

**YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD
(*XANTHOCEPHALUS XANTHOCEPHALUS*)
OBSERVED NEAR ANNISTON.**

Rene Simmons Roper

On 30 August 1988 I observed and photographed an immature male Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) feeding with a flock of Brown-headed Cowbirds (*Molothrus ater*) outside my window on our farm in Choccolocco Valley near Anniston. Dr. Bill Summerour also observed this bird on 1 September and again with three other AOS members and myself on 4 September. The bird was last seen on 6 September having stayed around for at least 6 days. Its disappearance coincided with attacks by a Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) which frightened the birds and presumably broke up their feeding routine. The Yellow-headed Blackbird is occasional in fall in Alabama and this sighting represented the only record for the Mountain Region. Renee Roper, Rt. 5, Box 652 D, Anniston, Alabama 36201.

**SECOND RECORD FOR THE
SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER
(*MYIODYNASTES LUTEIVENTRIS*)
IN ALABAMA**

John and Harriett Findlay

Alabama's second sighting for the Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) was recorded by John and Harriett Findlay on 27 September 1988 at Fort Morgan. It was first seen in the scattered pines around the picnic area just west of the ferry landing and parking lot, and was photographed in good light. Other birders from Alabama and adjacent states saw it during the 7 day period that the bird remained in the vicinity of the Fort Morgan grounds. It was last seen by the Findlays and others on 3 October.

In a 1984 article published in *American Birds* (Vol. 38, No. 2), Alabama's first state record for the Sulphur-bellied flycatcher was