

SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE STUDY, INC.

## BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 14 January 1992, 7:00 PM in the  
Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS  
campus. Dr. Jim Ingold will present an  
illustrated program on "Birds of India."  
Note the meeting place!!

### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 PM, at  
Hubert Hervey's home (925-9249); call  
for directions.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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SHORT PROGRAMS -- Pat Lonacker 865-4701  
SPECIAL EVENTS -- Rosemary Seidler 869-5231 w, 424-2972 h

**NEXT MEETING == JANUARY 14 AT THE MUSEUM**  
**THE GIFT SHOP CAN SPECIAL ORDER FOR YOUR BIRDING NEEDS**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I have ended this year with two great bird outings (Caddo Christmas Bird Count and Bossier Christmas Bird Count). I also had the opportunity to participate in these with two good birders as well as all round super people, Hubert Hervey and Bill Hall. Neither day were conditions ideal for birding, rain and overcast, but we still saw some good birds.

For Christmas I received a sturdy tripod for my spotting scope and a microrecorder, ideal for use in bird counts. I have certainly enjoyed our first half of our Bird Group year and hope you have also.

This could be one of our best years. We have a number of good things planned and everyone seems to be having a good time. A group of young enthusiasts have asked us to help in an Eagle Watch on January 18th. The last weekend of this month we host the L.O.S. winter meeting. We will need a lot of you to help. Besides all of this, we have several good field trips planned as well as some good programs for our meetings.

Happy New Year and may 1992 be a top birding year for all of you.

\*\*\* Will Smolenski

## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The regular monthly meeting and Christmas party of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, December 10, 1991, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus.

Rosemary Seidler, in charge of special events, did a great job. Everything was arranged so nicely and the food was delicious. Paul Dickson brought huge pots of gumbo and rice (a special treat).

Will Smolenski opened the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Betty gave her treasurers report starting with a balance of \$985.30. We had income of

\$350.00 and expenses of \$250.00 leaving a balance of \$1,085.30. The Post Office balance was \$142.42.

Will reported seeing about 20 Eastern Bluebirds and one Purple Finch at Bickham-Dickson Park.

Mac gave a report on the birds seen on the trip to the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. The total count was 120. Velda gave her report on the trip next. Rosemary reported seeing a Tundra Swan and an albino American Coot. Hubert had led an owl search at Rockefeller and we coaxed him to do his call for the meeting.

Larry reminded us of the beginning bird walk at Walter B. Jacob's Nature Park on December 14.

A field trip to Bodcau in March to see Wild Turkeys was discussed. Paul Dickson knows where the turkeys are.

Caroline showed us a new item she has in the Gift Shop. It is a real nice carrier for your bird book, lunch, etc. She also has bird tiles [decorative] for sale, donated by Mrs. Bitowski.

The Louisiana Ornithological Society meets in Shreveport, January 31 through February 2. Help is needed in different areas.

The Caddo Christmas Bird Count will be December 21. Horace Jeter and Charlie Lyon will be in charge. The counters will meet at Pat Lonacker's that night for dinner.

The Bossier Christmas Bird Count, led by Paul Dickson, will be December 28, meeting for dinner at Jimmy's Lakeside Restaurant.

A drawing was held with a T-shirt being won by Terry Connors and a calander by Neva Kamphius.

The next board meeting will be January 7 at Hubert Hervey's home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

\*\*\* Norma Cobb

## CAROLINE DORMAN WORK DAY

There will be a work day at the Caroline Dorman Nature Preserve (near Natchitoches) on the last Saturday in February. The Nature Preserve furnishes coffee and cokes -- volunteers bring gloves and labor; everyone has fun. Call Richard L. Johnson (318, 576-3379) for more details.

## BCBCBC AWARDS

Paul Dickson has announced the annual BCBCBC awards for this year. The No-Doz Award, for the largest number counted for any species ("blackbirds" includes several species), was won by Charlie Lyon by counting 5,060 Blackbirds. The Golden Birdy, for the rarest species found, was won by Jim Ingold with a White-eyed Vireo. The Iron Binoculars Award, for the most time in the field, was earned by Larry Raymond and Mac Hardy with a total of 12 hours. The Hit List Champion, for the most species on the hit list, is the team of Will Smolenski and Bill Hall with 6 species.

## BANDED BIRDS

Watch for color bands on the following species: Killdeer, Common Loon, and Ring-billed Gull. Note the date, location, and the position of colored and aluminum bands

(right versus left leg of bird and above versus below if two bands are on one leg). For Common Loons notify David Evers, Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, HC 48 Box 115, Paradise, MI 49768 (906, 492-3596) as soon as possible. For Killdeer notify David Blaskiewicz, Department of Biology, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859 (517, 774-3921).

## BIRD BANDING DAY

The annual bird banding outing for American Goldfinches and other species at Paul Dickson's house (Ellerbe Road, phone 798-1000) will be on February 15, beginning at 7:00 a.m. We will need several volunteers to help with the nets, bands, and records.

## ROCKEFELLER TRIP

The Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge was a wonderful success. We had about 15 participants and all seemed to enjoy the experience. We saw 120 species, including many life birds for several of the birders. Some of the best birds included: Roseate Spoonbill, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Mottled Duck, Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, King Rail, Clapper Rail, Virginia Rail, Long-billed Curlew, Gull-billed Tern, Sandwich Tern, Rufous Hummingbird, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Marsh Wren, Sprague's Pipit, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Seaside Sparrow. We will definitely do this again sometime.

## BIRD NOTES -- DECEMBER

Compiled

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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.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
AB	Alice Babers	12/10/91 Residence, 12/25/91 Residence
BH	Bill Hall	11/29/91 Residence
BH,et al	Bill Halls, Moffitts, & Jordans	12/ 8/91 Cross Lake

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Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
BSG	Bird Study Group	12/14/91 Jacob's Nature Park, Blanchard
BW	Bobbe Wonnack	12/12/91 Stonewall, 12/18/91 residence, 12/24/91 residence, 12/27/91 residence, 12/28/91 residence
GB	Gordon Blackman	12/10/91 Residence, 12/24/91 Residence
GF	Gloria Frantom	12/19/91 Residence, 12/25/91 Residence
HH	Hubert Hervey	12/24/91 residence
HHo	Helen Hood	12/ 9/91 residence, 12/10/91 residence, 12/14/91 Bickham-Dickson Park, 12/16/91 residence, 12/24/91 residence, 12/25/91 Martin, 12/28/91 Caddo Lake at Mooringsport
LR&NH	Larry Raymond & Mac Hardy	12/20/91 vicinity of Blanchard
NH	Mac Hardy	12/15/91 Kingston & Bert Kouns, Shreveport
NC	Norma Cobb	12/24/91 Residence
NMcC	Nicky McCombs	12/ 7/91 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	11/ 7/91 Yearwood road
WS	Will Smolenski	12/16/91 Bickham-Dickson Park

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Common Loon	91/12/16 WS 2
Pied-billed Grebe	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 1
American White Pelican	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 5
Double-crested Cormorant	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 3000
Great Blue Heron	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 12; 12/14/91 HHo 1; 12/15/91 HH 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/25/91 HHo 3; 12/28/91 HHo 1
Great Egret	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 5
American Coot	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 60
Canvasback	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 250
Lesser Scaup	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 14
Bufflehead	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 39
Ruddy Duck	12/ 8/91 BH, et al
Black Vulture	12/14/91 BSG 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Turkey Vulture	12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Bald Eagle	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 1
Northern Harrier	12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	12/15/91 NH 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/25/91 HHo 20
Red-tailed Hawk	12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/25/91 HHo 6
American Kestrel	12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Bonaparte's Gull	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 45
King-billed Gull	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 80; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Forster's Tern	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 35
Rock Dove	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 2
Hourning Dove	12/15/91 NH 1
Belted Kingfisher	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Downy Woodpecker	12/18/91 BW 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/16/91 HHo 1; 12/18/91 BW 1; 12/19/91 GF 3; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12/18/91 BW 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Northern Flicker	11/29/91 BH 3; 12/ 9/91 HHo 1; 12/19/91 GF 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Pileated Woodpecker	12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/25/91 HHo 1
Eastern Phoebe	12/12/91 BW 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 11
Blue Jay	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 3; 12/14/91 BSG 5; 12/15/91 NH 3; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
American Crow	12/ 8/91 BH, et al 7; 12/14/91 BSG 2; 12/15/91 NH 3; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Carolina Chickadee	12/10/91 GH 2; 12/14/91 BSG 3; 12/15/91 NH 1; 12/16/91 HHo 1; 12/19/91 GF 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/24/91 MC 6; 11/29/91 BH 12
Tufted Titmouse	11/29/91 BH 5; 12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/16/91 HHo 1; 12/19/91 GF 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
White-breasted Nuthatch	11/29/91 BH 1; 12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/19/91 GF 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Brown Creeper	12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Carolina Wren	11/29/91 BH 3; 12/ 8/91 BH, et al 3; 12/10/91 HHo 2; 12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/15/91 NH 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	11/29/91 BH 1; 12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	11/29/91 BH 2; 12/10/91 HHo 1; 12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/16/91 HHo 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Eastern Bluebird	11/29/91 BH 2; 12/ 9/91 HHo 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 2; 12/25/91 HHo 8
Hermit Thrush	11/29/91 BH 2; 12/15/91 NH 1
American Robin	12/15/91 NH 10; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Northern Mockingbird	11/29/91 BH 1; 12/15/91 NH 8; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Brown Thrasher	12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/15/91 NH 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Water Pipit	12/24/91 HH 20
Cedar Waxwing	12/10/91 GB 12; 12/20/91 LR&NH 14; 12/28/91 BW 15
Loggerhead Shrike	12/15/91 NH 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
European Starling	12/15/91 NH 10

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Common Name	Data
White-eyed Vireo	11/29/91 BH 1
Orange-crowned Warbler	12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	12/10/91 HNo 1; 12/15/91 HH 1; 12/16/91 HNo 6; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Pine Warbler	12/ 9/91 HNo 2; 12/14/91 BSG 1; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Northern Cardinal	11/29/91 BH 12; 12/10/91 HNo 6; 12/15/91 HH 10; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/24/91 NC 13; 12/25/91 GF 12
Chipping Sparrow	11/29/91 BH 15; 12/12/91 BH 30; 12/19/91 GF 11; 12/24/91 NC 3
Field Sparrow	12/15/91 HH 3; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Fox Sparrow	12/15/91 HH 1
Song Sparrow	12/15/91 HH 20; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Lincoln's Sparrow	12/20/91 LR&NH 4
Swamp Sparrow	12/15/91 HH 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 2
White-throated Sparrow	11/29/91 BH 8; 12/15/91 HH 20; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/24/91 GB 4; 12/27/91 BW 2; 12/28/91 HNo 2
White-crowned Sparrow	12/10/91 HNo 2; 12/24/91 GB 4
Harris' Sparrow	11/ 7/91 SH 1
Dark-eyed Junco	11/29/91 BH 25; 12/14/91 HNo 2; 12/14/91 BSG 2; 12/15/91 HH 10; 12/19/91 GF 20; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/24/91 HNo 1; 12/27/91 BW 3; 12/28/91 HNo 1
Red-winged Blackbird	12/15/91 HH 50; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Eastern Meadowlark	12/15/91 HH 3; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Western Meadowlark	12/24/91 HH 1
Brewer's Blackbird	12/24/91 HH 8
Common Grackle	11/29/91 BH 2; 12/10/91 AB 1; 12/15/91 HH 100; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1
Purple Finch	12/14/91 BSG 2; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/25/91 AB 6
House Finch	12/ 7/91 HHc 1; 12/24/91 GB 6; 12/24/91 NC 5; 12/24/91 BW 20
American Goldfinch	11/29/91 BH 3; 12/ 7/91 HHc 1; 12/14/91 BSG 6; 12/20/91 LR&NH 1; 12/24/91 NC 1; 12/24/91 HNo 1; 12/24/91 BW 1
House Sparrow	12/15/91 HH 4

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