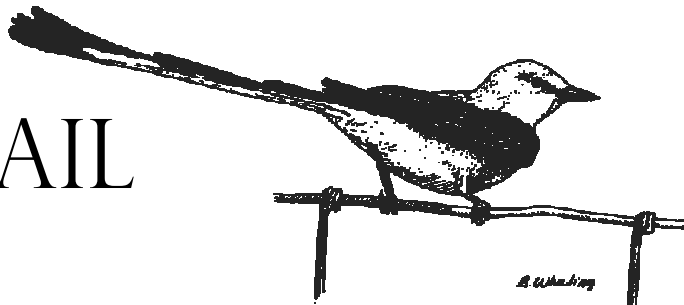


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## *From the President*

### Presidents Message

I want to welcome Kathy Tam as our new Scissortail editor! Kathy will welcome your articles, ideas and comments as she takes over the newsletter. I now need to give Kathy an even bigger stick than I gave former editor Laurie Ribitzki so she can beat out a timely president's message from me!

**Thank You's.** As we end our program year, I want to again thank all our members, committees and officers for all the great work you do. This past year was probably the busiest in TAS history and the board even decided to meet monthly this past year to stay on top of our many projects.

Laurie Ribitzki, Carol Eames and John Fisher are stepping down from the board, and joining are Kathy Tam, Bob Germany and Martin Brown. I also want to welcome Shirley Jones as our new publicity chair. As usual, I don't have room to mention individually all the wonderful folks who helped make this a great year but I want you all to know you have the thanks of myself and all TAS members. I do want to make a special shout out to our Treasurer Mary Jackson. Her workload has increased as TAS is handling the finances for the OK Audubon Council and the Prairie-Chicken Festival. She has done a great job handling the new work.

**TogetherGreen Volunteer Days.** Our biggest challenge, and opportunity, was the \$7,000 TogetherGreen grant we received from National Audubon. This is a program funded by Toyota to provide

opportunities to get more people involved in conservation activities. The seven events we had were all great successes. Our habitat improvement days at Oxley Nature Center drew in over 100 new volunteers, including several hard-working Girl Scout Troops, Jenks High School students, AmeriCorps and other members of the community. The funding was a key to the success of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Festival and contributed to our best ever Garden Tour.

*Thank You* to all the volunteers who joined us this past year.

The TAS Board also decided we would continue many of these events in the future. We also applied for another 2009-2010 TogetherGreen grant and I am pleased to announce we were again selected!

**Garden Tour.** This year's tour was the most successful ever with over 700 participants! Thank you to the homeowners for sharing their yards, and the entire committee for all the year-round work involved in making this event a success. Check the web site for pictures of the gardens.

**Purple Martin Festival.** Every summer a true wildlife spectacle takes place in downtown Tulsa - A summer Purple Martin roost with between 100,000-250,000 birds. Purple Martins are highly social birds and after leaving their nesting colonies form large, communal roosts where they sleep at night prior to and during migration. Downtown Tulsa has had a roost since the early 1980's. Last year summer TAS hosted our first Purple Martin Roost Watches, drawing almost 200 people downtown to observe

this spectacle. This year on August 15 we are planning another event, a Purple Martin Festival. The exact location will depend on where in downtown the Martins decide to roost, so watch for an email update or the website for the exact details.

**Lesser Prairie-Chicken Festival.** While this was not technically a TAS event, most of the TAS Board was actively involved in the planning. I am pleased to report it was a great success. We had well over 100 paid participants from 16 states, including Alaska, and two Canadian provinces. The rain proved very challenging but everyone got to see the chickens, had a chance to help save the chickens by marking fences, and went home with a great adventure story. Be sure to read more about it and see pictures on [www.okaudubon.org](http://www.okaudubon.org), which has links to many blog entries from our speakers and other participants.

**Festival Scholarships.** Congratulations to Cameron Cox and Aaron Sharp, who were awarded \$350 student scholarships to the LPC Festival. Cameron's article is included in this newsletter.

**Bird Seed Sale.** Watch for the 2009 seed sale in early September. I also have a new supply of freeze-dried meal worms available now.

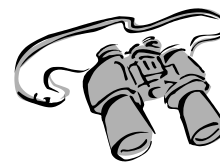
**Email Updates.** If you are not already getting them, please sign up for the TAS email alerts. It is normally a monthly email with upcoming events and updates on conservation issues. Just send your email to [johnkennington@cox.net](mailto:johnkennington@cox.net) and ask to be added to the TAS email list.



# Recorder's Report

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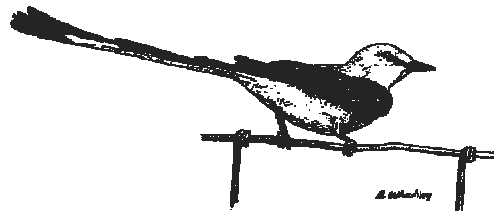


## March 2009 through May 2009

<u>Rarity</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>
O	Cackling Goose	05/02/09	2	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 12	S Tramel, et al
O	Lesser Scaup	05/26/09	12	Tulsa	Tulsa, Lake Yahola	T Mitchell
O	Common Loon	05/27/09	2	Tulsa	Tulsa, Lake Yahola	T Mitchell
O	Osprey	03/25/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Oxley North Woods	B Carrell
O	Osprey	05/27/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Lake Yahola	T Mitchell
R	Ferruginous Hawk	03/10/09	1	Tulsa	Bixby sod farms	J Loyd, J Driskell
O	Swainson's Hawk	03/24/09	1	Tulsa	Bixby sod farms	J Singletary, J Barto
R,O	Peregrine Falcon	04/10/09	1	Tulsa	Turkey Mountain Park	B Carrell
R	Peregrine Falcon	05/01/09	1	Tulsa	Bixby sod farms	B Carrell
R	Peregrine Falcon	05/01/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 56th St North sod farms	P Seibert, J Loyd
R	Peregrine Falcon	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 5	B Carrell
R	Piping Plover	05/01/09	2	Tulsa	Tulsa, 56th St North sod farms	P Seibert, J Loyd
R	Black-necked Stilt	04/05/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Oxley Nature Center	B Carrell
O	Spotted Sandpiper	04/09/09	1	Osage	Lake Keystone, Sand Creek	J Singletary, S Jones
O	Stilt Sandpiper	04/15/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Pine & Mingo creek	B Carrell
R	Inca Dove	05/03/09	1	Pawnee	Lake Keystone area residence	P Ribitzki
R	White-winged Dove	03/23/09	1	Rogers	Catoosa residence	G Tipton
R	White-winged Dove	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 9	C Browning, et al
R	White-winged Dove	05/03/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, N Sheriden & Apache	B Carrell
R	Common Poorwill	05/11/09	1	Creek	Lake Keystone area	T O'Connell's student
O	Alder Flycatcher	05/03/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Oxley Nature Center	T Mitchell, et al
O	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	03/04/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 51st St, E of Garnett Rd	L Ribitzki
O	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	03/24/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 41st & Garnett Rd	T Mitchell
O	Bank Swallow	04/12/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Lake Yahola	B Carrell
O	Bank Swallow	04/12/09	2	Tulsa	Tulsa, Lake Yahola	T Mitchell
O	Bank Swallow	05/26/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	Tues Morning Birders
O	Cliff Swallow	03/23/09	8	Tulsa	Tulsa, 71st St & Riverside Dr	B Carrell
O	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	03/16/09	2	Creek	Lake Keystone, Salt Creek	J Fisher
O	Ovenbird	05/26/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	Tues Morning Birders
O	Blackburnian Warbler	05/26/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	Tues Morning Birders
O	Black-throated Green	05/26/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	Tues Morning Birders
R	Blue-winged Warbler	04/27/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	J Singletary
R	Blue-winged Warbler	05/06/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Oxley North Woods	T Mitchell
R	Cape May Warbler	05/15/09	1	Tulsa	So Tulsa residence	J Singletary
R	Cerulean Warbler	05/02/09	1	Wagoner	Broken Arrow residence	S Raley
O	Chestnut-sided Warbler	05/26/09	2	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	Tues Morning Birders
O	Orange-crowned Warbler	05/14/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	M Mutzig
O	Orange-crowned Warbler	05/16/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, 31st St & Riverside Dr	K Williams, et al
R	Palm Warbler	04/28/09	2	Tulsa	So Tulsa County	Tues Morning Birders
R	Palm Warbler	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 7	B Gard, et al
R	Palm Warbler	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 12	S Tramel, et al
R	Palm Warbler	05/03/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Oxley Nature Center	T Mitchell, et al
R,O	Palm Warbler	05/09/09	1	Tulsa	Sand Springs residence	F Sandford
R	Worm-eating Warbler	04/17/09	1	Tulsa	So Tulsa residence	D Joyce
O	Dark-eyed Junco	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 2	T Mainer, et al
O	Chipping Sparrow	03/03/09	8	Tulsa	North Tulsa Prairie	Tues Morning Birders
O	Chipping Sparrow	03/17/09	1	Tulsa	North Tulsa County	Tues Morning Birders
R,O	Lazuli Bunting	04/25/09	1	Osage	Keystone Lake residence	B Gallagher
R,O	Lazuli Bunting	04/25/09	1	Tulsa	Sand Springs residence	T Curtis
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 5	B Carrell
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/02/09	4	Osage	Keystone Lake residence	B Gallagher
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 7	B Gard, et al
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Plaza Tract Park	P Seibert
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 1	P Seibert, et al
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/02/09	1	Wagoner	Broken Arrow residence	S Raley
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/02/09	2	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 10	T Mitchell
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/03/09	1	Pawnee	Lake Keystone area residence	P Ribitzki
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/03/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa, Mohawk Park	T Mitchell, et al
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/11/09	1	Tulsa	So Tulsa County residence	K Tam
R	Lazuli Bunting	05/18/09	1	Rogers	Owasso residence	J Mitchell
R	Black-headed Grosbeak	05/07/09	1	Rogers	Owasso residence	C Williams
O	Brewer's Blackbird	05/02/09	2	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 14	B Scott, et al
O	Western Meadowlark	05/02/09	1	Tulsa	Tulsa BDC, Area 12	S Tramel, et al

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- Promote the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment*
- Provide the opportunity for study and observation of birds and all wildlife*
- Contribute to research in the fields of conservation and ornithology by monetary support and active participation*
- Educate the public on the need to protect the environment, and to promote a better public understanding of these natural resources*