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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 12 June 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Paul Dickson will present a program entitled "The Joys of Bird-Listing". Find out the ways to organize a bird list, resources to use, and the value of information that can be obtained.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 7 June 1990, 7:00 PM. This meeting will be at Mac Hardy's home, 1823 S. Brookwood Drive. All Board Members should try to be present.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL. The expiration date for your membership in the Bird Study Group is now printed on your mailing label. Be sure to renew your membership before the expiration date so you will not miss a newsletter.

GIFT SHOP

The Museum Gift Shop is open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Drop by and visit during that time. The volunteer would like some company. The Gift Shop will be closed on July 14 and on August 4.

BIRD NOTES

When submitting observations for

inclusion in the monthly BIRD NOTES report be sure to include the specific date and location where the bird was seen and the numbers seen. This information is very important for the accuracy and usefulness of our observations.

In order to simplify the BIRD NOTES report, all permanent residents will not be included in the BIRD NOTES report beginning with this issue of the Newsletter. A list of the permanent residents for our area is included below.

LABEL DATE

The expiration date of your membership in the Bird Study Group is printed on the mailing label attached to your Newsletter. Some of you have pointed out that the label is difficult to read. The label is printed in the format "year/month/day" so that a label that reads 90/09/25 means that the membership expires on September 25, 1990.

PERMANENT RESIDENTS

This is a list of the permanent residents of Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana. These species will no longer be included in the BIRD NOTES report. If any of these should be included please let Mac know. An easy way to do this is to return this list to me with those species marked out that should continue to be included in the Bird Report. The new BIRD REPORT, excluding these species, will begin with the July 1990 issue.

COMMON NAME	SPECIES
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>
Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
Common Barn-Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Otus asio</i>
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>

Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>
Carolina Chickadee	<i>Parus carolinensis</i>
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Parus bicolor</i>
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
Brown-headed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>
Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Bachman's Sparrow	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>

HUDSONIAN GODWITS*

At least four Hudsonian Godwits were seen on the LSUS campus on 12-13 of May. Several birders were able to see these uncommon visitors to our area.

MONK PARAKEET NEST

Mr. Ralph Mitchell reported a Monk Parakeet building a nest in his back yard. Mac visited his yard on 16 May. There was a single adult Monk Parakeet flying between a feeder in the next neighbor's yard and a nest located in a willow tree, in water about 30 feet from the back edge of Mr. Mitchell's yard. The bird entered the nest several times and worked on the nest while we were watching. A second bird has not been seen. The bird is still working on the nest as of 31 May. Visits are OK, but please call Mr. Mitchell in advance -- phone 636-2082.

BIRD NOTES -- MAY

Compiled
May 30, 1990

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Connie Connors (865-6422) by the 25th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc.). For example: 15 PD 3; BW 1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. Two (or more) numbers following an observer are numbers of birds seen at two (or more) different localities. The month is abbreviated only if it is the month preceding the one being reported.

Reporters are as follows: AB -- Alice Babers, 4/26/90, 5/24/90 residence; WMB -- W. M. Beasley, 4/28/90 residence; GB -- Gordon Blackman, 4/15/90, 5/10/90, 5/11/90 residence, 5/21/90 Helene & Alison, Shreveport, 5/23/90 residence; SB -- Shug Burris, 5/22/90 residence; NC -- Norma Cobb, 5/13/90 residence, 5/23/90 Hearne & Mansfield, Shreveport, 5/23/90 residence; JC -- James Cope, 4/30/90 residence, 5/2/90 residence; PD -- Paul Dickson, 5/12/90 residence; MF -- Margaret Fontaine, 5/23/90 residence; GF -- Gloria Frantom, 5/23/90 residence; BH -- Bill Hall, 5/11/90, 5/24/90 residence; HM -- Hubert Hervey, 4/29/90 Hall Summit, 5/10/90 Cypress Bayou, 5/10/90 residence, 5/17/90 Cypress Bayou; HHO -- Helen Hood, 4/29/90 Hall Summit, 5/2/90, 5/4/90 residence, 5/5/90 South Park Mall, Shreveport, 5/6/90 Hodges Gardens, 5/9/90, 5/11/90, 5/13/90, 5/20/90 residence; SH&PL -- Shirley Huss & Pat Lonacker, 5/6/90 LSUS, Hamels Park, Bickham-Dickson Park, 5/13/90 LSUS; SH -- Shirley Huss, 5/1/90, 5/2/90, 5/7/90, 5/10/90, 5/11/90, 5/18/90, 5/25/90 residence; D&VJ -- Dee Jowers & Yeta Jowers, 5/23/90 Haughton, 5/24/90 residence; MK -- Marilyn Kircus, 4/29/90 Bickham-Dickson Park, 4/29/90 residence, 5/6/90 Soda Lake; CL&HJ -- Charlie Lyon & Horace Jeter, 5/13/90 LSUS, 5/13/90 Wallace Lake, 5/13/90 Yearwood Road; CL -- Charlie Lyon, 4/28/90 South Park Mall, Shreveport, 5/4/90, 5/6/90 I-49, mile 147, 5/12/90 LSUS, 5/12/90 residence, 5/14/90 residence, 5/23/90 Rush/Panola Co., Texas; JM -- Jim McCain, 5/22/90 residence; NM -- Nicky McCombs, 4/26/90, 5/1/90, 5/3/90, 5/4/90, 5/13/90, 5/14/90 residence, 5/16/90 Bert Kouns, 5/16/90, 5/16/90, 5/17/90, 5/18/90, 5/19/90, 5/20/90, 5/21/90, 5/24/90 residence; KP -- Katie Pyle, 5/23/90 residence; LR -- Larry Raymond, 5/4/90 Jacobs Nature Park, 5/13/90 residence, 5/23/90 Jacobs Nature Park, BW -- Bobbe Womack, 4/26/90, 4/28/90 residence, 5/1/90 Stonewall, 5/4/90, 5/5/90, 5/7/90, 5/10/90 residence, 5/10/90 Stonewall, 5/12/90 residence, 5/15/90 Stonewall, 5/25/90 I-49.

Common Name	Data
American White Pelican	Apr. 28 CL 75; 6 CL 125
Great Blue Heron	Apr. 29 MK 3; 6 SH&PL 1; 22 SB 1
Great Egret	Apr. 29 MK 3; 6 SH&PL 1; 24 D&VJ 25
Snowy Egret	Apr. 29 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 3, 1
Little Blue Heron	6 SH&PL 2; 13 CL&HJ 1
Cattle Egret	6 HHO 51
Green-backed Heron	Apr. 29 MK 1; 6 SH&PL 1; 7 BW 2; 22 SB 1; 24 BH 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	12 CL 1; 17 HH 12; 23 MF (nesting)
Fulvous Whistling Duck	4 CL 1
Wood Duck	10 HH 2; 12 CL 2
Mallard	4 CL 1; 13 CL&HJ 2
Blue-winged Teal	Apr. 29 MK 8; 4 CL 4
Black Vulture	10 HH 10
Turkey Vulture	10 HH 6
Mississippi Kite	29 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 1; 14 CL 1; 25 BW 2
Cooper's Hawk	10 HH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	6 HHO 1; 10 HH 4; 13 CL&HJ 2
Swainson's Hawk	13 CL&HJ 1
Red-tailed Hawk	10 HH 2; 23 CL 1
American Kestrel	23 NC 1
Northern Bobwhite	4 HHO 1; 13 CL&HJ 2; 23 CL 1
Killdeer	6 SH&PL 1; 23 D&VJ 9
Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 29 MK 4
Lesser Yellowlegs	Apr. 29 MK 2; 6 SH&PL 2; 12 CL 6; 13 SH&PL 5, CL&HJ 5
Solitary Sandpiper	Apr. 29 MK 4
Spotted Sandpiper	Apr. 29 MK 4; 13 CL&HJ 1
Upland Sandpiper	13 CL&HJ 2
Hudsonian Godwit	12 CL 4; 13 SH&PL, CL&HJ 4
White-rumped Sandpiper	13 SH&PL, CL&HJ 2
Pectoral Sandpiper	Apr. 29 MK 4; 13 SH&PL 9; 13 CL&HJ 10
Stilt Sandpiper	12 CL 5
Short-billed Dowitcher	12 CL 1
Wilson's Phalarope	12 CL 2
Ringed Turtle-Dove	Apr. 15 GB 2; 21 GB 2
Mourning Dove	6 SH&PL 1; 23 NC 2, 2;
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	13 CL&HJ 2; 16 HH 1; 23 CL 1
Barred Owl	13 CL&HJ 1
Common Nighthawk	10 HH 8
Chuck-will's-widow	10 HH 1
Chimney Swift	6 SH&PL 4; 13 LR 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	May 6 MK 3; 10 GB 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 1, NM 2, LR 22 1, SB 3; 23 GB 1; 24 D&VJ 2
Belted Kingfisher	Apr. 29 MK 2
Red-headed Woodpecker	Apr. 29 HHO 1; 10 BW 1; 17 HH 2; 23 GF 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Apr. 26 AB 1; Apr. 29 MK 2; 1 JC 2; 2 JC 2; 11 HHO 1; 23 NC 4, GF 224 BH 1
Downy Woodpecker	23 GF 2; 24 BH 1

Northern Flicker	Apr. 29 MK 2; 17 HH 6; 13 HHO 1
Pileated Woodpecker	Apr. 29 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 1; 20 HHO 1; 23 GF 1
Olive-sided Flycatcher	6 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	6 MK 8; 10 SH 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 8, LR 1
Acadian Flycatcher	6 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 2; 17 HH 4;
Great Crested Flycatcher	BW 2; 16 NM 2; 23 CL 1; 24 BH 3
Eastern Kingbird	Apr. 29 MK 4; 6 HHO 2, SH&PL 1; 13 SH&PL 2, CL&HJ 100, 50; 23 CL 25
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Apr. 29 MK 1; 5 HHO 1; 6 SH&PL 1; 13 SH&PL 2; 13 CL&HJ 1, 1; 16 NM 3; 17 HH 4; 23 CL 20
Purple Martin	22 SB 4; 23 CL 20
Tree Swallow	6 MK 1; 23 CL 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	13 CL&HJ 2
Barn Swallow	6 SH&PL 1; 13 CL&HJ 10, 6; 23 CL 30
Blue Jay	6 SH&PL 1; 13 LR 3
Fish Crow	Apr. 29 MK 4; 13 CL&HJ 5, LR 1
Carolina Chickadee	13 NM 9, LR 3; 17 HH 12; 23 GF 5; 24 BH 1
Tufted Titmouse	Apr. 29 MK 10; 13 NM 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Apr. 29 MK 4; 23 KP 1
Carolina Wren	Apr. 29 MK 3; 13 LR 1; 24 BH 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4 LR 1; 13 CL&HJ 5; 17 HH 4;
Eastern Bluebird	Apr. 29 MK 1; 6 HHO 2, SH&PL 1; 22 SB 2; 23 GF 2; 24 BH 2
Veery	12 PD 1
Wood Thrush	4 BW 1; 17 HH 2; 23 CL 1
American Robin	6 SH&PL 1; 23 GF 2
Gray Catbird	Apr. 29 MK 8; 6 MK 12; 12 BW 1
Northern Mockingbird	6 SH&PL 1; 13 LR 1
Brown Thrasher	4 HHO 1; 6 SH&PL 1; 23 GF 2; 24 BH 1
Cedar Waxwing	10 BW 30; 13 NM 15; 17 NM 10; 18 NM 7
European Starling	6 SH&PL 1
White-eyed Vireo	Apr. 28 BW 2; 2 HHO 1; 10 HH 2; 13 CL&HJ 1
Solitary Vireo	13 NM 1
Warbling Vireo	13 CL&HJ 1
Philadelphia Vireo	12 CL 2
Red-eyed Vireo	4 LR 3; 10 HH 4; 13 CL&HJ 4; 23 CL 1
Tennessee Warbler	5 BW 1; 7 BW 4; 10 HH 12; 12 CL 3, BW 5; 13 CL&HJ 5, 5
Northern Parula	6 MK 4; 13 CL&HJ 1; 17 HH 4;
Yellow Warbler	Apr. 26 BW 1; 4 NM 1; 6 MK 5; 12 BW 2; 13 HHO 1; 13 CL&HJ 1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4 NM 1, BW 1; 13 LR 1; 14 CL 1
Magnolia Warbler	1 NM 1; 3 NM 3; 4 NM 2, BW 2; 5 BW 1; 11 BH 1; 12 CL 1, BW 1; 13 HHO 1, CL&HJ 1, 3, NM 2; 17 HH 2; 19 NM 1
Black-throated Green Warbler	13 CL&HJ 3, 2
Blackburnian Warbler	3 NM 1; 4 NM 1; 10 SH 1; 13 CL&HJ 3, NM 1
Pine Warbler	13 CL&HJ 2; 23 GF 1
Bay-breasted Warbler	11 SH 1; 12 BW 2; 19 NM 1
Black-and-white Warbler	1 NM 1; 4 NM 1; 6 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 2, NM 2
American Redstart	1 BW 1; 4 LR 1; 6 MK 2; 9 HHO 1; 10 HH 2; 13 CL&HJ 3, 10, LR 1; 17 HH 2; 18 SH 1
Prothonotary Warbler	6 MK 5; 13 HHO 2, CL&HJ 1, 1; 17 HH 12;
Worm-eating Warbler	13 HHO 1
Ovenbird	13 CL&HJ 1
Northern Waterthrush	Apr. 29 MK 1
Louisiana Waterthrush	4 LR 1
Kentucky Warbler	17 HH 2;
Common Yellowthroat	Apr. 29 MK 1; 5 BW 5; 6 MK 6; 7 BW 2; 13 CL&HJ 5, 4
Wilson's Warbler	4 BW 2
Canada Warbler	25 SH 1
Yellow-breasted Chat	6 MK 2; 13 CL&HJ 3
Summer Tanager	4 HHO 1; 6 MK 2; 13 HHO 1, CL&HJ 3; 22 JM 1; 24 D&VJ 6
Northern Cardinal	Apr. 29 MK 6; 6 SH&PL 1; 13 LR 3; 23 GF 4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Apr. 26 NM 1; Apr. 28 NMB 1; Apr. 29 MK 1; Apr. 30 JC 1
Blue Grosbeak	13 CL&HJ 1, 1
Indigo Bunting	Apr. 29 MK 1, HHO 1; 6 MK 8; 13 CL&HJ 15, 4
Painted Bunting	10 BW 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 2; 23 LR 1
Dickcissel	6 SH&PL 1; 13 CL&HJ 30, 75; 17 HH 16;
Lark Sparrow	15 BW 1; 17 HH 2; 23 CL 4
Savannah Sparrow	10 HH 2
White-throated Sparrow	Apr. 26 BW 1
White-crowned Sparrow	Apr. 26 BW 1; 4 BW 1
Red-winged Blackbird	6 HHO 2, SH&PL 1
Eastern Meadowlark	6 HHO 1, 6 SH&PL 1
Common Grackle	6 SH&PL 1
Brown-headed Cowbird	22 SB 1
Orchard Oriole	Apr. 29 MK 3; 13 CL&HJ 5; 23 CL 1
Northern Oriole	Apr. 29 MK 3; 11 GB 2; 13 CL&HJ 1; 23 GB 2
Pine Siskin	1 SH 1; 2 SH 1; 4 NM 4, LR 2; 7 SH 1, BW 1; 10 SH 2
American Goldfinch	Apr. 29 MK 70; 13 NC 1, 4; 14 NM 3; 16 NM 1; 18 NM 2; 20 NM 2; 21 NM 1; 24 AB 1, NM 1
House Sparrow	6 SH&PL 1

 Printed 119 records.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 8 May 1990, in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. President Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Guests were asked to introduce themselves to the group.

Mac Hardy was recognized for winning the 1989 Shreveport-Bossier Conservationist of the Year Award. Mac was presented the award at Earth Day ceremonies held at the Bossier Convention Center. He was recognized for a lifetime of conservation work and as a show of support for the LSUS Museum which has helped to bridge the gap between science and the public.

Paul Dickson reported that the Big Day of birding scheduled for 12 May 1990 at his place on Loggy Bayou will have to be greatly reduced. Flooding from Loggy Bayou has inundated most of his property and his water well is unusable. Paul said that he will be at the entrance to his place for those who still want to do the activity Saturday morning.

Margaret Fontaine invited everyone to come pick blueberries at her blueberry farm south of Shreveport. She had flyers available for those that were interested.

Betty Mason reported an April balance in the treasury of \$1,303.76. We had no income this month and expenses of \$430.16, leaving a May balance of \$873.60.

Betty also reported that we received thank you notes from Linda Elston and the Baton Rouge Audubon Society for the \$100.00 donation we made in memory of Ann and Williard Elston.

Jim McCain's daughter, Erin, drew for door prizes. Tom Wilson won a package of instant nectar for hummingbirds, Joe Dunigan won a bluebird house donated by Ed Bitowski, Betty Ashley won 5 copies of the bird checklist, and Mac Hardy won a tote bag made by Bill Wood's mother.

Bill requested that anyone who has the Audubon video tapes that have been checked out for while needs to return them.

Will Smolenski introduced the program for the meeting. He noted that our speaker, Nancy Newfield, is a recognized authority on hummingbirds and has banded more than 3,000 hummingbirds in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Will also pointed out an article by Nancy on hummingbirds in the June issue of Birder World.

Nancy discussed plants that are attractive to hummingbirds, the eight species of hummingbirds recorded from Louisiana, and representative hummingbirds from western North America and South America.

After a question and answer period, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

REMINDER

If your membership expires this month be sure to pay your dues at the next meeting or earlier. The BIRD STUDY GROUP depends upon your support for much of the good work that the organization accomplishes. Check your membership and bring a friend to the next meeting.

GOOD BIRDING!