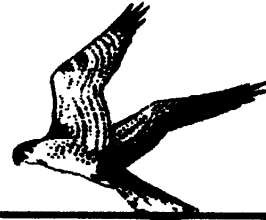


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**BIRD STUDY GROUP
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we go with another Bird Club year off and running. We will have great outings - some new ones are planned. We will have informative programs. I promise to keep the business session as short as possible, with lots of time for bird talk. I'm looking forward to Jim Ingold's program of September 14th on "How and Why Birds Sing."

Come and let us enjoy your company and we will try to see that you have a good time.

Remember the BSG "LOGO" contest. Get your entries in to Carolyn Upchurch at the September meeting. The general membership will select the winner at a later meeting. The prize - your choice of any one item from the gift shop.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

September 14, 1993 -- 7:00 PM

Museum of Life Sciences

Jim Ingold

"HOW AND WHY BIRDS SING"

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- Connie Conners 865-6422, Bobbe Wommack 865-6509
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 and LIBRARIAN -- Jim Ingold 797-5236, Betty Mason,
HOSPITALITY -- Betty Mason 687-0225, Margaret Fontaine 861-0483
and SPECIAL EVENTS -- Norma Cobb 686-3959 (combined)
MEMBERSHIP -- Shirley Huss 865-5959
NEWSLETTER -- Mac Hardy 797-5338 w, 687-6738 h
BEGINNING BIRDERS -- Larry Raymond 929-2806, Jim Ingold 797-5236
PHONE TREE -- Bobbe Wommack 865-6509, Bill Wood 797-5350
PROGRAMS -- Pat Tuminello 925-9249
PUBLICITY -- Norma Cobb 686-3959
SHORT PROGRAMS -- Pat Lonnecker 865-4701

BALLOON RALLY

Many thanks to the BSG volunteers who helped in the Museum and at the exhibit area during the Red River Balloon Rally: Pat Lonnecker, Betsy Reisinger, Sherry Souba, Shirley Huss, Pat Tuminello, Hubert Hervey, Betty Mason, Jim Ingold, Will Smolenski, and Larry Raymond. I apologize if I have omitted anyone. We had very good participation and located several new birders during the fun. Thanks again.

BIRD REPORT

Bobbe Wommack will be helping Connie with the calls for the Bird Report this year. Connie has done this single handedly for many years. Thanks so much Connie and thank you Bobbe for helping with this big job.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1993-94

President - HUBERT HERVEY, 1
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 BILL HALL, 3
 MAC HARDY, 3
 SHIRLEY HUSS, 2
 NORMA COBB, 1
 PAUL LAWRENCE, 3
 PAT LONNECKER, 2
 LARRY RAYMOND, 2
 WILL SMOLENSKI, 2
 CAROLINE UPCHURCH, 1
 BOBBE WOMMACK, 2

NEXT MEETING = September 14
MUSEUM OF LIFE SCIENCES

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CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION DATE

MORE PARROTS!

Gordon Blackman reported a parrot or parakeet at his house (Venus Drive, Bossier City) on July 21 and August 10. This should be checked to get an identification. With the recent increase in sightings of **Canary-winged Parakeets** and **Monk Parakeets** it is of more importance to check all free-flying parrot sightings.

HELP

When you submit bird reports to Connie or Bobbe (see above) from a group outing be careful that only one person submits the report. When multiple reports are submitted for the same outing inaccuracies and inconsistencies might result. In order to protect the integrity and continue the good reputation of our Bird Report it is essential that there are no duplications and reports are accurate.

BIRD QUIZ #14

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

What do the following bird names actually mean?

1. Sparrow
2. Falcon
3. Junco
4. Owl
5. Vireo
6. Swallow
7. Bittern
8. Cormorant
9. Vulture
10. Dowitcher

ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #13

1. Fifteen warblers nest in Louisiana?
2. The **Yellow-breasted Chat** is very peculiar for a warbler due to its size, vocalizations, the fact that males and females have different mouth colors in the breeding season. Recent DNA work shows them to be warblers, but not

closely related to other modern species.

3. The **Yellow-rumped Warbler** is the most famous fruit eater but many other species have been observed to eat fruit occasionally. A lot of our familiar warblers eat fruit also when they reach the tropics, such as **Tennessee, Chestnut-sided** and **Bay-breasted Warblers**.
4. The **Yellow-throated Warbler** is the *Dendroica* warbler with the longest beak?
5. The **Northern Parula** and **Yellow-throated Warblers** normally build their nests in Spanish moss if it is available.
6. Three North American warblers are considered to be endangered: **Kirtland's, Bachman's** and **Golden-cheeked Warblers**. The **Golden-winged Warbler** is in trouble and may be listed next.
7. The **Ovenbird** commonly builds a domed nest on the ground.
8. The two water thrushes teeter like a **Spotted Sandpiper**?
9. **Worm-eating Warblers** never eat worms. Their diet is composed entirely of insects.
10. The **Prothonotary Warbler** gets its name from the yellow robes of the Prothonotaries, a legal advisor to the Pope. However, according to Gerhard Loose the Prothonotaries' robes are actually purple!

THE PITS OF I-49

The hot days of summer will soon be just a memory, but the fall migration season started over a month ago. Several of us have been going to the I-49 bar pits north of Natchitoches at the Powhatan exit regularly. I have been four times since July 29th. Every week the bird population has changed. The

best birds last week are gone, but new ones just as rare have taken their places. This is rapidly becoming one of our choice areas, and the farmers have been very agreeable, letting us drive on their property. You will want to check the bird list at the back of this newsletter for a complete list of birds seen here. My favorites included Least Tern, Caspian Tern, Roseate Spoonbill, Dunlin, Wood Stork, Upland Sandpiper, Long-Billed Dowitcher and Wilson's Phalarope. Who knows what will show up next.

The rice harvest has already started and I hope we can have a rail trip scheduled real soon. I have talked to some of the farmers and they seemed agreeable to letting us ride in the combines. More on this trip soon.

While there, you will also be able to admire the beautiful billboards that have been erected. You can find out where to go to gamble and even about places that aren't even built yet. These very permanent signs are gracing the skies around the Powhatan exit with more signs to come. And in case you haven't guessed it yet, they are the reason for the title of this article because I think they really are "The Pits."

**** Hubert Hervey

LOGO

The logo contest is underway. Design a logo for the Bird Study Group and win your choice of any one item from the Gift Shop. The logo should be in black ink on white 8½ x 11 paper and be suitable for extreme reduction (down to one inch in diameter). The winning design will become the exclusive property of the Bird Study Group, who will retain all rights for the use and control of the logo.

Your entry should be received by Carolyne Unchurch at the Museum of Life Sciences by the next meeting of the Bird Study Group on September 14, 7:00 PM.

The winning entry will be selected at a later meeting of the Bird Study Group.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 8 June 1993, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

Visitors included: Rusty and Melanie Scarborough, Rob Wilcot, and Sherry and April Suba.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was read: Pioneer account total is \$1,035.05; income was \$40; expenses were \$200.; No new information on the Museum account.

Rosemary Seidler has asked to be removed from the Board of Directors due to an increase in her teaching load for the fall semester. Pat Tuminello was nominated to fill her seat. The Regular Meeting was recessed so that a short Board Meeting could be convened.

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING: Pat Tuminello was nominated for the position of Vice-president, that had been vacated by Rosemary Seidler. Pat's nomination was accepted by acclamation. Pat will take on the job of Program Committee Chair. A list of board members and committee chairs was distributed. Bobbe Womack and Bill Wood will be replacing Dick Rolandt as the phone tree coordinator.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Hubert brought in a bolt of cloth, with a bird motif, he had purchased at a cloth store. Any one could have a yard if they donated something back to the group for sale at the winter meeting auction or in the gift shop.

Participation in the Red River Rally (Hot Air Ballons) was discussed. A sign-

up list for volunteers was passed around.

Betty Linam distributed copies of PENFEATHERS, a "newsletter for bird enthusiasts who enjoy getting outdoors to observe birds." This newsletter is provided by a tour company out of Houston that does bird watching trips.

The Logo Contest is a go. Logos will be collected at the September meeting and be voted on by the members of the group. Logos should be on clear white 8 1/2" by 11" piece of paper. The design should be simple.

The gift shop was discussed. Mac mentioned that we have made \$400 (including taxes) since the last accounting.

Programs for the fall include one on bird song by Jim Ingold in September and one on raptor rehabilitation by Larry Raymond.

The Bird Study Group has joined the Bluebird Society.

Shirley Huss mentioned a letter she received from Jackie McVey who will return to Shreveport in the fall.

Bill Wood passed out a form to collect data on bird occurrences and seasonality so that he can produce a checklist with that information for Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

Betty Mason reported on a call she received from Jim Pawns on Kingston Rd. about a Mississippi Kite nest in his neighbor's yard. Members are free to go out a see it, but call first.

Birdtalk included Black-necked Stilts at the I-49 barrow pits, with one on a nest. The Kistachie trip was a success with Redcockaded Woodpeckers, Bachman's Sparrows, Rufous-sided Towhee, Prairie Warblers and a visit to a pitcher plant bog with Grass Pink Orchids in flower. The trip ended with a stop at a bridge to see Cliff Swallows and Barn Swallows.

Various members mentioned articles about birds of interest to the group in: American Birds (Louisiana Wetlands; raptors), National Geographic, and Wildbird.

Rosemary Seidler brought to the attention of the group the new edition of Birding the Texas Coast by Lane rewritten by Holt. She warned us to keep old editions since the new edition leaves out Cameron Parish in Louisiana.

Hubert gave the main program on hawks. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MINUTES of the LAST BOARD MEETING

The board meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 1 June 1993, at the home of Shirely and Ed Huss. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read: Pioneer account total is \$1,195.05; income was \$30.50; expenses were \$227; No information is available for the Museum account.

Officer elections were held and all old officers agreed to keep their post with the exception of Rosemary Seidler (Vice-president) who has to leave the Board of Directors due to an increase in teaching load for the fall semester. Jim Ingold suggested that we hold off voting for the Vice-president until the September meeting when the full compliment of the board would be present. He agreed to give the September program to relieve the pressure of trying to find someone else. It was decided that board members should think about possible programs and bring their suggestions to the September meeting.

Connie Connors will stay on as bird report Chairperson with Bobbe Womack helping her. Birding Hot Spot Committee will still be headed by Will Smolenski and

Larry Raymond. Will, if he agrees, will also remain as Chair of fund raising. We will try to entice Bill Hall to remain as field trip coordinator.

The possibility of closing the gift shop was discussed with the possibility of selling out the remaining merchandise at the Red River Rally. Action on the gift shop was tabled until the full board is present.

It was decided to combine the role of Historian with Librarian and Jim Ingold agreed to do both. Bety Mason agreed to help Jim bring the scrapbook up to date.

Hospitality and Special Events were merged with Margaret Fontaine and Norma Cobb as co-chairs and with Betty Mason helping out if needed.

Shirley Huss agreed to continue as membership chair.

Jim Ingold and Larry Raymond will continue as Beginning Birder Committee Co-chairmen and Jim Ingold suggested we try to do a beginning birders workshop through Sci-port when it moves into its new building downtown.

Program chairperson will be put on hold as that person is also the Vice-president. Jim Ingold will do the first program in the fall.

Pat Lonacker will continue to do short programs if and when needed.

The Logo Contest was discussed. The designs will be collected in September and the whole membership will vote on the winning design. The winner will receive his or her choice of one item from the gift shop. Caroline Upchurch is to make an announcement at the regular meeting in June.

Betty Mason approached the board about the possibility of purchasing the Birds of North America by giving people who purchase one Volume of the set a lifetime membership in the Bird

Study Group. The board agreed on the idea conditionally until we know how many volumes will be published.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

INCREASED SIGHTINGS OF MISSISSIPPI KITES

Mississippi Kites generally nest in loose colonies along streams away from human habitation. This past summer we have had many reports of Mississippi Kites in urban - suburban areas. Mac Hardy and Jim Ingold observed a nest on Kingston Road near the outer loop from 9 June through 29 June and the single young fledged between 29 June and 24 July. Mr. Steve McKinzie of Southern Hills called in early August about a nest in his neighborhood and commented on their quickness and agility in capturing dragonflies. Mrs. Barbara LaFitte in the Huntington area also called in early August about a pair of birds hanging around her house. Jim Ingold investigated and discovered a pair of Mississippi Kites. While watching these birds capture what we assumed to be cicadas, Mrs Lafitte noticed three birds soaring above the nearby park and assumed they were the Red-tailed Hawks she normally sees. But, they were three more Mississippi Kites. Five Mississippi Kites at one time makes for a good morning. During the Red River Rally at LSUS another nest was reported from southwestern Shreveport. Mac and Jim would like to know of any other Mississippi Kite nests that may have been observed in the Shreveport-Bossier area this summer. We also propose that the Bird Study Group take on kite nest watching as a joint group project. We believe that the group could be in the forefront in studying the behavior patterns in Mississippi Kites, by determining the kinds of insects taken, which are taken in flight, which from the ground, the feeding times during the day, how often the young are fed, and if any vertebrates are used for food.

*** Jim Ingold

BIRD REPORTS

Bobbe Wommack will be helping Connie Conners with the Bird Report. They will divide the calling responsibilities in order to reduce the work load for Connie. Continue to call in your bird records to either Connie (865-6422) or Bobbe (797-6509).

BIRD NOTES -- JUNE-AUGUST

Compiled
August 30, 1993

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 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or 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.

REPORTERS

| Abbrev--Name | Dates and Places |
|---|---|
| BSG Bird Study Group | 6/05/93 Kisatchie National Forest |
| GB Gordon Mackman | 8/01/93 Shreveport (residence); 08/24/93 Shreveport (residence) |
| HH&PT Hubert Hervey & P. Tuminello | 6/15/93 residence; 07/10/93 residence |
| HH&PT Hubert Hervey & P. Tuminello | 7/20/93 residence; 07/25/93 residence; 08/24/93 residence; 08/24/93 Shreveport, Fairgrounds Field; 08/25/93 residence |
| HHCL H. Hervey, C. Lyon | 8/18/93 I-49 ponds; 08/18/93 I-49 at Stonewall exit |
| HHCLPT H. Hervey, C. Lyon, P. Tuminello | 7/29/93 I-49 ponds; 08/08/93 I-49 ponds; 08/08/93 Natchitoches: State Fish Hatchery; 08/08/93 State fish hatchery |
| HHo Helen Hood | 8/14/93 Shreveport (residence) |
| HHPTCL H. Hervey, P. Tuminello, C. Lyon | 8/08/93 Clear Lake |
| JI Jim Ingold | 8/27/93 Shreveport: Jimmy Davis Bridge, Red River |
| LR Larry Raymond | 6/27/93 residence; 08/21/93 Mack Bayou Lake; 08/24/93 Cedar Grove area; 08/25/93 S. Lakeshore Dr. |
| MM Mabel McDaniel | 8/15/93 residence (Keithville-Kingston Rd.) |
| PD Paul Dickson | 8/17/93 Leonard Rd. |
| PL&SH Pat Lonacker & Shirley Huss | 8/17/93 I-49 ponds |
| RO Roy Osborne | 8/18/93 Shreveport: 7618 Millicent Way |
| SH Shirley Huss | 8/23/93 Shreveport (residence) |

RECORDS

| Common Name | Data |
|----------------------------|---|
| Pied-billed Grebe | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/17/93 PD 1 |
| Anhinga | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Great Blue Heron | 06/05/93 BSG 6; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 5; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 6 |
| Great Egret | 06/05/93 BSG 10; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 5; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 6; 08/18/93 HHCL 8; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4 |
| Snowy Egret | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 20 |
| Little Blue Heron | 06/05/93 BSG 8; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 10; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 12; 08/18/93 HHCL 14 |
| Tricolored Heron | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 3 |
| Cattle Egret | 06/05/93 BSG 50; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 40; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 45; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 60; 08/18/93 HHCL 40 |
| Green-backed Heron | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/21/93 LR 1 |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2 |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 10; 08/18/93 HHCL 2 |
| White Ibis | 06/05/93 BSG 8; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; |

| Common Name | Date |
|---------------------------|--|
| Roseate Spoonbill | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 3; 08/17/93 PL&M 1 |
| Wood Stork | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Wood Duck | 08/27/93 JI 20 |
| Mallard | 07/10/93 HH&PT 10 |
| Blue-winged Teal | 07/29/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Black Vulture | 08/17/93 PD 3 |
| Turkey Vulture | 06/05/93 BSG 5; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 10; 08/18/93 HHCL 6 |
| Mississippi Kite | 06/05/93 BSG 7; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 8; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/18/93 HHCL 8 |
| Cooper's Hawk | 06/05/93 BSG 3; 07/25/93 HH&PT 17; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 4; |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/23/93 SH 1; 08/24/93 LR 1 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 06/05/93 BSG 1; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| American Kestrel | 06/05/93 BSG 3; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Northern Bobwhite | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Killdeer | 08/24/93 HH&PT 12 |
| Black-necked Stilt | 07/29/93 HHCLPT 5; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 40; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 35 |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 06/05/93 BSG 6; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 5; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 7; |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 3; 08/17/93 PL&M 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Solitary Sandpiper | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 08/17/93 PL&M 1; |
| Upland Sandpiper | 08/25/93 HH&PT 1; |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/21/93 LR 1 |
| Western Sandpiper | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/17/93 PL&M 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Baird's Sandpiper | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 20; 08/17/93 PL&M 5 |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 40; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 80 |
| Stilt Sandpiper | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2 |
| Wilson's Phalarope | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 7 |
| Caspian Tern | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Least Tern | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Rock Dove | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 6 |
| Mourning Dove | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Common Ground-Dove | 06/05/93 BSG 15; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 8; 08/18/93 HHCL 10 |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | 06/05/93 BSG 11; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 11; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 20; |
| Greater Roadrunner | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 28; 08/18/93 HHCL 5 |
| Great Horned Owl | 06/15/93 HH&PT 1 |
| Common Nighthawk | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Chuck-will's-widow | 08/14/93 HHO 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 1; 08/25/93 LR 1 |
| Chimney Swift | 08/18/93 RO 1 |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | 08/24/93 HH&PT 4 |
| Belted Kingfisher | 07/20/93 HH&PT 3 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 3; 08/18/93 HHCL 3 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 07/29/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/01/93 GB 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/15/93 MM 25; 08/18/93 HHCL 2 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 08/25/93 HH&PT 2 |
| Red-cockaded Woodpecker | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 2 |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Willow Flycatcher | 06/05/93 BSG 3 |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 08/08/93 HHPTCL 2 |
| Eastern Kingbird | 08/24/93 HH&PT 2 |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Purple Martin | 08/08/93 HHPTCL 1 |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 5 |
| Cliff Swallow | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Barn Swallow | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Blue Jay | 06/05/93 BSG 8; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 8 |
| American Crow | 06/05/93 BSG 20; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4 |
| Fish Crow | 06/05/93 BSG 25; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 120; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 5; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 6 |
| Carolina Chickadee | 06/05/93 BSG 30; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 60; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 30; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 9 |
| Tufted Titmouse | 06/05/93 BSG 12; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/14/93 HHO 3 |
| Brown-headed Nuthatch | 06/05/93 BSG 14; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 10; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 10; |
| Carolina Wren | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 15; 08/18/93 HHCL 4 |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; |
| Eastern Bluebird | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 3; 08/21/93 LR 1 |
| Wood Thrush | 06/05/93 BSG 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; 08/14/93 HHO 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 2 |
| American Robin | 06/05/93 BSG 5; 08/18/93 HHCL 2 |
| Northern Mockingbird | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 08/14/93 HHO 4; 08/18/93 HHCL 3 |
| | 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| | 06/05/93 BSG 7; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 3; 08/14/93 HHO 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 5 |
| | 06/27/93 LR 1 |
| | 08/14/93 HHO 2; 08/24/93 GB 2; 08/24/93 HH&PT 4 |
| | 06/05/93 BSG 8; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 3; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; |

| Common Name | Data |
|-------------------------|---|
| Loggerhead Shrike | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 8; 08/18/93 HHCL 2 |
| European Starling | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/18/93 HHCL 3 |
| White-eyed Vireo | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 200; 08/18/93 HHCL 6 |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | 06/05/93 BSG 6; 08/18/93 HHCL 4 |
| Red-eyed Vireo | 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Northern Parula | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 08/18/93 HHCL 2 |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 06/05/93 BSG 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Pine Warbler | 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Prairie Warbler | 06/05/93 BSG 10 |
| Kentucky Warbler | 06/05/93 BSG 2 |
| Common Yellowthroat | 06/05/93 BSG 2 |
| Hooded Warbler | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1 |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 08/18/93 HHCL 1 |
| Northern Cardinal | 06/05/93 BSG 12; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 1; |
| | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/24/93 GB 6 |
| Blue Grosbeak | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 15 |
| Indigo Bunting | 06/05/93 BSG 10; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2; 08/18/93 HHCL 20 |
| Painted Bunting | 06/05/93 BSG 4; 08/18/93 HHCL 4 |
| Dickcissel | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 42 |
| Rufous-sided Towhee | 06/05/93 BSG 1 |
| Bachman's Sparrow | 06/05/93 BSG 1 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 06/05/93 BSG 12 |
| Lark Sparrow | 08/25/93 HHAPT 2 |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 06/05/93 BSG 8; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 50; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 40; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 100 |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 06/05/93 BSG 12; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 3; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 6 |
| Common Grackle | 06/05/93 BSG 14; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 6; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 4; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 2 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 06/05/93 BSG 10; 07/29/93 HHCLPT 14; 08/08/93 HHCLPT 15; 08/18/93 HHCL 4 |
| Orchard Oriole | 08/08/93 HHCLPT 8 |
| House Sparrow | 06/05/93 BSG 4 |

Printed 264 records of 108 species.

BIRD HOTSPOTS!

The very popular Bird Hotspots series will continue this year. Leading off will be the Red River Experimental Station, compiled by Bill Wood. Anyone with ideas or suggestions on hotspots to be profiled should contact Larry Raymond, Jim Ingold, or any member of the Board of Directors of the Bird Study Group.

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RED RIVER EXPERIMENTAL STATION

by Bill Wood

Although the Red River Experimental Station is state owned property, permission is required each time you go there to bird. Dr. McBride has been kind enough to allow birders use of the station and will continue to do so as long as birders comply with the following guidelines. First, call Dr. McBride at 741-7430 to receive permission before your planned visit. No one is in the Red River Experimental Station offices on weekends and holidays. Secondly, do not drive on the roads that surround the fields. Park in front of the offices and walk the roads. **DO NOT WALK INTO THE FIELDS.** Finally, do not drive on the roads to the personnel living quarters or disturb the station personnel. If you are questioned as to your presents politely inform them that you are birding and you received permission from Dr. McBride.

The habitats at this location vary, but are mostly open fields. There are several long fencerows and a small section of riparian habitat. The station is close to the Red River, a migrational route for shorebirds and hawks. You may want to make a loop by walking the outside roads that divide the fields. You can spend as little as two hours and as much as half a day depending on the amount of activity.

WINTER - Most of the records at this location come during the winter months. In the open fields look for Horned Lark, Water Pipit, Lark Sparrow, and Meadowlarks. Most of the Meadowlarks are Eastern. However, Western Meadowlarks can be heard if you're familiar with their call. You may also find large flocks Common Grackles, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and possible some Brewer's Blackbirds. Along the fencerows most winter sparrow can be observed. Look for Savannah, Song, Lincoln's, Vesper, Fox, White-throated, White-crowned, Swamp, and occasional Harris'. Along the small bayou look for Eastern Phoebe, Red-tailed Hawk, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pied-billed Grebe, and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Double-crested Cormorants may be seen in good numbers as they flew to and from the river. Anhingas are unusual but possible.

SPRING - Several late winter species may still be found in early spring. You may hear Ruby-crowned Kinglets and several species of sparrows singing. Scan the fields for migrating shorebirds such as Western, Least, White-rumped, Spotted, and Solitary Sandpipers, especially after rains. Also look for migrating hawks, especially Broad-winged. The fencerows may yield Indigo and Painted Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, and Orchard Oriole. Migrating warblers such as Black-throated Green, Nashville, Black and White, and Yellow-breasted Chat can be located in the trees along the bayou.

SUMMER - Few records are available during the summer months. Look for Lark Sparrows, may nest, and flocks of blackbirds in the open fields. Along the fencerows you may find Blue Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting. Northern Oriole, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Wood Duck, and Sharp-shinned Hawk, may be discovered along the bayou. During late summer there is a dispersal of immature egrets, herons, and Wood Storks. Look for Wood Storks around late August as well as Little Blues, Snowy, and possible Louisiana Heron.

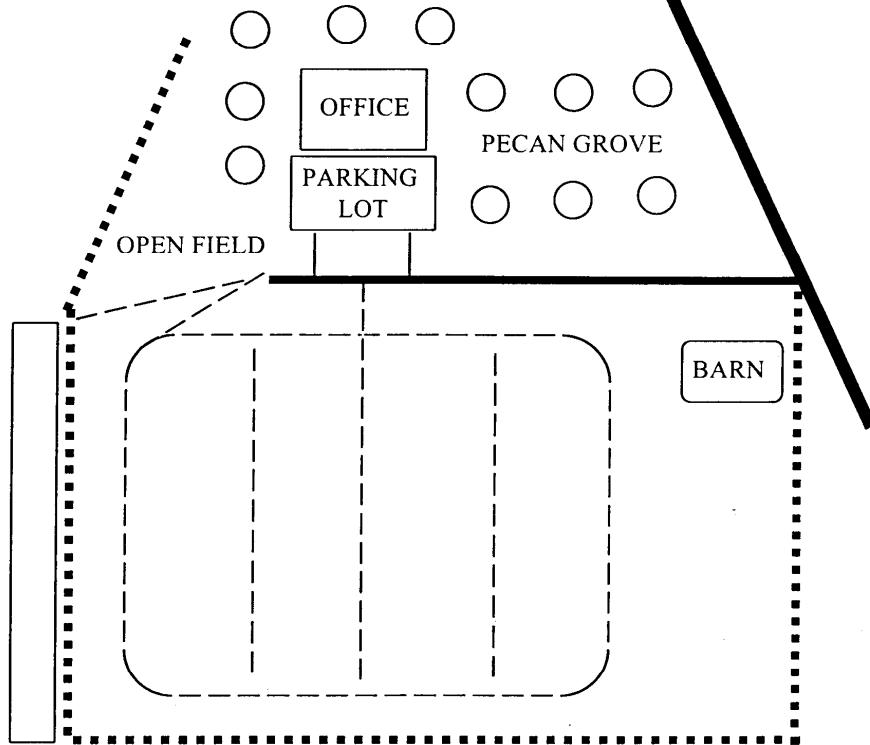
FALL - Again, look for migrating shorebirds and hawks as many of these species use the Red River as a migration route. Caspian Tern is a possibility. Look for flycatchers, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Gray Catbird and other migrating warblers along the small bayou.

RED RIVER EXPERIMENTAL STATION

From Bossier City drive south 3.1 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 71 and the Hwy. 511 (Jimmy Davis Hwy.). Turn right just past the station sign and before the barn. Park in the parking lot in front of the office. DO NOT DRIVE ON THE DIRT ROADS.

< -- HIGHWAY 71 SOUTH

Check the Pecan Grove and the scrub around the office for woodpeckers, warblers, for finches. In opens fields scan for Horned Larks and pipits. Sparrows, up to 8 species, should be plentiful along the fencerows.



MAP NOT TO SCALE

The trees around the bayou should yield woopeckers, fly-catchers, warblers, catbirds, egrets, herons, and hawks. In short grassy areas you should find meadowlarks and Morning Doves. This location is a good place to look for migrating hawks and shorebirds in spring and fall as it borders the Red River.

| Legend | |
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| Fences | |
| Dirt roads | ----- |
| Pecan Orchard | ○ |
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| Highway | ———— |