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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month I passed out copies of a composite photograph showing the progression of bib colors in winter Harris' Sparrows. This series of 1-14 bird photos further explains the Harris' Sparrow article printed last month. I have a few extra copies that will be available at the April meeting if you failed to get a copy.

Our major efforts in the next two or three months will be twofold. The North American Migration Count (NAMC) and the Louisiana Breeding Bird Atlas. The state coordinator of both of these projects has bragged upon the enthusiastic extent of our participation. I am proud of you also. I will try to think up a short program that could be of help in some of the more troublesome bird identifications.

I am excited about seeing Bruce Flaig's program of the "Birds of Saudi Arabia" on April 12. Hope to see you there.

NEXT MEETING

The Birds of Saudi Arabia

by

Mr. Bruce Flaig

April 12, 1994 - 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
 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

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REMEMBER

Renew your BSG membership early
 Ask a friend to join the BSG
 Join the fun!!!

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1993-94**

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 Vice-Pres - PAT TUMINELLO, 3
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 MARGARET FONTAINE, 3
 BILL HALL, 3
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 LARRY RAYMOND, 2
 WILL SMOLENSKI, 2
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 BOBBE WOMMACK, 2

BSG LOGO

Our new logo is finished and is being used for the first time with this Newsletter. The attractive logo depicts an appropriate birding scene. The new logo combines the best features of a logo: identity, simplicity, neatness, and interesting detail. Logos are very important as identifying symbols of an organization and are most effective when used over a long period of time so the uniqueness of the logo and the name of the organization are easily associated and remembered. I think our logo will be a big success.

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 8 March 1994, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's report was read: Pioneer account total as of 1 March was \$1,030.99; income was \$65; expenses were \$51.75; present balance is \$1,044.24. Museum account balance is \$895.36. Post office balance is \$47.55.

Hubert mentioned issues discussed at the last board meeting. The Bird Study Group renewed their membership in the **Hawk Migration Association of North America**. Due to a change in their billing practices and our joining in the middle of the year there was some confusion about our membership. The organization has decided to give us one year free dues. Only two site guides are left: Cross Lake to be written by Charlie Lyon and James Bayou by Larry and Mac. It has been proposed that we sell bound collections that include the list of birds Mac has been printing in the newsletter for either \$2.00 or \$3.00. A logo committee was appointed: Betty Mason and Will Smolenski. Betty reported to the regular meeting price quotes she had obtained [for t-shirts] since the board meeting. Sam Hilburn Printing: \$13/ shirt with 4 color printing; City Printers: \$9/shirt also with 4 color printing. Suggested uses of the logo are: T-shirts, sweatshirts, visors, letterhead, pins, buttons, patches and bumper stickers.

A nominating committee for selecting a slate of candidates for membership on the board of directors was appointed; the committee includes Margaret Fontaine, Bill Hall, and Will Smolenski.

A newsletter committee was also appointed: Mac Hardy, Hubert Hervey, Dick Rolandt, Pat Tuminello, and Margaret

Fontaine. Another committee (Betty Mason, Hubert Hervey, Jim Ingold, and Mac Hardy) met on Sunday 5 March 1994 to prepare a questionnaire regarding the newsletter and the club in general. The questionnaire will be in the April newsletter and should be mailed back or brought to the April meeting.

A possible club trip to the Chandeaur Islands was discussed with very little enthusiasm. A boat can be rented in Venice, LA for approximately \$500. The trip participants would then camp on the islands for the weekend and the boat would come back for them. Camping would be primitive. Interest was shown in making it a one day trip out and back.

The North American Migration Count is set for Saturday 14 May.

LOS Spring Meeting is set for the weekend of 23 April 1994.

A membership list will be published in the May Newsletter. If you do not want your name included let Mac know.

It was announced that the effort to start a gold mine at the mouth of Cave Creek Canyon in Arizona has been defeated.

Mac has put together one binder with a complete set of BSG Newsletters. It is for sale for \$25.00. **SOLD!** If you want a set, place an order, prepaid, with the Treasurer.

The trip to Bodcau was a success. Kathryn Trahan told about the trip. Twenty-nine **Wild Turkey** were seen on private property called the Ponderosa Ranch. Also seen were the banded **Henslow's Sparrow**, **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**, **Wood Duck** and **Pied-billed Grebe**.

Next field trip is the LSU Experimental Station on Saturday 12 March to be led by Bill Wood. Meeting time is 7 AM in the museum parking lot.

Jim Ingold mentioned an effort to study the effect of land fragmentation on tanagers. This effort is being put forth by Cornell University. Jim suggested that we incorporate it as part of the breeding bird atlas effort. He also mentioned that Margo Tuller has kindly donated back issues of the Purple Martin Newspaper once published in Griggsville, Illinois. She also donated a copy of the book *What You Should Know About the Purple Martin* by J. L. Wade. Jim mentioned that he saw this book at Wal-Mart on Shreveport-Barksdale Highway for \$5.00 if you want your own copy.

Hubert Hervey presented a short program on Harris' Sparrow as an extension of his article in the last newsletter.

The main program was given by Charlie Lyon on the Birds of Hungary.

A meeting for those participating in the breeding bird atlas was to be held after the regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

MINUTES LAST BOARD MEETING

The board meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 1 March 1994, at the home of Margaret Fontaine. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as published.

The Treasurer's report was read: Pioneer account: balance as of 8 February 1994 was \$1,428.67 income was \$60; expenses were \$457.68; total is \$1,030.99. Museum account balance is \$895.36. Post office balance is \$47.55.

Getting the logo in use was discussed. A logo committee which includes Betty Mason and Will Smolenski was appointed.

They will decide what to put it on and how to use it. Mac says it is in final form and will appear on the next Newsletter.

A nominating committee for five new board members was appointed: Margaret Fontaine, Will Smolenski, and Bill Hall. The committee will bring a list of proposed nominees to the April meeting. Caroline Upchurch and Rosemary Seidler have resigned. Pat Tuminello had replaced Rosemary but Caroline's position is vacant. The current terms for the following members will expire at the end of this term: Hubert Hervey, Jim Ingold, Betty Mason, and Norma Cobb. Margaret asked for suggested nominees from the board members present.

Hubert mentioned the success of the Bodcau turkey trip.

A fund-raising Bodcau Bayou Float trip in July was discussed. We will need to look for a canoe renter. Mac will contact a person about boats.

Betty Mason told about a fund-raising technique used in San Raphael, California. Restaurants give a percentage of your tab to the organization every time you eat there during a certain month.

A Newsletter committee was formed, as per Mac's request, to deal with issues dealing with the newsletter such as proof reading, making decisions on what to add or take out of newsletter. The committee includes the President, Dick Rolandt, Pat Tuminello, Margaret Fontaine and Mac Hardy. They will bring up newsletter issues to the general membership.

Site Guides to birding hot spots were discussed. Two remain to be written: Cross Lake and James Bayou. It was suggested that we sell them bound and to include the species lists that Mac has been publishing in the newsletter. Jim Ingold suggested that we need to proof-read the accounts before they are published. Selling price will be \$1 or \$2.

A meeting of the breeding bird atlas participants will be held at the museum on Wednesday 8 March.

A possible trip to the Chandeleur Islands in June was discussed. Hubert will talk to Roger Breedlove of the L.O.S. about price etc.

The spring LOS meeting is scheduled for the weekend of 23 April in Cameron.

North American Migration count is scheduled for Saturday 14 May 1994.

Jim Ingold asked Hubert if we have ever heard back from the Nature Conservancy about club members monitoring conservancy lands in NW Louisiana. The answer was No!

Mac brought up several items regarding the newsletter and other club activities: 1. He wants to publish a list of paid and gratis members with phone number in a future issue of the newsletter. Members need to contact him if they do not want their information published. 2. Mac has put together a complete set of club newsletters in a ring binder that we can sell; price was set at \$20-25. A sample will be presented at the next meeting and we can take orders if there is a need. Jim Ingold asked about just selling Volumes or yrs. 3. Mac wants to publish a list of the quads being covered by the breeding bird atlas. 4. Do we want to participate in the Red River Balloon Rally again this year, by having material set up at the Museum. The rally is 22-24 July. 5. Mac has roughed out a questionnaire regarding the newsletter and other club activities to be published in the newsletter. A committee was formed to finalize the questionnaire. Committee members include Jim Ingold, Mac, Betty Mason, and Hubert Hervey.

The tentative talk for the April meeting is Birds of Saudi Arabia by Bruce Flaig.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

BIRD QUIZ #21

POTPOURRI

1. Which group of birds is famous for eating its own feathers? Why do they do it?
2. How does alfalfa affect the breeding of quail?
3. What is synchronous molt? Which birds have it? Why?
4. In what year did the **Passenger Pigeon** and **Carolina Parakeet** become extinct? In what location were the last ones living?
5. What are "extra-pair" copulations?

ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #20

1. Charles Kendeigh - **House Wren**
2. Margaret Morse Nice - **Song Sparrow**
3. David Lack - **Darwin's Finches**
4. Millicent Ficken - **American Redstart**
5. Niko Tinbergen - **Herring Gull**
6. Mike and Barbara MacRoberts - **Acorn Woodpecker**
7. James Tanner - **Ivory-billed Woodpecker**
8. Robert MacArthur - He did not really study just one species; but he is famous for his pioneering work on how similar warblers can co-exist in the coniferous forests of New England.
9. Lawrence Walkinshaw - **Sandhill Crane**
10. Harold Mayfield - **Kirtland's Warbler**

MEMBER LIST Baton Rouge Patch

The Bird Study Group will publish a directory of all members in the Volume 8, Number 9 issue (the next issue). The directory will include the phone numbers and address for each member (paid as of that date). This is for the convenience of our birding friends who frequently like to keep in contact. If you do not want your phone number or address included please contact Mac Hardy or Shirley Huss before April 15.

The Baton Rouge Audubon Board recently voted to ask all visitors to pay an admission donation of \$1.00 per person per day, on the honor system, for visits to the Holleyman-Sheely and Henshaw Migratory Bird Sanctuaries. A new cloth patch, however, will be issued to anyone contributing \$15.00 or more per year, and will serve as an annual admission pass. Patch wearers, therefore, need not drop another dollar in the box at each visit. Order your 1994 patch at the April LOS meeting or order (with payment and SASE) from: B.R.A.S. Sanctuary Fund, P.O. Box 82525, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2525.

ZOO MEETING

A meeting of the Caddo-Bossier Zoological Association will be held on 29 March 1994, 7:00 PM in room 209 of the Business/Education building on the LSU campus. This group is organizing for the purpose of developing a zoo in our community. All interested persons are invited to attend.

RED RIVER

A BSG outing to the Red River Experiment Station was held on 12 March 1994. Bill Wood led us on a leisurely paced walk down the central roadway and we returned along a bayou on the west side. We had excellent views of **Horned Larks**

as they paired off and chased each other around, sometimes high in the sky, sometimes skulking in the grassy plowed field. About 100 **Horned Larks** were seen. Next we turned our attention on 200 or more **American Pipits**. These birds are similar to **Horned Larks** in some ways and so it made a good study in comparing the two species. While returning along a small bayou we found a **Bewick's Wren**. Many sparrows were seen with the best being **Lark Sparrows**. Thanks Bill for a good trip.

*** Hubert Hervey



Bodcau Turkeys

A group of early rising birders met and made their way to Bodcau Bayou WMA headquarters before dawn, on March 5, with visions of **Wild Turkeys** strutting through their minds. While making our way down a lovely creek we heard **Barred Owls** responding to a tape of their calls. This technique can be used to locate **Wild Turkey** flocks, as the gobblers, from a safe roost high in a tree, will answer the owl call with a gobble. A pair of owls

came very near and filled the woods with their loudest efforts. Since **Long-eared Owls** have been seen in this area in the past I also played their strange call. After several repetitions we heard an identical sound over a hill in the distance. We carefully searched every tree as we moved toward the sound. We could not find a **Long-eared Owl** anywhere but we did locate the source of the call we were hearing. It was the long-eared Brahma-cross bull.

Since it was billed as a turkey trip and not a turkey had been seen I decided to try elsewhere. While glassing a large pasture I located a very distant flock of shiny blobs on private property. Upon closer observation the blobs turned into **Wild Turkeys**. The owner gave us permission to approach the flock. Five gobblers were strutting their stuff. The flock was grazing on clover in open pasture, near the woods. From a distance of 100 yards I heard a sound I had forgotten. P-F-F-F-F-T! P-F-F-F-F-T! This soft call of the gobbler is made as he struts with his beard nearly touching the ground, his tail fanned, and his wings drooped. It is called a spit! We thoroughly enjoyed this close encounter with a large flock of **Wild Turkeys**.

On February 19 we banded many birds near the dam. The most unusual of these was a **Henslow's Sparrow**. Three weeks later (March 5) we found the same bird. It perched on a bare pine limb 15 feet above the ground. All outing members were summoned from far and near. The silver leg band was like a jewelled ornament that the sparrow wanted all to see. A perfect ending for a fine trip.

*** Hubert Hervey

BSG LOGO

Our new logo is ready. Thanks to Ann and Larry Raymond, who won our logo contest earlier this year, the Bird Study

Group has a new logo. The logo is a hand-drawn artwork with computer generated letters. It has been scanned so it can be available in any size. As our official logo it will adorn our letterhead, the Newsletter, and all other products of the Bird Study Group.

Field Trips

April 9. Kisatchie National Forest, Longleaf Vista area. This is an all-day trip for piney woods residents, perhaps **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** and **Bachman's Sparrow**. Carpool from the LSUS Museum parking lot at 7:00 AM. Contact Charlie Lyon (865-2674, leader) or Hubert Hervey (925-9249).

April 23. Soda Lake for spring migrants and shorebirds. Meet at the What-a-Burger on North Market at 7:00 AM. Contact Larry Raymond (929-2806).

April 23. LOS Spring Meeting at Cameron, Louisiana. Contact Charlie Lyon (865-2674).

May 7. BSG's Spring Big Day at Paul Dickson's Loggy Bayou Plantation for spring migrants in all habitats. Beautiful land, great birding, great food and fun. Meet at Loggy Bayou Plantation at daybreak. Call Paul Dickson (798-1000) to find out what food you can bring.

May 14. North American Migration Count. An all-day count; lots of fun. Contact coordinator Hubert Hervey (925-9249).

NEWSLETTER SETS

Complete sets of the Bird Study Group Newsletter (through the current issue, vol. 8, no. 8) are available in a three-ring binder for a \$25.00 donation. Order through Betty Mason (687-0225) or Mac Hardy (797-5338).

NEXT MEETING - April 12

HOT SPOTS

Two more Birding Hot Spots are in preparation: Cross Lake (Charlie Lyon) and James Bayou WMA (Larry Raymond and Mac Hardy). When these are ready all of the Hot Spots will be available (for a small donation) as a set with the seasonal list of birds and a map showing the location of each Hot Spot.

QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire has been developed in order to best determine the needs and desires of the members of the Bird Study Group. The questionnaire is included in this newsletter. Please fill it out as completely as possible and either bring it to the next meeting or mail it to the Bird Study Group (address is on the Newsletter). We want your input so please respond to the questionnaire.

National Biological Survey

The National Biological Survey has been established to monitor the populations of all species of plants and animals regulated by Federal laws, this includes most birds. The following is quoted from the NAMC Newsletter, #2 January 1994.

"H.R. 1845 (which establishes the National Biological Survey) contains a provision which will **FORBID THE NBS FROM ACCEPTING ANY INFORMATION FROM VOLUNTEERS EXCEPT WHEN COLLECTED ON FEDERAL LAND.** The NBS would not be able to use any of the data previously collected on Christmas Bird Counts, the NAMC, or any similar effort. There is some question that the Breeding Bird Survey may be included in the category of Unacceptable Use of Volunteers. One of the supporters of this restriction has commented on the floor of the House of Representatives that 'It is hard to believe that an interest group could actually be one of the volunteers, that we could have

the ... Audubon Society ... qualify as volunteers to go out and collect data ... And in essence we are creating an environmental Gestapo that will go on people's private property ...' or from another 'Our complaint is that the volunteers, nonscience volunteers with a special agenda ... are going to be part and parcel of ... the survey... You start with bad science, you end up with bad science.'"

"Tell your Senators and Congressmen that you oppose the 'Volunteer Provision' in H.R. 1845 as passed by the House, and ask them to support the use of volunteers to collect data that could be used in the NBS. You can write or call. [To call Senators: 202,224-3121 and Representatives: 202,225-3121]."

Eagles and Hummers?

A Book Review

Hummingbirds of North America by Dan True. Mr. True is a pilot and retired meteorologist living presently in New Mexico. He has long been interested in eagles, and has published two books about them. His interest in hummingbirds began somewhat later on an April morning in a photo blind in Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas panhandle, set up for the purpose of photographing **Golden Eagles**. During the long hours the idea occurred to him that a photo of the two birds together, an eagle and a hummer, would be a study in contrasts, so the next day he brought a feeder to the blind. Early in the morning some days later, success! A male **Black-chinned Hummingbird** whizzed, hovered, fed; by evening he was a regular visitor.

Mr. True writes of the next day: "At sunrise the hummingbird was feeding when I returned to the blind. All day he came to the feeder regularly. I loved the way this mite of a bird zipped in, screeched to a mid-air halt, fed until sated, and zipped away. He had style, and it occurred to me that if a person

were depressed, it would be difficult to remain so while watching hummingbirds."

A day or two later the Black-chin was followed by a red-gorgeted male **Broad-tailed Hummingbird**; these scouts were soon joined by many more of their kind, so our author witnessed much aerial squabbling and displays. Needless to say, he was completely HOOKED!

In subsequent months and years he pursued his study and filming of hummers, traveling to famed birding spots from Mexico City to Vancouver Island in British Columbia, and he shares his gleanings and superb photos with us in this volume.

The early chapters are devoted to information about feeding (both naturally as done with plantings and also with feeders), migration, wintering areas in Mexico, mating, nesting, and predators.

For example, did you know that:

- * 23 species of hummingbirds have been verified in the U. S.

- * 16 species are known to build nests and breed here.

- * Texas has the most species, 19; Rhode Island the fewest, 1; Louisiana reports 9.

- * Hawaii has no hummers; Alaska has four.

- * The top-of-the-line hummer feeding flower is the wild trumpet vine. It contains 10 times the nectar of average wildflowers.

- * To meet a day's energy needs a hummer must visit at least 2,000 flowers.

- * Hot-air balloonists are often visited by hummingbirds at levels around 200-300 feet. Some have begun to tie orange surveyor's tape to their rigs to attract the birds, a few even going so far as to furnish a feeder.

The main thrust of the book is the presentation in depth of the sixteen species that breed in the U. S. and Canada. Each is treated separately, and has a life photo of the male and the female, a biographical sketch, and a

detailed range map from such sources as university biology departments, state and local Audubon societies, and bird sanctuary operators.

The list includes, from the largest to the smallest bird, the following: **Blue-throated Hummingbird, Magnificent Hummingbird, Violet-crowned Hummingbird, Berylline Hummingbird, White-eared Hummingbird, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Calliope Hummingbird, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, and Lucifer Hummingbird.**

There is also a chapter of "How To" on photographing hummers, a state and province species list with migration dates, and an intriguing short chapter entitled, "Hummer Trivia" which is filled with such facts as these:

There are more than 330 known species of hummingbirds, ranking Trochilidae as second highest among the world's birds, Tyrannidae (flycatchers) being first.

Ecuador with 150 species is thought to have the most.

The largest hummer is the Giant found in the Andes; it weighs in at 20 grams.

The smallest is the Cuban Bee, only 2 1/4" long, often in fact mistaken for a bumblebee.

In proportion to size the Rufous Hummingbird makes the longest migration of any bird in the world. The distance record is 1414 miles, from September 1991 to May 1992.

All in all Mr. True's book is informative and a pleasure to read. It is available at Shreve Memorial Library.

*** Betty Mason

Species of Birds that are Permanent Residents in Northwestern Louisiana. (Part 5 of 6)

The following species of birds are found in our area throughout the year. Local populations of many of these species (but not all) increase or decrease during fall or spring migrations because of changes brought about by birds coming into this area from elsewhere during migrations. For some species it is not known if the same individuals are here throughout the year. Some can easily be seen on any given day, others will be very rarely recorded. While breeding is known for most, it is presumed for some and undocumented for others.

Common Name	Species
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>
King Rail	<i>Rallus elegans</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Otus asio</i>
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>

Common Name	Species
Carolina Chickadee	<i>Parus carolinensis</i>
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Parus bicolor</i>
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
Brown-headed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>
Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Bachman's Sparrow	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>

In the next issue of the Newsletter a list of accidentals will be presented. These lists are intended to stimulate more interest in the seasonal occurrence of the species of northwestern Louisiana. Comments are welcome. *** Mac Hardy

BIRD REPORTS

Bobbe Wommack will be helping Connie Conners 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 -- FEBRUARY

Compiled March 23, 1994

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Connie Conners (865-6422) or to Bobbe Wommack (797-6509) by the 15th 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
BH Bill Hall	03/04/94 Residence, Shreveport
BSG Bird Study Group	03/05/94 Bodcau Bayou Wildlife Management Area; 03/12/94 Red River Experiment Station

Abbrev--Name		Dates and Places
BW	Bobbe Wommack	02/24/94 Residence, Shreveport; 02/20/94 Vic. of Belcher and Gilliam
CM	Clyde Massey	03/13/94 N. Lakeshore Dr. & Walter Jacobs Park; 03/14/94 Bellaire Blvd., Bossier City
GF	Gloria Franton	03/08/94 Residence, Shreveport
HH	Helen Hood	02/16/94 Residence, Shreveport; 02/21/94 Residence, Shreveport; 02/27/94 C. Bickham-Dickson Park, Shreveport; 03/01/94 Residence, Shreveport
HH&PT	Hubert Hervey & P. Tuminello	02/22/94 Residence, Stonewall; 03/01/94 Residence, Stonewall; 03/02/94 Residence, Stonewall; 03/04/94 Residence, Stonewall; 03/15/94 Farm, Stonewall
JI	Jim Ingold	02/25/94 Residence; 02/28/94 Residence; 03/06/94 Clyde Fant at Hamel Park; 03/06/94 Residence; 03/15/94 Residence; 03/19/94 I-20 1/4 mile west of exit 44; 03/19/94 Lake Claiborne; 03/19/94 Residence, Bossier City; 03/22/94 Residence
JM	Jim McCain	03/05/94 Residence
MT	Margo Tuller	03/04/94 Residence; 03/06/94 Residence; 03/15/94 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop
NC	Norma Cobb	03/09/94 Residence, Shreveport; 03/16/94 Residence, Shreveport
RS&VL	R. Seidler & Vicki Lefevers	03/06/94 Shreveport, S. Lakeshore Dr.
RSJTJCT	R. Seidler, J,J,&C. Trahan	02/26/94 Wallace Lake Dam; 02/26/94 C. Bickham-Dickson Park
SH	Shirley Huss	03/06/94 White Springs Rd. (South Caddo Parish); 03/06/94 Ralph Warley Observatory Hwy. 175; 03/06/94 Wallace Lake Dam
SH,JH,BH	S.Huss, J.Haynie, B.Wommack	03/07/94 Ralph Warley Observatory Hwy. 175

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Pied-billed Grebe	02/26/94 RSJTJCT 5; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 3; 03/05/94 BSG 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/13/94 CM 4
Double-crested Cormorant	02/20/94 CM 1; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 17; 03/05/94 BSG 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 16; 03/06/94 RS&VL 8; 03/12/94 BSG 6; 03/13/94 CM 200
Great Blue Heron	02/20/94 CM 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 4; 03/05/94 BSG 1; 03/05/94 JM 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 20; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/13/94 CM 4
Great Egret	02/20/94 CM 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5
Cattle Egret	02/22/94 HH&PT 3
Snow Goose	03/04/94 BH 75; 03/05/94 BSG 250
Wood Duck	02/20/94 CM 8; 03/05/94 BSG 14; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 JI 2; 03/13/94 CM 3; 03/15/94 JI 2; 03/15/94 HH&PT 4
Mallard	03/05/94 BSG 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 20
Blue-winged Teal	03/13/94 CM 2;
Gadwall	03/06/94 RS&VL 3
Ring-necked Duck	03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/19/94 JI 16
Bufflehead	03/06/94 RS&VL 18; 03/06/94 RS&VL 15; 03/13/94 CM 13
Ruddy Duck	03/06/94 RS&VL 11; 03/13/94 CM 100
Black Vulture	02/26/94 RSJTJCT 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 3; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/13/94 CM 1; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2;
Turkey Vulture	02/20/94 CM 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 4; 03/05/94 BSG 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/12/94 BSG 3; 03/13/94 CM 10; 03/15/94 HH&PT 30
Northern Harrier	02/20/94 CM 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	03/15/94 MT 1; 03/15/94 HH&PT 1
Cooper's Hawk	03/15/94 HH&PT 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	02/26/94 RSJTJCT 1; 03/05/94 BSG 4; 03/13/94 CM 2; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Red-tailed Hawk	02/20/94 CM 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 SH 2; 03/06/94 JI 1; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/13/94 CM 1; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
American Kestrel	02/20/94 CM 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 1; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/15/94 HH&PT 1
Wild Turkey	03/05/94 BSG 29; 03/19/94 JI 1
American Coot	03/06/94 RS&VL 48; 03/06/94 RS&VL 23; 03/13/94 CM 15
Killdeer	02/20/94 CM 18; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 3; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 5; 03/05/94 BSG 10; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/12/94 BSG 20
Least Sandpiper	02/20/94 CM 3
Common Snipe	03/12/94 BSG 8
American Woodcock	03/05/94 BSG 1
Ring-billed Gull	02/20/94 CM 6; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 4; 03/12/94 BSG 6; 03/13/94 CM 7
Rock Dove	02/20/94 CM 15; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 25; 03/06/94 RS&VL 20; 03/12/94 BSG 60; 03/13/94 CM 35
Mourning Dove	02/20/94 CM 35; 02/21/94 HH 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 2; 03/04/94 BH 3; 03/05/94 BSG 7; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 MT 4; 03/12/94 BSG 55; 03/13/94 CM 13

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Inca Dove	03/14/94 CM 1; 03/19/94 JI 1
Barred Owl	03/05/94 BSG 4
Belted Kingfisher	02/20/94 CM 1; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 2; 03/05/94 BSG 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/13/94 CM 3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	02/16/94 HH 1; 02/20/94 CM 1; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 1; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 2; 03/04/94 BH 2; 03/05/94 BSG 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 JI 3; 03/08/94 GF 2; 03/13/94 CM 2; 03/15/94 JI 1; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 1; 03/05/94 BSG 4; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/13/94 CM 1; 03/22/94 JI 1
Downy Woodpecker	02/20/94 CM 1; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 3; 03/04/94 BH 1; 03/05/94 BSG 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/08/94 GF 1; 03/12/94 BSG 1; 03/13/94 CM 2; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Hairy Woodpecker	03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/12/94 BSG 1; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Northern Flicker	03/05/94 BSG 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 6; 03/06/94 JI 1; 03/08/94 GF 1; 03/12/94 BSG 1; 03/13/94 CM 2; 03/15/94 JI 1; 03/15/94 HH&PT 4
Pileated Woodpecker	02/20/94 CM 1; 03/05/94 BSG 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/08/94 GF 2; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Olive-sided Flycatcher	02/27/94 HH 1
Eastern Phoebe	02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 6; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 JI 1; 03/13/94 CM 2
Horned Lark	02/20/94 CM 12; 03/07/94 SH,JH,BH 10; 03/12/94 BSG 100
Purple Martin	02/24/94 BW 1; 02/25/94 JI 1; 02/28/94 JI 2; 03/01/94 HH&PT 2; 03/04/94 MT 2; 03/05/94 BSG 6; 03/05/94 JM 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 JI 2; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/13/94 CM 2
Tree Swallow	03/06/94 JI 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	03/05/94 BSG 1
Barn Swallow	03/13/94 CM 1; 03/15/94 HH&PT 3
Blue Jay	02/20/94 CM 9; 02/21/94 HH 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 4; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 1; 03/04/94 BH 3; 03/05/94 BSG 12; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 27; 03/12/94 BSG 3; 03/13/94 CM 25
American Crow	02/20/94 CM 50; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 10; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 1; 03/04/94 BH 3; 03/05/94 BSG 25; 03/06/94 RS&VL 16; 03/06/94 RS&VL 8; 03/12/94 BSG 10; 03/13/94 CM 50
Fish Crow	02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 2; 03/04/94 BH 2; 03/05/94 BSG 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 3; 03/12/94 BSG 3; 03/13/94 CM 2
Carolina Chickadee	02/20/94 CM 3; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 1; 03/04/94 BH 6; 03/05/94 BSG 20; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 23; 03/08/94 GF 2; 03/12/94 BSG 4; 03/13/94 CM 20
Tufted Titmouse	02/20/94 CM 1; 02/21/94 HH 1; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 1; 03/04/94 BH 4; 03/05/94 BSG 8; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 12; 03/08/94 GF 2; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/13/94 CM 15
White-breasted Nuthatch	03/01/94 HH 1; 03/04/94 BH 2; 03/05/94 BSG 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/13/94 CM 2
Brown Creeper	03/05/94 BSG 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/13/94 CM 2
Carolina Wren	02/16/94 HH 2; 02/20/94 CM 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 3; 03/04/94 BH 2; 03/05/94 BSG 14; 03/06/94 RS&VL 3; 03/08/94 GF 2; 03/12/94 BSG 4; 03/13/94 CM 6
Bewick's Wren	03/12/94 BSG 1
House Wren	02/20/94 CM 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2
Winter Wren	03/05/94 BSG 1
Sedge Wren	03/15/94 HH&PT 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/13/94 CM 15
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	02/20/94 CM 7; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 2; 03/01/94 HH 1; 03/05/94 BSG 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 6; 03/13/94 CM 11
Eastern Bluebird	02/16/94 HH 6; 02/20/94 CM 13; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 40; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 8; 03/05/94 BSG 20; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 6; 03/08/94 GF 2; 03/12/94 BSG 8; 03/13/94 CM 5
Hermit Thrush	02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 5; 03/05/94 BSG 2
American Robin	02/20/94 CM 11; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 6; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 250; 03/04/94 BH 5; 03/05/94 BSG 40; 03/06/94 RS&VL 8; 03/06/94 RS&VL 9; 03/06/94 MT 12; 03/08/94 GF 40; 03/12/94 BSG 150; 03/13/94 CM 40
Northern Mockingbird	02/20/94 CM 6; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 4; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 26; 03/04/94 BH 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 11; 03/12/94 BSG 3; 03/13/94 CM 7
Brown Thrasher	02/20/94 CM 2; 02/28/94 JI 2; 03/01/94 HH 2; 03/04/94 BH 2; 03/05/94 BSG 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/12/94 BSG 1; 03/13/94 CM 2
American Pipit	03/06/94 SH 8; 03/12/94 BSG 200
Cedar Waxwing	03/04/94 BH 6; 03/06/94 JI 10; 03/08/94 GF 11; 03/13/94 CM 75; 03/15/94 JI 5; 03/15/94 HH&PT 15
Loggerhead Shrike	02/20/94 CM 1; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 2; 03/05/94 BSG 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 SH 2; 03/12/94 BSG 4; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
European Starling	02/20/94 CM 100; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 12; 03/06/94 RS&VL 18; 03/12/94 BSG 25; 03/13/94 CM 200
Orange-crowned Warbler	03/06/94 RS&VL 2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	02/20/94 CM 15; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 4; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 150; 02/27/94 HH 20; 03/05/94 BSG 14; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 28; 03/06/94 MT 24; 03/06/94 JI 5; 03/12/94 BSG 4; 03/13/94 CM 30
Yellow-throated Warbler	03/13/94 CM 1
Pine Warbler	03/05/94 BSG 20; 03/06/94 RS&VL 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 9; 03/13/94 CM 15
Cerulean Warbler	02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 1
Black-and-white Warbler	03/13/94 CM 2
Northern Cardinal	02/16/94 HH 6; 02/20/94 CM 20; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 26; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 6; 03/04/94 BH 10; 03/05/94 BSG 10; 03/06/94 RS&VL 4; 03/06/94 RS&VL 40; 03/06/94 MT 6; 03/08/94 GF 14; 03/13/94 CM 10
Chipping Sparrow	02/21/94 HH 11; 02/26/94 RSJTJTCT 20; 03/04/94 BH 12; 03/05/94 BSG 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 9; 03/06/94 RS&VL 15; 03/12/94 BSG 2; 03/13/94 CM 3; 03/15/94 HH&PT 20

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Field Sparrow	02/26/94 RSJTJCT 8; 03/05/94 BSG 1; 03/12/94 BSG 4; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Vesper Sparrow	02/20/94 CM 5; 03/12/94 BSG 1
Lark Sparrow	03/12/94 BSG 4; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Savannah Sparrow	02/20/94 CM 75; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 16; 03/05/94 BSG 18; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/12/94 BSG 100; 03/15/94 HH&PT 25
Henslow's Sparrow	03/05/94 BSG 1
LeConte's Sparrow	03/15/94 HH&PT 1
Fox Sparrow	02/26/94 RSJTJCT 1
Song Sparrow	02/20/94 CM 3; 03/05/94 BSG 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/12/94 BSG 10
Swamp Sparrow	02/26/94 RSJTJCT 12; 03/06/94 RS&VL 3; 03/06/94 RS&VL 6; 03/12/94 BSG 5; 03/13/94 CM 1
White-throated Sparrow	02/20/94 CM 20; 02/21/94 HH 4; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 15; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 15; 03/04/94 BH 8; 03/05/94 BSG 25; 03/05/94 JM 4; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 RS&VL 34; 03/06/94 JI 1; 03/06/94 SH 2; 03/09/94 NC 4; 03/12/94 BSG 6; 03/13/94 CM 10; 03/15/94 HH&PT 4
White-crowned Sparrow	02/20/94 CM 32; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 40; 03/06/94 RS&VL 5; 03/06/94 SH 4; 03/12/94 BSG 9; 03/15/94 HH&PT 2
Harris' Sparrow	03/04/94 HH&PT 1
Dark-eyed Junco	02/20/94 CM 8; 02/21/94 HH 2; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 6; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 8; 03/04/94 BH 4; 03/05/94 BSG 18; 03/06/94 RS&VL 4; 03/06/94 RS&VL 57; 03/08/94 GF 10; 03/13/94 CM 20
Red-winged Blackbird	02/20/94 CM 300; 02/21/94 HH 50; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 3; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 125; 03/05/94 BSG 25; 03/06/94 RS&VL 68; 03/08/94 GF 20; 03/12/94 BSG 70
Eastern Meadowlark	02/20/94 CM 43; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 15; 03/05/94 BSG 60; 03/06/94 RS&VL 1; 03/06/94 SH 2; 03/12/94 BSG 60; 03/13/94 CM 8
Common Grackle	02/20/94 CM 400; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 10; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 125; 03/04/94 BH 20; 03/06/94 RS&VL 80; 03/12/94 BSG 240; 03/13/94 CM 150
Brown-headed Cowbird	02/20/94 CM 1300; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 125; 03/04/94 BH 25; 03/05/94 BSG 80; 03/12/94 BSG 100; 03/13/94 CM 250
Purple Finch	03/02/94 HH&PT 4
House Finch	02/16/94 HH 7; 03/02/94 HH&PT 1; 03/16/94 NC 15
Pine Siskin	03/01/94 HH 6; 03/02/94 HH&PT 2; 03/08/94 GF 12; 03/13/94 CM 35
American Goldfinch	02/16/94 HH 20; 02/20/94 CM 4; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 8; 03/02/94 HH&PT 15; 03/04/94 BH 8; 03/05/94 BSG 1; 03/05/94 JM 15; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/06/94 RS&VL 2; 03/08/94 GF 30; 03/13/94 CM 50
House Sparrow	02/20/94 CM 18; 02/26/94 RSJTJCT 15; 03/06/94 MT 12; 03/12/94 BSG 8; 03/13/94 CM 25

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