (DO).
- Forster's Tern** - 1 on March 7 near Hopv (PL); 8 on March 11 at Blo (Hap); 9 on Jon and 11 in LBL on April 13 (MB); 3 on April 29 near BBL (LMc).
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 2 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Great Horned Owl** - 2 on March 11 and March 30 in Hart (MSA); nest with two young on March 24 at Ghe (LMc).
- Barred Owl** - 3 on April 29 in Gray (JP); 1 on April 30 in Hart (MS); 1 on May 12 at JMF (DO).
- Short-eared Owl** - 2 on March 3 at PWMA (DO).
- Common Nighthawk** - 39 on May 12 at Falls (DO); 1 at Ple on May 17 (PL).
- Chuck-will's-Widow** - 1 in Log on April 12 (MB); 1 heard on April 14 at Ple (PL, WL); 10 on April 29 in Gray, and 1 from May 3 to 6 at SC (JP).
- Whip-poor-will** - First heard in Gray on April 29 (JP); 7 on May 12 at JMF (DO); 1 on May 12 at Ple (PL, WL).
- Chimney Swift** - First seen at Ple on April 7 (PL, WL).
- Red-headed Woodpecker** - 8 on May 16 in KBend (KL).
- Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 13 on May 16 in KBend area (KL).
- Acadian Flycatcher** - 3 on May 12 at JMF (DO); 15 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Alder Flycatcher** - 1 heard on May 22 and two seen and heard on May 26 at LBL (WL).
- Willow Flycatcher** - 4 on May 28 at PWMA (MB).

- Great-crested Flycatcher** - 22 on May 16 in KBend area (KL).
Eastern Kingbird - 1 on April 16 in Jef (DO); 1 at Hopv on April 18 (PL, WL).
Loggerhead Shrike - 2 on April 30 and May 16 at KBend (KL).
White-eyed Vireo - 2 on April 8 at WKU woods (JE); 1 on April 22 in Jef (DO); 9 on April 30 at KBend (KL).
Bell's Vireo - 14 at various locations, Sinclair Unit of PWMA on May 28 (MB).
Yellow-throated Vireo - 4 on April 9 at MCNP (JE); 1 on April 16 at LBL (PL, WL).
Blue-headed Vireo - 3 on May 22 and 2 on May 23 at SCCT (FR).
Warbling Vireo - 6 on April 13 in LBL area (MB); 1 on May 12 in Jef (DO); 1 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
Philadelphia Vireo - 1 on May 15 at KBend and 1 on May 16 at L#9 (KL).
Fish Crow - 2 on April 13 at Jon (MB); 3 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
Horned Lark - 26 on April 12 with 16 on April 30 at KBend (KL).
Purple Martin - 6 on March 15 at Gri (JE); 6 on March 17 at Can (JP).
Tree Swallow - First seen on March 12 at LBL (PL, WL); 8 on March 15 at Gri (JE); 8 on March 25 at Can (JP); approximately 1,000 on April 13 in PWMA (MB).
Cliff Swallow - 10 at KyDam and 50 on Bark on April 13 (MB); 25+ on April 16 at Bar dam (JE); 2 on May 21 in Gray (JP).
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 4 on April 16 at Bar (JE); a pair exhibiting nesting behavior on May 22 to 23 at SCCT (FR).
Carolina Wren - 2 building a nest on March 19 in Bel (FR).
House Wren - 1 on April 22 in Jef (DO); 1 on May 6 at RRSP (JP).
Winter Wren - 2 on April 8 at WKU woods (JE).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - First observed at LBL on April 4 (PL, WL); 2 on April 5 at WKU woods (JE); 67 on April 13 in LBL area (MB); 3 on April 21 in Gray (JP).
Eastern Bluebird - Nest with 5 eggs on April 25 at SC (JP).
Swainson's Thrush - A wave passed through LBL and Ple from May 9 until May 16 (PL, WL).
Hermit Thrush - 1 on April 8 in Whit (FR); 1 on April 13 in LBL (MB).
Wood Thrush - Adult on nest at BCNP on May 19 (LMc).
VARIED THRUSH - 1 on March 16 at Wranglers Camp, LBL (PL, WL); 1 on March 17 at LBL (DR); last seen on March 22 (WL). Bird was observed by many and photographed by Chris Sloan.
Brown Thrasher - 1 on March 13 at SC (JP).
American Pipit - 3 on April 21 at SWMA (DO); 16 on April 26 at KBend and 9 on April 30 at L#9 (KL).
Blue-winged Warbler - 1 on April 8 at WKU woods and 1 on April 9 at MCNP (JE); seen regularly after April 13 at LBL (PL, WL); 1 on May 12 at JMF (DO).
Golden-winged Warbler - A male on April 26 to 27 at LBL (PL, WL); 1 female on May 13 at GRC (JE).
Nashville Warbler - First seen in LBL on April 16 (PL, WL); 2 on April 24 at WKU woods (JE); 1 on May 12 at JMF (DO).
Northern Parula - 1 on April 6 at LBL (PL, WL); 8 on April 8 at WKU woods

- (JE); 5 on April 12 at KBend (KL); 25 on April 13 in LBL area (MB); 1 on April 21 in Gray (JP); 1 on May 12 in JMF (DO); 3 on May 23 at SCCT (FR).
- Yellow Warbler** - 1 building nest on April 30 at Eng (LMc).
- Magnolia Warbler** - 1 on April 21 in Gray (JP); 1 on May 5 at LBL (WL); 8+ on May 13 at GRC (JE).
- Cape May Warbler** - 3 on May 12 at JMF (DO); 7+ on May 13 at GRC (JE).
- Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 26 on April 13 in LBL area (MB); 20+ on April 24 at WKU woods (JE); 2 on April 28 at SC (JP); 1 on May 12 at JMF (DO).
- Black-throated Green Warbler** - 1 on April 5 at WKU woods (JE); 2 on April 8 in Whit (FR); 1 on April 22 in Jef (DO); 5 on May 22 at SCCT (FR).
- Blackburnian Warbler** - 1 on April 22 at WKU woods (JE).
- Yellow-throated Warbler** - 1 on April 5 at WKU woods (JE); 3 on April 8 in Whit (FR); 3 on May 22 and 5 on May 23 at SCCT (FR).
- Pine Warbler** - 1 on March 9 at WKU woods (JE); 1 on March 11 at Blo (Hap); 5 on April in Whit (FR); 6 on May 22 and 5 with two feeding young fledglings on May 23 at SCCT (FR); 1 on May 12 at JMF (DO).
- Prairie Warbler** - 10 on April 13 in LBL area (MB); 2 on May 12 at JMF (DO).
- Palm Warbler** - 1 on April 21 in Gray (JP); 1 on April 22 at LBL (WL); 25+ on April 24 at WKU woods (JE).
- Blackpoll Warbler** - Observed regularly from April 27 until May 18 at LBL (PL, WL); 2 on May 12 in JMF (DO).
- Black-and-White Warbler** - 4 on May 22 and 7 on May 23 at SCCT (FR).
- American Redstart** - First observed in LBL on April 19 (WL); 3 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Prothonotary Warbler** - 19 on April 13 in LBL area (MB); 8 on April 30 and 14 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Worm-eating Warbler** - First observed at LBL on April 27 (PL, WL); 2 on May 23 at SCCT (FR).
- Swainson's Warbler** - 2 to 3 on May 12 at Bad (JP); 1 on May 22 to 23 at SCCT (FR).
- Ovenbird** - First seen at LBL on April 27 (PL, WL); 4 on May 22 with 7 on May 23 at SCCT (FR).
- Northern Waterthrush** - 1 on May 9 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 12 at Bad (JP).
- Louisiana Waterthrush** - 1 on April 5 at Jon (PL, WL); 1 on April 5 at WKU woods (JE); 1 on April 21 in Gray (JP); adults building nest on May 19 at MCP (LMc); 1 on May 22 at SCCT (FR).
- Kentucky Warbler** - 2 on April 30 and May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Mourning Warbler** - 1 on May 7 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 13 at PBF (DO).
- Hooded Warbler** - 1 on May 16 at KBend (KL); 8 on May 23 at SCCT (FR).
- Yellow-breasted Chat** - 9 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Scarlet Tanager** - Adults building a nest at BCNP on May 5 (LMc); 8 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Eastern Towhee** - 13 on April 30 and 18 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Chipping Sparrow** - 1 on March 30 in Bern (MB); 2 on April 3 in Gray (JP).
- Vesper Sparrow** - 1 on March 31 at Day (FR).
- Savannah Sparrow** - 3 on March 3 at PWMA (DO); 4 on March 29 at Day (FR);

- an adult singing at GCA on April 29 (LMc); 3 on May 16 at KBend (KL).
- Grasshopper Sparrow** - 1 singing on April 13 at Ple (PL, WL); 1 at GCA on May 26 (LMc).
- Henslow's Sparrow** - 5 on April 13 and 4 on May 28 in Sinclair Unit of PWMA (MB); 2 singing from April 30 to May 31 at Eng (LMc).
- LeConte's Sparrow** - 3 on March 3 at PWMA (DO).
- Lincoln's Sparrow** - 1 on April 21 at WKU woods (JE); 1 on April 28 at Ple (PL, WL).
- Fox Sparrow** - 1 at feeder on April 1 in Ple (PL, WL).
- White-throated Sparrow** - 25 on April 12 at KBend (KL); 25+ on April 21 at WKU woods (JE); last seen at Ple feeder on May 6 (PL, WL); 1 on May 12 at JMF (DO). **Harris's Sparrow** - 1 on April 26 at L#9 (KL). Documentation to be submitted.
- White-crowned Sparrow** - As many as 40 with last observation on May 6 in Hart (MS); birds present from April 14 to May 1 at SC (JP, RF, MH).
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** - 5 males on April 24 at WKU woods (JE); 3 males on April 26 at LBL (WL).
- Indigo Bunting** - 100 on April 30 at KBend (KL).
- Blue Grosbeak** - 1 on April 21 at WKU woods (JE); 1 on April 21 at Ple (PL, WL); 1 on April 24 to 25 in Hart (MS); 1 on April 29 at SC (JP).
- Dickcissel** - 3 on April 26 at L#9 with 3 on April 30 and May 16 at KBend (KL); several observations in Ple area after May 24 (PL, WL).
- Bobolink** - 2 on April 26 at L#9 (KL); 40+ on May 1 at WKU farm (JE).
- Orchard Oriole** - First seen at SC on April 12 (JP); 1 on April 19 in LBL (PL, WL); 16 on April 30 and 31 on May 16 at KBend (KL); 1 or 2 during May in Hart (MS).
- Baltimore Oriole** - First noted at SC on April 22 (JP); 3 on April 24 at WKU woods (JE); several observed at LBL and Ple on April 26 (PL, WL); 4 on April 30 at KBend (KL).
- Purple Finch** - 1 to 3 present at SC from March 3 to April 11 (JP); 1 male at feeder in Ple until April 3 (PL, WL).

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RECENT CHANGES TO ORNITHOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE OF KENTUCKY'S BIRDS

The relatively recent publication of the 7th edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds (1998) included several changes to the nomenclature of Kentucky birds. These changes first appeared in the 41st supplement to the Check-list (*The Auk* 114:542-552, 1997). One more recent change was published in the Checklist's 42nd Supplement that appeared in the July 2000 issue of *The Auk* (Vol. 117:847-858). These changes have been based on a variety of recently published taxonomic and nomenclatural studies. Also included in the 7th edition was a number of changes in the taxonomic placement of various groups; most of these changes in relationships were based on recent DNA analysis research. Shifts in arrangement included movement of the vultures into the wading bird order Ciconiiformes from the raptorial Falconiformes; a shuffling of the ordering within the diving ducks, and a reordering of several family and sub-family groups within the Passeriformes (songbirds). The latter change moved the vireos and shrikes earlier and the cardinals/grosbeaks/buntings later. Several other more subtle alterations in relationships caused a few additional shifts in taxonomic ordering. Individual changes in the English and scientific names of Kentucky birds included in the 7th edition of the Check-list and the 42nd Supplement are listed below:

The English name for *Chen rossii* has been corrected to reflect the appropriate spelling of the possessive of Ross and is now Ross's Goose. The English name had been spelled Ross' Goose in the 6th edition.

The genus name for the Masked Duck (one Kentucky record) was changed to *Nomonyx* to reflect the results of recent work on the relationships between members of the genus *Oxyura*. The scientific name is now *Nomonyx dominicus*.

The scientific name of the Olive-sided Flycatcher (formerly *Contopus borealis*) was changed to *Contopus cooperi* to reflect results of investigation into the origin of the name assigned to this species.

The genus name for the Cliff Swallow was changed back to *Petrochelidon* to reflect the results of recent work on the relationships between members of this genus and the closely related genus *Hirundo*.

The Solitary Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) was taxonomically split into three species, one of which occurs in eastern North America. Our form is now called the Blue-headed Vireo but retains the scientific name *Vireo solitarius*.

The genus name for the chickadees was changed to *Poecile* to reflect the results of recent work on the relationships among and between New World and Old World members of the family. This changed the scientific names of our two chickadees to Carolina Chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis* -- common permanent resident) and Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus* -- extremely rare or accidental va

grant). Note, however, that in the 42nd supplement, the scientific name of the latter was corrected to *Poecile atricapilla*.

The genus name for the Tufted Titmouse was changed to *Baeolophus* to reflect the results of recent work on the relationships among and between New World and Old World members of the family. The new scientific name is *Baeolophus bicolor*.

The English name for *Zonotrichia querula* has been corrected to reflect the appropriate spelling of the possessive of Harris and is now Harris's Sparrow. The English name had been spelled Harris' Sparrow in the 6th edition.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

The K.O.S. Fall Meeting

The fall meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society will be held at KenLake State Resort Park, Hardin, Kentucky. Reservations can be made at 1-800-325-0143. If you are interested in making a presentation at the Friday evening session, please contact the program chair, Kathy Caminiti, 4980 Middle Creek Road, Burlington, Kentucky 41005-8663; phone: (859)-689-4166; email krzy4owls@aol.com.

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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.

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