



BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER



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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, 12 September 1989, 7:00 PM at the Museum. The speaker will be John McBride, who will present a program entitled *Hawk Watching in Louisiana*. This will be an important preparation for all of those birders who wish to participate in the First Annual Hawk Migration Watch, scheduled for 23 and 24 of September (See article inside).

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Thursday, 12 October 1989, 7:00 PM. This will be the first meeting for the new year. The place will be announced in the next Newsletter.

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VOTE ON DUES INCREASE AT NEXT MEETING *****

During the September meeting a motion will be presented from the Board of Directors to the membership to increase the annual dues from \$5.00 per year to \$10.00 per year. Please be present at this important meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING . . .

July 11, 1989. Meeting called to order by Steve Klotz. Treasurer reported that the balance stands at \$1,433.90.

Bill Wood handed out new Phone Tree

lists. These will enable the quick spread of sightings of new or unusual birds to those who desired to be on the list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The group will participate in a nation-wide Hawk Watch on September 23 and 24. Wallace Lake Dam will be the site; 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. is the time for the watch.

Be aware that mid-August is a good time to watch for shorebird migration.

There will be no August meeting.

The fifteen nominees to the Board presented were accepted by acclamation. The new Board will meet after this meeting [July 11] to confirm officers for the coming year.

Pat Lonacker presented slides of birds

found in wet areas: Ovenbird, Wilson's Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Palm Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Woodcock, Great Blue Heron, Tricolored Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Green-backed Heron, Snowy Egret, and Little Blue Heron.

Barbara MacRoberts presented the program on "Floristics of Louisiana Bogs." She explained the current status of Louisiana bogs, and work being done in conjunction with the U. S. Forest Service on conservation of Kisatchie National Forest.

The meeting was adjourned.

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GOOD BIRDING!

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING . . .**

Newly elected president Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m., 10 August 1989, at the home of Will Smolenski. Board members attending the meeting were Bill Wood, Will Smolenski, Larry Raymond, Robert Wommack, James McCain, Jr., Bill Hall, Shirley Huss, Bette Mason, Gloria Frantom, and John Frantom. Also present were Pat Lonacker and Teresa Thrash. The meeting began with introductions of members present.

Several items of new business were discussed. Bill Wood suggested that the Board consider raising the cost of general membership dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year. At our present membership of 143 members, it costs \$2.75 of our dues each year to cover the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. Bette Mason made a motion to recommend to the general membership that annual dues be increased to \$10.00 beginning in October, 1989. Bill Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The general membership will vote on this motion at the September 12 meeting. The sustaining membership will remain at \$25.00 per person. Will

Smolenski reported that he had contacted Hearth and Home concerning placing an ad in the Newsletter. They appeared receptive if the cost were no more than \$5.00 to \$10.00 per issue. Bill Wood asked Will to meet with Mac Hardy to discuss any changes in format of the Newsletter that might be necessary to allow advertisements, and then to report back to the Board with a recommendation.

Bill Wood suggested that we look into the possibility of using recycled paper for our Newsletter. He will look into the costs of the paper and the possibility of buying paper in conjunction with the Sierra Club, and then report back to the Board. Bill emphasized the potential promotional benefits recycled paper could mean for our group.

A discussion of the need to establish standing committees for the Gift Shop, bird feed, Newsletter, membership, outings, and programs followed. The Board agreed to announce that these committees exist and that all volunteers who wish to serve on them are welcome. Committee chairmen need to contact birdgroup members and solicit help as well. Bette Mason suggested that the committees be listed as a regular feature of the Newsletter.

Pat Lonacker indicated the need for either a hospitality person or committee to greet new people that come to our meetings. After some discussion, the Board agreed to ask Velda Nielson to assume responsibility for this role. Bill Hall asked that we start using name tags again. The Board also agreed that Board members need to arrive early for meetings to help greet visitors and members [and to help with refreshments, Treasurers table, name tags, room arrangement, projector, etc. before the meeting -- LMH].

The need for someone to help Bette take money at the door for memberships, bird seed, etc. was discussed. Shirley Huss volunteered to help Bette with this task.

The need for more publicity was discussed. Will has been taking care of publicity for us, and he agreed to continue doing so in addition to his other duties. Will reported that the papers usually print the information that he feeds them.

The Board discussed the program format and agreed to continue with the same format that has been used. Several program ideas were suggested to Will. The possibility of developing an exchange with other groups in the state for programs and outings was discussed too.

The purchase of binoculars for use on outings by members or other individuals who do not own binoculars was discussed. The Board decided that the need was not sufficient at this time to invest in several pairs of binoculars. However, the subject was tabled until the next Board meeting when additional information may be introduced.

Bill Wood announced that a tour of the Kisatchie National Forest will be held on August 26 to observe the progress of the land management plan for the forest. The tour will begin at 9 a.m. at the Alexandria Forestry Center. For more information, contact Jim Caldwell at 473-7168.

After some discussion, the Board decided to make the building of a flight cage for raptor rehabilitation at the Walter B. Jacob's Memorial Nature Park the major project for this year. Will made the motion, Shirley seconded, and the Board voted unanimous approval. Bill Wood and others will pursue the acquisition of suitable plans.

Bill Hall suggested that we attach membership forms to everything we sell --bird feed, bird houses, books, etc.

Bette Mason reminded us that all checks require two signatures. She and Mac Hardy are the two persons presently authorized to sign the checks. The Board voted to stay with these two signatures.

Will then showed us the bird houses for wrens and chickadees that he made from old fencing material. These houses are for sale at the Museum for \$3.00 each. Although several Board members urged Will to put a higher price on the houses, he plans to stay with the lower price for now.

Two items of old business were discussed. Will asked for a report on the status of plans for Clyde Fant Parkway development. Larry reported that he contacted the city and was informed that a committee was being formed to study future plans for development along the parkway. The city requested two names from our group to place on the committee. Mac Hardy and Steve Klotz's names were submitted. Hopefully, they will be contacted soon for an informational meeting.

Bill Wood reported that he is still working on a favorite birding spots pamphlet.

No other business being brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Larry R. Raymond, Secretary.

WREN NEST BOX

Nest boxes for wrens or chickadees are now available in the Gift Shop. These attractive boxes were made by Will Smolenski and are being sold for \$3.00 each. A real bargain!

FIELD TRIP

Our first field trip this fall will be on September 9. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Jack-in-the-Box located at the intersection of Bert Kouns and Youree Drive. The group will be back before noon. Steve Klotz will be the leader.

HAWK MIGRATION WATCH

The First Annual Hawk Migration Watch will take place on September 23 and 24 at Wallace Lake Dam. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and go until around 1:00 p.m. Some things you will need to bring are: sunscreen, insect repellent, lawn chair, something to drink, and of course your binoculars. Remember there are quite a few fire ant mounds on the level so take caution where you stand. Unfortunately, no rest room facilities are available, but there is a store a few miles away. This will be a new adventure for all of us so do not miss it.

BACKYARD & BEYOND

Bill Wood conducted a 2-hour presentation on bird identification, including slides and tips for attracting birds to your back yard, on August 22 and 31 for the Added Dimension Learning Center.

BIRD NOTES -- JULY & AUGUST

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August 28, 1989

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Dates and reporters are as follows: AE -- Ann Elston, July 28 (Highway 71), August 23 (Taylortown, Evangeline); CF -- Carol Foster, August 23 (residence); VLG -- Vera Lee Grubbs, August 20 (Bickham-Dickson Park), August 24, 26 (residence); BH -- Bill Hall, July 29 (Bickham-Dickson Park), July 30, August 18, & August 26 (residence), August 26 (Bickham-Dickson Park); BH, LR, & MH -- Bill Hall, Larry Raymond, and Mac Hardy, July 30 (Bickham-Dickson Park); HH -- Helen Hood, August 17 (residence); SH -- Shirley Huss, August 15 & 16 (residence); JMcC -- James McCain, August 17 (Trinity Heights), August 23 (residence); JM -- John McBride, August 12 (12 Mile Bayo), August 13 (near Gamma rd. & Whiskey rd.); August 17 (jct. N. Market & I-220); LR -- Larry Raymond, July 22 (Jacobs Nature Park), August 1 (Wallace Lake Dam); GW -- George Wilson, August 24 (residence);

COMMON NAME	DATA
Anhinga	Aug. 26 (BH 1)
Great Blue Heron	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 23 (CF 1);
Great Egret	July 23 (BH 2); July 30 (BH, LR, MH 4)
Snowy Egret	July 23 (BH 3); July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 26 (BH 2)
Little Blue Heron	July 23 (BH 2); July 30 (BH, LR, MH 4); Aug. 20 (VLG 2); Aug. 26 (BH 1)
Tricolored Heron	Aug. 17 (JM 1)
Cattle Egret	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 23 (CF 3); Aug. 26 (BH 1)
Green-backed Heron	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 26 (BH 1)
White Ibis	Aug. 1 (LR 4); Aug. 13 (JM 2)
Roseate Spoonbill	Aug. 6 (JM 3)
Wood Stork	Aug. 17 (JM 1)
Snow Goose	July 28 (AE 400)
Blue-winged Teal	Aug. 23 (AE 4)
Mississippi Kite	Aug. 15 (SH 1); Aug. 24 (VLG 3); Aug. 26 (VLG 1); Aug. 17 (JMcC 2); Aug. 23 (AE 3)
Red-shouldered Hawk	Aug. 23 (JMcC 1)
Broad-winged Hawk	Aug. 23 (JMcC 1)
Killdeer	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 16); Aug. 26 (BH 1)
Upland Sandpiper	Aug. 13 (JM 1)
Mourning Dove	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 7)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	July 22 (LR 1); July 30 (BH, LR, MH 2)
Barred Owl	Aug. 23 (CF 1)
Common Nighthawk	Aug. 16 (SH 1)
Chimney Swift	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1)
Belted Kingfisher	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 26 (BH 1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 3)
Downy Woodpecker	July 22 (LR 1); July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1)
Pileated Woodpecker	July 22 (LR 1); Aug. 23 (CF 1)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 23 (CF 1)
Eastern Kingbird	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 7)
Purple Martin	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 5)
Blue Jay	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 2)
American Crow	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 9)
Fish Crow	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 30)
Carolina Chickadee	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 23 (CF 2)
Tufted Titmouse	Aug. 23 (CF 2)
White-breasted Nuthatch	Aug. 23 (CF 2)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Aug. 23 (CF 2)
Carolina Wren	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 23 (CF 2)
Bewick's Wren	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	July 22 (LR 1); Aug. 16 (BH 2); Aug. 26 (BH 1)
Eastern Bluebird	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 8); Aug. 23 (CF 5)
American Robin	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 3)
Northern Mockingbird	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 8)
Loggerhead Shrike	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 2)
European Starling	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 5)
White-eyed Vireo	July 22 (LR 1)
Red-eyed Vireo	July 22 (LR 1)

low-throated Warbler	Aug. 23 (CF 2)
Blue Warbler	Aug. 17 (HH 1); Aug. 23 (CF 1)
Kentucky Warbler	July 30 (BH 1)
Summer Tanager	July 22 (LR 1); Aug. 17 (HH 2); Aug. 23 (CF 1)
Scarlet Tanager	Aug. 24 (GW 2)
Northern Cardinal	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1); Aug. 23 (CF 2)
Blue Grosbeak	July 22 (LR 2)
Indigo Bunting	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1)
Painted Bunting	July 22 (LR 1)
Common Grackle	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 10)
Brown-headed Cowbird	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 35)
Northern Oriole	July 30 (BH, LR, MH 1)
House Sparrow	July 30 (BH, LR, MH many)

Total: 61 species.

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YARD BIRDS!!

Anyone who sees any unusual birds, rare sightings, uncommon migrants, or birds not commonly seen in residential areas should report the sightings to either Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or Connie Connors (865-6422). If it is a bird that others would probably want to see and it is likely to remain in the area for a few hours, also report it to the Rare Bird Hotline (226-7174).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING...

The regular meeting of the Bird Study Group was called to order by President Bill Wood at 7:05 P.M. on September 12, 1989, in the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences. Everyone in attendance introduced himself or herself to help us get better acquainted. Several new visitors were in attendance.

Bill then thanked those officers who served last year, especially Steve Klotz for leading us through another very

successful year.

The various committees were then discussed. Vice-president, program chairman, and publicity contact, Will Smolenski (allegedly retired), requested ideas from the membership on types of programs and/or speakers to present programs. Teresa Thrash, giftshop chairman, should be contacted about special items people may want. Mac Hardy, newsletter editor, posted several lists of the membership. He indicated that one of the lists was of members whose memberships would expire in the next month. These individuals need to be sure and renew their membership before the next newsletter. Betty Mason suggested that everyone keep their membership receipts until they verify that their membership is recorded correctly on the computer labels. Shirley Huss, membership chairperson, was also recognized.

At this time, Pat Lonacker made a motion from the floor, based on a recommendation from the board, to raise annual dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a year, effective October 1, 1989. Patron members would still pay \$25.00 annually. Margaret Fontaine seconded the motion. After some discussion, it was agreed that dues paid before October 1 would be at the old rate of \$5.00 and be good for one year from the time of renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

Will reported that the Telephone Pioneer Club voted to spend \$1,000 to purchase materials to build a raptor rehabilitation cage at the Walter Jacobs Nature Park. The building of this flight cage was adopted as our major project this year at the last board meeting. The Pioneer Club also volunteered their time and talents to construct the cage. Larry Raymond explained the purpose of the cage to the members present. Bill instructed the secretary to send a formal thank you from the bird group at the appropriate time.

Will reported that he plans to make more bird houses to sell and welcomed any volunteers who want to help. The houses he had in stock at the Museum sold out

before the meeting began.

Larry provided an update on the Clyde Fant Parkway development plans. He repeated the information given at the board meeting of 10 August 1989 reported in the September newsletter.

Bill reminded everyone of the hawk watch scheduled to begin at 8 A.M. on September 23rd and 24th at the Wallace Lake dam site. Those wanting to participate were advised to bring lunch, drinks, insect repellent, binoculars, field guides and a lounge chair. Bill informed us that as many as 250,000 raptors pass through our area every year.

Betty presented the treasurer's report under other business. She reported a balance last meeting of \$1,433.90. Since then we have had income of \$208.05, and expenses of \$283.56, leaving a balance of \$1,358.39 this month.

Bill Hall discussed his latest efforts in the war against squirrels that get in his hanging bird feeders. He knows someone who will make a 21 inch acrylic disc to place above the feeders which he guarantees will keep the squirrels out of the bird seed. Bill will take orders for these discs which sell for \$15.00 each. Will reported that a 12 inch disc he made out of thick plastic keeps squirrels from getting to his pole feeder.

Pat reviewed her slides of birds found in wet areas presented at the last meeting, and then introduced us to sandpipers we might see in our area, especially during migration. She showed and described Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, and Spotted Sandpiper.

John McBride presented a very informative program on hawk identification to prepare us for the hawk watch later in the month. He showed slides and discussed diagnostic characteristics of the vultures, kites, falcons, accipiters, and buteos we might see in our area. He concluded the program with a quick quiz and review of

what we had learned.

Bill asked if anyone from our group would like to represent us at Family Hunting and Fishing Day at Bodcau WMA on September 23rd. If so, they can ride with Mac Hardy who is going to represent the LSUS Biology Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Larry R. Raymond, Secretary

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BIRD WATCHING ON PBS

The Public Broadcasting System (PBS) is now airing a weekly program produced by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries called the *Louisiana Conservationist TV Magazine*. The program on 12 October, 7:30 PM, will feature bird-watching.

Also, on October 26 the topic of the *Louisiana Conservationist TV Magazine* will be returning Wild Turkeys back to the wild.

NEW DUES PASSED

Beginning on 1 October 1989 the annual dues for membership in the ArkLa-Tex Bird Study Group of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study, Inc. will be \$10.00 per year. This is still a small amount to pay for eleven programs, eleven Newsletters, eleven social gatherings with other birders, two major all-day bird outings, numerous half-day outings, and other opportunities for birding trips to other areas. All subscription payments are for one year and may be accumulated.

We would like to continue to build the membership in the Bird Study Group in order to reach more birders and to better assure our continuity and stability. If you know anyone interested in birds encourage them to join the Bird Study Group. When your membership runs out be sure to rejoin and continue the support that you have provided in the past.

HAWK WATCH ***

The Hawk Watch held on September 23rd reported 60+ Black Vultures, 40+ Turkey Vultures, 2 Sharp-shinned Hawks, and one hawk that was unidentified.

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COMMON NAME	DATA
Double-crested Cormorant	Sep. 21 (BW 1); 23 (HWP 6)
Anhinga	Sep. 23 (HWP 1)
Great Blue Heron	Sep. 10 (VN 1); 17 (HH 2); 22 (VN 2); 23 (HWP 2)
Great Egret	Sep. 10 (VN 2); 11 (SH 2); 16 (SH 33); 21 (BW 38); 22 (VN 3)
Snowy Egret	Sep. 2 (PD 1); 17 (HH 25); 21 (BW 4)
Little Blue Heron	Sep. 16 (SH 5); 17 (HH 2)
Tricolored Heron	Sep. 2 (PD 1); 23 (BBW 1)
Cattle Egret	Sep. 23 (MH 40); 17 (HH 48)
Green-backed Heron	Sep. 10 (VN 1); 21 (BW 1)
Wood Stork	Sep. 3 (PD 40); 17 (HH 1)
Wood Duck	Sep. 23 (BBW 6)
Green-winged Teal	Sep. 12 (PD 6)
Blue-winged Teal	Aug. 27-Sep. 27 (PD 12-150); 23 (BBW 15)
Red-shouldered Hawk	Sep. 10 (VN 1); 22 (VN 1)
American Coot	Sep. 17 (HH 60); 23 (HWP 1)
Killdeer	Sep. 10 (VN 1); 16 (SH 4); 22 (VN 1)
American Avocet	Sep. 23 (BBW 2)
Greater Yellowlegs	Sep. 23 (BBW 1)
Lesser Yellowlegs	Sep. 17 (SH 1)
Spotted Sandpiper	Sep. 9 (SH 3)
Least Sandpiper	Sep. 18 (BBW 8); 23 (BBW 10)
Long-billed Dowitcher	Sep. 23 (BBW 6)
Mourning Dove	Sep. 24 (JM 5)
Barred Owl	Sep. 24 (JM 1)
Common Nighthawk	Sep. 6 (SH 3); Sep. 7 (SH 2)
Whip-poor-will	Sep. 12 (PD 1)
Chimney Swift	Sep. 13 (SK 1000); 22 (SH 1000)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Sep. 22 (PL 1); 23 (AB 2)
Belted Kingfisher	Sep. 22 (VN 2)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Sep. 23 (AB 1); 24 (JM 1); 25 (VN 1)
Downy Woodpecker	Sep. 23 (HWP 1)
Northern Flicker	Sep. 20 (BBW 1)
Pileated Woodpecker	Sep. 25 (VN 1)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Sep. 10 (VN 1)
Acadian Flycatcher	Sep. 24 (JM 1)
Eastern Phoebe	Sep. 22 (VN 2)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Sep. 17 (SH 50); 22 (VN 2); 23 (BBW 15); 29 (SH & PL 10)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Sep. 16 (SH 6)
Barn Swallow	Sep. 16 (SH 1)
Blue Jay	Sep. 24 (JM 4)
Carolina Chickadee	Sep. 23 (HWP 1); 25 (VN 4)
Tufted Titmouse	Sep. 25 (VN 4)
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sep. 24 (JM 1)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Sep. 22 (WE 2); 25 (VN 4)
Carolina Wren	Sep. 22 (VN 1)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Sep. 7 (VN 2); 20 (BBW 1); 23 (HWP 1)
Eastern Bluebird	Sep. 10 (VN 3); 20 (BBW 6); 24 (JM 1)
Gray Catbird	Sep. 24 (JM 1)
Northern Mockingbird	Sep. 24 (JM 1)
Brown Thrasher	Sep. 24 (JM 1)

Red-eyed Vireo
Pine Warbler
American Redstart
✓ Common Yellowthroat
Summer Tanager
Eastern Meadowlark

Sep. 7 (VN 1)
Sep. 20 (BBW 1); 25 (VN 3)
Sep. 9 (GF 1 male)
Sep. 23 (HWP 2)
Sep. 10 (VN 1); 22 (VN 3); 25 (VN 1)
Sep. 17 (SH 3)

Total = 56 species

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Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
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Phone (Home) _____, (work) _____

Membership Category: Regular ____(\$10.00) Sustaining ____(\$25.00)

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MEMBERSHIP -- Shirley Huss
NEWSLETTER -- Mac Hardy
OUTINGS -- Steve Klotz
PROGRAMS -- Will Smolenski

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, 14 November 1989, 7:00 PM, at the Museum of Life Sciences. Paul Dickson will present a program on *Duck Identification*. Pat Lonnecker will continue her popular series on bird identification.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 14 December 1989, 7:00 PM, at the Museum. Refreshments will be available. Please try to attend; this will be the last meeting of the Board before the Christmas Bird Counts.

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the Bird Study Group was called to order by President Bill Wood at 7:10 P.M. on October 10, 1989, in the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences. Guests present at the meeting were acknowledged.

The treasurer's report was then given. The old balance was reported to be \$1,358.39, with income of \$552.00, and

disbursements of \$210.00. The new balance is \$1,700.39.

Will Smolenski reported that the program at next month's meeting will be a talk on ducks by Paul Dickson.

Will also reported that the raptor cage for Walter Jacobs Nature Park will be constructed in November if the weather cooperates. Volunteers are needed to help. Six Pioneers have volunteered to build the 24' x 12' x 10' high cage.

The Fall meeting of the LOS will be

held October 20-22 in Cameron. Shirley Huss has applications and presented a brief itinerary.

An outing to be led by Bill Wood is planned for 8:00 A.M. on October 21 at the Bickham Dickson Park. Bill plans to walk along the levee looking for migratory birds.

Everyone was reminded to get bird reports to Shirley Huss and Vera Lee Grubbs.

Mac Hardy reported that recent income has allowed us to increase the number of pages in the newsletter. Mac stated that the format has changed slightly, and he would like some feedback from the members.

Bill Wood reported that we will soon be changing to recycled paper. The cost will be slightly higher, but our group will make a statement about our feelings toward the environment.

Teresa Thrash presented the gift shop report. She is looking for a new supplier of bird seed. Thistle seed is here, but is not bagged. Call for these at the end of the week.

Bill Wood requested that volunteers to bag birdseed meet before the regularly scheduled monthly meetings at 5:45 P.M.

It was announced that PBS, Channel 24 (Channel 11, cable), is presenting a weekly program, Louisiana Conservationist PB Magazine. This week's Thursday program is on bird watching. On October 26, a program about reestablishing the wild turkey will be aired.

Pat Lonnecker showed slides and described the common owls of our area. Bill Wood provided accompanying recorded calls.

Mac Hardy presented a very informative program on the feeding habits of barn owls.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, October 12, at the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Special thanks to Teresa for taking notes at the meeting.

Larry R. Raymond, Secretary

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Acting Chairman, Will Smolenski, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M., 12 October 1989, at the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences. Board members attending the meeting were Ann Elston, Shirley Huss, Will Smolenski, Bill Hall, Connie Conners, Robert Wommack, Bette Mason, Charles Lyon, Marilyn Kircus, Mac Hardy, and Larry Raymond. Also present were Pat Lonnecker and Teresa Thrash.

REMINDER

If your membership expires this month be sure to pay your dues at the next meeting or earlier. The BIRD STUDY GROUP depends upon your support for much of the good work that the organization accomplishes. Check your membership and bring a friend to the next meeting.

GOOD BIRDING!

Will asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as recorded in the newsletter.

Bette Mason reported a balance of \$1,700.39 in the treasury.

Will led a discussion on the use of recycled paper for our newsletter. A vote on this issue was postponed until Larry gets with the Sierra Club on possibly buying in bulk with them. Several board members were concerned that recycled paper may be too expensive for the small amount of paper our groups uses.

A membership report was given listing 118 paid members, 23 members that have

not renewed, 15 gratis members, and 184 people who are on the computer list, but have never paid. Mac proposed sending a form by first class mail to people whose membership will expire. After some discussion, it was decided to send a membership renewal notice using the format proposed by Mac. Larry seconded Mac's motion which passed unanimously.

Mac further proposed sending an "Invitation" to join the group to the 184 people who have never paid. If they do not respond to the invitation, their names will be removed from the computer list. After several changes were suggested, the board agreed to fund a one-time mailing.

The board discussed upcoming programs. Will announced that Paul Dickson will do the November program on duck identification. Pat Lonacker agreed to show slides of birds we might see on the Christmas Bird Count at the December meeting. Charles Lyon agreed to present a program at the December meeting on sparrow identification. In January, Teresa Thrash will present a video on "Attracting Birds to Your Backyard" narrated by Roger Tory Peterson.

Mac requested filler material for the newsletter. Everyone is invited to submit newsworthy material.

Marilyn Kircus suggested that we encourage members to write Governor Roemer and our congressmen asking them to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a National Park in the Atchafalaya Basin.

Charles Lyon was the only member present who indicated he plans to attend the LOS meeting in Cameron.

The board discussed the need to purchase additional slides of birds to build up a collection for use in programs.

Teresa reported that she is looking for new catalog material for the gift shop. The board suggested several items that we should consider offering for sale, especially since the Christmas

season is approaching. Mac agreed to check with Jim Stewart about the possibility of selling red-cockaded woodpecker pins designed by Jim.

The board discussed at length plans for selling bird seed. Teresa is going to check with Glamour Home Products concerning their plans for selling seed. Pat suggested that we place flyers at Hearth and Home advertising that we are selling seed if they are not going to handle seed. Bill Hall made a motion to raise the price of our seed to increase our profit margin to a more realistic level. After some discussion, the board agreed to raise the price of the 10 lb. bags of sunflower to make a 37 1/2% profit. The current price of \$3 per 10 lb. bag will increase to \$4. The price of 50 lb. bags of sunflower will remain the same - \$15 or 17% profit. The price of a 3 lb. bag of niger will be increased to \$6, or a 32 1/2% profit. Mixed 20 lb. bags of seed will sell for \$5, a 36% profit. Hulled sunflower will be sold at a 35% profit if it can be found. The board agreed to try and keep these profit margins as the price of seed fluctuates.

The board agreed that Will is doing an outstanding job with publicity and urged him to keep up the good work.

Shirley announced that there will be a Rivershape Forum on riverfront development, Tuesday, October 24. If possible, someone from our group should try and attend the daytime or evening session.

Connie reported that the bird reports were working smoothly.

Under new business, Ann suggested that we get the dates of the Christmas bird counts in the newsletter.

Will requested that we buy a podium light and fund a speaker system for the museum to use during our bird programs. After some discussion, Will proposed that we spend up to \$100 to fund this project by the next meeting. Larry seconded the motion and the board agreed to the expenditure. Mac and Will plan to get

together on what is needed and find someone to help install the system.

Ann suggested that we all need to be more courteous listeners during the programs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.
Larry R. Raymond, Secretary

BIRD WALK

A bird walk will be led by Bill Wood on November 11, Saturday, from 7:00 AM. until noon. Meet at the What-a-burger on North Market. Participants will car-pool from there on a bird-watching tour around the vicinity of Cross Lake. Beginner's are urged to attend. This is an excellent warm-up for the Christmas Birds Counts this winter.

RAPTOR CAGE

Volunteers are needed to help build the new raptor cage at Walter Jacobs Nature Park. Contact Will Smolenski, phone 865-2938, if you can help with this project.

NEW FEED PRICES

New prices are now in effect for bird feed sold by the Bird Study Group through the Gift Shop at the Museum. These are still the best prices in the area.

BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER, 50 lb.....	\$15.00
BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER, 10 lb.....	4.00
MIXED SEED, 20 lb.....	5.00
NIGER THISTLE, 3 lb.....	6.00

Help support the Bird Study Group by buying all of your bird feed and other birding supplies from the Gift Shop. Also, encourage your friends to support the Bird Study Group. The prices are competitive and the cause is worthy.

STERLING LACY TO SPEAK IN MINDEN

Sterling Lack, President of the Arkansas Ornithological Society, will give a slide show and talk on the Birds of Arkansas at 7:00 PM on November 14th, at the Minden Presbyterian Church. Thanks to Mrs. Warren Lambard of Minden for sending this to the Newsletter.

GIFT IDEAS

If you have any ideas on how to improve the Gift Shop please contact Teresa Thrash, phone 687-8532. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

MARDI GRAS 1990 IN COSTA RICA

The Louisiana Ornithological Society is sponsoring a birding tour of Costa Rica on February 23 -- March 5, 1990. This is specially designed for first time tropical birders. The price of \$1,850.00 includes airfare from New Orleans, ground transportation, lodging in hotels, most meals, entrances to parks and reserves, and services of a bilingual guide. For complete details contact tour coordinator: Nancy Newfield, 3016 45th Street, Metairie, LA 70001, Phone (504) 888-3028. Deadline for reservations is November 10, 1989.

THANKS TO PAT AND SHIRLEY!

Shirley Huss has accepted the responsibility of updating our membership records on the computer. Also, Pat Lonacker, for several months now, has been in charge of getting the Newsletter mailed each month. Anyone who would like to give these ladies some help with these jobs please give them a call (Shirley, 865-5959; Pat, 865-4701). Many thanks for assisting in these needed jobs.

BIRD NOTES -- OCTOBER

Compiled
October 25, 1989

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Dates and reporters are as follows: JBA -- Joe and Betty Ashley, Oct. 9 (U.S. Hwy. 71 at Atkins Clarke Rd., La. Hwy. 154, near dam), Oct. 12 (Clyde Fant Parkway); AB -- Alice Babers, Oct. 21, 22 (residence); WC -- Norma Cobb, Oct. 16, 21 (residence); BBD -- Betty and Bob Duvall, Oct. 21 (Bickham-Dickson Park); WAE -- Willard and Ann Elston, Sep. 28, Oct. 5, 14, 22 (residence), Oct. 8 (U.S. Hwy. 71); CF -- Carol Foster, Oct. 20 (residence); BSG -- Bird Study Group, Bill Wood, Oct. 21 (Bickham-Dickson Park); VLG -- Vera Lee Grubbs, Oct. 5, 6, 17, 18, 25 (residence); SH -- Shirley Huss, Oct. 24 (La. Hwy. 3 in Bossier Parish); MK -- Marilyn Kircus, Oct. 19 (residence); SK -- Steve Klotz, Oct. 15 (Broadmoor area), Oct. 16 (residence), Oct. 22 (Benton); CL -- Charles Lyon, Sep. 24 (near Hainesville, Claiborne Parish); Oct. 15 (Bickham-Dickson Park); CL&BH -- Charles Lyon and Bill Hall, Oct. 14 (Bickham-Dickson Park, Cross Lake); JM -- Jim McCain, Oct. 15 (Jeeas Bayou, Caddo Lake); VN -- Velda Neilson, Sep. 26 (Toledo Bend at Circle D Marina), BBW -- Bob and Bobbe Womack, Oct. 11, 12 (Stonewall); BW -- Bill Wood, Oct. 21 (Hwy. 71 near Dixie);

COMMON NAME	DATA
Pied-billed Grebe	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2); Oct. 20 (CF 2)
Double-crested Cormorant	Sep. 26 (VN 5); Oct. 9 (JBA 200); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 7, 15); Oct. 21 (JM 5, BSG 1)
Anhinga	Sep. 26 (VN 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1)
Great Blue Heron	Sep. 26 (VN 9); Oct. 9 (JBA 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 3); Oct. 21 (JM 1, BSG 2)
Cattle Egret	Oct. 21 (BSG 7)
Great Egret	Sep. 26 (VN 88); Oct. 9 (JBA 4); Oct. 21 (JM 2, BSG 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 50)
Snowy Egret	Sep. 26 (VN 1)
Little Blue Heron	Sep. 26 (VN 2); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1)
White Ibis	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 30)
Wood Stork	Oct. 8 (WAE 2)
Snow Goose	Oct. 14 (WAE 24)
Canada Goose	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 3)
Wood Duck	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1)
Red-wings	Oct. 21 (JM 1)
Black Vulture	Sep. 26 (VN 4)
Turkey Vulture	Sep. 26 (VN 13); Oct. 21 (JM 1, BSG 2)
Osprey	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1, 1); Oct. 15 (JM 1); Oct. 21 (JM 1);
Mississippi Kite	Oct. 21 (BSG 2)
Northern Harrier	Oct. 9 (JBA 1); Oct. 21 (BW 2)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Sep. 24 (CL 2); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1); Oct. 15 (CL 1)
Cooper's Hawk	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1)
Red-shouldered Hawk	Sep. 26 (VN 1)
Red-tailed Hawk	Oct. 15 (CL 2); Oct. 24 (SH 1)
American Kestrel	Oct. 9 (JBA 1); Oct. 24 (SH 1)
Merlin	Oct. 21 (BW 2)
American Coot	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 12); Oct. 20 (CF 12)
Killdeer	Sep. 26 (VN 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 9); Oct. 21 (JM 1, BSG 6)
Short-billed Dowitcher	Sep. 30 (BBW 1)
Caspian Tern	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1); Oct. 15 (CL 1)
Rock Dove	Oct. 21 (BSG 10)
Mourning Dove	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 4)
Eastern Screech-Owl	Oct. 14 (WAE 1)
Great Horned Owl	Oct. 5 (WAE 1)
Barred Owl	Oct. 14 (WAE 1)
Chimney Swift	Sep. 24 (CL 3)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Oct. 21, 22 (AB 1)
Rufous Hummingbird	Oct. 19 (MK 1)
Belted Kingfisher	Sep. 26 (VN 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2); Oct. 15 (CL 3); Oct. 21 (JM 1, BSG 1)
Red-headed Woodpecker	Sep. 26 (VN 1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Sep. 26 (VN 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2); Oct. 21 (JM 2, BSG 4)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Oct. 12 (BBW 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 5); Oct. 21 (JM 2, BSG 1); Oct. 22 (WAE 2)
Downy Woodpecker	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 4); Oct. 21 (BSG 2)
Hairy Woodpecker	Oct. 21 (BSG 1)
Northern Flicker	Sep. 26 (VN 2); Oct. 9 (JBA 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2); Oct. 21 (BSG 2)
Pileated Woodpecker	Sep. 24 (CL 1); Sep. 26 (VN 2); Oct. 21 (JM 3, BSG 1)
Eastern Phoebe	Oct. 5 (VLG 1); Oct. 12 (BBW 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2)
Missouri-tailed Flycatcher	Oct. 12 (JBA 10); Oct. 16 (SK 1); Oct. 21 (BSG 7)
Tree Swallow	Oct. 21 (JM 6)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 50); Oct. 21 (BSG 1)

COMMON NAME	DATA
Blue Jay	Oct. 21 (JM 4, BSG 1)
American Crow	Sep. 26 (VN 18); Oct. 21 (JM 75, BSG 1)
Carolina Chickadee	Sep. 26 (VN 4); Oct. 21 (JM 8, NC 4, BSG 3)
Tufted Titmouse	Sep. 26 (VN 4); Oct. 21 (JM 4, NC 3, BSG 2)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2); Oct. 21 (JM 1); Oct. 22 (SK 1)
White-breasted Nuthatch	Oct. 16 (NC 3)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Sep. 28 (WAE 2); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 8)
Brown Creeper	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1)
Carolina Wren	Sep. 26 (VN 3); Oct. 21 (JM 2, BSG 1)
Winter Wren	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 3); Oct. 15 (SK 1); Oct. 18 (VLG 1); Oct. 21 (JM 3, BSG 1)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Sep. 24 (CL 2)
Eastern Bluebird	Sep. 26 (VN 20); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 8); Oct. 21 (JM 4, BBD 5, BSG 1)
Wood Thrush	Sep. 24 (CL 3)
American Robin	Sep. 21 (BSG 30)
Gray Catbird	Sep. 24 (CL 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1); Oct. 15 (CL 2); Oct. 21 (JM 2)
Northern Mockingbird	Oct. 21 (JM 1, BSG 3)
Brown Thrasher	Oct. 9 (JBA 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2)
Loggerhead Shrike	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1); Oct. 21 (BSG 1)
European Starling	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 15); Oct. 21 (BSG 12)
Yellow-throated Vireo	Oct. 15 (CL 1)
Philadelphia Vireo	Oct. 15 (CL 1)
Red-eyed Vireo	Oct. 11 (BBW 1)
Nashville Warbler	Oct. 11 (BBW 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2); Oct. 15 (CL 2)
Northern Parula	Sep. 24 (CL 1)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 3); Oct. 21 (BSG 6)
Black-throated Green Warbler	Oct. 15 (SK 1)
Pine Warbler	Sep. 26 (VN 12); Sep. 28 (WAE 1, CL 2); Oct. 20 (CF 8); Oct. 21 (JM 1)
Black-and-white Warbler	Sep. 28 (WAE 1)
American Redstart	Sep. 24 (CL 1); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1)
Worm-eating Warbler	Sep. 24 (CL 1)
Common Yellowthroat	Sep. 24 (CL 5); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 3); Oct. 15 (CL 2); Oct. 21 (BSG 1)
Hooded Warbler	Sep. 24 (CL 2)
Summer Tanager	Sep. 26 (VN 2); Sep. 28 (WAE 17, CL 2); Oct. 5 (VLG 1)
Scarlet Tanager	Sep. 28 (WAE 3)
Northern Cardinal	Oct. 21 (BSG 2)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 1)
Blue Grosbeak	Sep. 28 (WAE 1)
Indigo Bunting	Sep. 24 (CL 2); Oct. 11 (BBW 4); Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2); Oct. 15 (CL 4)
White-throated Sparrow	Oct. 21 (JM 2); Oct. 25 (VLG 3)
Red-winged Blackbird	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 4)
Eastern Meadowlark	Oct. 14 (CL&BH 2)
Common Grackle	Oct. 21 (BSG 50)
Brown-headed Cowbird	Oct. 21 (BSG 6)
Northern Oriole	Sep. 28 (WAE 1)
House Sparrow	Sep. 21 (BSG 25)

TOTALS: Printed 95 records.

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MEETING:

Tuesday, 12 December 1989, 7:00 PM at the Museum. The speaker will be Charlie Lyon, who will present a program on identification of Sparrows. This will be an important preparation for all of those birders who wish to participate in the Christmas Bird Counts this year. (See article inside).

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 14 December 1989, 7:00 PM. This meeting will be at the Museum. All Board Members should try to be present.

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SHREVEPORT
CHRISTMAS BIRD
COUNT IS DEC. 23

The Shreveport Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is scheduled for Saturday, 23 December 1989. Contact Horace Jeter or Steve Klotz for more information.

BOSSIER CBC SET
FOR DECEMBER 30

The Bossier-Caddo-Bienville CBC will be on Saturday, 30 December 1989. Contact Paul Dickson for more information.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our next meeting will be on 12 December 1989 at the Museum. We will meet at 6:00 PM for a covered dish dinner followed by our regular meeting. All participants are to bring a covered dish (your choice); the Bird Study Group will supply a ham, plates, forks, etc. Mark your calendar now to attend the BSG covered dish dinner on December 12.

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GOOD BIRDING!

MORE CBCs!

Brent Ortego is the compiler for two Christmas Bird Counts in Texas: the Creole CBC in the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge and the Pine Prairie CBC in Chicot State Park. Brent has invited birders from the Bird Study Group to participate in those two counts if we can. Creole CBC is on Monday, December 18, and the Pine Prairie CBC is on Saturday, December 23. December 23 is the same date as the Shreveport CBC; however, if some of you are going to be in that area during the holidays and cannot participate in the Shreveport CBC then perhaps you can help the birders in Pine Prairie. For more information, call Brent Ortego (Jasper, TX) 409, 698-2088. This news was provided by Steve Klotz.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING...

The regular meeting of the Bird Study Group was called to order by President Bill Wood at 7:05 P.M. on November 14, 1989, in the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences. Visitors to the meeting were acknowledged.

Betty Mason gave the treasurer's report. Last month's balance was \$1,700.39. Since then we had income of \$283.50 and expenses of \$746.63, bringing our new balance to \$1,237.26.

Bill announced that Woody, the Red-bellied Woodpecker, died since the last meeting. The Monk Parakeet has been moved into Woody's cage.

Bill also reported that \$2.5 million in Red River mitigation funds have been set aside to acquire land in the Loggy Bayou wetlands area. Paul Dickson pointed out that this area is in the middle of the Bossier bird count area.

Will Smolenski reported that the posts, pea gravel, and base are now in place for the flight cage at Walter Jacobs Nature Park. The base of the cage has also been squared and leveled. Volunteers are still needed to complete the cage.

Bette expressed appreciation for the new PA system installed since the last meeting. Now, those in the back of the room can hear. Will was primarily responsible for getting the system in place.

Bette also reported that it is time to renew our \$100.00 donation to the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve. After Bette gave a brief history of the preserve, Bill Hall made a motion to send \$150.00 on a recurring annual basis to the Caroline Dormon Preserve. Pat Lonacker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bette then suggested that we have a cover dish dinner at the December meeting. She made a motion that we begin the meeting at 6:00 P.M. on 12 December, and that the bird group buy a ham to serve. Will seconded the motion which was then approved by the members. The bird group will provide the meat, plates, forks, etc. out of the treasury.

Recent interesting bird sightings were discussed. Charlie Lyon and Horace Jeter believe they saw a Red-throated Loon on November 5, 1989. Unfortunately, they were unable to find the bird again despite several

attempts. Bill Wood reported that he was unable to make Saturday's, November 11, bird walk, and he was unsure about the success of the outing. Ann Elston reported sightings of Bufflehead on the lake in Hodges Gardens.

Paul announced that the Shreveport CBC will be on Saturday, December 23, and the Bossier CBC will be on Saturday, December 30. Paul also reported that the Soda Lake WMA is being developed as a refuge for waterfowl, and there are plans to build an observation tower. A 6,000 acre refuge is being developed off of the Yearwood Road, as well. However, it probably will not be available until next year.

Pat Lonacker presented a short program on sparrows with help from Bill Hall who provided tapes of sparrow songs. Sparrows discussed included Swamp Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, House Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, and Savannah Sparrow. Pat acknowledged Jim McCain who provided some of the slides of sparrows shown.

Paul Dickson then presented a very informative and, as usual for Paul, outstanding program on ducks. As an introduction to his program, Paul invited everyone to sample roast Mallard and Chinese 1,000 year eggs that he provided. He discussed the history, cultural aspects, importance, migrations, feeding habits, tribes, and behavior of ducks. He also introduced us to a group he called the brown ducks, and provided tips on their identification.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 9:13 P.M.

RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER PINS

The Piney Woods Wildlife Society (Houston, TX) is developing a 600 acre tract of woodland into a wildlife refuge. The land is near U.S. Hwy 59 and the North Harris County College. This is prime habitat for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. As a fund-raising project to support the development of the wildlife refuge the Piney Woods Wildlife Society has designed and is selling a lapel pin of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. The pins sell for \$8.00 each and the money goes toward the preservation of wildlife habitat. These pins are available from the Bird Study Group -- ask any officer.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN GROWING!

Recently, the Federal Government purchased an additional 840 acres of bottomland hardwood forest in the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System to provide better public access. This property is located north of I-10 and east of the Atchafalaya River.

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COMMON NAME	DATA
Common Loon	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 1)
Red-throated Loon	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 1)
Pied-billed Grebe	Nov. 11-12 (JM 3); 19 (SH 2)
Horned Grebe	Nov. 26 (CL,BH 8)
Double-crested Cormorant	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 150); 10 (J&BA 57); 11-12 (JM 40); 19 (SH 100) 26 (CL,BH 1500)
Great Blue Heron	Nov. 10 (J&BA 3); 11-12 (JM 5); 19 (SH 3)
Great Egret	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 3); 11-12 (JM 110); 15 (CL 2); 26 (CL 12)
Little Blue Heron	Nov. 23 (J&BA 1)
Greater White-fronted Goose	Nov. 7, 10, 14, 17 (W&AE)
Snow Goose	Nov. 7, 10, 14, 17 (W&AE); 20 (HH 70); 21 (SH 24)
Wood Duck	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 2); 14 (J&BA 1); 23 (J&BA 1); 26 (CL 33)
Green-winged Teal	Nov. 20 (HH 4)
Hallard	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 2); 11-12 (JM 200); 14 (J&BA 2); 23 (J&BA 3)
Blue-winged Teal	Nov. 16 (PHD 1)
Northern Shoveler	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 10); 14 (J&BA 3); 26 (CL 2)
American Wigeon	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 2); 26 (CL 2)
Canvasback	Nov. 26 (CL,BH 1)
Ring-necked Duck	Nov. 26 (CL 1)
Lesser Scaup	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 25); 26 (CL,BH 4)
Bufflehead	Nov. 11 (W&AE 8); 26 (CL,BH 4)
Hooded Merganser	Nov. 26 (CL 90)
Red-breasted Merganser	Nov. 6 (PHD & HJ 1)
Ruddy Duck	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 100); 12 (CL 10); 26 (CL,BH 240)
Black Vulture	Nov. 14 (J&BA 1); 20 (HH 15)
Turkey Vulture	Nov. 11-12 (JM 8); 14 (J&BA 2); 20 (HH 20); 26 (CL 2)
Bald Eagle	Nov. 26 (CL,BH 1)
Northern Harrier	Nov. 23 (J&BA 1); 26 (CL 2)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Nov. 12 (CL 1)
Cooper's Hawk	Nov. 20 (HH 1)
Red-tailed Hawk	Nov. 11-12 (JM 1); 20 (HH 1; J&BA 2); 23 (J&BA 2, 1,4); 26 (CL 5)
American Kestrel	Nov. 14 (J&BA 3,3); 20 (HH 1); 5 (CL,BW,BH 3); 23 (J&BA 1,1,4); 26 (CL 4)
American Coot	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 10); 26 (CL,BH 2)
Killdeer	Nov. 14 (J&BA 5); 20 (J&BA 2,18)
Spotted Sandpiper	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 1)
Common Snipe	Nov. 20 (HH 2)
Franklin's Gull	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 6)
Sonaparte's Gull	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 20); 12 (CL 6); 25 (CL 50); 26 (CL,BH 4)
Ring-billed Gull	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 20); 12 (CL 20); 26 (CL,BH 50)
Herring Gull	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 1)
Forster's Tern	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 4); 26 (CL,BH 2)
Rock Dove	Nov. 11-12 (JM 12); 14 (J&BA 120)
Eastern Screech-Owl	Nov. 12 (CL 2)
Belted Kingfisher	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 2); 11-12 (JM 2); 23 (J&BA 1); 26 (CL 2)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Nov. 11-12 (JM 3)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 2); 10 (J&BA 1); 11-12 (JM 2); (W&AE 3); 26 (CL 1)
Northern Flicker	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 2); 10 (J&BA 1); 11-12 (JM 1); 14 (J&BA 2)
Pileated Woodpecker	Nov. 11-12 (JM 2)
Eastern Phoebe	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 3); 11-12 (JM 1); 20 (HH 2); 26 (CL,BH 1)
Barn Swallow	Nov. 5 (CL,BW,BH 1); 6 (CL 2)
Blue Jay	Nov. 11-12 (JM 3)
American Crow	Nov. 11-12 (JM 10); 26 (CL 60)
Fish Crow	Nov. 11-12 (JM 3); 26 (CL 25)
Carolina Chickadee	Nov. 10 (J&BA 2); 11-12 (JM 1); (HC 3)

Tufted Titmouse	Nov. 10 (J&BA 3); 11-12 (JM 10)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Nov. 11-12 (JM 2); 26 (CL 1)
White-breasted Nuthatch	Nov. 26 (CL 2)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 1)
Brown Creeper	Nov. 11-12 (JM 1); 26 (CL, BH 2)
Carolina Wren	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 2); 11-12 (JM 2); 21 (NC 2); (HeH)
Winter Wren	Nov. 11-12 (JM 1)
Sedge Wren	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 2)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 4)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 10); 11-12 (JM 10)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Nov. 11-12 (JM 1)
Eastern Bluebird	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 10); 11-12 (JM 1); 23 (J&BA 2); 26 (CL 6)
Hermit Thrush	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 3); 26 (CL, BH 1)
Northern Mockingbird	Nov. 11-12 (JM 1)
Brown Thrasher	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 1); 11-12 (JM 1)
Water Pipit	Nov. 20 (HH 12)
Cedar Waxwing	Nov. 20 (HH 50)
Loggerhead Shrike	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 4); 14 (J&BA 3); 20 (J&BA 1); 26 (CL 5)
European Starling	Nov. 26 (CL 1000)
Solitary Vireo	Nov. 25 (CL 1)
Orange-crowned Warbler	Nov. 11-12 (JM 1); 26 (CL, BH 1)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 15); 10 (J&BA 2); 11-12 (JM 12); 26 (CL, BH 30)
Pine Warbler	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 2)
Summer Tanager	Nov. 15 (CL 1)
Northern Cardinal	Nov. 11-12 (JM 3); 22 (GB 5)
Rufous-sided Towhee	Nov. 12 (CL 1)
Chipping Sparrow	Nov. 5 (CL 3); 20 (HH 50)
Field Sparrow	Nov. 5 (CL 5); 26 (CL, BH 8)
Savannah Sparrow	Nov. 26 (CL 4)
LeConte's Sparrow	Nov. 5 (CL, BW, BH 1)
Song Sparrow	Nov. 5 (CL 4); 20 (HH 6); 26 (CL 3)
Swamp Sparrow	Nov. 5 (CL 5); 11-12 (JM 1)
White-throated Sparrow	Nov. 5 (CL 2); 11-12 (JM 2); 14 (W&AE 3); 19 (GB 2); 20 (HH 6, HeH 2); 26 (CL 15)
White-crowned Sparrow	Nov. 14 (J&BA 10); 26 (CL 30)
Dark-eyed Junco	Nov. 5 (CL 10); 15 (BH 3); 17 (W&AE 6); 26 (CL, BH 10)
Red-winged Blackbird	Nov. 11-12 (JM 12)
Eastern Meadowlark	Nov. 20 (J&BA 17)
Common Grackle	Nov. 11-12 (JM 50); 26 (CL 1200)
American Goldfinch	Nov. 20 (HH 100); 21 (BH 2); 22 (W&AE 1); 26 (CL, BH 40)

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, 9 January 1990, at the Museum.
The speaker will be Teresa Thrash, who will present a program on attracting, finding, and identifying birds in ones own backyard.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 8 February 1990, 7:00 PM.
This meeting will be at the Museum. 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.

EAGLE COUNT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking volunteers to take part in the mid-winter Bald Eagle survey conducted annually by the department and the National Wildlife Federation.

The counts are planned for Jan. 12-14, 1990, at Lake Livingston, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Lake O' the Pines, Wright Patman Reservoir, Lake Conroe, Lake Texoma, Lake Fairfield, Lake Tawakoni, Lake Fork, Toledo Bend, and Lake Whitney. Contact Catrina

REMINDER

If your membership expires this month be sure to pay your dues at the next meeting or earlier. The BIRD STUDY GROUP depends upon your support for much of the good work that the organization accomplishes. Check your membership and bring a friend to the next meeting.

GOOD BIRDING!

Martin at the department's Austin office.

BIRD OUTING

Bird Outings will be scheduled for the third Saturday of each month (the alternate, in case of inclement weather will be the fourth Saturday). The next outing will be on 17 February to the vicinity of Cross Lake. Be sure to attend the next meeting to get further details.

MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING

President Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M., 14 December 1989, at the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences. Board members present were Connie Conners, Gloria and John Frantom, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Jim McCain, Larry Raymond, Will Smolenski, and Bill Wood.

Larry gave the treasurer's report from the minutes of the 12 December regular meeting.

Several items of old business were discussed. Will reported that he spent \$80.00 on the speaker system at the museum. The possibility of purchasing a small microphone for the system was discussed. Mac made a motion to appropriate an additional \$25.00 to buy a microphone. Shirley seconded the motion which was approved by the board. Will agreed to investigate the purchase of a suitable microphone.

Larry reported that he contacted Ron Martin with the Sierra Club concerning the use of recycled paper. Although printing costs would not be any cheaper if we supplied recycled paper, several board members believed we need to pursue the matter. Bill agreed to contact possible advertisers to underwrite the additional cost, estimated to be \$120.00 a year. Larry suggested asking for volunteers in the bird group who might underwrite one or more newsletters. The board agreed to make a firm decision at the next board meeting.

Shirley requested that we consider designing a Christmas count logo for car windows during the count. Mac stated that we need such a logo for car windows if we want to bird the LSUS campus, as well. Will agreed to design a logo which could be sold

to members of the bird group to recoup the printing costs.

Mac showed the board examples of the "Invitation to Join" letters, renewal notices, and reminder letters. The invitations will be sent bulk mail, and the reminders and renewal letters will be sent first class. Mac emphasized that persons who do not pay their dues will not receive a newsletter.

Under new business, Bill reported that an eagle count will be held in Texas on various lakes over the weekend of January 12-14. Anyone interested in participating can contact Catrina Martin with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin.

Mac reported that he needs a rubber stamp with the bird group's return address. Will made a motion to buy one. Jim seconded the motion which the board approved.

Will requested that in the next newsletter we ask our members to help find new prospects for membership.

Bill reported that he hopes to improve the quality and number of outings during 1990. He suggested that we need to recruit new outing leaders and that we should establish an outing schedule on a regular basis each month. After some discussion, the board agreed that we should sponsor an outing on the third Saturday of each month, with the fourth Saturday as an alternate date. The following outings were tentatively planned: January 20, 1990-Outing to see sparrows along north part of Cross Lake, or along Yearwood Road. Charlie Lyon will be asked to lead this outing. February 17, 1990-Barge outing on Cross Lake to be led by Bill Wood. March 17, 1990-Outing to Red River Experiment Station to be led by Larry Raymond. April 21, 1990- Outing to the James Bayou Forest Natural Area in North Caddo Parish to be led by Mac Hardy. May ?, 1990- We hope we can have another Big Day at Paul Dickson's place in Bienville Parish. (This is a subtle hint for Paul.) June 16, 1990- Outing to visit the cattle egret rookery on Cross Lake. July 21, 1990- Outing to look for shorebirds in Bickham Dickson Park, on LSUS campus, and/or on sandbars in Red River. As definite plans are finalized and leaders are found for these outings, announcements will be made in the newsletter.

The board also discussed an outing to the Walter Jacobs Nature Park to dedicate the raptor cage when it is completed. Plans for a little get-together at the park will be

announced at a later date.

Bill recommended several changes in the way of improving our group. We all agreed that we need to get more people involved as outing leaders, officers, and other positions of responsibility. Bill suggested that we hold our officer elections in May so that new officers have several months of training before assuming their roles in September. This possibility will be studied and discussed further at a later date.

Bill also suggested that we expand the gift shop. Mac reported that if we had enough bird group volunteers, we could make the gift shop available one day a week on a regular basis. Now, some people have to make several trips to the museum before they find someone who can help them. The gift shop is potentially a very good source of income, but we must have volunteers from our group to make it a success.

Bill further suggested that we have a major project for 1990. We could possibly fund the project through a bird biathlon or some other event.

Bill requested that we contact Nancy Newfield to be an invited guest speaker and pay for her expenses. Will agreed to contact Nancy and ask her to do the April program. We may advertise this program to the community and hold it in the LSUS Lecture Auditorium.

Bill stated that he will present the February program on "Feathers and Flight." Bill stated that he would like to have a featured writer each month for the newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles.

Bill encouraged the board members to complete the birding guide survey he supplied as soon as possible. Shirley suggested that the forms be bound in a ring-bound booklet so that new pages can be added. The guide will probably be confined to Caddo, Bossier, and possibly a few adjacent parishes.

Jim asked us to think about ways we can help teachers and students in the area. Bill stated that he would like us to develop several slide shows with written narratives that our members could use to present programs to schools and other groups. Shirley suggested that we build a reference library of bird slides. Mac stated that the museum gets numerous calls from schools requesting programs, and that the bird group could possibly satisfy some of this demand. Other suggestions included workshops for

teachers and students, and a kids day outing. Jim will check with some of the teachers in the area to see how we can best help them.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Bird Study Group met in the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences at 6:00 P.M. on December 12, 1989, for a Christmas potluck supper. At 7:08 P.M. Bill Wood called the regular meeting to order. He thanked Bette Mason for obtaining the delicious ham for us and for the success of the Christmas dinner.

Bill reported that the Red-cockaded woodpecker pins are in and sell for \$8.00 each. The money goes to the Houston Audubon Society to defray costs of developing a 600 acre tract of land they own as a natural area.

Bill recognized visitors and guests attending the meeting.

Christmas bird count sheets were circulated so that members could sign up for the Shreveport and Bossier counts. Pat Lonnecker announced that anyone who wants to participate in the Shreveport count should call Horace Jeter. A potluck dinner will be held at Pat's house after the Shreveport count. BCBCBC participants will meet for supper at Jimmy's Chinese Restaurant after the count. Everyone was invited to participate in the counts. The cost this year is \$4.00 for each participant.

Count participants were reminded that rare or unusual sightings need to be well documented and sketched, if possible. Will Smolenski displayed a sheet of bird diagrams he will provide to aid participants in documenting field characters of unusual birds. These diagrams will be attached to the rare bird report forms.

Bill reported that the LOS winter meeting will be held January 26-28 in Alexandria. He also recognized Charlie Lyon who is now our board representative to the LOS.

Bill circulated information sheets for members to complete to help him develop a guide to birding spots in our area. The guide will be sold to raise money for the bird group.

Bette gave the treasurer's report. Our balance on November 14 was \$1,237.26. Since

then we have had income of \$128.90, and expenses of \$401.92, leaving a current balance of \$964.24.

Bill reminded board members of a meeting Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 P.M. in the LSUS Museum.

Teresa Thrash reported that the gift shop has a new catalog and new items in for Christmas.

Pat Lonnecker showed slides of some of the common winter birds in our area. These included Golden-crowned kinglet, Ruby-crowned kinglet, Pine siskin, Loggerhead shrike, Brown thrasher, Cedar waxwing, American woodcock, Rufous-sided towhee, Eastern phoebe, and Yellow-rumped warbler. She also reviewed the slides of Chipping sparrow,

White-throated sparrow, House sparrow, Lincoln's sparrow, White-crowned sparrow, and Fox sparrow shown last meeting.

Charlie Lyon presented an informative program on sparrow identification detailing diagnostic field characters and preferred habitats of species found in northwestern Louisiana.

Mac Hardy acknowledged the help of Mr. and Mrs. Huss who came about two hours early to the meeting to help set up for the Christmas dinner.

Will reported on the progress of the raptor cage at Walter Jacobs Nature Park. He anticipates that the cage will be completed by the end of January.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

BIRD NOTES -- DECEMBER

Compiled
January 2, 1990

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or to Connie Conners (865-6422) by the 25th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

The Bird Notes report is being offered in a different form. 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. See the next paragraph for specific observers and places. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer.

Dates and reporters are as follows: B&JA--Betty and Joe Ashley, Dec. 14 (Shreveport-Blanchard hwy., North Lakeshore Dr., Pine Island Rd., Richard Fleming Park, Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park), Dec. 26 (Barksdale Air Force Base); AB--Alice Babers, Dec. 18 (residence); BCBCBC--Kosster, Claiborne, Bienville CBC, Dec. 30 (species only); HC--Norma Cobb, Dec. 23 (residence), Dec. 24 (U. S. 71 near Blanchard, Shreveport-Blanchard Hwy.); SCBC--Shreveport CBC, Dec. 23 (species only); PD--Paul Dickson, Dec. 9, 18 (Loggy Bayou Plantation), Dec. 19, Jan. 2 (2 mi. N Elm Grove); A&WH--Anna and Williard Histon, Dec. 9, 15 (residence), Dec. 25 (1 mi. N Elm Grove); BH--Bill Hall, Nov. 21 (residence); HH--Herbert Hervey, Dec. 15, 24 (residence); HHo--Helen Hood, Dec. 24 (residence), Dec. 25 (Cross Lake); D&VJ--Dedee and Veta Jower, Nov. 29 (Lake Bistineau); YLG, SH, & PL--Vera Lee Grubbs, Shirley Huss, and Pat Lonnecker, Dec. 10 (Yearwood Rd.); VN--Velda Neilson, Dec. 13 (residence); L&R--Larry R. Raymond, Dec. 6, 18 (Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park); BW--Bill Wood, Dec. 9 (southern edge Cross Lake), Dec. 16 (Yearwood Rd.), Dec. 17 (Cross Lake and Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park); B&BV--Bob and Bobbe Vonnack, Dec. 20 (residence).

COMMON NAME	DATA
Pied-billed Grebe	Dec. 17 (BW 2); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Horned Grebe	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
American White Pelican	Dec. 9 (BW 1); 25 (A&WH 353)
Double-crested Cormorant	Dec. 9 (BW 500); 14 (B&JA 8); 15 (A&WH 500); 17 (BW 100); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Great Blue Heron	Dec. 9 (BW 3); 14 (B&JA 1, 3, 3); 16 (BW 4); 17 (BW 10); 23 (SCBC); 25 (HHo 6); 30 (BCBCBC)
Great Egret	Dec. 9 (BW 2); 14 (B&JA 5, 33); 17 (BW 20); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Dec. 25 (HHo 1)
Tundra Swan	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Swan sp.	Dec. 18-23 (SCBC, count week)
Greater White-fronted Goose	Dec. 9 (A&WH 40); 15 (A&WH 120)
Snow Goose	Dec. 30-Jan. 2 (BCBCBC, count week)
Canada Goose	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
Wood Duck	Dec. 17 (BW 1); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Green-winged Teal	Dec. 9 (BW 14); 17 (BW 75); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Hallard	Dec. 17 (BW 3); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Northern Pintail	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC); Jan. 2 (PD 1)
Blue-winged Teal	Dec. 19 (PD 6); Jan. 2 (PD 2)
Northern Shoveler	Dec. 9 (BW 1); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Gadwall	Dec. 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
American Wigeon	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Canvasback	Dec. 17 (BW 4); 23 (SCBC); 26 (BCBCBC, count week)
Ring-necked Duck	Dec. 15 (HH 3); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)
Lesser Scaup	Dec. 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC); Jan. 2 (PD 1)
White-winged Scoter	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
Bufflehead	Dec. 9 (BW 6); 17 (BW 10); 23 (SCBC); 30 (BCBCBC)

Hooded Merganser	Dec. 17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC); Jan. 2 (PD 1)
Red-breasted Merganser	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
Ruddy Duck	Dec. 9 (BW 2);17 (BW 20);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC);Jan. 2 (PD 1)
Black Vulture	Dec. 15 (HH 6);17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Turkey Vulture	Dec. 9 (BW 2);10 (VLG,SH,PL 6);15 (HH 15);16 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Osprey	Dec. 18 (PD 1)
Bald Eagle	Nov. 29 (B&V 1);14 (B&JA 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Northern Harrier	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 4);16 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Dec. 17 (BW 1);23 (SCBC);Jan. 1 (BCBCBC, count week)
Cooper's Hawk	Dec. 15 (HH 1);30 (BCBCBC)
Red-shouldered Hawk	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Red-tailed Hawk	Dec. 9 (BW 1);10 (VLG,SH,PL 6);14 (B&JA 2);15 (HH 2);16 (BW 8);23 (SCBC);24 (HC 1);30 (BCBCBC)
American Kestrel	Dec. 9 (BW 2);10 (VLG,SH,PL 8);14 (B&JA 1);15 (HH 1);16 (BW 4);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Merlin	Dec. 9 (PD 1);30 (BCBCBC)
Wild Turkey	Jan. 1 (BCBCBC, count week)
Northern Bobwhite	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
American Coot	Dec. 9 (BW 6);17 (BW 40);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Killdeer	Dec. 9 (BW 8);10 (VLG,SH,PL 20);14 (B&JA 3);15 (HH 20);16 (BW 12);17 (BW 25);23 (SCBC);24 (HC 2);30 (BCBCBC)
Greater Yellowlegs	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Spotted Sandpiper	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
Common Snipe	Dec. 9 (BW 6);15 (HH 2);17 (BW 11);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
American Woodcock	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Bonaparte's Gull	Dec. 9 (BW 2);17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC)
Ring-billed Gull	Dec. 9 (BW 200);17 (BW 50);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Herring Gull	Dec. 14 (B&JA 1);22 (BCBCBC, count week)
Forster's Tern	Dec. 17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC)
Rock Dove	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Hourglass Dove	Dec. 9 (BW 2);16 (BW 6);17 (BW 6);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Greater Roadrunner	Dec. 20 (A&W 1);23 (SCBC)
Common Barn-Owl	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Eastern Screech-Owl	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Great Horned Owl	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Barred Owl	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Belted Kingfisher	Dec. 9 (BW 1);10 (VLG,SH,PL 1);17 (BW 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Red-headed Woodpecker	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Dec. 9 (BW 4);16 (BW 1);17 (BW 4);18 (AN 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Dec. 9 (BW 1);14 (B&JA 1);16 (BW 1);17 (BW 2);18 (AN 2);20 (A&W 4);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Downy Woodpecker	Dec. 16 (BW 1);17 (BW 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Hairy Woodpecker	Dec. 17 (BW 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Northern Flicker	Dec. 16 (BW 1);17 (BW 3);18 (AN 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Pileated Woodpecker	Dec. 14 (B&JA 1);17 (BW 1);20 (A&W 2);23 (SCBC);26 (B&JA 2)30 (BCBCBC)
Eastern Phoebe	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 11);16 (BW 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Horned Lark	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Blue Jay	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 1);17 (BW 6);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
American Crow	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 8);16 (BW 12);17 (BW 20);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Fish Crow	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Carolina Chickadee	Dec. 9 (BW 4);14 (B&JA 3);16 (BW 6);17 (BW 8);20 (B&W 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Tufted Titmouse	Dec. 14 (B&JA 2);17 (BW 4);20 (B&W 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Dec. 15 (HH 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
White-breasted Nuthatch	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Dec. 15 (HH 6);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Brown Creeper	Dec. 13 (VH 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Carolina Wren	Dec. 9 (BW 2);16 (BW 2);17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Bewick's Wren	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
House Wren	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Winter Wren	Dec. 16 (BW 1);17 (BW 1);23 (SCBC, HC 1);30 (BCBCBC)
Sedge Wren	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Dec. 9 (BW 2);16 (BW 1);17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
Eastern Bluebird	Dec. 9 (BW 6);10 (VLG,SH,PL 3);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Hermit Thrush	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
American Robin	Dec. 16 (BW 25);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Northern Mockingbird	Dec. 9 (BW 4);10 (VLG,SH,PL 4);16 (BW 2);17 (BW 7);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Brown Thrasher	Dec. 9 (BW 1);17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Water Pipit	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 10);30 (BCBCBC)
Sprague's Pipit	Dec. 23 (SCBC)
Cedar Waxwing	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Loggerhead Shrike	Dec. 9 (BW 2);10 (VLG,SH,PL 4);16 (BW 4);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
European Starling	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Solitary Vireo	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Orange-crowned Warbler	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Pine Warbler	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Northern Cardinal	Dec. 9 (BW 14);10 (VLG,SH,PL 1);16 (BW 12);17 (BW 16);20 (B&W 8);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)

Rufous-sided Towhee	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Chipping Sparrow	Dec. 20 (A&W 60);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Field Sparrow	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Vesper Sparrow	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Savannah Sparrow	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 4);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
LeConte's Sparrow	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Fox Sparrow	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Song Sparrow	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 6);16 (BW 4);17 (BW 1);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Lincoln's Sparrow	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Swamp Sparrow	Dec. 16 (BW 2);17 (BW 2);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
White-throated Sparrow	Dec. 9 (BW 3);16 (BW 20);17 (BW 6);20 (B&W 4);20 (A&W 7);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
White-crowned Sparrow	Dec. 16 (BW 25);20 (B&W 3);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Harris' Sparrow	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC 2)
Dark-eyed Junco	Dec. 6 (LRR 10); 9 (BW 6);14 (B&JA 2, 4);17 (BW 25);18 (AB 12);20 (A&W 100);23 (SCBC);24 (HHo);30 (BCBCBC)
Lapland Longspur	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Smith's Longspur	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Red-winged Blackbird	Dec. 10 (VLG,SH,PL 100+);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Eastern Meadowlark	Dec. 15 (HH 40);16 (BW 24);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Rusty Blackbird	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Brewer's Blackbird	Dec. 30 (BCBCBC)
Common Grackle	Dec. 9 (BW 20);10 (VLG,SH,PL 100+);17 (BW 40);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Brown-headed Cowbird	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Purple Finch	Nov. 21 (BW 1);17 (BW 4);18 (LRR 6);20 (A&W 3);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
Pine Siskin	Dec. 6 (LRR 25);14 (B&JA 3);17 (BW 50);20 (A&W 100);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
American Goldfinch	Dec. 6 (LRR 25); 9 (BW 2);14 (B&JA 16);17 (BW 50);18 (AB 12);20 (B&W 20, A&W 100);23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)
House Sparrow	Dec. 23 (SCBC);30 (BCBCBC)

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, 13 February 1990, at the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. The speaker will be Bill Wood, who will present a program entitled "Feathers and Flight." This will explore the diversity of the structure and uses (by the birds) of feathers and the mystery of bird flight.

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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.

YOU CAN HELP

The Bird Study Group needs some volunteer help in three areas; perhaps you could provide valuable assistance for one of these needs.

Give us ideas and material for the Newsletter. Everything should be written but it can be in any form. Any news items or ideas would be appreciated.

Send us names of persons who might be prospective members of the Bird Study Group. We will send them the last Newsletter and a membership form. However, any personal contact from you or any other member is probably the best method for attracting new members. Bird-watching is an enjoyable, outdoor learning experience that many persons, once they are exposed to it, cherish for many years.

Many of you, at one time or another, have

come to the Museum to buy bird feed or ask about a newly sighted bird only to find the Museum closed. Also, some members can come to the Museum only on Saturday or Sunday. As some of you know, but many of you may not, the Museum is mostly staffed by volunteers. Sometimes we do not have enough volunteers to be at the Museum during all hours of the day. One solution to this problem is to ask for volunteers from the Bird Study Group to be at the Museum on Saturday mornings. The duties are very simple: sell bird feed and other items from the gift shop, greet visitors, visit about birding, in other words --promote birding. A volunteer can help for any period of time and on any schedule (weekly or only one Saturday a month). With this plan we can all depend on the Museum being open at that given time, Saturday Mornings, and we might find that it provides another time for visiting, discussing birds, etc. Let's give it a try. Check with Mac Hardy if you can help with this project.

NEWSLETTER NOW ON RECYCLED PAPER!

This issue of the Newsletter is printed on recycled paper. We hope this can be a continuing practice and our way of committing to sound ecological utilization of our environment.

NEXT BIRD OUTING

The next outing for the Bird Study Group will be on 17 February to Cross Lake. This will be an outing on a barge; the cost will be \$10 per person. Spend two hours on the lake looking for gulls, ducks, grebes, and eagles. It should be a good opportunity to see many ducks, gulls, and terns not easily seen by other means. Call Bill Wood for more information: 868-8513.

MARCH OUTING

The field outing for March will be on the third Saturday, March 17, at the Red River Experiment Station in Bossier Parish. Mark your calendar now. Call Bill Wood, 868-8513

for more information.

HOUSE FINCHES

House Finches and Purple Finches are being reported feeding simultaneously at the homes of Marilyn Kircus (687-4231) and Bea Launius (747-6515). These may present good opportunities to study these two species side-by-side.

EURASIAN WIGEON

A Eurasian Wigeon has been sighted near Fourchon City, La Fourche Parish, on January 22, 1990. Call Bruce Crider (504, 292-2739) to check on its current status and location.

MUSEUM HAS MOVED!

During the first half of January the Museum moved back to the LSUS campus. This move was a result of a sudden decision brought about by a combination of serious factors. Extreme vandalism in the front building was the major concern; that combined with the lack of air conditioning, and a major increase in the number of leaks in the roof caused the decision to be both prudent and timely.

The Bird Study Group deserves our utmost thanks and praise for the tremendous volunteer effort given on extremely short notice.

The Museum is located in the front of the metal building next to the transmission tower for KDAQ. Much unpacking and reorganization still needs to be done; however, this shall be accomplished soon. Our new phone number is 797-5338.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

President Bill Wood called the regular meeting of the Bird Study Group to order at 7:03 P.M. on 9 January 1990 in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Bill

thanked Connie Connors and Shirley Huss for calling everyone to tell them about the change in our meeting location.

The LSUS Museum of Life Sciences is being moved to two former art classrooms housed in a "temporary" building across from the physical plant on the LSUS campus. Mac Hardy reported that he hopes future meetings can be held in the Science Lecture Auditorium. He also reported that the museum move should be largely completed this week. The LSUS Museum's new phone number is 797-5338, and the new address is One University Place, Shreveport, 71115-2399.

Betty Mason gave the treasurer's report. Our December balance was \$964.24. Revenues this month were \$898.70, and expenses were \$137.38. Our present balance is \$1,725.56.

Bill reported that 102 species were recorded on the Shreveport Christmas Bird Count. Some of the unusual birds seen were a species of swan and a white-winged scoter on Cross Lake, and Smith's longspurs at the regional airport.

Paul Dickson reported that the Bossier-Caddo-Bienville Christmas Bird Count continues to show improvement. This year, 104 species and 30,634 individuals were recorded by observers. Paul then presented the coveted fourth annual BCBCBC awards. He explained that selections are for the most part subjective and are made by a committee of one - Paul.

The "Golden Birdie Award" is given for the best bird seen on the count. The 1990 Golden Birdie went to Marilyn Kircus, Ron Martin, Vicki Moseley, and Will Smolenski for sighting and confirmation of a Tundra swan. The swan was confirmed on the basis of calls which were imitated by Marilyn for the benefit of members present.

The "Iron Binoculars Award" is given for dedication beyond what is expected on the count. The 1990 "Iron Binoculars" was given to Brad McPherson for years of dedication to Christmas Bird Counts. Brad has participated in 13 Shreveport counts, and all four BCBCBC's.

The "No Doz Award" is presented annually to the individual or individuals who count(s) the largest number of birds of a single species. The 1990 "No Doz Award" was presented to Ann Elston, Pat Lonacker and Velda Neilson for counting 5,373 Double-crested cormorants.

This year, Paul added a new award - the "Hit List Champ" to be given to an individual or individuals recording the largest number of species on Paul's hit list of birds to get on the count. The first "Hit List Award" is a tie between Brad McPherson and Ann Elston, Pat Lonacker, and Velda Neilson for five species each on the hit list.

Betty read a letter from the Baton Rouge Audubon Society requesting more donations to help purchase land for the Holleyman Sanctuary. Marilyn made a motion to donate \$300.00 towards the purchase, and Will seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was approved.

Marilyn brought several blocks of bird food made from lard, peanut butter, and corn meal. These were offered for sale for \$3.00 per block, and all profits were donated to the bird group.

Bill emphasized that anyone wishing to bird the Red River Experiment Station in Bossier needs to secure permission before entering the property.

In the future, all outings of the bird group will be held on the third Saturday of the month, with the fourth Saturday serving as a rain date. An outing will be held on January 20th. Everyone interested in participating should meet at the What-a-Burger on North Market at I-220 for 8 A.M.

Bill reported that we hope to have a birding biathlon in April as a fundraiser. He distributed a schedule of field trips and meetings planned through August 1990.

The gift shop will hopefully open from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. every Saturday, once the museum move is completed. Although the opening is a few weeks off, a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work in the gift shop was passed around. The success of the gift shop

will depend on members of the bird group volunteering to keep it open during scheduled hours.

Betty read a letter from the LSUS administration thanking the bird group for their donation to the LSUS Museum.

Betty asked about volunteers to underwrite using recycled paper for the newsletter. Larry reported that it would cost about \$25.00 to purchase the recycled paper needed for each newsletter. Ann Elston and Betty volunteered to underwrite the newsletter during their birthday months.

Bill Wood and Will Smolenski showed examples of poster signs they developed to identify SSNS birders. The University has requested that anyone in our group stopping to bird the LSUS campus display a sign in their vehicle identifying themselves as SSNS birdwatchers.

A request to list recommended books on birds in the newsletter was made by Ed Bitowski.

Will reported that he hopes to finish the raptor flight cage Friday. He has seven

volunteers lined up to help and would welcome more volunteers from the bird group.

Bill reported that Nancy Newfield's program on hummingbirds has been switched from April to May. He reminded everyone that the LOS winter meeting will be in Alexandria, January 27 and 28. This is the same weekend as the DeGray Lake eagle count in Arkansas.

Marilyn noted that Bill Oliver, a well-known environmental singer, will be at Enoch's Cafe on February 8.

Bill acknowledged Ed Bitowski who has made six birdhouses to be used as door prizes for bird group members at the meetings over the next six months.

Paul reminded everyone that he will have his annual bird banding activity on February 10 at this house on Ellerbe Road.

Teresa Thrash introduced a video on "Attracting Birds to the Backyard" which featured the backyard of Roger Tory Peterson. This excellent video was written, directed, and produced by Michael Godfrey.

Bill recognized guests at the meeting and then adjourned the group at 8:45 P.M.

BIRD NOTES -- JANUARY

Compiled
February 4, 1990

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or to Connie Conners (865-6422) by the 25th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

The Bird Notes report is being offered in a different form. 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. See the next paragraph for specific observers and places. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer.

Dates and reporters are as follows: B&JA,CC--Betty and Joe Ashley, Connie Conners, Jan. 9 (Hwy. 162, near Sligo road; Caplis-Sligo road; Hwy. 71; Hwy. 157; Atkins-Clark road; Hwy. 154; Evangeline); AB--Alice Babers, Jan. 5 (residence); MB--Marie Burris, Jan. 22 (residence); AE--Ann Elston, Jan. 10, 15 (residence); PELF--Peggy and Lamar Fleming, Jan. 21 (Zeko St. and Youree Dr.); HH--Hubert Hervey, Jan. 13 (residence); HHO--Helen Hood, Jan. 18, 23 (residence); SH--Shirley Huss, Jan. 1 (residence), 7 (S side Cross Lake); HJ--Horace Jeter, Jan. 9 (Yearwood road); HW,HJ,PL,BW--Hubert Hervey, Horace Jeter, Pat Lonacker, and Bill Wood, Jan. 6 (Shreveport Municipal Airport); CL--Charlie Lyon, Jan. 1 (Yearwood road, Kisatchie Hills), Jan. 22,23 (residence); JM--John McBride, Jan. 23 (N Lakeshore, Sentell road); LR--Larry Raymond, Jan. 14 (residence); LR,HJ,SK--Larry Raymond, Horace Jeter, and Steve Klotz, Jan. 14 (Yearwood road, Red River Experiment Station); RS&LC--Rosemary Seidler and Lori Cunningham, Jan. 4 (Bickham-Dickson Park), Jan. 7,9 (North Lakeshore Drive); BW--Bill Wood, Jan. 21 (residence); B&BW--Bob and Bobbe Womack, Dec. 30, Jan. 10 (residence), Jan. 15, 22 (Stonewall), Jan. 20 (I-49 near Powhatten).

COMMON NAME	DATA
Pied-billed Grebe	Jan. 6 (RS,LC, 2,3)
Double-crested Cormorant	Jan. 9 (B&JA,CC 300), 6 (RS,LC, 25,65)
Great Blue Heron	Jan. 9 (B&JA,CC 1), 22 (MB 1), 6 (RS,LC, 3,8)
Great Egret	Jan. 6 (RS,LC, 5), 7 (SH, 50)
Mallard	Jan. 6 (RS,LC, 8)
Northern Pintail	Jan. 6 (RS,LC, 125)
Northern Shoveler	Jan. 20 (R&BW, 6)

Bald Eagle	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 1), 9 (RS, LC, 1), 23(JMcb, 1)
Northern Harrier	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 5, 1) Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 6 (HH, HJ, PL, BW, 1), 1 (CL, 1)
Red-tailed Hawk	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 2, 6, 4, 1, 1) 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1, 1), 6 (RS, LC, 1, 5), 1 (CL, 20)
American Kestrel	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1, 1), 9 (B&JA, CC, 3, 2, 1, 1), 6 (RS, LC, 1, 2), 1 (CL, 15)
Merlin	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1)
American Coot	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 60)
Common Snipe	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 1)
American Woodcock	Jan. 1 (CL, 1)
Ring-billed Gull	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 30)
Rock Dove	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 50), 6 (RS, LC, 5)
Mourning Dove	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 2), 6 (RS, LC, 3)
Greater Roadrunner	Jan. 10 (AE 1)
Belted Kingfisher	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 1), 21 (P&LF, 1), 6 (RS, LC, 2, 5)
Red-headed Woodpecker	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 6 (RS, LC, 3, 1)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 9 (RS, LC, 3)
Northern Flicker	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 5, 2)
Pileated Woodpecker	Jan. 10 (AE 4), 9 (RS, LC, 2)
Eastern Phoebe	Jan. 9 (RS, LC, 4)
Horned Lark	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 40)
Blue Jay	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 2, 7)
American Crow	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 11), 6 (RS, LC, 12, 8)
Carolina Chickadee	Jan. 9 (RS, LC, 10)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Jan. 14 (LR, 1)
White-breasted Nuthatch	Jan. 14 (LR, 1)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Jan. 14 (LR, 1)
House Wren	Jan. 9 (HJ, 2)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 8)
Eastern Bluebird	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 4), 6 (RS, LC, 15)
Hermit Thrush	Jan. 15 (R&BW, 1)
American Robin	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 20)
Northern Mockingbird	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 4), 6 (RS, LC, 5, 12)
Brown Thrasher	Jan. 21 (BW 1)
Water Pipit	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 50, 6)
Cedar Waxwing	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 80)
Loggerhead Shrike	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 7, 3, 5), 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 6 (RS, LC, 1, 2)
European Starling	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 50, 35)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 6 (RS, LC, 100, 5)
Northern Cardinal	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 25, 13)
Chipping Sparrow	Jan. 10 (AE 20), 14 (LR, 6), 6 (RS, LC, 24), 22 (R&BW, 30)
Field Sparrow	Jan. 9 (HJ, 6)
Vesper Sparrow	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1, 25), 9 (HJ, 6)
Savannah Sparrow	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 25), 6 (HH, HJ, PL, BW, 8), 9 (HJ, 50)
LeConte's Sparrow	Jan. 6 (HH, HJ, PL, BW, 6)
Fox Sparrow	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 9 (HJ, 5)
Song Sparrow	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 4), 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 9 (HJ, 5)
Lincoln's Sparrow	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 9 (HJ, 1)
Swamp Sparrow	Jan. 9 (HJ, 2)
White-throated Sparrow	Jan. 10 (AE 10), 21 (BW 12), 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 20), 6 (RS, LC, 3, 10), 9 (HJ, 10)
White-crowned Sparrow	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 20), 13 (HH, 2), 9 (HJ, 10), 1 (CL, 50)
Harris' Sparrow	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 2), 13 (HH, 1), 9 (HJ, 1), Dec. 30 (R&BW, 1), 1 (CL, 1)
Dark-eyed Junco	Jan. 10 (AE 30), 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 6), 6 (RS, LC, 30, 36), 9 (HJ, 1), 22 (R&BW, 30)
Lapland Longspur	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 2), 23 (JMcb, 1)
Smith's Longspur	Jan. 6 (HH, HJ, PL, BW, 8)
Red-winged Blackbird	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 50), 6 (RS, LC, 50, 10)
Eastern Meadowlark	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 18, 4), 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1), 6 (RS, LC, 2)
Western Meadowlark	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 1, 1)
Brewer's Blackbird	Jan. 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 5, 5), 1 (CL, 50)
Common Grackle	Jan. 6 (RS, LC, 100)
Brown-headed Cowbird	Jan. 9 (B&JA, CC 1), 14 (LR, HJ, SK, 25)
Purple Finch	Jan. 10 (AE, 3), 21 (BW, 5), 22 (HB, 1), 9 (RS, LC, 3), 13 (HH, 4), 1 (SH, 1), 18 (HHo 1)
Pine Siskin	Jan. 5 (AB 20), 10 (AE 6), 21 (BW 3), 10 (R&BW, 6), 22 (CL, 3), 23 (HHo 2)
American Goldfinch	Jan. 10 (AE 300), 21 (BW 50), 22 (MB 100), 6 (RS, LC, 5, 10), 23 (HHo 6)

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CODE OF ETHICS

The American Birding Association provides the following guidelines of good birding behavior. (*Winging It* 1(11):15, 1989)

I. Birders must always act in ways that do not endanger the welfare of birds or other wildlife.

In keeping with this principle, we will

- Observe and photograph birds without knowingly disturbing them in any significant way.
- Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds.
- Only sparingly use recordings and similar methods of attracting birds and not use these methods in heavily birded areas.
- Keep an appropriate distance from nests and nesting colonies so as not to disturb them or expose them to danger.
- Refrain from handling birds or eggs unless engaged in recognized research activities.

II. Birders must always act in ways that do not harm the natural environment.

In keeping with this principle, we will

- Stay on existing roads, trails, and pathways whenever possible to avoid trampling or otherwise disturbing fragile habitat.
- Leave all habitat as we found it.

III. Birders must always respect the rights of others.

In keeping with this principle, we will

- Respect the privacy and property of others by observing "No Trespassing" signs and by asking permission to enter private or posted lands.
- Observe all laws and the rules and regulations which govern public use of birding areas.
- Practice common courtesy in our contacts with others. For example, we will limit our requests for information, and we will make them at reasonable hours of the day.
- Always behave in a manner that will enhance the image of the birding community in the eyes of the public.

IV. Birders in groups should assume special responsibilities.

As group members, we will

- Take special care to alleviate the problems and disturbances that are multiplied when more people are present.
- Act in consideration of the group's interest, as well as our own.
- Support by our actions the responsibility of the group leader(s) for the conduct of the group.

As group leaders, we will

- Assume responsibility for the conduct of the group.
- Learn and inform the group of any special rules, regulations, or conduct applicable to the area or habitat being visited.
- Limit groups to a size that does not threaten the environment or the peace and tranquility of others.
- Teach others birding ethics by our words and example.



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Tuesday, 13 March 1990, at the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. The speaker will be Dr. Beth Leuck, Associate Professor of Biology at Centenary College, who will present a talk on "Bird Behavior." This is the second presentation to our group by Dr. Leuck.

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Thursday, 5 April 1990, 7:00 PM. This meeting will be at the LSUS University Center, in the Pilots room. All Board Members should try to be present.

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RECYCLED PAPER UPDATE!

As most of you noticed, the last newsletter was not on recycled paper. We discovered that our printer cannot print on recycled paper. We will keep you informed of developments as we explore ways to solve this dilemma.

BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting

President Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M., 8 February 1990, in the Pilot's Room of the LSUS University Center. Board members attending the meeting were Bill Wood, Will Smolenski, Larry Raymond, Gloria Frantom, John Frantom, Bill Hall, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Charlie Lyon, and James McCain,

Jr. Pat Lonnecker was also present at the meeting.

Bill Wood began the meeting with a discussion of the problems we encountered in trying to use recycled paper. Mac reported that Classic Reprographics refuses to use the recycled paper in their copy machine. According to them, the edges of the paper are too rough, and the moisture content of the paper is too high. Mac also reported that Classic Reprographics' page charges of \$0.03 per page are the cheapest he has found in the Shreveport area. The board agreed to stay with Classic Reprographics for now, but to investigate other printers for a comparable price per page using recycled paper.

Pat Lonnecker reported that the SSNS bulk mailing permit is listed under our post office address and does not need to be changed even though the museum address has changed.

Will Smolenski reported that the raptor flight cage is nearing completion but has been progressing slowly due to the recent rains. He plans to have a crew working 9 February to install the vinyl-covered fencing over the roof. When dry weather returns, the inside of the cage will be painted white, and the outside will be coated with redwood stain.

Bill asked Jim McCain if had contacted any teachers yet regarding ways in which the bird group could help them. Jim reported that he had made some initial contacts with teachers, but that they have not gotten back with him yet.

Will asked if we need to try and move the speaker system to our new meeting location. Mac reported that there is already a public address system in the Science Lecture Auditorium that we can use.

Will also asked about progress on deciding on a logo for use in cars of birders. Bill Wood stated that we will probably make both of the examples shown at the last meeting available to members of our group. Mac suggested that we try to have some available at the meeting on 13 February.

Bill Wood reported that he thinks the outing schedule has been clarified and that we will stick to our outing on the third

Saturday of every month.

Under new business, the board discussed the recent museum move and what to do about the gift shop and bird seed sales. Mac reported that the museum is crowded into two rooms for now, but he hopes to eventually set up a corner of one of the rooms for the gift shop. However, Mac also stated that continuing to sell bird seed may be a problem due to the volume of bird seed we usually buy and the lack of storage and work areas in the new location. The general concensus of the board was to sell the seed we have left and then work to resolve the space and storage problems.

Bill Wood stated that several people had signed up to work Saturdays at the museum. Mac reported that he would like to have an established time to be open at the museum to sell items from the gift shop, have bird books available, and just to get together and talk about birds. Mac said he will plan on being ready to open from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on 17 February.

Will asked about the bird group library. Mac responded that books are on shelves and available at the new location. Bill Wood asked if the recommended books were ever purchased. Mac stated that some of the books were bought, but that most of them had still not been purchased. Following some discussion, the concensus of the board was that the books should be available for use in the museum, but that the books should not be checked out.

Pat Lonnecker asked if the gift shop is being used enough to open every Saturday. After some discussion, the board agreed that it might be best to open only one or two Saturdays a month, and to make the gift shop available before and after monthly meetings. Gloria Frantom reported that 75 people attended our last meeting in the Science Lecture Auditorium. The general concensus was that we would try and have items available for sale before and after our regular meetings beginning in March.

Bill Wood expressed concern that all guests attending our meeting were not being recognized. Mac said he likes the idea of using name tags for everyone to wear. Mac and Bill Wood will try to bring tags to the next meeting.

Bill presented several pieces of correspondence from the Red River Wetlands Coalition to the board. One letter announced that it was time to make nominations for the 1989 Shreveport/Bossier Conservationist of the Year. A second letter advised us of a meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on 14 February 1990 in the Caddo-Bossier Room of the LSUS University Center to coordinate Earth Day activities on 22 April 1990. Bill Wood and Mac Hardy volunteered to represent the SSNS Bird Study Group at the meeting.

The Red River Wetlands Coalition also sent our group six coalition t-shirts as compliments of a recent donor. The board agreed to use the t-shirts as door prizes at upcoming meetings.

Bill reported that the bluebird trail at Bickham Dickson Park needs some maintenance. He asked for a volunteer to build a few replacement houses. Bill said that he will put up the new houses and clean out the others. Larry agreed to bring some houses that can be used until better ones are constructed.

Bill stated that there is a need to establish a procedure for reporting bird sightings. Sightings need to include date of sighting and number of birds seen. Mac reported that he only uses reports that include the exact date and numbers seen. Will requested that we let people know about the sighting requirements in the next newsletter.

Bill reminded everyone that we plan to hold the election of officers in May. Those elected in May will be encouraged to attend board meetings so that they will be ready to assume office in September. Bill instructed Larry to check the bylaws to be sure that the elections can be held in May. Larry was also asked to prepare a motion to present to the entire membership at the next meeting.

Bill Wood asked the board to consider the problem that board meeting sometimes fall before the regular meeting and sometimes after the regular meeting. Everyone agreed that the President has the authority to establish when board meetings are held.

Mac reminded everyone that we will be banding birds at Paul Dickson's house this Saturday morning from 6:30 A.M. to noon.

The meeting was then adjourned.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 13 February 1990 in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus.

Betty Mason reported a January balance in the treasury of \$1,725.56. Since January the group has received revenues of \$169.00 and has spent \$773.26, leaving a February balance of \$1,121.30.

Guests attending the meeting were acknowledged.

An update on Ann Elston was given by Pat Lonnecker. Ann is still in the hospital. The Bird Study Group will send her a card signed by everyone attending the meeting.

Plans for the bird outing on Cross Lake on Saturday, February 17, were reviewed in detail.

Two t-shirts provided the bird group by the Red River Wetlands Coalition were given away as door prizes. A bluebird house was also given as a door prize, and was won by Raymond McDaniel, a newcomer to our group.

It was announced that extra newsletters were available at the meeting.

Membership privileges of the Louisiana Ornithological Society were discussed and our members were encouraged to join the state organization.

Shirley Huss reported that a Eurasian widgeon has been seen along the Louisiana coast. She also asked if anyone present had been to see it.

Betty Mason read a letter we received from the Baton Rouge Audubon Society thanking us for the \$300.00 donation we sent to expand the Holleyman Bird Sanctuary. We were invited to attend the fifth anniversary of the sanctuary to be held on April 28, 1990.

Bill Wood reported that Mac Hardy has been nominated for the 1989 Shreveport/Bossier Conservationist of the Year.

Pat Lonnecker showed some wonderful slides of local woodpeckers, while Bill Wood provided the appropriate woodpecker songs and calls. Pat discussed the red-headed woodpecker, pileated woodpecker, common flicker, red-bellied woodpecker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, and downy and hairy woodpeckers.

Bill Wood presented the program on "Feathers and Flight." He used slides, actual feathers, and handouts to illustrate his talk dealing with all aspects of feathers and aerodynamics.

The meeting adjourned after the program.

Thanks to Teresa Thrash for taking notes at the meeting.

FIELD TRIP *****

The next field trip of the Bird Study Group will be on Saturday, 17 March 1990, to the Red River Experimental Station. Many interesting birds will probably be seen. The leader will be Larry Raymond. All interested in attending should meet in the LSJS parking lot by the Science Building at 8:00 AM. We will car-pool from there.

GOOD BIRDING!

BIRD NOTES -- FEBRUARY

Compiled
February 27, 1990

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or 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. See the next paragraph for specific observers and places. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer.

Dates and reporters are as follows: B&JA--Betty and Bob Ashley, Feb. 20 (Caplis road, Sligo road, hwy. 71, hwy. 527, hwy. 154), Feb. 22 (hwy. 163 and Alfred road); AB--Alice Babers, Feb. 18 (residence); MB--Marie Burris, Feb. 22 (residence); NC--Norma Cobb, Feb. 20-22 (residence); GF--Gloria Frantom, Feb. 12, 21 (residence); VLG--Vera Lee Grubbs, Feb. 15, 22, 27 (residence); HH--Hubert Hervey, Feb. 24 (residence); H&GH--Helen and Gladden Hood, Feb. 12 (Cross Lake), 13 (residence); SH--Shirley Huss, Feb. 17 (residence); PL--Pat Lonnecker, Feb. 18-23 (residence); CL&HJ--Charlie Lyon and Horace Jeter, Feb. 3 (Cross Lake), 17 (Cross Lake, Shreveport Regional Airport, Red River Experimental Station); JMCB--John McBride, Feb. 19 (George road); JMcC--Jim McCain, Feb. 11 (Jeans Bayou), 14, 25 (residence); LR--Larry Raymond, Feb. 7 (Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park), 17, 18 (residence); LR&JM--Larry Raymond and John McBride, Feb. 3 (Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park); BSG--Bird Study Group, Feb. 17 (Cross Lake); BW--Bill Wood, Feb. 17 (Jacobs Nature Park or Richard Fleming Park), 25 (Bickham-Dickson Park); BWO--Bobbe Wonnack, Feb. 21, 24 (residence), 25 (Stonewall).

COMMON NAME	DATA
Pied-billed Grebe	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 3); 17 (BSG 2); 25 (BW 3)
Double-crested Cormorant	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1000); 12 (H&GH 100); 20 (B&BA 7); 22 (B&BA 14); 17 (BSG 500, CL&HJ 100); 25 (BW 2)
Great Blue Heron	Feb. 12 (H&GH 9); 17 (BSG 25, CL&HJ 5); 25 (BW 1)
Great Egret	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 20); 22 (B&BA 7); 17 (BSG 3, CL&HJ 2); 25 (BW 1)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Feb. 12 (H&GH 1)
Greater White-fronted Goose	Feb. 24 (HH 3)
Snow Goose	Feb. 24 (HH 45)
Wood Duck	Feb. 17 (BW 1, CL&HJ 4)
Mallard	Feb. 17 (BW 1)
Northern Shoveler	Feb. 17 (BSG 25)
Gadwall	Feb. 17 (BSG 12)
Canvasback	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 6); 17 (BSG 4)
Redhead	Feb. 25 (BW 2)
Ring-necked Duck	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 12)
Lesser Scaup	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 10)
Bufflehead	Feb. 17 (BSG 20, CL&HJ 3)
Red-breasted Merganser	Feb. 17 (BSG 1)
Ruddy Duck	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 100); 17 (BSG 50)
Black Vulture	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 6)
Turkey Vulture	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 4)
Bald Eagle	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 2); 17 (BSG 4, CL&HJ 1)
Northern Harrier	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 1); 20 (B&BA 1, 1)
Cooper's Hawk	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1)

Red-shouldered Hawk	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1)
Red-tailed Hawk	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 3); 17 (CL&HJ 2); 20 (B&BA 3, 9, 1, 2, 2)
American Kestrel	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 12); 20 (B&BA 1, 2, 3); 24 (HH 1)
American Coot	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 25); 17 (CL&HJ 20)
Bonaparte's Gull	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 50)
Ring-billed Gull	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 200); 17 (BSG 100, CL&HJ 2)
Herring Gull	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1); 17 (BSG 2)
Forster's Tern	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1); 17 (CL&HJ 1)
Mourning Dove	Feb. 18 (AB 7); 23 (PL 3); 25 (BW 2)
Eastern Screech-Owl	Feb. 25 (BW 1)
Great Horned Owl	Feb. 25 (BW 1)
Belted Kingfisher	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 3)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Feb. 21 (GF 2); 22 (NC 1); 17 (BW 2); 25 (BW 3)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1); 17 (BW 2); 20 (NC 2); 25 (BW 3)
Downy Woodpecker	Feb. 17 (BW 1); 25 (BW 1)
Northern Flicker	Feb. 20 (NC 2); 21 (GF 1); 25 (MB 4); 25 (BW 4)
Pileated Woodpecker	Feb. 3 (LR&JMcb 1); 12 (GF 1); 17 (BW 1)
Eastern Phoebe	Feb. 2 (B&BA 2); 25 (BW 1)
Horned Lark	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 3)
Purple Martin	Feb. 8 (MB 8); 14 (JMcc 2); 15 (VLG 2M); 17 (CL&HJ 14); 22 (VLG 2F,2M); 27 (VLG 6)
American Crow	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 6); 20 (B&BA 11); 25 (BW 20)
Fish Crow	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 1)
Carolina Chickadee	Feb. 17 (BW 2); 24 (JMcb 1); 25 (BW 6)
Tufted Titmouse	Feb. 17 (BW 4); 21 (GF 1; Bwo 2); 25 (BW 2)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Feb. 11 (JMcc 2); 17 (JMcb 2); 18 (LR 1); 18-22 (PL 1); 24 (JMcb 2)
Brown Creeper	Feb. 17 (BW 1, CL&HJ 3)
Carolina Wren	Feb. 21 (GF 1); 22 (NC 2)
Winter Wren	Feb. 7 (LR 1); 17 (BW 2, CL&HJ 5)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Feb. 17 (BW 4); 25 (BW 2)
Eastern Bluebird	Feb. 20 (B&BA 4, 9); 25 (BW 6)
Hermit Thrush	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 1); 25 (BW 1)
American Robin	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 100); 20 (B&BA 3, 26, 25); 21 (GF 1)
Northern Mockingbird	Feb. 25 (BW 2)
Brown Thrasher	Feb. 17 (BW 1)
Water Pipit	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 2)
Loggerhead Shrike	Feb. 20 (B&BA 4, 1); 25 (BW 2)
Solitary Vireo	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 1)
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 2); 18 (LR 1); 25 (BW 1)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Feb. 17 (BW 25); 18 (LR 1); 25 (BW 200)
Pine Warbler	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 4); 21 (GF 1)
Kentucky Warbler	Feb. 3 (LR&JMcb 1)
Northern Cardinal	Feb. 12 (GF 12); 17 (BW 6); 25 (BW 12)
Rufous-sided Towhee	Feb. 19 (JMcb 1 spotted); 25 (JMcc 3)
Chipping Sparrow	Feb. 12 (GF 6); 17 (CL&HJ 20); 18 (LR 30); 20, 23 (PL 14)
Field Sparrow	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 10); 25 (BW 2)
Vesper Sparrow	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 5)
Savannah Sparrow	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 25); 17 (CL&HJ 20)
LeConte's Sparrow	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 2)
Fox Sparrow	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1); 25 (Bwo 1)
Song Sparrow	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 8); 17 (BW 2, CL&HJ 2); 25 (BW 2)
Swamp Sparrow	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 1); 17 (BW 3, CL&HJ 1)
White-throated Sparrow	Feb. 12 (GF 13); 17 (BW 12); 25 (BW 12)
White-crowned Sparrow	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 5); 24 (HH 1; Bwo 4)
Dark-eyed Junco	Feb. 3 (CL&HJ 50); 17 (BW 12); 18 (LR 1); 21 (GF 3); 22 (NC 3); 25 (BW 24)
Smith's Longspur	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 8)
Red-winged Blackbird	Feb. 25 (BW 100)
Eastern Meadowlark	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 20); 20 (B&BA 12, 8)
Western Meadowlark	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 1)
Rusty Blackbird	Feb. 25 (BW 2)
Brewer's Blackbird	Feb. 17 (CL&HJ 20)
Common Grackle	Feb. 25 (BW 50)
Brown-headed Cowbird	Feb. 25 (BW 50)
Purple Finch	Feb. 13 (H&GH 2); 17 (BW 4); 24 (JMcb 2)
Pine Siskin	Feb. 17 (BW 50); 21 (GF 35); 24 (HH 3; JMcb 5; Bwo 12)
American Goldfinch	Feb. 17 (SH 3, BW 100); 24 (HH 18)

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**NEXT REGULAR
MEETING:**

Tuesday, 8 May 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. The speaker will be Nancy L. Newfield, who will present an illustrated program on Hummingbirds. Ms. Newfield is a leading authority on hummingbirds in Louisiana. See you there.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 7 June 1990, 7:00 PM. This meeting will be at Mac Hardy's home, 1823 S. Brookwood Drive. 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.

**NEWFIELD TO TALK
ON HUMMINGBIRDS**

Nancy Newfield, from Metairie, LA, will be our guest speaker at the next meeting on May 8 at 7 PM. Ms. Newfield, a nationally recognized authority on hummingbirds, will present a slide lecture concerning the biology of hummingbirds, banding, and conservation.

**MINUTES of LAST
BOARD MEETING**

President Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on 5 April 1990. Board members attending the meeting were Connie Connors, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Will Smolenski, and Bill Wood. Pat Lonacker was also present at the meeting.

The first topic of discussion was the

price of printing the newsletter. It costs \$30.00 an issue to print the newsletter on regular paper and about \$140.00 an issue to use recycled paper. The board decided to stay with regular paper.

Shirley Huss made a motion, seconded by Will Smolenski, to send \$100.00 to the Holleyman Sanctuary Fund as a memorial in memory of Ann and Willard Elston. The motion was approved.

A general discussion of whether or not to continue selling bird seed followed. There are 40 to 50 pounds of seed on hand. A suggestion was made to limit our sales to birding accessories such as feeders, but not to sell seed after we exhaust our present supply. No decision was made.

Mac Hardy reported that the Museum of Life Sciences has to move from its present location this summer. At this time a specific deadline for the move is not known. The optimum amount of space needed for the museum is 5000 square feet. LSUS would prefer to keep the museum on the campus. A general discussion of move possibilities followed.

Will Smolenski reported that Nancy Newfield will present the program in May. He also reported that the raptor rehabilitation cage at Walter Jacobs Nature Park is finished. The board decided that the Bird Study Group will give a plaque to the AT&T volunteers for their work, and a certificate to each person who worked on the cage.

A decision was made that all future board meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month in order to conduct the business of the group before the regular meetings of the month are held.

A suggestion was made that the Bird Study Group develop a "library" collection of bird slides that can be checked out by those presenting programs, lectures, etc. No decision was made on this suggestion.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to Shirley Huss for taking notes at the meeting.

MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 10 April 1990, in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. President Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Guests were asked to introduce themselves to the group.

Betty Mason reported a March balance in the treasury of \$1,258.81. Income this month was \$270.97 and expenses totaled \$226.02. The April balance in the treasury is \$1,303.76.

Bill reported that the Board approved sending a check for \$100.00 to the Holleyman Sanctuary Fund in memory of Ann and Willard Elston.

Bill also reported that the raptor rehabilitation cage at the Walter Jacobs Nature Park is completed and now contains an injured red-tailed hawk. Will Smolenski, Dick Rolandt, and Ed Bitowski were thanked for their volunteer efforts in constructing the cage.

Members were reminded of the bird outing scheduled for Saturday, April 21. The group will meet at the LSUS Museum at 9:00 A.M. and then carpool to the James Bayou Area, or to Wallace Lake Dam if the water is too high in Jeems Bayou.

Members were also reminded of the LOS meeting April 27-29 in Cameron.

Betty reported that the Baton Rouge Audubon Society invited us to attend the dedication ceremony of the Henshaw Sanctuary, and the rededication of the Holleyman-Sheely Sanctuary to be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 28, 1990, at the Sanctuary Kiosk, Peveto Beach Woods, in Cameron Parish.

Betty noted that our post office account only has \$33.16 in it, and she plans to place an additional \$200.00 in the account.

Since the Bird Study Group had a gross income of \$4,294.73 in 1989, Betty had to file a report with the IRS for our group.

Ed Bitowski inquired as to whether members of the Bird Study Group were also members of the Audubon Society. Bill explained that we are not an Audubon Chapter, but that individuals can join the Audubon Society on their own.

Bill stated that he planned to be at the Earth Day activity along the riverfront on Sunday, April 22, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., to distribute information about our group. He welcomed any members who want to volunteer to help. Nicki McCombs reported that the Shreveport event had been cancelled, but that some of the activities would be moved to Bossier where other events are scheduled. Bill stated he would check on this new development and then decide whether or not to participate.

The gift shop is now open on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, and was also open after the meeting.

Betty read a letter from the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve expressing concern that the Kisatchie Forest District was preparing to apply herbicide along highways around the Kisatchie Forest. Members were asked to send letters to the Kisatchie Forest District if they wanted to comment on the proposed action. Margaret Fontaine volunteered to write a letter for the group. A motion was made and passed to object to the spraying. A suggestion was made to sign a petition protesting the use of herbicides along highways in the Kisatchie Forest. A petition was prepared and made available to be signed by everyone attending the meeting. The petition will be sent along with Margaret's letter.

Bill asked Jim McCain's daughter, Jennifer, to draw for door prizes. Margaret Hicks won a coloring book, Jim McCain won bird coasters donated by the Bitowski's, Gene McKee won 10 bird checklists, John Kamphus won a Red River Wetlands Coalition t-shirt, and Jackie McVay won a bluebird house made by Ed Bitowski.

Will Smolenski announced that Nancy Newfield, President of the LOS and an expert on hummingbirds, will give the May program. Larry Raymond asked about charging nonmembers to attend the program. Several members suggested that it would be better not to charge, but rather use the opportunity to

obtain new members. The consensus of the group was not to charge. A discussion followed concerning refreshments for the program. Some members may bring cookies and make them available at the program.

Bill recognized Charles Lyon for the article on Bickham Dickson Park he published in the LOS newsletter. Bill reminded everyone of the Big Day of birding planned at Paul Dickson's Bienville Parish home on May 12. In conjunction with the Big Day will be a friendly competition to see who can record the most species of birds from midnight on May 12 to midnight on May 13.

Bill reminded everyone that the LOS is raffling a pair of 8 x 36 Bush and Lomb binoculars. He still has tickets for those that are interested.

Charles Lyon, who is our representative from north Louisiana on the LOS Board, presented the program on warblers. He discussed all of the species that might be seen in Louisiana, including information on abundance, habitat, seasonal occurrence, and diagnostic field characteristics. This program was a great preparation for the arrival of spring migrants and summer residents.

Bill announced that the Audubon videos on warblers would be shown in the LSUS University Center on Saturday, April 14 at 11:00 A.M. Everyone was invited to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

COMPUTER BIRD LIST

A life list of the Birds of North America is now available on disks for the IBM PC and compatibles. It is a PC-File database. If you would like a copy contact Mac Hardy; it is on two 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " disks or one 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " disk.

I Missed Another!
It flapped, I fumbled
It fluttered, I stumbled
It flew, I knew
I missed another -- life bird!
-- Bill Wood

LOGGY BAYOU MAY 8 ***

The spring outing of the Bird Study Group will be held at Paul Dickson's Loggy Bayou Plantation on Saturday, May 12. Meet at Paul's house there at 6 AM or after. All birders should bring a sack lunch. Maps will be available at the next meeting and at the Museum.

RED-FACED WARBLER!

The spring LOS meeting was held in Cameron, La. on April 27, 28, and 29. SSNS was well represented and was treated to the First State Record of a Red-faced Warbler. This warbler is normally associated with elevations above 6000 feet in S. W. Arizona and Mexico. In addition to the Red-faced Warbler other notable species seen were Scott's Oriole, Oldsquaw, Blue-winged, Cape May, and Worm-eating Warblers, Gray-cheeked and Swainson Thrushes, Black-billed Cuckoo and lots of Scarlet Tanagers, Summer Tanagers, and Gray Catbirds.

REMINDER

If your membership expires this month be sure to pay your dues at the next meeting or earlier. The BIRD STUDY GROUP depends upon your support for much of the good work that the organization accomplishes. Check your membership and bring a friend to the next meeting.

GOOD BIRDING!

RECYCLED PAPER

Recycled paper is to be used on this issue of the Newsletter. We hope this will become a regular standard of the Bird Study Group.

BIRD NOTES -- APRIL

Compiled
May 1, 1990

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Connie Connors (865-6422) by the 25th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

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Reporters are as follows: B&JA -- Betty and Joe Ashley; AB -- Alice Babers; LJB -- L. J. Bass; BSG -- Bird Study Group; GB -- Gordon Blackman; S&MB -- Stuart and Marie Burris; NC -- Norma Cobb; CC -- Connie Connors; CC&EM -- Connie Connors and Elizabeth Whitaker; P&LF -- Peggy and Lamar Fleming; MF -- Margaret Fontaine; G&JF -- Gloria and John Frantom; BH -- Bill Hall; HH -- Hubert Hervey; H&GH -- Helen and Gladden Hood; SH -- Shirley Huss; SH&PL -- Shirley Huss and Pat Lonacker; HJ -- Horace Jeter; V&DJ -- Veta and Dee Jowers; CL -- Charlie Lyon; PL -- Pat Lonacker; PL et al. -- Pat Lonacker, Vicky Camp, Carolyn Upchurch, and Velda Neilson; BM -- Betty Mason; JM -- Jim McCain; NM -- Nicky McCombs; JM -- Jackie McVey; KP -- Katie Pyle; LR -- Larry Raymond; MS -- Mildred Smith; B&RW -- Bobbe and Robert Wonnack; BW -- Bill Wood.

COMMON NAME	DATA
Pied-billed Grebe	1 SH&PL 1; 6 PL et al. 2; 7 BW 3; 10 LR 2; 14 CL 4; 15 CL 4; 20 HH 1; 22 BH 3; 24 CL 1
American White Pelican	Mar. 26 B&JA 1; Mar. 29 JM 3; 3 B&JA 3; 8 BW 6
Double-crested Cormorant	1 SH&PL 2; 6 PL et al. 17; 7 BW 14; 14 CL 75; 15 CL 10; 21 JM 4; 25 HH 2;
Anhinga	21 BSG 8
Great Blue Heron	Mar. 26 B&JA 1; 6 PL et al. 2; 7 BW 1, 1; 15 BW 4; 20 HH 2, BW 2, 2; 21 BSG 1, BW 2; 24 CL 1
Great Egret	7 BW 1; 14 CL 2; 15 BW 4; 20 HH 1; 21 BW 1; 24 CL 1
Snowy Egret	1 SH&PL 1; 7 BW 1; 14 CL 5; 15 BW 1; 20 HH 1, BW 4, 6; 22 BH 2;
Little Blue Heron	1 SH&PL 2; 3 B&JA 17; 7 BW 2, 2; 11 B&JA 4; 12 BW 1; 15 BW 3; 20 BW 3, 5; 21 JM 3, BW 2; 22 BH 4
Cattle Egret	6 PL et al. 8; 14 CL 5; 15 CL 15; 21 BSG 3; 22 JM 10; 25 HH 25;
Green-backed Heron	7 B&RW 1; 11 B&JA 1; 13 BW 2; 14 CL 1; 15 CL 1; 20 BW 2; 21 BW 2; 23 CL 3; 24 CL 4, JM 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	25 B&RW 1
Wood Duck	8 BW 2; 15 CL 1; 19 B&RW 2; 24 CL 6; 26 JM 1
Green-winged Teal	14 CL 2
Mallard	Mar. 26 B&JA 4; Apr. 11 B&JA 4;
Blue-winged Teal	1 SH&PL 13; 6 PL et al. 5; 7 BW 39; 8 BW 2; 20 HH 22; 21 BW 15; 22 BH 10; 23 CL 1; 24 CL 7; 25 B&RW 6
Ring-necked Duck	8 BW 2
Black Vulture	1 SH&PL 31; 6 PL et al. 1; 10 LR 1; 15 BW 8; 20 BW 27; 25 HH 12;
Turkey Vulture	1 SH&PL 2; 6 PL et al. 1; 15 BW 3; 20 BW 6; 21 BSG 1; 25 HH 4;
Osprey	19 LJB 2;
Mississippi Kite	8 BW 9
Northern Harrier	Apr. 11 B&JA 1;
Sharp-shinned Hawk	7 BW 1; 13 BW 1; 15 CL 1
Cooper's Hawk	12 BW 1; 16 HH 1;
Red-shouldered Hawk	13 BW 1; 15 CL 1; 21 BSG 1, JM 2
Broad-winged Hawk	14 CL 1; 15 BW 3; 21 BSG 1
Red-tailed Hawk	Mar. 26 B&JA 1; 3 B&JA 1; 11 B&JA 3; 12 JM 1; 16 B&JA 4, HH 2; 20 BW 1
American Kestrel	Mar. 26 B&JA 1; 20 BW 1
Northern Bobwhite	10 H&GH 1;
American Coot	1 SH&PL 1; 7 BW 5; 20 HH 2; 22 BH 4; 23 CL 2; 24 CL 1
Lesser Golden-Plover	Mar. 26 B&JA 200; Apr. 3 B&JA 100; 11 B&JA 150;
Killdeer	1 SH&PL 1; 3 B&JA 1; 6 PL et al. 4; 11 B&JA 2; 21 BW 4; 22 BH 2; 25 HH 1;
Greater Yellowlegs	1 SH&PL 1; 11 B&JA 4; 12 BW 14; 15 BW 26; 16 B&JA 18; 20 BW 9; 22 BH 1; 23 B&JA 8;
Lesser Yellowlegs	Mar. 26 B&JA 7; 14 CL 2, BW 9; 20 BW 2; 21 BW 2; 22 BH 6; 25 B&RW 12
Solitary Sandpiper	14 BW 1; 20 HH 14, BW 10; 21 BW 25; 22 BH 15; 23 CL 5; 24 CL 6; 25 B&RW 4
Spotted Sandpiper	20 HH 1, BW 1; 22 BH 5; 23 CL 1; 24 CL 3
Upland Sandpiper	7 BW 23; 12 BW 4; 14 CL 11; 21 BW 2
Least Sandpiper	14 BW 8; 20 BW 12; 22 BH 14; 24 CL 2
Pectoral Sandpiper	14 BW 1; 25 B&RW 25
Common Snipe	11 B&JA 4; 15 BH 4;
American Woodcock	Mar. 26 B&JA 1;
Bonaparte's Gull	23 V&DJ 2
Rock Dove	4 CC&EM 16
Ringed Turtle-Dove	12 GB 1; 13 GB 1
Mourning Dove	1 SH&PL 1; 4 CC&EM 1; 6 PL et al 4; 7 BW 4; 16 H&GH 2, NM 5; 20 NC 2, CC 2; 21 PL 5; 24 NM 5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	19 B&RW 1; 22 B&JA 2;
Eastern Screech-Owl	23 P&LF 1; 25 JM 1
Barred Owl	12 BW 1; 15 CL 2; 20 HH 1, JM 1, BW 1
Chuck-will's-widow	10 BH 2; 21 BW 1
Chimney Swift	7 BW 20; 12 LR 3; 20 HH 4; 22 BH 2; 23 CL 10; 25 HH 3;
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Mar. 30 LR 1; 4 LR 1; 8 NM 1; 21 BSG 2; 24 CL 1
Belted Kingfisher	1 SH&PL 1; 6 PL et al. 4; 21 BSG 1, JM 2; 24 BW&CL 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	15 CL 1; 21 BSG 1; 25 G&JF 1;
Red-bellied Woodpecker	4 CC&EM 1; 6 PL et al. 2; 7 BW 2; 13 CC 3; 20 CC 2, BW 2; 21 NM 1; 25 G&JF 2; 26 JM 1
Downy Woodpecker	7 BW 1; 15 CL 1; 20 BM 1; 24 NM 1; 25 G&JF 2, NM 1; 26 JM 1

Hairy Woodpecker 15 CL 1; 20 CC 2;
 Northern Flicker 6 PL et al. 1; 7 BW 2; 8 BW 1; 24 NM 1
 Pileated Woodpecker 14 CL 1; 15 CL 2, BW 1; 25 JM 1
 Eastern Wood-Pewee 20 BW 1; 23 V&DJ 1
 Acadian Flycatcher 21 HJ 3; 25 HH 2;
 Great Crested Flycatcher 14 CL 1; 21 BSG 1; 22 BH 1, KP 1; 23 CL 1, KP 1; 24 H&GH 2, CL 1; 25 HH 2
 Eastern Kingbird 6 PL et al. 8; 11 B&JA 3; 12 BW 1; 13 BW 3; 14 CL 5; 15 CL 12, BM 1, BW 1; 20 BW 3; 21 BSG 1, BM 4, 3; 22 BH 5, KP 1; 23 CL 1; 24 B&JA 1, CL 4
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1 SH&PL 1; 6 PL et al. 2; 7 B&RW 1; 11 B&JA 2; 12 BW 2; 15 BH 1, BM 2; 16 B&JA 1; 17 LR 1; 21 BSG 1, BM 1; 22 BH 4, JM 2, 1, 1, 2, KP 1; 23 B&JA 2; 24 CL 5; 25 HH 2
 Purple Martin 1 SH&PL 1; 6 PL et al. 30; 7 BW 6; 22 BH 4; 24 CL 20
 Tree Swallow 8 BW 2
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow 7 BW 3; 22 JM 60, 6; 25 HH 4
 Cliff Swallow 14 CL 1
 Barn Swallow Mar. 26 B&JA 2; 1 SH&PL 5; 3 B&JA 10; 6 PL et al. 30; 7 BW 4; 11 B&JA 9; 16 B&JA 12; 20 BW 3; 21 BSG 5; 22 BH 3; 23 B&JA 4; 24 CL 1
 Blue Jay 1 SH&PL 1; 4 CC&EW 3; 6 PL et al. 4; 20 BW 27
 American Crow 1 SH&PL 2; 6 PL et al. 6; 20 BW 6; 21 BSG 4
 Fish Crow 1 SH&PL 2; 21 BSG 2; 25 HH 10;
 Carolina Chickadee 6 PL et al. 3; 7 BW 2; 11 NS 8; 12 BW 2; 13 BW 6; 20 CC 2, BW 2; 21 BSG 1, NM 5, BW 2; 24 NM 5; 25 G&JF 2, JM 5
 Tufted Titmouse 4 CC&EW 1; 6 PL et al. 3; 7 BW 3; 12 BW 4; 21 BSG 1; 25 G&JF 2
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 13 BW 1
 White-breasted Nuthatch 15 JM 2; 21 BSG 1; 25 G&JF 2;
 Brown-headed Nuthatch 6 PL et al. 3; 15 CL 1
 Carolina Wren 12 LR 1, BW 2; 13 BW 2; 16 H&GH 2; 20 NC 1, CC 1; 21 BSG 1, JM 1; 25 G&JF 2;
 Marsh Wren 15 H&GH 1
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2 PL 1; 6 PL et al. 3; 8 BW 4; 15 CL 1; 16 NM 1
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 7 BW 2; 8 BW 2; 12 BW 11; 14 CL 15; 15 CL 25, BW 4; 21 BSG 2
 Eastern Bluebird 1 SH&PL 2; 3 B&JA 4; 6 PL et al. 12; 8 BW 6; 11 B&JA 3; 16 B&JA 2; 20 BW 5; 21 PL 3, BW 3, 4; 22 BH 1
 Wood Thrush 17 KP 1
 American Robin 1 SH&PL 2; 4 CC&EW 3, MF 1 (albino); 7 BW 12; 25 G&JF 2;
 Gray Catbird 23 CL 3; 24 CL 8; 25 B&RW 4; 26 KP 1
 Northern Mockingbird 1 SH&PL 1; 4 CC&EW 2; 6 PL et al. 7; 7 BW 2; 13 GB 2; 20 NC 1, BW 4; 26 JM 4
 Brown Thrasher 6 PL et al. 3; 8 BW 1; 20 AB 1;
 Cedar Waxwing Mar. 31 V&DJ 20; 6 PL et al. 20; 22 BH 18, NM 15; 23 NM 9; 24 NM 10; 25 V&DJ 25
 Loggerhead Shrike 1 SH&PL 1; 15 BW 2; 21 BSG 1, BW 1
 European Starling 4 CC&EW 1; 6 PL et al. 5; 26 JM 2
 White-eyed Vireo 10 BH 2; 12 BW 1; 13 KP 1; 14 CL 2; 15 BW 1; 20 H&GH 1; 21 HJ 4, BSG 1; 23 CL 1
 Yellow-throated Vireo 21 HJ 1
 Red-eyed Vireo 6 PL et al. 1; 10 LR 1; 14 CL 2; 15 CL 4, BW 3; 21 HJ 12, BSG 1
 Blue-winged Warbler 23 CL 1
 Tennessee Warbler 19 HJ 1; 20 HJ 2; 24 CL 5
 Orange-crowned Warbler 8 BW 1
 Nashville Warbler 12 BW 1; 16 NM 1
 Northern Parula 10 LR 1; 14 CL 1; 15 CL 2; 21 BSG 1
 Yellow Warbler 26 B&RW 1
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 6 PL et al. 100; 7 BW 23; 8 BW 16; 12 BW 23; 13 BW 20, 16; 14 CL 15; 15 CL 20; 20 HH 15; 23 CL 3
 Blackburnian Warbler Mar. 31 V&DJ 1
 Yellow-throated Warbler 14 CL 1; 15 CL 1; 21 HJ 1, BSG 1
 Pine Warbler 6 PL et al. 2; 12 BW 4; 13 BW 2; 14 CL 4; 15 CL 5; 20 G&JF 1; 21 HJ 1; 22 JM 1
 Black-and-white Warbler 12 BW 2; 20 HH 2; 25 NM 1
 Prothonotary Warbler 3-4 MS 2; 7 V&DJ 2; 8 BW 1; 13 BW 1; 15 CL 1; 23 CL 2; 24 V&DJ 4, CL 1
 Swainson's Warbler 21 HJ 1
 Northern Waterthrush 24 CL 1
 Louisiana Waterthrush 21 HJ 1
 Kentucky Warbler 21 HJ 1
 Common Yellowthroat 14 CL 1; 16 B&RW 1; 21 JM 1
 Hooded Warbler 14 CL 1; 15 CL 2; 21 HJ 1
 Yellow-breasted Chat 17 B&RW 1; 23 CL 1; 24 CL 1
 Summer Tanager 14 CL 2; 15 B&JA 1, CL 3; 16 V&DJ 4; 17 KP 1; 20 BH 2; 21 BSG 4; 23 H&GH 4; 24 CL 1
 Scarlet Tanager 19 LJB 1;
 Northern Cardinal 1 SH&PL 4; 4 CC&EW 3; 6 PL et al. 3; 13 BW 4; 20 MC 2; 22 NM 2; 23 NM 2; 24 NM 2
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 21 BSG 1; 22 KP 1; 23 CL 1; 24 CL 1; 25 NM 1, B&RW 2; 26 KP 2
 Blue Grosbeak 19 B&RW 1; 20 BW 25; 21 BH 3, BW 4; 23 B&JA 1; 24 CL 1; 25 HH 2; 26 BH 8;
 Indigo Bunting 6 PL et al. 2; 14 B&RW 1; 15 BH 4; 19 B&JA 4, CC 1, KP 19; 20 NC 1, CC 1, BW 50; 21 BH 15, PL 1, NM 4, BW 12; 22 G&JF 3, JM 2, NM 1; 23 CL 5, NM 1; 24 CL 10, NM 1; 25 S&MB 7, HH 2; 26 BH 125
 Painted Bunting 20 BW 1; 22 DL 1; 23 B&JA 1, CL 1
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 Chipping Sparrow 2 PL 12; 6 PL et al. 30; 12 LR 7; 21 PL 2; 24 NM 1; 25 NM 2; 26 BH 2
 Field Sparrow 14 CL 1
 Vesper Sparrow 25 HH 20
 Savannah Sparrow 15 BW 94; 25 HH 12
 Lincoln's Sparrow 13 BW 2; 20 BW 1; 23 CL 1; 24 CL 3
 Swamp Sparrow 8 BW 1
 White-throated Sparrow 6 PL et al. 1; 8 BW 4; 12 LR 1, BW 17; 13 BW 8; 20 G&JF 6; 21 BSG 1; 22 NM 5; 23 NM 6; 24 NM 4;

	26 JM 10, B&RW 2
White-crowned Sparrow	7 BW 20; 12 BW 1; 13 B&RW 4; 15 BW 4, 8; 20 BW 6; 21 BW 8; 26 B&RW 3
Red-winged Blackbird	1 SH&PL 5; 3 B&JA 1; 4 CC&EW 5; 6 PL et al. 8; 7 BW 8; 11 B&JA 13; 16 B&JA 30; 23 B&JA 15;
Eastern Meadowlark	Mar. 26 B&JA 11; 1 SH&PL 1; 3 B&JA 1; 10 H&GH 1; 11 B&JA 1; 16 B&JA 70
Brewer's Blackbird	7 BW 4
Common Grackle	4 CC&EW 8; 6 PL et al. 6; 7 BW 50
Brown-headed Cowbird	4 CC&EW 19; 6 PL et al. 12; 7 BW 5; 17 KP 2; 21 BSG 1
Orchard Oriole	6 PL et al. 1; 16 B&RW 2; 17 HJ 1; 20 BW 26; 21 BH 2; 23 KP 1
Northern Oriole	12 CC 1; 13 CC 1; 16 NM 3; 18 B&RW 2; 20 CC 3, HH 4, HJ 4; 21 BW 3; 22 BH 3; 23 B&JA 1, CL 1; 24 CL 2
Purple Finch	14 AB 2
House Finch	13 GB 1
Pine Siskin	3 B&RW 3; 12 LR 15; 13 CC 1, BW 15; 18 SH 2; 20 CC 2; 21 PL 1, BSG 5; 22 AB 2; 24 NM 10; 25 G&JF 15, NM 10; 26 JM 6
American Goldfinch	2 B&RW 50; 4 CC&EW 15; 12 GB 7, LR 1; 13 CC 40; 14 AB 19, V&DJ 30; 16 NM 20; 18 SH 6; 20 MC 5, CC 7, G&JF 4, BW 18; 22 BH 6; 23 CL 3; 24 CL 50, NM 30, BW&CL 50; 25 NM 30; 26 JM 3
Evening Grosbeak	22 JM 1
House Sparrow	13 GB 1 (albino);

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Tuesday, 12 June 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Paul Dickson will present a program entitled "The Joys of Bird-Listing". Find out the ways to organize a bird list, resources to use, and the value of information that can be obtained.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 7 June 1990, 7:00 PM. This meeting will be at Mac Hardy's home, 1823 S. Brookwood Drive. All Board Members should try to be present.

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BIRD NOTES

When submitting observations for

inclusion in the monthly BIRD NOTES report be sure to include the specific date and location where the bird was seen and the numbers seen. This information is very important for the accuracy and usefulness of our observations.

In order to simplify the BIRD NOTES report, all permanent residents will not be included in the BIRD NOTES report beginning with this issue of the Newsletter. A list of the permanent residents for our area is included below.

LABEL DATE

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PERMANENT RESIDENTS

This is a list of the permanent residents of Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana. These species will no longer be included in the BIRD NOTES report. If any of these should be included please let Mac know. An easy way to do this is to return this list to me with those species marked out that should continue to be included in the Bird Report. The new BIRD REPORT, excluding these species, will begin with the July 1990 issue.

COMMON NAME	SPECIES
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>
Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
Common Barn-Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Otus asio</i>
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>

Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>
Carolina Chickadee	<i>Parus carolinensis</i>
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Parus bicolor</i>
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
Brown-headed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>
Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Bachman's Sparrow	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>

HUDSONIAN GODWITS*

At least four Hudsonian Godwits were seen on the LSUS campus on 12-13 of May. Several birders were able to see these uncommon visitors to our area.

MONK PARAKEET NEST

Mr. Ralph Mitchell reported a Monk Parakeet building a nest in his back yard. Mac visited his yard on 16 May. There was a single adult Monk Parakeet flying between a feeder in the next neighbor's yard and a nest located in a willow tree, in water about 30 feet from the back edge of Mr. Mitchell's yard. The bird entered the nest several times and worked on the nest while we were watching. A second bird has not been seen. The bird is still working on the nest as of 31 May. Visits are OK, but please call Mr. Mitchell in advance -- phone 636-2082.

BIRD NOTES -- MAY

Compiled
May 30, 1990

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Reporters are as follows: AB -- Alice Babers, 4/26/90, 5/24/90 residence; WMB -- W. M. Beasley, 4/28/90 residence; GB -- Gordon Blackman, 4/15/90, 5/10/90, 5/11/90 residence, 5/21/90 Helene & Alison, Shreveport, 5/23/90 residence; SB -- Shug Burris, 5/22/90 residence; NC -- Norma Cobb, 5/13/90 residence, 5/23/90 Hearne & Mansfield, Shreveport, 5/23/90 residence; JC -- James Cope, 4/30/90 residence, 5/2/90 residence; PD -- Paul Dickson, 5/12/90 residence; MF -- Margaret Fontaine, 5/23/90 residence; GF -- Gloria Frantom, 5/23/90 residence; BH -- Bill Hall, 5/11/90, 5/24/90 residence; HM -- Hubert Hervey, 4/29/90 Hall Summit, 5/10/90 Cypress Bayou, 5/10/90 residence, 5/17/90 Cypress Bayou; HHO -- Helen Hood, 4/29/90 Hall Summit, 5/2/90, 5/4/90 residence, 5/5/90 South Park Mall, Shreveport, 5/6/90 Hodges Gardens, 5/9/90, 5/11/90, 5/13/90, 5/20/90 residence; SH&PL -- Shirley Huss & Pat Lonnecker, 5/6/90 LSUS, Hamels Park, Bickham-Dickson Park, 5/13/90 LSUS; SH -- Shirley Huss, 5/1/90, 5/2/90, 5/7/90, 5/10/90, 5/11/90, 5/18/90, 5/25/90 residence; D&VJ -- Dee Jowers & Yeta Jowers, 5/23/90 Haughton, 5/24/90 residence; MK -- Marilyn Kircus, 4/29/90 Bickham-Dickson Park, 4/29/90 residence, 5/6/90 Soda Lake; CL&HJ -- Charlie Lyon & Horace Jeter, 5/13/90 LSUS, 5/13/90 Wallace Lake, 5/13/90 Yearwood Road; CL -- Charlie Lyon, 4/28/90 South Park Mall, Shreveport, 5/4/90, 5/6/90 I-49, mile 147, 5/12/90 LSUS, 5/12/90 residence, 5/14/90 residence, 5/23/90 Rush/Panola Co., Texas; JM -- Jim McCain, 5/22/90 residence; NM -- Nicky McCombs, 4/26/90, 5/1/90, 5/3/90, 5/4/90, 5/13/90, 5/14/90 residence, 5/16/90 Bert Kouns, 5/16/90, 5/16/90, 5/17/90, 5/18/90, 5/19/90, 5/20/90, 5/21/90, 5/24/90 residence; KP -- Katie Pyle, 5/23/90 residence; LR -- Larry Raymond, 5/4/90 Jacobs Nature Park, 5/13/90 residence, 5/23/90 Jacobs Nature Park, BW -- Bobbe Womack, 4/26/90, 4/28/90 residence, 5/1/90 Stonewall, 5/4/90, 5/5/90, 5/7/90, 5/10/90 residence, 5/10/90 Stonewall, 5/12/90 residence, 5/15/90 Stonewall, 5/25/90 I-49.

Common Name	Data
American White Pelican	Apr. 28 CL 75; 6 CL 125
Great Blue Heron	Apr. 29 MK 3; 6 SH&PL 1; 22 SB 1
Great Egret	Apr. 29 MK 3; 6 SH&PL 1; 24 D&VJ 25
Snowy Egret	Apr. 29 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 3, 1
Little Blue Heron	6 SH&PL 2; 13 CL&HJ 1
Cattle Egret	6 HHO 51
Green-backed Heron	Apr. 29 MK 1; 6 SH&PL 1; 7 BW 2; 22 SB 1; 24 BH 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	12 CL 1; 17 HH 12; 23 MF (nesting)
Fulvous Whistling Duck	4 CL 1
Wood Duck	10 HH 2; 12 CL 2
Mallard	4 CL 1; 13 CL&HJ 2
Blue-winged Teal	Apr. 29 MK 8; 4 CL 4
Black Vulture	10 HH 10
Turkey Vulture	10 HH 6
Mississippi Kite	29 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 1; 14 CL 1; 25 BW 2
Cooper's Hawk	10 HH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	6 HHO 1; 10 HH 4; 13 CL&HJ 2
Swainson's Hawk	13 CL&HJ 1
Red-tailed Hawk	10 HH 2; 23 CL 1
American Kestrel	23 NC 1
Northern Bobwhite	4 HHO 1; 13 CL&HJ 2; 23 CL 1
Killdeer	6 SH&PL 1; 23 D&VJ 9
Greater Yellowlegs	Apr. 29 MK 4
Lesser Yellowlegs	Apr. 29 MK 2; 6 SH&PL 2; 12 CL 6; 13 SH&PL 5, CL&HJ 5
Solitary Sandpiper	Apr. 29 MK 4
Spotted Sandpiper	Apr. 29 MK 4; 13 CL&HJ 1
Upland Sandpiper	13 CL&HJ 2
Hudsonian Godwit	12 CL 4; 13 SH&PL, CL&HJ 4
White-rumped Sandpiper	13 SH&PL, CL&HJ 2
Pectoral Sandpiper	Apr. 29 MK 4; 13 SH&PL 9; 13 CL&HJ 10
Stilt Sandpiper	12 CL 5
Short-billed Dowitcher	12 CL 1
Wilson's Phalarope	12 CL 2
Ringed Turtle-Dove	Apr. 15 GB 2; 21 GB 2
Mourning Dove	6 SH&PL 1; 23 NC 2, 2;
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	13 CL&HJ 2; 16 HH 1; 23 CL 1
Barred Owl	13 CL&HJ 1
Common Nighthawk	10 HH 8
Chuck-will's-widow	10 HH 1
Chimney Swift	6 SH&PL 4; 13 LR 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	May 6 MK 3; 10 GB 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 1, NM 2, LR 22 1, SB 3; 23 GB 1; 24 D&VJ 2
Belted Kingfisher	Apr. 29 MK 2
Red-headed Woodpecker	Apr. 29 HHO 1; 10 BW 1; 17 HH 2; 23 GF 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Apr. 26 AB 1; Apr. 29 MK 2; 1 JC 2; 2 JC 2; 11 HHO 1; 23 NC 4, GF 224 BH 1
Downy Woodpecker	23 GF 2; 24 BH 1

Northern Flicker	Apr. 29 MK 2; 17 HH 6; 13 HHO 1
Pileated Woodpecker	Apr. 29 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 1; 20 HHO 1; 23 GF 1
Olive-sided Flycatcher	6 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	6 MK 8; 10 SH 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 8, LR 1
Acadian Flycatcher	6 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 2; 17 HH 4;
Great Crested Flycatcher	BW 2; 16 NM 2; 23 CL 1; 24 BH 3
Eastern Kingbird	Apr. 29 MK 4; 6 HHO 2, SH&PL 1; 13 SH&PL 2, CL&HJ 100, 50; 23 CL 25
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Apr. 29 MK 1; 5 HHO 1; 6 SH&PL 1; 13 SH&PL 2; 13 CL&HJ 1, 1; 16 NM 3; 17 HH 4; 23 CL 20
Purple Martin	22 SB 4; 23 CL 20
Tree Swallow	6 MK 1; 23 CL 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	13 CL&HJ 2
Barn Swallow	6 SH&PL 1; 13 CL&HJ 10, 6; 23 CL 30
Blue Jay	6 SH&PL 1; 13 LR 3
Fish Crow	Apr. 29 MK 4; 13 CL&HJ 5, LR 1
Carolina Chickadee	13 NM 9, LR 3; 17 HH 12; 23 GF 5; 24 BH 1
Tufted Titmouse	Apr. 29 MK 10; 13 NM 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Apr. 29 MK 4; 23 KP 1
Carolina Wren	Apr. 29 MK 3; 13 LR 1; 24 BH 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4 LR 1; 13 CL&HJ 5; 17 HH 4;
Eastern Bluebird	Apr. 29 MK 1; 6 HHO 2, SH&PL 1; 22 SB 2; 23 GF 2; 24 BH 2
Veery	12 PD 1
Wood Thrush	4 BW 1; 17 HH 2; 23 CL 1
American Robin	6 SH&PL 1; 23 GF 2
Gray Catbird	Apr. 29 MK 8; 6 MK 12; 12 BW 1
Northern Mockingbird	6 SH&PL 1; 13 LR 1
Brown Thrasher	4 HHO 1; 6 SH&PL 1; 23 GF 2; 24 BH 1
Cedar Waxwing	10 BW 30; 13 NM 15; 17 NM 10; 18 NM 7
European Starling	6 SH&PL 1
White-eyed Vireo	Apr. 28 BW 2; 2 HHO 1; 10 HH 2; 13 CL&HJ 1
Solitary Vireo	13 NM 1
Warbling Vireo	13 CL&HJ 1
Philadelphia Vireo	12 CL 2
Red-eyed Vireo	4 LR 3; 10 HH 4; 13 CL&HJ 4; 23 CL 1
Tennessee Warbler	5 BW 1; 7 BW 4; 10 HH 12; 12 CL 3, BW 5; 13 CL&HJ 5, 5
Northern Parula	6 MK 4; 13 CL&HJ 1; 17 HH 4;
Yellow Warbler	Apr. 26 BW 1; 4 NM 1; 6 MK 5; 12 BW 2; 13 HHO 1; 13 CL&HJ 1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4 NM 1, BW 1; 13 LR 1; 14 CL 1
Magnolia Warbler	1 NM 1; 3 NM 3; 4 NM 2, BW 2; 5 BW 1; 11 BH 1; 12 CL 1, BW 1; 13 HHO 1, CL&HJ 1, 3, NM 2; 17 HH 2; 19 NM 1
Black-throated Green Warbler	13 CL&HJ 3, 2
Blackburnian Warbler	3 NM 1; 4 NM 1; 10 SH 1; 13 CL&HJ 3, NM 1
Pine Warbler	13 CL&HJ 2; 23 GF 1
Bay-breasted Warbler	11 SH 1; 12 BW 2; 19 NM 1
Black-and-white Warbler	1 NM 1; 4 NM 1; 6 MK 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 2, NM 2
American Redstart	1 BW 1; 4 LR 1; 6 MK 2; 9 HHO 1; 10 HH 2; 13 CL&HJ 3, 10, LR 1; 17 HH 2; 18 SH 1
Prothonotary Warbler	6 MK 5; 13 HHO 2, CL&HJ 1, 1; 17 HH 12;
Worm-eating Warbler	13 HHO 1
Ovenbird	13 CL&HJ 1
Northern Waterthrush	Apr. 29 MK 1
Louisiana Waterthrush	4 LR 1
Kentucky Warbler	17 HH 2;
Common Yellowthroat	Apr. 29 MK 1; 5 BW 5; 6 MK 6; 7 BW 2; 13 CL&HJ 5, 4
Wilson's Warbler	4 BW 2
Canada Warbler	25 SH 1
Yellow-breasted Chat	6 MK 2; 13 CL&HJ 3
Summer Tanager	4 HHO 1; 6 MK 2; 13 HHO 1, CL&HJ 3; 22 JM 1; 24 D&VJ 6
Northern Cardinal	Apr. 29 MK 6; 6 SH&PL 1; 13 LR 3; 23 GF 4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Apr. 26 NM 1; Apr. 28 NMB 1; Apr. 29 MK 1; Apr. 30 JC 1
Blue Grosbeak	13 CL&HJ 1, 1
Indigo Bunting	Apr. 29 MK 1, HHO 1; 6 MK 8; 13 CL&HJ 15, 4
Painted Bunting	10 BW 1; 13 CL&HJ 2, 2; 23 LR 1
Dickcissel	6 SH&PL 1; 13 CL&HJ 30, 75; 17 HH 16;
Lark Sparrow	15 BW 1; 17 HH 2; 23 CL 4
Savannah Sparrow	10 HH 2
White-throated Sparrow	Apr. 26 BW 1
White-crowned Sparrow	Apr. 26 BW 1; 4 BW 1
Red-winged Blackbird	6 HHO 2, SH&PL 1
Eastern Meadowlark	6 HHO 1, 6 SH&PL 1
Common Grackle	6 SH&PL 1
Brown-headed Cowbird	22 SB 1
Orchard Oriole	Apr. 29 MK 3; 13 CL&HJ 5; 23 CL 1
Northern Oriole	Apr. 29 MK 3; 11 GB 2; 13 CL&HJ 1; 23 GB 2
Pine Siskin	1 SH 1; 2 SH 1; 4 NM 4, LR 2; 7 SH 1, BW 1; 10 SH 2
American Goldfinch	Apr. 29 MK 70; 13 NC 1, 4; 14 NM 3; 16 NM 1; 18 NM 2; 20 NM 2; 21 NM 1; 24 AB 1, NM 1
House Sparrow	6 SH&PL 1

 Printed 119 records.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 8 May 1990, in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. President Bill Wood called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Guests were asked to introduce themselves to the group.

Mac Hardy was recognized for winning the 1989 Shreveport-Bossier Conservationist of the Year Award. Mac was presented the award at Earth Day ceremonies held at the Bossier Convention Center. He was recognized for a lifetime of conservation work and as a show of support for the LSUS Museum which has helped to bridge the gap between science and the public.

Paul Dickson reported that the Big Day of birding scheduled for 12 May 1990 at his place on Loggy Bayou will have to be greatly reduced. Flooding from Loggy Bayou has inundated most of his property and his water well is unusable. Paul said that he will be at the entrance to his place for those who still want to do the activity Saturday morning.

Margaret Fontaine invited everyone to come pick blueberries at her blueberry farm south of Shreveport. She had flyers available for those that were interested.

Betty Mason reported an April balance in the treasury of \$1,303.76. We had no income this month and expenses of \$430.16, leaving a May balance of \$873.60.

Betty also reported that we received thank you notes from Linda Elston and the Baton Rouge Audubon Society for the \$100.00 donation we made in memory of Ann and Williard Elston.

Jim McCain's daughter, Erin, drew for door prizes. Tom Wilson won a package of instant nectar for hummingbirds, Joe Dunigan won a bluebird house donated by Ed Bitowski, Betty Ashley won 5 copies of the bird checklist, and Mac Hardy won a tote bag made by Bill Wood's mother.

Bill requested that anyone who has the Audubon video tapes that have been checked out for while needs to return them.

Will Smolenski introduced the program for the meeting. He noted that our speaker, Nancy Newfield, is a recognized authority on hummingbirds and has banded more than 3,000 hummingbirds in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Will also pointed out an article by Nancy on hummingbirds in the June issue of Birder World.

Nancy discussed plants that are attractive to hummingbirds, the eight species of hummingbirds recorded from Louisiana, and representative hummingbirds from western North America and South America.

After a question and answer period, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

REMINDER

If your membership expires this month be sure to pay your dues at the next meeting or earlier. The BIRD STUDY GROUP depends upon your support for much of the good work that the organization accomplishes. Check your membership and bring a friend to the next meeting.

GOOD BIRDING!

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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

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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 MH 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)

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