



# BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318,797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

*NEXT MEETING*

April 11, 1995  
7:00 PM

## The Birds and Plants of South Africa by Dr. Steve Lynch

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Refreshments will be available at 6:30 PM  
Come early to visit, relax, buy T-shirts, pay dues  
or all of the above.

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## BSG Atlas Quad

### East Point

The Bird Study Group is taking one quad as a group project for the Louisiana Breeding Bird Atlas this spring. Our quad is **East Point**. Mac Hardy is the coordinator; if you want more information and/or want to help with this quad please let Mac know. The packet with instructions, map, and tape are in the Museum office.

### NOTICE

The popular series "A River Bottom Diary" will return in the next Newsletter.

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President - **HUBERT HERVEY**, 3  
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**WILL SMOLENSKI**, 1  
**JEFF TRAHAN**, 3  
**BOBBE WOMMACK**, 1

### Outing Dates

**April 8** -- Kisatchie Natl. Forest, Longleaf Vista Area All Day Trip for piney woods residents, perhaps **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** and **Bachman's Sparrow**. Where/When: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences, 7:00 AM. Leader: Charlie Lyon **865-2674**.

**April 22** -- Soda Lake. Beautiful woods, bayou and lakes for spring migrants, warblers, hawks, and shorebirds. Where/When: N. Market St.

What-a-Burger 7:00 AM. Leader: Mac Hardy 797-5338 (w) or 687-6738 (h).

**April 28-30** -- Louisiana Ornithological Society Spring Meeting, Cameron, La. Have I said "best trip of the year," yet? Peerless two-day meeting/outing, one of the best places for neotropical migrants in the U.S. Contact: Hubert Hervey 925-9249.

**May 6** -- Bird Study Group's "Big Day," Paul Dickson's Loggy Bayou Plantation. Spring migrants of all habitats, beautiful land, great birding, great food and fun. Where/When: Loggy Bayou Plantation, Daybreak. Leader: Paul Dickson 797-1000. Ask Paul what food you can bring.

## BIRD QUIZ #31

### I CAN NAME THAT BIRD IN TWO WORDS

Below are different bird songs put into words. How many can you recognize?

1. Spick-spacc-spitter-spee-spacc
2. Sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet
3. Te-widdle-te-widdle, te-widdle-te-wip
4. My dog has fleas
5. Drop it, drop it, cover it, cover it, pull it up, pull it up
6. Quick, three beers CHUCK!
7. Brig-a-dier Brig-a-dier brigade
8. Hick, three-bee-er
9. Sweet-sweet, where-where, here-here, see it-see it
10. Trees, trees, murmuring trees

### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #30

1. The **Tree, Cliff and Barn Swallows** are known to eat berries.

2. Swallows with white eggs nest deep in burrows or cavities, but the **Cliff, Barn and Cave Swallow's** nests are open cups and the eggs are spotted brown for protection.

3. Most swallows common to in Louisiana nest in colonies but the **Barn and Rough-winged Swallows** are the least colonial and most likely to be found nesting solitary.

4. The word swallow comes from the Middle English word *swalowe* which means to toss about, an obvious description of the flight of the swallow.

5. Martin is from the proper name "Martin" in French.

6. **Cliff Swallows** to lay their eggs in the nests of other Cliff Swallows.

7. **Rough-winged Swallows** will perch on roots protruding from a stream bank, **Bank Swallows** never do.

8. The **Rough-winged Swallow** is so named because the leading edges of the primary feathers are serrated; function is unknown, but may produce sound during courtship.

9. The **Cliff Swallow** winters the furthest south; winters in South America as far south as central Argentina.

10. Young **Tree Swallows** hangout at the entrance to other **Tree Swallow** nests where they beg for food and are fed.

## Sandhill Cranes

### Migrate Through

### Northwestern Louisiana

Saturday, 11 March 1995 around 11 am to 12 noon Bill Hall is in his back yard and hears this chuckling -- or chortling sound in the air. A lot of **Sandhill Cranes** are coming in low overhead. He races to the house to get his binoculars and tell Jane of this unusual sight. They both see about 100 **Sandhill Cranes** circle slowly low overhead

as if looking for a landing spot. However, they circle twice as Bill and Jane watch in amazement as they head off in a north by northwest direction.

Because of this event, for the first time this year Bill got his bird report in to me ahead of time. This stimulated me to gather bird reports from others on my list and to spread the news. When I talked to Paul Dickson, he stated that Connor Nicholson saw some on Paul's farm on Leonard Road.

I called Connor and he told me that he saw about 100 **Sandhill Cranes** on Sunday, March 12, around 1:30 p.m. It was a sunny, clear day and he heard them loudly honking while milling around in a low flight as if to settle down. He said that he could see the rusty color on them as the cranes slowly headed off in a northerly direction.

Paul Dickson said that he feels pretty sure that he has heard them several times in Caddo and Bossier Parishes, but has never seen them. What excitement in the first reported sightings of **Sandhill Cranes** in northwestern Louisiana. But wait! Before I can get this story written Horace Jeter reported to Paul that Henry Hearne had seen some near Ninock in Bossier Parish. This is in the south section of my Bossier Christmas Bird Count area. Ninock is about eight miles south of Elm Grove and just west of U.S. 71.

I called Henry Hearne and he said that he and his wife, Sara, saw about 50 **Sandhill Cranes** around 2-4 p.m. It was a Saturday, either on March 4 or March 11. He stated that they looked like they had just taken off from having been on the ground. Henry says that they were flying relatively low and heading in a northerly direction, bugling as they left. Sara said that it was more like a whirl sound to her.

Now that the word is out, who else may have seen them in their migration to their breeding grounds in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Montana.

\*\*\* Wilfred H. Smolenski

Learn About  
**April 11 AFRICA**  
 At the BSG Meeting

## BODCAU BAYOU OUTING

A large group of campers enjoyed a lovely weekend of birding March 11 and 12 at the campground on the lake side of the dam at Bodcau. The camp fire felt real good in the cool night air and the sleeping bag was warm and cozy. One of the first birds located by Jim, Rosemary and Vicky was one of the best, a **Red-breasted Nuthatch**. The bird travelled around a fairly large area, but I think most of us got to see it. Also, two **Hermit Thrushes** right in the campground were fun to watch.

Jim Ingold had good luck banding birds Saturday morning, but had no returns from 1994. By placing the mist nets nearer the woods, he avoided the problem of so many **Eastern Meadowlarks**, severely tangled and difficult to extract.

The **Wild Turkey** locating effort was delayed until everyone got a chance to see the bird banding operation. We were able to hear turkeys several times in different places, but I was not able to entice or trick any into view. Next year, we should make two different trips to Bodcau because too much is missed by having a short trip or maybe trying to do too much.

We had 56 species, including such interesting finds as **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **Winter Wren**, **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, **Brown Creeper**, **Cattle Egret** and **Barred Owl**.

A special thanks to Robert Goins and his wife for allowing us to bird the Ponderosa Ranch and the unexpected refreshments they provided. We certainly hope to return, and hopefully the turkey flock will be out in the open instead of merely answering us from the woods.

Pat and I stayed Saturday night and I tried to locate turkeys Sunday morning with about the same luck as before. We scouted out part of the lake by boat but found nothing new. The cypress trees cover almost all of the open water and it would be easy to get lost without a map and a compass. Let me know if you would like us to have an outing by boat on the Bayou near Wenks Landing or on the lake near where we camped later this spring after the trees have leafed out

(needed out?) and the summer resident birds have returned.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## MARCH 14

### BLUEBIRD PROGRAM SUCCESS

The presence of several visitors filled our meeting area to capacity. They were well entertained by the program provided by the North American Bluebird Society to which we belong. I was pleased by the informative and entertaining nature of both the bluebird program and the cavity nester program. Thanks Jim, for a good one!

I noticed many folks loading up on birdhouses, free birdhouses and plans of houses for several species of birds. Apparently, there is a need for this kind of program. Thanks for your participation. Glad you enjoyed it.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## ARTFUL PARENTING OF YOUNG BIRDERS

(From HMANA Journal, 20(2), Feb. 95)

Parents who are sharing the love of birds with their children will be pleased to learn of a new way to keep their budding birders blossoming - particularly after the birds themselves become more secretive, quiet, and confusing.

Through a club called Early Birders, for a \$25 yearly membership fee, children receive a weekly "Newsletter" featuring artwork and information. The goal is to encourage, expand, and reinforce youngsters' interest in and knowledge of the birds - the predictors of our environmental future.

According to the Project Coordinator, Skye Hurlburt, a parent and educator, Early Birders are encouraged to grow "in tune with nature" by pursuing projects that help save the birds, ranging from simply putting seeds out to participating in nationwide research surveys. "Birds are not only the most visible and audible presence in nature, but they are, as Roger Tory Peterson describes, 'the most vivid expression of life'," Hurlburt

says. "That 'life' is what Early Birders are learning to treasure and preserve." This information is conveyed via fifty-two postcards per year which, when collected, become an unusual personalized "field guide" to North American Birds.

Besides seeing their children's pleasure as each postcard arrives, parents may, also, enjoy watching their children meet other budding birders through the club's pen-pal program. For more information, contact: Early Birders, P.O. Box 111, Harmony, RI 02829-0111, Phone: (401) 728-6309.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## A MILLION RAPTORS

The following article is part of the feature "How Does One Count A Million Raptors" by Bill Clark, as reported in the HMANA Hawk Migration Studies Journal, 20(2), February, 1995.

In two unbelievable days last October, Jorge Montejo, Bill Clark, and a Raptours group of seven, saw over one million raptors. The count station was atop a small hotel in Cardel, 60 Kms. North of Veracruz, Mexico.

On Monday, October 10, 1994, they saw tremendous numbers of **Turkey Vultures**, **Broad-winged Hawks** and **Swainson's Hawks** in huge kettles of unimaginable numbers. A variety of other raptors included 23 **Hook-billed Kites**, 2 **Mississippi Kites**, 4,000+ **American Kestrels**, 189 **Sharp-shinned Hawks**, 58 **Cooper's Hawks**, 12 or more each of **Northern Harriers**, **Ospreys**, and **Peregrine Falcons**, 5 **Red-tailed Hawks** and 2 **Merlins**. Also 5 **Common Black Hawks**, 1 **Harris' Hawk**, **Black Vultures**, **Roadside Hawks**, **Short-tailed Hawks**, **Gray Hawks** and an **Aplomado Falcon**. The total for this remarkable day was estimated at 322,000 raptors.

The next day, the stream of hawks had been concentrated in an even narrower band due to weather factors. To the west were heavy clouds and adverse winds. The raptors were being funneled over the count site by strong north winds in streams that flowed past like hordes of insects. This experience was beyond a hawk watchers

wildest imagination. "Awesome" is over-used and does not convey the impact of this visual experience. Jorge's estimate for Tuesday, October 11, 1994 was over 925,000 raptors, most of which passed in the three hours from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Bill Clark calculated the number of raptors in the passing stream in this manner. He counted a thin slice of the path every now and then and came up with 150+ to over 200. This slice passed in one second, making 1200 in a minute and 72,000 in an hour, but only 1/5th to 1/10th of the stream was near enough to count.

Bill Clark can be reached at Raptours, P.O. Box 1191, Annandale, VA 22003, (703)642-2386. 1995 Tour from Houston, the second week of October, is \$800 per person.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## FAVORITE BIRDING PLACES

How could I have left out such a fabulous birding area as Cameron, Louisiana from this series? I couldn't! Birds in the trees everywhere. I have dreamed of seeing a spring fallout of transgulf migrants so famished that they have no fear of me. The winter offers a different birding experience with waterbirds, shorebirds, waders, rails and terns in every marshy area. The fall buildup of birds before the right breeze comes along to encourage them to take a chance and try to fly across the Gulf of Mexico, also holds a lesson in bird behavior that we need to know and experience. Even the sweltering hot summer days with young rails the most common roadkill and mosquitoes making life miserable, is a great change from the hills of North Louisiana.

Yes, Cameron at any season is a rewarding experience, but not the thing I especially look forward to and what I'm sure will keep me returning there in the fourth week of September or the first week of October as often as possible. Many of the hawks of eastern North America feel the need to change continents about that time of year. They are concentrated by the coastline. Toward the end of East Jetty road is a hawk-watching site known as the burned restaurant.

Those people who have been there when hawks were moving will remember the excitement of a time when hundreds of hawks were kettling at once, and the challenge of identifying mixed flights correctly.

Hawk-watching is truly one of the most different of birdings' various pleasures. Physically, of course, it is easy, unless you worry about sunburn. Just sit, or stand, and count. The challenge is in proper identification using all the clues presented by the birds and combining that with all your skills. How can you turn a fast gliding, dark spot in the sky into the correct mark on a piece of paper? Experience and study. Make a guess early and confirm it when possible. Stretch the limits out beyond what you usually expect of yourself. Try to discover how much you already can decide correctly. Ask an expert how he knew what he was calling the hawk. Believe me, this is one place where experience helps.

The following are some of the memories I recall fondly:

Kettles of **Broad-winged Hawks** spiralling higher and higher -the trademark of a big day; **Sharp-shinned Hawks** playfully chasing and harassing their larger cousins; three **White-tailed Kites** deciding the burned restaurant spot was a good place to play around and cavorting overhead for many minutes; a **Merlin** trying to slip past below the treeline; enjoying the passing of a rare bird such as a **Swallow-tailed Kite** or **Golden Eagle**; the beauty of the **Kestrel** that decided to rest on the wires nearby before continuing around the coastal bend; picking out a dark-phased **Broad-winged Hawk** from a group streaming past; and, finally, watching a group of **Mississippi Kites** settle into East Jetty Woods late in the afternoon after the lift has left the air. Ah, Cameron, what a place!

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## Bluebird houses

Free Bluebird houses from the bluebird program are still available. If you want one or more you can come by the Museum to pick up what you need or take your chances at the meeting.

## T-shirts

T-shirts are still available; see Will Smolenski.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held March 14, 1995, in the Museum of Life Sciences of LSUS. The President opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and introduced Dr. Jim Ingold who gave programs on **Eastern Bluebirds**. One was entitled "Where have all the Bluebirds gone?" In the last 40 to 50 years, survival rate of the bluebird has dwindled. In the thirties, T. E. Musselman began bluebird trails, one 600 miles long beginning in Manitoba. Bluebirds eat harmful insects in summer and berries in the winter. A hard freeze has considerable impact on their food supply. Young bluebirds are in danger from many predators. Also, fly larvae can weaken and kill a baby bird. They are fed 30 or more times a day. The Bluebird Association has a Quarterly Journal named *Sialia*. Sumac and Multiflora Rose are two good winter plants for Bluebirds. Jim's second program was "Cavity Nesters." Five species are extinct, and 76 are in danger of becoming extinct. Some cavity nesters named were kingfishers, **Rough-winged Swallows**, **Purple Martins**, **Lucy's Warbler**, and **Prothonotary Warblers**. Discussion followed on designs for bluebird houses, etc. During the refreshment break, many birdhouses were given away, some were sold, and house plans were distributed.

The business meeting followed. Jim gave a quick rundown of the future programs. Will Smolenski said we have 20 shirts left to sell, and need an order of 20 before long-sleeved shirts can be ordered. A motion was moved and seconded to approve minutes of the February regular meeting. Treasurer's Report -- As of March 14, 1995, we have a balance of \$1,739.12, with income of \$145.00 from T-shirts and memberships, expenses were \$840.87, being \$200.00 to the Post Office mailing fund, which only had \$22.72 left in it, \$300.00 contribution to BRA, \$100.00 to Caroline Dorman, \$100.00 to the Nature Conservancy, and \$140.87 to miscellaneous expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,043.25. \$200 to add to \$22.72 in the Post Office Mailing Fee. Outings - Hubert had 45 species at Bickham Dickson including Blue-wing Teal. Last weekend, at Bodcau Dam, about 15 birders showed up. Jim Ingold banded birds caught in the mist net. Total species for that trip was 56. Perhaps banding can be accomplished earlier next year, and separately from the turkey trip. The next outing will be Saturday, March 18th to Red River Experiment Station departing LSUS at 7:00 am, with Hubert Hervey trip leader. April 8th, Charlie Lyons will lead trip to Kisatchie National Forest. April 22nd, Soda Lake. On March 25, 1995, David Wiedenfeld will conduct a

workshop for birders on the Breeding Bird Atlas at 9:00 am at LSUS Museum. Our club's quad is East Point. May 13, 1995 is North American Migratory Bird Count. Seven groups will go out to different areas of Caddo Parish and identify birds, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Volunteers are welcome. Jim Ingold asked for ideas for our tenth anniversary. Any suggestions for another barg next year for the Cross Lake trip? A copy of the contest rules were passed out. New in the Evelyn Quad is Crow Lane, a water fowl refuge near Crow Lake. Hubert thanked Mac Hardy for starting the series on extralimital dates for migratory species. The March Newsletter's list of Vireos is the first of a series which will allow our members to judge the significance of a sighting date they may suspect to be earlier or later than is in our data file. Hubert received a letter from Nancy Meier resigning as Publicity Chairman, because of her move to Houston. Betsy Risinger volunteered to take her place. Thank you, Betsy! Bill Hall received a letter from the Nature Conservancy regarding a trip to Little Pecan Island in April. Call Bill for information. In Marshall, Texas, a meeting has been scheduled for A Land Manager's Prospective on Neotropical Birds. Richard Johnson sent thank you note from Caroline Dorman for our contribution. Will asked that we submit our nominations within the next two weeks for six new board members. Contact Will Smolenski, Shirley Huss or Jeff Trahan.

A large turnout is expected for the annual meeting of the 8-state Southwestern Association of Naturalists on April 6-8. It was suggested by Bill Wood, that our members go to meetings of the Bickham-Dickson Advisory Council. That park is the best place to bird in the city. Plans now being considered would have an adverse impact on birds and birding. Talk to Ms. Whitlow at the Barnwell Center about meeting dates.

Bird Talk -- Will saw an **Osprey** three times at Bickham-Dickson. There is a **Bald Eagle** on a nest. Jim has **Inca Doves** at his feeder, and also reported a **House Finch** and a **Northern Harrier**. Bill Hall saw 70 **Sandhill Cranes** flying over his home. Rosemary reported seeing the **Painted Redstart** in Cameron recently. A **Barn Owl** sitting in a tree in the sunlight was spotted. Send copies of your unusual sightings to Steve Cardiff at LSU so they can be published in the LOS Newsletter and perhaps in American Bird Field Notes.

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

## Extralimital Dates: Warblers

This is the second in a series of reports on extralimital dates for migratory birds in our area. It is based exclusively on the Bird Study Group Bird Report data base. The intent of this series is to alert birders of the approximate arrival and departure dates of migrants (based on our data base) and of times during the year in need of better documentation. In some cases, permanent residents (PERM) are included if annual data is incomplete. At least six dates (if available) are given for each species. For summer residents (SU) the first three dates are the earliest arrival dates in the spring and the last three dates are the latest departure dates in the fall. For winter residents (WI), the first three dates are the latest departure dates in the spring and the last three are the earliest arrival dates in the fall. The last column gives months for which additional data is needed. For non-resident migrants the first line (SP) contains the earliest three arrival and latest three departure dates for the spring and the second line (FA) gives the earliest arrival and latest departure dates for the fall migration. In some cases fewer than three dates are available for a given category.

<b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>	SP	03/26, 04/10, 04/12 -- 04/14, 04/17, 04/25	Report Mar., Apr.
	FA	08/24, 09/22	Report Aug., Sep.
<b>Golden-winged Warbler</b>	SP	04/30	Report ALL DATES
<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>	SP	04/12, 04/17, 04/18 -- 05/10, 05/11, 05/14	Report Apr., May

<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>	FA	09/12, 09/21, 09/25 -- 10/05, 10/13	Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Orange-crowned W.</b>	WI	04/17, 04/18, 05/05 -- 10/04, 10/29, 10/30	Report Apr., May, Oct.
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/17, 04/18, 04/23 -- 05/01, 05/06, 05/14 09/12, 09/21, 09/23 -- 10/24, 10/25, 10/30	Report Apr., May Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Northern Parula</b>	SU	03/23, 03/25, 03/26 -- 09/21, 09/24, 10/04	Report Mar., June, July, Aug. Oct.
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/21, 04/24, 04/25 -- 05/14, 05/15, 05/21 09/12, 10/10 -- 10/13, 11/29	Report Apr., May Report Sep. thru Nov.
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/02, 04/25, 04/27 -- 05/15, 05/24, 05/25 10/05 -- 10/10	Report Apr., May Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Magnolia Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/25, 04/30, 05/01 -- 05/12, 05/14, 05/15 08/30, 09/14, 09/21 -- 10/03, 10/04, 10/16	Report Apr., May Report Aug. thru Oct.
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>	WI	05/08, 05/09, 05/11 -- 09/13, 09/15, 09/18	Report May, Sep.
<b>Blk-throated Green W.</b>	SP FA	04/04, 04/05, 04/13 -- 05/14, 05/15, 05/22 09/12, 09/24, 09/25 -- 10/08, 10/17, 10/19	Report Apr., May Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/26, 04/30, 05/03 -- 05/11, 05/14, 05/15 09/11	Report Apr., May Report Aug. thru Oct.
<b>Yellow-throated W.</b>	SU	03/13, 03/16, 03/17 -- 09/18, 10/17, 11/23	Report Mar., Oct., Nov.
<b>Pine Warbler</b>	PERM		Report Jul., Aug.
<b>Prairie Warbler</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17, 04/18 -- 05/30, 06/05, 06/06	Report Mar., Apr., June
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	WI?/SP? FA	01/02, 01/02 -- 04/08 10/13, 10/17, 10/19 -- 11/20, 11/21	Report all winter records, Mar., Apr. Report Oct., Nov.
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>	SP	04/23, 04/25, 04/29 -- 05/09, 05/11, 05/15	Report Apr., May
<b>Cerulean Warbler</b>	SP	04/11, 04/17	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Black-and-white W.</b>	SU	03/11, 03/13, 03/14 -- 09/26, 10/04, 11/07	Report Mar., June, July, Aug., Nov.
<b>American Redstart</b>	SP FA	04/26, 04/30, 05/02 -- 05/19, 05/22, 05/30 09/12, 09/13, 09/21 -- 09/25, 09/26, 10/03	Report Apr., May, June Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Prothonotary Warbler</b>	SU	03/08, 04/01, 04/03 -- 09/12, 09/17, 09/25	Report Mar., July, Sep., Oct.
<b>Worm-eating Warbler</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17 -- 05/30, 06/16	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Swainson's Warbler</b>	SU	05/09 -- 05/14	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Ovenbird</b>	SU	04/26 -- 05/08	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Northern Waterthrush</b>	SP FA	04/13, 04/16, 04/17 -- 05/01, 05/04, 05/08 08/25, 09/12 -- 10/05	Report Apr., May Report All fall records



<b>Louisiana Waterthrush</b>	SP?	03/25, 03/30, 04/17 -- 05/09, 05/11, 05/14	Report Mar., Apr., May
<b>Kentucky Warbler</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17, 04/18 -- 07/14, 09/15, 09/26	Report Apr., July, Aug., Sep.
<b>Connecticut Warbler</b>	SP	05/05 -- 05/14	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Mourning Warbler</b>	FA	09/08, 10/03 -- 10/13, 10/14	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Com. Yellowthroat</b>	PERM	01/02, 02/16, 03/25 -- 10/18, 10/19, 11/10	Report June, July, Aug., Dec.
<b>Hooded Warbler</b>	SU	04/01, 04/02, 04/07 -- 09/22, 09/26, 10/03	Report Mar., Oct.
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	SP	05/04, 05/10, 05/14 -- 05/15, 05/15, 05/20	Report Apr., May
	FA	08/23, 08/30, 09/01 -- 09/24, 10/05, 10/17	Report Aug., Sep., Oct.
<b>Canada Warbler</b>	SP	04/18, 05/05, 05/09 -- 05/14, 05/15, 05/20	Report Apr., May
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17, 04/18 -- 09/21, 09/22, 10/05	Report Apr., Oct.

\*\*\* Mac Hardy

## BIRD NOTES -- MARCH

Compiled March 27, 1995

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) 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
B&BW	Bob & Bobbe Wommack	02/22/95 Residence; 03/15/95 Residence
B&JH	Bill & Jane Hall	03/11/95 313 Wild Oak
BSG	Bird Study Group	03/18/95 Red River Experiment Station; 03/25/95 C. Bickham Dickson Park, Shreveport
BW	Bobbe Wommack	02/20/95 Residence; 03/05/95 Stonewall; 03/10/95 Bickham Dickson Park
CN	Conner Nicholson	03/12/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.
EB	Esther Boykin	03/10/95 Spring Lake Area
GF	Gloria Franton	03/03/95 Toledo Bend; 03/13/95 Residence
H&PH	Hubert & Pat Hervey	03/19/95 residence
HHo	Helen Hood	02/20/95 Residence; 02/26/95 Residence; 02/28/95 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop; 03/04/95 Residence; 03/10/95 Residence; 03/12/95 Cross Lake
JI	Jim Ingold	03/10/95 Residence; 03/11/95 Residence; 03/13/95 Arthur Teague Parkway; 03/13/95 LSUS; 03/17/95 Clyde Fant at J. Davis Bridge; 03/18/95 Veterans Park on Clyde Fant, Shreveport
LMH	Mac Hardy	03/19/95 Residence
LR	Larry Raymond	02/23/95 Residence; 03/09/95 Walter Jacobs Nature Park; 03/12/95 Residence; 03/14/95 Residence
MT	Margo Tuller	02/20/95 Residence; 03/14/95 Residence
NC	Norma Cobb	03/13/95 Residence
PD	Paul Dickson	03/03/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.; 03/13/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.; 03/15/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.
RS	Rosemary Seidler	03/12/95 Mallard Bay, Squirrel Point
RS&VL	Seidler & Lefevers	02/05/95 North Highlands Quad-Caddo; 03/09/95 Gilliam Quad-Caddo & Hwy 71N; 03/11/95 Gilliam Quad-Bossier
SH	Shirley Huss	03/13/95 Residence
WS	Will Smolenski	03/12/95 Residence/neighborhood

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Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	03/12/95 RS 4; 03/19/95 H&PH 2; 03/25/95 BSG 6
American White Pelican	03/18/95 BSG 218
Double-crested Cormorant	03/09/95 RS&VL 85; 03/12/95 RS 53; 03/19/95 H&PH 12; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Great Blue Heron	03/09/95 RS&VL 3; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 3; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Great Egret	03/09/95 RS&VL 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Mute Swan	03/25/95 BSG 2
Canada Goose	03/13/95 PD 14
Wood Duck	03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/12/95 RS 2; 03/15/95 B&BW 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Mallard	03/12/95 RS 6; 03/25/95 BSG 12
Blue-winged Teal	03/10/95 BW 2; 03/13/95 PD 2
Gadwall	03/12/95 RS 8
Lesser Scaup	03/12/95 RS 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
Bufflehead	03/12/95 RS 6
Hooded Merganser	03/09/95 RS&VL 4
Ruddy Duck	03/12/95 RS 7
Black Vulture	03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 30
Turkey Vulture	03/05/95 BW 6; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 20; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Northern Harrier	03/09/95 RS&VL 2; 03/13/95 JI 1; 03/18/95 BSG 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	03/09/95 LR 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Cooper's Hawk	03/19/95 H&PH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	02/23/95 LR 2; 03/14/95 LR 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
Red-tailed Hawk	03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
American Kestrel	03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
American Coot	03/10/95 BW 2; 03/12/95 RS 78; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/25/95 BSG 12
Sandhill Crane	03/11/95 B&JH 70; 03/12/95 CN 100
American Golden-Plover	03/18/95 BSG 4; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Killdeer	03/09/95 RS&VL 30; 03/12/95 HHo 2; 03/18/95 BSG 30; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 12
Greater Yellowlegs	03/03/95 PD 2; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Lesser Yellowlegs	03/09/95 RS&VL 18
Solitary Sandpiper	03/13/95 PD 1
Least Sandpiper	03/18/95 BSG 12
Pectoral Sandpiper	03/13/95 PD 1; 03/25/95 BSG 19
Common Snipe	03/09/95 RS&VL 34; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Ring-billed Gull	03/12/95 RS 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Forster's Tern	03/25/95 BSG 1
Rock Dove	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 9; 03/12/95 RS 18; 03/18/95 BSG 6; 03/19/95 H&PH 6; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Mourning Dove	02/20/95 HHo 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 20; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/12/95 RS 9; 03/12/95 WS 6; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/18/95 BSG 125; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 8
Inca Dove	03/10/95 JI 1; 03/11/95 JI 1; 03/19/95 LMH 1
Greater Roadrunner	03/10/95 EB 1
Eastern Screech-Owl	03/12/95 WS 1
Great Horned Owl	03/18/95 BSG 1
Barred Owl	03/11/95 RS&VL 1
Chimney Swift	03/25/95 BSG 4
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	03/19/95 H&PH 2
Belted Kingfisher	03/05/95 BW 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/04/95 HHo 1; 03/18/95 BSG 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 4; 03/12/95 WS 1; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/13/95 NC 2; 03/18/95 BSG 4; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Downy Woodpecker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/13/95 NC 2; 03/14/95 MT 1; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Hairy Woodpecker	03/19/95 H&PH 1
Northern Flicker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 1; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/12/95 RS 28; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Pileated Woodpecker	03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/12/95 RS 2; 03/13/95 GF 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Eastern Phoebe	03/09/95 RS&VL 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Horned Lark	03/18/95 BSG 6
Purple Martin	02/20/95 MT 4; 02/22/95 B&BW 1; 03/12/95 RS 4; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Tree Swallow	03/18/95 BSG 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	03/15/95 PD 3
Barn Swallow	03/17/95 JI 1; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/18/95 JI 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Blue Jay	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/04/95 HHo 2; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 11; 03/11/95 B&JH 4; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 WS 2; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/18/95 BSG 7; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 2
American Crow	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 40; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 4; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Fish Crow	03/11/95 B&JH 4; 03/12/95 RS 4; 03/19/95 H&PH 2; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Carolina Chickadee	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 2; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/11/95 B&JH 10; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 10;

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Tufted Titmouse	03/12/95 WS 2; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 5; 03/25/95 BSG 2
White-breasted Nuthatch	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 2; 02/20/95 BW 2; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 WS 1; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Brown-headed Nuthatch	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 BW 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 2
Carolina Wren	03/05/95 BW 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/13/95 GF 2
House Wren	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 5; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 11; 03/12/95 WS 1; 03/13/95 GF 1; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
Winter Wren	03/09/95 RS&VL 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	03/09/95 RS&VL 1
Eastern Bluebird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 28
Hermit Thrush	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 4; 03/03/95 GF 2; 03/05/95 BW 15; 03/09/95 RS&VL 14; 03/11/95 B&JH 6; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 6; 03/18/95 BSG 12; 03/19/95 H&PH 8; 03/25/95 BSG 4
American Robin	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1
Northern Mockingbird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 70; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 40; 03/12/95 WS 3; 03/18/95 BSG 40; 03/19/95 H&PH 23; 03/25/95 BSG 60
Brown Thrasher	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/04/95 HHo 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 5; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/12/95 WS 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 2; 03/25/95 BSG 1
American Pipit	02/20/95 HHo 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/13/95 NC 3; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Cedar Waxwing	03/09/95 RS&VL 18; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 66
Loggerhead Shrike	02/26/95 HHo 14; 03/05/95 BW 50; 03/09/95 RS&VL 20; 03/11/95 B&JH 15; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 LR 10; 03/12/95 RS 18; 03/14/95 LR 15; 03/14/95 MT 12; 03/19/95 H&PH 7
European Starling	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/28/95 HHo 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Solitary Vireo	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 85; 03/11/95 B&JH 6; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 4; 03/18/95 BSG 30; 03/19/95 H&PH 9; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	02/05/95 RS&VL 1
Pine Warbler	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 4; 03/03/95 GF 3; 03/05/95 BW 10; 03/09/95 RS&VL 14; 03/10/95 BW 100; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 26; 03/13/95 JI 1; 03/13/95 NC 25; 03/18/95 BSG 11; 03/19/95 H&PH 5; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Northern Cardinal	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 5; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 5; 03/12/95 WS 6; 03/13/95 GF 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Rufous-sided Towhee	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 4; 03/05/95 BW 6; 03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 12; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 6; 03/13/95 GF 10; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/18/95 BSG 8; 03/19/95 H&PH 21; 03/25/95 BSG 6
Chipping Sparrow	03/04/95 HHo 1
Field Sparrow	03/04/95 HHo 5; 03/05/95 BW 6; 03/11/95 B&JH 10; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Savannah Sparrow	03/05/95 BW 6; 03/18/95 BSG 5; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 1
LeConte's Sparrow	03/09/95 RS&VL 6; 03/12/95 RS 3; 03/18/95 BSG 100; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Fox Sparrow	03/15/95 PD 2
Song Sparrow	03/09/95 RS&VL 1
Swamp Sparrow	03/05/95 BW 2; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/18/95 BSG 6; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
White-throated Sparrow	03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/18/95 BSG 4
White-crowned Sparrow	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 2; 02/20/95 BW 2; 03/05/95 BW 4; 03/09/95 RS&VL 22; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 20; 03/12/95 WS 2; 03/13/95 GF 4; 03/13/95 SH 3; 03/13/95 NC 9; 03/18/95 BSG 5; 03/19/95 H&PH 12; 03/25/95 BSG 7
Dark-eyed Junco	03/09/95 RS&VL 6; 03/18/95 BSG 6
Red-winged Blackbird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 BW 6; 03/05/95 BW 6; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 6; 03/12/95 WS 5; 03/13/95 GF 4; 03/18/95 BSG 7; 03/19/95 H&PH 11
Eastern Meadowlark	03/04/95 HHo 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 200; 03/11/95 B&JH 6; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 8; 03/18/95 BSG 250; 03/19/95 H&PH 22; 03/25/95 BSG 8
Brewer's Blackbird	03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 7; 03/12/95 RS 21; 03/18/95 BSG 30; 03/19/95 H&PH 31; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Common Grackle	03/18/95 BSG 11; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Brown-headed Cowbird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 100; 03/11/95 B&JH 75; 03/12/95 RS 75; 03/12/95 WS 15; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/18/95 BSG 60; 03/19/95 H&PH 18; 03/25/95 BSG 11
House Finch	03/09/95 RS&VL 100; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 7; 03/18/95 BSG 50; 03/19/95 H&PH 9; 03/25/95 BSG 7
Pine Siskin	02/20/95 HHo 2; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/13/95 JI 2; 03/13/95 NC 20; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
American Goldfinch	03/11/95 B&JH 4; 03/13/95 GF 4
House Sparrow	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 4; 03/10/95 HHo 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
	03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/12/95 RS 15; 03/12/95 WS 7; 03/18/95 BSG 5; 03/19/95 H&PH 10; 03/25/95 BSG 4

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