

Among some bird species the young move northward after growing their full flight feathers. This may help to explain the fact that the bulk of the northern Alabama Ground Dove records are for fall and early winter months. There is no evidence that they ever breed in the Tennessee Valley.

Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge
Decatur, Alabama

TENNESSEE BLUEBIRD RECOVERED IN ALABAMA

Bluebird No. 21-199205, banded as a nestling in Warner Parks, Nashville, Tennessee, on August 10, 1953, was found dead about December 10, 1954, at the home of Mrs. Rogers Blalock, Route 1, Blount Springs, Blount County, Alabama. Blount Springs is about 160 miles south of Nashville.

Although I have banded over 5,500 Bluebirds (*Sialia sialis*) in the past twenty-three years (August, 1931, to August, 1954), this is the first report of one of this species found outside of the state and farther than ten miles from the place of banding.

Mrs. Blalock writes that she grows gourds which the Bluebirds utilize for nesting.—Amelia R. Laskey, 1521 Graybar Lane, Nashville 12, Tennessee.

CHRISTMAS COUNT, MOBILE, ALABAMA

Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama, December 29, 1954. Horned Grebe, Piedbill Grebe, Brown Pelican, White Pelican, Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, American Egret, Snowy Heron, La. Heron, American Bittern, Mallard, Black Duck, Mottled Duck, Gadwall, Baldpate, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Redhead, Canvas back, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Black Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Eagle, Marsh Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Bob-white, Clapper Rail, Florida Gallinule, Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, Wilson Snipe, Least Sandpiper, Red-backed Sandpiper, Dowitcher, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Laughing Gull, Forster's Tern, Royal Tern, Caspian Tern, Mourning Dove, King Fisher, Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Titmouse, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Hermit Thrush, Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Pipit, Shrike,

Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Palm Warbler, Yellow Throat, English Sparrow, Meadowlark, Red-wing Blackbird, Boat-tailed Grackle, Purple Grackle, Cardinal, Goldfinch, Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Field Sparrow. Total species, 91.—J. L. Dorn, S. J., Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

CHRISTMAS CENSUS, DECEMBER 27, 1954

Weather: fair to cloudy; wind about 5 to 10 mi. per hr. Miles traveled by car, 10; foot, 2; by one person. Farm of Mr. Hardie Nelson; radius about 2 miles along country road and to Highway 9, 7 miles north of Goodwater, corner of Clay, Coosa, and Tallapoosa Counties. I was in this vicinity for 10 days with about the same observations. One of special significance was the wintering Least Flycatcher. Heard every day was his "che-beck" and was observed every day close up and with binoculars. He did not wag his tail. He had an eye ring, faint wing bars, light under parts. I think it is safe to call it the Least Flycatcher, primarily on the call "che-beck," though normally they do not winter here. Turkey Vultures, 21; Black Vultures, 5; Sharpshinned Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 3; Red-shouldered Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Mourning Dove, 2; Flicker, 1; Pileated Woodpecker, 1; Red-headed Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Least Flycatcher, 2; Blue Jay, 4; American Crow, 20; Carolina Chickadee, 7; Tufted Titmouse, 7; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Carolina Wren, 2; Mockingbird, 3; Brown Thrasher, 3; Robin, 4; Bluebird, 14; American Pipit, 16; Cedar Waxwing, 11; Loggerhead Shrike, 10; Starling, 8; Myrtle Warbler, 3; English Sparrow, 5; Meadowlark, 21; Cardinal, 12; Goldfinch, 10; Towhee, 10; Savannah Sparrow, 8; Junco, 38; Chipping Sparrow, 6; Field Sparrow, 8; White-throated Sparrow, 20; Song Sparrow, 3. Total species, 39; individuals, 293.—Blanche E. Dean, 1503 Ridge Road, Homewood, Birmingham, Alabama.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, DECATUR, ALABAMA, 1954

Decatur, Alabama (Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, 7½ mile radius centering on a point in middle of Tennessee River just off Sively Slough, South shore Decatur to Garth Slough, North shore Whitesides to Blackwell Slough; sloughs managed for water-

fowl 32%, woodland borders and brushy areas 32%, lakes, rivers and ponds 10%, short grass 7%, tall grass and farmland 7%, residential 6%, hardwoods 4%, pine plantations 2%).—December 31, 5:50 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Complete overcast, 10 minutes rain; temp. 29° to 49°; wind SE, 6 m.p.h. Ground bare, water open, Tennessee River level very high after 6 inches of rain on December 29 and 30. Fifteen observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 24¼ (11 on foot, 13¼ by car), total party-miles, 134 (9 on foot, 125 by car). Piedbilled Grebe, 29; Double-crested Cormorant, 2; Great Blue Heron, 90; Canada Goose, 9,022; Snow Goose, 15; Blue Goose, 188; Mallard, 16,000; Black Duck, 1,457; Gadwall, 113; Am. Widgeon, 1,462; Pintail, 342; Green-winged Teal, 309; Blue-winged Teal, 35 (flock); Shoveller, 72; Ring-necked Duck, 176; Canvas-back, 67; Lesser Scaup, 2; Am. Golden-eye, 1; Buffle-head, 6; Ruddy Duck, 2; Hooded Merganser, 167; Unidentified ducks, 1,000; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 32; Red-shouldered Hawk, 4; Marsh Hawk, 10; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Bob-white, 36 (4 coveys); Am. Coot, 28; Killdeer, 106; Wilson's Snipe, 2; Greater Yellow-legs, 1 (M. P.); Least Sandpiper, 8; Herring Gull, 15; Ring-billed Gull, 74; Mourning Dove, 114; Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 7; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 10; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 11; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Eastern Phoebe, 2; Horned Lark, 52; Blue Jay, 108; Am. Crow, 75,000+ big roost estimated on several nights during previous week as 75 to 100 thousand by F&WS; Carolina Chickadee, 57; Tufted titmouse, 6; House Wren, 1; Winter Wren, 1; Bewick's Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 46; Mockingbird, 79; Brown Thrasher, 7; Am. Robin, 297; Hermit Thrush, 5; Eastern Bluebird, 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 10; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 3; Water Pipit, 26; Cedar Waxwing, 156; Loggerhead Shrike, 23; Common Starling, 310; Myrtle Warbler, 4; House Sparrow, 605 (400 flock); Eastern Meadowlark, 304; Red-winged Blackbird, 1,178; Rusty Blackbird, 81; Purple Grackle, 50; Brown-headed Cowbird, 519; Cardinal, 168; Purple Finch, 17; Am. Goldfinch, 65; Eastern Towhee, 41; Savannah Sparrow, 84; Vesper Sparrow, 30; Slate-colored Junco, 98; Field Sparrow, 223; White-crowned Sparrow, 43; White-throated Sparrow, 187; Fox Sparrow, 9; Swamp Sparrow, 59; Song Sparrow, 254; Lapland Longspur, 35. Total, 85 species, about 111,284 individuals. Seen Dec. 20, Common Loon, 1; Dec. 24, Am. Egret, 1; Bald Eagle, 2; Dec. 30, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture and Wood Duck. Thomas Z. Atkeson, William J. Calvert, Palmer Calvert, Donnie Calvert, Malcolm E. Harden, Jr., Robert Helle, Thomas A. Imhof (compiler), John Owen, Merl Parker (refuge manager), Paul Robinson, Idalene F. Snead, Grace Snead, Alfred Walker, Durward O. Wright, Harriet Wright (Alabama Ornithological Society and Fish and Wildlife Service).

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 1954

Birmingham, Alabama (7½ mile radius centering in New Merkle, mostly South and East of the City, East Lake to Oak Mt. and Elmwood Cemetery to Lake Purdy and all intervening areas, 19th Annual Count; oak-pine woodland 31%, woodland borders 23%, short grass areas 22%, tall grass including cultivated fields 8%, lakes 7%, suburban areas 5%, bottomland hardwoods 4%).—December 26, 6:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Clear; temp. 37° to 60°; wind NE, 4 m.p.h., ground bare, water open, during past month no snow but temperature several times down in the low twenties; water levels very low; year's rainfall deficiency 12.85 inches. Seventeen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours, 48¼ (36¼ on foot, 11½ by car), total party-miles, 169 (39 on foot, 130 by car). Pied-billed Grebe, 20; Great Blue Heron, 3; Mallard, 22; Redhead, 1; Ring-necked Duck, 34; Canvas-back, 13; Lesser Scaup, 4; Turkey Vulture, 2; Cooper's Hawk, 4; Red-tailed Hawk, 8; Red-shouldered Hawk, 6; Sparrow Hawk, 4; Bob-white, 48; Am. Coot, 100; Killdeer, 169; Wilson's Snipe, 11; Mourning Dove, 106; Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 13; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 51; Pileated Woodpecker, 10; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 17; Red-headed Woodpecker, 12; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 6; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 21; Red-cockaded Woodpecker, 4; Eastern Phoebe, 5; Blue Jay, 107; Am. Crow, 68; Carolina Chickadee, 111; Tufted Titmouse, 50; White-breasted Nuthatch, 13; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Brown-headed Nuthatch, 7; Brown Creeper, 1; House Wren, 2; Winter Wren, 7; Bewick's Wren, 3; Carolina Wren, 61; Mockingbird, 131; Brown Thrasher, 17; Am. Robin, 51; Hermit Thrush, 14; Eastern Bluebird, 53; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 52; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 33; Water Pipit, 150; Cedar Waxwing, 134; Loggerhead Shrike, 20; Common Starling, 700; Myrtle Warbler, 9; Pine Warbler, 10; House Sparrow, 225+; Eastern Meadowlark, 349; Red-winged Blackbird, 347; Rusty Blackbird, 144; Purple Grackle, 616; Brown-headed Cowbird, 118; Unidentified Blackbirds, 155; Cardinal, 235; Purple Finch, 11; Pine Siskin, 1; Am. Goldfinch, 495; Eastern Towhee, 152; Savannah Sparrow, 25; Vesper Sparrow, 8; Pine-woods Sparrow, 1 (MFP); Slate-colored Junco, 291; Chipping Sparrow, 22; Field Sparrow, 185; White-crowned Sparrow, 22; White-throated Sparrow, 493; Fox Sparrow, 14; Swamp Sparrow, 66; Song Sparrow, 183. Total, 75 species; about 6,664 individuals. Lane Park roost of 30,000 Blackbirds broken up one week ago. Waterfowl poor. Seen recently, Dec. 19, Am. Widgeon, 1; Dec. 20, Black Vulture, 2; Turkey, 9; Dec. 24, Screech Owl, 2; Horned Owl, 1; Dec. 30 and Jan. 3, Ring-billed Gull, 1; Jan. 1, Peregrine Falcon, 1.—Lee Brewer, Blanche H. Chapman, F. Bozeman Daniel, Sara Davis, Mildred Ferris, Virginia Hamilton,