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BIRD STUDY GROUP
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Next Meeting – May 12, 2011

Wildlife Artistry Revealed:
Don Edwards,
Bird Photography & Artwork

BSG MAY MEETING

When: Tuesday, May 12, 2011, 6:00 p.m. Come at 6 for refreshments and the presentation will begin at 6:30.

Where: LSUS, Science Lecture Auditorium

Speaker: Don Edwards, Local Wildlife Artist

From wild bird, to photograph, to painting, renowned wildlife artist Don Edwards will share his process for creating realistic works of art.

Don Edwards is a naturalist, photographer, and wildlife artist who lives in Northwest Louisiana. He travels throughout the United States and Africa to photograph, study, and paint wildlife in their natural habitats. He was selected as Artist of the Year by the Louisiana Turkey Federation 1981 and 1990; by Ducks Unlimited in 1987; and for the Louisiana Duck Stamp in 1994-1995. Edwards has been selected as this year's artist for the Toledo Bend Association's annual Bass Unlimited poster. He owns Nature's Art Gallery and Custom Framing in Shreveport.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments start at 6:00 p.m.; program begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, including directions to the LSUS Science Lecture Auditorium, call us at 318-797-5338.

Cassin's Sparrow in Bossier City—2nd state record!!!

Terry Davis found a Cassin's Sparrow on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at Cane's Landing in Bossier City. This is the second state record of this species. Terry found the first state record May 10, 2008 on Viking Drive in Bossier City. The bird was photographed by Jeff Trahan. What an excellent find. Way to go Terry!!!

Cassin's Sparrow is a western species, native to the arid grasslands of south-central U.S. and northern Mexico. It is a small sparrow with plain grayish-brown plumage, but has an interesting and conspicuous territorial display, called skylarking. It flies straight up into the air and floats down on fixed wings while singing. Learn more about Cassin's Sparrow at http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Cassins_Sparrow/lifehistory



Cassin's Sparrow, May 1, 2011, Cane's Landing, Bossier City, LA. Photo by Jeff Trahan.

Coming to the BSG this June...

"Will fascinate practically everybody"
NEW YORK TIMES

"Witty and metaphysical"
WALL STREET JOURNAL

"Profoundly moving"
IFC

"It's a stunner"
NPR

Ghost Bird
A DOCUMENTARY BY SCOTT CROCKER
DAVID SIBLEY · NANCY TANNER · JEROME JACKSON

"Spellbinding...a cosmic lament for the forest primeval and man's search for environmental redemption."
Critics' Pick - NEW YORK MAGAZINE


Set in a murky swamp full of birders, scientists, and reporters, Ghost Bird explores the limits of certainty, the seductive power of hope, and how one phantom woodpecker forever changed a Southern town.

This thrilling eco-noir investigates the strange but true story of a small town in Arkansas overrun by a nation of birders all searching for the "Grail Bird" - the Ivory-billed woodpecker. Presumed extinct for over half a century, scientists announced the miraculous return of the Ivory-bill in 2005 after seeing it flying through the bayous of eastern Arkansas. Or was it?

Despite years of searching, the bird's fate remains a mystery. This witty, insightful documentary brings the Ivory-bill's blurry rediscovery into focus, revealing our uneasy relationship with nature and the increasing uncertainty of our place within it.

Featuring music by The Black Keys, The Pixies, Under Byen, Black Heart Procession, Hazmat Modine and original score by Zoë Keating.

Ghost Bird

For local screening times contact screenings@ghostbirdmovie.com
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The film Ghost Bird, will be shown at the June Bird Study Group meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the LSUS Science Lecture Auditorium. The showing will be free and open to the public.

BIRD REPORT –

List of Species Seen Since Last Newsletter

Wood Duck	Tufted Titmouse
Great Blue Heron	Carolina Wren
Great Egret	Swainson's Thrush
Snowy Egret	Wood Thrush
Little Blue Heron	American Robin
Cattle Egret	Gray Catbird
Green Heron	Northern Mockingbird
Turkey Vulture	European Starling
Mississippi Kite	Cedar Waxwing
Bald Eagle	Tennessee Warbler
Killdeer	Nashville Warbler
Spotted Sandpiper	Yellow Warbler
Rock Pigeon	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Mourning Dove	Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chimney Swift	Black-throated Green Warbler
Belted Kingfisher	Bay-breasted Warbler
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Downy Woodpecker	American Redstart
Northern Flicker	Common Yellowthroat
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Hooded Warbler
Great Crested Flycatcher	Cassin's Sparrow
Eastern Kingbird	Grasshopper Sparrow
White-eyed vireo	Summer Tanager
Warbling Vireo	Northern Cardinal
Philadelphia Vireo	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Red-eyed Vireo	Indigo Bunting
Blue Jay	Common Grackle
Fish Crow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Purple Martin	Orchard Oriole
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Baltimore Oriole
Cliff Swallow	House Finch
Barn Swallow	
Carolina Chickadee	

**WILD BIRD CENTER EVENTS
BEGINNER BIRD WALKS**

The Wild Bird Center conducts field trips the first and third Saturday of every month, weather permitting. Meet at Wild Bird Center in the University Place Shopping Center (Target Shopping Center) at the corner of Youree Drive and East 70th Street. Destinations vary according to local sightings and may include local parks, country roads or a private backyard. Loaner binoculars are available. Be sure to bring a field guide.

For more information on any Wild Bird Center event, please call Dennis or Janice Forshee at the Wild Bird Center, 318-797-BIRD (2473).

**Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park
Mother’s Day Nature Walk
Saturday, May 7, 2011**

Spend some quality time with your mom on a guided walk through the spring forest.

Time: 9:30 AM

Contact: Rachel Demascal, rdemascal@caddo.org, 318-929-2806

Location: Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park, Blanchard, LA

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Contact the BSG by email: lhardy@lsus.edu or phone (318) 797-5338.

Visit us on the web at <http://www.birdstudygroup.org>

Join/Renew the BSG!

The Bird Study Group of Shreveport invites you to become a member.
Renewals, please update information below.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone (Home) _____ Work _____

Yes, please add me to the email Bird Alert

Leave me out of the BSG member directory

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