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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the March meeting I will hand out a packet of information having to do with our cooperative efforts with The Nature Conservancy. Maps will be available with exact locations clearly marked. You will then have the opportunity to explore these areas, decide which you would like to return to and help monitor regularly. I have all of the areas in Bodcau Bayou located and I'm looking forward to returning to this beautiful and unique area. So, I especially encourage your attendance on March 9 so we can get this project kicked off in a timely fashion. We can accomplish something of lasting value and take pride in the part we played in securing the future of the native prairies, shrubs, flowers, hardwood bottomland, cypress swamps and hillside seeps located there. Several rare species of plants and the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker are also to be found there.

MARCH PROGRAM

March 9, 1993 -- 7:00 PM

Museum of Life Sciences

BRUCE FLAIG

Photographing Birds of Sanibel Island

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- Connie Connors 865-6422
 BIRD HOT SPOTS -- Larry Raymond 929-2806, Will Smolenski 865-2938
 FIELD TRIPS -- Bill Hall 797-1727
 FUND RAISING -- Will Smolenski 865-2938
 GIFT SHOP -- VACANT
 HISTORIAN -- Jim McCain 929-2691 w, 929-7285 h
 HOSPITALITY -- Velda Neilson 1-872-4821, Betty Mason 687-0225
 LIBRARIAN -- Jim Ingold 797-5236 w, 742-5067 h
 MEMBERSHIP -- Shirley Huss 865-5959
 NEWSLETTER -- Mac Hardy 797-5338 w, 687-6738 h
 BEGINNING BIRDERS -- Larry Raymond 929-2806, Jim Ingold 797-5236
 PHONE TREE -- Dick Rolandt 797-0255
 PROGRAMS -- Rosemary Seidler 869-5231 w, 424-2972 h
 PUBLICITY -- Norma Cobb 686-3959
 SHORT PROGRAMS -- Pat Lonnecker 865-4701
 SPECIAL EVENTS -- Velda Neilson 1-872-4821, Norma Cobb 686-3959

CHECK YOUR BSG EXPIRATION DATE!!!

Shirley Huss, our membership secretary, asks that we check our newsletter expiration date that is printed on the address label of your newsletter. If your subscription has run out please renew it as soon as possible so you will not miss any newsletters and maybe miss an announcement of a good bird outing. If the date is approaching, renew it now; all subscriptions are on a full year basis and add to your present subscription period.

Spring is coming; try to locate those new birders and get them in the BSG early.

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**NEXT MEETING = MARCH 9
MUSEUM OF LIFE SCIENCES**

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KEN KAUFMAN LOS TALK

Kenn Kaufman, author of *Advanced Birding*, was the keynote speaker at the winter LOS meeting in Lake Charles from January 29 to 31. He spoke on the "Future of Birding" and made the following predictions:

1) There will be more "splitting" headaches in the future. In 1973 many species were lumped together. The future will see splitting of a single species into two or more, i.e., Western/Clark's grebe, yellow-green/red-eyed vireo. The issue of how to define a species will be considered. Will species be defined by whether or not they interbreed, or will they be defined phylogenetically?

2) Progress will be made in field identification. People are looking at birds more perceptively. Age differences particularly are being noted.

3) Photography and sound recordings will continue to improve. There will be emphasis on following the whole range of vocalization of a species, i.e. the 18 calls of a Carolina Chickadee, and on studying bird behavior.

4) The debate on the collecting of species will continue. It may become possible to capture a bird, photograph and record its sounds using digital technology under specified conditions, get a blood sample for DNA testing, and release it.

5) The North American bird list will continue to grow. Long distance migrants such as little curlew, blue and white swallow, will reach our shores.

6) Progress in bird banding will continue in the private sector. There will be more cooperation between the government and private organizations to ease the paperwork. Transmitters will be used in banding.

7) The trend toward conservation advocacy will increase. Birders will be at the forefront.

8) There will be a rise in interest in other aspects of natural history that mimics birding. This non-consumptive model will include keeping lists, photographing, big days, etc. There is already a "Guide to the Dragonflies of Britain" and at least one person who has had a cactus big day in Texas.

9) Appreciation for birds will continue to grow as the world becomes more high tech. There will be a need to get out and experience nature.

*** Rosemary Seidler

THE EARLY BIRD

My Purple Martins started showing up on February 14, which is just about on time. The earliest record I have for the farm is 30 January. A question sometimes is asked, "Why do they come back so early?" For a bird that relies on insects for its diet cold days can be killers. Sometimes when cold fronts bring sub-freezing temperatures I have found dead Purple Martins. Yet the best answer I have for why they return so early is, "Because it works!" They are certainly a successful species.

I like to observe how they survive. The presence of a body of water is essential for Purple

Martins to survive those cold days. On February 17 I had located a Bald Eagle on Moon Lake, near Taylortown, but the Purple Martins were stealing the show. The nutrient rich waters from the dairy were hosting a feeding frenzy of over one hundred Purple Martins. Three days later the Bald Eagles and the Purple Martins were still there.

I recently saw another example of cold weather survival. The north winds had pushed the duck weed up to the spillway on Clear Lake/Smithport Lake in DeSoto Parish. The weeds couldn't move over the spillway because of a log jam. Hundreds of birds were walking on top of the duck weed, feeding. Most were Yellow-rumped Warblers but also feeding were American Crow, Pine Warbler, and American Robin. I thought this was an interesting survival tactic. And we all know to look for Vermillion Flycatcher, YJ, Eastern Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, and other insect reliant birds around water.

*** Hubert Hervey

CHENEYVILLE OUTING

FEB. 6, 1993

A fearless band of birders (anyone who birds with Hubert Hervey has to be fearless) made our third annual winter trek to Cheneyville to look for Sandhill Cranes. Betty Linam, Rosemary Seidler, Jim Ingold, Hubert Hervey, Pat Tuminello, and I had a great day of birding. You should've been there! The highway down to Cheneyville was almost lined with hawks. The day's list ended up with a total of 77 raptors sighted (20 Northern Harriers, 35 Red-tailed Hawks, 20 American Kestrels and 2 Barred Owls). When we got to Mr.

Wimpel's rice farm things really got going. Soon after we got down into the fields we heard and soon located our first group of Sandhill Cranes. We were "scoping" a mixed flock of White Ibis and Great Egrets when we heard the beautiful, unmistakable call of the Sandhill Cranes. We quickly located two groups of about 15 birds each. One group allowed us to drive slowly to within 25 yards of them and even tolerated us for a short time after we got out of our cars. It was the closest view most of us had ever had of these magnificent animals. They were beautiful. When they could no longer stand our nearness and flew off, we continued slowly along the roads between the fields and ponds (and only got stuck once...). Throughout the day the Sandhill Cranes continued to treat us to numerous sightings of flocks of various sizes either overflying us or feeding in the fields nearby. By day's end we had listed a total of 165 of them. But this was only a part of what was in store for us.

The flooded shallow ponds and stubblefilled fields were perfect habitat for huge numbers of ducks and geese as well as the aforementioned ibis and egrets. We listed 20 Double-crested Cormorants, 30 Great Blue Herons, 60 Great Egrets, 150 White Ibis, 1,200 Greater White-fronted Geese ("Speckle-bellies" to you hunters out there), 1,500 Snow Geese, 20 Canada Geese, 400 Green-winged Teal, 50 Mallards, 40 Northern Pintails, 30 Blue-winged Teal, 400 Northern Shovelers, 10 Gadwall, 40 American Widgeon, and back on pond by I-49, 2 Ring-necked Ducks and 1 lonely Canvasback!

Shorebirds and waders also were there. We saw 300 Killdeer, 9 Greater Yellowlegs, 19 Lesser Yel-

lowlegs, 150 Western Sandpipers, 6 Least Sandpipers, and 150 Common Snipe. The Yellowlegs obliged us by standing side-by-side for a while to let us get a good comparison of the two species. Very nice.

During our tour around Mr. Wimple's place we often skirted wood margins and were thus able to see most of our woodland species. Eastern Phoebes, American Crows, Carolina Chickadees, Brown-headed Nuthatch, wrens, kinglets, Eastern Bluebirds, the three winter warblers, many species of sparrows, American Robins, and so on. But the day was certainly not yet done.

We left the farm and drove up the Cheneyville-Echo Road until we reached the headquarters building of a local catfish farm about 1 1/2 miles west of Echo. Spies had informed us that a Vermillion Flycatcher had been seen in this area. After Hubert subdued the vicious junkyard dog guarding the place, we were treated to a leisurely, well-lighted, close-up view, not of a Vermillion Flycatcher, but of a Say's Phoebe! It was a "lifer" for me and delighted each of us. Jim Ingold took on the responsibility of "writing it up" for submission to Baton Rouge.

And if that wasn't enough, we then drove 1/4 mile back down the road towards Cheneyville, and spotted a suspicious creature in a pond-side willow tree. We pulled over, hopped out and got a brilliant electric-red, fully-mature male Vermillion Flycatcher. He made the second "lifer" for me in the space of 15 minutes. Not bad. You should'a been there.

As we were about to turn north for the trip home, we were given

one last marvelous sight. We had stopped on the roadside to watch a great flock of geese flying over some nearby fields when they wheeled in a graceful arc, flew to us, cupped their wings and over 3,000 birds landed to feed in the field beside our parked cars. It was hard to leave. We ended the day with a total count of 73 species.

Bill Hall, Outings Chairman

BIRD QUIZ CONTEST

This month, instead of a quiz, we are going to have a contest, based on last month's quiz. Pick a bird and make up a name for a group of individuals of that species. Examples: a cushion of pintail, a wheelbarrow of shovellers, a junket of juncos. Send your entrants to:

Jim Ingold
Department of Biological Sciences
LSU in Shreveport
One University Place
Shreveport, LA 71115-2399

by 20 March 1993. Prizes will be given to the top three choices. I will be the sole judge.

Answers to last months quiz.

1. A cast of hawks
2. A charm of finches
3. A descent of woodpeckers
4. An exhaltation of larks
5. A fall of woodcock
6. A murder of crow
7. A murmuration of starlings
8. An ostentation of peacock
9. An unkindness of ravens
10. A wisp of snipe

MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 8 February 1993, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

The treasurer's report was read by Betty Mason.

Will Smolenski passed out a new map for the Bickham-Dickson Park Site Guide

The list of upcoming field trips was read by Bill Hall.

The possibility of having BSG T-shirts and/or sweatshirts made using Betty Mason's design was discussed.

LOS is having a membership drive contest. Hubert Hervy will sign people up.

A pamphlet regarding Shreveport Green's Tree Legacy Program was passed around.

The nominating committee for new board members nominated the following members: Margaret Fontaine, Mac Hardy, Bill Hall, Rosemary Seidler, and Paul Lawrence.

Visitors to the meeting were recognized.

Bird talk: Velda talked about her trip to Texas. Charlie Lyon reports seeing a Great Black-backed Gull at Lake of the Pines and a Little Gull at Lake Waco.

Rosemary Seidler gave a list of upcoming programs.

Mac Hardy gave a very interesting program on his trip last summer to New Zealand and Australia.

A list was passed around for people to volunteer to help monitor Nature Conservancy properties in northwestern Louisiana.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

The board meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday 2 February 1993, at the home of Will Smolenski. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m..

Bill Hall read a short note from his daughter.

Betty Mason gave the treasurer's report: \$1590.20 in our Pioneer Bank account; \$127.37 in our account at the post office and \$119.89 in our LSUS account (gift shop). Our total combined balance, excluding the post office account, was \$1710.17.

Bill Hall listed the upcoming field trips for the rest of the year. The Big Day is being moved to Hubert's farm for this year.

Rosemary Seidler listed the speakers she has lined up for the next few months.

Hubert is doing the Yearwood Road Site Guide. The first three are going to be published in the newsletter one at a time.

Betty Mason brought up the possibility of selling T-Shirts or Sweat shirts for the BSG.

The board member nominating committee listed possibilities: Mac Hardy, Bill Hall, Rosemary Seidler, Margaret Fontaine, Velda Neilson, and Paul Lawrence.

The cost of an electronic stapler for putting the newsletter together is \$80.00 at the Office Depot. It was decided to go look for something cheaper and if not found go for the one at Office Depot.

New Business: Should the BSG have a booth at the Red River Rally (Balloon Races) to be held at LSUS in 1993? Gift shop etc?

A discussion was held on helping the Nature Conservancy to monitor local areas such as James Bayou and Bodcau Prairie. Dr Martin of the Nature Conservancy will be contact for more information. Bill Hall will ask a friend to fly over our area to look for virgin habitat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

OUTINGS

March 13

Bodcau Wildlife Management Area for Wild Turkeys, woodland, and meadow birds; perhaps early spring migrants. Leader: Paul Dickson (798-1000) and Richard McMullen.

Meet at 5:00 AM to carpool from the Museum of Life Sciences (must be in the woods at Bodcau at day-break to see turkeys).

March 27

LSU Red River Experiment Station for pipits (perhaps Sprague's Pipit), Horned Larks, Western Meadowlarks, shorebirds, meadow-and woods-margin birds. Leader: Bill Wood (631-0412). Meet at the Museum parking lot at 7:30 AM.

April 10

Bickham-Dickson Park. Spring migrants, warblers, shorebirds, woodland, meadow, and lakeside residents. Leader: Bill Hall (797-1727). Meet at the Bickham-Dickson horse barn at 8:00 AM.

April 17

Walter Jacobs Nature Park for Spring migrants, woodland and meadow residents. Leader: Larry Raymond (929-2806 W, 929-3117 H). Meet at the Park headquarters building at 7:30 AM.

April 30 - May 2

LOS Spring Meeting at Cameron, Louisiana. Contact: Charlie Lyon (865-2674), Mac Hardy (797-5338), or Bill Hall (797-1727).

BIRD NOTES -- FEBRUARY

Compiled
March 3, 1993

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 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

REPORTERS

Abbrev--Name	Dates and Places
BSG Bird Study Group	02/06/93 Cheneyville
BW Bobbe Wommack	01/31/93 Stonewall

Abbrev--Name		Dates and Places
GF	Gloria Frantom	02/10/93 residence
HH	Hubert Hervey	02/12/93 Red River Experiment Station; 02/17/93 Cross Lake; 02/17/93 Moon Lake & Smith Road; 02/18/93 Carmel Rock Chapel ??; 02/18/93 Clear Lake Dam; 02/21/93 residence; 02/21/93 Moon Lake; 02/23/93 residence
HH&HJ	Hubert Hervey & Horace Jeter	02/12/93 Mission Plantation ??
HH&PT	Hubert Hervey & Pat Tuminello	01/25/93 Yearwood Road
HHo	Helen Hood	01/29/93 residence; 02/01/93 residence; 02/07/93 Manchard, Earl Williams Park & Horace Downs Park; 02/17/93 residence; 02/18/93 residence
JJ	Jim Ingold	02/21/93 residence
JMcC	Jim McCain	02/06/93 residence; 02/21/93 residence; 02/23/93 residence; 02/24/93 residence
LR	Larry Raymond	02/04/93 residence
MS	Mildred Smith	02/24/93 residence
NC	Norma Cobb	02/21/93 residence; 02/24/93 residence; 02/25/93 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	02/07/93 Cross Lake; 02/15/93 residence; 02/20/93 I-20, about 4 mi. E Louisiana Downs; 02/21/93 residence

RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	02/06/93 BSG 1; 02/17/93 HH 4
Horned Grebe	02/17/93 HH 1
American White Pelican	02/07/93 SH 2; 02/17/93 HH 3
Double-crested Cormorant	02/06/93 BSG 20; 02/07/93 HHo 5; 02/12/93 HH 14; 02/17/93 HH 500; 02/17/93 HH 30
Great Blue Heron	02/06/93 BSG 30; 02/12/93 HH 1; 02/12/93 HH&HJ 1; 02/17/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 52; 02/18/93 HH 1
Great Egret	02/06/93 BSG 60; 02/17/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 12; 02/18/93 HH 1
White Ibis	02/06/93 BSG 150
Greater White-fronted Goose	02/06/93 BSG 1200
Snow Goose	02/06/93 BSG 1500
Canada Goose	02/06/93 BSG 20
Green-winged Teal	02/06/93 BSG 400; 02/07/93 HHo 3
Mallard	02/06/93 BSG 50; 02/12/93 HH&HJ 2; 02/17/93 HH 6
Northern Pintail	02/06/93 BSG 40
Blue-winged Teal	02/06/93 BSG 30; 02/17/93 HH 20
Northern Shoveler	02/06/93 BSG 400
Gadwall	02/06/93 BSG 10; 02/17/93 HH 15
American Wigeon	02/06/93 BSG 40; 02/17/93 HH 30
Canvasback	02/06/93 BSG 1
Ring-necked Duck	02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/17/93 HH 20; 02/17/93 HH 12
Greater Scaup	02/17/93 HH 2
Lesser Scaup	02/17/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 12
Bufflehead	02/17/93 HH 16
Ruddy Duck	02/17/93 HH 25
Black Vulture	02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/18/93 HH 4
Turkey Vulture	02/06/93 BSG 15; 02/12/93 HH&HJ 1; 02/12/93 HH 5; 02/18/93 HH 6; 02/18/93 HH 8
Bald Eagle	02/17/93 HH 1; 02/21/93 HH 1
Northern Harrier	02/06/93 BSG 20; 02/12/93 HH&HJ 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	02/17/93 HH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	02/06/93 BSG 8; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1; 02/21/93 HH 2; 02/23/93 JMcC 1
Red-tailed Hawk	02/06/93 BSG 35; 02/12/93 HH 3; 02/12/93 HH&HJ 1; 02/17/93 HH 9; 02/21/93 HH 2
American Kestrel	02/06/93 BSG 20; 02/12/93 HH&HJ 1; 02/17/93 HH 4; 02/18/93 HH 1; 02/21/93 HH 1
American Coot	02/06/93 BSG 56; 02/17/93 HH 30
Sandhill Crane	02/06/93 BSG 165
Killdeer	02/06/93 BSG 300; 02/12/93 HH&HJ 2; 02/12/93 HH 9; 02/17/93 HH 4
Greater Yellowlegs	02/06/93 BSG 9
Lesser Yellowlegs	02/06/93 BSG 19
Western Sandpiper	02/06/93 BSG 150
Least Sandpiper	02/06/93 BSG 6
Common Snipe	02/06/93 BSG 150; 02/12/93 HH 1; 02/17/93 HH 4
Bonaparte's Gull	02/17/93 HH 6
Ring-billed Gull	02/17/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 30
Rock Dove	02/06/93 BSG 4; 02/12/93 HH 40; 02/17/93 HH 30
Mourning Dove	02/01/93 HHo 2; 02/06/93 BSG 40; 02/12/93 HH 3
Common Ground-Dove	02/21/93 HH 1; 02/23/93 HH 1

Common Name	Date
Greater Roadrunner	02/20/93 SH 1
Barred Owl	02/06/93 BSG 2
Short-eared Owl	01/25/93 HH&PT 2; 01/25/93 HH&PT 2
Belted Kingfisher	02/06/93 BSG 2
Red-headed Woodpecker	02/21/93 HH 2; 02/24/93 JMCC 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	01/29/93 HNo 2; 02/06/93 BSG 4; 02/10/93 GF 2; 02/17/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 2; 02/18/93 HH 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/12/93 HH 1; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 2; 02/21/93 NC 1; 02/24/93 JMCC 1
Downy Woodpecker	02/06/93 BSG 3; 02/12/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1
Northern Flicker	02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 2; 02/17/93 HH 6; 02/18/93 HH 1
Pileated Woodpecker	02/18/93 HH 1; 02/21/93 JMCC 1
Eastern Phoebe	02/06/93 BSG 7; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 2; 02/18/93 HH 1
Say's Phoebe	02/06/93 BSG 1
Vermilion Flycatcher	02/06/93 BSG 1
Horned Lark	02/12/93 HH 20; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 14
Purple Martin	02/17/93 HH 96; 02/21/93 HH 12; 02/21/93 JI 4
Blue Jay	02/06/93 BSG 5; 02/12/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 12
American Crow	02/06/93 BSG 30; 02/12/93 HH 4; 02/17/93 HH 14; 02/17/93 HH 8; 02/18/93 HH 12; 02/18/93 HH 3
Fish Crow	02/17/93 HH 2; 02/18/93 HH 2
Carolina Chickadee	02/01/93 HNo 1; 02/06/93 BSG 10; 02/10/93 GF 2; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 5; 02/17/93 HH 4; 02/18/93 HH 3; 02/18/93 HH 4; 02/21/93 HH 4; 02/24/93 NC 5; 02/24/93 MS 10; 02/24/93 JMCC 2
Tufted Titmouse	02/01/93 HNo 1; 02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/10/93 GF 2; 02/17/93 HH 2; 02/18/93 HH 2; 02/21/93 HH 6; 02/24/93 JMCC 3; 02/24/93 MS 4
White-breasted Nuthatch	01/31/93 BW 2; 02/10/93 GF 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch	01/31/93 BW 1; 02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/10/93 GF 2; 02/21/93 HH 2
Brown Creeper	01/31/93 BW 1; 02/18/93 HH 1
Carolina Wren	02/01/93 HNo 1; 02/06/93 BSG 3; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1
Winter Wren	02/18/93 HH 2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	02/18/93 HH 4; 02/18/93 HH 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	01/29/93 HNo 2; 02/06/93 BSG 7; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 1; 02/12/93 HH 1; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1
Eastern Bluebird	02/01/93 HNo 2; 02/06/93 BSG 10; 02/07/93 HNo 2; 02/12/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 12; 02/17/93 HH 10; 02/21/93 HH 6; 02/24/93 MS 4
Hermit Thrush	02/06/93 BSG 1; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 2
American Robin	02/06/93 BSG 300; 02/10/93 GF 2; 02/12/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 50; 02/18/93 HH 20; 02/18/93 HNo 6; 02/24/93 JMCC 36
Northern Mockingbird	02/06/93 BSG 10; 02/12/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1; 02/24/93 JMCC 1
Brown Thrasher	02/12/93 HH&NJ 1; 02/15/93 SH 1; 02/17/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1; 02/18/93 HH 1
American Pipit	02/06/93 BSG 3; 02/12/93 HH 22; 02/21/93 HH 45
Sprague's Pipit	02/12/93 HH&NJ 2
Cedar Waxwing	01/29/93 HNo 12; 02/06/93 BSG 30; 02/17/93 HH 40; 02/24/93 MS 30
Loggerhead Shrike	02/06/93 BSG 18; 02/12/93 HH 2; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 1; 02/17/93 HH 2; 02/21/93 HH 2
European Starling	02/06/93 BSG 200; 02/12/93 HH 21; 02/17/93 HH 240
White-eyed Vireo	02/18/93 HH 1
Solitary Vireo	02/18/93 HH 1
Orange-crowned Warbler	02/06/93 BSG 3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	02/01/93 HNo 15; 02/06/93 BSG 32; 02/12/93 HH 1; 02/17/93 HH 25; 02/17/93 HH 90; 02/18/93 HH 2; 02/18/93 HH 150
Pine Warbler	02/01/93 HNo 1; 02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/17/93 HNo 1; 02/17/93 HH 6; 02/18/93 HH 4
Northern Cardinal	02/01/93 HNo 6; 02/06/93 BSG 15; 02/10/93 GF 16; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 6; 02/12/93 HH 4; 02/17/93 HH 9; 02/17/93 HH 28; 02/18/93 HH 6; 02/18/93 HH 15; 02/24/93 MS 14
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	02/07/93 HNo 1
Chipping Sparrow	01/29/93 HNo 5; 02/06/93 BSG 12; 02/17/93 HH 50; 02/17/93 HH 40; 02/18/93 HH 12; 02/24/93 NC 15
Field Sparrow	02/17/93 HH 2
Savannah Sparrow	02/06/93 BSG 100; 02/12/93 HH 18; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 48; 02/17/93 HH 8
Fox Sparrow	02/06/93 BSG 1; 02/17/93 HH 3
Song Sparrow	02/06/93 BSG 11; 02/17/93 HH 12
Swamp Sparrow	02/06/93 BSG 2
White-throated Sparrow	02/06/93 BSG 20; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 4; 02/12/93 HH 2; 02/17/93 HNo 1; 02/17/93 HH 40; 02/18/93 HH 4; 02/18/93 HH 13; 02/24/93 NC 3
White-crowned Sparrow	02/17/93 HH 50; 02/21/93 HH 6
Dark-eyed Junco	02/01/93 HNo 1; 02/07/93 HNo 2; 02/17/93 HH 2; 02/18/93 HH 2; 02/24/93 MS 6
Red-winged Blackbird	02/06/93 BSG 600; 02/12/93 HH 14; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 4; 02/17/93 HH 360; 02/18/93 HNo 1
Eastern Meadowlark	02/06/93 BSG 40; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 35; 02/12/93 HH 14; 02/17/93 HH 14; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 1; 02/12/93 HH 2
Brewer's Blackbird	02/12/93 HH&NJ 20; 02/17/93 HH 12
Common Grackle	02/06/93 BSG 600; 02/17/93 HH 200
Brown-headed Cowbird	02/06/93 BSG 30; 02/12/93 HH 4; 02/12/93 HH&NJ 2; 02/17/93 HH 60

Common Name	Data
Purple Finch	01/29/93 HHo 3; 02/04/93 LR 2; 02/06/93 JMcC 2; 02/10/93 GF 2; 02/21/93 SH 1; 02/24/93 MS 3; 02/25/93 NC 1
House Finch	02/24/93 NC 25
Pine Siskin	01/31/93 BW 4; 02/01/93 HHo 13; 02/04/93 LR 12; 02/06/93 JMcC 12; 02/10/93 GF 12; 02/21/93 HH 2; 02/24/93 NC 15
American Goldfinch	02/01/93 HHo 12; 02/04/93 LR 40; 02/06/93 JMcC 24; 02/06/93 BSG 2; 02/10/93 GF 70; 02/21/93 SH 10; 02/21/93 HH 20; 02/24/93 NC 5; 02/24/93 MS 40
House Sparrow	02/06/93 BSG 4; 02/17/93 HH 40

Printed 337 records of 107 species.

BIRD HOTSPOTS!

Beginning with this issue of the Newsletter the Bird Study Group will publish an issue of the *Birding Hotspot* series in the Newsletter. We will continue this practice as long as new *Birding Hotspots* are available. In order to get the latest information come to the monthly meetings. If you miss a meeting or cannot attend, you can still get copies of these highly popular publications by maintaining your membership in the Bird Study Group. The authors of the Hotspots, thus far, are as follows:

- No. 1 -- C. Bickham-Dickson Park: Larry Raymond
- No. 2 -- Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park: Larry Raymond
- No. 3 -- Yearwood Road Area: Hubert Hervey
- No. 4 -- Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area: Mac Hardy

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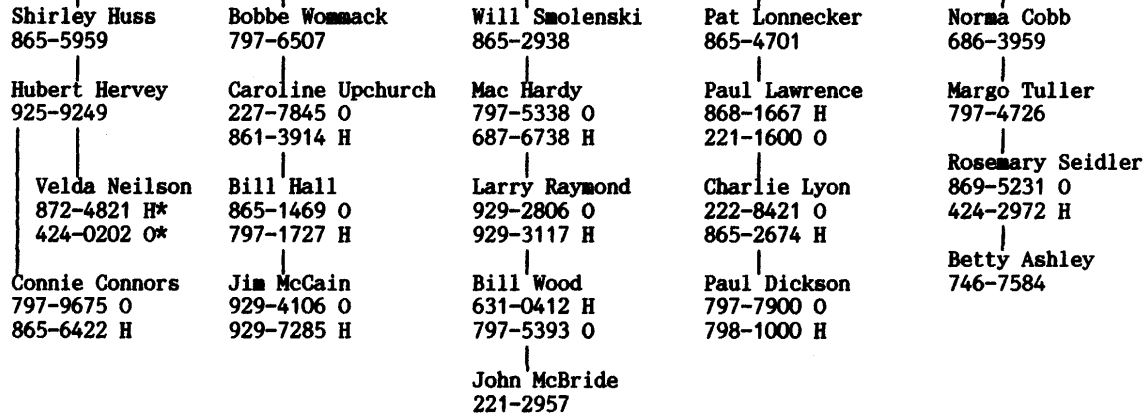
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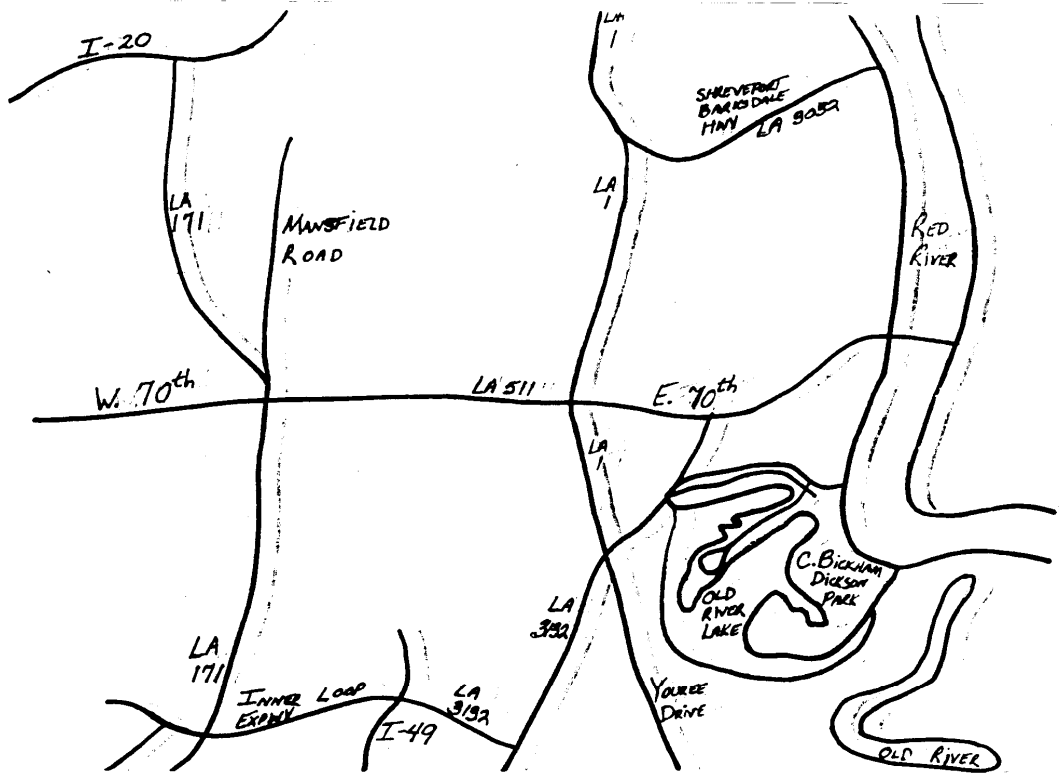


SUGGESTIONS

1. The effectiveness of the Phone Tree depends upon the co-operation of its members.
2. We are all forgetful sometimes. They 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. Then call next person on the list.

* A toll call from Shreveport. Call Collect.

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BIRDING HOTSPOT #1
C. Bickham Dickson Park

Dedicated in September 1983, the 585 acre C. Bickham Dickson Park is the largest park in the city of Shreveport. The park, which includes a 200 acre oxbow lake, is accessible from the Industrial Loop Expressway (La 3132) via East 70th Street (La 511) or Youree Drive (La 1). The park is primarily used for picnicking, fishing, horseback riding, hiking and has a playground area. It is open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. Tuesday through Sunday, and is closed on Mondays.

The park consists of lowland area adjacent to the Red River, some large fields that frequently flood, and a number of shallow ponds as well as the relatively shallow oxbow lake. Miles of horse trails which lead from an Equestrian Center can be hiked and birded for a fee of \$0.50. These trails provide access to the greatest number of woodland species and access to the Red River.

Charles Lyon has reported seeing 23 species of warblers in the park, including Nashville Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, American Redstart, Yellow Warbler, Ovenbird and Northern Waterthrush. Prothonotary Warblers nest throughout the bottomland hardwoods adjacent to the oxbow lake. Along the Red River and oxbow lake, many species of shorebirds, ducks, gulls, terns and waders can be found, especially during migrations. Wood Storks, White Pelicans and Roseate Spoonbills have been seen in the park during the fall. Other unusual birds seen the park include Osprey (fall), Wild Turkey (spring), Western Kingbird (fall) and Grasshopper Sparrow (spring).

Charles Lyon, Bill Wood and Hubert Hervey can be contacted for further information on the species that frequent this park.

