



# The Scissortail

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## President's Message:

Dear Members,

I hope this note finds you well. As I write this in early November, we have yet to have anything but a brief taste of cool Fall weather as it has been unseasonably warm. But the leaves have started to fall, and soft tambourine calls of Dark-eyed Juncos are being heard. Christmas Bird Count season is quickly approaching, and I encourage our members to participate in that program if you can. More information on how to join a Christmas Bird Count can be found on the Audubon website

<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count>

Last month, OOS held the Fall Meeting at Arcadia Conservation Education Area outside of Edmond. The field trips were full, and the meeting was well attended. Thank you to all the speakers and those who helped plan this event. It was a smashing success!

Please mark your calendars for the **2024 OOS Spring Meeting, April 26-28, 2024**, which will be held at Salt Plains State Park and National Wildlife Refuge. More details will be released in the future. Not only will it be a wonderful time to catch up with old friends, but it is the right time of year for maximum shorebird migration. I cannot think of a better place in the state to experience it.

As we end 2023, please consider renewing your membership in OOS. Renewals can be done by mail using the form in this newsletter or online at [https://www.okbirds.org/get\\_involved](https://www.okbirds.org/get_involved). If you have already renewed for 2024 or are an OOS Life Member, thank you. Please consider a donation to OOS to support one of our outstanding programs.

I would like to make our membership aware of some important OOS dates. March 1st, 2024, is the deadline to submit applications for OOS Special Projects funding and nominations for the Scissortail Award. Special Projects funding and Scissortail Award winners are expected to be announced by OOS on or before April 15th, 2024.

Regards,



Zach Poland

## OOS Fall Meeting Report:

Lake Hefner ebird report can be found here:  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S152831333>

Myriad Gardens ebird report can be found here:  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S152811197>

OOS held our Fall meeting in the OKC metro area in October of 2023. We had field trips to Lake Hefner led by Joe Grzybowski and an Urban Birding Trip to the Myriad Botanical Gardens in downtown OKC led by Zach Poland. A good time was had by all, with the Lake Hefner group having long looks and discussions about at least one Confusing Gull. It was a lot of fun to look at field marks and photos and then have to shrug our shoulders. Confusing Gulls will sometimes remain unsolvable.

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OOS Lake Hefner field trip crew

After the board meeting, we enjoyed several wonderful talks and student poster presentations, including from Dr. Doug Wood, Zach Poland, and J.D. Strong of ODWC. Our night finished with our keynote speaker, Laura Hulbert, discussing her research with Northern Saw-whet Owls.



Student Sydney Austin (far left) listens to a poster presentation from Southeastern Oklahoma State University students (From L to R) Taylor Tucker, Rylan Jones-Henley, Moices Garza, and Manny Lederer

### **11/13/23 Q4 OOS Scissortail Membership Update**

Total members: 153

New Members: Devin Bosler (Edmond), Patricia Byrd (Broken Arrow), Cole Penning (Oklahoma City) and Sandra Sheppard (Bixby)

Contributions: Tim O'Connell

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VACANT POSITIONS:

- Business Manager
- President-elect

**OOS Spring 2024 Tentative Schedule**

Date: April 26-28, 2024

Place: Salt Plains State Park

Meeting space Friday night-Saturday night: Salt Plains State Park

Speaker: Melissa Robell, Salt Plains Refuge educator

Lodging: We have all six cabins rented at the state park, it will be first come first serve for staying there. Contact: Rebecca Renfro by email if interested. [Relore7@aol.com](mailto:Relore7@aol.com)

Other lodging in Cherokee, Oklahoma. They did not give a block of rooms but suggested making a reservation.

**OOS Conservation Report**

Road to Recovery (R2R)

One of the most publicized ornithological studies in recent times is the 2019 publication that documented the loss of 2.9 billion birds in North America since the late 1960s. While broad threats like habitat loss are assumed to be driving these avian population losses, they don't explain why bird species are declining at different rates or, in some cases, not declining at all. In 2020, a group of conservation biologists and ornithologists formed a new initiative, now known as the Road to Recover (R2R), to dig deep into improving our understanding of the specific factors that affect declining birds on a species-by-species basis so we can better implement the actions that are needed to reverse or at least stabilize these declines. The Road to Recovery partnership has identified 104 "Tipping Point" species that require an immediate and focused effort to pinpoint the causes of their declines and identify actionable conservation strategies. These birds are further prioritized into three groups based on the magnitude of their population decline and the degree of urgency surrounding their status – Red-, Orange-, and Yellow-Alert. Red-Alert species are those with declines of 75% or more over the past 50 years and include several shorebirds and grassland birds.

Tackling the massive decline in North American birds is an overwhelming task, so the fledgling R2R partnership is starting with four species-focused working groups examining Evening Grosbeak, Lesser Yellowlegs, Golden-winged Warbler, and Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Each of these groups is in a different stage of development but making progress. Road to Recovery just launched a monthly online seminar series to raise awareness of the conservation issues affecting our bird population and to expand their partnership. The first online seminar was held on November 17th and focused on the Lesser Yellowlegs. The next online seminar will address Evening Grosbeak declines and is scheduled for December 8th. Information about these seminars and a link for registration can be found at <https://r2rbirds.org/monthly-species-working-group-webinar-series/>.

The Lesser Yellowlegs is one of North America's most common and widespread shorebirds. Yet, it has declined by almost 70% over the past 50 years, and the Working Group has identified a lot of unexpected information about it. Through genetic analysis, they've concluded that the species exists as one big mixing population – no subspecies. This was unexpected because adult Lesser Yellowlegs show very strong breeding site fidelity and return to the same nesting wetlands throughout most of their life after year two. Juveniles, on the other hand, disperse widely, and it's this juvenile dispersal that connects all of the birds from Quebec to Alaska into one large population. The research team working on this species identified a bird that hatched in northeastern Quebec but settled in central Alaska during its second summer and continued to return to that same Alaskan site for at least three subsequent summers. Banding and satellite telemetry studies have shown that the annual adult survival of Lesser Yellowlegs is 73-77%, which would be high if this were a songbird, but this is a low rate for a shorebird that should live 8 to 15 years. Survival rates have been consistent for at least the past 30 years and do not vary based on gender, which suggests a long, slow decline rather than a more dramatic decline in recent years. Also, telemetry markers were shown to have a small but significant impact on survival. They reduced survival by a little over 5%, possibly due to added weight or increased visibility to



predators. One mortality factor that affects Lesser Yellowlegs disproportionately is poorly regulated hunting in certain Latin American countries during their fall migration. Although yellowlegs are protected in the U.S. and Canada, there is a tradition of hunting shorebirds on several Caribbean islands, Suriname, Guyana, French Guyana, and northeastern Brazil, that results in the harvest of 60,000 to 80,000 yellowlegs per year out of a population of roughly 700,000 to 900,000 birds. The total shorebird harvest in those countries is approximately 180,000 annually, with the Lesser Yellowlegs comprising about 25% of the total take. Interestingly, only the birds that nest in Central and Eastern Canada are the most at risk to hunting in the Caribbean and South America, while the birds that nest in Alaska and Western Canada do not migrate through this area.

To learn more about the Road to Recovery initiative, I recommend visiting their website: <https://r2rbirds.org>. The site contains a wealth of information, and their webinars are posted a few weeks later on this site under the “Resources” tab.

#### Whooping Crane Update – Wood Buffalo NP to Aransas NWR

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has resumed its annual winter population monitoring program for the migratory Whooping Crane population. The results of the 2022/2023 winter population census were released in a preliminary report in June and documented the highest population estimate since the monitoring program began. For the first time in well over a century, the Whooping Crane population reached 550 birds – 536 cranes in the primary census area and at least another 14 birds that wintered outside of the census area. This number includes a minimum of 203 adult pairs and 88 subadults/juveniles, of which at least 41 hatched during the 2022 nesting season. The difference between the census total of 536 cranes and the 494 birds reported above are birds of uncertain age and reproductive status (unpaired adults and older subadults) that could not be reliably placed in one of those categories.

The winter census was conducted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff in late January 2023 using a small plane to fly transects over the

primary survey area, which encompasses 170,500 acres of islands and coastal marsh that comprise the heart of the cranes’ wintering range. The primary survey area was divided into nine (9) units that were each flown 3 or 4 times. Adult Whooping Cranes show strong fidelity to winter territories, which aids the survey because birds don’t typically move during the winter and, therefore, are present predictably in the same places each week. Fourteen birds were documented in January at several inland sites and were added to the total from the census area.

In addition to the winter population monitoring around Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, the Canadian Wildlife Service conducts aerial flights and examines satellite images to monitor the nesting population each summer. During the 2022 nesting season, they documented a minimum of 96 Whooping Crane nests in the area on and surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park along the boundary between the provinces of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. These nests produced 61 fledglings – up from the 50 fledglings that were produced from 102 nests in 2021. The winter survey indicated that roughly 2/3 of the juvenile birds reared in Canada survived their first migration and most of their first winter. The number of successful nests was similar between 2021 and 2022; however, there was a higher incidence of “twins” (nests in which both chicks survived) in 2022 due to better habitat conditions. No twins were reared in 2021, but a record 11 sets of twins were produced in 2022. Unfortunately for the cranes, their Canadian nesting grounds were in the zone for Extreme Drought Intensity during the summer of 2023. Although I’ve heard unofficially that 96 nests were documented again this summer, there were only 30 confirmed fledglings because of the poor habitat conditions. The long-term growth rate for this population has averaged a little over 4% since the 1960s, and of course, some years have exceeded, and some years have fallen short of this rate. The wintering Whooping Crane population first reached the 500-bird milestone in the winter of 2017/2018, and it has taken six years to raise the population by another 50 birds. The poor reproduction experienced in 2023 will probably result in a slight population drop or, at best, a level population this winter.



The 2023 Fall migration was a quick one. Most of the population remained in their staging grounds in southern Saskatchewan for most of September and October until a series of Arctic fronts pushed them south in late October. Here in Oklahoma, it appears that most of the Whooping Cranes migrated through the state between October 28 and November 3, with a few passing through or lingering as late as

November 18th. Most of the cranes made their fall journey rapidly and flew from Saskatchewan to Texas in about six to 12 days by taking advantage of that series of cold fronts and favorable tailwinds.



Mark Howery

### OOS Meeting minutes

<b>Meeting:</b> Fall 2023 Board Meeting
<b>Date:</b> October 21, 2023
<b>Location:</b> Arcadia Conservation Education Center (Edmond, OK)

Officers/Chairs Present	Others Present
Zach Poland Steve Stone Joe Grzybowski Carrie Cartwright Rebecca Renfro	Jake Kirkland Mark Howery Jeff Tibbits Mia Revels Jimmy Woodard Scott Cartwright Tim O'Connell J.D. Strong

#### Call to Order

- The Fall meeting of the OOS Board of Directors was called to order at 1:15 pm on October 21, 2023, in the Arcadia Conservation Education Center, Edmond, Oklahoma, by Zach Poland.
- Board members present – see above

#### Acceptance of Agenda

- N/A

#### Approval of Minutes

- Do we accept the Minutes?

A motion to accept the Minutes from the Spring Executive Board Meeting was made by Steve Stone and seconded by Jake Kirkland.  
Motion Passed

#### Business from the Previous Meeting

- Personal email addresses have been utilized for some OOS financial business. There is a need to set up a google account for OOS.

A motion to allow Jeff Tibbits to set-up an Institutional Google account, if less than \$5 per month, was made by Jake Kirkland and seconded by Zach Poland.  
Motion Passed

#### Agenda Topics

T-shirts

- Steve and Mary Davis designed and purchased OOS t-shirts that are available for resale by OOS at the Fall meeting. Jimmy Woodard assisted with the design. This purchase was previously discussed with Board members, but a formal approval was never granted.
- The purchase cost of the T-shirts was \$979.00. The breakdown is 10 Med and 20 Large at \$12 each and 20 XL, 20 XXL and 1 XXXL at \$14 each plus tax.

A motion to reimburse Steve and Mary Davis \$979.00 for the T-shirts was made by Rebecca Renfro and seconded by Mark Howery.

Motion Passed

- The Board discussed how to manage future expense reimbursements.

A motion that no reimbursements for merchandise will be made without prior approval of the board was made by Jeff Tibbits and seconded by Joe Grzybowski.

Motion Passed

- The board discussed the potential resale (retail) price for the new T-shirts. Recouping the cost of the shirts was a primary consideration.

A motion to set the retail price of the new T-shirts at \$25 each was made by Mark Howery and seconded by Jake Kirkland.

Motion Passed

#### Keynote Speaker

- Laura Hulbert is the keynote speaker for the Fall Meeting. Laura is a graduate student at Northeastern State University who is conducting research on the Northern Saw-whet Owl. Laura will discuss her research on Saw-whets and their migration through Oklahoma.
- Rebecca Renfro arranged and paid for the speaker's hotel room.

A motion to provide the keynote speaker with a \$100 Honorarium and to reimburse Rebecca Renfro for the hotel expense was made by Mark Howery and seconded by Jake Kirkland.

Motion Passed

#### Student Support

- The Fall meeting was attended by several university students and the board would like to provide support for their travel expenses for attending the meeting.

A motion to provide student support in the amount of \$446.94 was made by Rebecca Renfro and seconded by Joe Grzybowski.

Motion Passed

#### Winter Newsletter

- Per Jake Kirkland, newsletter content is due by Monday, November 20.

#### Special Projects & Award Nominations

- The submission process and dates for both the Scissortail Award and Special Projects were discussed.
- There is a need to revamp the Award Nomination Form and improve the advertising for both the Award and Special Projects.
- Jeff Tibbits will add a Google Docs form to the OOS website for Awards Nominations.
- Jake Kirkland will work with Don Glass to update the Special Projects form.

A motion to make March 1<sup>st</sup> the formal deadline for nominations for the Scissortail Award and submissions for Special Projects, and April 15<sup>th</sup> the deadline to announce decisions for both the Scissortail Award and Special Projects was made by Jake Kirkland and seconded by Rebecca Renfro.

Motion Passed

#### Unfilled Board Positions

- There are still unfilled board positions, including President Elect, Business Manager and Zach Poland is still functioning in the Membership Role.
- The board discussed the need to fill these roles.

#### Spring Meeting

- The board discussed and debated the location for the 2024 Spring meeting. Red Slough WMA, Hackberry Flats WMA, the Great Salt Plains and other previous meeting locations were discussed and considered.

A motion to hold the 2024 Spring Meeting at the Great Salt Plains on April 27-28 was made by Rebecca Renfro and seconded by Joe Grzybowski .

Motion Passed

#### **Chair Reports**

- Special Projects, Don Glass: No Updates
- Bulletin, Gene Young: (not present, report made via email), 3/4 2021 & 1/2 2022 printed. 3/4 2022, 1/2 2023 & 3/4 2023 in formatting, Proofs next week. 3/4 2023 in works. Need Manuscripts of all kinds. 21, 22 completed; 23 soon; good start on 2024.
- Activities, Rebecca Renfro: No updates
- OBRC, Joe Grzybowski: No updates
- Scissortail, Jake Kirkland: Reminder that content for the newsletter is due on Nov 20.
- Treasurer, Carrie Cartwright: Provided account balances during the T-shirt discussions. No other updates.
- Membership, Zach Poland: No updates.

#### **New Business**

- J.D Strong, Director, ODWC (Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation) met with the board and presented the idea of creating a shared position with birding organizations and the ODWC. The new position would support the needs of non-traditional users of ODWC land and resources, e.g., birders, photographers, etc. This was a preliminary discussion, and nothing has been defined yet, no formal proposal has been made. The position would potentially be part-time.
- ODWC will research job descriptions/postings from other states and will provide to the OOS.
- The OOS board will consider what they would like to see from this potential position and will provide it to ODWC.

#### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- None

#### **Adjournment**

- Zach Poland moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 pm, seconded by Jake Kirkland.

**Minutes submitted by:** Steve Stone

**Minutes reviewed by:** Zach Poland



## Noteworthy Records of Birds in Oklahoma - Winter 2022-2023 period

The following is a listing of noteworthy records of birds for the Winter period—December 2022 through February 2023. It incorporates records outside or near limits of expected occurrence delimited by the *DATE GUIDE to the Occurrences of Birds in Oklahoma, Seventh Edition* (Oklahoma Bird Records Committee (OBRC), 2019, Oklahoma Ornithological Society, Norman, OK.). Also included are noteworthy high counts. **Exceptional records reviewed and found acceptable by the Oklahoma Bird Records Committee are given in bold.** Species whose names are followed by an (R) are expected, but RARE in very low frequencies. Underscores for date or locality depict records outside limits specified for the species in the DATE GUIDE. High counts are also underscored. m. ob. = multiple observers.

The winter period is generally a good time for waterfowl, gulls, and sparrows. While some years produce irruptions of some boreal and montane species, such as finches, jays, or Red-breasted Nuthatches, this winter did not. However, Northern Shrikes made a better than normal appearance for the second year. A small scatter of Evening Grosbeak and Red Crossbill records occurred. Both Trumpeter and Tundra swans were noted more commonly and widespread in the State. While a few neotropical summer-resident and migrant surprises can normally occur, this winter was an almost no-show—only a Palm Warbler at Red Slough.

Among significant rarities this season was the Slaty-backed Gull, which was a first State record, discovered at Lake Hefner, then in McClain County, then again at Lake Hefner. It may have been the same individual noted in Travis County, Texas, on 7 February. The first state **Mexican Duck** discovered 30 November 2022 was last observed on 7 January. The first winter record of **Parasitic Jaeger** for Oklahoma was observed at the Salt Plains NWR. Vagrant hummingbirds included the **Broad-billed Hummingbird** first noted during October at an Oklahoma County feeder but only survived until 20 December (unfortunately). A vagrant, **Anna's Hummingbird**, was also observed briefly in Tulsa County. Surprising anytime, but particularly for the winter season, was a **Great Kiskadee** on private property in Cleveland County—sixth Oklahoma record.

SPECIES	Num.	DATE (2022-23)	COUNTY	LOCALITY	OBSERVER
Trumpeter Swan (R)	up to 10	thru 19 Feb 2023	Osage	multiple locations	m. ob.
Trumpeter Swan (R)	1	3 Dec 2022	Sequoyah	Sequoyah NWR	Thomas Stevenson
Trumpeter Swan (R)	1-3	26 Dec 2022-11 Jan 2023	Noble	Sooner Lake--Bank Fishing Area	Mike Yough, Nick Ramsey, Jesse Pline
Trumpeter Swan (R)	6	26 Dec 2022	Woods	Alva Sewage Ponds	Aaron Short
Trumpeter Swan (R)	2, 6, 10	29 Dec 2022, 27 Jan, 5 Feb 2023	Washington	near Tuxedo	Melinda Droege, Josh Engelbert, Bill Carrell
Trumpeter Swan (R)	1	29 Dec 2022	<u>Stephens</u>	<u>Hiway 17</u>	Don Pearson
Trumpeter Swan (R)	2	30 Dec 2022	Sequoyah	Sequoyah NWR	Sandy Berger
Trumpeter Swan (R)	2	31 Dec 2022	Ellis	Gage Artesian Beach	Jim Bradford
Trumpeter Swan (R)	6	2 Jan 2023	Alfalfa	Great Salt Plains SP	Aaron Short
Trumpeter Swan (R)	1	3 Jan 2023	Ellis	Lake Lloyd Vincent	Jimmy Woodard
Trumpeter Swan (R)	4	7, 8 Jan, 4 Feb 2023	Alfalfa	near Burlington	Aaron Short, m. ob.
Trumpeter Swan (R)	6	7 Jan-6 Feb, 26 Feb 2023	Alfalfa	Jet	Aaron Short, m. ob., Curtis Stewart

Trumpeter Swan (R)	6	7 Jan 2023	Grant	Wakita	Aaron Short
Trumpeter Swan (R)	6	11, 21 Jan 2023	Alfalfa	Salt Plains NWR	Nick Schleissmann, Adrianh Martinez-Orozco
Trumpeter Swan (R)	1	5 Feb 2023	Sequoyah	Sequoyah NWR	Josh Smith et al.
Trumpeter Swan (R)	3	11 Feb 2023	Mays	Adair	Zach Poland
Tundra Swan (R)	11	14, 17 Dec 2022	Seminole	near Seminole	Randy Soto, Joe Grzybowski
Tundra Swan (R)	11, 2, 6	26-27 Dec 2022	Noble	Sooner Lake	Mike Yough, Lucas Bobay, Clay Billman
Tundra Swan (R)	4	29 Dec 2022	Seminole	Hickory Hollow	Rondi Large
Tundra Swan (R)	2	30 Dec 2022	Logan		Aaron Short
Tundra Swan (R)	4	1 Jan 2023	Osage	Tallgrass Prairie Preserve	Vivek Govind Kumar, Kenny Younger, Barry Bennett
Tundra Swan (R)	2	3, 7 Jan 2023	Alfalfa	near Burlington	Aaron Short
Tundra Swan (R)	4	10 Jan 2023	Alfalfa	Cherokee	Aaron Short
Tundra Swan (R)	1	11-28 Feb 2023	Johnston	north of Tishomingo	John Hurd, Randy Mitchell, m. ob.
Blue-winged Teal	5	<u>21 Dec 2022</u>	Muskogee	Haskell Sewage Lagoons	David Dyer
Cinnamon Teal	1	<u>13 Feb 2021</u>	Grady	near Roaring Creek Reservoir	Trina Arnold
<b>Mexican Duck</b>	1	6, 7 Dec 2022, 7 Jan 2023	Custer	Foss Reservoir	Joe Grzybowski, Jerry Vanbebber, Mary & Lou Truex, Dan Robinson
Surf Scoter (R)	1-2	17 Jan-28 Feb 2023	<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>Lake Waurika Dam</u>	Randy Mitchell, m. ob.
Surf Scoter (R)	1	21 Jan 2023	Noble	Sooner Lake	Landon Neumann
Surf Scoter (R)	1	21 Jan 2023	Pawnee	Sooner Lake	Landon Neumann
White-wing. Scoter (R)	1	16 Dec 2023	<u>Johnston</u>	<u>Tishomingo-Jemison Overlook</u>	Justin Roach
White-wing. Scoter (R)	1M	28 Dec 2022	Pawnee	Sooner Lake	Landon Neumann
White-wing. Scoter (R)	1-3	14-21 Jan 2023	Noble	Sooner Lake	Scott Loss, Lucas Bobay, Landon Neumann
Black Scoter (R)	1 F/im m.	1-16 Jan 2023	Tulsa	Lynn Lane Reservoir	Zach Poland, m. ob.
Black Scoter (R)	1	14, 21 Jan 2023	Noble	Sooner Lake	Scott Loss, Landon Neumann
Black Scoter (R)	1	16 Jan-4 Feb 2023	<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>Lake Waurika Dam</u>	Bryan Box, Scotty Loffland, m. ob.
Long-tailed Duck (R)	2	17 Dec 2022	Canadian	Lake Overholser	Randy Soto, Hal Yocum
Long-tailed Duck (R)	1	15 Jan-5 Feb 2023	Jefferson	Lake Waurika Dam	Debra Haller, m. ob.
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b>	1	17 Feb 2023	Cimarron	Lake Carl Etling	Steve Metz, Joe Grzybowski
Horned Grebe	<u>1200</u>	10 Feb 2023	Delaware	Grand Lake	Jeff Cox
Eared Grebe	1	<u>21 Jan 2023</u>	Noble	Sooner Lake	Landon Neumann
Western Grebe (R)	1-2	14-22 Jan 2023	Jefferson	Lake Waurika Dam	Matthew Argo, m. ob.
<b>Western x Clark's Grebe</b>	1	20 Feb 2023	Kay	Ponca City Lakes	Brian Marra, Grace Huffman
White-winged Dove	1-6	through period	Tulsa	multiple locations	m. ob.
<b>Anna's Hummingbird</b>	1	6-12 Dec 2022	Tulsa	Tulsa	Lisa Miller
<b>Broad-billed Hummingbird</b>	1	through 20 Dec 2022	Oklahoma	Edmond	Marcia Palmer, m. ob.
<b>Limpkin</b>	1	8 Dec 2022	Ottawa	Twin Bridges SP	Zach Poland

Sandhill Crane (R)	2	<u>19 Dec 2022</u>	Sequoyah	Moffet Bottoms	Michelle Diehl, Sandy Berger
Whooping Crane (R)	3	<u>2 Dec 2022</u>	Alfalfa	Salt Plains NWR	Logan Kahle
American Avocet	5, 1	<u>22, 24 Dec 2022</u>	Johnston	Tishomingo NWR	Nathan Cross, Justin Roach
Long-billed Curlew	1	<u>20 Feb 2023</u>	Tillman	Hackberry Flat WMA	Mary & Lou Truex et al.
Solitary Sandpiper	1	<u>17 Dec 2022</u>	Tulsa	Oxley Nature Center	Josh Smith
Baird's Sandpiper	3,7	<u>6, 20 Feb 2023</u>	Tillman	Hackberry Flat WMA	Mary & Lou Truex et al.
Baird's Sandpiper	1	<u>18 Feb 2023</u>	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Don Pearson
<b>Parasitic Jaeger</b>	1	13 Dec 2022	Alfalfa	Salt Plains NWR	Nathan Moses
<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>	1	17 Dec 2022	Payne	Lake Carl Blackwell	Scott Loss, m. ob.
<b>Black-legged Kittiwake</b>	1	14, 15 Jan 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Trina Arnold, Larry Mays
Glaucous Gull	1	29 Jan 2023	McClain	Ladd Road	Randy Soto, Joe Grzybowski
<u>Herring x Glaucous Gull hybrid</u>	1	25-31 Jan 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Aaron Short, Scott Loss, m. ob.
California Gull (R)	1 ad.	19 Dec 2022	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Megan Miguez
California Gull (R)	1 ad.	29 Jan-3 Feb 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Bill Carrell, Tim Lenz, m. ob.
<b>Slaty-backed Gull (1st state record)</b>	1	21-28 Jan 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Randy Soto, Rhonda Fair, Trina Arnold, m. ob.
<b>Slaty-backed Gull</b>	1	29 Jan 2023	McClain	Ladd Road	Joe Grzybowski
<b>Slaty-backed Gull</b>	1	10 Feb 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Jesse Pline
Iceland (Thayer's) Gull (R)	4	30 Dec 2022, 22 Jan 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Jim Arterburn, Ken Williams, Joe Grzybowski
Iceland (Thayer's) Gull (R)	1-3	3 Jan-11 Feb 2023	Oklahoma/Canadian	Oklahoma City lakes	m. ob.
Red-throated Loon (R)	1	1-21 Jan 2023	Pawnee/ Noble	Sooner Lake	Brian Marra, Grace Huffman, m. ob.
Red-throated Loon (R)	1	15 Jan-11 Feb 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Joe Grzybowski, Steve Stone, m. ob.
Pacific Loon (R)	1	5, 8 Dec 2022	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Karen Carpenter, Justin Lee
Pacific Loon (R)	1	25 Jan- 22 Feb 2023	Oklahoma	Lake Hefner	Landon Neumann, m. ob.
Neotropic Cormorant	1	10 Jan-15 Feb 2023	McCurtain	Red Slough WMA	David Arbour
Neotropic Cormorant (R)	1-2	<u>22 Jan 2023</u>	Stephens	Lake Waurika	Scotty Loffland, Bryan Box
Neotropic Cormorant (R)	1	<u>18 Feb 2023</u>	<u>Creek</u>	<u>Mannford</u>	Amy West
Rough-legged Hawk	1	21 Jan 2023	<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>Waurika</u>	Steve Glover, Greg Cook
Long-eared Owl (R)	1	15 Dec 2022	Cimarron	not specified	Joe Grzybowski
Long-eared Owl (R)	1	2 Jan 2023	Osage	Tallgrass Prairie Preserve	Vivek Govind Kumar, Kenny Younger, Barry Bennerr
Red-bellied Woodpecker (R)	1	18 Feb 2023	Cimarron	Felt	Joe Grzybowski
Crested Caracara (R)	1	7 Dec 2022	<u>Coal</u>	<u>not specified</u>	Randy Soto
Crested Caracara (R)	1, 2, 1	19, 21, 25 Feb 2023	<u>Coal</u>	<u>Tupelo area</u>	Steve Stone, Trina Arnold, Zach Poland
Crested Caracara (R)	1	22 Feb 2023	<u>Coal</u>	<u>Stonewall</u>	Jesse Pline



<b>Great Kiskadee</b>	1	24 Dec 2022-23Jan 2023	Cleveland	Norman (private property)	John Raeside, Anna Starr, m. ob.
Northern Shrike (R)	1	4 Dec 2022	<u>Custer</u>	<u>Foss Reservoir</u>	Jerry Vanbebber, Jacob Crissup
Northern Shrike (R)	1	10 Dec 2022-21 Jan 2023	<u>Noble</u>	<u>Sooner Lake</u>	Alex Harman et al.
Northern Shrike (R)	1	3 Jan 2023	<u>Ellis</u>	<u>Lake Lloyd Vincent</u>	Jimmy Woodard
Northern Shrike (R)	1	16 Jan 2023	<u>Payne</u>	<u>west county line</u>	Scott Loss
Northern Shrike (R)	1	20 Jan 2023	<u>Logan</u>	<u>Mulhall</u>	Landon Neumann
Northern Shrike (R)	1	20-28 Feb 2023	<b>McCurtain</b>	<b>Red Slough WMA</b>	David Arbour
Barn Swallow	1	<u>11 Jan 2023</u>	Payne	Boomer Lake Park	Scott Loss
Rock Wren	1	20 Jan 2023	<u>Cherokee</u>	<u>Lake Tenkiller</u>	Joe Grzybowski, Jim Arterburn, Ken Williams
Sedge Wren	1	<u>11 Feb 2023</u>	Cleveland	Lake Stanley Draper	Brian Marra, Grace Huffman
Mountain Bluebird (R)	2	13 Feb 2023	Payne	northeast of Stillwater	Scott Loss
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>	1	1 Dec 2023	Comanche	Lawton	Kurt Meizenzahl
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>	1	7-12 Dec 2022	Washita	Cordell	Roland Torgerson
<b>Evening Grosbeak</b>	1	14-15 Dec 2022	Okfuskee	Okemah	Rita George
Purple Finch (R)	1	23-24 Feb 2023	<u>Cimarron</u>	<u>Kenton</u>	Jesse Pline
Red Crossbill (R)	4-8	2 Dec 2022-1 Jan 2023	Payne	Lake Carl Blackwell	Scott Loss, m. ob.
Red Crossbill (R)	7	5 Jan 2023	Comanche	Wichita Mountains WR	Ty Allen
Red Crossbill (R)	6	14 Feb 2023	Payne	Lake Carl Blackwell	Scott Loss
Lesser Goldfinch (R)	1	<u>18 Dec 2022</u>	Comanche	Lawton	Mandy Husak
Lesser Goldfinch (R)	1	<u>2-10 Feb 2023</u>	Comanche	Lawton	Carmen Ricer
Chestnut-collared Longspur	1	18 Jan 2023	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Daniel Irons
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	<u>23 Feb 2023</u>	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Steve Davis
Rusty Blackbird (R)	2,3	14, 15 Dec 2023	<u>Cimarron</u>	<u>Lake Carl Etling</u>	Joe Grzybowski
Palm Warbler (Western) (R)	1	<u>10, 23 Jan 2023</u>	McCurtain	Red Slough WMA	David Arbour



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