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OUTINGS -- Steve Klotz
PROGRAMS -- Will Smolenski

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 10 July 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Larry Raymond will present the program "Creating wildlife habitat in your garden."

This will be the last meeting for the summer. Several items need discussion and elections are coming up soon. Our next meeting will be on September 11, 1990.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 6 September 1990, 7:00 PM. We need to develop plans for the new year and prepare for elections. All Board Members should try to be present.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL. The expiration date for your membership in the Bird Study Group is now printed on your mailing label. Be sure to renew your membership before the expiration date so you will not miss a newsletter.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

A board meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held on Thursday, 7 June 1990, at 7:30 P.M., at the home of Mac Hardy. Board members attending the meeting were Mac Hardy, Larry Raymond, Bill Hall, Will Smolenski, and Gloria Frantom.

The board discussed the list of permanent residents included in the last newsletter that will no longer be included in the Bird Report each month. It was decided that several of the birds listed will continue to be included due to their rarity at certain seasons or because of their questionable status.

Bill Hall volunteered to serve as an alternate for the bird phone tree when one of

the key contacts cannot be reached.

The Saturday, 16 June, field trip to Cross Lake was discussed. A show of hands will be taken at the Tuesday, 12 June, meeting to see if there is any interest in this trip. The election of board members will also be mentioned at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Mac reported that LSUS plans to move a warehouse from the Pennzoil site to the LSUS campus to house the museum.

The board agreed to call another board meeting for Thursday, 6 September 1990.

Mac reported that Shirley Huss has been working hard on the membership list and is keeping the records of the group current.

The board also discussed the financial situation of the Bird Study Group and the need for some money-raising activities.

Mac reported that the newsletter is being published through LSUS at a 33.3% savings. Since it is more expensive to use recycled paper, the board agreed to use recycled paper only if donors pay for the added expense of the paper.

Larry agreed to do the July program on "Creating Wildlife Habitats in Your Garden".

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 12 June 1990, in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. President Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Bill asked for a show of hands of those interested in the Cross Lake outing to see the egret rookery scheduled for Saturday, 16 June. Several people indicated that they planned to attend. Mac stated that those interested in attending will meet at the museum at 7:00 A.M. Saturday and carpool to the lake site.

Bill announced that new board members

will be elected in September. Anyone interested in serving on the board, or wishing to nominate someone else to serve, should contact an officer of the Bird Study Group.

Bill reported that Hudsonian godwits had been seen on the LSUS campus on Mother's Day, 13 May 1990, around 11:00 A.M. They were found by Charlie Lyon who also saw them the following Monday. Bill stated that the phone tree was being restructured to insure that it would be activated in the future.

Mac reported that at the board meeting it was decided to publish the permanent resident birds seen in paragraph format preceding the list of birds and dates seen. Dates will not be included with permanent residents. Those permanent residents that will no longer be reported with dates are Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Wood Duck, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Bobwhite, Killdeer, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Pine Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, and House Sparrow.

At this time, Bill had all guests and newcomers introduce themselves.

Karen Raymond was asked to draw for door prizes. Erin McCain won a bluebird house donated by Ed Bitowski. Jeri Leatherwood won a clorox bottle feeder made by Ed Bitowski from National Wildlife Federation plans. Ed Bitowski won a bird wall hanging.

Will Smolenski briefly discussed documentation of bird sightings as described in a recent Louisiana Ornithological Society newsletter. Will emphasized the need to call other competent birders to verify the sighting, and the importance of taking pictures when possible. Bill Wood added that as much information as possible about the bird should be recorded.

BIRD NOTES -- JUNECompiled
June 28, 1990

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Connie Conners (865-6422) by the 25th 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; BW 1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. Two (or more) numbers following an observer are numbers of birds seen at two (or more) different localities. The month is abbreviated only if it is the month preceding the one being reported.

REPORTERS			
Abbrev	Name	Date	Place
AB	Alice Babers	5/30/90	residence
B&JA	Joe and Betty Ashley	6/1/90	Hwy 157 between Plain Dealing & Springhill
		6/18/90	Evangeline Drive
		6/18/90	Vicinity Caplis road
BH	Bill Hall	6/24/90	residence
BSG	Bird Study Group outing	6/16/90	Cross Lake egret rookery
BW	Bobbe Womack	5/20/90	I-49, Stonewall-Frierson exit
		6/19/90	Stonewall
		6/19/90	I-49, Stonewall-Frierson exit
		6/21/90	residence
		6/24/90	residence
GB	Gordon Blackman	5/27/90	residence
		6/17/90	residence
		6/22/90	residence
		6/23/90	residence
HH	Hubert Hervey	6/1/90	Cypress Bayou
JM	Jim McCain	6/10/90	Channel 12 tower
		6/13/90	Ralph Mitchell residence
		6/23/90	residence
		6/23/90	Caddo Lake
		6/23/90	Hwy. 1 [?]
		6/24/90	residence
LR	Larry Raymond	6/13/90	Walter Jacobs Nature Park
MF	Margaret Fontaine	6/21/90	DeSoto Parish, 3 mi. E Keatchie
MH	Mac Hardy	6/15/90	Cross Lake
MK	Marilyn Kircus	6/16/90	Cross Lake Wildlife Mang. Area
		6/25/90	Cross Lake Wildlife Mang. Area
		6/25/90	Hawels Park
		6/25/90	Public Dock, Cross Lake
NH	Nicky McCombs	6/9/90	residence
PL&SH	Pat Lonnecker and Shirley Huss	6/10/90	Hawels Memorial Park

PERMANENT RESIDENTS NO LONGER REPORTED: Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Wood Duck, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Bobwhite, Killdeer, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Pine Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, and House Sparrow.

Common Name	Data
Anhinga	16 BSG 8, 25 MK 18
Snowy Egret	16 BSG 11, 25 MK 15
Little Blue Heron	16 BSG 40, 25 MK 25
Cattle Egret	16 BSG 1000, 25 MK 3000
Green-backed Heron	24 JM 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	15 MH 1
Mississippi Kite	May 20 BW 10; 1 B&JA 12; 18 B&JA 1; 19 BW 12; 24 BH 1
Spotted Sandpiper	1 NH 1
Ringed Turtle-Dove	May 27 GB 2, 17 GB 1
Monk Parakeet	13 JM 1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	16 BSG 1; 23 JM 1
Chimney Swift	23 JM 4
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	May 27 GB 2; 21 BW 2; 22 GB 2; 24 JM 2, BW 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	13 JM 1
Eastern Phoebe	16 BSG 1
Eastern Kingbird	16 BSG 1; 25 MK 1
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10 PL&SH 2; 16 BSG 1; 18 B&JA 10; 23 JM 12; 25 MK 1
Purple Martin	25 MK 30, 6
Barn Swallow	16 BSG 1, 25 MK 4, 7
Warbling Vireo	25 MK 1

Common Name	Date
Yellow-throated Warbler	16 MK 15, 25 MK 12
Prairie Warbler	10 JM 1
Black-and-white Warbler	23 JM 1
Prothonotary Warbler	16 BSG 2, MK 3; 23 JM 1; 25 MK 3
Summer Tanager	21 MF 2; 23 JM 1
Blue Grosbeak	23 JM 1
Indigo Bunting	18 BAJA 7; 19 BW 5; 21 MF 2
Painted Bunting	13 LR 1; 18 BAJA 2
Dickcissel	18 BAJA 15
Orchard Oriole	25 MK 3
Northern Oriole	23 GB 2
American Goldfinch	May 30 AB 1; 9 NH 1
House Sparrow	May 27 GB 1 (albino)

Printed 33 records.