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The Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) is one of the most abundant and widespread species recorded on the Audubon Coastal Bird Survey (ACBS), a community science initiative to track population trends of coastal bird species in the Gulf of Mexico. Analysis of ACBS data indicates that populations of this species have increased in Mississippi since the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. Photo by Collin Stempien.