

Sightings of the Sandhill Crane in West Tennessee are irregular. Devore (*Migrant* 51:43-53, 1980) lists 2 sightings: a historic record of "large flocks" on the Shelby-Tipton County line in November of 1820 reported by Audubon, and a more recent record by Barbig of 2 birds in Shelby County during February, 1953 (*Migrant* 24:11, 1953). Waldron (*Migrant* 52:72, 1981) lists a sighting of one individual in Obion County during January and February of 1981. This bird was in eastern Obion County, and the Lake County observation reported above represents the first Reelfoot Lake area report (D. Pitts, pers. comm.). The Lauderdale County report is the latest seasonal occurrence in West Tennessee and the first report from Lauderdale County.

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ANHINGA ON NEST AT REELFOOT LAKE, TENNESSEE—On 20 May 1985, I accompanied Jimmy Cox of Reelfoot State Park into the heron colony at Little Ronaldson Slough, Reelfoot Lake, Lake County, Tennessee. Although the vast majority of birds were Great Blue Herons (*Ardea herodias*), we spotted three Anhingas (*Anhinga anhinga*) soon after entering the colony. We were following the birds, searching for a nest, when the trio split up. Cox followed one bird while I watched the other two. During this time I observed the pair attempt to copulate. After approximately 45 seconds the female flew off with the male close behind. While waiting for a possible return to this perch, I heard Cox whistle softly for me. As I edged closer to him, he pointed out an Anhinga sitting on a nest with another individual (probably the mate) close by. Cox had taken several photographs before I arrived. The third individual was not seen again.

The nest itself was in the upper canopy of a Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*) approximately 28-35 m tall. It was one of the highest nests of 14 in the tree. Eight were occupied by Great Blue Herons, 1 was occupied by a Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*) and 5 were apparently inactive. Due to the inaccessibility of the Anhinga nest, no eggs or young were observed.

Reports of the Anhinga in Tennessee have been scarce for the past 20 years. Cox and Steve Pardue (also of Reelfoot State Park) photographed 1 on the nest in the Little Ronaldson Slough colony in 1977, although it was not reported until 1982 by David Pitts (*Migrant* 53:63-64, 1982). Since 1977, Anhingas have been seen around the colony but no nests found. Waldron (*Migrant* 51:86, 1980) describes a nesting at Big Hill Pond in McNairy County, Tennessee in 1980.

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