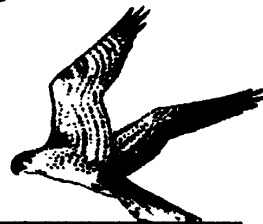


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The hawk count held at Hervey's Dairy-N-Berry (or it is Berry-N-Dairy, I can never remember) was a modest success. We had more hawks than hawk counters. In five hours of counting we saw 14 raptors migrating south; many vultures and some resident hawks were not counted as they were merely flying around - not migrating. We saw five species migrating with a Peregrine Falcon being the choice bird of the day. I credit an east breeze with holding hawk numbers down somewhat.

I hope you have good outings and meetings while I am enjoying Florida and the Bahamas. My father was a serious photographer, yet I never had the urge to spend my time learning how. If any of his talent passed on to me I'll have slides of birds seen on this trip to show after all the top speakers available are used up. Maybe I can even capture the famous green flash - a mysterious and beautiful phenomenon seen over the Gulf at the second the sun sets.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

"AT A BEND IN A MEXICAN RIVER"

A video by John Bax

"Over fifty years ago bird artist and ornithologist George Miksch Sutton visited a hidden river along the eastern escarpment of Mexico's Sierra Madre Oriental. Although he had visited many places in the world, perhaps none so enthralled him. His vivid memories were published in 1972 in "At a Bend in a Mexican River." (see Mexican River, p. 3)

October 12, 1993 -- 7:00 PM
at the

Museum of Life Sciences

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- Connie Conners 865-6422, Bobbe Wommack 797-6509
 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 and LIBRARIAN -- Jim Ingold 797-5236, Betty Mason,
 HOSPITALITY -- Betty Mason 687-0225, Margaret Fontaine 861-0483
 and SPECIAL EVENTS -- Norma Cobb 686-3959 (combined)
 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 -- Bobbe Wommack 797-6509, Bill Wood 797-5350
 PROGRAMS -- Pat Tuminello 925-9249
 PUBLICITY -- Norma Cobb 686-3959
 SHORT PROGRAMS -- Pat Lonnecker 865-4701

FIELD TRIPS

October 16 -- Bickham-Dickson Park for woodland and shore fall migrants and waterfowl. Meet at the Bickham-Dickson Park horse barn at 7:30 AM. Contact Charlie Lyon, 865-2674.

October 22-24 -- L.O.S. Fall meeting, Cameron, LA.

October 30 -- Walter Jacobs Nature Park for woodland and old field migrants and residents. Meet at the park headquarters building at 7:30 AM. Contact Larry Raymond, 929-3117.

November 13 -- North Lakeshore Drive, Fleming Park, and Duck Ponds for woodland, old field, pond and open water birds. Meet at the North Market What-A-Burger at 7:30 AM. Contact Bill Hall, 797-1727.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1993-94**

President - HUBERT HERVEY, 1
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 LARRY RAYMOND, 2
 WILL SMOLENSKI, 2
 CAROLINE UPCHURCH, 1
 BOBBE WOMMACK, 2

**NEXT MEETING — October 12
 MUSEUM OF LIFE SCIENCES**

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BRING A FRIEND

MEETING PLACE

The Bird Study Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 7:00 PM in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. From the entrance on Youree Drive (LA hwy. 1) follow the circular drive to the right around to the radio tower for KDAQ. Park in the parking lot just south of the tower. The Museum is the white metal building adjacent to the tower on the northeast. The entrance to the Museum faces the tennis courts; the Museum sign faces the parking lot.

BIRD QUIZ #15

NESTING MANIA!

1. Hawks quite often add green leaves to their nest. Why?
2. The European Nuthatch is famous for modifying the entrance to its nest cavity by adding mud around it to make it smaller. How do the North American nuthatches modify their nest cavities?
3. Which North American bird builds its nest under a loose piece of bark?
4. What Asian bird builds its nest by sewing leaves together?
5. What is special about the nests of the megapodes of the southwest Pacific?

ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #14

1. Sparrow: means to flutter (Indo-European; Anglo-Saxon)
2. Falcon: means sickle in allusion to the curved beak and talon (Latin)
3. Junco: means reed (Latin)
4. Owl: from Sanscrit word *ulala* to howl
5. Vireo: from *vivere* to be green (Latin)
6. Swallow: from *swalowe* to toss about (Middle English)

7. Bittern: from *buttore* reed boomer; bittern was thought to thrust its bill into a reed to produce its call (Middle English)
8. Cormorant: from *corvus* crow and *marinus* marine i.e. a sea crow (Latin)
9. Vulture: from *uultur* to pluck or to tear apart (as one's victim) (Latin)
10. Dowitcher: from the American Indian words *ta-wis* or *ta-wish* meaning snipe

MEXICAN RIVER

"Exactly fifty years later cinematographer John Bax was compelled to visit the same enchantingly beautiful stream ... a stream that flows from the foot of the dark and majestic mountains. Nature and birding enthusiasts will appreciate the opportunity to explore the biological richness found along Sutton's river. This video features thirty-eight, rarely seen neotropical birds. Many of these, and numerous others, are included in the sound track."

MINUTES: LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 14 September 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: Pioneer account total is \$960.30; Museum account total is \$196.81; Post Office account total is \$201.89.

Bill Hall read the list of field trips for the coming birding year.

Dates for the 1993-94 Christmas Bird Counts are: Shreveport Count on 19 December 1993 and the BCBCBC on 2 January (Both dates are Sunday).

Hot Spot accounts will continue at a pace of one a month. The next one will be written by Jim Ingold on the Clyde Fant Parkway. Future accounts will include two for Cross Lake (1 for the shore and 1 for the water), Loggy Bayou, Wallace Lake, and possibly the I-49 barrow pits.

Bird reports should be called in to either Bobbe Wommack or Connie Conners.

Jim Ingold asked members to supply checklists for the library checklist files. A list of current books, pamphlets and checklists was put out for display.

Shirley Huss reported that paid memberships are around 100 and that she would like help sending out renewal postcards.

Mac needs materials for newsletter by 25th of September.

A sign-up sheet for the phone tree was passed around. Bobbe Wommack and Bill Wood are co-chairs for the phone tree.

Hotline is still in operation as is the museum number.

Next month's program will be a video on a cloud forest in Mexico.

L.O.S. fall meeting will be held the weekend of 22-24 October. Membership fee is \$10 and will soon rise to \$15.

Logos will be collected at the October meeting and be voted on by the members of the group. Logos should be on a clear white 8 1/2" by 11" piece of paper. The design should be simple.

The Bird Study Group received a letter from the Bluebird Society which was read by Betty Mason.

A newspaper article was read advertizing a new product made from hot peppers that when sprinkled on bird seed keeps the squirrels away.

New business included a planned Caddo Lake Clean Up on 23 October 1993. We are planning a Saw-whet Owl trapping effort sometime in January to see if this species occurs in Louisiana. LOS would like someone from the Bird Study Group to provide the munchies for Friday night of the Fall Meeting. Pat Tumminello volunteered.

Jim Ingold read a letter from Dr. Harrison Tordoff of Minnesota giving details to the history of a Peregrine Falcon that was seen for a month in fall of 1992 in downtown Shreveport.

Mac mentioned that the bird record data base is at 8500 records.

Jim Ingold gave a talk on How and Why Birds Sing.

Birdtalk included 86 Wood Storks at Bickham-Dickson and many different shorebirds at the I-49 barrow pits.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES: BOARD MEETING

The board meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 7 September 1993, at the home of Hubert Hervey. The meeting opened at 7:08 p.m.

The minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read: Pioneer account total is \$885.30; income was \$110; expenses were \$359.75; Museum account balance was -\$3.19 and \$200 was transferred into the account for a balance of \$196.81. As of 7 May the post office account was approximately \$180.

Using bar codes for the newsletter was discussed. Bar codes would save the BSG approximately two cents per item. Our membership list would have to conform to PO regulations which include charges for many changes.

Shirley Huss reported that paid members were around 100. It was decided that she pass out renewal forms at the regular meeting.

Larry Raymond reported on the Hot Spots. It was decided that one would be published monthly. Future accounts will include two for Cross Lake [one land (Charlie Lyon?) and one water (Hubert Hervey)], Loggy Bayou (Paul Dickson), Bodcau Bayou, James Bayou (Mac and Larry), Cypress Lake, Wallace Lake, Caddo Lake, agricultural areas, and Clyde Fant Parkway (which will appear in the October newsletter) written by Jim Ingold.

Connie Connors will stay on as bird report Chairperson with Bobbe Womack helping her.

We agreed to purchase the remaining books in the Bent series as per an earlier board meeting and a new book by the Nature Conservancy entitled: **A Land Manager's Guide to Birds of the South** for the library. The scrapbook is near completion but we need more blank pages.

Hospitality was discussed especially the use of the name tags. Jim Ingold suggested that we make some sort of pin board to hold them and make them easier to find. Another suggestion was to go to one time use name tags. The board decided to leave the decision to the hospitality committee.

Any beginning birders outings are going to be put on hold until Sci-Port is up and running.

New phone tree will be constructed after passing around a sign-up sheet at the regular meeting.

Programs were discussed. Jim Ingold is to give the September program and Shirley Huss suggested that we show a video tape on the northern most cloud forest; it was agreed to do so. Jim Ingold brought up the possibility of paying the travel expense for a colleague

(Dr. John Smallwood) from Florida who studies the endangered Florida subspecies of the American Kestrel. Dr. Smallwood would take members on a raptor banding expedition. The board members suggest that Jim Ingold look into the cost involved before a decision was made. Board members are to bring ideas for future programs to the attention of the board. Pat Lonacker agreed to continue providing short programs on a need basis. Larry Raymond has agreed to give a program on raptor rehabilitation.

The purchase of the now required non-consumptive license was also discussed since quite a few people have not been able to find a place that sells them; a hunting license will work but does not support non-game conservation.

It was decided to hold bird talk after the program to help shorten the meeting.

Possible fund raisers include another auction, a canoe float trip down Bodcau Bayou, and a bird-a-thon.

Under new business, Jim Ingold suggested that we try to have an all night owl banding expedition in Bodcau in order to try to catch Saw-whet Owls.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

LOGO

The logo contest is underway. Design a logo for the Bird Study Group and win your choice of any one item from the Gift Shop. The logo should be in black ink on white 8½ x 11 paper and be suitable for extreme reduction (down to one inch in diameter). The winning design will become the exclusive property of the Bird Study Group, who will retain all rights for the use and control of the logo.

Your entry should be received by Caroline Upchurch at the Museum of Life Sciences by the next meeting of the Bird Study Group on October 12, 7:00 PM.

BIRD REPORTS

Bobbe Wommack will be helping Connie Connors with the Bird Report. They will divide the calling responsibilities in order to reduce the work load for Connie. Continue to call in your bird records to either Connie (865-6422) or Bobbe (797-6509).

BIRD NOTES -- JUNE-AUGUST

Compiled
September 27, 1993

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Connie Connors (865-6422) or to Bobbe Wommack (797-6509) 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
ANON	Anonymous
BJH&HH	Bill & Jane Hall & H. Hervey
BR	Betsy Reisinger
BSG	Bird Study Group
BW	Bobbe Wommack
CC	Connie Connors
CLu	Cathi Luytjes
HH&PLT	H. Hervey & Pat L. Tuminello
HHo	Helen Hood
JMcC	Jim McCain
LR	Larry Raymond
MF	Margaret Fontaine
MH	Mac Hardy
MS	Mildred Smith
MT	Margo Tuller
NC	Norma Cobb
NMcC	Nicki McCombs
RS	Rosemary Seidler
RS&T	Rosemary Seidler & Trahans
RS&VL	Rosemary Seidler & V. Lefevers
	09/15/93 Shreveport, Highland Hospital
	09/12/93 south of Clear Lake Dam
	09/18/93 La. hwy. 1, south
	09/25/93 Richard Fleming Park & Book Fish Hatchery
	09/23/93 residence
	09/22/93 residence
	09/24/93 residence
	09/17/93 I-49 ponds
	09/05/93 Nickham-Dickson Park; 09/06/93 residence; 09/07/93 residence; 09/08/93 Mansfield Road; 09/22/93 residence
	09/06/93 Belcher; 09/23/93 residence
	09/23/93 Walter Jacobs Nature Park
	09/17/93 Nickham-Dickson Park; 09/24/93 Nickham-Dickson Park
	09/08/93 Nickham-Dickson Park; 09/24/93 Loggy Bayou Plantation
	09/17/93 residence
	09/24/93 residence
	09/15/93 residence; 09/15/93 Cherokee Park; 09/16/93 Cherokee Park; 09/16/93 Dodridge; 09/20/93 residence; 09/21/93 residence
	09/14/93 residence
	09/11/93 Nickham-Dickson Park & Clyde Fant Pkwy; 09/12/93 Cypress/Black Bayou Rec. Area; 09/15/93 Shreveport; Nickham-Dickson Park; 09/15/93 Clyde Fant Pky; 09/15/93 Nickham-Dickson Park
	08/28/93 Nickham-Dickson Park; 09/12/93 I-49 ponds; 09/12/93 residence
	09/18/93 Cross Lake on S. Lakeshore Dr.

RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	09/12/93 RS&T 2; 09/15/93 RS 2
American White Pelican	09/16/93 NC 200
Double-crested Cormorant	09/18/93 RS&VL 1; 09/25/93 BSG 2
Anhinga	09/11/93 RS 1
Great Blue Heron	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/05/93 HHo 1; 09/11/93 RS 15; 09/12/93 RS&T 13; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/12/93 RS 1; 09/15/93 RS 4; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 6; 09/18/93 RS&VL 7; 09/24/93 MH 1; 09/25/93 BSG 4
Great Egret	08/28/93 RS&T 4; 09/05/93 HHo 2; 09/08/93 MH 3; 09/11/93

Common Name	Data
	RS 65; 09/12/93 RS&T 15; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/12/93 RS 8; 09/15/93 RS 7; 09/15/93 RS 38; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 40; 09/18/93 RS&VL 8; 09/24/93 MH 15; 09/25/93 BSG 2
Snowy Egret	08/28/93 RS&T 3; 09/08/93 MH 1; 09/11/93 RS 4; 09/12/93 RS&T 13; 09/15/93 RS 1; 09/15/93 RS 6; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 50; 09/18/93 RS&VL 13; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Little Blue Heron	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/08/93 MH 1; 09/11/93 RS 1; 09/12/93 RS&T 4; 09/15/93 RS 2; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 30; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1; 09/24/93 MH 2; 09/25/93 BSG 4
Cattle Egret	08/28/93 RS&T 10; 09/12/93 RS 7; 09/12/93 RS&T 25; 09/15/93 RS 7; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 12; 09/18/93 RS&VL 87; 09/25/93 BSG 35
Green-backed Heron	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	09/17/93 HH&PLT 1
White Ibis	09/12/93 RS&T 4
Wood Stork	08/28/93 RS&T 86; 09/16/93 NC 1
Canada Goose	09/05/93 HHO 6
Blue-winged Teal	09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/24/93 MH 200
Black Vulture	09/12/93 RS&T 2; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 4; 09/18/93 RS&VL 4; 09/25/93 BSG 6
Turkey Vulture	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/11/93 RS 1; 09/12/93 RS&T 15; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/12/93 RS 1; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 6; 09/18/93 RS&VL 5; 09/25/93 BSG 8
Osprey	09/25/93 BSG 2
Northern Harrier	09/08/93 MH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/12/93 RS 1
Broad-winged Hawk	09/18/93 RS&VL 1
Red-tailed Hawk	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/11/93 RS 1; 09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Merlin	09/25/93 BSG 1
Northern Bobwhite	09/15/93 anon 10
King Rail	09/17/93 HH&PLT 1
Sora	09/17/93 HH&PLT 1
Semipalmated Plover	09/12/93 RS&T 6; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 1
Killdeer	08/28/93 RS&T 16; 09/08/93 MH 10; 09/11/93 RS 16; 09/12/93 RS&T 65; 09/15/93 RS 8; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 9; 09/25/93 BSG 6
American Avocet	09/15/93 RS 1
Greater Yellowlegs	09/12/93 RS&T 4
Lesser Yellowlegs	09/12/93 RS&T 30
Spotted Sandpiper	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/11/93 RS 2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	09/12/93 RS&T 14
Western Sandpiper	09/12/93 RS&T 6
Pectoral Sandpiper	09/12/93 RS&T 10
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	09/17/93 HH&PLT 5
Rock Dove	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/11/93 RS 2; 09/12/93 RS&T 25; 09/18/93 RS&VL 2; 09/25/93 BSG 20
Mourning Dove	08/28/93 RS&T 8; 09/06/93 JMcc 4; 09/11/93 RS 37; 09/12/93 RS&T 4; 09/15/93 RS 9; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 4; 09/18/93 RS&VL 20; 09/24/93 MH 1; 09/24/93 MT 2; 09/25/93 BSG 4
Common Ground-Dove	09/20/93 NC 2; 09/21/93 NC 2
Black-billed Cuckoo	09/17/93 MF 1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/06/93 JMcc 1; 09/11/93 RS 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 3
Greater Roadrunner	09/12/93 BJH&HH 2
Eastern Screech-Owl	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/11/93 RS 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1
Great Horned Owl	08/28/93 RS&T 1
Chimney Swift	09/12/93 BJH&HH 4; 09/12/93 RS&T 20; 09/18/93 RS&VL 5
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/06/93 HHO 4; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/14/93 NMcc 5; 09/17/93 MH 4; 09/18/93 RS&VL 4; 09/22/93 CC 11; 09/24/93 CLu 5; 09/24/93 MT 3
Belted Kingfisher	09/11/93 RS 1; 09/12/93 RS 1; 09/15/93 RS 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	09/12/93 RS 1; 09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/23/93 JMcc 2; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	08/28/93 RS&T 4; 09/06/93 HHO 1; 09/11/93 RS 9; 09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 6; 09/15/93 RS 5; 09/18/93 RS&VL 5; 09/25/93 BSG 3
Downy Woodpecker	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 3; 09/15/93 RS 1; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Hairy Woodpecker	09/11/93 RS 2
Northern Flicker	09/11/93 RS 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1; 09/23/93 JMcc 1
Pileated Woodpecker	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 3; 09/17/93 MF 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	09/11/93 RS 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1
Acadian Flycatcher	09/11/93 RS 1
Great Crested Flycatcher	08/28/93 RS&T 3; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 6; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Eastern Kingbird	09/11/93 RS 18; 09/12/93 RS&T 1

Common Name	Data
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	09/06/93 JMcC 30; 09/08/93 HHo 1; 09/11/93 RS 14; 09/12/93 RS&T 2; 09/15/93 RS 11; 09/18/93 BR 6; 09/25/93 BSG 2
Tree Swallow	09/12/93 RS&T 20; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 500
No. Rough-winged Swallow	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/12/93 RS&T 30
Bank Swallow	09/12/93 RS&T 1
Cliff Swallow	09/17/93 HH&PLT 25
Barn Swallow	08/28/93 RS&T 8; 09/12/93 RS&T 100; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 500
Blue Jay	08/28/93 RS&T 3; 09/07/93 HHo 3; 09/11/93 RS 6; 09/12/93 RS 2; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 3; 09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/15/93 RS 2; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 47; 09/24/93 MH 2; 09/25/93 BSG 10
American Crow	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/08/93 MH 5; 09/11/93 RS 27; 09/12/93 RS&T 51; 09/12/93 RS 3; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 7; 09/18/93 RS&VL 35; 09/24/93 MH 2; 09/25/93 BSG 5
Fish Crow	09/11/93 RS 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 8; 09/12/93 RS 4; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 2; 09/25/93 BSG 5
Carolina Chickadee	08/28/93 RS&T 3; 09/06/93 HHo 2; 09/11/93 RS 4; 09/12/93 RS 6; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 12; 09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/15/93 RS 5; 09/17/93 MS 8; 09/18/93 RS&VL 23; 09/23/93 JMcC 2; 09/24/93 MT 2; 09/25/93 BSG 5
Tufted Titmouse	09/06/93 HHo 2; 09/12/93 RS 3; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 11; 09/13/93 RS 4; 09/17/93 MS 5; 09/18/93 RS&VL 14
White-breasted Nuthatch	09/07/93 HHo 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	09/06/93 HHo 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 4; 09/23/93 LR 1
Carolina Wren	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/06/93 HHo 2; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 7; 09/12/93 RS 1; 09/18/93 RS&VL 10; 09/24/93 MT 2; 09/25/93 BSG 5
House Wren	09/12/93 RS 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	08/28/93 RS&T 9; 09/11/93 RS 2; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/15/93 RS 7; 09/24/93 MF 6; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Eastern Bluebird	09/12/93 RS 17; 09/12/93 RS&T 1; 09/15/93 RS 3; 09/18/93 RS&VL 4; 09/22/93 HHo 2; 09/25/93 BSG 3
Wood Thrush	09/17/93 MS 2
American Robin	08/28/93 RS&T 28; 09/06/93 HHo 4; 09/11/93 RS 62; 09/12/93 RS 4; 09/12/93 RS&T 2; 09/15/93 RS 63; 09/24/93 MT 12
Northern Mockingbird	09/07/93 HHo 1; 09/12/93 RS&T 4; 09/12/93 RS 1; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 30; 09/25/93 BSG 2
Brown Thrasher	09/06/93 HHo 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 10; 09/23/93 BW 1
Loggerhead Shrike	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/12/93 RS&T 7; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 2
European Starling	08/28/93 RS&T 37; 09/11/93 RS 31; 09/12/93 RS 10; 09/13/93 RS 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 4; 09/25/93 BSG 2
White-eyed Vireo	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 3; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1
Red-eyed Vireo	09/25/93 BSG 1
Tennessee Warbler	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Nashville Warbler	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1; 09/12/93 RS 1
Northern Parula	09/12/93 BJH&HH 8
Yellow Warbler	09/12/93 RS 2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	09/18/93 RS&VL 1
Black-thr. Green Warbler	09/12/93 BJH&HH 3; 09/25/93 BSG 3
Yellow-throated Warbler	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1
Pine Warbler	09/07/93 HHo 1; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 2; 09/12/93 RS 8; 09/18/93 RS&VL 2; 09/25/93 BSG 2
Black-and-white Warbler	09/12/93 BJH&HH 14; 09/12/93 RS 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 1; 09/24/93 MF 1; 09/25/93 BSG 1
American Redstart	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1
Prothonotary Warbler	09/12/93 BJH&HH 9; 09/17/93 MS 1
Northern Waterthrush	09/12/93 BJH&HH 1
Common Yellowthroat	09/17/93 HH&PLT 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 2
Hooded Warbler	09/12/93 BJH&HH 6
Yellow-breasted Chat	08/28/93 RS&T 1
Summer Tanager	08/28/93 RS&T 1; 09/11/93 RS 3; 09/12/93 RS 5; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 9; 09/15/93 RS 1; 09/17/93 MF 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 4; 09/23/93 BW 1; 09/25/93 BSG 1
Scarlet Tanager	09/12/93 BJH&HH 3
Northern Cardinal	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/06/93 HHo 6; 09/11/93 RS 6; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 15; 09/12/93 RS 4; 09/15/93 RS 6; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 2; 09/18/93 RS&VL 11; 09/23/93 JMcC 2; 09/25/93 BSG 8
Blue Grosbeak	09/17/93 HH&PLT 2
Indigo Bunting	09/17/93 HH&PLT 6
Painted Bunting	09/17/93 HH&PLT 2
Dickcissel	09/17/93 HH&PLT 2
Bobolink	09/12/93 RS&T 2
Red-winged Blackbird	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/11/93 RS 12; 09/12/93 RS&T 2; 09/17/93 HH&PLT 500
Eastern Meadowlark	09/12/93 RS&T 1

Common Name	Data
Common Grackle	08/28/93 RS&T 6; 09/11/93 RS 96; 09/12/93 RS&T 10; 09/12/93 BJH&HH 11; 09/15/93 RS 28; 09/18/93 RS&VL 19; 09/25/93 BSG 10
Orchard Oriole	09/11/93 RS 3
Northern Oriole	09/06/93 JMcC 1; 09/14/93 NMcC 1; 09/23/93 BW 1
House Finch	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/15/93 NC 1; 09/15/93 NC 1; 09/16/93 NC 2
House Sparrow	08/28/93 RS&T 2; 09/11/93 RS 2; 09/12/93 RS&T 26; 09/15/93 RS 300; 09/18/93 RS&VL 3; 09/25/93 BSG 10

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BIRD HOTSPOTS!

Jim Ingold has provided the Hotspot for this issue. Anyone with ideas or suggestions on hotspots to be profiled should contact Larry Raymond, Jim Ingold, or any member of the Board of Directors of the Bird Study Group.

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CLYDE FANT PARKWAY

by JAMES L. INGOLD

The Clyde Fant Parkway runs along the Red River from downtown Shreveport to the Jimmy Davis Bridge at 70th Street. While driving the parkway in spring and summer Scissor-tailed Flycatchers can be seen on fences and on street signs; during the winter months American Kestrels and Red-tailed Hawks are quite common in the tall trees and along fences.

Park at the Charles and Marie Hamel Memorial Park near the Jimmy Davis Bridge. Do not cross the fence along the river! The bank is falling into the river at a furious pace! In the park look for Scissor-tailed Flycatchers April-October. All Louisiana swallow species have been seen there including the Cliff Swallow. At the pond look for Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers as well as egrets. In the cottonwoods look for both orioles. Lark Sparrows have been observed in May. Looking out to the river you may spot any of the herons and egrets as well as Ring-billed Gulls and Belted Kingfisher. Migratory songbirds are always a possibility in the thick vegetation along the river. Wood Storks may be seen flying over head during September.

A walking-bike path leaves the park on the north end towards downtown. Walk the path and look for migratory birds along the river. You will soon come to Preston Street which has a fenced in hay field. In May look for Dickcissels and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers. In winter this is the best spot for large numbers of meadowlarks; look for Westerns among the Easterns. Winter also finds at least one wintering American Kestrel and Red-tailed Hawk in this area. In summer walk under the bridge over Preston Street to see many Barn Swallow Nests.

Continue your walk north birding the area along the river where, in the proper season you may see Blue Grosbeaks, Vesper Sparrows and Loggerhead Shrikes as well as many migrants.

Stoner Avenue forms the southern boundary of Veterans Park which has wintering Red-tailed Hawks. Barn Swallows nest under the Stoner Avenue bridge in large numbers.

This hot spot ends at the Barnwell Center in downtown Shreveport. In summer look for the multitude of Purple Martins nesting in the house in this area. Check the gardens at the center for migrants. September through May be on the look out for migrating Peregrine Falcons.

Other birds seen in this area include Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Mourning Dove, Northern Flicker, Eastern Kingbird, Gray Catbird, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, Black-throated Green, Bay-breasted, and Prothonotary Warblers, Summer Tanagers, and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks.