

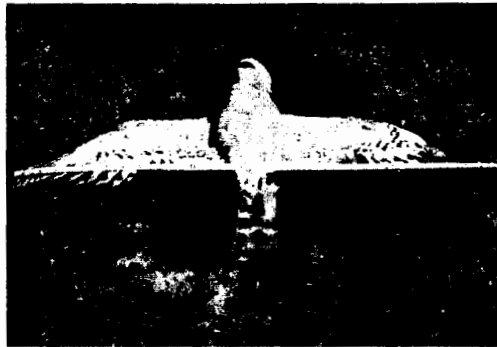
...spring record for the state (HTA & GWC). A record of at least 25 Least Bitterns at Grandview, Hampton, Va., Apr. 25 was probably a record number for the state (MAB *et al.*). Three Wood Storks appeared far inland near Chamblissburg, Bedford Co., Va., May 20 and remained at least until May 26. They were seen by many area observers and photographs were printed in a Roanoke, Va. newspaper (CHL, MPM, JP *et al.*). Some Glossy Ibis were noted at Brigantine N.W.R., N. J., May 23, many apparently feeding on horseshoe crab eggs with Ruddy Turnstones (JCM).

WATERFOWL—Up to eight Mute Swans were present at Chincoteague N.W.R., Va. in early May (WWF, CRV, VEW), and there were the usual reports of lingering Whistling Swans. Among the latter were one at Blackwater Ref., May 26 (HTA & MEA) and six at Back Bay N.W.R., Va., May 31 (DFH). Seven at Lilypons, Md., Apr. 14 were unusual for this Piedmont locality (RLP). A White-fronted Goose near Reading, Pa., May 30-31 was extremely late (JES & EF), and up to seven Snow Geese were present at Brigantine Ref. the last week of May (HDM, AM). An excellent incursion of Fulvous Tree Ducks occurred in coastal Delaware and New Jersey. Twenty-four were seen off and on in the Fowlers Beach, Del. area Apr. 13-May 14 (NEH, WWF, DF *et al.*), 16 were photographed at Woodland Beach, Del., Apr. 20 (RAR, CPW *et al.*), and one was seen near Rehoboth Beach, Del., May 26 (RLP, WJW *et al.*). In New Jersey 17 Fulvous Tree Ducks were found at Tuckahoe in early May, remaining until May 17 (AB, JKM). Possibly the same 17 birds appeared at nearby Brigantine Ref., May 19 and remained throughout the month (RK, JY).

A Gadwall nest with 11 eggs was located at Fisherman I., Va., May 11, a new nesting locality for the state (PEM). The Eur. Wigeon previously reported at Lititz, Pa. remained until Apr. 13 (EW), and a Eurasian Green-winged Teal was present at Brigantine Ref., Apr. 13-May 11 (CFH, NP). A few individuals of many diving duck species were reported in May, but as usual it was often impossible to know if these were injured or not. Among these was a Canvasback at Assawoman Wildlife Area, Del., May 25 (SBS) and an Oldsquaw at Cape Henlopen, Del., May 19 (DFA & JMA). A good flight of Oldsquaws was noted at Island Beach, N. J., Mar. 30 when Ryan estimated 2800 moving along the surf, and a single Oldsquaw about 35 mi. off c. New Jersey Apr. 10 seemed unusually far at sea (RHR). A ♂ Harlequin Duck at a reservoir in Baltimore, Md., Apr. 15 triggered a local rare bird alert (MLH), and at Longport, N. J. three were present Apr. 13, one lingering to May 26 (JFA, JDD, PWS). Eiders remained quite late, perhaps representing nonbreeding birds. A Com. Eider was seen along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Va., May 27 (PAD & PGD), a King Eider was found at Longport, N. J., May 21 (JFA), two were seen at Hampton, Va., May 26 (BA), and nine King Eiders were still present at Ocean City, Md., June 1 (JMA *et al.*). At Dyke marsh, Fairfax Co., Va. a ♂ Com. Merganser appeared May 11 and a female May 15, both remaining at least to June 4 (DFA & JMA).

VULTURES THROUGH RAILS—Cook located two Black Vultures at Elverson, Pa., Apr. 21, a locally

good record, and a Swallow-tailed Kite at Back Bay Ref., Va., May 16 was far out of normal range (FS). A Mississippi Kite, found alive May 31 at Glenroy, Pa., died the next day (JJT). The bird was photographed and the specimen will be deposited in the Philadelphia Academy of Science. This seems to be the first specimen for s. e. Pennsylvania in over 75 years. A Goshawk



Mississippi Kite, June 1, 1974, Glenroy, Pa. / J.J. Thouron

at Hawk Mt., Pa., Apr. 28 may have been a migrant or possibly a summer resident (AM). The first migrant Broad-winged Hawks at Longwood, Pa. were 25 on Apr. 3 (JG), and a count of 125 at Cape May Pt., N. J., May 26 was amazingly late (EAC). Franchois found a Golden Eagle at Finland, Bucks Co., Pa., May 1, while an immature at Virginia Beach, Va., June 1 was unprecedented (RJT). Rowlett counted 138 Virginia Rails at Elliott I., Md., Apr. 13 along with 30 Clapper Rails, both excellent counts for this Chesapeake Bay area. Single Purple Gallinules were seen at Spring Lake, N. J., May 20-27 (AG, PWS) and Delaware City, Del., May 17 (RWD & WJW), and the Abbotts located a very late Am. Coot at Dyke marsh, Va., May 26.

SHOREBIRDS—Many Am. Oystercatcher nests with eggs were found on coastal Virginia. Among these were two on Wallops I., Apr. 26 and 27 (CRV, HH), eight on and near Cedar I., May 7 (MAB *et al.*), and three nests and 43 ad. birds on Fisherman I., May 11 (FRS *et al.*). An adult at Craney I., Va., Apr. 10 was unusual for Hampton Roads (WWF). Vaughn and others had a peak count of 42 Piping Plover at Wallops I., Apr. 6, and a nest with eggs was found here Apr. 27 (HH). The Abbotts located three nests with eggs and four or more pairs of adults at Cape Henlopen, Del., May 18. A Wilson's Plover at Tuckerton, N. J., May 11 was a rare find for this area (CFH), and a nest with eggs of this species was located at Wallops I., May 11 (CRV). Three additional nests with eggs were noted on Cedar I., May 7 (MAB *et al.*). Few Am. Golden Plovers were reported, though a count of 22 at Bombay Hook N.W.R., Del., Apr. 16 was good for spring (NEH). One at Hatfield, Pa., Apr. 2 was one of the few Pennsylvania spring records (AM), and a Ruddy Turnstone at the same location May 23 was also unusual (AM). Shorebirds apparently peaked in the Little Creek, Del.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Historic Record

Species: Mississippi Kite Ictinia mississippiensis

Date of Sighting: 1 June 1974 to 1 June 1974

County : CHESTER

Location : GLEN ROY

Observer(s): J.J. Thouron

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Historic Record

Written Description: No

Photo: Yes


Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente	x							
T. Johnson	x							
E. Witmer	x							
N. Pulcinella	x							
J. Heller	x							
G. Malosh	x							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	x							

Comments: Reviewed at 2007 Annual Meeting. Voice Vote

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

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