



Oklahoma City Audubon Society

DECEMBER 2019

December: Tall Tales

Telling “Tall Bird Tales” will again highlight our annual December meeting on December 18, accompanied by holiday culinary delights and camaraderie.

Bring yourselves and your anecdotes and yarns to regale fellow members with your wonderful, beautiful, harrowing or death defying birding experiences.

Great birds have shown up in Oklahoma this past year and some truly great birders have had truly great times with those and many other birds, not only in Oklahoma but in other parts of the world. Be certain to practice your tall tale to insure the believability of your rendering.

Come out for the fun and friendship and sharing. A good time will be had by all.

Refreshments: Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share for the December meeting.

Our meetings are held September through June on the third Monday of each month (with the exception of January, when the meeting is held on the fourth Monday). Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Meeting Location: Our meetings are held at the Will Rogers Garden center, located at the intersection of NW 36th Street and I-44.

Make a note! The Will Rogers Garden Center is closed on the 3rd Monday of January 2020 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The January meeting will be held January 27, 2020.

Welcome!

The Oklahoma City Audubon Society welcomes Nancy Friot, Edmond, OK



The kakapo, also called owl parrot, is a species of large, flightless, nocturnal, ground-dwelling parrot of the super-family Strigopoidea, endemic to New Zealand. It is listed as the 4th most unusual and endangered bird in the world. How's that for a Tall Tale?

President's Perspective



By Betz Hacker

As 2019 draws to a close, I reflect on the many birds I've seen and the enjoyable times I've spent in the company of fellow birders. It brings me joy to see birds, but to see the excitement when someone see a first-time bird is priceless! You are probably familiar with the old saying, "Birds of a feather stick together." I find

it to be particularly true with our birding community.

In 2019, OCAS updated their website, published 10 newsletters, lead 12 bird walks, held a big sit and and little sit, attended 3 public out reach programs, put up 6 more bluebird houses in Martin Nature Park, observed two pairs of nesting bluebird in Will Rogers Garden Park, held 10 monthly meetings, participated in the Audubon CBC, and had a fun summer picnic. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered.



It's an honor to have the opportunity to serve as OCAS president along side a dedicated board of directors, committed volunteers, and enthusiastic members. There are so many people who have contributed their expertise, enthusiasm, and time to make OCAS a successful club. While I don't have the space to thank all who have helped, I would like to highlight a few.

Have you visited okc-audubon.org lately? Pat Velte updated it and it's even more beautiful and easier to navigate. Pat is a talented graphic artist and web designer who manages OCAS's website and puts together the

monthly newsletter. Most of our new members find and join OCAS through our website. Pat is a committed volunteer and through her efforts OCAS continues to grow.

Many members participate in the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC). It's fun and, especially exciting in the years we list unusual birds. After the results are compiled, Nathan Kuhnert sends the results to Audubon and posts the list on our website. A big thank you to all the citizen scientists who participated in this years count.

Warren Harden has organized OCAS's monthly programs for many years. I continually ask myself, how does he know so many bird experts? His meetings are always informative and attract many non-members.

Not only does Grace Huffman serve as VP and have an amazing ear for bird sounds, she writes "The Bird of The Month" for our newsletter. A big shout-out to her, Patti Muzny, Ester Key, Ann Sherman, Sharon Henthorn, and others who help to keep members informed.

OCAS isn't flush with cash but thanks to our treasurer, Nancy Vicars, there is money in the bank. In addition to keeping us "flush" with cash, she is a bird magnet! If you've ever been on a walk with her, you know what I'm saying. There are others, including Grace Huffman, Hal Yokum, Larry Mays, Jimmy Woodard, John Cleal and Marion Homier who have lead walks and held sits at their home. In addition, Terri Underhill has opened her home for our annual picnic and makes sure we have snacks at monthly meetings. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to serve along side our many volunteers and be a member of this dynamic club.

A fellow birder once told me that for every hour you spend birding, you extend your life by a day. If that is true, this year I extended my life by about a year. Whoa, I may live forever. For me, it was a good year. I added a few firsts to my life list and saw many bird species I'd not seen for awhile. As the year winds down, I am reminded how fortunate I am to be involved in an organization that promotes opportunities for birding and live in a state with amazing species diversity. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. Please give yourself the gift of time. Make time to see the many birds in our city, state, nation, world, and in your own backyard.

Enjoying Big Bend National Park 2019

By Patti Muzny

Big Bend NP is BIG! It's beautiful, remote, captivating, HOT in August, inspiring and sometimes ferocious and many more adjectives. Our early August 2019 visit included experiencing all of the above. And we loved it! Traveling with good birding friends is always just good for your soul!



Visiting Big Bend in one of the hottest months of the year might not be the most ultimate trip to take, but when we had been in the Davis Mountains, where the weather was mostly bearable, and it was only a little over 100 miles from this incredible National Park, we decided to "just do it!" So after leaving the Davis Mountains Hummingbird Festival, we booked a nice Airbnb duplex just a few miles west of Terlingua, TX, and settled in to our captivating adventure. Around the duplex we found Pyrrhuloxia, Black-throated Sparrow, Scaled Quail families, and Cactus Wren.

Nancy Vicars and I had been to Big Bend before, but Steve Davis and Mary Lane and Nancy Reed had not. No experience in Big Bend is ever the same, so it's most definitely not boring! It was hot and would get hotter as the day progressed. We were almost the only visitors to the park, so we had many opportunities to stop and bird and to take photos. Steve and his camera were kept very busy!

We visited the Panther Junction Visitor Center, where we could bird around the landscaping near the building before moving on toward Rustler Peak. We had been unable to find an actual Cactus Wren in the Davis Mountains, although we located several nests, but once we got to Terlingua and all throughout BBNP, we found them nearly everywhere. We got good looks at Curve-billed Thrashers and Scaled Quail, as well as Bullock's Orioles and Yellow Warblers.



We thought maybe it would be slightly cooler at Chisos Mountains Visitor Center. Not! It was August! We parked in a parking area at the edge of the campground and proceeded to hike down a hill to a water treatment plant where the birding was supposed to have been pretty interesting. We had some drinking water with us, but not nearly enough for about a mile and a half round trip along this trail at high noon. And, what hikes down must hike back up – one tantalizingly brutal step at a time! Nancy Reed had the presence of mind to stop in a shady spot a few hundred yards down and waited for us, but the rest of us continued on. It was hot and became hotter. (Oh, but it's a DRY heat!)

Some of the birds were Say's Phoebe, Townsend's Warbler, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher, Canyon Wren, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Western Tanager, Dickcissel, Wilson's Warbler, Western Wood Pewee as well as several raucous Pinyon Jays. Some of the water I had with me went on my head and I carefully rationed the rest of it, a small sip at a time. It's probably not the most prudent choice to hike at high noon in Big Bend in August, but we managed to straggle out of the canyon with red faces and tired muscles, and we were still smiling.

We made it to the car and dug out more water – cold water! By this time the breakfast at Chili Pepper was long gone and we went to the Visitor Center and relaxed in a lovely air conditioned dining room to enjoy a good lunch, while absorbing the beautiful mountain views.

Rejuvenated and looking forward to what was around the next bend, we headed down the mountain toward the oasis at Dugout Wells. This oasis has a spring and there is a small seep that attracts many birds. We parked and watched. Among the visitors here were Painted Bunting, Lark Bunting, Roadrunners, Yellow Warblers and a Northern Waterthrush, which was a big surprise for me. I don't associate them with the west. This trip coincided with the beginning of fall migration, so we discovered we might have almost anything. And did I mention that it was still HOT?!

But...we were more than half way through the park, so we headed for Boquillas Canyon overlook, which is the farthest into the park on the east that we could drive. I think the temperature on Nancy's vehicle was 119 degrees! We didn't tarry long and took no hikes, but we drove down into Rio Grande Village, where we were entertained by several Roadrunners. We also saw javelinas and were escorted throughout the campground by Vermillion Flycatchers. Always a visual delight!

By this time we were getting hungry again and would soon lose our daylight, so we drove on back to Terlingua where we found a questionable looking bar and restaurant — the joint looked pretty scary from the outside — and ate some of the best pizza ever. The service was great and the food wonderful. Looks are definitely not everything.



Bird of the Month

By Grace Huffman

Small and easily overlooked, **Brown Creepers** are one of winter's treasures. Why are they so easily overlooked? Well, they are experts at camouflage. While they are white on their undersides, they look like tree bark

on their backs, blending in almost perfectly to the trees they cling to. Even in flight they can be tricky, as it can appear that they are flying like falling leaves.

Brown Creepers are similar in size to nuthatches, and look under the bark of trees for insects like nuthatches too. But unlike nuthatches, creepers go up trees instead of down, and they are less likely to visit your birdfeeders, although they may come by to snack on suet or peanut butter. Creepers are incredibly efficient eaters, and on average bird burns anywhere from 4-10 calories a day. According to allaboutbirds.org, a spider provides enough fuel for a creeper to climb 200 feet!

Creepers spend their winters spread out across much of the United States, and spend their summers in southern Canada and parts of Alaska. There is also a large population that is nonmigratory, and they spend the entire year close to the west coast, Rockies, and the northeast/Great Lakes region. The female builds the nest, but the male will bring nesting material and sing nearby. Once



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the cup-shaped nest is built, the female lays 5-6 eggs inside and incubates them for around 2 weeks.

Because they are so tricky to see, I end up not seeing them very often. In fact, my first eBird record is from February of this year, when I saw one in the Wichita Mountains. I'd seen one many years before, but that was before I started tracking my records with eBird. Keep an ear out for their high pitched calls, similar to a Golden-crowned Kinglet but sharper.

Despite the fact that I don't see them very often, Brown Creepers are listed as Least Concern. In fact, they are on the increase in population, which means we'll get to enjoy these little birds for years to come.

I took this photo last month, when some friends and I were birding on the eastern side of the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge. If you haven't been there, I highly recommend it, as Brown Creeper was one of nearly 50 species we recorded that morning.

DUES NOTICE

It's time once again to renew your annual membership for 2020. OCAS dues are \$15 per household and may be paid at the monthly meetings, online at our website <http://www.okc-audubon.org> or mailed to Nancy Vicars, Treasurer, 24 SE 57th St., OKC 73129.

Eagle Nest Watch

The nonprofit Sutton Avian Research Center in Bartlesville hatched, raised and released 275 Bald Eagles in Oklahoma and four other states between 1985 and 1992 to contribute to the recovery of the Bald Eagle population. Pursuing an original goal of establishing 10 Bald Eagle nests in Oklahoma, the program has exceeded expectations — in 2019, 199 Bald Eagle nests were known to be active in Oklahoma! You can help by reporting active eagle nests that you discover. Nests can be reported online using the form and map at sutton-center.org/eaglenest.

OKC Audubon Society minutes of November 18, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Hacker. Meeting minutes of October 21 were approved without changes. Treasurer Nancy Vicars reports \$6148.77 in the treasury account after this month's expenses.

Guests today are Pete Austin, Ruth Bicknese, Meelyn Pandit and Nu Perera. These graduate students are actively pursuing research in areas of ecology at the University of Oklahoma.

Nancy Vicars reported on the recent African safari that she and Warren Harden just returned from. She relates that the experience exceeded expectations, and they will have more to say at future meetings.

New business: three volunteers were selected for the nominating committee, as officers of the club for 2020 will be chosen at the December meeting.

The Oklahoma Ornithological Society has produced an updated 2019 version of the Oklahoma Bird Guide, which can be purchased from the OOS website.

Upcoming Christmas Bird Counts for this winter begin on the first day of the count with the OKC count on December 14th.

Jimmy Woodard will be doing the Liberal, KS, CBC on Saturday December 28th. CBC for Black Mesa follows on Sunday December 29th.

Monday the 30th of December will be the CBC of the Duncan, OK circle in Stephens County. Other CBC schedules in the country can be found on the Christmas Bird Count website.

There was little business, so a long snack break gave a chance for everyone to share their stories and plans.

After the break, we were treated to PhD student John Muller's history of research of migratory grassland birds along the Texas Coastal Prairie. Factors such as topography, height of local grasses, and changing movement patterns during the winter are primarily studied with the longspurs species of the region.

Next meeting will be Monday, the 16th of December. December meeting usually consists of the attendees sharing Tall Tales and everyone providing snacks. More details will be coming soon on the okc-audubon.org website.

African Dream (Part One)

Nancy Vicars and Warren Harden

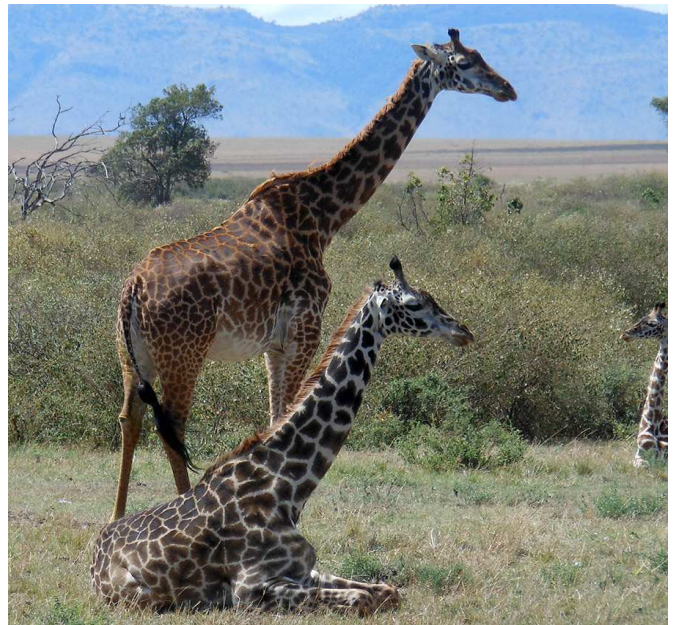
Having studied and watched countless documentaries about this vast continent, it became one of our dreams to visit and observe, first hand, the Big Animals before They go away and Before We go away!

That dream became a reality on August 9, 2019 with our arrival in Nairobi, Kenya, in preparation for a four-day tour of the Masai Mara Game Preserve.

The gardens surrounding the hotel were in full bloom and proved to be great habitat for Blue-headed and Variable Sunbirds (Africa's version of North American Hummingbirds), Olive Thrush, Spectacled Pigeons, White-browed Sparrow Weaver, Blue-headed Paradise Flycatcher, Klaas Cuckoo, Laughing Dove and Black-faced Waxbills. We enjoyed the antics of a flock of Speckled Mousebirds (maybe one of the WORST named species) and flyovers of Pied-crows, Ethiopian Swallows and Black Kites.

Twenty-five species of starlings can be found throughout Africa. The iridescence of the Superb and Blue-eared Glossy Starlings was absolutely stunning and they were present in every location we visited.

Early the following morning, we flew to the Mara to meet our Masai guide. In a manner of minutes we came upon a small herd of elephants, right beside the road. The guide explained that the African elephant ears are very large and shaped exactly like the continent. OH my Gosh and it only went uphill from there!!



The mammal that occupied the top-spot on our wish list was the Giraffe. These gentle giants are absolutely magnificent. After seeing the first of many on this adventure, Warren proclaimed this area to be "GIRAFFIC PARK" and
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Recorders Report November 2019

As the trees lost their leaves, the avian winter residents were arriving and settling down for the winter. Frost and hard freezes changed the landscape and seed production ended. Butterflies and other pollinators are overwintering among piles of leaves, in or on plants or buried in the soil. Meanwhile, birders are finding a variety of winter birds with some new and interesting visitors.

On the 1st Braden Farris counted Northern Harrier along I-40 in Seminole County; and Randy Soto located a possible **Sabine's Gull** at Lake Hefner—Stars and Strips Park.

On the 2nd John Sterling reported Red-headed Woodpecker, American Avocet and Savannah Sparrow while traveling in Garvin County; and Jacob Crissup spotted Red-headed Woodpecker at Lake Thunderbird—Calypso Cove. On the 3rd Larry Mays found



Franklin's Gulls and Carolina Wren at his home in McClain County; and Shane Sherwood documented **Western Grebe** at Lake Hefner—Newell Park. On the 4th Deanne McKinney observed American White Pelican and Hooded Merganser at Rose Lake in Canadian County.

On the 5th Joe Grzybowski detected American Pipit at Lake Thunderbird-East Sentinel in Cleveland County; and Caleb McKinney added Short-eared Owl and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in Payne County. On the 6th John Muller had Hairy Woodpecker, Barred Owl, Hermit Thrush, and Swamp Sparrow along South Jenkins in Norman; Landon Neumann had American Avocet at Meridian Technology Center Pond in Payne County; and Jimmy Woodard with Hal Yoakum identified Blue-headed Vireo, Winter Wren, and Wild Turkey at Mid-America Kiwanis Park in Midwest City. On the 7th Joe Grzybowski recorded Lesser Black-backed Gull at Lake Thunderbird-East Sentinel and photographed Rufous Hummingbird at Nancy Reed's feeder in Cleveland County.

On the 8th Grant Beauprez came across Bald Eagle on OK-51 in Logan County; Karl Mechem saw Red-breasted Merganser and Forster's Tern at Lake Overholser West; and Sarah Mueller tallied Northern Bobwhite along Coyle Road in Payne County. On the 9th Jason Shaw

discovered Belted Kingfisher at Lake Louis Burtschi in Grady County. On the 10th Lucas Bobay noticed Eastern Bluebird and Chipping Sparrow along US-277 in Grady County and Red-tailed Hawk along I-40 in Seminole County; while Michael Novak recognized Least Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Northern Harrier, Loggerhead Shrike and Red-headed Woodpecker near Hennessey in Kingfisher County. On the 11th D&D Norris got Brown Creeper at Kairworks Garden in Logan County. On the 12th Steve Davis encountered American Golden-Plover and Wilson's Snipe at Rose Lake; and Scott Loss confirmed Western Grebe at Lake Carl Blackwell.

On the 13th Scott Loss spotted American Woodcock near his yard in Stillwater. On the 14th Edward Landi counted Loggerhead Shrike along Cimarron Road in Yukon. On the 16th Christopher Reser found Canvasback on a pond at Kilpatrick Turnpike and NW 23rd Street; and Deb Hirt located Common Merganser at Boomer Lake Park—Heron Cove. On the 17th Caleb McKinney observed Sandhill Crane, Sprague's Pipit and Brewer's Blackbird near Alex in Grady County; Cody Barnes reported Lapland Longspur and Smith's Longspur at Meridian Technology Center Pond; Bob Ellis documented White-winged Scoter and Yellow-billed Loon at Lake Hefner; and a Western Grebe was reported at Lake Thunderbird—Dam area. On the 18th Scott Loss detected Smith's Longspur and Brewer's Blackbird on OK-51 in Logan County. On the 20th Linda Jones discovered White-crowned and White-throated Sparrow at the Lazy J in Lincoln County.

On the 21st for the third winter Bill Talbert identified **Ferruginous Hawk** near Slaughterville in Cleveland County. On the 22nd Chris Butler recorded Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Field Sparrow at Lake Thunderbird. On the 23rd Chris Butler added Cooper's Hawk, Northern Flicker, and Savannah Sparrow at Tecumseh Lake in Pottawatomie County; Caleb McKinney came across American Woodcock, Barred Owl and American Pipit near Alex; Chad Ellis tallied Cackling Goose at Purcell Lake; Scott Loss documented Iceland Gull (Thayer's) at Boomer Lake Park in Stillwater; Braden Farris encountered Great Horned Owl and Brown Thrasher at Howard Farm in Deer Creek in Oklahoma County; and Janiece Gratch recognized Ross's Goose and Northern Flicker at Bluff Creek in Oklahoma City.

On the 24th Jacob Crissup birded Bell Cow Lake Campground B in Lincoln County for the first time and got Orange-crowned Warbler, Greater Roadrunner and at Chandler Lake Tufted Titmouse and Pileated Woodpecker; Luis Cueto noticed Inca Dove along 48th

Ave in Norman; Michael Kane saw Yellow-rumped Warbler at South Lakes Park in Cleveland County; and Brian Marra confirmed Virginia Rail, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Black-crowned Night-Heron at Lake Hefner. On the 25th Christie Stoops added White-breasted Nuthatch and American Goldfinch at Cottonwood Creek in Logan County; and Scott Loss reported Lapland Longspur and Horned Lark at OSU—Magruder Plots.

On the 26th Daniel Martin found Northern Harrier at Fitzgerald Creek Substation on Henney Road near Coyle in Logan County; Bruce Mast located Sharpshinned Hawk and American Kestrel at Goldsby Sod Farm in McClain County; Brian Marra spotted Bonaparte's Gull, Ruddy Duck, and Fox Sparrow at Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge West; Bill Diffin observed Marsh Wren and Spotted Towhee at Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge West; and

Deanne McKinney had Canvasback, Greater Scaup, and Surf Scoter at Lake Hefner—Prairie Dog Point. On the 27th D&D Norris counted Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and 14 Northern Cardinals at Kairworks Garden;

and Jacob Crissup detected Surf Scoter, Common Goldeneye, and juvenile Bald Eagle at Lake Hefner. On the 28th Tim O'Connell noticed Song Sparrow and White-breasted Nuthatch at North Cimarron Hill Road in Stillwater. On the 30th Sam S recognized Bald Eagle along Hwy 77 in Garvin County. What else will birders locate during the Christmas Bird Counts in December?

In the Central Oklahoma area during November 2019, **149** species were reported with **3** new species bringing the total for the year to **280**. I appreciate those who help provide the history of central Oklahoma birds. Information is accessed at: [ebird](http://ebird.org). 2019 eBird: An online database of bird distribution and abundance [web application]. eBird Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York. Available: <http://www.ebird.org/subnational1/US-OK/region>. (Accessed: November 29, 2019). And occasionally from Facebook and the OKBIRDS List. I can be contacted by e-mail at emkok@earthlink.net. Esther M. Key, Editor.



Africa (cont.)

it really proved to be correct. GI-gantic, R-apturous, A-wesome, F-ascinating, F-antasy, I-llustrious, C-elebration PARK!!

Herds of Masai Zebra, Thomson's and Grant's Gazelle, Topi, Impala, Hartebeest, Eland, Warthog, Spotted Hyena, Ostrich, Wildebeest and Cape Buffalo were seen along the drive to our camp. One old bull Buffalo was lying next to the road, idly chewing his cud and was being gleaned by a Red-billed Oxpecker. The bird climbed along his back, up and over his head and straight into his Nostril!

The second place mammals were the big cats and we were not disappointed. We found a family of lions, Mom and Dad with three half-grown cubs napping nearby. They showed little interest in us, Ho-Hum just more tourist!!

On our afternoon game drive, we came upon five Cheetahs. Our guide explained three were brothers and two had been welcomed into the brotherhood. They appeared to be casually watching a nearby herd of gazelle. Suddenly, all five began stalking and a couple made a futile attempt to chase down an unsuspecting victim. We learned later they were successful in their next attempt.

Our first glimpse of a Leopard was only the top of its head in the tall grass. However, we soon found a female with a young cub near a recently deceased Cape Buffalo. No doubt, the benefactors of this kill were a group of lions and they don't tend to share their bounty.

As luck would have it, we happened upon a pair of beautiful Crested Porcupines, normally nocturnal but nonetheless they were out and about.

Like most birders, we were always on the hunt for any and all birds. We knew this was not a "birding" safari but our guide was pretty knowledgeable and stopped whenever we needed an ID. We spotted a Verreaux's Eagle Owl, the largest owl species in this region, perched in a sausage tree right beside the road for all to see.

Black Rhinos sightings are rare, only 32 remain in this area however we were very fortunate to find one the next morning. A "Heap of Hippos" was spotted in the river along with a couple of crocodiles and a pair of Little Bee-eaters.

Another list topper was the Secretary Bird. Checked it off the first day!! Only one in the Mara but saw more in the Serengeti.

Although we missed seeing a Hamerkop, we found two of their huge abandoned domed nests. One old nest held a pair of young Pygmy Falcons.

To be continued:

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2019-20 OKC Christmas Bird Count

There are still opportunities to help out on this year's CBC (Dec 14) that range from backyard feeder watching to going out on your own inside the count circle. I can also see about getting you teamed up with an experienced count party. Please call Nathan Kuhnert at 405.496.2077 or email at nrkuhnert@sbcglobal.net for more details. Our county party will be held later in the day at **Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler, 33 E 33rd St, Edmond**. I plan to start reading our list at 6:30 p.m. Bringing desserts is welcome at our dinner and what we can't finish at Johnnie's can be eaten at the following Monday regular bird club meeting. Results from the 2018 CBC as well as any new logistical information that may need to be posted can be seen at <https://okc-audubon.org>

The next state record?

Earlier this fall, Jimmy Woodard sent out a message to see what birders in the state think might be possible future next additions to the official state bird list for Oklahoma. He received 12 lists. Here is the list ranked in order of votes received.

1	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	9 votes	7-tie	Allen's Hummingbird	5 votes
2 - tie	Cactus Wren	8 votes	12-tie	Tropical Kingbird	4 votes
2 - tie	Painted Redstart	8 votes	12-tie	Vaux's Swift	4 votes
4 - tie	Zone-tailed Hawk	6 votes	12-tie	Flammulated Owl	4 votes
4 - tie	Tufted Duck	6 votes	15-tie	Sagebrush Sparrow	3 votes
4 - tie	Black-chinned Sparrow	6 votes	15-tie	Black Swift	3 votes
7 - tie	Common Black Hawk	5 votes	15-tie	Phainopepla	3 votes
7 - tie	Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	5 votes	15-tie	Limpkin	3 votes
7 - tie	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	5 votes	15-tie	Rivoli's Hummingbird	
7-tie	White-tailed Hawk	5 votes			
