

Marianna: Dec. 18; 6:00 AM to 8:30 PM. Cloudy AM, clear PM; 48° to 50° (30° drop in temp. over previous 12 hrs); wind NE, 15 mph; very dry. 13 observers in 6 parties (plus 1 at feeder); 35 party-hours (8 on foot, 23 by car, 4 by boat); 159 party-miles (9 on foot, 146 by car, 4 by boat). Habitat includes pine woods, scrub oaks, fields and pastures, lakes, and cypress swamps. Substantiating field marks reported for Swallow-tailed Kite (in swamp near Chipola River—GT,DT) and immature Broad-winged Hawks (directly above, 500-600' soaring over mill pond—SJS,RA,JIG). Participants: Richmond Anderson, Lillian Cook, Jeff I. Gray, Marion W. Gray (compiler), Mary Gray, Elizabeth and William A. Hearn, Nancy and Wilbur Roberts, Donald and Frances Scott, Stephen J. Stedman, and David and Gladys Todd.

Bay County: Dec. 31; 5:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Rainy AM, clear PM; 66° to 74°; wind W, 0-5 mph; season unusually warm. 23 observers in 10 parties; 75 party-hours (26 on foot, 40 by car, 9 by boat); 328 party-miles (22 on foot, 246 by car, 60 by boat). Habitat mainly open water, pine woods, swamps and marshes, and towns. Substantiating field marks reported for Sandwich Tern (including yellow tip on black bill—SJS,RA) and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (GT,EC). Participants: Richmond Anderson, Edna Collins, Jim Dodds, Betty Friedman, Marion W. and Mary Gray, Roy Hallman, Fred Jones, Lib Knight, Vicki Milam, Mary Ann and Terri Olson, Audrey Parker, Nancy and Wilbur Roberts, Louis Robertson, Donald Scott (compiler), Frances Scott, Stephen J. Stedman, David and Gladys Todd, and Anna and Tom Watson.

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RUFF AND HOUSE WREN RECORDS

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On 10 Aug 1971, an unusual-appearing shorebird was seen on the mudflats of Houston Bottoms, Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge. The bird was observed carefully for several minutes at about 100 feet and then two color photographs were taken using a 600 mm telephoto lens. The bird could not be identified as anything but a Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax*. Later, when R. T. Peterson was in Columbus, Georgia, 30 Sept, he and Earle Greene, of 600 Club fame, confirmed the identification from the color transparencies. (Ed. note: A Ruff, present in Atlanta for about 2 weeks, disappeared on 31 Jul during heavy rains.)

This report of three nesting attempts of a House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon* is from Steve H. Adams, a zoology graduate student. The wrens nested under the cover of the L.P. gas tank by his mobile home in Auburn. Nesting started in late May with eggs noted the first week end in June. None had hatched by 27 June. Some eggs were removed, but 3 were left in the nest. The second nesting attempt started by 4 Jul and by 10 Jul, 10 eggs were present. None had hatched by 31 Jul. All eggs but 1 were removed. The third nesting started in early Aug and 5 eggs were added to the nest. None hatched by the second week in Sept when the nest was removed and the tank filled with gas.

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