

discovered by Dan Kassebaum, Vicki Lang and Keith McMullen (Kassebaum 2001). The three previous records of this very rare vagrant in the state are from May. The first record occurred on the cinder flats at Lake Springfield, Sangamon County, 7 May 1986 (Bohlen 1986). The second record occurred near Dickson Mounds, Fulton County, 10 and 11 May 1987 (Bohlen 1989), and was documented by Kevin Richmond and Michael Baum. The third record occurred north of Gorham in the Fountain Bluff region of Jackson County on 19

May 1993. This bird was discovered by Todd Fink and surprisingly went unpublished until 1996 when it appeared in *Southern Illinois Birds* (Robinson 1996).

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In Memoriam: Charles T. Clark (1912-2004)

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Charles T. "Charlie" Clark passed away in March 2004 at his son's home in Nebraska. Birding has lost another great one. I first became acquainted with Charlie Clark in the mid 1940s during field trips with the Chicago Ornithological Society, but it wasn't until almost two decades later that I began birding with him frequently. In the late 1940s Charlie was involved in the tabulation and summary of William Dreuth's birding records for Lincoln Park. Charlie and Margaret Morse Nice cooperated in the preparation of William Dreuth's *Study of Bird Migration in Lincoln Park*, Chicago, Special Publication No. 8 of The Chicago Academy of Sciences in 1950.

Charlie was one of the earliest or founding members of the American Birding Association. In 1969, he was one of only a dozen members and one of the seven members-at-large, a de facto Board of Directors. Some years later he was honored as the Association's Birder of the Year.

During his years in the Chicago area, Charlie was an active member of the Chicago Ornithological Society. He was always the keenest eye and most willing teacher on field trips. Young birders all profited from his mentoring. He dedicated himself to spending many hours of study in the bird skin collection at The Field Museum, and seemingly knew every feather on every bird!

In the 1970s he and his wife moved from Des Plaines, Illinois, to Rockport, Texas. Here, in addition to birding, he involved himself with reviewing Connie Hagar's voluminous records of the birds along the Gulf Coast at Rockport. He published some of his findings in the *Bulletin of the Texas Ornithological Society*, Volume 29 in 1996.

I last birded with Charlie in Rockport in the fall of 2002 when he showed me a flock of some sixty Marbled Godwits and an area the local Audubon society had set aside for nesting Black Skimmers at the Rockport Beachfront Park. Our last visit together was at Rockport just a year ago. A brief phone conversation with Charlie in November would be my final contact with this birding legend.

His scholarly knowledge of birds and keen birding skills live on in countless birders in Illinois, Texas and, if fact, throughout the nation.

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