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**BIRD STUDY GROUP
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**NEXT MONTHLY
MEETING:**

Tuesday, 8 October 1991, 7:00 PM in the Science building, Room 229 on the LSUS campus. Mr. Paul Dickson will present the program entitled "Birding in the Arctic: Lapland and the Yukon."

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 PM, at Mac Hardy's house, 1823 S. Brookwood Drive, Shreveport (phone 687-6738).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a real pleasure to be president of a group of people who volunteer to do things and are willing to help in all areas of activity.

Hubert Hervey has set us a list of programs for this year that should be exciting and informative. Bill Hall has planned a number of field trips, including some new places, that should provide us with lots of birds to see. Jim Ingold, librarian, is stocking new books, tapes, etc., so we should soon have a fine bird study library. The new bookcases are done and will be installed before the end of September. Caroline Upchurch has eagerly taken on the job as Chairman of the Gift Shop and Information Center and we should see a new uplift in this area. Shirley Huss, as Membership Chairman, has planned new ways to get new members. Dick Rolandt has come up with a new Phone Tree. Mac Hardy, as usual, is providing an interesting and informative newsletter. I thank Bobbe Wommack for taking on Publicity again this year. Rosemary Seidler, as Special Events Chairman, will need your help when these occasions come about. Be sure to report birds sighted to Connie Connors for the Bird Report. Velda Neilson is handling hospitality with only one arm but making new and old members feel at home. Betty Mason has our treasury at a new high even though we are spending money for good birding. Norma Cobb is recording our Board and regular meeting minutes. Thanks to Pat Lonacker for all her help on short programs, newsletter, and other activities.

I expect to see something soon for Novice Birders and Birding Hotspots. Thanks to all of you members for taking part in our meetings, field trips and other events to make our organization a live one. If I have left anyone out, shame on me.

Will Smolenski

FIELD TRIPS

Our September 14th outing was to the Natchitoches Fish Hatchery. Fifteen of us carpooled down and birded from about 9 AM until noon. As we had decided to do, we divided into two groups to facilitate better

birding, and it seemed to work well. The weather was beautiful except for being a trifle hot. Although our species count was not very impressive, the shorebirds and wading birds were plentiful and very tolerant of us. Unobstructed viewing was easy and the birds allowed close approach. For me, this group of birds is always a challenge, and on this trip we got to look, study, look 'em up in the book, look again, argue (discuss?), and finally reach a conclusion as to the identity of even the most obscure of the beasts. It was great fun. By the time we left I think even the newest birders on the trip could differentiate between Least, Semipalmated, and Western Sandpipers. And that's no mean feat! A flock of seven Blue-winged Teal were real crowd-pleasers as were the Yellow-crowned Night-herons, a Northern Shoveler, Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral and Solitary Sandpipers, a snipe, Pied-billed grebes and couple of White Ibis that were seen on I-49 as we drove down.

The Hatchery's personnel were most cordial and urged us to return "anytime." They also told us to be sure to come back during the second and third weeks of October, as most of their ponds would be drained then and the birds would be much more plentiful. So grab a buddy and go on down there if you can, it should be a good trip. Call me at 797-1727 for any info I can help you with.

Bill Hall, Outings Chmn.

UP-COMING OUTINGS

OCTOBER: 4,5,&6 Hawk Watch, Cameron, La
Leader: Hubert Hervey 925-9249

19th Pat Sewell's River Farm.
Depart from the LSUS parking lot (near the Museum) at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Bill Hall 797-1727.

25,26,&27th LOS Fall Meeting, Cameron, La. Do-it-yourself trip.

NOVEMBER: 16th Cross Lake Barge Trip Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the entrance of the Shreveport Yacht Club on Cross Lake. Reservations are required by Monday, November 11. Leaders: Chuck and Sally Moffet, 631-0736.

DECEMBER: 6-8th Rockefeller Wildlife
Refuge, Cameron Parish, La.
Leader: Mac Hardy 687-6738 (or
797-5338, Museum).

14th Beginning Birding; meet at
8:00 a.m. at Walter Jacobs
Park. Leader: Larry Raymond
424-2042.

28th (approx.) Christmas Bird
Count (Shreveport)

The Honorable John J. Rhodes
410 Cannon House Office Bldg.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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410 Cannon House Office Bldg.
U.S. House of Representatives
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CAVE CREEK UPDATE

In late 1990 the U.S. Forest Service granted Newmont Mining Corp. permission to begin exploratory drilling for gold on the public lands of Cave Creek Canyon, a unique ecosystem in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona. On June 26, 1991, Arizona congressman Jim Kolbe introduced legislation, HR 2790, to withdraw the Cave Creek Canyon area from any mining activity. This would protect approximately 13,000 acres of National Forest land from mineral entry. Because of the prompt and emphatic response from thousands of people demanding protection of this area, Newmont announced it would defer exploration on its claims, stating, "We recognize that there are some areas of public lands for which any mineral exploration is inappropriate." They also stated that they would permanently abandon their claims if Congress agreed that the area deserves preservation.

Write to Congress. Urge support of HR 2790. Send letters to your own Congressmen and Senators. Make your letters personal, emphatic, and specific about the need to withdraw these lands from mineral entry. The more personal the better. Keep the following points in mind: Unique diversity of wildlife and habitats (a birders paradise), research (over 1000 scientific papers have been published on research conducted here), scenic and recreational values (simply spectacular).

Appropriate Addresses

The Honorable Jim Kolbe
410 Cannon House Office Bldg.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

NEW BROWN CATALOG!

We received a new catalog of bird feeders and other supplies from the Brown Company. Check with Caroline Upchurch for details. We can special order anything you need.

NEW SHELVES

LSUS and the Museum of Life Sciences expresses its sincere thanks to Will Smolenski and the Bird Study Group for the very nice shelves that have been installed in the Gift Shop. They are very attractive and greatly improve the function and utility of the office/Gift Shop area.

ROCKEFELLER TRIP

We have received confirmation for our bird outing to the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish. We will use the guest house on the grounds of the refuge. The dates are December 6-7. We will depart on the evening of December 6 (Friday) and return on December 8 (Sunday). There is a \$20 per person charge for lodging (total for two nights). Cost of food and transportation is additional. More details later.

HELP NEEDED

We are working on increasing the membership in the Bird Study Group. We need help in typing names and addresses into a computer

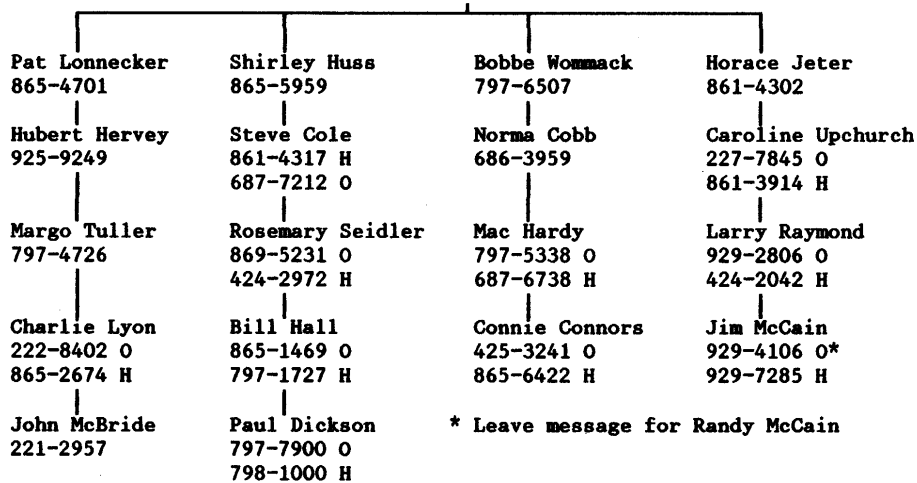
for a mailing list of businesses and organizations that might reach persons interested in birding. Should take 3-4 hours, working on the computer at the Museum. Contact Mac Hardy if you are interested.

BIRD ALERT PHONE TREE

MUSEUM HOT LINE
797-5338

Dick Rolandt (Chairman) 797-0255

Will Smolenski (Alternate) 865-2938



SUGGESTIONS

1. The effectiveness of the Phone Tree depends upon the co-operation of its members.
2. We are all forgetful sometimes. To preserve the accuracy of the sighting information -- write it down at once.
3. If you cannot reach the person below your name on the list, call the next person, etc.
4. If you must leave a message to a non-member or an answering machine, simply give the name of the bird sighted and let the member call someone else on the Phone Tree if additional information is desired.

Revised September 23, 1991.

BIRD NOTES -- SEPTEMBER

Compiled

September 30, 1991

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

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
AB	Alice Babers	09/23/91 residence
BH	Bill Hall	09/01/91 Harts Island Rd. near Ellerbe
BHHWCH	B. Hall, H. Hervey, C. & S. Moffitt	09/08/91 Bickham-Dickson Park
BSG	Bird Study Group outing	09/14/91 Matchitoches Fish Hatchery
BW	Bobbe Wonnack	08/27/91 residence, 08/27/91 Stonewall, 09/11/91 Stonewall, 09/15/91 Stonewall, 09/24/91 residence
CL	Charlie Lyon	09/21/91 Bickham Dickson Park, 09/22/91 Lake Bistineau
HH	Hubert Hervey	09/06/91 Stonewall, 09/14/91 Stonewall, 09/18/91 Stonewall
HHo	Helen Hood	09/14/91 residence, 09/22/91 South Park Mall
HH	Mac Hardy	09/29/91 Hamel Memorial Park along Red River
NC	Norma Cobb	09/23/91 residence
NH	Nicky McCombs	09/17/91 residence
PD	Paul Dickson	10/02/91 Loggy Bayou Plantation
RW	Robert Wonnack	09/24/91 residence
SB	Shug Burris	09/23/91 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	09/19/91 residence, 09/22/91 Hamel Memorial Park, 09/22/91 Bickham-Dickson Park

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 Woodswallow, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, and House Sparrow.

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	Sep 14 BSG 1
Double-crested Cormorant	Sep 21 CL 1
Snowy Egret	Sep 14 BSG 1, BHHNC&SM 12; 21 CL 1; 29 NH 4
Little Blue Heron	Sep 14 BSG 2, BHHNC&SM 12; 21 CL 1
Cattle Egret	Sep 14 BSG 1, BHHNC&SM 35; 21 CL 1
Green-backed Heron	Sep 14 BSG 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Sep 14 BSG 2
White Ibis	Sep 14 BSG 1
Canada Goose	Sep 18 NH 4
Mallard	Sep 14 BSG 1
Blue-winged Teal	Sep 14 BSG 4
Northern Shoveler	Sep 14 BSG 1
Osprey	Sep 22 CL 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Sep 14 NH 1
Red-tailed Hawk	Sep 14 BSG 1
American Kestrel	Sep 22 SH 1
Lesser Yellowlegs	Sep 14 BSG 1
Solitary Sandpiper	Sep 14 BSG 1
Spotted Sandpiper	Sep 14 BHHNC&SM 5; 21 CL 3
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Sep 14 BSG 1
Western Sandpiper	Sep 14 BSG 1
Least Sandpiper	Sep 14 BSG 1
Pectoral Sandpiper	Sep 14 BSG 1
Common Snipe	Sep 14 BSG 1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Sep 14 BHHNC&SM 2; 21 CL 3
Black-billed Cuckoo	Oct 2 PD 1
Chimney Swift	Sep 14 BSG 1, BHHNC&SM 3; 19 SH 100; 22 SH 1; 21 CL 3; 29 NH 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Sep 23 AB 2, SB 1, NC 3; 24 BW 3
Red-headed Woodpecker	Aug 27 BW 2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sep 24 RW 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Sep 14 BHHNC&SM 1; 21 CL 4
Least Flycatcher	Sep 21 CL 1

Common Name	Data
Great Crested Flycatcher	Sep 14 BHHHC&SH 4; 21 CL 3; 29 HH 1
Eastern Kingbird	Sep 14 BSG 1
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Sep 14 BSG 1; 14 BHHHC&SH 3; 21 CL 1; 22 HHo 1, SH 4; 29 HH 13
Tree Swallow	Sep 21 CL 3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Sep 14 BHHHC&SH 15; 21 CL 30
Barn Swallow	Sep 14 BSG 1; 14 BHHHC&SH 8; 21 CL 15; 22 SH 2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Sep 6 HH 1; 11 BW 2; 21 CL 3
Gray Catbird	Sep 21 CL 1
White-eyed Vireo	Sep 14 BHHHC&SH 4; 21 CL 2
Yellow-throated Vireo	Sep 14 HHo 1
Warbling Vireo	Sep 21 CL 2
Philadelphia Vireo	Sep 21 CL 1
Red-eyed Vireo	Sep 14 BHHHC&SH 5; 21 CL 2
Tennessee Warbler	Sep 21 CL 1
Nashville Warbler	Sep 21 CL 4
Magnolia Warbler	Sep 21 CL 1
Black-and-white Warbler	Sep 21 CL 2
American Redstart	Sep 21 CL 1
Mourning Warbler	Sep 14 BHHHC&SH 1
Common Yellowthroat	Sep 21 CL 2
Hooded Warbler	Sep 1 HH 2
Wilson's Warbler	Sep 1 HH 1
Yellow-breasted Chat	Sep 14 BHHHC&SH 1; 21 CL 1
Summer Tanager	Sep 11 BW 1; 14 BHHHC&SH 1; 14 HHo 1; 15 BW 1; 21 CL 2
Scarlet Tanager	Sep 21 CL 1
Indigo Bunting	Aug 27 BW 1; 21 CL 1
Lark Sparrow	Sep 11 BW 1
Northern Oriole	Aug 27 BW 1; 11 BW 2; 14 BHHHC&SH 1; 15 BW 1; 17 HHoC 1; 21 CL 1; 2 3 SH 2

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