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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Rosemary Seidler, our program chairperson has organized our first program around several birding vacations by members of the Bird Study Group. Help get the new year off to a good start by attending the first meeting on **Tuesday, September 8, 1992, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSU campus.

## SHORT PROGRAM

Pat Lonacker will continue her very popular short programs that emphasize identification of the species of some particular group. In preparation for the Hawk Watch coming later, see below, this short program will be on hawks.

## OUTINGS

On September 26 we will conduct the second Hawk Watch in our area. This will be an all day event, starting about 8:00 a.m. If the hawk migration is not underway we will do general birding around the Wallace Lake area. Hope to see you there, call Hubert Hervey for more information about the Hawk Watch (phone 925-9249).

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm looking forward to this year and hope you plan to meet with the Bird Study Group to learn more about our favorite creatures -- the feathered ones -- except for the few of you who prefer the scaled creatures. Rosemary Seidler is working to see that we have the best speakers and programs ever. Bill Hall has the experience to see that our field trips are better and more timely than ever. Both the phone tree and bird hot line will be in use again this year. We also want to do more to assist beginning birders, as they gain from the years of experience many of you are so willing to share. Your suggestions are encouraged. Fall migration is just beginning and our wintering bird population will soon be here, so come and enjoy the birding year with us.

At our first club meeting on September 8, we will sign up a day of counting hawks on Saturday, September 26. Other outings will be announced at this meeting.

Big News -- North Toledo Bend State Park (NTBSP) will be conducting a bird walk on the last Saturday of each month, except during the winter months of December, January, and February. These walks will be led by park naturalist Pete Wilson and leave at 8 a.m. from the park headquarters area. NTBSP is a lovely wooded area on Toledo Bend lake, west of Zwolle. It is about 2 hours from Shreveport. Watch for signs.

My best birding this summer includes a family group of **Swainson's Hawks** near Lake Charles, **Worm-eating Warblers** northwest of Plain Dealing and **Red-cockaded Woodpeckers** northwest of Bodcau Bayou WMA. The egret rookery with thousands of breeding birds of 8 species at Barksdale AFB was also exciting and outstanding.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**BIRD REPORT -- Connie Conners 865-6422**  
**BIRD HOT SPOTS -- Larry Raymond 929-2806, Will Smolenski 865-2938**  
**FIELD TRIPS -- Bill Hall 797-1727**  
**FUND RAISING -- Will Smolenski 865-2938**  
**GIFT SHOP -- VACANT**  
**HISTORIAN -- Jim McCain 929-2691 w, 929-7285 h**  
**HOSPITALITY -- Velda Neilson 1-872-4821, Betty Mason 687-0225**  
**LIBRARIAN -- Jim Ingold 797-5236 w, 742-5067 h**  
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**NEWSLETTER -- Mac Hardy 797-5338 w, 687-6738 h**  
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**PUBLICITY -- Norma Cobb 686-3959**  
**SHORT PROGRAMS -- Pat Lonacker 865-4701**  
**SPECIAL EVENTS -- Velda Neilson 1-872-4821, Norma Cobb 686-3959**

### JUNE 9 MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, June 9, 1992, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM and visitors were recognized at that time. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Betty Mason, Treasurer, reported a May balance of \$1,238.54. We had income of \$119.44, expenses of \$42.90, leaving a June balance of \$1,315.08. The post office balance on May 11 was \$217.58.

Mac Hardy was complimented on the new set up of the Newsletter. He asked for other suggestions and material.

Forty nine species of birds were seen on the field trip to Soda Lake. The Bodcau trip was also enjoyed. We were told of White Ibis nesting on Barksdale Air Force Base. Anyone interested in visiting there was advised to call Mr. Haygood at 456-2231.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1992-93

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### GIFT SHOP

**IS OPEN!**

**HAWK WATCH FIELD TRIP -- SEPTEMBER 26, 8:00 a.m.**  
**NEXT MEETING == SEPTEMBER 8 AT THE MUSEUM**

Membership was reported at 142. We were reminded that there would be no monthly meeting of the Bird Study Group in July and August.

Jim Ingold gave us a hot tip on binoculars at the 50% Off store in Bossier City. They were very reasonable in price.

A visitor offered to get us on Barksdale AFB Saturday, June 13, to see the **White Ibis** and other nesting birds.

In Bird Talk an **Eastern Phoebe** was reported.

Our speaker for the evening was John Darling from Arlington, Texas, a long time friend of Mac Hardy. Mr. Darling spoke on "Interstate Ornithology." He presented a very colorful and fun-filled program.

We were asked to come back in September with enthusiasm for another year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

\*\*\* Norma Cobb

## RARE BIRDS WITHOUT VOUCHER DATA

According to their geographic distributions, anecdotal observations, or migration routes, the following twelve species of birds should be in our area of northwestern Louisiana. However, we know of no mention in any of the bird literature of any of these species in this area. Also, we do not know of any specimens in any scientific collection.

**Red-throated Loon**  
**American Swallow-tailed Kite**  
**Golden Eagle**  
**Yellow Rail**  
**Black Rail**  
**Sandhill Crane**  
**Lesser Golden-Plover**  
**Piping Plover**  
**Ringed Turtle-Dove**  
**Black-billed Cuckoo**  
**Burrowing Owl**  
**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**

If you know of any literature record or if you find any of these species dead, please contact the Museum immediately.

## BIRD NOTES -- JUL/AUG

Compiled  
 September 1, 1992

Report bird records for the Newsletter to **Connie Connors (865-6422)** by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Only records not printed since 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. 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
BBCP-Bass,Benefield,Connors,Pyle,etc	08/24/92 Lake Bistineau
BH-Bill Hall	08/01/92 Jct. Bert Kouns & Inner Loop
BSG-Bird Study Group	05/30/92 Swan Lake; 07/11/92 Barksdale Air Force Base
BSG,BL-Bird Study Group, Bruce Lee	06/13/92 Barksdale Air Force Base
BW-Bobbe Wommack	08/16/92 Stonewall; 08/24/92 residence
CL-Charlie Lyon	08/16/92 southern Caddo Parish along Red River; 07/17/92 Borrow pits on I-49; 08/16/92 southern Caddo Parish along Red River
HH&HJ-Hubert Hervey, Horace Jeter	06/16/92 Dogwood Trail, NW of Plain Dealing
HH&PLT-Hubert Hervey, Pat L. Turminello	07/28/92 Clear Lake
HHo-Helen Hood	08/18/92 residence; 07/24/92 residence
HHVNVC-H. Hervey, V. Neilson, V. Camp	07/14/92 Plain Dealing at LA 157
JC-Jim Cope	06/03/92 residence
JI&DR-Jim Ingold and Dick Rolandt	06/06/92 northwest of Bodcau Bayou
JMcC-Jim McCain	07/15/92 Wesson Road at McCain Creek; 08/15/92 residence; 08/16/92 residence; 08/16/92 Belcher; 08/21/92 Old Mooringsport

**REPORTERS (Continued)**

Abbrev-Name	Dates and Places
	Rd. at McCain Creek; 08/21/92 residence; 08/23/92 residence; 08/23/92 East Kings Highway; 08/23/92 U.S. hwy. 71 and La. 1; 08/24/92 residence; 08/24/92 Lincaln Dr. by North Highlands; 08/25/92 residence; 08/25/92 Donnie Bickham Middle School
LMH-L. M. Hardy	08/16/92 1823 South Brookwood Dr.
MS-Mildred Smith	08/25/92 residence

**RECORDS**

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	05/30/92 BSG 5
Anhinga	05/30/92 BSG 2; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 15; 07/11/92 BSG 25; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 12
Great Blue Heron	05/30/92 BSG 3; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 07/11/92 BSG 3; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 5; 08/23/92 JMcc 1
Great Egret	05/30/92 BSG 141; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 4; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 2; 07/11/92 BSG 12; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 8; 08/16/92 CL 4; 08/21/92 JMcc 1
Snowy Egret	06/13/92 BSG, BL 10; 07/11/92 BSG 6
Little Blue Heron	05/30/92 BSG 7; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 300; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 1; 07/11/92 BSG 50; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 425; 08/16/92 CL 8; 08/24/92 BBCP 1
Tricolored Heron	06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 07/11/92 BSG 2
Cattle Egret	05/30/92 BSG 81; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2000; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 40; 07/11/92 BSG 3000; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 6; 08/16/92 CL 200
Green-backed Heron	05/30/92 BSG 7; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 3; 07/11/92 BSG 2; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 4
Black-crowned Night-Heron	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 14
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 07/11/92 BSG 1
White Ibis	06/13/92 BSG, BL 150; 07/11/92 BSG 100; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 18
Roseate Spoonbill	08/01/92 BH 1
Wood Duck	05/30/92 BSG 27; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 1
Mallard	05/30/92 BSG 2
Hooded Merganser	05/30/92 BSG 1
Black Vulture	07/28/92 HH&PLT 4
Turkey Vulture	05/30/92 BSG 3; 06/06/92 JI&DR 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 07/11/92 BSG 3
Mississippi Kite	07/11/92 BSG 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 1; 08/16/92 LMH 1; 08/24/92 JMcc 2
Cooper's Hawk	05/30/92 BSG 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 2; 07/11/92 BSG 1; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 1; 08/15/92 JMcc 1
Red-tailed Hawk	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 07/11/92 BSG 2; 07/14/92 HHVNC 1; 08/16/92 CL 2; 08/24/92 HHo 1
American Kestrel	08/16/92 CL 2
Wild Turkey	06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 1
Northern Bobwhite	06/06/92 JI&DR 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 5; 07/14/92 HHVNC 10
Common Moorhen	05/30/92 BSG 9
Killdeer	05/30/92 BSG 2; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 3; 07/11/92 BSG 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4
Black-necked Stilt	07/17/92 CL 3
Spotted Sandpiper	08/16/92 CL 3
Rock Dove	06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 07/11/92 BSG 20
Mourning Dove	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/03/92 JC 5; 06/06/92 JI&DR 5; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 6; 07/11/92 BSG 8; 07/14/92 HHVNC 12; 08/24/92 JMcc 4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	05/30/92 BSG 22; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 5; 07/11/92 BSG 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4
Greater Roadrunner	06/16/92 HH&HJ 1; 07/15/92 JMcc 1
Barn Owl	05/30/92 BSG 3; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 4; 08/24/92 JMcc 1
Chuck-will's-widow	07/28/92 HH&PLT 1
Chimney Swift	05/30/92 BSG 8; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 5
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	05/30/92 BSG 11; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 1; 08/16/92 JMcc 2; 08/16/92 CL 2; 08/24/92 HHo 4; 08/24/92 BW 4; 08/25/92 MS 3; 08/25/92 T&CC 4
Belted Kingfisher	08/24/92 BBCP 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	06/06/92 JI&DR 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 2; 08/25/92 MS 2; 08/25/92 JMcc 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 2
Downy Woodpecker	05/30/92 BSG 6; 06/06/92 JI&DR 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 1; 07/11/92 BSG 1; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	06/16/92 HH&HJ 2; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2
Northern Flicker	06/06/92 JI&DR 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 1; 07/14/92 HHVNC 1
Pileated Woodpecker	05/30/92 BSG 6; 07/11/92 BSG 1; 07/14/92 HHVNC 1; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 1; 08/21/92 JMcc 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	05/30/92 BSG 9; 06/06/92 JI&DR 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 7; 07/14/92 HHVNC 1
Acadian Flycatcher	05/30/92 BSG 12; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 8
Eastern Phoebe	05/30/92 BSG 1
Great Crested Flycatcher	05/30/92 BSG 7; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 3; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 1
Eastern Kingbird	05/30/92 BSG 2; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 2; 07/11/92 BSG 5; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 5; 08/16/92 CL 12
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	06/13/92 BSG, BL 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 07/11/92 BSG 5; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2; 08/16/92 CL 2

Common Name	Data
Purple Martin	05/30/92 BSG 10; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 30; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 20; 07/11/92 BSG 10; 07/14/92 HHVNC 8; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 400; 08/16/92 BW 2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	07/28/92 HH&PLT 4; 08/16/92 CL 15
Cliff Swallow	07/17/92 CL 20
Barn Swallow	05/30/92 BSG 5; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 15; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 8; 07/11/92 BSG 5; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 20
Blue Jay	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/03/92 JC 6; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 7; 07/11/92 BSG 8; 07/14/92 HHVNC 6; 08/16/92 JMcC 4
American Crow	05/30/92 BSG 11; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 10; 07/11/92 BSG 5; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 6; 08/23/92 JMcC 24
Fish Crow	05/30/92 BSG 7; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 5; 07/11/92 BSG 10; 07/14/92 HHVNC 8; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 16
Carolina Chickadee	05/30/92 BSG 32; 06/03/92 JC 4; 06/06/92 J&DR 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 12; 07/14/92 HHVNC 5; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 8; 08/23/92 JMcC 2; 08/25/92 T&CC 1
Tufted Titmouse	05/30/92 BSG 12; 06/03/92 JC 3; 06/06/92 J&DR 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 3; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 2; 08/23/92 JMcC 2
White-breasted Nuthatch	08/25/92 JMcC 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	06/16/92 HH&HJ 5; 07/14/92 HHVNC 6
Carolina Wren	05/30/92 BSG 14; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 9; 07/11/92 BSG 2; 07/14/92 HHVNC 5; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	05/30/92 BSG 10; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 08/16/92 CL 1
Eastern Bluebird	06/03/92 JC 2; 06/06/92 J&DR 2; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 3; 07/11/92 BSG 2; 07/14/92 HHVNC 9; 08/25/92 JMcC 4
Wood Thrush	06/16/92 HH&HJ 1; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2; 08/25/92 MS 1
American Robin	06/03/92 JC 3; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 10; 07/11/92 BSG 10; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 2
Northern Mockingbird	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 6; 07/11/92 BSG 6; 07/14/92 HHVNC 7
Brown Thrasher	06/06/92 J&DR 1
Loggerhead Shrike	06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 2; 07/11/92 BSG 1; 07/14/92 HHVNC 1; 08/16/92 JMcC 1; 08/16/92 CL 2
European Starling	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 6; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 07/11/92 BSG 100
White-eyed Vireo	05/30/92 BSG 5; 06/06/92 J&DR 2; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 12; 07/11/92 BSG 3; 07/14/92 HHVNC 5; 08/24/92 BBPC 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	05/30/92 BSG 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 1
Red-eyed Vireo	05/30/92 BSG 6; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 5; 07/11/92 BSG 2; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2
Northern Parula	05/30/92 BSG 8; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 4
Yellow-throated Warbler	05/30/92 BSG 6; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 10
Pine Warbler	06/06/92 J&DR 5; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 10; 07/14/92 HHVNC 6
Prairie Warbler	06/06/92 J&DR 10
American Redstart	05/30/92 BSG 1
Prothonotary Warbler	05/30/92 BSG 10; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 4; 07/11/92 BSG 1; 08/24/92 BBPC 1
Worm-eating Warbler	06/16/92 HH&HJ 2
Kentucky Warbler	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 3; 07/14/92 HHVNC 1
Common Yellowthroat	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/06/92 J&DR 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 5; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 1
Hooded Warbler	06/16/92 HH&HJ 6; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2
Yellow-breasted Chat	05/30/92 BSG 13; 06/06/92 J&DR 10; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 3
Summer Tanager	05/30/92 BSG 4; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 10; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 6
Northern Cardinal	05/30/92 BSG 44; 06/03/92 JC 8; 06/06/92 J&DR 3; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 14; 07/11/92 BSG 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 10; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 2; 08/25/92 JMcC 5
Blue Grosbeak	05/30/92 BSG 5; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 8; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2
Indigo Bunting	05/30/92 BSG 20; 06/06/92 J&DR 5; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 12; 07/11/92 BSG 1; 07/14/92 HHVNC 6; 08/16/92 BW 1
Painted Bunting	05/30/92 BSG 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 6; 08/16/92 BW 1
Dickcissel	05/30/92 BSG 2; 07/11/92 BSG 1
Rufous-sided Towhee	06/06/92 J&DR 1
Chipping Sparrow	06/16/92 HH&HJ 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2
Field Sparrow	06/06/92 J&DR 2; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 6; 07/14/92 HHVNC 5
Red-winged Blackbird	05/30/92 BSG 1; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 2; 07/11/92 BSG 8
Eastern Meadowlark	06/13/92 BSG, BL 4; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 3; 07/11/92 BSG 4; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4
Common Grackle	05/30/92 BSG 29; 06/13/92 BSG, BL 8; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 6; 07/11/92 BSG 6; 07/14/92 HHVNC 6; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 4; 08/24/92 JMcC 8
Brown-headed Cowbird	05/30/92 BSG 12; 06/03/92 JC 4; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 26; 07/11/92 BSG 2; 07/14/92 HHVNC 4; 07/28/92 HH&PLT 1
Orchard Oriole	06/06/92 J&DR 3; 06/16/92 HH&HJ 12; 07/14/92 HHVNC 2; 08/24/92 BW 1
Northern Oriole	08/25/92 T&CC 2
House Finch	07/24/92 HHo 3; 08/18/92 HHo 3
House Sparrow	07/11/92 BSG 6

Printed 359 records of 101 species.

## FIELD TRIPS

Sep. 19 -- Natchitoches fish hatchery and I-49 borrow pits. Leader: Bill Hall (797-1727). Meet at the McDonalds on Bert Kouns and Linwood at 7:30 a.m.

Sep. 26 -- Hawk Watch at the Robson Road cropdusting field (just west of Ellerbe Rd.). Leader: Hubert Hervey (925-9259). This watch will be HMANA sanctioned. 8:00 a.m.

Oct. 10 -- Pat Sewell's farm and sandbars. Leader: Bill Hall (797-1727). Meet at the LSUS parking lot near the Museum at 7:30 a.m.

Oct. 23-25 -- LOS meeting, Cameron, LA.

## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Our annual Christmas party will be on December 8, in the Museum. As a fund raiser this year for the Bird Study Group we will have an auction of birding items. Members and friends can donate any items, such as books, ceramics, art items, tapes, etc. Bring your items to any meeting or to the Museum at any time. More about the party later.

## BIRDING HOT SPOTS

The project to develop a listing of birding hot spots for our area is gaining momentum. One page accounts are to be prepared showing a map, road instructions, brief habitat descriptions, and a short list of bird specialities to be expected in that area. It is hoped that individuals familiar with some of the areas will volunteer to do an account. Preparers are needed for Bodcau Bayou, Cross Lake, Loggy Bayou, and James Bayou. See Larry Raymond or Will Smolenski for more details.

## BIRD QUIZ #5 BIRD POTPOURRI

1. Why do many large white birds have black primaries?
2. Can you name at least three species of birds that have been added to the Louisiana avifauna recently due to their movement in a northwest direction from south Texas and/or Mexico?
3. What is wing loading?
4. Here is a question I often pose to students: Why do birds lack teeth?
5. A lot of seabirds nest on sheer cliffs; what keeps their eggs from rolling off?

## ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #4 - KENTUCKY FRIED BIRD QUIZ

1. Uncinate process - A backward projecting piece of the rib that helps to stabilize the ribcage.
2. Pygostyle - The projection from the back of the bird that contains the uropygial gland, the tail feathers and caudal vertebrae.
3. Patagium - A fold of skin on the the leading edge of the wing.
4. Uropygial gland - The only skin gland in birds, the oil is used to maintain the feathers.
5. Pterylae - The feather tracts or the places from which the body or contour feathers leave the skin.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Many of our memberships will run out during this fall. Please check your membership and renew when it is time. Our group is growing now and we are planning many good activities. Your support is needed and appreciated.