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**Next Meeting - December 10**  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER & AUCTION**

**DECEMBER PROGRAM**

**When:** Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** LSU-Shreveport, Museum of Life Sciences

The Shreveport Bird Study Group will hold its annual Christmas Dinner and Auction on Tuesday, December 10. Festivities start with a potluck dinner at 6:30 with the auction afterwards. There will also be a special presentation made at this meeting and we promise you will not want to miss it.

Members and guest are invited to come share in the holiday food and fun as auctioneer Hebert Hervey gets everyone digging deep into their pocketbooks. The big hit of last year's auction, the mystery boxes, are back as are several surprise auction items. There is also a silent auction prior to the live auction.

The BSG will provide a Cajun-fried turkey and smoked ham for the potluck dinner but members are asked to bring salads, vegetables, casseroles, breads, or desserts for the meal. Bring your favorite holiday dish or call Amanda at the museum (797-5338) to find out what items are needed. Don't miss out on this feast and fun!

**UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS**

**CADDO LAKE WINTER BIRD COUNT**

*Saturday, December 7, 2002*  
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**SHREVEPORT CBC**

*Saturday, December 14, 2002*  
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**NATCHITOCHEs CBC**

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**BCBCBC (BOSSIER-CADDO-BIENVILLE CBC)**

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**OWL PROWL & SPARROW STALK**

*Saturday, January 18, 2003, 1:00 p.m.*

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### WINTER/CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Contact the compiler listed below for each count or sign up at a BSG meeting. Participants will be assigned an area or teamed with other birders. Beginning birders are encouraged to participate. Bird counts are fun and a great way to see and learn to identify lots of birds with the assistance of seasoned birders. Check the BSG website at <http://www.softdisk.com/comp/birds/> for a complete list of Louisiana Christmas Bird Counts.

### CADDO LAKE WINTER BIRD COUNT

*Saturday, December 7, 2002*

Compiler – Jim Ingold, 797-5236 (W), 742-5067 (H), [jingold@pilot.lsus.edu](mailto:jingold@pilot.lsus.edu)

The BSG will once again count birds in the Louisiana portion of the circle. Participants will meet the Texas group near Karnack, Texas, for supper and to call the list. If you're not going to Karnack, you may meet Jim at the Horace Down Park near the Caddo Lake Dam around 4:00 p.m. to turn in your list.

### SHREVEPORT CBC (CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT)

*Saturday, December 14, 2002*

Compiler – Charles Lyon, 865-2674 (H), 222-8421 (W), [clyon@softdisk.com](mailto:clyon@softdisk.com)

Participants will meet at the home of Charlie and Kimberly Lyon at 8617 W. Wilderness Way for supper and to call the list.

### NATCHITOCHEs CBC

*Saturday, December 28, 2002*

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Participants will meet at The Mariner Restaurant in Natchitoches for supper and to call the list.

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Participants will meet at Paul Dickson's home at 10455 Ellerbe Road (across from Holy Angels) for supper and to call the list.

### OWL PROWL & SPARROW STALK, YEARWOOD ROAD & BAYOU PIERRE WMA

*Saturday, January 18, 2003, 1:00 p.m.*

Trip Leader – TBA

Contact – Nancy Menasco, 868-3255, [nmcpa@aol.com](mailto:nmcpa@aol.com).

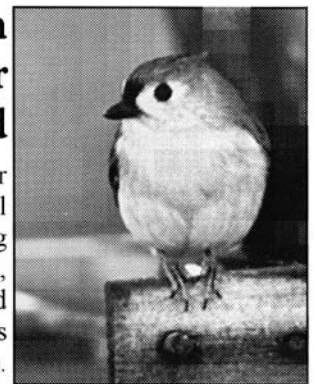
Meet at the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences. We'll spend the afternoon and early evening with a drive along

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Yearwood Road to the WMA searching for sparrows, wrens, Northern Harriers, Short-eared Owls, and other winter visitors. Harriers and Short-eared Owls are often found in the same habitat in the winter. Any of our resident owls, including Barn, Barred, Great Horned, and Eastern Screech are possibilities in this neighborhood. The Barn Owls have their own nesting platforms at the WMA. Participants should be aware of the following requirement of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries:

"Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana Stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement." Stamps and/or licenses may be purchased at such stores as Wal-Mart and Academy Sports, by telephone at 1-888-765-2602, or online at <http://www.wlf.state.la.us/>. The cost of an annual Wild Louisiana Stamp is \$5.00.

#### LOS WINTER MEETING, LAKE CHARLES, LA

*Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26, 2003*

The winter LOS meeting will be held in Lake Charles January 24-26. We will be staying at the Best Western Richmond Suites Hotel, Highway 171 and Interstate 10.

On Friday night Dr. Jim Ingold, will speak on The History of Louisiana Ornithology and Saturday night's presentation is by Kelly Bryan discussing Davis Mountain Texas Birding. For additional information and registration visit the LOS website at <http://losbird.org/meetings.htm>.

#### EDDIE JONES PARK BIRD STUDY GROUP FIELD TRIP

*by Larry R. Raymond*

Ten BSG members and Don Stoecker of Montana met at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2002, to caravan to the newly developed Eddie Jones Park in the southwest corner of Caddo Parish. Seven additional people and park ranger, Doug Rainwater, met the group at the site to begin the trip. The caravan stopped briefly just inside the entrance of the park for me to provide a brief overview and orientation to the area.

From there, the group drove to the parking lot near the visitor center, which is still under construction. The visitor center is immediately adjacent to a tall silo that is no longer in use, except as a roosting site for **Rock Dove**.

As the trip leader, I want to extend special appreciation to Charles Lyon and John McBride, Jr. for their assistance in spotting and identifying all birds seen. It's always a treat to have lots of trained eyes and ears on a field trip. Despite a relatively windy morning, we recorded forty-four species in the park. Other participants who helped find and identify birds included Linda Adrion, Jerry Bertrand, Roy and Vera Bott, Mac Hardy, Mary Jacobs, Neilson Jacobs, Ann McLaurin, Nancy Menasco, Mary and Tom Nesbitt, Chuck and Sally Moffett and Jeff Trahan. Roy Bott also used this opportunity to botanize in the park, and Jeff Trahan was able to observe several butterflies that were active during the field trip.

We began birding the brushy areas near the visitor center. Here, we recorded **American Kestrel**, **Eastern Phoebe**, **Red-bellied Woodpecker**, **Northern Flicker**, **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**, **Eastern Bluebird**, **Pine Warbler**, **White-crowned Sparrow**, **Song Sparrow** and others, and a small flock of eight **American Goldfinch** flying over. From here we walked the unimproved road that travels in front of the Chimp Haven site to the two ponds at the base of the landfill. At one stop, we added lots of birds, including **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, **Downy** and **Hairy Woodpecker**, **Carolina Chickadee**, **Tufted Titmouse**, **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Yellow-rumped Warbler** and **Pine Warbler**. Flocks of fifty and more **American Robin** flew over our heads periodically all morning.

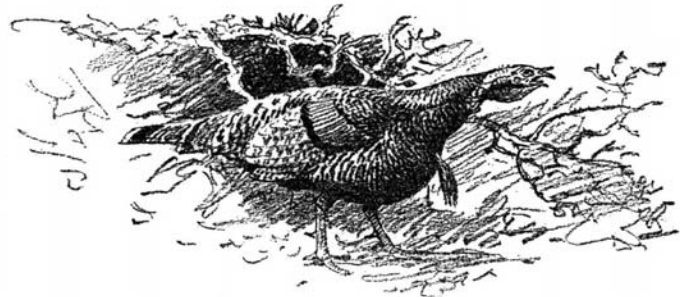
As we approached the ponds, several people noted a large hawk-like bird approaching. Charlie immediately called out **Osprey** and all of us enjoyed watching the bird circle the ponds. At about the same time, Charlie spotted a **Sharp-shinned Hawk** flying over the old landfill site beyond the ponds. We also added **Turkey Vulture** here. Later we added another **American Kestrel** over the landfill. In the cattails and other vegetation around the pond we noted **Sedge Wren**, **Marsh Wren** and **Swamp Sparrow**. Two **Pied-billed Grebe** were spotted on one of the ponds.

We proceeded to the landfill to look for sparrows and almost immediately began flushing birds. Most of the sparrows that flushed were **Savannah Sparrow**, but at least three of the sparrows were confirmed to be **LeConte's Sparrow**. (We recorded both **LeConte's Sparrow** and **Sedge Wren** on the landfill a couple of

years ago on another Bird Study Group field trip.) Some of the newer members of our group were a little perplexed when we quickly surrounded individual birds and slowly closed our circle to get a better look. In fact, I saw more than one person snicker and comment on our behavior. (I know who you are!) No sooner had Charlie commented that this would be a good place to plant *Aristida* (a grass), than John pointed out several good-sized patches of *Aristida* already growing on the landfill. As some of you may know, *Aristida* is the grass we look for at the airport and other places in order to find **Smith's Longspur** and other open field birds. We immediately began fantasizing about finding longspurs here later in the winter. **Short-eared Owl** might even be possible when the vegetation gets a little taller. In any case, I think the Caddo Parish parks department now has a good management strategy for this area.

Along the tree line adjacent to the landfill, several other birds were added, including **Northern Mockingbird** and **Eastern Towhee** (heard only). By now it was approaching mid-day and several members of the group had to get back to tend to other business. We walked along the pond's edge and took the unimproved road back to the visitor center. While calling the list for the day, we added **Rock Dove**, **Black Vulture** and another **Sharp-shinned Hawk**.

A few participants stayed and Doug and I led them by car to the northwest corner of the park where large expanses of Switch Cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*) grow next to Cypress Bayou and its tributaries. Immediately after crossing one of the tributaries, I found a two to three-foot Black Rat Snake sunning on the bank of the stream. At this point, some of the group, who shall remain nameless to protect their dignity, decided that they didn't really need to see a large expanse of Switch Cane. We briefly explored the area and then decided to call it a day. On the way out of the park, John McBride, Don Stoecker, Jeff Trahan and I added another **Sharp-shinned Hawk** and a **Broad-winged Hawk** flying over the future site of the Veterans Cemetery.



For those of you who are interested, the Parish parks department hopes to open the park on a full-time basis right after the first of January. The park will probably open on a Wednesday through Sunday schedule and remain closed on Monday and Tuesday. If you have any questions or need more information, you can call the parks department main office at 318-929-2806. Eddie D. Jones Park has the potential to become a great area for birding. In fact, park ranger, Doug Rainwater, reported seeing eight **Wild Turkey** from the entrance road on November 19. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries released Wild Turkey in this area about ten years ago, and the population appears to be holding its own.

### CHASING LOUISIANA'S FIRST TOWNSEND SOLITAIRE

by Charles Lyon

I decided to do a late morning Cross Lake boat run on Saturday, with the hopes of finding some exciting species on Cross Lake. I contacted Jeff Trahan, and new birder Neilson Jacobs, and asked them to join me on the boat for one of my surveys. We left the boat dock about 11:15am and had been on the lake less than 10 minutes when my beeper starting going off in multiples. I wasn't on call and almost threw the beeper overboard. My wife paged me, telling me that daughter Samantha had received a call about a **Townsend's Solitaire** at the Sabine NWR headquarters. I'm lucky to get any message relayed to me from any of the children except Chance the two year old, so I was impressed that Judith O'Neil called and got past Sam. Apparently Judith gave Sam her name, and Sam asked her to repeat who she was. At this point Judith very emphatically stated to Sam, "It's NOT important who I am, just tell him there is a Townsend's Solitaire at the Sabine headquarters, and that's very important". Thanks Judith, Sam got the hint and rapidly relayed the message to me. It was a near first.

I then explained to Jeff and Neilson that there was a Townsend Solitaire in Cameron Parish. Jeff understood what was going to happen next, but Neilson I think was a bit perplexed. I simply stated that the boat trip was over and we had to immediately get off the lake. I've taken longer to get off in a lightning storm. I apologized to Neilson, but did give him the option of blazing down to Cameron Parish (a 3 1/2 hour drive) with us. He seemed

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perplexed and asked if we did this often (engage in this seeming bizarre and erratic behavior). I mumbled that perhaps sometimes, but I was thinking not often enough, especially this year. I invited him to come back on the lake with me again, and hopefully he will.

I dropped Jeff off the boat dock running and almost swimming, and suggested that if Jean was to join us, that it would be best for him to quickly get her out of the house and into the car, so that they could meet me at the last Shreveport I-49 exit. I kindly informed him that I would wait 10 minutes for him at the exit before dusting Shreveport. I called Roger Breedlove and arranged to have he and Barbara meet us at the Leesville Burger King at 1:50 pm. We left Shreveport (both Trahans included) at met Roger and Barbara at 1:50.

With Roger driving, we pulled up to the Sabine NWR headquarters at 3:20pm. As we pulled up I noted Winston Caillouet on the roadside next to the parking lot looking across the road. The discussion was as follows:

*Charlie: "Have you seen the bird yet?"*

*Winston: "Yep."*

*Charlie: "Do you see it now?"*

*Winston: "Yep."*

*Charlie (as he's rolling out of the car) : "Where is it?"*

*Winston: He calmly points to the Yaupon across the road.*

*"In the red berries."*

*Charlie: "Wow. Thanks."*

It just doesn't get any easier than that. Thanks Rob Dobbs for finding the solitaire, and thanks Winston for being the quiet soft spoken pointing bird dog that you were.

I got over 20 minutes of video on the **Townsend's Solitaire**. Mark processed all my prior digital video, and I've not been able to find a program compatible with my IBM system, so I've just purchased a Mac system and video software which will be installed this week. Hopefully I'll get it all processed shortly. Some of my video is at very close range within 20 feet, and there are some pretty good images. Hopefully I can share this with the group, once I get the computer end of all of this figured out.

We visited with a great group of birding friends while visiting with the solitaire. Paul Fontenot and George

Broussard joined us as Winston was leaving. Old friends Mac Myers and Curt Sorrells appeared out of the east, and we had a nice time visiting with them as well. I said goodbye to Roger and Barbara in Leesville, and the Trahans and I made it back to Shreveport by 8pm, which was in time for me to have a late dinner with my family.

In closing, this is a great first state record, but one that seems overdue to me. This year especially may be one in which we may find other western strays heading our way. With the terrible forest fires and drought that has been plaguing the west this last summer, I suspect we may find or at least have a significant chance of finding other western vagrants. West Texans are already noting **Pinyon Jays** and **Steller's Jays**, and a **Clark's Nutcracker** recently appeared in Palo Duro Canyon. We already have one record for **Clark's Nutcracker** in Louisiana. This may be a good year to look. **Lewis's Woodpecker** is a strong possibility, and maybe we'll get lucky with **Red Crossbills**, **Mountain Bluebirds**, and who knows what else. It's just a thought.

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## LOUISIANA'S FIRST TOWNSED SOLITAIRE

*from the LOS website*

**A** **Townsend's Solitaire** was observed by Rob Dobbs at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge headquarters on November 16, 2002. Rob's sighting marks the first official sighting of this species in the state of Louisiana. A photo by Michael A. Seymour, taken on November 17, 2002, can be seen on the LOS website at [http://losbird.org/toso\\_0211\\_seymour.htm](http://losbird.org/toso_0211_seymour.htm).

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## ARKANSAS BIRDING

*by Nancy Menasco*

**S**even BSG'ers left LSUS the morning of Saturday, November 23, bound for the great state of Arkansas. New members, Joann Wilkerson and her sister, Joy Hicks, joined us at Hosston. The caravan, led by Jerry Bertrand with me as copilot, wound its way north, cloudless blue skies above and the trees along the highway dressed in gold and orange and red, brilliant in the sun.

Jerry, having consulted Streets and Trips before leaving home, had decided to follow Highway 245 around Texarkana to avoid the "city traffic." He stated that he'd

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been on that road lots of times, neglecting to mention that he'd never been to the end of it, but only as far as the Eagle Acres Scout Ranch, site of the annual Texarkana Kite Festival. Nevertheless, the trip continued uneventfully along this scenic route until the road dead-ended at a stop sign. "Hmm," Jerry said, "I thought this was supposed to come out on I-30." It didn't. Confronted by a sign that said Hope, Arkansas, to the right and Texarkana to the left, he said, "I know I don't want to go to Hope, so I'm turning left." And so he did, followed by an unsuspecting procession of BSG'ers. A short distance down the road, a sign marked I-30 pointed to the right, so everyone dutifully turned right. As we proceeded along this four-lane highway, Jerry, again speaking his thoughts aloud, remarked, "I hope this isn't I-30 because if it is, we're going the wrong way on it!" I, finally speaking *my* thoughts aloud, gently opined that it would probably be a good thing to print out the Streets and Trips map to take along before embarking on another trip in a leadership position. Not to worry, however, because not far away, entrance ramps to both I-30 East and West appeared. Jerry's normally infallible sense of direction had worked again.

Before long, we were pulling up at the Visitor Center north of Texarkana, where Charles Mills was waiting to guide us the rest of the way. Neilson Jacobs, who had been trying to memorize our route for the trip back home while daughter Mary drove, commented that he didn't think they'd go home that way because he didn't know where we were most of the time. Not wanting the group to lose confidence in our leaders at this critical juncture, I did not confess that, for a short time, no one else did either. Vera Garlough, who was driving from Longview to meet us at the Center, had not yet arrived. Actually, she had arrived; only she was at the Visitor Center on I-30, which is the largest in the state, while we were at the smallest on U.S. Highway 71. With some assistance and a couple of phone calls by the friendly folks at the two Centers, she figured out where we were and soon joined us. She also generously forgave me for my poor directions.

Anxious to start our birding experience, we headed out, this time led by Charles, who, of course, took us the back way, "through the bottoms," according to Charles, to Millwood Lake. This route follows a dirt road, which is a good road for birds when one has time to do it leisurely. When we traversed this road in June on the way to Millwood, the dust clouds were so thick, the vehicles in

front of us were invisible. This time, though, we could see at least half a vehicle at all times. By the time we arrived at Millwood, Neilson had given up all hope of retracing our route and was giving thanks for the maps we'd received in our Arkansas Vacation packets at the Visitor Center.

At Millwood State Park, Tappa Burt, President of the Tyler Audubon Society, and her daughter, Laura, from San Antonio, were waiting for us. We had met Tappa along with a number of other east Texas birders at the NETFO (Northeast Texas Field Ornithologists) Hawk Watch at Lake o' the Pines in September. Hoping to do our part to preserve the spirit of interstate birding, we sent a special invitation to Tyler Audubon and the NETFO'ers to join us for the Millwood trip. We were delighted that Tappa and Laura took us up on the invitation.

With the morning birding group now complete, we were finally ready to bird. About a week before our trip, Charles and a friend had found a fourth Millwood record



**Rock Wren** at the Okay Levee at Millwood. If we could locate this bird, it would be a life bird for most of us. The wren had first been sighted in the rocks around the boat launch area at the end of the Okay Levee road. When Charles returned to try to photograph the bird, the parking lot was deserted. Instead of staying on the rocks as a **Rock**

**Wren** should, the bird was hopping all around the back of Charles's truck. This was not the picture Charles had in mind. Finally, the wren condescended to pose for Charles in its natural habitat on the rocks. Saturday morning when we arrived, the parking lot was bustling with duck hunters and fisherman putting in and taking out at the boat launch. Nevertheless, we all stared at the spot where the **Rock Wren** had originally made its appearance the week before, but to no avail; we were going to have to form a search party.

The Okay Levee is lined with rocks on both sides. The road follows the levee for a quarter of a mile or less, then ends in the boat launch parking lot. The levee, on the other hand, doesn't end there, but continues on quite a distance. What were the odds that the **Rock Wren** would be hanging out on the short section of the levee that paralleled the road AND that it would be on the side next to the road, where it could be easily seen by the non-rock climbers in the group, i.e., most of us? The mind boggles.

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Undaunted, Clyde Massey, Terry Davis, and Mary Jacobs climbed (clumb?) the rocks to walk the top of the levee while the main contingent headed back down the road in the same direction. Several of us were working on identifying some sparrows (Song and White-throated) on the other side of the road when we heard whistles and screech owl calls from the group ahead of us. They had been trying unsuccessfully to get our attention for some time and had finally resorted to the screech owl imitation. Against all odds, the **Rock Wren** had been located. We hurried down the road. The wren was hopping in and out of the rocks near the top of the levee, undismayed by 13 pairs of eyes staring at it through binoculars. We watched it work its way along the levee until it was time to head on to our next birding stop. Charles, on being congratulated at his ability to make **Rock Wrens** appear as if by magic, said, "I guess no one noticed the tether attached to its leg." By the way, if you go, take your Sibley's along with you to identify the bird. There may be a **Rock Wren** somewhere that looks like the picture in the National Geographic field guide but not this one.

Our next stop was the overlook at the Beard's Bluff Campground. Hubert and Pat Hervey and granddaughter, Alex Heath, were already there scoping the lake. The lake was sparkling in the sun; ducks and cormorants were everywhere. **Bufflehead** and **Ruddy Ducks** bobbed up and down in the waves like bath toys. A **Common Loon** stayed close to shore while **Horned Grebes** dove nearby, swimming underwater to appear again yards away. **Canada Geese** and **American White Pelicans** floated near the dam. **Hooded Mergansers** and other ducks kept us at scope's length.

Back at the Millwood State Park marina and picnic area, Susan and Ron Martin and Shirley and Ed Huss had arrived. They had somehow miraculously found their way to Millwood without any assistance (probably by forgoing all the back roads we had traveled). Twenty birders sat down for lunch, while Dixie, the park naturalist, readied the barge. She handed out life vests and rearranged birders and deck chairs until, declaring the load sufficiently distributed, she headed the barge out on the lake. While the first group toured the lake, Jerry and I followed Rosemary Seidler back to Okay Levee in hopes of getting pictures of the **Rock Wren**. Apparently, Charles's magic doesn't work *sans* Charles, as we could not find the bird again.

We returned to the marina just as the barge was coming into view. Jerry, having missed out on **Rock Wren** pictures, took a few photographs of the barge

birders instead. The second group now took to the water, hoping to spot something the first group might have missed, a jaeger or a kittiwake, perhaps. Dixie took us as close in as she could to an area where large numbers of gulls and cormorants were congregating, but nothing unusual materialized. It was not to be a jaeger day. We settled for two **Bald Eagles**, several **Forster's Terns**, numerous **Ring-billed Gulls**, **Bonaparte's Gulls**, **Mallards**, **Great Blue Herons**, **Pied-billed Grebe**, and, naturally, more cormorants.

We ended the day with much to be thankful for on this Saturday before Thanksgiving - for Charles Mills who is always ready to share his time and his knowledge of Millwood Lake birds; for the hospitality and friendliness of the people we met, from our boat captain and lake guide, Dixie, to the staff at the visitor centers and the state park to the waitress at the Dixie Diner in Texarkana where Charles, Terry, Jerry and I had supper; for our lifer **Rock Wren**; and, most especially, for the truly glorious day spent birding with friends.

## RECENT SIGHTINGS

*from the BSG website*

**A**s usual October and November always seems to bring a surprise or two and this past October and November was no exception. In fact, there were quite a few surprises! On November 17 Charles Lyon reported two **Surf Scoters** and a flock of 21 **Black Scoters** while surveying Cross Lake by boat. The two **Surf Scoters** are only the fourth northwestern Louisiana records. The third record of **Surf Scoter** was a single bird Charles noted on Cross Lake on November 11, just six days prior. The 21 **BLACK SCOTER** marks the second record in northwestern Louisiana.

Cross Lake also bought sightings of three **Horned Grebes**, 60 **Green-winged Teal**, two **Greater Scaup**, and an amazing 3,600 **Franklin's Gulls** all see by Charles Lyon on November 11.

Back on dry land, Hubert Hervey reported a banded **Harris' Sparrow** and **White-crowned Sparrow** at his place in Stonewall on November 19. Hubert also had a lingering **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**. Speaking of hummingbirds, a **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** reported on November 3 by Paul Dickson marks the first confirmed sight of this species in our area.

To read all the bird sightings reported in northwestern Louisiana visit the BSG's "Recent Sightings" webpage at <http://www.softdisk.com/comp/birds/recent.html>.

## HELP MONITOR BIRD FEEDERS FOR IMPACT OF WEST NILE VIRUS

by Allison Wells, Cornell Lab

When most people think of West Nile virus, they think of its effects on people. Despite the publicity surrounding its human impact, the virus is primarily one that affects birds. And just what kind of effect is it having on birds? Researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology invite bird-feeding enthusiasts to help them find out.

Since 1987, the Cornell Lab has been conducting Project FeederWatch, a winter bird survey that invites bird enthusiasts of all ages, skill levels, and backgrounds to count the numbers and kinds of birds that visit their feeders from November through early April. Cornell Lab researchers analyze the data to determine changes in population distribution and abundance of some 100 species that regularly visit feeders.

Although crows and jays were among the first species known to be affected by West Nile virus, more than 110 species of birds have been infected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP). What will this mean for North America's beloved feeder birds?

"Because Project FeederWatch has more than 15 years' worth of data, we have a strong baseline to determine population changes in recent years that may be attributable to West Nile virus," says David Bonter, project leader for Project FeederWatch. "But to be able to make an accurate assessment, we need as many people as possible to tell us which bird species they're seeing at their feeders and in what numbers."

The CDCP points out that the virus is spread among birds and to people by mosquitoes, and reassures that there is no connection between bird feeding and West Nile virus.

Currently, almost 17,000 "citizen scientists" from across the U.S. and Canada are signed up for the project and contribute their observations to researchers at the Cornell Lab. Participants count birds for as long or as little time as they wish on select days throughout the winter. They may submit their observations over the Internet or on paper forms sent by regular mail. Data are combined and findings are published in scientific journals, magazines, and on the Lab's web site.

FeederWatch data have already contributed to important breakthroughs in scientists' understanding of bird diseases. In recent years, FeederWatchers have been helping track the spread of mycoplasmal conjunctivitis, or

"House Finch eye disease." The illness primarily affects a common bird called the House Finch, manifesting itself in the form of swollen, crusty eyes and frequently leading to blindness and eventually death as the birds starve or are caught by predators. Results of the study were published in the prestigious Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Cornell Lab researchers continue to rely on project participants to help them understand the dynamics of this disease and why it persists.



Project FeederWatch also produced the first study to document cyclical changes in Varied Thrush abundance and the irruptive movements of the Common Redpoll. "These findings have been possible simply because so many bird-feeding enthusiasts are serving as our eyes and ears, since researchers can't be everywhere at once," says Dr. Wesley Hochachka, assistant director of Bird Population Studies at the Cornell Lab and the scientist

and coauthor of many of the FeederWatch findings. "Involving the public in our research is the best way to acquire vast amounts of data."

Participants in Project FeederWatch receive a Research Kit that includes a full-color feeder-bird poster, a calendar, and the FeederWatcher's Handbook containing bird-feeding tips and other useful information. They receive summaries of FeederWatch data and other findings published in the Lab's quarterly newsletter, *Birdscope*. A \$15 fee helps cover the cost of materials and data analysis.

FeederWatchers and others especially look forward each year to the "FeederWatch Top 10 List," the 10 most frequently reported species in North America. This year's list reads: 10) House Sparrow, seen at 56% of feeders; 9) American Robin, 57%; 8) White-breasted Nuthatch, 62%; 7) Northern Cardinal, 69%; 6) Blue Jay, 74%; 5) American Goldfinch, 75%; 4) House Finch, 76%; 3) Downy Woodpecker, 77%; 2) Mourning Dove, 79%, and the species most frequently reported by FeederWatchers is 1) Dark-eyed Junco, seen at 83% of feeders.

For more information about Project FeederWatch or to sign up, call the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at 800/843-2473 (Canadians, contact Bird Studies Canada at 888/448-2473) or visit the FeederWatch web site at [www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw).

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING***November 12, 2002, 7:00 p.m.,*

Museum of Life Sciences at LSUS

**Program** - Dr. Beth Leuck presented the program "The Double-crested Cormorant in Lake Michigan."

**Christmas Party** – Mac Hardy reminded everyone that the next meeting would be the Christmas Party/Auction on December 10. He said that the club would provide the meat dish and soft drinks. Bill Wood volunteered to bring a turkey and a smoked ham. Other club members will volunteer to bring other dishes. He also asked members to bring items to be auctioned and he would prefer that they be delivered to the museum before December 10.

**Fieldtrips** - Nancy Menasco reported on future field trips. The Millwood Lake fieldtrip is Saturday, November 23. Anyone wishing to participate must notify Nancy in advance. The Caddo Lake Bird Count will be December 7. The dates of the Shreveport and Natchitoches counts are uncertain. Paul Dickson will be the compiler on the Bossier Christmas Count (BCBCBC) that will take place on January 4, 2003.

**Blue Bird Boxes** – Mac Hardy reported that Marty Floyd wants to put up 50 Blue Bird boxes in Caddo Parish. Mac has told Marty that the club would help.

**Membership** – Lily Poole reported that we have 101 paid accounts and that half of the accounts are family accounts. She also reported that she would have one copy of the proposed bumper sticker printed so that we evaluate the results. Bill Wood designed this sticker.

**Bird Records** – Mac Hardy reported that Dave Simmons has entered all of the bird records in the database. The database is up-to-date.

**Bird Talk** – Hubert Hervey reported that a banded **Harris' Sparrows** has returned. He also has a banded **White-crowned Sparrow**. Nancy Menasco reported that she saw two **Caspian Terns** on the Red River near Bishop Point on Thursday and that the number of **White Pelicans** is increasing. There are thousands of them present at Bishop Point. It was reported that Paul Dickson has banded a **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** at his house. Ron Martin said that he saw two **Brown Creepers** at his house Sunday. Nancy Menasco reported a **Dark-eyed Junco** at her house and Jerry Bertrand said that he saw a **Cooper's Hawk** on his birdbath.

**Board Meeting** – Mac Hardy said that the board would have a called meeting next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. He would have had the meeting after this meeting, however we did not have a quorum.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING***October 5, 2002, 7:00 p.m.*

Museum of Life Sciences at LSUS

Board members present at the meeting were Mac Hardy, Jeff Trahan, Hubert Hervey, Lily Poole, Linda Adrion, Nancy Menasco, Larry Raymond, Michele Andrews, and Bill Wood

**Miscellaneous** – The board made plans for the December Christmas Party/Auction. Lily Poole said that the club would use the bumper sticker designed by Bill Wood and selected by the club at the last meeting. Lily suggested that we make only one copy at a price of \$4.95 to see what it looks like. If it is good, we will buy a large quantity with a price break. Mac Hardy pointed out that we have our first ad in the newsletter and that it will be in each issue for a year.

**Bird Records** – Mac Hardy said that we have all of the records entered in the database. It is up to date. Mac gave a copy to Charlie Lyon who requested it. He also said that he would like to make it available to other people. Nancy Menasco proposed that we be able to enter Dowitcher species. and Plegatis species. into the records so that the bird records will reflect these sightings. Mac said that he thought he should reflect on the matter before making a decision.

**Field Trips** – Mac Hardy said that we should require field trip leaders to be at the designated meeting place regardless of whether the trip has been canceled. Mac says that some people will not know of a cancellation and someone should meet them there to inform them of the cancellation. Nancy Menasco reported that the next field trip would be at Eddie Jones Park in southwestern Caddo Parish. It will be lead by Larry Raymond. She also reported that not many people have signed up for the Lake Millwood trip. Other future fieldtrips were discussed.

**Membership** – Lily reported that we have 101 paid memberships.

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**BIRD REPORT** - *Compiled November 26, 2002*

Report bird records for the newsletter to Mac Hardy by the 15th of each month. 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: 01/12/99 PD two means that on 01/12/99 PD saw 2 birds. For the number of birds observed, a 1 is used both for 1 specimen and 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.

**OBSERVERS**

BSG	BSG	11/03/02 Bishop Point, 11/03/02 LA Hwy 1 near Caspiana, 11/03/02 LA Hwy 1 near Fluornoy Lucas Road, 11/03/02 LA Hwy 1 near Hwy 175, 11/03/02 LA Hwy 1 near Yearwood Road
CL	Charles Lyon	11/01/02 Cross Lake
CM	Clyde Massey	10/21/02 Red River(Clarks Marina,Lock&Dam #5,Atkins Clark Rd.
J&JT	Jeff & Jean Trahan	11/14/02 Bickham Dickson Park, 11/02/02 Bickham Dickson Park, 11/14/02 Bickham Dickson Park
J&JT	Jeff & Jean Trahan	11/17/02 Bickham Dickson Park
J&JT,RS,KT&JW	Jeff & Jean Trahan, R. Seidler, Thompson, Watkins	10/20/02 Bickham Dickson Park
JB	Jerry Bertrand	11/03/02 Red River MM 203
JI	Jim Ingold	11/22/02 Red River Education & Research Park
JT	Jeff Trahan	11/10/02 Bickham Dickson Park
JT, RS	Jeff Trahan, Rosemary Seidler	11/08/02 Shreveport, Paul Dickson's House on Ellerbe Road
MH	Mac Hardy	11/10/02 Bishop Point on Red River (near Lock & Dam #5).
NM	Nancy Menasco	11/02/02 C. Bickham Dickson Park, 11/10/02 C. Bickham Dickson Park, 11/21/02 C. Bickham Dickson Park
NM&JB	Nancy Menasco & Jerry Bertrand	10/19/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 10/20/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 10/21/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 10/21/02 LA Hwy 1 near Hwy 175, 10/21/02 LA Hwy 1 near Leonard Road, 10/21/02 Lock & Dam #5 road to Bishop Point, 10/21/02 Red River MM 202-203, 10/22/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 10/23/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 10/28/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 10/29/02 Lock & Dam #5 road to Bishop Point, 10/29/02 Red River MM 202-203, 10/30/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 11/01/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 11/06/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 11/06/02 LA Hwy 1 near Caspiana, 11/06/02 Lock & Dam #5 road to Bishop Point, 11/06/02 Red River MM 202-203, 11/07/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 11/07/02 LA Hwy 1 between Flournoy Lucas Rd & Robson Rd, 11/07/02 LA Hwy 1 between Hwy 175 and Robson Rd, 11/07/02 LA Hwy 1 near Caspiana, 11/07/02 LA Hwy 1 near Hwy 175, 11/07/02 LA Hwy 1 near Yearwood Road, 11/07/02 Lock & Dam #5 road to Bishop Point, 11/08/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 11/19/02 LA Hwy 1 between Hwy 175 & Yearwood Road, 11/19/02 LA Hwy 1 near Yearwood Road, 11/19/02 Lock & Dam #5 road to Bishop Point, 11/19/02 Red River MM 202-207, 11/20/02 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision, Shreveport, 11/20/02 Lock & Dam #5 road to Bishop Point, 11/20/02 Red River MM 202-207.
PD	Paul Dickson	11/04/02 Shreveport: 10455 Ellerbe Rd.
RS	Rosemary Seidler	10/23/02 Bickham Dickson Park, 11/03/02 I49, mile 183, 11/13/02 Prospect St near Line Ave, 11/15/02 Bickham Dickson Park, 11/16/02 Bickham Dickson Park

## SIGHTINGS

Species	Date, Observer, Number Seen
Pied-billed Grebe	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 CM 2,11/02/02 NM 1,11/10/02 JT 3,11/14/02 J&JT 3,11/17/02 J&JT 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 2,11/22/02 JI 2
American White Pelican	10/21/02 NM&JB 500,10/29/02 NM&JB 150,11/03/02 JB 300, 11/06/02 NM&JB 2000,11/14/02 J&JT 130,11/17/02 J&JT 15,11/19/02 NM&JB 1000,11/20/02 NM&JB 200
Double-crested Cormorant	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 3,10/21/02 NM&JB 1000,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/21/02 CM 25,10/29/02 NM&JB 200,11/02/02 NM 1,11/02/02 J&JT 6,11/03/02 BSG 400,11/06/02 NM&JB 100,11/06/02 NM&JB 2,11/07/02 NM&JB 12,11/07/02 NM&JB 4,11/10/02 MH 150,11/10/02 JT 60,11/14/02 J&JT 1500,11/17/02 J&JT 600,11/19/02 NM&JB 100,11/19/02 NM&JB 5,11/19/02 NM&JB 2,11/21/02 NM 1,11/22/02 JI 9
Great Blue Heron	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 5,10/21/02 CM 6,10/29/02 NM&JB 6,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/02/02 NM 3,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/03/02 BSG 7,11/06/02 NM&JB 2,11/06/02 NM&JB 7,11/07/02 NM&JB 3,11/10/02 JT 1,11/10/02 MH 19,11/14/02 J&JT 1,11/17/02 J&JT 3,11/19/02 NM&JB 6,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 8,11/21/02 NM 3,11/22/02 JI 2
Great Egret	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 5,10/21/02 CM 12,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/29/02 NM&JB 5,11/02/02 NM 4,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/03/02 BSG 6,11/06/02 NM&JB 75,11/07/02 NM&JB 4,11/10/02 NM 3,11/10/02 MH 13,11/10/02 JT 3,11/14/02 J&JT 30,11/17/02 J&JT 4,11/19/02 NM&JB 18,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 10,11/21/02 NM 3,11/22/02 JI 2
Snowy Egret	10/21/02 CM 1,11/03/02 BSG 1
Little Blue Heron	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 1
Cattle Egret	10/21/02 CM 8
White Ibis	10/29/02 NM&JB 12
Black Vulture	11/14/02 J&JT 2,11/19/02 NM&JB 1
Turkey Vulture	10/21/02 CM 1,10/23/02 NM&JB 1,11/02/02 NM 7,11/02/02 J&JT 1,11/10/02 JT 3,11/14/02 J&JT 3,11/17/02 J&JT 3,11/19/02 NM&JB 2
Wood Duck	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 CM 2,11/02/02 NM 3,11/03/02 BSG 6,11/10/02 JT 25,11/10/02 NM 7,11/16/02 RS 6
Green-winged Teal	10/29/02 NM&JB 200
Mallard	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 55,10/29/02 NM&JB 3,11/03/02 BSG 12,11/06/02 NM&JB 5,11/10/02 JT 45,11/16/02 RS 14,11/17/02 J&JT 10,11/19/02 NM&JB 3,11/22/02 JI 6
Northern Pintail	10/21/02 NM&JB 10,10/29/02 NM&JB 24,11/06/02 NM&JB 15
Blue-winged Teal	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 4,10/21/02 NM&JB 50,10/29/02 NM&JB 200,11/06/02 NM&JB 18,11/19/02 NM&JB 1
Northern Shoveler	10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/29/02 NM&JB 10,11/06/02 NM&JB 12
Gadwall	11/01/02 CL 150,11/10/02 JT 2,11/16/02 RS 3
American Wigeon	11/03/02 BSG 5
Lesser Scaup	11/01/02 CL 375,11/19/02 NM&JB 25
Surf Scoter	11/01/02 CL 1
Hooded Merganser	11/01/02 CL 2
Ruddy Duck	11/01/02 CL 6000
Northern Harrier	11/03/02 BSG 2,11/07/02 NM&JB 3,11/10/02 MH 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	11/02/02 J&JT 1,11/10/02 MH 1,11/10/02 JT 1
Cooper's Hawk	10/21/02 NM&JB 1,11/01/02 NM&JB 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 1,10/21/02 CM 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/17/02 J&JT 1,11/22/02 JI 1
Red-tailed Hawk	10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/21/02 CM 3,11/02/02 J&JT 1,11/03/02 BSG 4,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/08/02 NM&JB 1,11/10/02 JT 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 4
American Kestrel	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 1,10/21/02 CM 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/29/02 NM&JB 1,11/02/02 NM 1,11/02/02 J&JT 1,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 3,11/06/02 NM&JB 2,11/07/02 NM&JB 5,11/07/02 NM&JB 3,11/10/02 JT 1,11/10/02 MH 1,11/14/02 J&JT 1,11/17/02 J&JT 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/21/02 NM 1,11/22/02 JI 1
American Coot	10/21/02 NM&JB 1000,10/21/02 CM 30,10/29/02 NM&JB 500,11/02/02 NM 5,11/03/02 JB 200,11/06/02 NM&JB 24,11/19/02 NM&JB 200,11/20/02 NM&JB 200

Killdeer	10/21/02 NM&JB 4,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 CM 5,11/02/02 NM 4,11/02/02 J&JT 6,11/03/02 BSG 5,11/06/02 NM&JB 5,11/07/02 NM&JB 5,11/10/02 JT 1,11/10/02 MH 2,11/19/02 NM&JB 6
Black-necked Stilt	10/29/02 NM&JB 3
American Avocet	10/29/02 NM&JB 22,11/03/02 JB 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 24
Greater Yellowlegs	10/21/02 NM&JB 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 6,11/19/02 NM&JB 14,11/20/02 NM&JB 9
Lesser Yellowlegs	11/06/02 NM&JB 3
Least Sandpiper	10/21/02 NM&JB 30,11/06/02 NM&JB 15,11/19/02 NM&JB 50,11/20/02 NM&JB 20
Pectoral Sandpiper	11/06/02 NM&JB 8
Stilt Sandpiper	10/21/02 NM&JB 20
Long-billed Dowitcher	10/21/02 NM&JB 37,10/29/02 NM&JB 14,11/06/02 NM&JB 44,11/19/02 NM&JB 40
Common Snipe	10/21/02 NM&JB 3,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/21/02 NM 1
Franklin's Gull	10/29/02 NM&JB 2,11/19/02 NM&JB 20
Ring-billed Gull	11/01/02 CL 23,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 2,11/06/02 NM&JB 3,11/07/02 NM&JB 4,11/10/02 MH 15,11/10/02 JT 8,11/14/02 J&JT 22,11/17/02 J&JT 12,11/19/02 NM&JB 8,11/20/02 NM&JB 12,11/21/02 NM 9
Herring Gull	10/29/02 NM&JB 4,11/03/02 JB 7,11/06/02 NM&JB 3
Caspian Tern	10/21/02 NM&JB 8,10/29/02 NM&JB 13,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 2,11/19/02 NM&JB 1
Forster's Tern	10/21/02 NM&JB 7,10/29/02 NM&JB 5,11/01/02 CL 4
Rock Dove	10/21/02 CM 125,10/21/02 NM&JB 150,11/02/02 NM 8,11/10/02 MH 3,11/17/02 J&JT 3
Eurasian Collared-Dove	10/21/02 NM&JB 1,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 1
Mourning Dove	10/19/02 NM&JB 8,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 90,10/20/02 NM&JB 8,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 CM 16,10/22/02 NM&JB 2,10/23/02 NM&JB 2,10/30/02 NM&JB 2,11/01/02 NM&JB 2,11/02/02 NM 12,11/02/02 J&JT 34,11/03/02 BSG 4,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/10/02 NM 30,11/10/02 JT 25,11/11/02 NM&JB 8,11/14/02 J&JT 5,11/17/02 J&JT 12,11/20/02 NM&JB 4,11/21/02 NM 15,11/22/02 JI 34
Inca Dove	10/19/02 NM&JB 2,10/20/02 NM&JB 2,10/22/02 NM&JB 2,10/23/02 NM&JB 5,10/28/02 NM&JB 2,10/30/02 NM&JB 4,11/01/02 NM&JB 4,11/11/02 NM&JB 3,11/20/02 NM&JB 3
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	10/23/02 RS 1
Greater Roadrunner	11/03/02 RS 1
Eastern Screech-Owl	10/21/02 CM 1
Great Horned Owl	11/02/02 NM 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	10/19/02 NM&JB 2,10/20/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/22/02 NM&JB 1,10/28/02 NM&JB 1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	11/04/02 PD 1,11/08/02 JT, RS 1
Belted Kingfisher	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 3,10/21/02 CM 2,10/29/02 NM&JB 1,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/02/02 NM 2,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/10/02 JT 2,11/10/02 MH 2,11/17/02 J&JT 2,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 1,11/22/02 JI 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	10/21/02 CM 4,11/03/02 BSG 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10/19/02 NM&JB 1,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 15,10/20/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 CM 3,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/22/02 NM&JB 2,10/23/02 NM&JB 1,10/28/02 NM&JB 2,10/30/02 NM&JB 2,11/02/02 NM 4,11/02/02 J&JT 5,11/03/02 BSG 4,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/10/02 NM 4,11/10/02 MH 2,11/10/02 JT 8,11/14/02 J&JT 4,11/16/02 RS 3,11/17/02 J&JT 5,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 1,11/21/02 NM 4,11/22/02 JI 4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	10/21/02 CM 1,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 1,11/21/02 NM 2
Downy Woodpecker	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 CM 4,11/02/02 NM, 1,11/03/02 BSG 6,11/16/02 RS 1,11/17/02 J&JT 2
Northern Flicker	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 CM 9,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/02/02 NM 2,11/03/02 BSG 8,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/10/02 NM 1,11/10/02 JT 4,11/14/02 J&JT 2,11/16/02 RS 5,11/17/02 J&JT 8,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/21/02 NM 2,11/22/02 JI 1
Pileated Woodpecker	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,11/02/02 NM 1,11/02/02 J&JT 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/10/02 NM 1,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 2
Eastern Phoebe	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 3,10/21/02 CM 3,11/02/02 J&JT 1,11/03/02 BSG 4,11/10/02 JT 1,11/10/02 MH 1,11/14/02 J&JT 1,11/16/02 RS 1,11/17/02 J&JT 2,11/22/02 JI 2
Vermilion Flycatcher	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 1,11/02/02 NM 1,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/15/02 RS 1,11/17/02 J&JT 1,11/21/02 NM 2,11/22/02 JI 1
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 4,10/21/02 CM 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/29/02 NM&JB 2

Loggerhead Shrike	10/21/02 CM 2,11/02/02 NM 1,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/03/02 BSG 1,11/06/02 NM&JB 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/22/02 JI 1
Blue-headed Vireo	11/03/02 BSG 2
Red-eyed Vireo	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 1
Blue Jay	10/19/02 NM&JB 2,10/20/02 NM&JB 4,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 4,10/21/02 CM 10,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/22/02 NM&JB 2,10/23/02 NM&JB 2,10/28/02 NM&JB 2,10/30/02 NM&JB 2,11/01/02 NM&JB 2,11/02/02 NM 1,11/03/02 BSG 3,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/11/02 NM&JB 2,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 3,11/20/02 NM&JB 2
American Crow	10/20/02 NM&JB 4,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/21/02 CM 20,10/21/02 NM&JB 5,10/23/02 NM&JB 1,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/02/02 NM 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 5,11/10/02 JT 4,11/16/02 RS 5,11/17/02 J&JT 5,11/20/02 NM&JB 1
Fish Crow	10/21/02 NM&JB 20,10/22/02 NM&JB 1,11/03/02 BSG 25,11/17/02 J&JT 22
Tree Swallow	10/21/02 CM 25,10/21/02 NM&JB 30,11/01/02 CL 850,11/03/02 BSG 200,11/06/02 NM&JB 36,11/07/02 NM&JB 20,11/10/02 JT 35,11/14/02 J&JT 5
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	10/21/02 NM&JB 30
Barn Swallow	10/21/02 CM 40,11/01/02 CL 1
Carolina Chickadee	10/19/02 NM&JB 2,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 8,10/21/02 CM 10,10/22/02 NM&JB 1,10/23/02 NM&JB 3,10/28/02 NM&JB 1,10/30/02 NM&JB 3,11/01/02 NM&JB 1,11/02/02 NM 2,11/02/02 J&JT 4,11/03/02 BSG 4,11/07/02 NM&JB 6,11/10/02 NM 2,11/11/02 NM&JB 3,11/16/02 RS 3,11/17/02 J&JT 2,11/20/02 NM&JB 3,11/21/02 NM 4,11/22/02 JI 2
Tufted Titmouse	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 5,10/21/02 CM 12,11/10/02 JT 2
Carolina Wren	10/19/02 NM&JB 1,10/20/02 NM&JB 2,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 5,10/21/02 CM 5,10/22/02 NM&JB 2,10/23/02 NM&JB 1,10/28/02 NM&JB 1,10/30/02 NM&JB 2,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/10/02 JT 2,11/10/02 NM 2,11/16/02 RS 2,11/20/02 NM&JB 1
Bewick's Wren	10/21/02 CM 1
House Wren	11/03/02 BSG 1,11/16/02 RS 1
Winter Wren	10/21/02 CM 1,11/03/02 BSG 1
Sedge Wren	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 3
Marsh Wren	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,11/03/02 BSG 3
Golden-crowned Kinglet	11/03/02 BSG 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 CM 15,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/10/02 NM 1,11/10/02 JT 2,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	10/21/02 CM 6,11/07/02 NM&JB 3
Eastern Bluebird	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 CM 2,10/29/02 NM&JB 8,11/02/02 NM 2,11/02/02 J&JT 3,11/03/02 BSG 6,11/06/02 NM&JB 3,11/07/02 NM&JB 4,11/10/02 NM 2,11/10/02 JT 12,11/14/02 J&JT 5,11/17/02 J&JT 6,11/21/02 NM 3,11/22/02 JI 4
American Robin	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 75,11/02/02 NM 5,11/03/02 BSG 12,11/10/02 NM 15,11/10/02 MH 20,11/10/02 JT 15,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 5,11/21/02 NM 3
Northern Mockingbird	10/19/02 NM&JB 2,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 12,10/20/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/21/02 CM 2,10/22/02 NM&JB 2,10/23/02 NM&JB 2,10/28/02 NM&JB 1,10/30/02 NM&JB 1,11/01/02 NM&JB 1,11/02/02 NM 2,11/03/02 BSG 4,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 1,11/10/02 MH 1,11/10/02 NM 1,11/10/02 JT 1,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 2,11/20/02 NM&JB 2,11/22/02 JI 1
Brown Thrasher	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 3,10/21/02 CM 4,11/16/02 RS 1
European Starling	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 35,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/21/02 CM 200,11/02/02 J&JT 75,11/02/02 NM 5,11/03/02 BSG 20,11/03/02 BSG 25,11/03/02 BSG 12,11/07/02 NM&JB 12,11/07/02 NM&JB 25,11/10/02 NM 300,11/10/02 JT 40,11/14/02 J&JT 75,11/16/02 RS 24,11/21/02 NM 50,11/22/02 JI 3
Northern Parula	10/21/02 CM 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 4,10/21/02 CM 15,11/02/02 J&JT 30,11/02/02 NM 22,11/06/02 NM&JB 2,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/10/02 JT 15,11/14/02 J&JT 12,11/16/02 RS 30,11/17/02 J&JT 35,11/21/02 NM 8,11/22/02 JI 7
Black-throated Green Warbler	10/21/02 CM 1
Pine Warbler	11/10/02 JT 3,11/14/02 J&JT 5,11/17/02 J&JT 4,11/21/02 NM 2
Black-and-white Warbler	10/21/02 CM 2
American Redstart	10/21/02 CM 1
Common Yellowthroat	11/02/02 NM 1,11/03/02 BSG 1
Eastern Towhee	11/03/02 BSG 1,11/16/02 RS 1

Chipping Sparrow	11/02/02 NM 10,11/02/02 J&JT 20,11/10/02 NM 3,11/10/02 JT 1,11/16/02 RS 2
Field Sparrow	11/03/02 BSG 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 2,11/10/02 JT 4,11/13/02 RS 1,11/16/02 RS 1,11/17/02 J&JT 5
Vesper Sparrow	11/03/02 BSG 1
Savannah Sparrow	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 6,10/21/02 CM 2,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/10/02 JT 1,11/16/02 RS 8,11/17/02 J&JT 2
Song Sparrow	11/02/02 NM 1,11/03/02 BSG 10,11/07/02 NM&JB 4,11/10/02 JT 5,11/10/02 MH 3,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 6
Swamp Sparrow	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/10/02 JT 1,11/16/02 RS 2,11/17/02 J&JT 2
White-throated Sparrow	10/19/02 NM&JB 1,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 1,10/20/02 NM&JB 2,10/21/02 CM 25,10/22/02 NM&JB 1,10/28/02 NM&JB 1,10/30/02 NM&JB 2,11/01/02 NM&JB 2,11/02/02 NM 1,11/03/02 BSG 5,11/10/02 JT 25,11/11/02 NM&JB 3,11/16/02 RS 16,11/17/02 J&JT 25,11/20/02 NM&JB 6
White-crowned Sparrow	10/21/02 CM 2,11/02/02 NM 3,11/03/02 BSG 2,11/17/02 J&JT 2
Dark-eyed Junco	11/10/02 NM 2,11/10/02 JT 4,11/10/02 MH 1,11/11/02 NM&JB 1,11/16/02 RS 3,11/17/02 J&JT 8,11/21/02 NM 1
Northern Cardinal	10/19/02 NM&JB 2,10/20/02 NM&JB 3,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 20,10/21/02 NM&JB 1,10/21/02 CM 20,10/22/02 NM&JB 2,10/23/02 NM&JB 2,10/28/02 NM&JB 2,10/30/02 NM&JB 2,11/01/02 NM&JB 2,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/02/02 NM 2,11/03/02 BSG 13,11/06/02 NM&JB 1,11/07/02 NM&JB 3,11/10/02 JT 6,11/10/02 NM 2,11/11/02 NM&JB 2,11/16/02 RS 6,11/17/02 J&JT 8,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/20/02 NM&JB 2,11/21/02 NM 3
Indigo Bunting	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 5,11/03/02 BSG 1
Red-winged Blackbird	10/21/02 CM 150,10/21/02 NM&JB 100,10/21/02 NM&JB 2,11/02/02 J&JT 2,11/03/02 BSG 52,11/06/02 NM&JB 50,11/07/02 NM&JB 50,11/10/02 JT 65,11/10/02 NM 1,11/21/02 NM 100,11/22/02 JI 7
Eastern Meadowlark	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 5,10/21/02 NM&JB 50,10/21/02 CM 5,11/03/02 BSG 10,11/06/02 NM&JB 30,11/07/02 NM&JB 10,11/10/02 MH 15,11/10/02 JT 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 1,11/19/02 NM&JB 4
Common Grackle	10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 2,10/21/02 CM 50,10/23/02 NM&JB 1,11/02/02 J&JT 3,11/02/02 NM 1,11/03/02 BSG 10,11/10/02 JT 45,11/10/02 NM 1,11/11/02 NM&JB 1,11/16/02 RS 20,11/17/02 J&JT 2,11/22/02 JI 10
Brown-headed Cowbird	11/10/02 JT 1,11/16/02 RS 25
House Finch	10/23/02 NM&JB 1,11/10/02 JT 10
American Goldfinch	11/16/02 RS 4,11/17/02 J&JT 2
House Sparrow	10/19/02 NM&JB 25,10/20/02 NM&JB 25,10/20/02 J&JT,RS,KT&JW 3,10/21/02 NM&JB 25,10/21/02 CM 6,10/22/02 NM&JB 30,10/23/02 NM&JB 30,10/28/02 NM&JB 40,10/30/02 NM&JB 40,11/01/02 NM&JB 40,11/11/02 NM&JB 40,11/16/02 RS 3,11/20/02 NM&JB 40

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