

SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE STUDY, INC.

# BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The North American Migration Count (NAMC) will have its second nation-wide count on May 8, 1993. If the BSG board agrees we will join in this day of fun and birding (two synonyms). We should attempt to cover all of one Parish. At this time Caddo Parish seems to be the logical one for us to do. This data will necessitate some shuffling of other outings. LOS has been moved up to April 23, 24 in Cameron, "Hervey Big Day" to May 1st at my farm, and May 8 with NAMC. If you want to participate in this contact Hubert Hervey. Who wants to total up and send in our count? Any takers should also contact Hubert.

And speaking of volunteers, Jim Ingold has agreed to coordinate our Nature Conservancy site monitoring. Thank you very much Jim. Folks, get your information to Jim: (1) That you intend to participate, (2) what you can do, (3) how often. I hated that we had to cancel the Bodcau turkey trip. The weather was terrible, our leaders were not available, and I had to attempt to save 4 acres of blueberries. I believe the blueberries were a 90% loss, but the blackberries should be ok. So get on up to Bodcau Bayou when you can and enjoy its treasures!

## MARCH PROGRAM

April 13, 1993 -- 7:00 PM

Museum of Life Sciences

PAT LONNECKER

"The Shorebirds of Alaska"

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

BIRD REPORT -- Connie Conners 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

**Journal of  
Louisiana Ornithology**

The Fall, 1992, issue of the *Journal of Louisiana Ornithology* (vol. 2, no. 2) contains an index to all Louisiana records in the journal *American Birds* and *Audubon Field Notes*. The index consists of the reference and a place code for all of the records, all arranged by taxonomic group. This will make it much easier to track down early records of birds from our area.

Subscription rates for the *Journal of Louisiana Ornithology* is \$10.00 per year to non-LOS members; free to LOS members.

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**NEXT MEETING = APRIL 13  
MUSEUM OF LIFE SCIENCES**

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**CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION DATE**

## Lake-O'-The-Pines

On March 21, 1993, Pat and I went to beautiful Lake O' The Pines. From the overlook on the north side of the dam we looked down on a beautiful Common Loon in full breeding plumage. I was amazed to behold such a beautiful transformation from the dull gray bird we expect to see. Its back had an intricate checkered pattern and the head was dark green. Around its neck was a white string of beads with delicate black lines crossing it. I heard the strange call that I was familiar with from many nature programs. As the afternoon progressed this scenario was repeated as we viewed a total of 27 Common Loons while scoping the lake. But this was not the big treat of the day, a lifer must take precedent.

I appreciate the way certain scientific names seem to roll off the tongue. *Larus marinus* is truly pleasing to my ear. This appellation belongs to the largest gull in the world. The Great Black-backed Gull is 30 inches long with a wing span of 60-66 inches. Folks that is larger than any of our hawks, and approaches the size of an eagle. This bird takes four years to reach adult plumage and from the dark bill tip I think this was the 3rd winter bird nearing adulthood. It truly dwarfed the many Ring-billed Gulls that surrounded it. And the thirty or so Bonaparte's Gulls seemed to belong to a completely different tribe from *Larus marinus*. Actually the Great Black-backed Gull is so large it is unmistakable. This bird was located near the south end of the dam and can be seen from the Corps of Engineers Park located there. And I will insert here a word of commendation for the park system around Lake O'The Pines. The Corp

has done a great job there and the parks are well planned and maintained.

We also saw Common Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, and one Osprey in a total of 63 species. It was a most enjoyable day. If you are planning to go, do it soon. Viewing is much easier on a day when the wind is light. Good luck.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## NIGHT FEEDING?

Mildred Smith reported to Connie Conners an interesting observation made during the recent snow storm. Her motion sensor security light kept coming on during the night. Upon investigation she found approximately 100 American Goldfinches feeding on and around her feeder which was located near the security light. When the light went off the birds would fly away, triggering the light to come on again. They fed this way all night.

## MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 9 March 1993, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. The meeting opened at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was read by Betty Mason. We have \$1400.17 in our Pioneer Bank account, \$249.77 in our LSUS account and our standing balance at the post office is \$73.86.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The site guides were discussed. The next ones to be finished should be Cross Lake and Red River Experimental Research Station. The first site guide was enclosed in the last newsletter.

Errors in the phone tree as published in the last newsletter were pointed out. Those wanting to be included or be taken off the phone tree should contact Dick Rolandt.

Will Smolenski provided six bluebird boxes for the South YMCA senior citizens. Will also provided free bluebird boxes for anyone at the meeting for a donation.

Old business: Hubert passed out information in regards to the BSG helping to monitor Nature Conservancy holdings in NW Louisiana. A volunteer was sought to coordinate the groups efforts. Jim Ingold volunteered after the meeting concluded.

Hubert passed around brochures from two environmental conservation groups he met while attending the Dallas Home and Garden Show. One group was the Society for the Preservation of the Horny Toad and the other was the the Mexican Wolf Coalition.

Hubert is trying to get new members to join the LOS in his name. See or call him for details.

New members or visitors included Wellborn Jack, Henry Rosenblath, Rhonda Davis, Pat Elmore, and Drew Williams.

Next outings were discussed. These include turkeys at Bodcau

and the Red River Experimental Research Station both in March.

The next program will be by Pat Lonecker who will talk about the migration of shorebirds in Alaska.

The next meeting will include a election for new board members.

The LOS spring meeting will be 23-25 April at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cameron.

The long program was by Mr. Bruce Flaig on the photography of birds.

Bird talk included a Common Ground Dove, 150 Snow Geese, and two Canada Geese at Huberts farm on 9 March. Margaret Fontaine had a hawk catching sparrows at her feeder. Charles Duncan had heard Northern Cardinals singing on the same day as the meeting. Hubert had 100 Bufflehead and three American White Pelicans at Cross Lake. Rosemary Seidler reported that the Greater Scaup were still at Cross Lake as were many Lesser Scaup, 12 American White Pelicans, and a Bald Eagle. Jim Ingild saw two Barn Swallows on the 8 March at Clyde Fant Parkway. A Bald Eagle was reported from Toledo Bend by Al Vekovius. Bill Wood reported a White-winged Crossbill seen at Fort Worth by Roger Breedlove. Hubert reported a Bald Eagle on Moon Lake near Taylortown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## BIRD QUIZ #11 BIRD POTPOURRI

1. Can you name the bird, that is a casual visitor to the state, that has different common names

for the male and the female?

2. How many different species of birds have been shown to use snake skins in their nest?

3. Which Louisiana nesting species lays the most eggs?

4. The Yellow-rumped Warbler is so named because of its yellow rump. How many other birds that occur in Louisiana also have yellow rumps?

5. Which North American bird has the longest migration?

Winners of the name the bird group contest will be announced in the next newsletter. If anyone enters!

### Mildred Grace Tippett (1927-1993)

Mildred Tippett, a life-long resident of Shreveport and a regular sustaining member of the Bird Study Group for many years, died on March 15, 1993.

She enjoyed the friends and fellowship of the monthly meetings of the Bird Study Group and was a strong supporter of our activities. Her inquisitive nature and friendly presence will be missed by all.

## BIRD NOTES -- MARCH

Compiled  
March 31, 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.

## OUTINGS

### 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 HOTSPOTS

Birding Hotspot no. 2 is enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter. Direct any comments or ideas on the hotspots to Larry Raymond.

## REPORTERS

Abbrev--Name	Dates and Places
BH Bill Hall	03/20/93 residence; 03/16/93 Shreveport, Centenary College; 03/28/93 residence
BSG Bird Study Group	03/27/93 LSU Red River Experiment Station
BW Bobbe Wommack	03/25/93 Bickham-Dickson Park, Shreveport
CL Charlie Lyon	03/13/93 Cross Lake
GF Gloria Frantom	03/25/93 residence; 03/10/93 residence
HH Hubert Hervey	03/01/93 Cross Lake; 03/08/93 Clear Lake; 03/09/93 residence; 03/22/93 residence
HH&PT Hubert Hervey & Pat Tuminello	03/18/93 Yearwood road
HHo Helen Hood	03/13/93 South Lakeshore Drive near American Legion; 03/23/93 residence
JI Jim Ingold	03/08/93 Shreveport, Clyde Fant at Preston; 03/24/93 Hamel's Park, Shreveport; 03/24/93 Shreveport, LSUS campus; 03/30/93 Red River at Jimmy Davis bridge
LR Larry Raymond	03/07/93 residence; 03/18/93 residence; 03/18/93 Walter Jacob's Nature Park; 03/26/93 residence
MS Mildred Smith	03/25/93 residence
MT Margo Tuller	03/15/93 residence
NC Norma Cobb	03/11/93 LA hwy. 3 near Plain Dealing; 03/19/93 residence; 03/24/93 residence
PD Paul Dickson	03/03/93 residence
RS&VL Rosemary Seidler & V. LeFever	03/06/93 Shreveport, North & South Lakeshore

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	03/01/93 HH 2; 03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/08/93 HH 2
American White Pelican	03/01/93 HH 3; 03/06/93 RS&VL 11
Double-crested Cormorant	03/01/93 HH 600; 03/06/93 RS&VL 75; 03/08/93 HH 25; 03/13/93 CL 300; 03/13/93 HHo 36; 03/20/93 BH 2
Great Blue Heron	03/01/93 HH 55; 03/06/93 RS&VL 33; 03/13/93 HHo 15; 03/18/93 HH&PT 4; 03/27/93 BSG 1
Great Egret	03/01/93 HH 2; 03/06/93 RS&VL 12
Little Blue Heron	03/25/93 BW 1
Green-backed Heron	03/28/93 BH 2
Snow Goose	03/03/93 PD 1500
Ross' Goose	03/03/93 PD 2
Canada Goose	03/25/93 BW 5
Wood Duck	03/08/93 HH 26; 03/11/93 NC 2; 03/13/93 CL 3; 03/18/93 HH&PT 1; 03/27/93 BSG 2
Mallard	03/01/93 HH 2; 03/06/93 RS&VL 5; 03/08/93 HH 2; 03/13/93 CL 2; 03/13/93 HHo 30
Blue-winged Teal	03/25/93 BW 4
Gadwall	03/13/93 CL 70
Ring-necked Duck	03/01/93 HH 8
Greater Scaup	03/06/93 RS&VL 3
Lesser Scaup	03/01/93 HH 3; 03/06/93 RS&VL 17; 03/13/93 CL 3
Bufflehead	03/06/93 RS&VL 21; 03/13/93 HHo 2; 03/13/93 CL 14
Ruddy Duck	03/01/93 HH 7; 03/06/93 RS&VL 13; 03/13/93 CL 2
Black Vulture	03/08/93 HH 4
Turkey Vulture	03/01/93 HH 3; 03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/08/93 HH 5; 03/27/93 BSG 2
Osprey	03/30/93 JI 1
Mississippi Kite	03/16/93 BH 1
Bald Eagle	03/06/93 RS&VL 1
Northern Harrier	03/27/93 BSG 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	03/07/93 LR 2; 03/08/93 HH 1; 03/18/93 HH&PT 1
Red-tailed Hawk	03/01/93 HH 2; 03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/08/93 HH 2; 03/18/93 HH&PT 16; 03/27/93 BSG 1; 03/28/93 BH 1
American Kestrel	03/01/93 HH 2
American Coot	03/01/93 HH 190; 03/06/93 RS&VL 9; 03/13/93 HHo 32; 03/13/93 CL 75
Lesser Golden-Plover	03/27/93 BSG 25
Killdeer	03/18/93 HH&PT 4; 03/27/93 BSG 2
Common Snipe	03/27/93 BSG 2
Bonaparte's Gull	03/01/93 HH 5; 03/13/93 CL 2
Ring-billed Gull	03/06/93 RS&VL 150; 03/13/93 CL 100; 03/27/93 BSG 25
Herring Gull	03/13/93 HHo 10; 03/13/93 CL 1
Rock Dove	03/27/93 BSG 2
Mourning Dove	03/06/93 RS&VL 3; 03/15/93 MT 6; 03/18/93 HH&PT 4; 03/20/93 BH 3; 03/25/93 GF 2; 03/27/93 BSG 117
Common Ground-Dove	03/09/93 HH 1; 03/22/93 HH 1

Common Name	Data
Barn Owl	03/18/93 HH&PT 2
Great Horned Owl	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/18/93 HH&PT 1
Barred Owl	03/08/93 HH 2; 03/13/93 CL 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	03/26/93 HNo 1; 03/28/93 BH 1
Belted Kingfisher	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/27/93 BSG 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/13/93 CL 1; 03/22/93 HH 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	03/06/93 RS&VL 3; 03/15/93 MT 2; 03/18/93 HH&PT 2; 03/20/93 BH 1; 03/24/93 NC 2; 03/25/93 GF 2; 03/27/93 BSG 1; 03/28/93 BH 2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/08/93 HH 1; 03/15/93 MT 1
Downy Woodpecker	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/27/93 BSG 2
Northern Flicker	03/08/93 HH 1; 03/18/93 HH&PT 1; 03/27/93 BSG 2
Pileated Woodpecker	03/08/93 HH 2; 03/20/93 BH 1; 03/23/93 HNo 1; 03/28/93 BH 1
Eastern Phoebe	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/13/93 CL 1
Horned Lark	03/27/93 BSG 25
Purple Martin	03/06/93 RS&VL 20; 03/13/93 CL 1; 03/27/93 BSG 10
No. Rough-winged Swallow	03/24/93 JI 1
Barn Swallow	03/08/93 JI 2; 03/18/93 HH&PT 2
Blue Jay	03/06/93 RS&VL 5; 03/18/93 HH&PT 5; 03/24/93 NC 5; 03/25/93 MS 6; 03/25/93 GF 2; 03/27/93 BSG 2; 03/28/93 BH 4
American Crow	03/06/93 RS&VL 5; 03/18/93 HH&PT 6; 03/20/93 BH 2; 03/27/93 BSG 2; 03/28/93 BH 4
Fish Crow	03/06/93 RS&VL 11; 03/07/93 LR 17; 03/08/93 HH 14; 03/20/93 BH 7; 03/13/93 CL 4; 03/28/93 BH 2
Carolina Chickadee	03/06/93 RS&VL 3; 03/08/93 HH 4; 03/18/93 HH&PT 4; 03/20/93 BH 6; 03/24/93 NC 4; 03/25/93 MS 12; 03/25/93 GF 2; 03/26/93 LR 1; 03/27/93 BSG 3; 03/28/93 BH 6
Tufted Titmouse	03/06/93 RS&VL 3; 03/08/93 HH 6; 03/20/93 BH 10; 03/24/93 NC 2; 03/25/93 GF 2; 03/26/93 LR 1; 03/28/93 BH 8
White-breasted Nuthatch	03/13/93 CL 1; 03/18/93 LR 1; 03/20/93 BH 2; 03/25/93 MS 2; 03/26/93 LR 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	03/25/93 GF 1; 03/25/93 MS 1
Brown Creeper	03/06/93 RS&VL 1
Carolina Wren	03/06/93 RS&VL 2; 03/08/93 HH 3; 03/27/93 BSG 1
Winter Wren	03/13/93 CL 1
Sedge Wren	03/18/93 HH&PT 2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/08/93 HH 1; 03/13/93 CL 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	03/08/93 HH 1; 03/13/93 CL 3; 03/26/93 LR 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	03/20/93 BH 2; 03/26/93 LR 2; 03/27/93 BSG 1
Eastern Bluebird	03/06/93 RS&VL 5; 03/13/93 CL 2; 03/18/93 HH&PT 6; 03/20/93 BH 5; 03/25/93 MS 4; 03/27/93 BSG 2; 03/28/93 BH 2
Hermit Thrush	03/06/93 RS&VL 2; 03/08/93 HH 1
American Robin	03/06/93 RS&VL 5; 03/08/93 HH 47; 03/18/93 HH&PT 2; 03/25/93 MS 8; 03/25/93 GF 2; 03/27/93 BSG 10
Northern Mockingbird	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/18/93 HH&PT 5; 03/25/93 GF 1; 03/27/93 BSG 1; 03/28/93 BH 1
Brown Thrasher	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/24/93 NC 2; 03/28/93 BH 1
American Pipit	03/27/93 BSG 1
Cedar Waxwing	03/13/93 CL 10; 03/20/93 BH 9; 03/25/93 BW 15
Loggerhead Shrike	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/13/93 CL 3; 03/18/93 HH&PT 5; 03/27/93 BSG 2
European Starling	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/18/93 HH&PT 25; 03/27/93 BSG 1
White-eyed Vireo	03/28/93 BH 1
Orange-crowned Warbler	03/06/93 RS&VL 1
Northern Parula	03/26/93 LR 5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	03/01/93 HH 30; 03/06/93 RS&VL 28; 03/08/93 HH 25; 03/13/93 CL 25; 03/18/93 HH&PT 30; 03/20/93 BH 5; 03/27/93 BSG 6; 03/28/93 BH 4
Pine Warbler	03/01/93 HH 4; 03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/13/93 CL 1; 03/25/93 GF 1
Prothonotary Warbler	03/08/93 HH 2
Northern Cardinal	03/06/93 RS&VL 4; 03/08/93 HH 26; 03/18/93 HH&PT 8; 03/20/93 BH 15; 03/24/93 NC 8; 03/25/93 GF 4; 03/25/93 MS 18; 03/27/93 BSG 3; 03/28/93 BH 15
Chipping Sparrow	03/06/93 RS&VL 3; 03/13/93 CL 20; 03/20/93 BH 25; 03/27/93 BSG 1; 03/28/93 BH 20
Vesper Sparrow	03/18/93 HH&PT 2; 03/25/93 BW 1; 03/27/93 BSG 1
Lark Sparrow	03/27/93 BSG 1
Savannah Sparrow	03/06/93 RS&VL 3; 03/18/93 HH&PT 40; 03/27/93 BSG 1
Song Sparrow	03/13/93 CL 1; 03/18/93 HH&PT 15; 03/27/93 BSG 5
Swamp Sparrow	03/13/93 CL 1; 03/18/93 HH&PT 2
White-throated Sparrow	03/06/93 RS&VL 4; 03/13/93 CL 20; 03/18/93 LR 6; 03/18/93 HH&PT 40; 03/20/93 BH 12; 03/24/93 NC 4; 03/25/93 GF 4; 03/28/93 BH 6
White-crowned Sparrow	03/18/93 HH&PT 40; 03/27/93 BSG 31
Dark-eyed Junco	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/13/93 CL 10; 03/28/93 BH 4
Red-winged Blackbird	03/06/93 RS&VL 20; 03/18/93 HH&PT 50; 03/20/93 BH 2; 03/27/93 BSG 2
Eastern Meadowlark	03/18/93 HH&PT 60; 03/27/93 BSG 2; 03/09/93 HH 1
Common Grackle	03/06/93 RS&VL 20; 03/18/93 HH&PT 40; 03/27/93 BSG 30
Brown-headed Cowbird	03/18/93 HH&PT 60; 03/20/93 BH 4; 03/27/93 BSG 27
Purple Finch	03/06/93 RS&VL 1; 03/10/93 GF 5; 03/18/93 LR 1
House Finch	03/06/93 RS&VL 4; 03/13/93 MT 8; 03/19/93 NC 20; 03/24/93 JI 1
Pine Siskin	03/18/93 LR 50; 03/19/93 NC 15; 03/22/93 HH 4; 03/25/93 MS 75; 03/25/93 GF 2





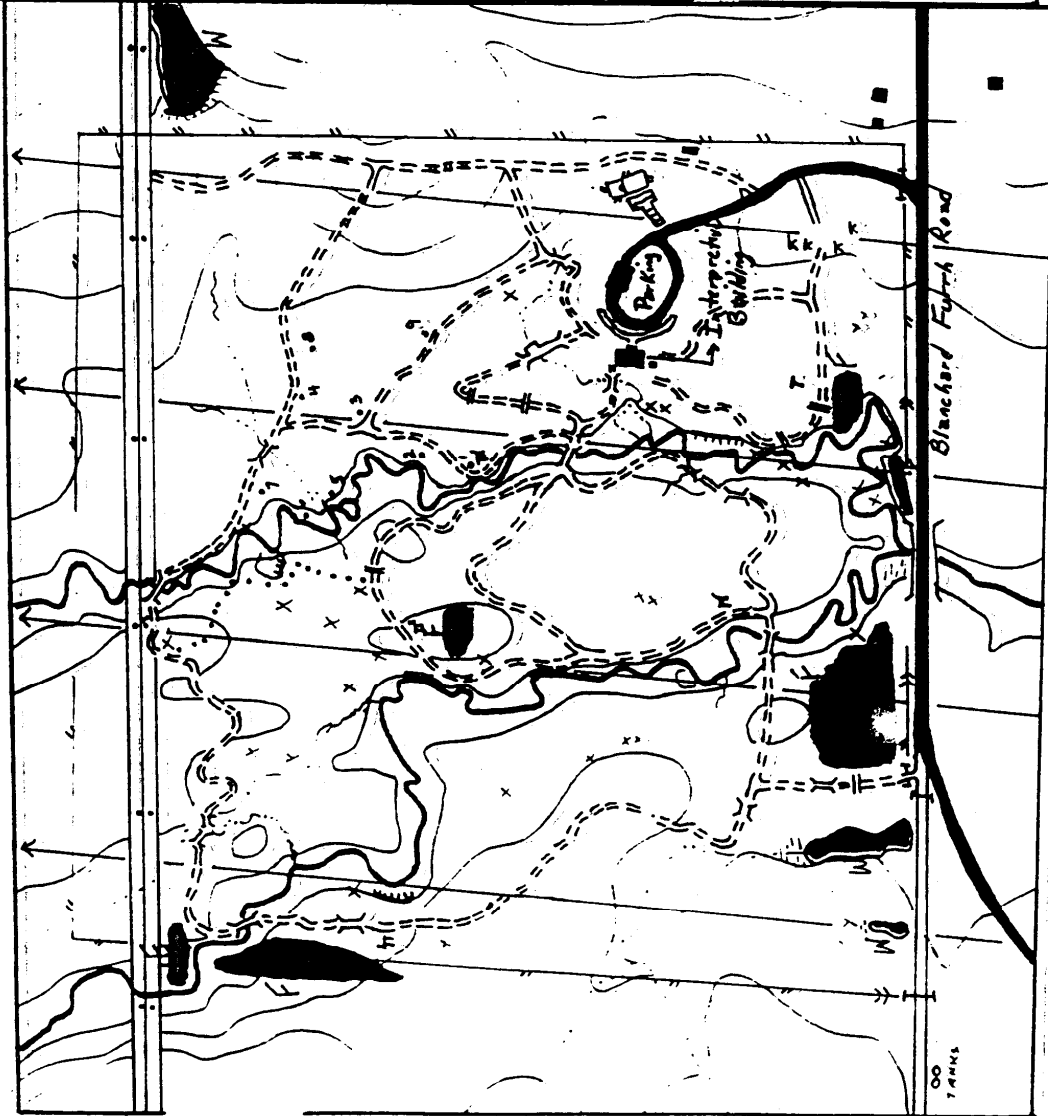
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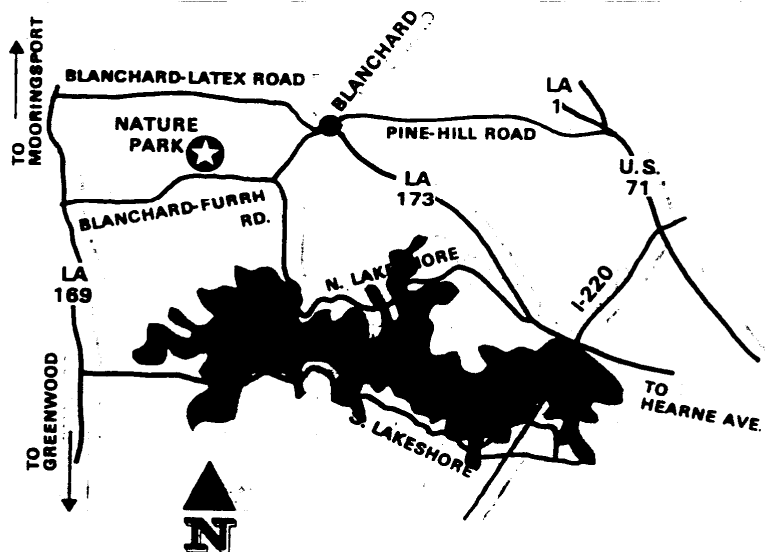
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**LEGEND**

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET.

- PAVED ROAD
- GRAVEL ROAD
- NATURE TRAIL
- FOOT PATH (UNMARKED)
- HAN MADE OBJECT
- STEPS
- FENCE
- FELLED FENCE
- POWER LINE
- TABLE
- BENCH
- CULVERT
- FEEDER
- FIXED "O" MARKER
- RIGHT OF WAY
- OPEN AREA
- WATER (W)
- MARSH
- INTERMITTENT STREAM AND BRIDGE
- CONTOUR
- EROSION GULLY
- EARTH BANK
- KNOLL
- DEPRESSION
- FIGET (f)
- ROOT STOCK





**BIRDING HOTSPOT #2**  
Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park

The nature park is a 160-acre tract of pine-oak-hickory forest that was dedicated in May 1976. The park is located on the Blanchard Furrh Road, 2.8 miles west of Blanchard. It is accessible from Shreveport via the Shreveport-Blanchard Highway (La 173) north to Blanchard. In Blanchard, turn west one block south of the stop light, next to the post office. The park is also accessible from the east via I-220 to La 173, and from the west via I-20 to La 169 north to Longwood. La 1 and U.S. 71 provide access from the north. The park is open to the public free of charge 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Sundays. The park is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and holidays.

Five nature trails that range from 1/4 mile to 2 1/2 miles long offer numerous birdwatching opportunities. In addition to mixed forest, the park offers two natural creeks, an open meadow, a powerline, and numerous temporary ponds.

Approximately 120 species of birds have been reported from the park, and about thirty-five of these are permanent residents in northwestern Louisiana. The park is a good place to see White-breasted Nuthatches any time of the year, and American Woodcock, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Solitary Vireo, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, and American Goldfinch are often found in the park in the winter. Summer nesting birds include Red-shouldered Hawk, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Acadian Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Northern Parula, Pine Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Blue Grosbeak. Swainson's Warbler, which used to nest in the park, has not been seen for several years. Migrants reported in the park include Whip-poor-will, Veery, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Gray Catbird, Blue-winged Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, American Redstart, Worm-eating Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Canada Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

Larry Raymond, Mac Hardy, and Bill Wood can be contacted for further information on the species that frequent this park.