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# BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1989-90

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One vacancy

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD FEED -- Marilyn Kircus  
GIFT SHOP -- Teresa Thrash  
MEMBERSHIP -- Shirley Huss  
NEWSLETTER -- Mac Hardy  
OUTINGS -- Steve Klotz  
PROGRAMS -- Will Smolenski

## NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 11 September 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Will Smolenski will present the program "For Better Birding."

This will be the first meeting for the new year. Bring a friend and help start off the year in a big way. Elections are coming up soon. Our next meeting will be on October 9, 1990.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 6 September 1990, 7:00 PM, in the Science Lecture Auditorium at LSUS. We need to develop plans for the new year and prepare for elections. All Board Members should try to be present.

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

NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR BSG  
MEMBERSHIP

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## DR. INGOLD JOINS LSUS FACULTY

Dr. James Ingold joined the LSUS faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences in August. Dr. Ingold (Jim) received his Ph.D.

from Miami University of Ohio. He comes to us from a faculty position at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is an ornithologist and is most interested in avian systematics and vocalizations. His current research involves study of the release calls and distress calls of birds. He is an active bander.

## MONK PARAKEET

The Monk Parakeet was still using the nest at Mr. Mitchell's house (636-2082) on August 25. Monk Parakeets use their nest throughout the year for both nesting and roosting. Will this bird remain with the nest through the winter?

## STEVE KLOTZ

Steve Klotz has moved to Lawrence Kansas. He will hold joint appointments as the Chief of Infectious Diseases of the VA Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri and Associate Professor and Chief of Infectious Diseases at the University of Kansas Medical School. Steve has been an active leader for the Bird Study Group since its inception.

Good luck Steve -- we will miss you.

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

A board meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held on Thursday, 7 June 1990, at 7:30 P.M., at the home of Mac Hardy. Board members attending the meeting were Mac Hardy, Larry Raymond, Bill Hall, Will Smolenski, and Gloria Frantom.

The board discussed the list of permanent residents included in the last newsletter that will no longer be included in the Bird Report each month. It was decided that several of the birds listed will continue to be included due to their rarity at certain seasons or because of their questionable status.

Bill Hall volunteered to serve as an alternate for the bird phone tree when one of the key contacts cannot be reached.

The Saturday, 16 June, field trip to Cross Lake was discussed. A show of hands will be taken at the Tuesday, 12 June, meeting to see if there is any interest in this trip. The election of board members will also be mentioned at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Mac reported that LSUS plans to move a warehouse from the Pennzoil site to the LSUS campus to house the museum.

Mac reported that Shirley Huss has been working hard on the membership list and is keeping the records of the group current.

The board also discussed the financial situation of the Bird Study Group and the need for some money-raising activities.

Mac reported that the newsletter is being published through LSUS at a 33.3% savings. Since it is more expensive to use recycled paper, the board agreed to use recycled paper only if donors pay for the added expense of the paper.

Larry agreed to do the July program on "Creating Wildlife Habitats in Your Garden."

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

### List of Potential Board Members

Ed Bitowski  
Dick Rolandt  
Margaret Fontaine  
Velda Neilson  
Nicki McCombs  
Charles Duncan  
Teresa Thrash  
Rosana Shelby  
Dr. Rosemary Seidler  
Margo Tuller  
Bobbe Wommack  
Pyles  
Jowers

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 10 July 1990, in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. The meeting was chaired by vice-president Will Smolenski. Will called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. He asked any guests or newcomers present to introduce themselves.

Betty Mason gave a treasurer's report for both June and July. She reported a balance of \$873.60 on 8 May. Revenue up to the June meeting was \$349.10, and expenses totaled \$130.00, leaving a balance of \$1,092.70 on 12 June. Since June, our income was \$175.00 and our expenses totaled \$28.00, leaving a balance of \$1,239.70 on this date.

Will asked if anyone had changes or additions to the minutes that were published in the July newsletter. There were no

The board agreed to call another board meeting for Thursday, 6 September 1990. Changes to either the board minutes or the minutes of the regular meeting held in June.

Will announced that there will not be an August meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 September 1990. A board meeting will be held on Thursday, 6 September 1990, prior to the next regular meeting.

Elections of new board members will be held at the September meeting. Will provided a sheet of paper to sign for those interested in being on the board or for those wishing to nominate someone else. Other nominations will be accepted prior to the September meeting. Call Mac Hardy at 797-5338, or Will at 865-2938 to place your name in nomination, or to suggest someone else.

Larry Raymond reported that the Red River Wetlands Coalition had written the bird group and requested that we write Congressman Jim McCrery and Senator J. Bennett Johnston thanking them for their efforts to protect wetlands. No objections were raised and Will instructed Larry to proceed with writing the letter.

Betty asked about the invoices for xeroxing the newsletters. Larry stated that he would ask Mac about any money owed for using the xerox machine in the LSUS bookstore and report back to Betty.

Teresa Thrash made available a catalog on recycled materials for members of the group that might be interested.

Velda Neilson reported seeing lots of shorebirds, including black-necked stilts, along the bar pits off I-49 south of the Allen-Powhatan exit, between mile markers 149 and 147.

Larry presented the program on "Creating Wildlife Habitats with Your Garden", emphasizing plants that are attractive to birds and butterflies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

## MUSEUM

The new building for the Museum is well underway. Completion is expected soon but no date has been announced. At the present time the Museum is in storage so all museum activities and the hot line are temporarily suspended. The Bird Alert Service will begin again as soon as the Museum has a working phone.

## REVISED LIST

### PERMANENT RESIDENTS

This is the list of the permanent resident species of birds that will no longer be included in the BIRD NOTES report. Modifications of the original list (Newsletter vol. 4, no. 10) were made at the June meeting.

Great Blue Heron	American Crow
Great Egret	Fish Crow
Wood Duck	Carolina Chickadee
Black Vulture	Tufted Titmouse
Turkey Vulture	White-breasted Nuthatch
Red-shouldered Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Northern Bobwhite	Carolina Wren
Killdeer	Eastern Bluebird
Rock Dove	American Robin
Mourning Dove	Northern Mockingbird
Eastern Screech-Owl	Brown Thrasher
Great Horned Owl	Loggerhead Shrike
Barred Owl	European Starling
Belted Kingfisher	Pine Warbler
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Cardinal
Downy Woodpecker	Red-winged Blackbird
Hairy Woodpecker	Eastern Meadowlark
Northern Flicker	Common Grackle
Pileated Woodpecker	Brown-headed Cowbird
Blue Jay	House Sparrow

## PC-WRITE (NEWSLETTER) TRAINEE WANTED

I would like to find someone in the Bird Study Group who would enjoy learning PC-WRITE (the best word-processor for the PC available) thoroughly. The objective is to find a person to assume the editorship of the Newsletter. There is no deadline; I will continue as Newsletter editor through July of 1991, at least. The primary need is for someone who can learn the system in order to

help me on occasions when my schedule interferes with the monthly deadline for the Newsletter. PC-WRITE is an excellent word processor with almost unlimited capabilities. Learning the word processor is a very valuable benefit of doing this job. We use advanced features of PC-WRITE for producing the Newsletter; anyone learning enough to take over production would be an expert with a very powerful and popular word processor. [Editor]

## BSG BOARD NOMINEES

The following 15 BSG members have agreed to serve on the Board of Directors beginning in October. We will vote on these at the next meeting.

Ed Bitowski  
Connie Conner  
Gloria Frantom  
Bill Hall  
Mac Hardy  
Shirley Huss  
Charlie Lyon  
Jim McCain  
Betty Mason  
Velda Neilson  
Larry Raymond  
Dick Rolandt  
Rosemary Siedler  
Will Smolenski  
Bobbe Wommack

## OPEN LETTER

Dear Fellow BSG Members:

I have accepted a position to teach High School in Houston, Texas, which means that I will be leaving the group. The good news is that the Kircus "motel" will be open to birders starting in October. My address is 8210 Colgate, Houston, TX 77061. I will be listed in the phone book as M. B. Kircus. My big 3-bedroom house is located about three minutes from the intersection of I-45 South and I-610 (just north of Hobby airport).

I would like to lead a bird outing December 27 through January 1 (dates are open) from Aransas to Bentson Rio Grande State Park and points in between. This would include camping and birding; motels are available and optional. Many Mexican species would be seen as well as other coastal species and Whooping Cranes. Call if you are interested in going and also call if you will be in the Houston area and need a place to stay.

Marilyn Kircus

## BIRD NOTES -- JULY and AUGUST

Compiled  
September 1, 1990

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Connie Conners (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.

Abbrev	Name	REPORTERS	
		Date	Place
BHCL	Bill Hall and Charlie Lyon	8/ 5/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)
BHLRMH	Bill Hall, Larry Raymond, Mac Hardy	7/22/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)
BW	Bobbe Wonnack	8/16/90	Desoto Parish
HH	Hubert Hervey	7/30/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	7/31/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	8/16/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	8/17/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	8/18/90	Residence
HJSK	Horace Jeter & Steve Klotz	8/18/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)
JMB	John McBride	8/18/90	Mansfield
JMC	Jim McCain	8/ 4/90	Bickham Dickson Park
LRMHJI	Larry Raymond, Mac Hardy, Jim Ingold	8/25/90	Richard Flemming Park
PF	Peggy Fleming	8/ 3/90	Residence
PW	Patricia Weldon	7/25/90	3 mi. W Vivian
SH	Shirley Huss	8/13/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/14/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/15/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/16/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/17/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/21/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/22/90	Residence
VN	Velda Neilson	7/ 4/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)

PERMANENT RESIDENTS NO LONGER REPORTED: Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Wood Duck, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Bobwhite, Killdeer, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Pine Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, and House Sparrow.

Common Name	Data
Double-crested Cormorant	July 22 BHLRMH 2; Aug. 5 BHCL 1
Snowy Egret	July 22 BHLRMH 51; Aug. 5 BHCL 30
Little Blue Heron	July 22 BHLRMH 34; Aug. 4 JMC 1; 5 BHCL 12
Tricolored Heron	July 22 BHLRMH 3
Cattle Egret	July 22 BHLRMH 125; Aug. 5 BHCL 85
White Ibis	July 22 BHLRMH 12; Aug. 5 BHCL 5; 19 HJSK 1
Mallard	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Mississippi Kite	Aug. 3 PF 2; 5 BHCL 2; 13, 15, 22 SH 2; 14, 16, 17, 21 SH 1 18 JMB 57
Wild Turkey	July 25 PW 6
Purple Gallinule	July 22 BHLRMH 1
Semipalmated Plover	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 5 BHCL 3
Black-necked Stilt	July 4 VN 3; 22 BHLRMH 9; Aug. 5 BHCL 5; 19 HJSK 6
Greater Yellowlegs	Aug. 5 BHCL 1; 19 HJSK 1
Lesser Yellowlegs	July 22 BHLRMH 15; Aug. 5 BHCL 5; 19 HJSK 1
Spotted Sandpiper	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 4 JMC 2; 5 BHCL 7
Upland Sandpiper	July 30, 31, Aug. 16 HH 1; 17, 18 HH 2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 5 BHCL 12
Western Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 1; 19 HJSK 3
Least Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 12
Baird's Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Pectoral Sandpiper	July 22 BHLRMH 2; Aug. 5 BHCL 18
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 4; 19 HJSK 1
Short-billed Dowitcher	July 22 BHLRMH 7
Long-billed Dowitcher	Aug. 5 BHCL 8
Wilson's Phalarope	July 22 BHLRMH 1; Aug. 19 HJSK 3
Forster's Tern	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Aug. 5 BHCL 1; 26 LR 1
Eastern Kingbird	Aug. 16 BW 25

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Common Name	Data
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Aug. 5 BHCL 4
Purple Martin	July 22 BHLRMH 5; Aug. 5 BHCL 12
Cliff Swallow	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Barn Swallow	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 5 BHCL 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	July 26 LR 2
Yellow-throated Warbler	July 26 LR 1
Summer Tanager	July 26 LR 2
Blue Grosbeak	July 22 BHLRMH 1
Dickcissel	Aug. 5 BHCL 2

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Printed 37 records.

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