

SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE STUDY

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Operating a Bird Alert Service: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings after 5:00 PM, 226-7174; also selling bird seed and bird feeders at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences.



MEETINGS:

Tuesday July 12 7:00 PM The monthly meeting of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study--Bird Group will be held at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences, 8015 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport. The program will be given by Paul Dickson on the Wild Turkey

August There will be no meeting for the month.

FIELD TRIPS:

Saturday July 30 A field trip to the Fish Hatchery at Natchitoches and Kisatchie National Forest. Call Steve Klotz by July 27 for details, 424-6067.

MINUTES; MAY 10, 1988

In the absence of our president, who is soon moving to California!, Betty Mason presided. After the minutes were read, Betty reported that the Treasury had a balance of \$2,297.47.

Announcements: Velda Neilson gave a glowing report of the fall-out that occurred during the Spring LOS meeting at Cameron. With 83 lifers from this trip, she was eager to get all birders to Cameron for the next LOS meeting! She reported that John McBride now represents north Louisiana on the LOS Board.

Paul Dickson reported that the total for the Big Day Outing at his Loggy Bayou farm was 91 species. About 30 people somehow managed to consume 120 lbs of crawfish, along with other minor goodies brought by participants.

There will be an Executive Board meeting called for Tuesday, May 24th to form interim plans for officers till the fall election.

• Pat Lonacker told of an account that the first captive-bred Condor has hatched in California, raising the world total to 28.

Velda reminded us that Gail Strickland would hold a nature photography seminar at Hodges Gardens from 9-2 on Saturday the 14th.

A representative from the Gulf Coast Conservation Association asked for our support of Louisiana gamefish legislation for Redfish and Speckled Trout. Brochures were distributed.

Outing: Bird Boxes, already mounted on poles, will be "planted" at Bickham Dickson Park at 8:00, May 14th. A plea was given for post-hole diggers, and operators thereof.

Paul informed the group that Wood Storks, now on the endangered list, are present as vagrants in this area during the summer. Citing the ox-bow lakes formed by Red River as ideal habitat for the birds, Paul encouraged us to watch early and late for storks as they go to and from feeding grounds. These birds may be banded; please concentrate on the colors of bands, color sequence of bands on the bird's legs, and which leg has the bands. From June to September in the Taylortown area is the ideal time for these birds to be found. Report all sightings to Paul.

Program: Pat Lonacker gave a fine slide show depicting her tour last October of the Galapagos Islands. Concentrating on the variety of birds present on the islands, she gave a most interesting presentation.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES: JUNE 14, 1988

Noel Perkins, our real President, called the meeting to order. The Minutes were read by Betty Mason, who then gave the Treasurer's report. Balance on hand is \$2,214.66.

Announcements: Kate Michaels is selling pins of the Louisiana Commemorative stamp featuring the Brown Pelican for \$3.00.

Will Smolenski has agreed to serve on our Board.

A meeting of the Board will be at 7:00 on June 28th at the Museum.

There will be no regular meeting in August.

Noel is moving this week, and Mac Hardy has kindly agreed to be our leader until the fall elections.

This Saturday the 18th, the group will return to Bickham Dickson Park to check on the many Blue Bird boxes installed last month. Fifteen people placed boxes at 300 foot intervals. That's a lot of post-hole digging and concrete mixing! Numbers will be put on the boxes this weekend.

Theresa Thrsh has put out a number of similar boxes and stated that about 2/3rds of them are occupied.

Dr. Hardy introduced Marilyn Kircus who gave a most informative and well illustrated program on the "Future of the Ouachitas". Governmental long-range plans lead to the development of pine tree farms after much clear cutting. Thirty five groups interested in the preservation of natural habitat have appealed the plans. For more information, or to express an opinion, write: Harold Volkman, Chairman, Sub-Committee on Forests, Agriculture Committee, The House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515.

BIRD NOTES

(June)

A Purple Gallinule was present at Loggy Bayou throughout the month of June (PD); also present at the same area was a Hooded Merganser (PD); Double-crested Cormorant, Lesser Yellowlegs were present at Toledo Bend Reservoir on June 25 (PD); White Ibis were found at numerous locations throughout the month: Loggy Bayou (PD), a pair at Twelve Mile Bayou June 18, and 11 juveniles at the catfish ponds on Hiway 71, June 22 (JMcb), and 3 juveniles and 24 adults at Wallace Lake on June 25 (LH, LR); Cooper's Hawk was observed May 29 at Haygood Road and George Road on June 18 (JMcb); an adult Bald Eagle was seen at Toledo Bend Reservoir June 25 (PD); a male Great-tailed Grackle was sighted May 21 and thereafter in South Caddo Parish (SK).

Reporting: Paul Dickson, Laurence Hardy, Steve Klotz, John McBride and Larry Raymond.