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Biological Notes

STATUS OF THE WOOD THRUSH IN DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS.—In his Check List of Birds of Dallas County, Texas, Stillwell (1939) designated the Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina* (Gmelin), a rare transient. He states: "We rarely see, never hear, the Wood Thrush in Dallas . . .", and gives May 25 as the latest record of its occurrence in the County. Local bird enthusiasts, however, tell me that although the Wood Thrush is not a common spring migrant here, it is certainly not rare.

Mr. Edward C. Fritz informed me (June 15, 1954) that he had seen and heard Wood Thrushes at his home near the northern limits of the city of Dallas (4144 Cochran Chapel Road) since April 23 of this year, and that he had heard the song of a Wood Thrush that very morning. On June 20, Mr. Fritz observed the bird at close range and made a positive identification of it as a Wood Thrush. On June 22, Mr. Fritz and I visited the area in which this bird had been seen. Although we did not see the bird, we heard its song—unmistakably that of a Wood Thrush.

Egg dates recorded by Bent (*Bull. 196 U.S. Nat. Mus.*, p. 123, 1949) indicate that the height of the nesting season for this bird, over most of its range, occurs between mid-May and mid-June. As the breeding range of the Wood Thrush is known to include the areas of Tyler and Marshall, Texas (Bent, *op. cit.*, p. 121) approximately 100 miles east of Dallas, the possibility of this bird's nesting in our area must not be excluded. No nest has, however, yet been found. — William B. Stallcup.