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BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER



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OUTINGS -- Steve Klotz
PROGRAMS -- Will Smolenski

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 11 September 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Will Smolenski will present the program "For Better Birding."

This will be the first meeting for the new year. Bring a friend and help start off the year in a big way. Elections are coming up soon. Our next meeting will be on October 9, 1990.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

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

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NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR BSG
MEMBERSHIP

DR. INGOLD JOINS LSUS FACULTY

Dr. James Ingold joined the LSUS faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences in August. Dr. Ingold (Jim) received his Ph.D.

from Miami University of Ohio. He comes to us from a faculty position at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is an ornithologist and is most interested in avian systematics and vocalizations. His current research involves study of the release calls and distress calls of birds. He is an active bander.

MONK PARAKEET

The Monk Parakeet was still using the nest at Mr. Mitchell's house (636-2082) on August 25. Monk Parakeets use their nest throughout the year for both nesting and roosting. Will this bird remain with the nest through the winter?

STEVE KLOTZ

Steve Klotz has moved to Lawrence Kansas. He will hold joint appointments as the Chief of Infectious Diseases of the VA Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri and Associate Professor and Chief of Infectious Diseases at the University of Kansas Medical School. Steve has been an active leader for the Bird Study Group since its inception.

Good luck Steve -- we will miss you.

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.

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.

List of Potential Board Members

Ed Bitowski
Dick Rolandt
Margaret Fontaine
Velda Neilson
Nicki McCombs
Charles Duncan
Teresa Thrash
Rosana Shelby
Dr. Rosemary Seidler
Margo Tuller
Bobbe Wommack
Pyles
Jowers

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 10 July 1990, in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. The meeting was chaired by vice-president Will Smolenski. Will called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. He asked any guests or newcomers present to introduce themselves.

Betty Mason gave a treasurer's report for both June and July. She reported a balance of \$873.60 on 8 May. Revenue up to the June meeting was \$349.10, and expenses totaled \$130.00, leaving a balance of \$1,092.70 on 12 June. Since June, our income was \$175.00 and our expenses totaled \$28.00, leaving a balance of \$1,239.70 on this date.

Will asked if anyone had changes or additions to the minutes that were published in the July newsletter. There were no

The board agreed to call another board meeting for Thursday, 6 September 1990. Changes to either the board minutes or the minutes of the regular meeting held in June.

Will announced that there will not be an August meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 September 1990. A board meeting will be held on Thursday, 6 September 1990, prior to the next regular meeting.

Elections of new board members will be held at the September meeting. Will provided a sheet of paper to sign for those interested in being on the board or for those wishing to nominate someone else. Other nominations will be accepted prior to the September meeting. Call Mac Hardy at 797-5338, or Will at 865-2938 to place your name in nomination, or to suggest someone else.

Larry Raymond reported that the Red River Wetlands Coalition had written the bird group and requested that we write Congressman Jim McCrory and Senator J. Bennett Johnston thanking them for their efforts to protect wetlands. No objections were raised and Will instructed Larry to proceed with writing the letter.

Betty asked about the invoices for xeroxing the newsletters. Larry stated that he would ask Mac about any money owed for using the xerox machine in the LSUS bookstore and report back to Betty.

Teresa Thrash made available a catalog on recycled materials for members of the group that might be interested.

Velda Neilson reported seeing lots of shorebirds, including black-necked stilts, along the bar pits off I-49 south of the Allen-Powhatan exit, between mile markers 149 and 147.

Larry presented the program on "Creating Wildlife Habitats with Your Garden", emphasizing plants that are attractive to birds and butterflies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

MUSEUM

The new building for the Museum is well underway. Completion is expected soon but no date has been announced. At the present time the Museum is in storage so all museum activities and the hot line are temporarily suspended. The Bird Alert Service will begin again as soon as the Museum has a working phone.

REVISED LIST

PERMANENT RESIDENTS

This is the list of the permanent resident species of birds that will no longer be included in the BIRD NOTES report. Modifications of the original list (Newsletter vol. 4, no. 10) were made at the June meeting.

Great Blue Heron	American Crow
Great Egret	Fish Crow
Wood Duck	Carolina Chickadee
Black Vulture	Tufted Titmouse
Turkey Vulture	White-breasted Nuthatch
Red-shouldered Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Northern Bobwhite	Carolina Wren
Killdeer	Eastern Bluebird
Rock Dove	American Robin
Mourning Dove	Northern Mockingbird
Eastern Screech-Owl	Brown Thrasher
Great Horned Owl	Loggerhead Shrike
Barred Owl	European Starling
Belted Kingfisher	Pine Warbler
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Cardinal
Downy Woodpecker	Red-winged Blackbird
Hairy Woodpecker	Eastern Meadowlark
Northern Flicker	Common Grackle
Pileated Woodpecker	Brown-headed Cowbird
Blue Jay	House Sparrow

PC-WRITE (NEWSLETTER) TRAINEE WANTED

I would like to find someone in the Bird Study Group who would enjoy learning PC-WRITE (the best word-processor for the PC available) thoroughly. The objective is to find a person to assume the editorship of the Newsletter. There is no deadline; I will continue as Newsletter editor through July of 1991, at least. The primary need is for someone who can learn the system in order to

help me on occasions when my schedule interferes with the monthly deadline for the Newsletter. PC-WRITE is an excellent word processor with almost unlimited capabilities. Learning the word processor is a very valuable benefit of doing this job. We use advanced features of PC-WRITE for producing the Newsletter; anyone learning enough to take over production would be an expert with a very powerful and popular word processor. [Editor]

BSG BOARD NOMINEES

The following 15 BSG members have agreed to serve on the Board of Directors beginning in October. We will vote on these at the next meeting.

Ed Bitowski
Connie Conner
Gloria Frantom
Bill Hall
Mac Hardy
Shirley Huss
Charlie Lyon
Jim McCain
Betty Mason
Velda Neilson
Larry Raymond
Dick Rolandt
Rosemary Siedler
Will Smolenski
Bobbe Wommack

OPEN LETTER

Dear Fellow BSG Members:

I have accepted a position to teach High School in Houston, Texas, which means that I will be leaving the group. The good news is that the Kircus "motel" will be open to birders starting in October. My address is 8210 Colgate, Houston, TX 77061. I will be listed in the phone book as M. B. Kircus. My big 3-bedroom house is located about three minutes from the intersection of I-45 South and I-610 (just north of Hobby airport).

I would like to lead a bird outing December 27 through January 1 (dates are open) from Aransas to Bentson Rio Grande State Park and points in between. This would include camping and birding; motels are available and optional. Many Mexican species would be seen as well as other coastal species and Whooping Cranes. Call if you are interested in going and also call if you will be in the Houston area and need a place to stay.

Marilyn Kircus

BIRD NOTES -- JULY and AUGUST

Compiled
September 1, 1990

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

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc.). For example: 15 PD 3; BW 1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. Two (or more) numbers following an observer are numbers of birds seen at two (or more) different localities. The month is abbreviated only if it is the month preceding the one being reported.

Abbrev	Name	REPORTERS	
		Date	Place
BHCL	Bill Hall and Charlie Lyon	8/ 5/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)
BHLRMH	Bill Hall, Larry Raymond, Mac Hardy	7/22/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)
BW	Bobbe Wonnack	8/16/90	Desoto Parish
HH	Hubert Hervey	7/30/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	7/31/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	8/16/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	8/17/90	Residence
	Hubert Hervey	8/18/90	Residence
HJSK	Horace Jeter & Steve Klotz	8/18/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)
JMB	John McBride	8/18/90	Mansfield
JMC	Jim McCain	8/ 4/90	Bickham Dickson Park
LRMHJI	Larry Raymond, Mac Hardy, Jim Ingold	8/25/90	Richard Flemming Park
PF	Peggy Fleming	8/ 3/90	Residence
PW	Patricia Weldon	7/25/90	3 mi. W Vivian
SH	Shirley Huss	8/13/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/14/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/15/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/16/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/17/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/21/90	Residence
	Shirley Huss	8/22/90	Residence
VN	Velda Neilson	7/ 4/90	I-49 borrow pits (49 mi. S Bert Kouns)

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
Double-crested Cormorant	July 22 BHLRMH 2; Aug. 5 BHCL 1
Snowy Egret	July 22 BHLRMH 51; Aug. 5 BHCL 30
Little Blue Heron	July 22 BHLRMH 34; Aug. 4 JMC 1; 5 BHCL 12
Tricolored Heron	July 22 BHLRMH 3
Cattle Egret	July 22 BHLRMH 125; Aug. 5 BHCL 85
White Ibis	July 22 BHLRMH 12; Aug. 5 BHCL 5; 19 HJSK 1
Mallard	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Mississippi Kite	Aug. 3 PF 2; 5 BHCL 2; 13, 15, 22 SH 2; 14, 16, 17, 21 SH 1 18 JMB 57
Wild Turkey	July 25 PW 6
Purple Gallinule	July 22 BHLRMH 1
Semipalmated Plover	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 5 BHCL 3
Black-necked Stilt	July 4 VN 3; 22 BHLRMH 9; Aug. 5 BHCL 5; 19 HJSK 6
Greater Yellowlegs	Aug. 5 BHCL 1; 19 HJSK 1
Lesser Yellowlegs	July 22 BHLRMH 15; Aug. 5 BHCL 5; 19 HJSK 1
Spotted Sandpiper	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 4 JMC 2; 5 BHCL 7
Upland Sandpiper	July 30, 31, Aug. 16 HH 1; 17, 18 HH 2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 5 BHCL 12
Western Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 1; 19 HJSK 3
Least Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 12
Baird's Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Pectoral Sandpiper	July 22 BHLRMH 2; Aug. 5 BHCL 18
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug. 5 BHCL 4; 19 HJSK 1
Short-billed Dowitcher	July 22 BHLRMH 7
Long-billed Dowitcher	Aug. 5 BHCL 8
Wilson's Phalarope	July 22 BHLRMH 1; Aug. 19 HJSK 3
Forster's Tern	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Aug. 5 BHCL 1; 26 LR 1
Eastern Kingbird	Aug. 16 BW 25

Common Name	Data
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Aug. 5 BHCL 4
Purple Martin	July 22 BHLRMH 5; Aug. 5 BHCL 12
Cliff Swallow	Aug. 5 BHCL 2
Barn Swallow	July 22 BHLRMH 4; Aug. 5 BHCL 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	July 26 LR 2
Yellow-throated Warbler	July 26 LR 1
Summer Tanager	July 26 LR 2
Blue Grosbeak	July 22 BHLRMH 1
Dickcissel	Aug. 5 BHCL 2

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SHIRLEY HUSS, 1
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VELDA NEILSON, 3
DICK ROLANDT, 2
ROSEMARY SEIDLER, 3
BOBBE WOMMACK, 1

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

PUBLICITY -- Bobbe Wommack
GIFT SHOP -- Vacant
MEMBERSHIP -- Shirley Huss
NEWSLETTER -- Mac Hardy
OUTINGS -- Bill Hall
PROGRAMS -- Charlie Lyon
PHONE TREE -- Vacant

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 9 October 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science building, Room 229 on the LSUS campus. Jim Ingold will present the program "A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in the Bush: Travels of a Mist-net Biologist." This will involve the research Jim has done that involves bird-banding. Most of this work was done in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Also at this meeting we will make plans for the booth at the State Fair. Our next meeting will be on November 13, 1990.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, 2 October 1990, 7:00 PM, at the home of Betty Mason, 837 Huntington Lane. We need to continue plans for the new year and prepare for the State Fair. All Board Members should try to be present.

NEW MEETING ROOM

We will meet in Room 229 in the Science Building on October 9 and November 13. This room is in the Science Building (big building next to the Science Lecture Auditorium (SLA) where we have been meeting), on the second floor. The easiest way in is by the door next to the SLA or by the door on the side facing the Library Building. Go to the

second floor by the elevator located at the east end (next to the Library) or by stairs. Room 229 is in the southeastern corner of the building near the elevator.

This is a smaller room but the acoustics will be much better. We will try this room for two meetings and then decide what to do next. Projection equipment is always available for that room.

BOARD MEMBER TERMS CBC's

After this year the board members will serve a three-year term. In order to implement this process with a rotation so we will elect only one-third of the board each year (and therefore insure that we will maintain some continuity) the board this year only were elected to staggered terms of one, two, or three years. Next year the board members presently serving one year will be replaced (or re-elected), in 1992 the members presently serving two years will be up for re-election, etc. The length of term for each board member is indicated by the number following the members name in the Board of Directors Box on the front page of the Newsletter.

FAIR BOOTH

We have received approval from LSUS to share the LSUS booth at the State Fair in order to promote the Bird Study Group. We can use it on any dates that we prefer. The dates of the state fair are October 26 through November 4.

NEXT FIELD TRIP

October 20 -- 8:00 AM; meet at the What-A-Burger on north Market, near the I-220 intersection. We will visit the James Bayou area. Some walking will be involved. For more information or if you have questions about how to get to the meeting place, call Mac Hardy (798-4106, 797-5244, or 687-6738) or Larry Raymond (929-2806).

MUSEUM PHONES

The new phone numbers for the Museum will be: 798-4106 (Museum office) and 798-4107 (Mac's office). Until the new phones are active use the old numbers (front page).

ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Arkansas Audubon Society will hold its annual meeting at Lake Chicot State Park, Lake Village Arkansas on October 26-28, 1990.

Come to the meetings and read the next few Newsletters for the specific dates. The National dates are December 15 through January 2, 1991.

The CBC's started in 1900 with 27 official counts in North America. Last year there were 42,000 different counts! The largest number of species recorded for any North American count last year was 226 at Freeport, Texas.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING ***

Vice-president Will Smolenski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Board members attending the meeting were Will Smolenski, Mac Hardy, Robert Wommack, Larry Raymond, Shirley Huss, Gloria Frantom, Connie Connors, Jim McCain, Jr., and Bill Hall. Pat Lonnecker was also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the last board meeting and the last regular meeting were approved as recorded in the newsletter.

Larry reported that the treasury remains at \$1,239.70 as reported by Betty Mason at the July meeting.

Will suggested that we shorten the number of regular meetings during the year down to ten. He explained that this is a normal practice for many organizations. After a brief discussion, the board decided to recommend to the full membership this suggestion. The July and August meetings would be skipped.

Will then asked the board to consider electing board members for three year terms. He suggested we begin by electing five board members for three years, five for two years, and the remaining five for one year terms. This way only five board members would be elected each year thereafter, and we would assure continuity on the board. After some discussion, the board agreed to make this recommendation to the full membership.

Will further recommended that we elect board members in April and new officers at the first board meeting following the April meeting. The new board and new officers would not assume leadership of the organization until September. However, earlier elections would assure a smooth transition from one year to the next. The board voted to make this recommendation to the full membership as well.

In other action, the board voted to continue meeting the Thursday before the regular Tuesday night meeting every second month.

Mac reported that the museum building is under construction on campus. He expects to move the museum into the building around the first of October. The museum building is being partitioned to include office space, a laboratory, a collections area, and a public area. Mac anticipates that there will be room for the Bird Study Group gift shop. The museum will have two new phone numbers. Mac suggested that possibly one of the numbers could be dedicated to the bird hotline. He also mentioned that he could use some help from the Bird Study Group moving into the new building. At the very least, the Bird Study Group needs to move the gift shop materials and other odds and ends associated with the group.

The board discussed future outings of the group. It was decided that the next outing will be to Bickham Dickson Park on Saturday, September 22, 1990, to look for shorebirds and hawks. Bill Hall agreed to lead this field trip. Everyone interested in participating should meet at the park at 8:00 A.M.

An October outing was scheduled to the James Bayou Natural Area on Saturday, October 20, 1990. Mac Hardy agreed to lead this outing. We will meet at the museum for 8:00 A.M. and carpool to the site.

A discussion of the phone tree indicated a need to update the names on the tree. It was suggested that a new list be started at the next regular meeting.

Will asked if the plaque for the raptor cage had been purchased. This plaque was approved by the board several meetings ago. Larry reported that he would follow up on the

board's directive and have the plaque made.

Mac suggested that the board address ways to increase membership. Will recommended calling individuals who have let their membership lapse. Mac agreed that this would help, but he also wants to attract new members. He suggested the possibility of having an informational booth at the Red River Revel and/or State Fair for one day. The board decided that it was probably too late to get our own booth this year, but agreed to pursue teaming up with another group that may already have a booth reserved. Mac agreed to contact LSUS concerning their booth, and Larry said he would pursue talking to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries about sharing their booth. Will suggested that we could also contact the woodcarvers group. If we are successful in teaming up with another group, we will need to recruit people to help man the booth.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The SSNS Bird Study Group met Tuesday, September 11, 1990, in the Science Lecture Auditorium on the LSUS campus. Vice-president Will Smolenski called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. Guests were asked to introduce themselves.

Will asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter. There were no corrections.

Betty Mason gave a treasurer's report. The balance on July 10, 1990, was \$1,239.70. Since then we have received \$10.00 in revenues and have had no expenses. Our current balance was reported as \$1,249.70, although several membership renewals were turned in at the meeting. Betty also reported that we have \$163.11 on deposit at the post office to cover mailing expenses.

Will then brought to the attention of the full membership the recommendations made by the board on September 6. As recommended by the board, Larry Raymond moved and Betty seconded the motion to change the number of regular monthly meetings from eleven to ten.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Larry moved and Jim McCain, Jr. seconded a motion that board members be elected for three year terms. As part of the motion, it was recommended that for this year's board elections, five members serve for three years, five members serve for two years, and five members serve for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Finally, as recommended by the board, Ed Bitowski moved and Betty seconded a motion to have future board elections in April and election of new officers at the first board meeting following the April election. New board members and officers will assume their responsibilities in September. This motion also passed unanimously.

At this time, Larry presented the slate of board members nominated for the 1990-91 year. Nominated for three year terms were Bill Hall, Mac Hardy, Jim McCain, Jr., Velda Neilson, and Rosemary Seidler. Nominated for two year terms were Ed Bitowski, Connie Connors, Charlie Lyon, Dick Rolandt, and Will Smolenski. Nominated for one year terms were Gloria Frantom, Shirley Huss, Betty Mason, Larry Raymond, and Bobbe Wommack. Larry then asked for nominations from the floor. There were none and a motion was made to elect the members nominated by acclamation. This motion passed.

Mac Hardy updated the group on the status of the museum. He reported that the building, which was moved from the Pennzoil site, is in place on the campus. It is now being partitioned inside and finishing work is being done. Mac expects the building to be ready by the first week in October.

Will announced that a September outing is planned to Bickham Dickson Park on Saturday, September 22. Bill Hall will lead the outing and he asked everyone interested to meet at the barn for 8:00 A.M. We will look for shorebirds and hawks, as well as other migrants.

Dr. Richard Speairs invited everyone to attend a meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society October 26-28 at Lake Chicot State Park in Lake Village, Arkansas.

Larry read a letter from Congressman Jim McCrery responding to a recent letter sent by

the group expressing support for Mr. McCrery's efforts to protect Louisiana wetlands. In his letter, the congressman assured us of his continued efforts to protect wetlands.

Betty read a letter from the Baton Rouge Audubon Society requesting additional money to help defray the cost of the Henshaw Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The Baton Rouge group needs money to repay a \$28,000 loan from The Nature Conservancy that was borrowed in order to complete the purchase. Betty added that it was also time to send our yearly contribution to the Caroline Dorman Nature Preserve. A suggestion was made to wait until the next board meeting or regular meeting to see if the treasury could support these donations this year. There was some discussion as to whether the group's money should be spent within a 100-mile radius of Shreveport. Several members felt that it would be better to spend the group's money locally. A motion was made that any expenditure further than 100 miles from Shreveport needs to be approved at two successive meetings before the money can be spent. Before the motion was seconded, Will stated that the board examines spending closely before approving any funds. He said that the board would carefully consider the requests for money before deciding on the expenditures, and that the board would study the amount that the treasury could fund.

Mac was asked if there would be room to keep and sell birdseed when the new museum opens. He responded that at this time it would not be possible. The board will discuss fundraising ideas at its next meeting.

Will presented the program on "Better Birding." He discussed ways that all of us could improve our powers of observation to help us in identifying birds in the field.

After the program, Velda Neilson encouraged everyone to attend a wildlife art exhibit at the Barnwell Center.

Mac announced that he plans to look for a better room with better acoustics for our future meetings. He also reported that he is investigating the possibility of going in with LSUS and helping to man their booth at the State Fair. He suggested that we could operate the booth for one day.

Will asked those available to sign a sheet if interested in participating in weekly bird outings. These outings would take place on an impromptu basis on weekdays.

Larry asked everyone to sign a new phone tree list. We plan to reorganize the phone tree and get it operating again.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

A board meeting was held immediately following the regular meeting on 11 September to elect officers. Will Smolenski called the meeting to order at 8:35 P.M. Will was elected President, Charlies Lyon - Vice-president, Betty Mason - Treasurer, and Larry Raymond - Secretary.

The board also decided to hold future board meetings on the first Tuesday of every second month. Will suggested that we have our next board meeting on October 2 since the board needs to make some important decisions as soon as possible.

Betty offered to have the meeting at her house at 837 Huntington Lane beginning at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 2, 1990.

Committees were then discussed. Shirley Huss has agreed to stay on as chairperson of the Membership Committee, and Mac will continue as the newsletter editor. Charlie Lyon will take over as Program chairman, and Bill Hall agreed to be the Outing chairman. Bobbe Wommack volunteered to handle the publicity of the group. We still need a phone tree chairman and someone to oversee the gift shop.

Larry was instructed to send a copy of the minutes of this meeting to all board members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

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BIRD STUDY GROUP

Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (Home) _____, (work) _____

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

Make Check Payable to: **SSNS BIRD STUDY GROUP**
Museum of Life Sciences
One University Place
Shreveport, LA 71115-2399

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Wood Stork	23 BH 45; 23 BH&BW 45
Blue-winged Teal	22 BSG 11
Osprey	21 LR 1
Spotted Sandpiper	15 BH&CL 5; 22 BSG 4; 23 BH&BW 2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	22 BSG 9; 23 BH&BW 5
Western Sandpiper	15 BH&CL 1
Least Sandpiper	15 BH&CL 25; 23 BH&BW 11
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	15 BH&CL 1; 20 NM 1; 21 NM 2; 22 BSG 1
Greater Roadrunner	8 JM 1
Common Nighthawk	13-14 SH 10
Chimney Swift	20 SH 5; 22 BSG 10
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	15 BH&CL 4
Red-headed Woodpecker	11 PF 2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	22 BSG 1; 23 BH&BW 1
Least Flycatcher	15 BH&CL 1
Great Crested Flycatcher	15 BH&CL 2; 23 BH&BW 1
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	15 BH&CL 4; 20 NM 2; 22 BSG 4; 23 BH&BW 3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	15 BH&CL 30
Cliff Swallow	22 BSG 9
Barn Swallow	20 SH 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	15 BH&CL 3
Yellow-throated Vireo	23 BH&BW 1
Warbling Vireo	15 BH&CL 2
Philadelphia Vireo	15 BH&CL 1
Red-eyed Vireo	15 BH&CL 1; 22 NM 1
Black-and-white Warbler	15 BH&CL 1; 23 BH&BW 1, BH 1
American Redstart	23 BH&BW 1
Kentucky Warbler	15 BH&CL 1
Common Yellowthroat	22 BSG 1

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Wilson's Warbler	22 BSG 1
Summer Tanager	15 BH&CL 1; 19 NM 1; 21 NM 1; 22 BSG 2; 23 BH&BW 1; 24 NM 1
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Northern Oriole	15 BH&CL 2; 22 BSG 1

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 13 November 1990, 7:00 PM in the Science building, Room 229 on the LSUS campus. Paul Dickson will present the program on "The Birds of Australia." Paul will have a special guest from Australia as an assistant. Bring a friend to share the fun.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Monday, 3 December 1990, at the home of Will Smolenski, 526 Dunmoreland Drive, Shreveport (phone 865-2938). There are several items of business and the Christmas Bird Counts are drawing near; all board members should try to attend.

SPECIAL INSIDE:

Broad-billed Hummingbird!!
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Phone Tree



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my aim to see that our group emphasizes, "Better Birding" this year. This can mean a lot of things to a lot of different people -- birding knowledge, bird listing, birding locations, more astute observations, better equipment, better feeders and houses, various foods to attract birds, field guides, magazines, video and

sound tapes, trips (near and far) to add to local, state, or life lists.

Too often I have heard someone say that another in an outside group has stated that the Shreveport group is not all that good at birding. We have a number of top notch birders in our group. We need to use these

members and our own initiative to learn to help improve the birding ability of others like myself in our group. Listing birding locations and weekday birders to aid in more bird outings in smaller groups should help increase new and rare bird sightings. New friendships with common interests can be nurtured. More activity should attract new members. Outsiders will want to use our birding locations and with the help of one of our members familiar with that area.

Join with me for better birding this year. I hope to see all of you on the WEEKDAY BIRDERS LIST sometime during the year as well as visit all the listed BIRDING HOTSPOTS in our area. If interested, add your name to the WEEKDAY BIRDERS LIST, the BIRD ALERT PHONE TREE, and add any new LOCAL BIRDING HOTSPOTS not yet on our published list. -- Will Smolenski, President, BSG

AMERICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITES

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking information on the status of the American Swallow-tailed Kite in Texas. The study seeks to determine migration patterns and known nesting activity in Texas. Persons who observe this species should notify the study director, Dan B. Boone, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., 1342 S. Wheeler, Jasper, Tx 75951.

BANDED SHOREBIRDS

Over 200 Shorebirds were banded as part of a study of the temporal and spatial distribution of shorebirds migrating and breeding at Utah's Great Salt Lake. Killdeer, American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Willets, Long-billed Curlews, Wilson's Phalaropes, and Spotted and Least Sandpipers are among the species color banded. They carry a light green band above the left "knee", a dark green flag (a band with a tag on it) above the right "knee", and a combination of 2 to 4 color bands and a FWS metal band below. Colors include dark blue, light green, red, white, orange, and yellow. Anyone observing these birds is asked to contact Suzanne D. Fellows, Utah Coop, Fish and Wildlife Res. Unit, Utah State Univ., Logan, UT 84322-5210 (801-750-2509) and the

Bird Banding Lab, Laurel, MD 20708. Please report species, band combination, date, place, behavior, flock size, etc.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

President Will Smolenski called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. on 2 October 1990 in the home of Betty Mason at 837 Huntington Lane. Board members present were Will Smolenski, Charlie Lyon, Betty Mason, Ed Bitowski, Connie Connors, Gloria Frantom, Bill Hall, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Velda Neilson, Dick Rolandt, Rosemary Seidler, and Bobbe Wommack.

Rosemary Seidler was asked to record the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the last board meeting and the meeting to elect officers were approved.

Betty Mason reported a previous balance of \$1,249.70, expenses of \$22.91, income of \$389.60, giving a current balance of \$1,616.39.

Will announced that the theme for the year is "Better Birding for Everyone." It is hoped that more people will become involved through weekday birding and the bird tree. Dick Rolandt will be in charge of the bird tree with Will as backup. People who are hard to contact will be near the bottom of the tree with retirees near the top. Names were added to the list and others interested may add their names at the general meeting.

Charlie Lyon reported that Jim Ingold will talk on "A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in the Bush: Travels of a Mist-net Biologist" at the October meeting and will present a more technical program on cranes at a later meeting. Possible topics suggested for programs were optical equipment, terminology, topography, computer management of lists, endangered species, and a name speaker to draw a crowd and attract new members. (Nancy Newfield would return for a talk.) Peter Gant's book on bird topography was recommended for the Bird Study Group library and the gift shop. Bill Hall will serve as backup to Charlie as Program chairman.

Bobbe Wommack, Publicity, talked with Reeves Feild who seems willing to publicize our activities. He requested copies of our newsletter and will be put on the mailing list. Mac Hardy noted that Donna Battenfield, who is a member of the BSG and a reporter at the Shreveport Journal, has been helpful in the past. Bobbe will contact her. Perhaps she could serve as backup to Bobbe for Publicity. It was suggested that Bobbe contact the Public Service channel on TV to announce our regular meetings.

Bill Hall reported that the field trip on October 20 would be to James Bayou. There was some discussion about going to Pat Sewell's in search of wood storks instead. Notifying people of the change would be difficult so we'll go to James Bayou as planned. Future trips might be Loggy Bayou, Pat Sewell's, Cross Lake (winter ducks and eagles), Briarwood (spring), Wallace Lake Dam, Soda Lake, Paul Dickson's (May), Yearwood Road (winter sparrows), High Island (April). The possibility of renting a bus for longer trips was discussed and will be explored. It was suggested that if groups are large we should split into smaller groups and head in opposite directions. Fewer people may result in more birds seen. A brief review of birding etiquette should be included in field trip introductions. Tips on birding etiquette should be printed in the Newsletter once a year. Charlie Lyon will serve as backup on Outings.

Shirley Huss will have Connie Connors as backup for membership. Mac Hardy passed out lists of current paid members (125), and a list of those whose names are in the computer but haven't paid in a while. Mac sent letters to those whose membership will expire in 30 days and renewal notices to those (72) who haven't paid for over a year. After two months the computer will be purged of non-paying people. Complementary members will remain on the list. It was suggested that we get mailing lists of the Sierra Club, Ozark Society, and other groups of potential members. We need to mail out 200 letters each time for bulk mail. One year Mac sent letters to high school biology teachers but got no responses. Ed Bitowski suggested we get business cards printed to pass out to potential members as the ArkLaTex Gem and Mineral Society does. We'll wait on this until we're sure of our new mailing address.

Mac reported that Peggy Curtis expressed an interest in learning PC-Write and working on the newsletter. She may eventually serve as backup to Mac. Will said that he'd like to include a column from the President in the newsletter. Other suggestions were a list of birding hot spots including maps, reviews of articles from birding magazines, stories, cartoons, etc. Mac suggested we send him things to have on file so that he'd have materials at hand when he needed to fill in blank pages.

The hospitality/membership table will be staffed by Betty Mason and Velda Neilson with Rosemary Seidler as backup. Name tags will be provided. Cokes and cookies should be available at some of the meetings.

Mac reported that the BSG could staff the LSUS booth at the State Fair. A one page information sheet will be developed for distribution. It will include meeting dates and some of the possible outings planned as well as membership information. We could have a continuous slide show or show the Audubon video tapes. Mac anticipates five (5) shifts of three (3) hours with at least two people in each time slot. Volunteers will be sought at the general meeting. The tentative date is Saturday, October 27.

A lengthy discussion concerning donations to environmental groups was held. The board members feel that the membership elects us to run the club in the best interest of the membership. We have the authority to make decisions regarding donations. There are strong feelings to support kindred groups as much as we can. It is felt that the board can and should make decisions concerning amounts less than \$100, but that appropriations/donations greater than that amount should be recommended to the general membership for approval. The board approved the purchase of a plaque (not more than \$65) for the hawk recovery cage at Walter Jacobs Park to commemorate those who supported and helped with the project. The board recommends to the membership donations of \$100 to the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve and \$300 to the Baton Rouge Audubon Society.

Under new business, Will said that he would ask Jim McCain and Larry Raymond to compile a list of birding hotspots complete with maps.

The national dates for the Christmas bird counts are December 15 to January 1. Horace Jeter will be coordinating the Shreveport count, and Paul Dickson will coordinate the Bossier count again this year.

Ed Bitowski suggested several fund raisers: a door raffle (\$0.25 - \$0.50) for small items (door prizes would continue), and a table at meetings with gifts for sale. An auction was also suggested.

The next board meeting was set tentatively for Monday, December 3 at 7:00 P.M. at Will Smolenski's house.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. Thanks to Rosemary Seidler for compiling the minutes.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 9 October 1990, in Room 229 of the Science Building on the LSUS campus. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M. by President Will Smolenski. Will asked for any guests to introduce themselves. None were present at the meeting.

Will reported that at the last board meeting chairpersons were assigned to the various committees. Charles Lyon, assisted by Bill Hall, will be the program chairman. Shirley Huss, assisted by Connie Connors, will be the membership chairperson. Mac Hardy, assisted by Peggy Curtis, will continue as newsletter editor. Bill Hall, assisted by Charles Lyon, will serve as outings chairman. Dick Rolandt, assisted by Will Smolenski, will serve as chairman of the phone tree. Bobbe Wommack, assisted by Donna Battenfield, will handle publicity, and Velda Neilson and Betty Mason, assisted by Rosemary Seidler, will serve as the hospitality committee. Jim McCain will head a project to develop a list of birding hotspots. Ed Bitowski will be in charge of fundraising. Ed stated that he plans to set up a sales area at future meetings and he asked everyone to bring spending money to the meetings beginning next month.

Larry Raymond showed the members the

plaque that was made to put on the raptor rehabilitation cage built at the Walter Jacobs Nature Park.

Mac reported that the BSG will man an exhibit at the State Fair all day on Sunday, 21 October. An early date was chosen so that we could work the booth another day if October 21 proved to be successful. We will be using the LSUS booth in the Education Building. Members are needed to hand out literature, membership forms, and perhaps operate audiovisual equipment at the booth. A sheet was circulated for members to indicate the times they can work.

A suggestion was made to have bird stickers or some similar item to give away to children to attract attention to the booth. Mac agreed to investigate this possibility. Mac also stated that chairs would be provided. Members agreed to buy their own admission tickets as a donation to the club.

A list of the members interested in short weekday birding trips was available. Members were encouraged to add their names to this list if they want to be called about weekday outings.

As recommended by the board, Betty Mason moved that we donate \$300 to the Baton Rouge Audubon Society this year, and that an annual contribution, to be determined each year on the basis of the status of the treasury, be made to defray costs of the purchase of the Holleyman Sanctuary. The motion was seconded and passed by the membership.

As recommended by the board, Larry moved that a \$100 donation be made to the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve, and that a donation be made annually with the amount to be determined each year based on the status of the treasury. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Paul Dickson then reported on the status of the Christmas Bird Counts. He stated that he had received a letter from Bruce Crider of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society asking us to consider having a bird-a-thon in conjunction with the Christmas Bird Counts to help pay off the Holleyman Sanctuary debt. Members of the BSG would collect pledges for the number of species seen on the count, usually 95-100 species. The Baton Rouge Audubon Society would then collect the pledges and return 50%

of the money back to our group.

The members felt that the \$300 donation is sufficient for now, but that we will consider having a bird-a-thon to raise money in the spring.

Paul reported that the Shreveport count will probably be the Saturday before Christmas, and that the Bossier count will be on December 29. He will provide more detailed information at the November meeting.

Betty gave the treasurer's report. We had a balance on 11 September of \$1,249.70. Our income this month was \$399.60 (primarily from memberships), and our expenses were \$47.91, leaving us with a balance of \$1,601.39. Betty also reported that we have \$145.47 on deposit at the post office. Our bulk mailing permit fee will have to be paid again in the near future.

Will reminded everyone that many BSG memberships are due to be renewed in September. Dr. Speairs reminded the members of the Arkansas Audubon Society meeting October 26 - 28 at Lake Chicot State Park.

The October 20 field trip to the James Bayou Natural Area will depart from the What-a-Burger on North Market at I-220 at 8:00 A.M.

Mac introduced Dr. James Ingold, a new faculty member at LSUS. Dr. Ingold is a native of the northeast and has been actively involved in research involving the use of birdbanding. Dr. Ingold presented a program on "A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in the Bush: Travels of a Mist Net Biologist."

Jim provided an interesting and informative talk on various research projects he has participated in that involved the use of birdbanding. He also discussed his findings to date on the release calls and distress calls of birds caught in mist nets.

Larry reminded everyone that Marilyn Kircus, who now lives in Houston, wants to lead a group down to the Texas coast around Christmas for a birding outing. Will suggested that the information be placed in the next newsletter so that those interested can contact Marilyn directly.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

FIRST BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD IN LA!

A Broad-billed Hummingbird was seen on 2nd and 3rd of November, 1990, in the backyard of Nancy Newfield, 3016 45th Street, Metairie, Louisiana (504, 835-3882). It was an adult male feeding on flowering exotic plants; it was not visiting a hummingbird feeder. This is the first record for Louisiana.

WEEKDAY BIRDERS

These are the birders who are able to bird at various times during the week. If you are in this category contact Will Smolenski. The birders, their phone numbers, and the times when they are available are as follows:

Will Smolenski, 865-2938, all times
 Pat Lonnecker, 865-4701, Tues, Thurs, Fri
 Dick Rolandt, 797-0255, all times
 Bobbe Wommack, 797-6509, Mon, Tues, Fri
 Norma Cobb, 686-3959, all times
 Rosemary Seidler, 869-5231 W, 424-2772 H,
 Mon, Wed, Fri before 11:30 a.m. and Tues,
 Thurs after 2:00 p.m.
 Velda Neilson, 424-0202 W, 1-872-4872 H,
 Monday
 Shirley Huss, 865-5959, all times
 Evelyn Bohan, 798-7348, all times

BIRDING HOT SPOTS

1. Bickham Dickson Park
2. Cross Lake
3. Highway 71, catfish ponds
4. I-49 ponds [49 mi. S Shreveport]
5. James Bayou
6. Lake Bistinau State Park
7. Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area
8. LSUS campus
9. Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area
10. Wallace Lake Dam
11. Walter B. Jacobs Nature Park
12. Yearwood Road
13. Richard Flemming Park

Next month we hope to include a map showing locations. Later, hopefully, types of birds for hot spots will be added.

BAYOU SAUVAGE

More than 18,000 acres of vital Louisiana wetlands make up Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge, the Fish and Wildlife Service's newest and largest urban wildlife area. Entirely within the city limits of New Orleans, Bayou Sauvage provides habitat for a multitude of wetland wildlife species while offering recreational and educational opportunities to a million nearby urban dwellers, as well as visitors from around the country. The refuge includes 10,000 acres of freshwater marsh, 200 acres of hardwoods, and about 8,200 acres of tidal wetlands.

--Ornithological Newsletter, October.

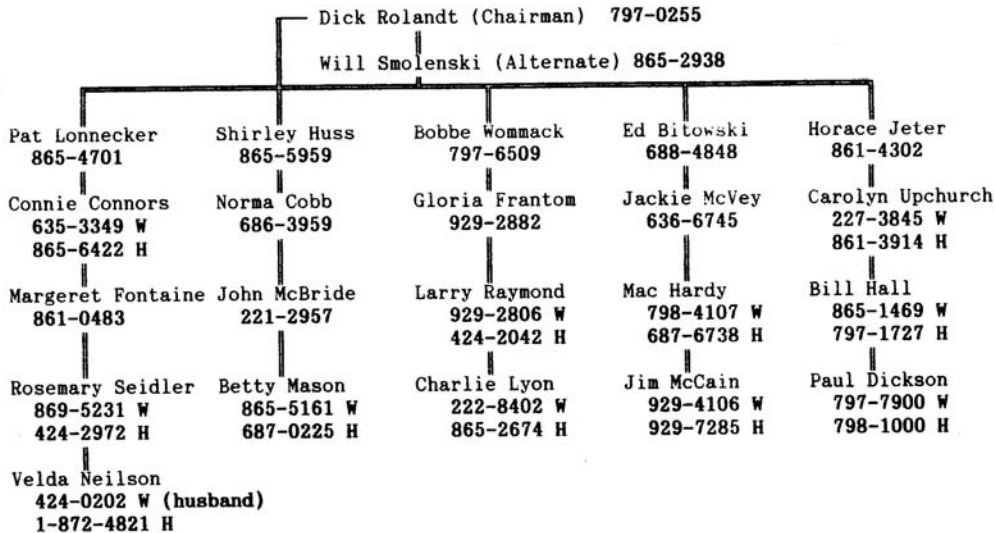
WATCH FOR BANDS!!!

Loggerhead Shrikes breeding in east central Alberta have been color banded in 1990 and 1989 with white split plastic rings in addition to standard aluminum bands. It is anticipated that shrikes in the same area will be similarly banded for at least the next several years. Anyone observing a white color banded Loggerhead Shrike, please send details of date, location, and position of color and aluminum bands to Doug Collister, 3426 Lane Crescent S. W., Calgary, Alberta T3E 5X2, CANADA.

--Ornithological Newsletter, October.

BIRD ALERT PHONE TREE

If you cannot reach the first person on the list, call the next person or the next after that. DO NOT break the call tree. Recall the first person.



NOVEMBER OUTING***

Bill Hall will lead a barge trip on Cross Lake to look for waterfowl on November 17. Meet at Barron's Landing at 8:30 AM on South Lakeshore Drive. Contact Bill Hall for RESERVATIONS by November 13; Bill's work number is 865-1469, home number is 797-1727. There will be a fee for the barge rental of \$5 to \$10 per person, depending on the number of reservations received.

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H&I	Mac Hardy & Jim Ingold	10/25/90	Boggy Bayou near Mansfield Road
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JM	Jim McCain	10/13/90	Jeems Bayou
JM	Jim McCain	10/20/90	Jeems Bayou
JM	Jim McCain	10/26/90	Jeems Bayou
JM	Jim McCain	10/27/90	North Highlands
JMcV	McVey, Rosemary Seidler, V. Neilson	09/29/90	Pat Sewell's Farm
LR	Larry Raymond	9/27/90	Caddo Lake
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NM	Nicky McCombs	9/22/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	9/24/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/09/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/10/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/11/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/12/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/20/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/21/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/22/90	residence
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American Kestrel	Sep. 29 JMcV 1
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Sep. 29 JMcV 9
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	9 NM 3; 10 NM 2; 10 AB 1; 11 NM 1; 30 GB 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	13 BW 1; 20 BSG 2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Sep. 29 JMcV 1
Eastern Phoebe	20 BSG 3; 25 H&I 1

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	17 BM 8; 27 PL 1
Barn Swallow	Sep. 29 JMcV 4
Brown Creeper	20 BSG 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	17 BM 4; 20 BSG 2; 25 H&I 1
Gray Catbird	Sep. 29 JMcV 1
White-eyed Vireo	25 H&I 1
Nashville Warbler	25 H&I 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	21 NM 1; 27 NM 6; 27 LR 1
Summer Tanager	Sep. 29 JMcV 2; 12 NM 1
Indigo Bunting	Sep. 29 JMcV 12
Painted Bunting	Sep. 29 JMcV 3
Chipping Sparrow	20 BSG 2; 27 LR 6
Swamp Sparrow	20 BSG 2
White-throated Sparrow	20 NM 1; 21 NM 1; 22 NM 1; 25 H&I 1; 27 NM 3; 27 LR 6
Dark-eyed Junco	27 NM 1

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SPECIAL INSIDE:

Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner!!!
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time of season that greetings of glad tidings as well as wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year are sent to our friends. May you also extend special greetings to our feathered friends with treats to help them through this winter. We are usually dually rewarded with sightings of seasonal and sometimes rare of unusual visitors especially if a variety of seeds,

nuts, suet, and other foods are provided.

In November a little squirrel adopted me as its mother. I found out later that a neighbor had raised it when it fell out of a nest, eyes still closed. It would run up my trousers onto my shoulder and eat the nuts, bread, and seeds I fed it. I built it a house but it preferred to nest in among

plastic bags in a plastic bag hung on the wall. It now lives outdoors with other squirrels and forages for food with them but always looks for me in the morning for a free handout of seeds and nuts.

I send you each Season Greetings and may your bird lists grow longer than your Christmas list. I hope you receive that special gift to help your birding be more enjoyable whether sighting backyard birds or out in the field. Good health and happiness in the coming year. -- Will Smolenski

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

<p>CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11, 1990 BRING FOOD -- HAVE FUN AT MEETING -- ROOM 229 7:00 PM</p>
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BLUEBIRD BOXES

Bluebird nest boxes will be available at the next meeting. Compliments of Will Smolenski, these well-constructed boxes can be purchased for \$5.00 each, or for any amount you think they are worth, or even less if your pocket book (like mine) houses more moths than money during this time of the year.

CHRISTMAS COUNTS

The Shreveport Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be held on December 15. Call Horace Jeter (phone 861-4302) if you are interested in taking part. Attend the next meeting (December 11) for more information.

The Bossier Bird Count (BCBCBC -- come to the meeting to find out what this acronym means) will be on December 29 and is organized by Paul Dickson (798-1000 or 797-7900).

PIONEERS

The Telephone Pioneers, an active group of retired telephone employees, is building 500 Bluebird houses to be installed along I-49. These will be made of wood and should last many years. Our thanks to the Pioneers.

NOVEMBER OUTING

On Saturday, November 17th, fifteen birders met at Barron's Landing on Cross Lake. We rented two covered pontoon barges and got out on the water by 9:00. The weather was prettier than anyone could hope for, and the birds were a delight. Speculation as to whether or not we would see eagles was ended by a spectacular display by two adult Bald eagles. One flew directly over one of our barges at a height of 15 to 20 feet, landed in a tree not 30 yards away and calmly ate a fish it had in its talons! Later both eagles flew low over the other barge and engaged in aerial acrobatics, playfully swooping, diving, and brushing wingtips. We felt privileged.

The ducks didn't disappoint us either. We saw Mallards, Wood Ducks, Lesser Scaup, Green-winged Teal, and hundreds of Canvasbacks, and Ruddy Ducks. We were also treated to a single female Red-breasted Merganser and 34 Buffleheads. A single Common Loon put in an appearance for our pleasure. Add in the hundreds (thousands?) of Double-crested Cormorants, the Pied-billed Grebes, egrets, and woodland birds along the shore, and we had a great outing. Everyone agreed that "we should do this again!"

So, watch the newsletter, or better still, call me (797-1727) and tell me if you want to go out again this winter or do the rookeries in the spring, or both. We want to plan the outings that you want to do.

-- Bill Hall, Outings Chairman

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING

The Board met on December 3, 1990, at the home of Will Smolenski. Ed Bitowski,

Rosemary Seidler, Bobbe Wommack, Bill Hall, Velda Neilson, Shirley Huss, Mac Hardy, and Will Smolenski were present. Will called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved. Will reported for Betty Mason that the current balance is \$1,226.60. Will also reported that Gloria Frantom has resigned from the Board because of other commitments.

Bill Hall led the discussion about future field trips, briefly listed here; details are in FUTURE FIELD TRIPS elsewhere in the Newsletter.

December 15 -- Shreveport CBC
 December 29 -- Bossier CBC
 January 12 -- Yearwood Road
 January 26 -- Red River Exp. Station
 February 16 -- Cheneyville for Sandhill
 Cranes
 February 23 -- catfish ponds
 March -- Pat Sewell's farm on river
 April -- Bickham-Dickson park
 May -- Paul Dickson's big day
 June -- Kisatchie for Red-cockaded
 Woodpeckers
 June -- Cattle Egret rookery

Shirley Huss reported that the current membership is 136. There was a brief discussion about possible items for the Newsletter. Bobbe Wommack reported on progress for getting more publicity for the BSG.

Velda will continue to assist Betty Mason with membership and sales duties before each meeting. Rosemary Seidler will organize and oversee the name tags for each meeting.

The Christmas dinner during our regular meeting on December 11 will be in room 231, next to our regular meeting room. It is a covered dish dinner -- anything goes. The BSG will provide the main meat and drinks. Those wishing to help with the set-up should be there by 5:00 pm.

Ed Bitowski reported on fund raising. More bird houses and squirrel guards will be available at future meetings. A beautiful 28" x 27" hand-quilted wall hanging of a Bald Eagle will be given away at a future meeting to the holder of the winning ticket (available for a small donation).

Will reported that the phone tree has been used twice with great success. Will also reported that Jim McCain and Larry Raymond are preparing report on local birding hotspots.

The Bluebird houses at Bickham-Dickson park were reviewed by Will. Some damage and possible vandalism has occurred to those houses closest to high use areas, near picnic tables. After discussion of several alternatives, it was decided to not repair damaged houses nor move existing houses. Leaving them in place may result in some positive public awareness of the birds and their needs. Any additional houses will be added to more remote areas of the park in order to avoid further vandalism.

The next board meeting will be February 5, 1991, at the home of Shirley Huss (865-5959).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 13 November 1990, in Room 229 of the Science Building on the LSUS campus. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Will Smolenski. A motion was made to accept the minutes as recorded in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

Betty Mason gave the treasurer's report. The balance reported on 9 October was \$1,601.39. Revenue this month was \$150.00, and expenses were \$527.29, leaving a balance of \$1,224.10. Betty also reported that we have \$128.08 on deposit at the post office.

Will reminded everyone to check their mailing label on the newsletter to see when dues are owed. He encouraged all members to pay for their membership renewal when due. Shirley Huss had no report for the membership, and Mac Hardy had no report for the newsletter.

Will announced that a field trip will be held Saturday, November 17. Bill Hall will lead the trip and must be contacted for reservations. The outing will include a fee for renting a barge on Cross Lake. Participants will meet at 8:30 A.M. at

Barron's Landing on South Lakeshore Drive.

Will noted that the phone tree was activated to report the Broad-billed hummingbird seen in Nancy Newfield's yard in Metairie, Louisiana. He stated that the tree did work, but asked everyone to correct Caroline Upchurch's work phone number to 227-7845.

Ed Bitowski reported that he made 20 birdhouses to sell for \$5.00 each as a fundraising activity. He also noted that hummingbird and woodpecker pins are available for sale.

The weekday birder list was circulated for those wanting to be called about weekday field trips.

Will reported that the AT&T Telephone Pioneers are building 500 bluebird houses to place along I-49.

Betty asked if we need to replace the bluebird houses at C. Bickham Dickson Park. Dick Rolandt stated that he has been maintaining these houses and that four of the houses need to be replaced.

Charles Lyon then introduced Paul Dickson who presented the program on "The Birds of Australia". Paul, who honeymooned in Australia several years ago, showed some of the birds he observed while there. A special treat for the 30 members at the meeting was getting to meet a real female Sarus Crane, a bird native to Australia. The crane put on quite a display and was the hit of the program. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

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CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK DINNER

Our annual and delicious pot-luck dinner will be held during our next meeting on 11 December 1990, 7:00 pm, on the second floor of the science building on the LSUS campus. The meeting will be in our regular place in room 229. The Bird Study Group will provide the main meat; members will provide enough vegetables, bread, salad, drinks, etc. for themselves and their guests. Call Will Smolenski with details (865-2938).

AMERICAN COOTS

American Coots have been color marked with red, white, and yellow neck collars on Mississippi River Pools 9, 10, and 11, respectively. If you see a coot with a colored neck collar, please report the date and location of your sighting to Gerald Kaufmann, Department of Biology, Loras College, Dubuque, IA 52001.

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

December 15 -- Shreveport CBC. Contact Horace Jeter (861-4302) or Charlie Lyon (865-2674). More information will be available at the December meeting.

December 29 -- Bossier Caddo Bienville CBC. Contact Paul Dickson (798-1000). More information will be available at the December meeting.

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February 16 -- Charlie Lyon and Bill Hall will lead the group to the vicinity of Cheneyville to see Sandhill Cranes, shorebirds, waders, etc. at the Catahoula Wildlife Refuge. Meet at the LSUS parking lot; we will carpool from there, departing promptly at 7:00 AM!!!

February 23 -- Improve your skills at recognizing shorebirds at the catfish ponds located north of Shreveport. Meet at the What-A-Burger on north Market street at 8:00 AM.

March -- We will visit Pat Sewell's farm on the Red River. Many different habitats are available and warblers should be plentiful.

April -- Bickham-Dickson park during early part of month. LOS will meet in late April.

May -- Paul Dickson's big day of birding at Loggy Bayou Plantation. Always great fun.

June -- Kisatchie National Forest for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and many others.

June -- Cattle Egret rookery on Cross

Lake, if it is accessible at that time.

If you have any ideas of interesting places for BSG field trips, give the information to Bill Hall. Respond to this request and we will have more interesting outings.

BALD EAGLE QUILT

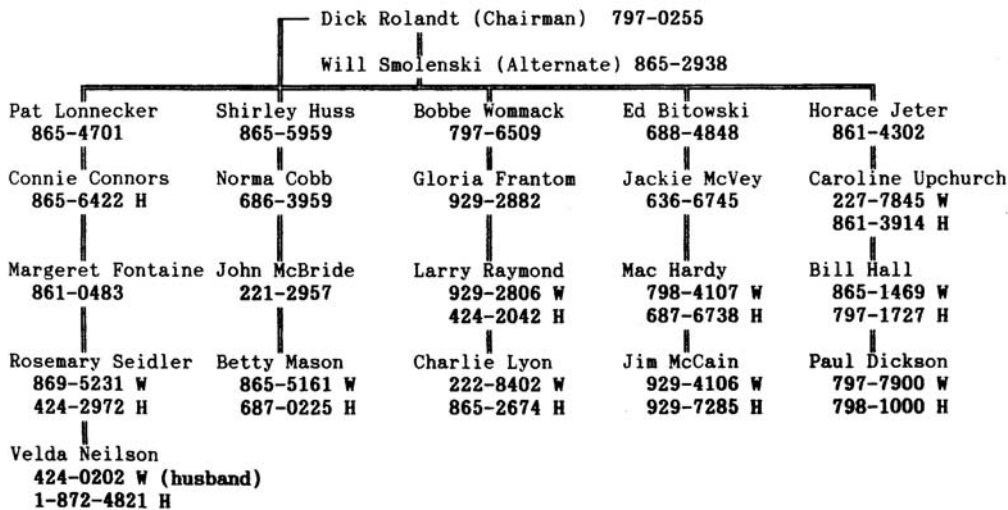
A beautiful hand-quilted wall-hanging that depicts a **Bald Eagle** in flight has been donated to the BSG by Pat Lonnecker. This 28" x 27" quilt will be given away at a drawing at the February meeting. You may obtain a ticket for the drawing by making a \$1.00 donation to the Bird Study Group. We can all help distribute the tickets (at \$1 each). Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

MUSEUM UPDATE

The Museum building is finished and the move might be announced at any time. The contractor is slowly finishing a few minor odds and ends before the building is officially turned over to LSUS.

BIRD ALERT PHONE TREE

If you cannot reach the first person on the list, call the next person or the next after that. **DO NOT** break the call tree. Recall the first person.



BIRD NOTES -- NOVEMBER

Compiled
December 2, 1990

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REPORTERS			
Abbrev	Name	Date	Place
AB	Alice Babers	11/26/90	residence
BH	Bill Hall	11/22/90	residence
BillW	Bill Wood	11/7/90	Bickham-Dickson Park
BillW	Bill Wood	11/22/90	Cross Lake
BillW	Bill Wood	11/2/90	residence
BSG-1	Bird Study Group outing -- Barge 1	11/17/90	Cross Lake
BSG-2	Bird Study Group outing -- Barge 2	11/17/90	Cross Lake
BW	Bobbe Womack	11/15/90	residence
BW	Bobbe Womack	11/18/90	residence
BW	Bobbe Womack	11/1/90	Stonewall
BW	Bobbe Womack	11/6/90	Stonewall
BW	Bobbe Womack	11/10/90	Stonewall
CL	Charlie Lyon	11/19/90	over Cross Lake
HJ	Horace Jeter	11/19/90	residence
HJ	Horace Jeter	11/23/90	residence
HJ	Horace Jeter	11/26/90	residence
HJ	Horace Jeter	11/27/90	residence
JJ	Jim Ingold	11/17/90	Clyde Fant Parkway at Hamels Park
JM	Jim McCain	11/5/90	Bickham Middle School
JM	Jim McCain	11/18/90	Gilliam
JM	Jim McCain	11/19/90	Hwy. 173 at Haygood Rd.
JM	Jim McCain	11/5/90	residence
JM	Jim McCain	11/22/90	residence
LC&RS	Lori Cunningham & Rosemary Seidler	11/11/90	Ford Park/Cross Lake
LR	Larry Raymond	11/10/90	Blanchard, end Spring Wood Ln
NC	Norma Cobb	11/21/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/28/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/29/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	10/30/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/1/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/2/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/3/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/4/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/6/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/7/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/8/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/16/90	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/17/80	residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	11/22/90	residence
SB	Shug Burris	11/22/90	residence
SH	Shirley Huss	11/15/90	residence
SH	Shirley Huss	11/26/90	residence of Horace Jeter
WS	Will Snielski	11/26/90	Red River at Hamels 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
Common Loon	17 BSG-1 1
Pied-billed Grebe	17 BSG-1 3; 17 BSG-2 3; 22 BillW 2
Double-crested Cormorant	11 LC&RS 525; 17 BSG-1 300; 17 BSG-2 1200
Snow Goose	15 SH 11; 19 CL 150;
Canada Goose	11 LC&RS 1
Green-winged Teal	17 BSG-1 5
Mallard	11 LC&RS 14; 17 BSG-1 12; 17 BSG-2 6
Gadwall	7 BillW 2

Common Name	Data
Canvasback	17 BSG-1 175; 17 BSG-2 175; 22 BillW 90
Lesser Scaup	7 BillW 7; 17 BSG-1 5; 17 BSG-2 20
Bufflehead	17 BSG-1 34; 17 BSG-2 12; 22 BillW 9
Red-breasted Merganser	17 BSG-1 1
Ruddy Duck	17 BSG-1 300; 17 BSG-2 600; 22 BillW 38
Bald Eagle	17 BSG-1 2; 17 BSG-2 2
Cooper's Hawk	5 JM 1; 17 BSG-1 1
Red-tailed Hawk	17 JI 3; 17 BSG-1 1; 18 JM 1
American Kestrel	17 JI 2; 17 BSG-2 1; 19 JM 3
American Coot	11 LC&RS 55; 17 BSG-1 50; 17 BSG-2 50
Spotted Sandpiper	7 BillW 1
Least Sandpiper	26 WS 1
Common Snipe	7 BillW 18
American Woodcock	22 BH 1
Bonaparte's Gull	17 BSG-1 1; 17 BSG-2 1
Ring-billed Gull	11 LC&RS 105; 17 BSG-1 75; 17 BSG-2 75
Red-headed Woodpecker	1 BW 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	11 LC&RS 2
Eastern Phoebe	1 BW 1; LC&RS 4
Brown Creeper	11 LC&RS 3
Winter Wren	2 BillW 1; 11 LC&RS 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	17 BSG-2 4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 BW 2; 2 NM 1; 11 LC&RS 25; 16 NM 1; 17 BSG-2 2; 22 BH 1; 28 NM 2; 29 NM 2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	17 JI 1
Hermit Thrush	10 BW 1
Wood Thrush	2 BillW 1
Cedar Waxwing	17 NM 50; 18 BW 20; 19 HJ 2; 22 BH 8
Yellow-rumped Warbler	11 LC&RS 12
Rufous-sided Towhee	2 BillW 1
Chipping Sparrow	10 BW 15; 22 BH 11
Field Sparrow	10 BW 4
Fox Sparrow	10 BW 1
Song Sparrow	10 BW 1; 17 JI 2
White-throated Sparrow	1 BW 3; 6 NM 3; 7 NM 5; 8 NM 4; 10 BW 3; 11 LC&RS 2; 16 NM 4; 17 JI 1; 17 NM 4; 21 MC 3; 22 BH 7; 28 NM 3
Dark-eyed Junco	10 BW 10; 11 LC&RS 10; 16 NM 1; 17 NM 1; 17 JI 1; 22 SB 4; 22 BH 1; 28 NM 1; 30 NM 1
Purple Finch	4 NM 1; 22 NM 3; 22 BH 12; 30 NM 3
House Finch	23 HJ 1; 26 HJ 6; 26 SH 1; 27 HJ 3
American Goldfinch	1 NM 3; 3 NM 2; 5 JM 12; 10 LR 1; 15 BW 1; 16 NM 10; 17 JI 2; 22 BH 6; 22 JM 22

Printed 46 records.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 11, 1990
BRING FOOD -- HAVE FUN
AT MEETING -- ROOM 229
7:00 PM

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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- FIELD TRIPS
- MUSEUM UPDATE
- QUILT TICKETS
- LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES
- GIFT SHOP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This holiday season has been real good to me and I hope you too. The Christmas bird counts in Caddo and Bossier were spread out from Christmas and New Years allowing me to participate in both counts. I have met some new people and strengthened friendships of others. I have also lost some weight which makes it easier to walk longer distances while birding.

Hubert Hervey introduced me to a new way of birding -- using a bionic ear. Actually, he wears a hearing device that greatly amplifies sounds that I could not begin to hear. When he hears a bird sound, he locates the source and finds birds that others may not have realized were nearby. However, you have to know your bird sounds well.

On the first Sunday of the year Margo Tuller called to report about 30 House Finches on her covered patio. When I got there, there were about 15-20 as well as a lot of American Goldfinches within 20-30 feet of her breakfast table for perfect viewing.

Later when I got home I viewed seven Purple Finches and many American Goldfinches at my feeder (2 years since visiting my back yard for the purple finches) -- neighbor cat problem.

While spending Christmas in Baton Rouge with our son I saw many birds at their feeder. The grandchildren are interested and watch them each morning.

I hope I get the opportunity to bird with many more of you this year. Anytime you go birding and don't mind an old foggy tagging along I would be glad to join you.

Have a good year and may we all see a new high in listing birds along with fastening friendships and improving our birding skills.

* * * Will Smolenski

CHRISTMAS COUNTS

The Shreveport CBC ended with a total of 98 species seen on December 15 and the Bossier (BCBCBC) found 105 species on December 29.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES

Ken DeSmet, an ornithologist from the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources, will be in our area sometime during February to study wintering Loggerhead Shrikes. He is looking for banded birds and is interested in censusing the local population and perhaps doing some additional banding. All birders should scrutinize any Loggerhead Shrike carefully for color leg bands (red or red above white). Note which leg contains the bands and, if two bands are present, which color is on top and which is below. We will have more details on this project at the next meeting.

MUSEUM MOVE

The Museum of Life Sciences is finally moving. Most of the furniture has been moved; the remainder to move includes small items and the preserved collections. We are trying to clean and reorganize during the move in order to avoid the complete chaos that has threatened the Museum for the past year.

GIFT SHOP

The Bird Study Group/Museum Gift Shop will be in the Museum office. Mr. and Mrs. Huss worked on moving the Gift Shop one afternoon. About half has been moved and all of it needs to be reorganized for attractive display and promotion. An inventory would be appropriate in order to restock and/or add new items for sale.

QUILT TICKETS

A beautiful 28"x27" hand-quilted wall-hanging that shows a Bald Eagle in flight will be given away during a drawing at the February meeting. Tickets are available for a donation of \$1.00 from many of the BSG members. If you want tickets contact the Museum office or Betty Mason.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 11 December 1990, in Room 231 of the Science Building on the LSUS campus. The meeting began with a cover-dish dinner. President Will Smolenski invited everyone to grab a plate and begin eating at 6:56 P.M.

Will called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. He noted that Betty Mason reported a balance of \$1,226.60 at the board meeting held 3 December 1990. Betty added that \$110.69 is on deposit at the post office.

Field trips during December will be confined to the Christmas bird counts. Horace Jeter and Charles Lyon will be

compiling the Shreveport count to be held December 15. Those interested in participating in this count were asked to contact Charlie after the meeting.

Paul Dickson gave a brief report on the Bossier count to be held December 29. He asked those interested in participating to let him know as soon as possible. Paul had to leave early due to the birth of his third son, Russell, on December 10. His wife, Beverly, and the baby were reported to be in excellent condition.

Shirley Huss reported that the Bird Study Group has 136 active members. Will reminded members to pay their dues on time.

Ed Bitowski announced that birdhouses were on sale at the meeting to raise funds for the group. Will added that he brought pieces of plexiglass suitable for use as squirrel guards to sell. Ed also reported that a quilted Bald Eagle made by Pat Lonacker would be given away in a drawing at the February meeting. Tickets are available for a cost of \$1.00 each. The quilt was on display at the meeting and everyone agreed that the winner will receive a beautiful piece of handiwork.

Will reported that the sign-up sheets for weekday birders and the phone tree were misplaced at the last regular meeting. He asked anyone that wants their name added to the lists, or to correct errors, to contact him.

Will noted that Jim McCain and Larry Raymond are working on a list of birding hotspots that will hopefully include maps,

birds to be seen, and people who know the area.

A 1991 Audubon calendar was given away as a door prize. Will then complimented everyone on the good food. The leftover ham was given to Pat Lonacker for the dinner after the Shreveport CBC.

Mac Hardy presented the program at 7:53 P.M. on "Computerized Bird Records." He discussed several types of software available on the market specifically for keeping bird lists. These included Birdbase 2, Aves, and Plover. Mac demonstrated the use of Birdbase 2 and Plover. He also discussed and demonstrated the use of the data base manager PC-File+ to keep various types of bird records. The program was very informative and generated numerous questions from the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

FIELD TRIPS

Shirley Huss will lead an outing to the Yearwood road area. Depart from Bill Hall's house, 313 Wildoak Dr. (call 797-1727 for directions), at 8:30 AM. This should be a good opportunity to see winter sparrows. Good birding. **JAN. 12**

On January 26 we will go to the Red River Experiment Station to see Longspurs, Horned Larks, and sparrows (and probably a surprise or two). Depart from the LSUS parking lot at 8:00 AM.

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BW	Bill Wood	12/24/90 Cross Lake; 12/27/90 Yearwood Road	
CC	Connie Connors	11/27/90 Clyde Fant Parkway; 12/23/90 Residence	
CL	Charlie Lyon	12/22-23/90 residence; Jan 1 Yearwood Road & Caspiana Plantation;	
		Jan. 1-2 residence	
GB	Gordon Blackman	12/18/90 residence; 12/24/90 residence	

REPORTERS (Cont.)

Abbrev	Name	Date	Place
GF	Gloria Frantom	12/20/90	residence; 12/27/90 residence
HH	Helen Hood	12/24/90	residence
HJ	Horace Jeter	12/26/90	residence
JM	Jim McCain	12/24/90	Hwy 71, I-220; 12/27/90 residence
JU	Judy Urban	12/25/90	residence
LC&RS	Lori Cunningham & Rosemary Seidler	12/ 1/90	Bickham Dickson Park
MT	Margo Tuller	12/30/90	residence
NC	Norma Cobb	12/ 7/90; 12/ 8/90;	12/13/90; 12/21/90; 12/23/90 residence
NM	Nicky McCombs	12/19/90; 12/25/90;	12/26/90 residence
R&BW	Robert & Bobbe Womack	12/ 4/90; 12/ 7/90;	12/ 8/90; 12/12/90 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	12/25/90	residence

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Double-crested Cormorant	1 LC&RS 6
Mallard	1 LC&RS 24
Gadwall	Jan. 1 CL 5
Bufflehead	24 BW 22
Northern Harrier	Jan. 1 CL 1
Red-tailed Hawk	1 LC&RS 1; 24 JM 1; 27 BW 6; Jan. 1 CL 12
American Kestrel	Nov. 27 CC 1; 1 LC&RS 1; 27 BW 9; Jan. 1 CL 15
American Coot	1 LC&RS 3
American Woodcock	25 JU 1
Ring-billed Gull	1 LC&RS 3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1 LC&RS 1; Jan. 1 CL 2
Eastern Phoebe	1 LC&RS 2; 27 BW 1; Jan. 1 CL 2
House Wren	Jan. 1 CL 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 LC&RS 2; 24 HH 1; Jan. 1 CL 3
Water Pipit	Jan. 1 CL 50
Cedar Waxwing	19 NM 63; 20 GF 2; 24 GB 3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1 LC&RS 100; 27 JM 2; Jan. 1 CL 25
Rufous-sided Towhee	13 NCo 1
Chipping Sparrow	16 BH 50; 24 HH 3
Vesper Sparrow	Jan. 1 CL 10
Savannah Sparrow	27 BW 20; Jan. 1 CL 50
Fox Sparrow	Jan. 1 CL 1
Song Sparrow	Jan. 1 CL 10
Lincoln's Sparrow	27 BW 3
Swamp Sparrow	27 BW 10; Jan. 1 CL 1
White-throated Sparrow	1 LC&RS 5; 20 GF 4; 23 NCo 6; 24 HH 4; 25 SH 2; 27 JM 20, 8W 20; Jan. 1 CL 150
White-crowned Sparrow	27 BW 50; Jan. 1 CL 100
Harris' Sparrow	Jan. 1 CL 1
Dark-eyed Junco	1 LC&RS 10; 23 NCo 3; 24 GB 4; Jan. 1 CL 10
Brewer's Blackbird	Jan. 1 CL 700
Purple Finch	1 LC&RS 4; 4 B&BW 3; 7 NCo 13; 8 NCo 15; 16 BH 2; 24 HH 1; 27 GF 4, JM 3, BW 3
House Finch	1 LC&RS 1; 7 B&BW 1; 8 B&BW 1; 12 B&BW 2; 16 BH 3; 18 BH 1; 19 NM 3; 22 CL 32; 23 NCo 30; 24 GB 6, CC 1; 26 HJ 1, NM 4; 30 MT 30; Jan. 1-2 CL 10
Pine Siskin	25 SH 1; 27 JM 1
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Tuesday, 5 February 1990, 7:00 PM at the home of Shirley Huss, 806 Delaware St., Shreveport (phone 865-5959). There are several items of business; all board members should try to attend.

SPECIAL INSIDE:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a new year and I do not have my new year resolutions in gear yet. I have done more birding in the last month than I have in a long time; however, I am not listing birds as well as I had planned -- Backyard listing, Caddo-Bossier Parish listing, State listing, and Life listing. Hope all of you are doing better.

After a lengthy battle with cancer Vera

Lee Grubbs, a good loyal member of ours, has passed away. She was active before her illness and will be missed by all who knew her. May the birds of Heaven flock around her and keep her company throughout eternity.

It is a pity that war comes as such a big threat to our feathered friends in the Gulf area. May this madness end soon in victory and our troops return home and the birds to a

clean environment. Who would have thought that a year ago as peace and freedom looked so close for all, that now strife is hitting home to so many innocent people.

-- Wilfred H. Smolenski

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February 16, 7:30 AM -- Meet in the parking lot by the Museum at LSUS to carpool to Cheneyville to see Sandhill Cranes. We also will proceed to Catahoula Wildlife Refuge for shorebirds, etc. (Last year on this trip a Burrowing Owl and Golden Eagle were seen!).

February 23, 8:30 AM -- Meet at the Whataburger on LA hwy 1, north of I-220. We will carpool to the catfish ponds north on LA 1, then proceed to several stops along North Lakeshore Drive, then on the Walter Jacob's Nature Park.

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NESTING STRUCTURES FOR BIRDS

-- Ed Bitowski

The bird houses as made for our gift shop have a floor size of 4"x4", sides are 9" high; however, the entrance hole size will

vary to suit the bird to be housed:

7/8" to 1" diameter for House Wren

1 1/4" diameter hole will accommodate Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, and other small birds.

1 1/2" diameter hole is for a Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Tree Swallow.

NOTE: A large entrance hole will encourage European Starlings to occupy the premises.

The entrance hole to be 6" above the floor. This is to emulate the old woodpecker nest hole. The bird will fill the entire cavity up to this hole. Place suitable nesting material in the area around your bird house.

The house should be located 10 to 15 feet above ground level.

To house larger birds the houses will have larger floor area, sides will be higher and hole to be of an appropriate size to take a bigger body.

When birds are finished breeding remove the door and all nesting material. Do not replace door as this will encourage squirrel habitation and or bumble bees, as I experienced.

Failure to attract feathered friends may be attributed to the following faults:

1. Entrance hole too small for the birds desired.
2. Boxes put up in dense woods.
3. Boxes placed in trees and are made accessible to the birds' enemies.

Houses placed on poles will be more acceptable because they look safer.

Bird houses made of wood are a more natural habitat; however, tin cans, plastic jugs, drain spouts have been used. These items will become intensely hot in the sun. A house should be durable, rain proof, cool and readily accessible for cleaning. Do not paint in gaudy bright colors. Dark stain is best, but should age prior to using the house.

BIRDING ORGANIZATIONS

The American Birding Association publishes the bimonthly magazine *Birding* and a monthly newsletter, *Winging It*. Members receive discounts from ABA sales on bird books, tapes, optical equipment and accessories. For membership information, write to:

ABA
PO Box 6599
Colorado Springs, CO 80934

NOTES FROM MARILYN

Marilyn Kircus sent a lengthy letter to the Bird Study Group reporting on her recent visit to the Attwater Wildlife Refuge. She also enumerated many birding hot spots within a short drive from her house in Houston, TX. Her letter will be available at the next meeting for others to enjoy.

VERA LEE GRUBBS

Vera Lee Grubbs, a founding member of the Bird Study Group and a long-time member of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study passed away on January 30, 1991, following a lengthy illness. Vera Lee was an active birder for many years and was a delightful participant in most of our meetings, outings, and the annual Christmas parties. We will miss her greatly.

DR. CLARENCE WEBB

Dr. Clarence Webb, one of the founding members of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study, passed away recently. Dr. Webb was a well-known physician in Shreveport and was also nationally known as an archaeologist, specializing in the culture of the Caddo Indians.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 8 January 1991, in Room 229 of the Science Building on the LSUS campus. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Will Smolenski. Will had several pictures of the Bald Eagle quilt that he made available to anyone needing them to help sell more raffle tickets.

Will gave the treasurer's report for Betty Mason. The group had income since the last meeting of \$170.00, and expenses of \$103.56, leaving a January balance of \$1,293.04. The post office balance is \$93.30.

Will then asked for additions or corrections to the minutes that were published in the newsletter. There were none and the minutes were accepted as recorded.

Ed Bitowski announced that more raffle tickets for the Bald Eagle quilt are available to sell for our fundraising activity. He also showed the group examples of 20 birdhouses available for \$5.00/house and squirrel guards for sale for \$1.00 each. Will provided a tennis ball free of charge with each squirrel guard purchase to serve as a pivot for the guard.

Larry Raymond reported on the progress of the Birding Hotspots guide that he and Jim McCain are compiling. He asked members to send him checklists of birds seen at the locations he listed and also to provide any comments or suggestions they may have. The locations being considered at this time are Bickham Dickson Park, Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, Catfish ponds (U.S. 71), Clyde Fant Parkway, Ford Park, James Bayou Natural Area, Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Red River Experiment Station, Richard Fleming Park, Twelve Mile Bayou at La. 173, Wallace Lake Dam, Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park, Yearwood Road, and the LSUS campus (suggested by Mac Hardy at the meeting).

Shirley Huss reported that she has sent membership reminders. Will asked everyone to think of others who might be interested in our group and give their names and addresses to Shirley.

The upcoming field trips were discussed. Shirley will lead a trip to Yearwood Road on Saturday, January 12. Participants will meet at Bill Hall's house at 313 Wildoak Drive at 8:30 A.M. and carpool from there.

An outing to the Red River Experiment Station is scheduled for Saturday, January 26. Participants will depart from the LSUS parking lot by the museum at 8:00 A.M.

Will reminded members that they can add their names to the phone tree and weekday birding lists if they are interested.

Will noted that 105 species (possibly 106) and 28,724 birds were seen on the Bossier/Caddo/Bienville Christmas Bird Count. Nine teams birded for 77 hours on the count. Paul Dickson had the highest individual species list with 71 species seen. Thirty percent of the birds recorded were Double-crested cormorants.

Ninety-seven species were seen by fifteen birders on the Shreveport Christmas Bird Count according to Charles Lyon.

Larry informed the group that he has information on a winter Bald Eagle survey between 3 and 17 January if anyone is interested. Please report any eagles seen between these dates to Larry.

Mac reminded everyone of the Loggerhead shrike census and encouraged birders to observe shrikes carefully for the presence of color bands.

Rosemary Seidler reported on the New Orleans and Reserve Christmas Bird Counts which she participated in this year. According to Rosemary, 133 species were seen on the New Orleans count.

Charles Lyon introduced Dr. Michael Monsour who presented the program on "Racing and Breeding Pigeons." Dr. Monsour discussed many aspects of keeping and racing pigeons and showed the group of about 25 members several of his birds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

BIRD NOTES -- JANUARY

Compiled
February 3, 1990

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

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc.). For example: 15 PD 3; BW 1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. Two (or more) numbers following an observer are numbers of birds seen at two (or more) different localities. The month is abbreviated only if it is the month preceding the one being reported.

REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
BSG	Bird Study Group	1/12/91 Ellerbe Road/Yearwood Road; 1/26/91 Red River Valley Experiment Station
BW	Bill Wood	1/1/91 Bickham-Dickson Park; 1/6/91 residence; 1/12/91 Cross Lake; 1/20/91 Cross Lake to catfish ponds on U.S. 71
BWo	Bobbe Womack	1/1/91 Stonewall; 1/2/91 residence; 1/4/91 residence; 1/7/91 residence; 1/9/91 residence; 1/14/91 residence; 1/18/91 residence
CL	Charlie Lyon	1/1/91 Yearwood Road and Caspiana; 1/2/91 residence; 1/6/91 Cross Lake; 1/7/91 Cross Lake; 1/27/91 Atlanta State Park, Texas; 1/27/91 residence
CL&HJ	Charlie Lyon & Horace Jeter	1/13/91 northern Cross Lake & Dixie
GB	Gordon Blackman	1/25/91 residence
GF	Gloria Frantom	1/25/91 residence
HH	Helen Hood	1/1/90 South Lakeshore (Buzzard Island)
HHO	Helen Hood	1/25/91 residence
JM	Jim McCain	1/12/91 residence; 1/18/91 residence; 1/19/90 Cross Lake (Willow Point); 1/24/91 residence; 1/25/91 Elm Grove; 1/26/91 residence
NC	Norma Cobb	1/24/91 70th St. & Mansfield, Shreveport; 1/25/91 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	1/14/91 residence; 1/15/91 residence; 1/16/91 residence; 1/17/91 residence

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Common Loon	13 CL&HJ 1
Pied-billed Grebe	6 CL 2; 20 BW 4
Horned Grebe	7 CL 1; 13 CL&HJ 2
Double-crested Cormorant	12 BSG 4, BW 500; 13 CL&HJ 100; 20 BW 1000; 26 BSG 102
Wood Stork	1 HM 3
Snow Goose	12 BSG 155
Mallard	13 CL&HJ 6; 20 BW 2
Gadwall	1 CL 5
Canvasback	6 CL 150; 13 CL&HJ 300; 20 BW 21
Redhead	20 BW 2
Ring-necked Duck	12 BW 8; 27 CL 30
Lesser Scaup	12 BW 1; 20 BW 12
Bufflehead	7 CL 6; 12 BW 13; 13 CL&HJ 6; 20 BW 33
Hooded Merganser	20 BW 8
Ruddy Duck	6 CL 1000; 13 CL&HJ 100
Bald Eagle	7 CL 1; 19 JM 1; 27 CL 1
Northern Harrier	1 CL 1; 12 BSG 4; 13 CL&HJ 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2 BWO 1; 6 BW 1; 18 BWO 1, JM 1
Red-tailed Hawk	1 CL 12; 12 BSG 6; 13 CL&HJ 1; 20 BW 4; 25 JM 4; 26 JM 1; 26 BSG 2
American Kestrel	1 CL 15; 12 BSG 5; 13 CL&HJ 6; 20 BW 5; 24 NC 1; 26 BSG 2
American Coot	12 BW 20; 20 BW 70
Common Snipe	13 CL&HJ 15; 26 BSG 1
Bonaparte's Gull	6 CL 6
Ring-billed Gull	6 CL 20; 13 CL&HJ 2; 20 BW 200; 27 CL 6
Herring Gull	20 BW 5
Forster's Tern	6 CL 7; 7 CL 13; 13 CL&HJ 3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1 CL 2; 4 BWO 1; 13 CL&HJ 1; 26 BSG 1
Eastern Phoebe	1 BWO 1; 1 CL 2; 13 CL&HJ 1; 27 CL 1
Horned Lark	12 BSG 2; 13 CL&HJ 30; 26 BSG 5
Brown Creeper	13 CL&HJ 1; 25 HH 1; 27 CL 3
Bewick's Wren	13 CL&HJ 1
House Wren	1 CL 1
Winter Wren	13 CL&HJ 1; 27 CL 1
Sedge Wren	13 CL&HJ 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	12 BW 3; 13 CL&HJ 15; 27 CL 8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 CL 3; 12 BSG 1, BW 1; 13 CL&HJ 6; 26 BSG 1; 27 CL 4
Hermit Thrush	1 BWO 1; 27 CL 1
Water Pipit	1 CL 50; 12 BSG 4; 13 CL&HJ 2; 26 BSG 85
Cedar Waxwing	20 BW 20
Orange-crowned Warbler	12 BW 1; 13 CL&HJ 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1 BW 20; 1 CL 25; 13 CL&HJ 20; 20 BW 30; 25 NC 3; 26 BSG 5
Rufous-sided Towhee	13 CL&HJ 1
Chipping Sparrow	1 BWO 25; 12 BSG 15; 13 CL&HJ 2; 25 GF 2
Field Sparrow	13 CL&HJ 2; 26 BSG 4
Vesper Sparrow	1 CL 10; 12 BSG 6; 26 BSG 6
Savannah Sparrow	1 CL 50; 12 BSG 1; 13 CL&HJ 20; 26 BSG 1
LeConte's Sparrow	13 CL&HJ 10
Fox Sparrow	1 CL 1; 12 BSG 2
Song Sparrow	1 CL 10; 12 BSG 12; 13 CL&HJ 3; 25 GB 2; 26 BSG 3
Swamp Sparrow	1 CL 1
White-throated Sparrow	1 BW 4; 1 CL 150; 6 BW 10; 12 BSG 1; 13 CL&HJ 150; 25 GF 4
White-crowned Sparrow	1 BW 1; 1 CL 100; 12 BSG 5; 13 CL&HJ 75; 18 BWO 2; 25 GB 4; 26 BSG 34
Harris' Sparrow	1 CL 1
Dark-eyed Junco	1 BW 15, BWO 25, CL 10; 6 BW 4; 12 BSG 20; 13 CL&HJ 20; 20 BW 16
Western Meadowlark	26 BSG 1
Brewer's Blackbird	1 CL 700
Purple Finch	4 BWO 2; 12 BSG 3, BW 6; 14 SH 3; 15 SH 1; 16 SH 6; 17 SH 6; 18 JM 4; 25 GB 4, GF 4, HH 9; 27 CL 1
House Finch	1 BW 29; 2 CL 30; 4 BWO 8; 6 BW 5; 12 BSG 1; 15 SH 2; 16 SH 1; 17 SH 2; 25 GB 10, NC 50, HH 2; 27 CL 15
Pine Siskin	7 BWO 1; 14 BWO 5
American Goldfinch	2 BWO 25; 6 BW 40; 12 BSG 1, BW 30; 13 CL&HJ 5; 20 BW 25; 24 JM 24; 25 GB 12, GF 60

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Museum of Life Sciences
One University Place
Shreveport, LA 71115-2399

How About Some Owl Gumbo?

Justin Wilson tells a story about meeting a boy carrying a dead hawk on a country road in south Louisiana. Justin stopped the boy and asked, "What you got there, son?"

"A shicken hawk," was the reply.

"What you gonna do with it?"

"Make gumbo"

"That's interesting. I do some cooking myself. Does chicken hawk make pretty good gumbo?"

"'Bout like owl."

-- shared by Dick Rolandt

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SPECIAL INSIDE:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is almost here and large numbers of migratory birds will be passing through our area again. Now is the time to get in a lot of BIRDING. Do not pass up the opportunities to sight some unusual or rare birds. Some Purple Martin scouts have already been sighted. The warblers should be coming through in droves with some of these staying for the Summer. Be early, alert,

patient, and rediscover an old or new feathered friend.

In later February I saw two birds on the ground by my feeders. They were all black except for pinkish tips on the wing coverts and a pink line over the eye. They were smaller than Common Grackles, about the size of a Red-winged Blackbird, but I saw no red

shoulder patch. The breast was solid black with no streaking as in the female. I hopefully thought that I had spotted an unusual intruder; but after checking my National Geographic Field Guide my excitement subsided and I realized that my find was an immature male Red-winged Blackbird with no shoulder patch showing yet. Even when we see common birds, variations in color make us stop, think, and use references to make good identifications.

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BIRD ALERT

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DATAHAWK

Bill Wood has a copy of the computer software "Datahawk" used for maintaining bird records. The Museum also has a copy if anyone is interested. Check with Bill for details about the system and its requirements.

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Will read a letter of appreciation from the family of Vera Lee Grubbs for the cards, flowers, and expressions of grief from members of the Bird Study Group.

Will asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter. There were none. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

Betty Mason gave the treasurer's report. Our balance on 8 January was \$1,293.04. We had income from memberships of \$40.00 and no expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,333.04. We also have \$70.21 on deposit at the post office.

Shirley Huss had no new information on memberships. We now have 147 paid members.

Mac Hardy had no report concerning the newsletter. Will asked that members pass bird stories of interest on to Mac to use as fillers when needed.

Will reported that the drawing for the Bald Eagle quilt will be held next month at the March meeting. So far approximately \$150.00 has been collected. The winner does not have to be present to win. It is essential that all raffle tickets be turned in by next month's meeting.

Bobbe Wommack had no report on publicity.

Dick Rolandt had no report on the phone tree. The tree apparently worked well for the report of Lark sparrows on the Sentell Road.

Larry Raymond reported that progress is being made on the birding hotspots report. Will asked that Larry and Jim McCain try to have a map of the spots available for the next meeting.

Will stated that April of this year is Earth Month. As part of the activities during the month, Jean-Michel Cousteau will speak at the Strand Theater on April 14 at 7:00 P.M. Shreveport Green and Glad trash bags will sponsor a Glad bag-a-thon March 30 through April 1. The Girl Scouts are coordinating an effort to hold an Earth Day '91 Mall on the LSU campus on April 20. Will noted that one of our bird group members, Bill Wood, is coordinating these "Earth Watch 2000" activities.

Will announced that he plans to work at the Museum this Thursday, February 14, from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon. The gift shop will be open, but no bird seed will be sold. Will asked for a volunteer to work Thursday, February 21. Hopefully, someone will work at the Museum every Thursday morning.

Will stated that the bird group received a donation of \$25.00 to purchase a plaque to honor Vera Lee Grubbs. The idea was discussed at the board meeting where it was suggested that we purchase a book in Vera Lee's name. Will plans to contact the donor about this idea. He asked bird group members to contact him, Larry, or Mac with any other ideas.

Will reported that the next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 2. Election of new board members will be held at the regular April meeting. Will asked members to contact him or Larry to nominate board members or to volunteer to serve.

A field trip will be held this Saturday, February 16, to Cheneyville to see Sandhill cranes. Members will meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Museum parking lot. There will also be a field trip on Saturday, February 23, to the catfish ponds, North Lakeshore Drive, and Walter Jacobs Nature Park. We will meet at 8:30 A.M. at the Whataburger on LA 1, north of I-220, for this trip.

Will noted that nominations are being accepted for the 1990 Shreveport-Bossier Conservationist of the Year award. Larry suggested Murray Lloyd as a nominee. Will asked that any other suggestions be given to him by February 15.

Will introduced the speaker for the program. Jim McCain, Jr. showed slides of many different birds that he has photographed

over the years. He conducted a "Birding Identification Assessment" which everyone enjoyed.

Charles Lyon announced that Tara McCartney will present next month's program on birds of Costa Rica.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

OUTINGS

SANDHILL CRANES -- On Saturday, February 16, about 15 eager birders met on the LSU parking lot and "van-pooled" down to Mr. Phillip Wemple's rice farm near Cheneyville. After a coffee and pie stop at Lea's, we arrived at Mr. Wemple's about 10 AM. Mr. Wemple was an eager and gracious host, leading us onto his farm roads and giving detailed directions of "where-to-go-to-see-what." Happily, the farm roads were all dry and easily passable, and we were given complete liberty to roam the entire 5,000 acre farm in any direction and for as long as we liked. The numerous shallow ponds, wood margins, and great expanses of open fields were wonderful birding grounds. The highlight of the trip was, of course, the magnificent Sandhill Cranes. Great flocks of them were feeding in the fields and flying overhead and our final count approached 300! Their cautious feeding behavior would not allow approach closer than several hundred yards, but the several spotting scopes available within the group helped bring them "up close." The rest of the day, for me, was pure lagniappe. We were treated to large numbers of ducks and geese, shorebirds (more Dowitchers than I ever saw before), winter warblers, hawks, Water Pipits, Great Egrets, and even one White Ibis.

Late in the afternoon the majority of us "folded" and headed for home. There were, however, some real birders among us who headed on over to the "Delta Farms" area of the Catahoula Wildlife Management Area. They had continued good luck, seeing flocks of thousands of geese (including Lesser Canadians, Snows and Blues, and Greater White-fronted Geese) and ducks. They also found Sprague's Pipit and had the rare privilege of seeing and hearing an American Woodcock perform his aerial courtship display. Check the Bird List for the complete listing of all the species we saw.

NORTH SHREVEPORT TRIP -- On the next Saturday morning, the 23rd, eleven birders met and made their first stop at the catfish ponds on LA 71 north of town. There they were treated to a sighting of **Buffleheads** and **Hooded Mergansers** on the same pond, for a good opportunity to compare the two side-by-side. They then moved on up to Walter Jacobs Nature Park for **Pine Warblers**, **Purple Finches**, and **White-breasted Nuthatches**. Next on the "circuit" was Richard Flemming Park and Mallard Bay where they picked up **Red-headed Woodpecker**, **LeConte's Sparrow**, **Sedge Wren**, and **Winter Wren**. Then on the way out, the flooded area along the road near the I-220 bridge treated everyone to **American Wigeon**, **Common Goldeneye**, **Blue-winged Teal**, **Green-winged Teal**, and the good ol' gorgeous **Bald Eagle**!

UPCOMING MARCH TRIP -- On the 16th we will be meeting at the LSUS parking lot once again (at 8:30 AM) and will be car-pooling down to Pat Sewell's river farmland. This will be an exploratory trip for me, but Pat has regaled me with mouth-watering tales of the species he has seen there and I have great expectations. With all the varied habitats to be found there we're bound to have a good time "looking around" even if we don't see a bird. We can expect to see and explore shorelines of wooded cypress lakes, open oxbow lakes, woods and woods margins, open fields, old fields, river and sandbar habitats. With our typical spring rains, however, be prepared in case the farm roads are impassable. That would mean bring boots and anticipate a two to three mile round-trip walk. [For those who have to limit their walking there probably will be excellent birding near the cars] It should be good exercise, good company, lots of beautiful habitat, and good birding in a new area. See you there! -- Bill Hall, Outings Chairman

MINUTES of the BOARD MEETING

The Board met on Tuesday, February 5, 1991, at the home of Ed and Shirley Huss. Board members present were Bill Hall, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Charles Lyon, Betty Mason, Jim McCain, Jr., Larry Raymond, Dick Rolandt, Rosemary Seidler, Will Smolenski, and Bobbe Wommack. President Will Smolenski called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

A copy of the February newsletter was distributed to the members present. Will asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes as recorded in the newsletter. There were none and the minutes were approved as printed.

Betty Mason gave the treasurer's report. The balance in the treasury on January 8 was \$1,293.04. We had income of \$30.00 and no expenses leaving a balance of \$1,323.04. Our balance on deposit at the post office is \$93.30.

Bill Hall reported on the upcoming field trips which are listed in the February newsletter. We will meet in the parking lot by the Museum at LSUS on Saturday, 16 February, to carpool to Cheneyville to see Sandhill Cranes. Bill has contacted the appropriate private landowners and received permission to come and see the birds. In addition to the cranes, geese, ducks, and shorebirds should be seen. Bill encouraged those participating to bring food and drink because there may not be a store near the area.

Bill noted that a leader is needed for the February 23 field trip to the catfish ponds, North Lakeshore Drive, and Walter Jacobs Nature Park. Mac Hardy volunteered to lead the group which will meet at 8:30 A.M. at the Whataburger on LA Hwy 1, north of I-220. The other field trips are listed in the February newsletter.

Charles Lyon gave a report on upcoming programs. Jim McCain will present the February program. He will show slides of birds and conduct a "*Birding Identification Assessment*". Tara McCartney of Monroe will present the March program on "*Birds of Costa Rica*", and Cecil Kirsting of New Orleans will present "*Birds of the Antarctic*" in April.

Charles inquired about the group's policy on compensating out-of-town speakers. After considerable discussion, Mac made a motion to pay \$0.21 a mile to out-of-town speakers. Bill Hall seconded the motion. Betty asked to amend the motion to \$0.25 a mile. Jim seconded Betty's amendment, and the amended motion was approved by the board. It was also agreed that out-of-town speakers would be housed by one of the bird group's members at no charge.

Mac announced that the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus will be opened on Thursday mornings, beginning on 14 February, so that members can use the gift shop again.

Shirley Huss reported that the membership list is up-to-date. Mac noted that 147 people are now paid members.

Mac asked for questions or comments on the newsletter. The only comments concerned how much everyone enjoys the newsletter.

Bobbe Wommack reported that Cable Community Bulletin Board will hopefully begin including our meeting dates. She also noted that our newsletter is posted at Pet Pro on Jewella. Bobbe hopes to post the newsletter at a local camping store in the near future. Will suggested that the newsletter be posted on the LSUS campus, too.

Will suggested that we wait until March to hold the Bald Eagle quilt raffle. He wants to announce the date in the newsletter before the March meeting to be sure that all raffle stubs are collected.

Betty asked if we could sell seeds again in the Museum if we sell only 20 and 50 pound bags to avoid having to rebag the seeds. Mac stated that we need to wait until the Museum has finished moving everything into the new building. At that time, he will evaluate the situation to determine if there is enough space to store and sell seed again.

Dick Rolandt had no report on the phone tree, except that it appears to be working.

Larry and Jim had nothing further to report on the Birding Hotspots information. They did encourage everyone to submit records or checklists of birds seen at the various hotspots.

Will reported that Connie Connors would like Caddo Parish to pass an ordinance against shooting song birds in the parish. This type of ordinance is in the city code, but a similar law is not on the parish books. Will contacted David Jarrett, Assistant Administrator with Caddo Parish, concerning this problem. Larry stated that he works with Mr. Jarrett and would follow-up on the progress of this item for the group.

Will reported that he attended a luncheon at LSUS concerning activities to celebrate Earth Month '91. Among other events scheduled throughout the month of April, Jean-Michel Cousteau will speak at the Strand Theater on April 14 at 7:00 P.M.

Will stated that Ruth Knoll has given \$25.00 to the bird group for a plaque in memory of Vera Lee Grubbs. This generated a discussion on how to best honor our deceased members. The board finally agreed to suggest that we purchase a book in Vera Lee Grubbs' name. Will agreed to talk to Ms. Knoll concerning this possibility.

Shirley stated that the Museum will not be given a phone by the university. Mac confirmed that there are apparently no available lines and that the university cannot afford at this time to lay a new line.

Mac reported that the Louisiana Academy of Sciences will be meeting at LSUS this weekend. Dr. Robert Bakker, a well-known paleontologist, will be presenting several public lectures as part of the program. Three papers dealing with birds will be presented on Friday.

Dick Rolandt announced that the Norton Art Gallery has a wildlife paintings exhibit this month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

MUSEUM PHONE

Through the courtesy and understanding of the Art Department of LSUS the Museum now has phone service. We simply ran an extension from the art lab to the Museum. The number is 797-5338. This is the same number we were using while we were housed in the art lab.

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!

BIRD NOTES -- FEBRUARY

Compiled
March 3, 1991

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REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
BSG	Bird Study Group outing	2/23/91 northern Caddo Par.; 2/16/91 Chenneyville, LA
BW	Bill Wood	2/17/91 residence; 2/18/91 residence; 2/22/91 residence; 2/22/91 LSUS; 2/19/91 residence; 2/24/91 LSUS; 2/23/91 residence
CL	Charlie Lyon	2/21/91 Yearwood Road; 2/24/91 Lake O' the Pines; 1/22/91 office
CL&HJ	Charlie Lyon & Horace Jeter	2/ 3/91 Kisatchie Hills
GB	Gordon Blackman	2/23/91 residence; 2/24/91 residence
GF	Gloria Frantom	2/24/91 residence
HH	Helen Hood	2/24/91 South Lakeshore (Buzzard Island); 2/10/91 Cross Lake; 2/10/91 residence; 2/ 6/91 residence; 2/18/91 residence
MH	Mac Hardy	2/17/91 Richard Flemming Park; 2/17/91 residence; 2/17/91 Catfish ponds, N. Market
SB	Shug Burris	2/22/91 residence; 2/24/91 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	2/19/91 residence; 2/24/91 Mallard Bay, Cross Lake

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Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	17 MH 1; 23 BSG 2
Double-crested Cormorant	10 HHO 5; 16 BSG 11; 23 BSG 1; 24 CL 500
Anhinga	24 SB 2
White Ibis	16 BSG 1
Wood Stork	24 HHO 8
Greater White-fronted Goose	16 BSG 3000
Snow Goose	3 CL&HJ 2; 16 BSG 5000
Canada Goose	16 BSG 1000
Green-winged Teal	16 BSG 500
Mallard	3 CL&HJ 2; 16 BSG 200; 17 MH 2; 23 BSG 2
Northern Pintail	3 CL&HJ 1; 16 BSG 50
Blue-winged Teal	16 BSG 1; 23 BSG 2
Northern Shoveler	3 CL&HJ 2; 16 BSG 100
Gadwall	3 CL&HJ 3; 16 BSG 2; 24 CL 10
American Wigeon	23 BSG 1; 24 CL 2
Ring-necked Duck	23 BSG 1
Greater Scaup	24 CL 1
Lesser Scaup	24 CL 250
Common Goldeneye	23 BSG 2
Bufflehead	23 BSG 2
Hooded Merganser	17 MH 6; 23 BSG 13
Ruddy Duck	23 BSG 1; 24 CL 4
Mississippi Kite	22 BW 6
Bald Eagle	23 BSG 1
Northern Harrier	3 CL&HJ 3; 16 BSG 3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	22 CL 1; 24 BW 1
Red-tailed Hawk	3 CL&HJ 6; 16 BSG 15; 17 MH 2; 21 CL 10; 23 BSG 1; 24 CL 2
American Kestrel	3 CL&HJ 12; 16 BSG 10; 21 CL 12; 23 BSG 1; 24 CL 10
Merlin	21 CL 1
American Coot	16 BSG 1; 17 MH 4; 23 BSG 4; 24 CL 1000
Sandhill Crane	16 BSG 245
Greater Yellowlegs	16 BSG 2
Lesser Yellowlegs	16 BSG 6
Least Sandpiper	16 BSG 10
Short-billed Dowitcher	16 BSG 250
Long-billed Dowitcher	16 BSG 150

Common Name	Data
Common Snipe	16 BSG 50; 17 MH 1; 23 BSG 70
American Woodcock	16 BSG 1
Ring-billed Gull	24 CL 15
Herring Gull	10 Hho 6
Red-headed Woodpecker	17 MH 2; 23 BSG 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3 CL&HJ 4; 23 BSG 1
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	3 CL&HJ 1
Least Flycatcher	16 BSG 1
Eastern Phoebe	16 BSG 4; 23 BSG 2
Horned Lark	16 BSG 1
Brown Creeper	23 BSG 4
House Wren	24 SH 1
Winter Wren	3 CL&HJ 1; 23 BSG 1
Sedge Wren	23 BSG 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3 CL&HJ 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3 CL&HJ 4; 6 Hho 1; 23 BSG 1
Hermit Thrush	23 BSG 1
Water Pipit	16 BSG 100
Sprague's Pipit	16 BSG 2
Cedar Waxwing	10 Hho 100; 17 MH 38; 23 BSG 10
Orange-crowned Warbler	16 BSG 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	16 BSG 200; 17 MH 1; 23 BSG 5
Common Yellowthroat	16 BSG 1
Rufous-sided Towhee	3 CL&HJ 1
Chipping Sparrow	3 CL&HJ 25; 16 BSG 10
Field Sparrow	3 CL&HJ 10
Savannah Sparrow	3 CL&HJ 10; 16 BSG 50; 21 CL 50
LeConte's Sparrow	23 BSG 25; 24 SH 3
Fox Sparrow	21 CL 1
Song Sparrow	3 CL&HJ 2; 16 BSG 10; 21 CL 6; 23 BSG 9; 24 SH 1
Lincoln's Sparrow	3 CL&HJ 1; 21 CL 1
Swamp Sparrow	3 CL&HJ 4; 16 BSG 1; 23 BSG 2
White-throated Sparrow	3 CL&HJ 150; 16 BSG 10; 17 MH 6, 8W 8; 18 BW 5, Hho 2; 19 BW 10; 21 CL 20; 23 BSG 1
White-crowned Sparrow	16 BSG 4; 21 CL 100; 23 G8 3
Dark-eyed Junco	3 CL&HJ 4; 16 BSG 1; 17 MH 1; 21 CL 10; 23 BSG 1
Brewer's Blackbird	23 BSG 2
Purple Finch	17 BW 3; 19 SH 4; 22 BW 2; 23 BSG 6, BW 3; 24 G8 4, SB 6, GF 3
House Finch	17 BW 15; 18 BW 4; 19 SH 6, 8W 4; 22 BW 32; 23 BW 14; 24 G8 6
Pine Siskin	19 SH 2
American Goldfinch	16 BSG 1; 19 SH 3; 22 SB 1 (albino); 23 BSG 1, 8W 7

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

9 April 1991, 7:00 PM in the Science building, Room 229 on the LSUS campus. Dr. Cecil Kirsting of New Orleans, Louisiana, will present the program entitled "*Birding in Antarctica.*"

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, 2 April 1991, 7:00 PM at the home of Shirley Huss, 806 Delaware St., Shreveport (phone 865-5959). There are several items of business; all board members should try to attend.

SPECIAL INSIDE:

- INCA DOVES
- ELECTIONS
- FIVE RINGS
- EARTH DAY

INCA DOVES

A pair of Inca Doves have been seen in Oil City on 24 March 1991. Mr. Lamar Fruge saw the doves feeding on the ground in his front yard. He saw several mating attempts and has seen both birds on several occasions. Clyde Massey photographed them on the 24th and Larry Raymond and Mac Hardy saw one bird on several occasions on the 25th. This is a good record for the state.

Anyone who sees the birds should fill out a record card so we can thoroughly document their occurrence in this area.

From Shreveport via La. hwy. 1, turn left on Kathy St. (just across the highway from the Pentacostal Church), go about one block to 143 Kathy. The doves feed on the parking area in front of a white house and silver house trailer on the left side of the street. There is a large cedar tree next to the street with a white wind ornament hanging from the tree and a red Snoopy wind ornament

stuck in the ground under the tree. Mr. Fruge (phone 995-7135) welcomes birders.

FIVE RINGS

The Bird Alert Service is operating (Phone 797-5338) and for the last several days has contained the information about the Inca Doves. The Museum phone is on the same line and number of the Art Lab, next door. In order to avoid inconvenience for the folks in the art lab the hotline answering machine is set to answer after four rings. That gives plenty of time for anyone in the building to answer the phone if they are going to do so. The answering machine comes on at the fifth ring. If you are calling with a bird alert message or you want to hear the message -- be patient. Call the number and hold on for at least five rings. It really works. Let's use the bird alert service. Call in your sightings of rare or unusual birds.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day in the Mall at LSUS will be on April 20. The Bird Study Group will have a booth to promote birding. Anyone interested in attending and helping at the booth contact Will Smolenski (865-2938) or Bill Wood (797-5393 or 868-8513).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope the pine and oak pollen does not bother the birds as much as it bothers me. I have changed the water in the bird bath at least once a day plus swept and/or washed down the back turn around twice a day. All this to give the birds a decent drink of water and to keep the grandchildren and dog from tracking that yellow stuff into the house.

The recent rains and warmth have brought out the flowers and leaves in a burst. Small birds are harder to observe now as they flit in the tree tops.

Birds are busy staking out their nesting areas and building their nests. Help provide that extra calcium by adding broken egg

shells in with the bird feed.

I usually decorate eggs for the grand kids and neighbor kids. Some like bunnies, some cartoon characters, even with toupees for Ernie eggs. I have often thought of coloring eggs to match our feathered friends eggs, but who would know what kind he is finding plus most would be very hard to find.

-- W. H. Smolenski

ELECTIONS!!!

Protect yourself! Attend the next few meetings. Elections for the SSNS Bird Study Group will be held in May when we vote for five new board members. Suggest nominees to any board member.

WISCONSIN HUMMER

Jim Ingold provided a newspaper report of a single Anna's Hummingbird visiting a backyard feeder in Wales, Wisconsin. This is the first record of this species for Wisconsin. Making to attempt to migrate, it was still visiting the feeder regularly on December 3. The night before 17 inches of snow fell and the bird's future was in doubt. It was captured and moved to a permanent home in the tropical environment of the Mitchell Park Domes (a botanical garden) in Milwaukee. By March 7, 1991, it was still active and healthy and thoroughly adapted to the Domes.

FIELD TRIPS

Mark your calendars now for these BSG field trips that are scheduled. These are good times to learn more about birding and to sharpen your skills at identifying those species that are seen less frequently.

April 6, 8:30 AM -- Meet at the horse barn in Bickham-Dickson park. We will look for shorebirds along the river and possibly find migrating warblers in the woods.

April 27-28 -- The LOS meeting will be in Cameron. This is always an overwhelming outing during spring migration.

May -- The date will be announced later for our annual Big Day of birding at Loggy Bayou Plantation. Details will come later.

BIRD NOTES -- MARCH

Compiled

March 28, 1991

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AB	Alice Babers	3/19/91 residence; 3/31/91 residence
BH&HH	Bill Hall and Hubert Hervey	3/22/91 Hubert Hervey farm
BSG	Bird Study Group	3/16/91 Pat Sewell's farm
BW	Bobbe Womack	3/11/91 Stonewall; 3/20/91 residence
GF	Gloria Frantom	3/7/91 Toledo Bend Lake near Converse
HOO	Helen Hood	3/8/91 residence; 3/10/91 Lake O'the Pines; 3/14/91 residence;
		3/22/91 residence; 3/23/91 residence; 3/24/91 residence
JM	Jim McCain	3/21/91 Belcher
LF	Früge	3/24/91 Oil City
LR	Larry Raymond	2/28/91 Jacobs Nature Park; 4/1/91 Jacobs Nature Park
LR&MH	Larry Raymond and Mac Hardy	3/25/91 Oil City
MH	Mac Hardy	3/24/91 Lake Bistineau State Park; 3/25/91, 3/27/91 residence
MH&LR	Mac Hardy and Larry Raymond	3/25/91 Jacobs Nature Park
NC	Norma Cobb	3/23/91 residence; 3/24/91 residence
RS	Rosemary Seidler	3/3/91 Wallace Lake Dam; 3/17/91 North Lakeshore Drive near I20
RS&L	Rosemary Seidler and Laurie	3/2/91 North Lakeshore Drive near I-20
SB	Shug Burris	3/17/91 residence; 3/23/91 residence; 3/24/91 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	3/21/91 residence; 3/23/91 residence; 3/25/91 residence

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Double-crested Cormorant	2 RS&L 100; 16 BSG 4; 17 RS 1000
Cattle Egret	22 BH&HH 2
Mallard	2 RS&L 12; 16 BSG 2; 17 RS 6
Blue-winged Teal	17 SB 2
Gadwall	2 RS&L 7
Ring-necked Duck	2 RS&L 5
Ruddy Duck	2 RS&L 300
Bald Eagle	2 RS&L 1
Northern Harrier	16 BSG 2
Red-tailed Hawk	3 RS 2; 16 BSG 1; 17 RS 2
American Kestrel	2 RS&L 4; 3 RS 3; 16 BSG 2; 17 RS 1; 22 BH&HH 1
American Coot	2 RS&L 50; 17 RS 30
Ring-billed Gull	2 RS&L 5; 16 BSG 6; 17 RS 1
Inca Dove	24 LF 2; 25 LR&MH 1
Chimney Swift	25 SH 1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	23 HHO 1; 24 HHO 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	2 RS&L 7; 17 RS 4; 24 HHO 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2 RS&L 1; 3 RS 2; 17 RS 3; 22 BH&HH 2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	22 BH&HH 1
Eastern Phoebe	2 RS&L 1; 11 BW 1; 16 BSG 1; 22 BH&HH 1
Horned Lark	16 BSG 12
Purple Martin	16 BSG 12; 17 RS 6; 22 BH&HH 20; 24 SB 16; 25 MH 2; 27 MH 3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	16 BSG 1; 21 JMCC 6
Barn Swallow	16 BSG 1; 21 JMCC 6; 22 BH&HH 2; 23 SH 1; 24 SB 6
Brown Creeper	17 RS 3; 22 BH&HH 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2 RS&L 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2 RS&L 8; 16 BSG 2; 17 RS 5; 22 BH&HH 10
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	22 BH&HH 2
Hermit Thrush	2 RS&L 2; 11 BW 1; 17 RS 1; 22 BH&HH 1
Water Pipit	16 BSG 25; 22 BH&HH 5

Common Name	Data
Cedar Waxwing	2 RS&L 300; 3 RS 150; 7 GF 41; 17 RS 2; 19 AB 7; 22 BH&HH 12; 31 AB 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	17 RS 1; 25 MH&LR 3
Orange-crowned Warbler	17 RS 1
Northern Parula	25 MH&LR 2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2 RS&L 27; 3 RS 8; 7 GF 4; 16 BSG 25; 17 RS 5; 22 BH&HH 100
Black-and-white Warbler	11 BW 1; 16 BSG 1; 20 BW 1
Louisiana Waterthrush	25 MH&LR 3
Indigo Bunting	10 HHO 1
Rufous-sided Towhee	17 RS 1
Chipping Sparrow	2 RS&L 6; 3 RS 8; 14 HHO 1; 17 RS 2; 22 BH&HH 12
Field Sparrow	3 RS 3; 22 BH&HH 6
Savannah Sparrow	16 BSG 8
Fox Sparrow	3 RS 1; 16 BSG 2
Song Sparrow	3 RS 4; 16 BSG 4; 17 RS 3; 22 BH&HH 2
Swamp Sparrow	3 RS 2; 16 BSG 10
White-throated Sparrow	3 RS 1; 14 HHO 2; 16 BSG 2; 17 RS 38; 22 BH&HH 8; 24 MH 3
White-crowned Sparrow	2 RS&L 20; 16 BSG 13
Dark-eyed Junco	2 RS&L 60; 3 RS 8; 14 HHO 1; 16 BSG 10; 17 RS 40; 22 BH&HH 4; 24 S8 5; 24 MH 3
Northern Oriole	10 HHO 1
Purple Finch	22 HHO 4; 23 S8 1
House Finch	21 SH 4; 24 NC 15; 25 SH 2
Pine Siskin	Feb. 28 LR 1; 8 HHO 3; 22 HHO 2; April 1 LR 1
American Goldfinch	17 RS 6; 22 BH&HH 24; 23 NC 2; 24 NC 8

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 12 March 1991, in Room 229 of the Science Building on the LSUS campus. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Will Smolenski. Will asked new members and guests to stand and be recognized.

Will asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as recorded in the newsletter. Shirley Huss noted that the present paid membership is 135 members, not 147 as recorded in the minutes. The minutes were corrected to reflect 135 paid members and then approved.

Betty Mason gave the treasurer's report. The balance in the treasury on 12 February was \$1,333.04. Income this month was \$302.00, expenses totaled \$63.98, leaving a March balance of \$1,571.06. The balance on deposit at the post office is \$50.89. Betty plans to deposit \$200.00 in the post office account within the next thirty days.

Ed Bitowski reported on fundraising activities. Ed noted that he has five new birdfeeders that will be placed in the gift shop. Ed also commented on the chickadee stickers that can be purchased for less than \$1.00. Will reported that he recently inventoried all of the gift shop items for sale and he has several copies of the list available for perusal by the membership. The lists do not include the chickadee and cardinal stickers that are also available.

Ed announced that the drawing for the Bald Eagle quilted wall hanging would be held. Everyone was given one last opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket. The winner of the wall hanging was Gladden Hood who was present to claim the coveted prize. Will recognized Pat Lonacker for her talents in making the wall hanging and for donating it to be used as a fundraising activity.

Will reminded the membership that he is at the Museum most Thursday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Hopefully, others will volunteer to help and possibly expand the hours of the Museum. Will also reported that the Museum is sharing a phone line with the art department and can be reached at 797-5338. The gift shop will be opened after the meeting. Mac Hardy noted that the Museum is actually open every weekday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except when he is in class and no one is around to man the facility.

Will reported that the month of April is Earth Month and a number of activities have been scheduled to celebrate the occasion. A Glad Bag-a-Thon will be held from March 31 through April 6. This city wide cleanup and beautification project is sponsored by Glad Trash Bags and Shreveport Green. On April 6 there will be a celebration at Fair Grounds Field from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for all volunteers. Music, drinks, and food will be provided and awards will be presented.

On April 14, Jean-Michel Cousteau will talk at the Strand Theater. A lecture series is also being held on the LSUS campus. An Earth Day Walk will be held on the LSUS campus in conjunction with the celebration of Earth Day. Will asked if we would be

interested in having a booth set up at the mall to advertise our organization. There was some discussion as to whether the mall would be held on Saturday, April 20, or on Sunday, April 21. The board will consider whether or not to have a booth at the next board meeting.

Will reported that the Louisiana Nature Conservancy will have its annual meeting on April 13 in the Kisatchie National Forest. Members can call Will for more information on this meeting.

Election of new board members will take place in May instead of April, and new officers will be elected at the June board meeting. Please submit names to fill the five vacancies to Will, Mac Hardy, or Larry Raymond.

The next field trip is Saturday, March 16. Participants will meet at LSUS near the radio tower at 8:30 A.M. to carpool to Pat Sewall's farm. The LOS meeting will be held April 27 and 28 in Cameron.

Will reported that two purple martin houses have been erected near the radio tower on the LSUS campus. The houses may be used as memorials for deceased members of our group. This suggestion will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Betty read a letter from Bruce Crider of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society concerning several recent memorial gifts in memory of Vera Lee Grubbs. The letter stated that the contributors have been thanked and the gifts have been acknowledged to Mr. Glen Grubbs. Those who sent gifts were Bud and Carol Foster, Edwin and Shirley Huss, and Pat Lonnecker. Bruce also thanked the Bird Study Group for its support of the Henshaw and Holleyma-Sheely Sancturaries in Cameron. If anyone else wishes to make a memorial contribution in the name of Vera Lee Grubbs, Betty can be contacted for the address of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society.

Charlie Lyon introduced Tara McCartney of Monroe who presented the program on the "Birds of Costa Rica". Charlie pointed out that Tara is the new secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Ornithological Society. According to Charlie, Tara spent several months in Costa Rica and is planning to return.

Tara reported that she spent six months in Costa Rica working as a resident naturalist guiding tourists. As such, she learned a great deal about the flora and fauna of Costa Rica which she shared with the group.

The meeting adjourned after the program.

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OUTINGS -- Bill Hall
PROGRAMS -- Charlie Lyon
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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 14 May 1991, 7:00 PM in the Science building, Room 229 on the LSUS campus. Dr. Jim Ingold, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, LSU in Shreveport, will present the program entitled "The Evolutionary History of Cranes."

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 PM, at Will Smolenski's house, 526 Dunmoreland Drive, Shreveport (phone 865-2938). There are several items of business; all board members should try to attend. Officers will be elected.

SPECIAL INSIDE:

ELECTIONS
EARTH DAY
BIG DAY

BOARD NOMINEES

The following five members have been placed in nomination to be elected to the Board of Directors. This class of Directors will serve a three-year term, beginning in May, 1991. Any additional nominations should be made from the floor during the May meeting. All have agreed to serve.

Jim Ingold
Norma Cobb
Caroline Upchurch
Hubert Hervey
Betty Mason

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Right now is a busy time for the birds as well as us. Many birds are still migrating North, others are building nests and others already are feeding their young. We are having elections of five new Board Members this month preparing ahead for the new year starting in September. Be on hand to vote for those who will be responsible for running your organization this coming year.

Saturday, May 11th is Paul Dickson's big day for birding plus the crawfish, soft drinks, plates, forks, spoons, etc., will be provided by those who participate. Bring your own beer if you like.

Sunday, April 21st we manned a table at the LSUS campus to celebrate "Earth Watch 2000." Thanks to those who were there to help and answer questions of people who came by. The museum held a concurrent open house and it was packed at times. Even though this April was recognized as Environmental Month we should always practice good environmental habits -- pick up litter, recycle paper, metal, plastic, and glass. Do not forget, "A healthy environment is for the birds."

-- Will Smolenski

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 9 April 1991, in Room 229 of the Science Building on the LSUS campus. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by President Will Smolenski. Will asked new members and guests to stand and be recognized.

Will asked for additions or corrections to the minutes in the April newsletter. There being none, the minutes were accepted as recorded.

Betty Mason reported a previous balance in the treasury of \$1,571.06. We had income this month of \$165.00 and expenses of \$200.00 to the post office, leaving an April balance of \$1,536.06.

Will announced that the election for new board members will be held next month. Mac

Hardy is taking nominations and will be calling people and asking them to serve.

The "Big Day" field trip will be held on Saturday, May 11, at Loggy Bayou Plantation. Paul Dickson hopes to provide crawfish from his ponds, but will need to buy them if he does not have any. A motion was made and approved allowing Paul to buy the crawfish, if necessary, with Bird Study Group funds. A discussion followed concerning other food that needs to be brought to the event. Members present signed up to bring new potatoes, corn, sausage, and dessert. The Bird Study Group will provide drinks.

June field trips will include a trip to the Kisatchie National Forest to see Red-cockaded woodpeckers, and a visit to the Cattle egret rookery on Cross Lake. Dates for these trips will be published in the next newsletter.

Will reported that we now have 140 paid members.

Will noted that Mac has requested help stapling and folding the newsletter for mailing. Ed Bitowski volunteered to help with this activity.

Will noted that Steve Cole has been added to the phone tree under Jim McCain.

A birding hotspot map showing eleven birding spots was displayed at the meeting. Will reported that Larry Raymond plans to purchase colored maps of Caddo and Bossier parishes to display in the future. Will also stated that more information concerning the birds found in Bodcau Wildlife Management Area is needed. It is hoped that a booklet on these birding hotspots will eventually be available.

Will asked members to report bird sightings to Connie Connors, especially rare birds observed. Also, the phone tree should be called for rare birds.

Will reported that the board voted to recommend to the membership that he be allowed to spend up to \$200.00 to purchase materials to make a bookcase for the Museum. The bookcase will be used for books in the Bird Study Group library. A motion approving this expenditure was made and passed.

Will noted that April is Earth Month. The Bird Study Group will man a table at the Earth Day Mall from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 21. A list was passed around for members to sign to work one-hour shifts during this time. Four workers per shift are needed - two to man the table and two to help Mac in the Museum.

Other Earth Month events include a program at the Strand Theater by Jean-Michel Cousteau at 8:00 P.M. on April 14, a lecture by Ducks Unlimited in the LSUS University Center Theater at 7:00 P.M. on April 15, a lecture by Greenpeace in the LSUS University Center Theater at 7:00 P.M. on April 16, a program by the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club at LSUS at 7:00 P.M. on April 17, and a presentation by Earth First at LSUS at 7:00 P.M. on April 18.

Will drew numbers for door prizes. Both Gladden and Helen Hood won books on prehistoric animals. Our guest speaker, Dr. Cecil Kirsting, won a Dinosaur calendar, and a guest visitor, John Ostrander, won a birdhouse. Gladden gave his book to Velda Neilson to give to her children.

Charles Lyon introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Cecil Kirsting. Dr. Kirsting, who is retired, travels extensively studying birds. He presented a very informative program illustrated with beautiful photography on "Birds of the Antarctic."

Mac announced that a videotape of the Inca doves in Oil City will be available for viewing in the Museum on the afternoons of April 12 and April 19.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

The Board met on Tuesday, April 5, 1991, at the home of Ed and Shirley Huss. Board members present were Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Velda Neilson, Larry Raymond, Dick Rolandt, Rosemary Seidler, and Will Smolenski. President Will Smolenski called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Will asked for a motion to approve the

minutes as recorded in the March newsletter. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Will reported an April balance in the treasury of \$1,736.06, and a balance in the post office account of \$50.89. He noted that Betty Mason plans to transfer \$200.00 to the post office account.

The board discussed the upcoming elections of new board members in May. Five board positions will be vacant and need to be filled. Seven new names were suggested by board members present, and three of the board members vacating their positions could be asked to serve again if needed. The potential nominees will be contacted to determine if they would be willing to serve. A slate of nominees will be presented at the general meeting in May.

Will announced that Dr. Cecil Kirsting of New Orleans will present the April program on "Birding in Antarctica." Dr. Jim Ingold will present a program on cranes in May.

The next field trip will be Saturday, April 6, at the Bickham Dickson Park. Participants will meet at the horse barn at 8:30 A.M. Jim McCain will lead this trip.

The date for the annual Big Day at Loggy Bayou Plantation has not been set. A firm date will be given at the general meeting, April 9. In June, a Kisatchie outing to see Red-cockaded woodpeckers is planned. Also, another outing to see the Cattle egret rookery is planned for June.

Shirley reported a current membership of 140.

Mac requested more articles for the newsletter. News items and articles related to birds are needed and will be accepted any time. Mac also noted that more help is needed to staple and label the newsletter. Pat Lonnecker has been doing this job in addition to preparing the newsletter for bulk mailing.

Velda asked that she be advised of door prizes to be given away at the meetings in order to prepare numbers to be drawn.

Will reported that the Eagle Quilt generated about \$230.00 for the treasury.

Dick noted that Steve Cole has been added to the phone tree under Jim McCain's name. His office number is 687-7212, and his home number is 861-4317.

Larry showed a map of "Birding Hotspots" for Caddo and Bossier parishes. He noted that the map was for information and to solicit more input from the membership about the eleven birding spots indicated. The board discussed possible formats for the birding guide. A motion was made and approved to allow Larry to spend up to \$50.00 to purchase maps for use in the guide.

Mac reported that a few things still need to be moved into the Museum, but progress is being made.

Will reported that he has an inventory of items available for sale in the gift shop. He noted that more field guides need to be ordered. The board approved ordering more guides of several kinds to sell. Will also stated that he would like to build a bookshelf for the Museum to use for the Bird Group library. A motion was made and approved to recommend to the membership that Will be allowed to spend up to \$200.00 for materials for the shelf.

The board discussed the purchases of more books for the Bird Group library. Several books already approved for purchase have still not been bought. Will stated that he will ask Ed Bitowski to follow-up on this item.

Will reported that he has received another \$25.00 donation from Ruth H. Noel in memory of Vera Lee Grubbs.

Mac reported that he and Jim Ingold saw five Inca Doves at one time on the ground in Oil City this afternoon.

Under old business, the board discussed the Earth Day Mall to be held at LSUS from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 21. The Bird Group needs to contact Sylvia Cotton with the Girl Scout Office if we want a booth. It was decided that we should have a booth and divide the afternoon into one-hour shifts. Will plans to try and get four people to work each one-hour shift - two for the booth, and two to help Mac in the Museum.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at Will Smolenski's house. Election of officers will take place at this meeting.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

FIELD TRIPS

June 1, 7:30 AM. Meet in the parking lot next to the Museum to car-pool to the Kisatchie National Forest, especially to find Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. Charlie Lyon will be the leader. Bring food and drink; an ice chest will be available.

June 22, to go to Cross Lake to visit the Cattle Egret rookery. Meet at 7:00 AM in the Museum parking lot to carpool.

BIG DAY OF BIRDING

The Big Day of birding for the Bird Study Group each year is the delightful trip to Loggy Bayou Plantation. Due to the kind hospitality of Paul Dickson we gather each May at this serene locality to search out and count as many species of birds as is humanly possible in one day (taking out adequate time for feasting and visiting).

Saturday, May 11, is the date for this year. We will have more details at the May meeting. Crayfish will be provided and other items will be brought by volunteers. A food list (new potatoes, corn, sausage, bread, chips, dip, etc.) is being circulated; call Will (865-2938) to add your name and item to the food list. See the map for directions. It is about a one-hour drive from Shreveport. Some will car-pool from the Museum. Birding will start at daylight.

Directions: Follow U. S. 71 south from the 70th Street (Jimmy Davis) bridge about 16 1/2 miles to the boundary between Bossier Parish and Bienville Parish (this is just on the south side of the raised bridge over Loggy Bayou). Turn left (east) on La. hwy. 4 and go about 4.4 miles to the entrance on the left to Loggy Bayou Plantation. Proceed to the house (approximately 2 miles).

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications concern the science of ornithology and bird-watching. Some are more technical than others; however, all provide much information of interest to birders.

Bird Watchers Digest
P. O. Box 110
Marietta, OH 45750
(6 issues/yr. -- \$15.00)

Birder's World
Subscription Department
P. O. Box 1347
Elmhurst, IL 60126-8347
(6 issues/yr. -- \$19.75)

Wild Bird
P. O. Box 483
Mt. Morris, IL 61054-8045
(12 issues/yr. -- \$23.97)

Dick E. Bird News
P. O. Box 377
Acme, MI 49610
(12 issues/yr. -- \$12.00)

Bird Talk
Subscription Department
P. O. Box 57347
Boulder, CO 80323-7347
(12 issues/yr. -- \$25.97)

American Birds
National Audubon Society
950 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(5 issues/yr -- \$27.50)

Compiled by Ed Bitowski

EARTH DAY

Earth Day in the Mall at LSUS held on April 21 was a big success. There was a large turnout and participants seemed to enjoy the offerings. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the booth for the Bird Study Group and in the Museum.

BIRD NOTES -- APRIL

Compiled

April 25, 1991

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.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc.). For example: 15 PD 3; BW 1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. Two (or more) numbers following an observer are numbers of birds seen at two (or more) different localities. The month is abbreviated only if it is the month preceding the one being reported.

REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
A	Anonymous	4/23/91 Wallace Lake Dam
BH	Bill Hall	4/13/91 residence; 4/14/91 Dickson residence (Elerbe Rd.); 4/23/91 residence
BillW	Bill Wood	4/10/91 Bickham-Dickson Park
BSG	Bird Study Group outing	4/20/91 Bickham-Dickson Park, Shreveport
BW	Bobbe Wonnack	4/15/91 Stonewall; 4/18/91 Bickham-Dickson Park; 4/18/91 residence; 4/20/91 Stonewall; 4/21/91 residence; 4/23/91 Stonewall
CL	Charlie Lyon	3/30/91 Caspiana; 3/31/91 Cross Lake (north); 4/12/91 LSUS; 4/13/91 Line Ave. in Shreveport; 4/23/91 residence;
CLHJBM	Charlie Lyon, Horace Jeter & B. Wood	4/13/91 Bickham-Dickson Park
GF	Gloria Frantom	4/ 4/91 Toledo Bend Lake; 4/14/91 residence
HM	Hubert Hervey	4/20/91 Clear Lake; 4/22/91 Residence
HHo	Helen Hood	3/31/91 Hodges Gardens; 4/ 1/91 residence; 4/ 2/91 residence; 4/ 4/91 residence; 4/ 6/91 residence; 4/ 8/91 residence; 4/20/91 residence; 4/22/91 residence;
JM	Jim McCain	3/31/91 Gilliam; 4/11/91 Haygood Road; 4/23/91 Gann Road by KWKH tower; 4/23/91 residence

REPORTERS (Cont.)

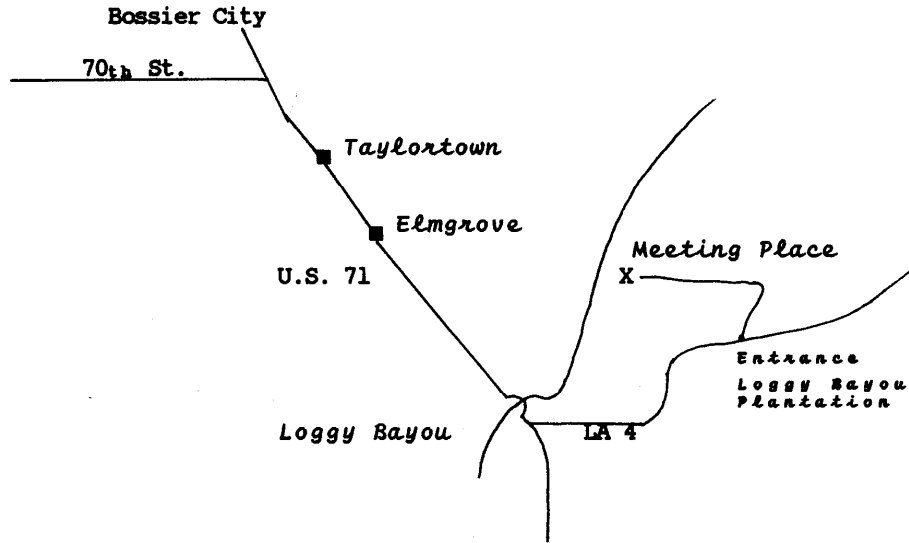
Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
NC	Norma Cobb	4/22/91 residence
NH	Wicky McCombs	4/ 1/91 residence; 4/ 4/91 residence; 4/ 7/91 residence; 4/11/91 residence; 4/12/91 residence; 4/16/91 residence; 4/18/91 residence; 4/20/91 residence; 4/21/91 residence; 4/22/91 residence; 4/23/91 residence
RS	Rosemary Seidler	4/ 1/91 I-49, mile 191; 4/10/91 Benton Road; 4/14/91 Bickham-Dickson Park
RS&L	Rosemary Seidler and Laurie	4/21/91 Cross Lake
SH	Shirley Huss	4/16/91 residence; 4/19/91 residence; 4/23/91 residence

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
Pied-billed Grebe	13 CLHJBW 1; 14 RS 8
Double-crested Cormorant	Mar. 31 CL 10; 13 CLHJBW 10; 14 RS 2; 20 HH 100
Anhinga	20 HH 6
Snowy Egret	13 CLHJBW 30; 14 RS 4; 20 BSG 3
Little Blue Heron	13 CLHJBW 2; 14 RS 2; 20 HH 6; 20 BSG 1
Cattle Egret	Mar. 31 MHO 6; 20 HH 40
Green-backed Heron	13 CLHJBW 3; 13 BH 3; 20 HH 2; 21 RS&L 8; 23 BW 1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	20 HH 3
White Ibis	23 A 2
Canada Goose	14 RS 2
Mallard	Mar. 31 CL 2
Blue-winged Teal	Mar. 30 CL 3; 13 CLHJBW 15; 14 RS 10; 20 BSG 6
Ruddy Duck	Mar. 31 CL 20
Osprey	15 BW 1
Mississippi Kite	13 CL 1; 13 BH 2; 20 BSG 1; 20 HH 1
Northern Harrier	20 BSG 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	22 HH 1
Broad-winged Hawk	20 HH 2
Red-tailed Hawk	Mar. 30 CL 1(Krider); 20 HH 1
American Kestrel	13 CLHJBW 1; 23 BW 1
Merlin	23 JM 1
Peregrine Falcon	20 HH 1
Wild Turkey	10 BW 1
American Coot	Mar. 31 CL 10; 14 RS 6
Lesser Golden-Plover	Mar. 30 CL 175
Greater Yellowlegs	12 CL 2; 14 RS 1
Lesser Yellowlegs	Mar. 31 JM 6
Solitary Sandpiper	13 CLHJBW 3; 14 RS 2
Spotted Sandpiper	13 CLHJBW 1; 14 RS 1
Upland Sandpiper	23 BH 6
Common Snipe	Mar. 30 CL 1; 11 JM 1
Ring-billed Gull	Mar. 31 CL 1; 13 CLHJBW 1
Greater Roadrunner	1 RS 1; 20 HH 1
Common Barn-Owl	Mar. 30 CL 1; 13 BH 1; 20 HH 1
Chuck-will's-widow	13 BH 2
Chimney Swift	Mar. 30 CL 10; Mar. 31 CL 2; 13 BH 6
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	6 MHO 2; 7 NM 1; 13 CLHJBW 1; 13 BH 2
Red-headed Woodpecker	4 MHO 1; 20 MHO 2; 20 HH 2; 22 NC 1
Acadian Flycatcher	20 HH 2
Eastern Phoebe	Mar. 30 CL 2; Mar. 31 CL 1
Great Crested Flycatcher	13 CLHJBW 2; 15 BW 1; 20 HH 4; 21 NM 1; 22 MHO 1
Eastern Kingbird	13 CLHJBW 2; 13 BH 1; 14 RS 3; 20 HH 6
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10 RS 2; 12 CL 2; 13 CLHJBW 3; 14 RS 8; 20 HH 1
Purple Martin	14 RS 50; 20 BSG 4; 20 HH 12
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Mar. 30 CL 4
Barn Swallow	Mar. 30 CL 10; 13 CLHJBW 10; 14 RS 10; 20 BSG 5; 20 HH 40
Brown Creeper	Mar. 31 CL 2
House Wren	Mar. 31 CL 1; 15 BW 1
Winter Wren	Mar. 30 CL 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Mar. 30 CL 2; Mar. 31 CL 6; 13 CLHJBW 2; 20 BSG 4

Common Name	Data
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Mar. 30 CL 10; Mar. 31 CL 20; 18 BW 1; 20 HH 2
Hermit Thrush	Mar. 30 CL 1; 13 CLHJBW 1
Wood Thrush	14 BH 1; 22 HHO 1
Cedar Waxwing	Mar. 30 CL 6; Mar. 31 CL 4; 1 NH 40; 4 NH 20; 13 CLHJBW 4; 14 BH 3; 14 RS 40; 20 HH 200; 23 BW 8
White-eyed Vireo	Mar. 30 CL 4; Mar. 31 CL 5; 8 HHO 1; 13 CLHJBW 4; 13 BH 2; 14 BH 1; 20 BSG 2; 20 HH 4; 23 BW 1; 23 BH 1
Solitary Vireo	13 CLHJBW 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	Mar. 31 CL 1; 13 CLHJBW 4; 14 RS 1; 20 HH 12; 23 BW 1
Philadelphia Vireo	14 RS 1
Red-eyed Vireo	20 HH 2
Blue-winged Warbler	14 BH 2
Tennessee Warbler	18 BW 1
Northern Parula	4 GF 1; 20 HH 10
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Mar. 30 CL 75; Mar. 31 CL 100; 4 GF 2, HHO 1; 13 CLHJBW 20; 13 BH 3; 14 BH 1; 14 RS 30; 20 BSG 3; 20 HH 100
Black-throated Green Warbler	4 GF 2; 13 CLHJBW 1; 23 BW 1, 1
Black-and-white Warbler	Mar. 31 CL 1; 14 BH 1; 14 RS 1
Prothonotary Warbler	13 CLHJBW 2; 14 RS 1; 18 BW 1; 20 BSG 1; 20 HH 25
Kentucky Warbler	13 CLHJBW 2; 20 HH 2
Common Yellowthroat	13 CLHJBW 1; 20 BSG 1
Hooded Warbler	13 CLHJBW 2; 21 RS&L 2
Yellow-breasted Chat	13 CLHJBW 1
Summer Tanager	13 CLHJBW 1; 13 BH 1; 15 BW 1; 18 BW 1; 20 HH 5
Scarlet Tanager	23 BW 1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	23 BH 2
Blue Grosbeak	19 SH 2; 20 BW 2; 22 MC 2; 23 BW 1, JH 2; 23 BH 3
Indigo Bunting	13 CLHJBW 4; 13 BH 5; 14 GF 3; 23 BW 1; 23 BH 75
Rufous-sided Towhee	Mar. 31 CL 2
Chipping Sparrow	Mar. 30 CL 6; Mar. 31 CL 4; 13 BH 7; 14 RS 4; 20 BW 10
Field Sparrow	20 BSG 1
Lark Sparrow	20 BW 2
Savannah Sparrow	Mar. 30 CL 10; 14 RS 2; 20 BSG 1
LeConte's Sparrow	Mar. 31 CL 3
Song Sparrow	Mar. 30 CL 2
Lincoln's Sparrow	Mar. 30 CL 2
Swamp Sparrow	Mar. 30 CL 4; Mar. 31 CL 6
White-throated Sparrow	Mar. 30 CL 50; Mar. 31 CL 100; 1 HHO 2; 4 HHO 1; 13 BH 4; 14 GF 6; 19 SH 1; 20 BSG 12; 21 NH 9; 22 MC 8; 23 JH 10; 23 BH 6
White-crowned Sparrow	Mar. 30 CL 75; 18 BW 2
Dark-eyed Junco	Mar. 30 CL 4; 23 CL 1
Western Meadowlark	22 HH 1
Orchard Oriole	18 BW 1
Northern Oriole	11 NH 2; 12 NH 1; 14 RS 1; 16 NH 2; 21 NH 2, BW 1
Purple Finch	2 HHO 1; 6 HHO 1
House Finch	18 NH 1; 20 NH 1; 22 MC 1
Pine Siskin	1 HHO 1; 16 SH 7; 23 SH 2
American Goldfinch	Mar. 30 CL 2; 6 HHO 1; 7 NH 8; 13 BH 3; 14 RS 6, GF 104; 16 SH 24; 19 SH 25; 22 MC 40, NH 2; 23 NH 3

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MAP to Loggy Bayou Plantation
(Not to Scale, see instructions on page 4)

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, 11 June 1991, 7:00 PM in the Science building, Room 229 on the LSUS campus. Our own Bill Wood will present the program entitled "Status Update of the "Attwater's" Prairie-chicken."

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 PM, at Will Smolenski's house, 526 Dunmoreland Drive, Shreveport (phone 865-2938). There are several items of business; all board members should try to attend. Officers will be elected.

SPECIAL INSIDE:

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Norma Cobb
Hubert Hervey
Jim Ingold
Betty Mason
Caroline Upchurch

These five new board members were elected at the last meeting. Their term is for three years. Meet them and let them know your interests in birding at the next meeting.

EAGLE STUDY

The University of Alaska Southeast is offering a home study course, with many resources, on "Bald Eagles of Alaska's Coastal Rain Forest." The fee is \$214.00 (non-credit) or \$249.00 (three university credits). For more information call 1,800,421-3768. A brochure is available in the BSG office.

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held Tuesday, 14 May 1991, in Room 229 of the Science Building on the LSUS campus. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by President Will Smolenski. Will recognized visitors and guests at the meeting.

Will asked for additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the May newsletter. There being none, the minutes were accepted as recorded.

Will announced that elections of new board members to serve three-year terms would be held. The five members nominated to fill the five vacancies were Norma Cobb, Hubert Hervey, Jim Ingold, Betty Mason and Caroline Upchurch. Will asked for other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations. A motion to elect the five nominees was made and passed unanimously.

Will reported income in April of \$126.00, and expenses of \$34.79, leaving a May balance of \$1,627.27. The balance in the post office account is \$214.20.

Bill Hall reported on the Birding "Big Day" at Paul Dickson's Loggy Bayou Plantation. Due to high water and a scarcity of water and shore birds, only seventy-one species were recorded. However, a large group of about 30 to 40 birders enjoyed the outing and the good food. The highlight of the meal was the delicious crawfish provided by Paul. Another highlight was the opportunity to help Jim Ingold net and band birds, including several species of migrants, as well as summer residents.

Shirley Huss reported that the membership is somewhere between 135 to 140 paid members. Mac Hardy reminded everyone to check their newsletter mailing labels to see if it is time to renew memberships. Mac also asked that members let him know what other things they would like in the newsletter.

Bill Hall reminded members of the June 22 field trip to see the cattle egret rookery on Cross Lake. He reported that a Great Blue Heron rookery is on Wallace Lake and might also make an interesting field trip. The members decided to go to Wallace Lake instead of Cross Lake. Participants in this trip will meet at the McDonald's on Linwood and Bert Kouns at 7:30 A.M. Hubert Hervey will lead this outing.

The June 1 field trip to the Kisatchie National Forest will be led by Charlie Lyon. See the May newsletter for details of this field trip.

Velda Neilson gave a report on the LOS meeting in Cameron. The LOS group total was 212 species seen. Velda's group, led by Hubert Hervey, recorded 163 species.

Hubert gave a report on birds seen at Clear Lake east of Mansfield. A Peregrine Falcon and possible nesting Black-crowned Night Herons have been seen on the lake.

Larry Raymond reported that the Caddo Parish Commission passed an ordinance protecting native song and insectivorous birds. The ordinance will go into effect around June 1.

Several door prizes were awarded to members in attendance. Winners included both Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, Caroline Upchurch, and Hubert Hervey.

Will introduced Dr. Jim Ingold who presented the program on the "Evolutionary History of Cranes." Jim discussed protein electrophoresis, DNA hybridization studies, and other aspects of his college research on crane evolution.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

WHAT'S NEW IN ORNITHOLOGY?

I had the opportunity to attend a joint meeting of the Wilson and Cooper Ornithological Societies in Oklahoma City 14-19 May. Here I present some of the information gleaned from the presentations.

William Baltosser from the University of Arkansas - Little Rock presented information on the Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*). He has found that there are two populations that differ in size. The smaller southern population is found mainly in Mexico while the larger birds are found in the rest of the species range in the United States. The smaller birds are the same size as Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and can be mistaken for them, especially the females and immature males. It is interesting to note that the small race is the one that shows up in Louisiana! Baltosser was able to tell the small Black-chinned and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds apart by the shape of the outermost primary. Keep on the look out this fall for small Black-chinned Hummingbirds.

Holly Edwards of the University of Oklahoma presented evidence that birds can be magnetized. The site for this magnetization is in the head and neck. How the magnetic material is laid down in the tissues and its specific location is not known. Daytime migrants such as the Chimney Swift and the Cliff Swallow have lesser amounts than do birds such as the Bobwhite and House Sparrow.

Kevin Winkler of the University of Minnesota and his collaborators examined the behavior of wintering Wood Thrushes in Veracruz, Mexico. There are two classes of migrants: sedentary ones who maintain a winter territory and wanderers. The wanderers are usually fatter but have a higher mortality due to predation. They suggest that winter territories in the Wood Thrush is an anti-predator behavior and not a method to maintain a reliable food supply.

Kimberly Smith of the University of Arkansas and R. Craig Hensley of Dodge Nature Center in St Paul, Mn created a new breeding population of Eastern Bluebirds in Arkansas by starting a bluebird trail. They monitored the sex ratio of the multiple broods and found

that latter broods had a higher ratio of females to males. Is this a way to increase the size of the population? How do birds determine the sex of their offspring?

Colleen St. Clair and Timothy Lamey presented information on breeding biology of the crested penguins (*Eudyptes*). This group of penguins lay two eggs. However the second egg may be up to 50% larger than the first. Although the first egg is incubated before the second egg is laid, the second egg always hatches first and this nestling is always bigger and usually more successful. Why the disparity in egg size? Why does the second egg hatch first? No one knows at this time!

Charles Amlaner of the University of Arkansas presented the most interesting paper. It has been known that in sleeping marine mammals, only part of the brain shows sleep waves and the other part shows brain waves typical of the aroused state, this is called unihemispheric sleep. This may permit these animals to sleep during long distance migrations let still swim and breathe. Something similar had been described in some birds. It had been noted that while sleeping, birds will open one eye for a short time, close it and then open the other eye. Amlaner surgically implanted electrodes into the brains of three species of birds. He found that when the right eye is open the left side of the brain is showing the brain waves of an alert brain while the right side of the brain is showing sleep waves. When the right eye is closed and the left eye was opened, the brain changed the type of waves it was producing. Therefore he has shown that birds can sleep with only "half a brain." Do birds sleep while flying on long distance migrations? Maybe!!!

-- Jim Ingold

NEWSLETTERS NEEDED

We are trying to assemble a complete set of the Bird Study Group Newsletters for the BSG office and scrapbook. If you have a copy of any the following issues please let Mac Hardy know:

Vol. 1, no. 9
Vol. 1, no. 10
Vol. 1, no. 11

NEW BOOKS

Pat Lonnecker donated 18 different items to the Museum Library recently. We sincerely appreciate her generosity. The books are in the Museum office.

FIELD TRIPS

Big Day at Loggy Bayou Plantation

On May 11, Paul Dickson continued an annual tradition by treating the Bird Study Group to a special day of birding in the beautiful wooded hillsides of Loggy Bayou Plantation. Birding began at daybreak and continued until noon. Birders broke up into small groups and were directed by Paul to habitat areas that might produce species that group was interested in or might "fill in the gaps" of our budding "day list." He also saw to it that each group was matched with just the right amount of hiking for our desires or abilities. Unfortunately, the incredible spring floods left the usual waterbird habitats inundated and inaccessible. Without these birds the species list for the day (73) was noticeably shorter than usual, but that fact had no effect on the wonderful time had by all. For me, the birding is fun, but the real treasure of the day is the pleasure of walking in and observing the natural world, alone or in the company of others who share a love for it. What a privileged way to slip out of harness for a little while and get in touch with things and thoughts of real value.

At lunch time everyone gathered at Paul and Beverly's beautiful new home for a delicious meal of boiled crawfish (generously provided by the Dicksons), corn, potatoes, sausage, breads, beer, soft drinks, chips, dips, cakes, and cookies ... I'm afraid I got back in touch with gluttony.

It was a great outing. Thanks, Paul.

June 1 -- Red-cockaded Woodpeckers

7:30 A.M. Meet in the LSUS parking lot next to the Museum to car-pool to the Kisatchie National Forest. Charlie Lyon will lead us in an attempt to locate Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. No matter what the outcome of that particular pursuit, you are sure to learn a lot about birding from Charlie and

visit another beautiful natural area of northern Louisiana. Bring food and drink. An ice chest will be available.

June 22 -- Waterbird Rookeries

Plans have changed again -- please take note!

7:30 A.M. Meet in the parking lot of "McDonalds" on the corner of Linwood and Bert Kouns. Hubert Hervey will be leading the group to the rookeries on Wallace Lake. Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets, Cattle Egrets, and Anhingas have all been sighted nesting there. We will be renting boats and motors (approx. cost is \$4.00 per person) so we need to have a "head count" as soon as possible. If you plan to go on this special outing, please call Hubert (925-9249) by June 15th. Don't miss this opportunity to see still another of the unique habitats in our area and learn more about birding from another of the outstanding birders in our group.

If you have any requests, suggestions, or comments on outings (past or future), please let me know. Help us plan more and better trips!

-- Bill Hall, Outings

CONTINUE YOUR BSG MEMBERSHIP!

Many memberships in the Bird Study Group are expiring during the next two to three months. This is just at a time when we are expanding programs, having more outings, and making interesting discoveries concerning the birding in this part of the state. Take the time to check your label and pay your membership for next year. Use the membership form in this newsletter to either continue your membership or invite a new member to join.

BIRD NOTES -- MAY

Compiled

May 27, 1991

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.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc.). For example: 15 PD 3; BW 1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. Two (or more) numbers following an observer are numbers of birds seen at two (or more) different localities. The month is abbreviated only if it is the month preceding the one being reported.

REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
AB	Alice Babers	4/25/91 residence; 4/26/91 residence; 4/27/91 residence; 4/28/91 residence; 5/20/91 residence
BH	Bill Hall	4/28/91 residence; 4/28/91 La 175 (South Harts Island Rd.); 5/4/91 residence; 5/10/91 residence
BH&HH	Bill Hall and Hubert Hervey	5/4/91 Clear Lake
BJH&HH	Bill & Jane Hall and Hubert Hervey	5/4/91 Clear Lake (DeSoto Parish)
BSG	Bird Study Group outing	5/11/91 Loggy Bayou Plantation Big Day (* Numbers not recorded)
BW	Bobbe Wonnack	4/26/91 Stonewall; 4/27/91 Caroline Dorman Nature Center; 4/29/91 Stonewall; 5/1/91 Stonewall; 5/2/91 Bickham Dickson Park; 5/9/91 Stonewall; 5/10/91 Stonewall; 5/14/91 Stonewall; 5/20/91 Stonewall; 5/20/91 residence
CC	Connie Connors	5/25/91 Residence
CL	Charlie Lyon	4/29/91 Bickham Dickson Park; 4/30/91 Wallace Lake; 5/4/91 LSUS; 5/4/91 Yearwood Road and Wallace Lake; 5/4/91 residence; 5/19/91 Yearwood Road and Bickham Dickson Park
CL&BW	Charlie Lyon and Bill Wood	5/4/91 Cross Lake
HH	Hubert Hervey	5/6/91 Residence
HHo	Helen Hood	5/6/91 residence; 5/7/91 residence; 5/24/91 residence
J&GF	John & Gloria Frantom	5/15/91 Toledo Bend
JM	Jim McCain	5/1/91 residence; 5/2/91 Masson Road near Blanchard; 5/8/91 Bickham Middle School; 5/11/91 residence; 5/11/91 Haygood Road; 5/12/91 residence; 5/15/91 Dixie Blanchard Rd., near Dixie; 5/15/91 Haygood Road; 5/21/91 residence; 5/23/91 Haygood Road; 5/24/91 residence
LR	Larry Raymond	5/9/91 Walter Jacobs Nature Park; 5/12/91 Jacobs Nature Park
LR&HH	Larry Raymond and Hubert Hervey	5/18/91 Smith Port Lake (part of Clear Lake)
LR&MH	Larry Raymond and Mac Hardy	5/10/91 Jacobs Nature Park; 5/25/91 Oil City
NC	Norma Cobb	5/10/91 residence; 5/17/91 residence; 5/25/91 residence
RS&L	Rosemary Seidler and Laurie	5/5/91 N. Lakeshore and Richard Fleming Park; 5/8/91 Bickham Dickson Park and Clyde Fant Pkwy
SB	Shug Burris	5/24/91 residence
SH	Shirley Huss	5/8/91 residence; 5/10/91 residence; 5/13/91 residence; 5/14/91 residence; 5/15/91 residence; 5/16/91 residence
SH&PL	Shirley Huss & Pat Lonacker	5/2/91 LSUS, Ellerbe Road
VN	Velda Neilson	4/28/91 residence; 4/29/91 residence

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
Pied-billed Grebe	May 8 RS&L 3
Double-crested Cormorant	May 4 CL&BW 1, BJH&HH 2; 5 RS&L 20; 10 BH 5
Anhinga	May 4 BJH&HH 2; 18 LR&HH 6
Snowy Egret	Apr. 29 CL 3; 30 CL 3; May 4 CL 2, BJH&HH 19; 8 RS&L 1; 18 LR&HH 1; 19 CL 8
Little Blue Heron	Apr. 28 BH 1; 29 CL 1; May 4 CL 2, BJH&HH 4; 8 RS&L 1; 18 LR&HH 12; 19 CL 3
Cattle Egret	Apr. 28 BH 3; 29 CL 20; 30 CL 20; May 2 SH&PL 22; 4 CL 30, BJH&HH 15; 5 RS&L 6; 18 LR&HH 6; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 20
Green-backed Heron	Apr. 28 BH 3; 29 CL 1; May 4 BJH&HH 1, BH 4; 8 RS&L 1; 10 BH 4; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 2; 24 SB 2

Common Name	Data
Black-crowned Night-Heron	May 4 BJH&HH 6; 18 LR&HH 6
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	May 4 CL&BW 10; 18 LR&HH 7
White Ibis	May 4 CL&BW 8; 5 RS&L 4; 18 LR&HH 17
Mallard	May 4 CL&BW 2
Mississippi Kite	May 4 BH 1, CL 1; 5 RS&L 2; 10 BH 1; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 1; 20 BW 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Apr. 28 BH 1
Broad-winged Hawk	Apr. 28 BH 1; May 4 BJH&HH 2; 8 JM 1; 5 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*
Red-tailed Hawk	May 4 BJH&HH 1; 11 BSG 1*
American Kestrel	Apr. 28 BH 1; May 23 JM 1
Peregrine Falcon	May 4 BJH&HH 1
Greater Yellowlegs	May 4 CL 1
Lesser Yellowlegs	May 4 CL 14
Solitary Sandpiper	May 2 BW 2
Willet	May 4 CL&BW 1
Spotted Sandpiper	May 2 BW 2; 4 BJH&HH 1; 18 LR&HH 1; 11 BSG 1*
Upland Sandpiper	May 4 CL 1
Baird's Sandpiper	Apr. 30 CL 2
Pectoral Sandpiper	May 4 CL 4
Common Snipe	May 1 JM 4
Forster's Tern	May 4 CL&BW 13
Inca Dove	May 25 LR&HH 4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Apr. 28 BH 3; May 1 BW 1; 4 CL 2, BJH&HH 2, BH 2; 5 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*; 15 JM 1; 19 CL 6; 20 BW 3; 24 HH 1
Greater Roadrunner	May 2 JM 1
Barn Owl	May 19 CL 1
Common Nighthawk	Apr. 30 CL 2; May 10 BH 1, SH 1; 13 SH 1; 14 SH 1; 16 SH 3; 20 BW 20
Chuck-will's-widow	May 4 CL&BW 2; 9 LR 1; 10 BH 2; 11 BSG 1*
Chimney Swift	Apr. 28 BH 12; May 4 BJH&HH 10, BH 5; 5 RS&L 12; 18 LR&HH 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Apr. 28 BH 1; May 10 BH 2; 12 LR 1; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 1; 21 JM 3
Red-headed Woodpecker	May 5 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*
Olive-sided Flycatcher	May 11 BSG 1*
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Apr. 28 BH 1; 29 CL 1; May 4 CL 4; 8 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 1
Acadian Flycatcher	Apr. 27 BW 1; May 4 CL 1; 11 BSG 1*
Great Crested Flycatcher	Apr. 28 BH 1, 2; 29 CL 1; May 4 CL 2, BJH&HH 4; 8 SH&PL 1; 5 RS&L 3; 18 LR&HH 2; 11 BSG 1*; 14 SH 1; 15 J&GF 2; 16 SH 1; 19 CL 1
Eastern Kingbird	Apr. 28 BH 2; 29 CL 2; 30 CL 20; May 2 SH&PL 3; 4 CL 15, BJH&HH 8; 5 RS&L 4; 10 BH 1; 18 LR&HH 1; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 12
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Apr. 28 BH 2; 29 CL 2; 30 CL 4; May 2 SH&PL 1; 4 CL 4; 5 RS&L 5; 15 JM 8, J&GF 3; 19 CL 10
Purple Martin	May 2 SH&PL 4; 5 RS&L 18; 10 BH 3; 11 BSG 1*; 25 LR&HH 6
Tree Swallow	Apr. 28 BH 5
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Apr. 28 BH 10
Bank Swallow	Apr. 28 BH 8
Cliff Swallow	Apr. 28 BH 10
Barn Swallow	Apr. 28 BH 45; May 2 SH&PL 1; 8 RS&L 18; 18 LR&HH 4; 11 BSG 1*; 15 JM 12
Marsh Wren	May 6 HH 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Apr. 29 CL 1; May 4 CL 2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	May 4 CL 6; 5 RS&L 2; 8 RS&L 1; 10 LR&HH 6; 18 LR&HH 2; 11 BSG 1*
Swinson's Thrush	Apr. 28 BH 1; May 10 BH 1; 19 CL 1
Wood Thrush	Apr. 28 BH 1; May 11 BSG 1*
Gray Catbird	Apr. 30 CL 1; May 4 CL 1; 8 RS&L 2; 10 BW 2, BH 1; 11 BSG 1*; 25 LR&HH 2
Cedar Waxwing	Apr. 28 BH 8, 3; 30 CL 8; May 2 SH&PL 2; 4 BJH&HH 10; 8 RS&L 20; 10 BH 15; 11 BSG 1*; 20 BW 10
White-eyed Vireo	Apr. 28 BH 1, 1; 29 CL 1; May 4 CL 1, BJH&HH 2, BH 2; 10 BH 2, BW 1; 11 BSG 1*
Bell's Vireo	23 HH 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	Apr. 28 BH 1; May 4 CL 2; 11 BSG 1*
Warbling Vireo	Apr. 30 CL 2; May 20 BW 2
Philadelphia Vireo	Apr. 30 CL 1; May 5 RS&L 1
Red-eyed Vireo	Apr. 28 BH 1; 29 CL 1; 30 CL 2; May 4 CL 2, BH 1; 5 RS&L 4; 10 LR&HH 6; 18 LR&HH 2; 11 BSG 1*; 14 SH 1
Tennessee Warbler	May 4 CL 4, BH 20; 5 RS&L 5; 10 BH 10; 11 BSG 1*
Orange-crowned Warbler	May 5 RS&L 3
Nashville Warbler	Apr. 28 BH 3; 29 BW 1
Northern Parula	Apr. 26 BW 1; May 4 BJH&HH 5; 10 LR&HH 1; 18 LR&HH 4; 11 BSG 1*
Yellow Warbler	Apr. 28 BH 2; May 2 BW 1; 4 CL 1; 10 BH 2; 15 J&GF 1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Apr. 27 BW 1; May 4 BH 25; 5 RS&L 1; 8 RS&L 1; 9 LR 1; 10 BH 1; 11 BSG 1*
Magnolia Warbler	May 4 BH 10; 5 RS&L 2; 8 RS&L 2; 10 BW 1, BH 2; 11 BSG 1*
Yellow-rumped Warbler	May 8 RS&L 1; 11 JM 1
Black-throated Green Warbler	Apr. 28 BH 2; 29 CL 3; 30 CL 1; May 4 CL&BW 1; 5 RS&L 2; 8 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*
Blackburnian Warbler	Apr. 26 BW 1; May 5 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*
Yellow-throated Warbler	Apr. 30 CL 1; May 4 BJH&HH 15; 18 LR&HH 4; 11 BSG 1*; 25 LR&HH 1
Prairie Warbler	May 11 BSG 1*
Bay-breasted Warbler	Apr. 23 VW 1; May 4 BH 3; 5 RS&L 1; 8 RS&L 1; 9 LR 1; 11 BSG 1*
Black-and-white Warbler	Apr. 28 BH 2; May 4 CL 6, BH 2; 5 RS&L 2; 11 BSG 1*
American Redstart	Apr. 26 BW 1; May 4 BH 4; 8 RS&L 3; 10 LR&HH 1, BH 1; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 1

Common Name	Data
Prothonotary Warbler	Apr. 29 CL 2; 30 CL 3; May 4 BJH&H 3; 5 RS&L 2; 8 RS&L 1; 18 LR&H 6; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 1
Northern Waterthrush	Apr. 28 BH 5
Louisiana Waterthrush	May 11 BSG 1*
Kentucky Warbler	May 4 CL 2; 11 BSG 1*
Connecticut Warbler	May 5 RS&L 1
Common Yellowthroat	Apr. 28 BH 4; 29 BW 3; 30 CL 1; May 2 SH&PL 1; 4 CL 10; 5 RS&L 1; 8 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*
Hooded Warbler	Apr. 27 BW 1; 29 BW 1; 19 CL 1
Wilson's Warbler	May 10 BW 1, BH 5
Canada Warbler	May 10 BH 1
Yellow-breasted Chat	Apr. 28 BH 1; May 4 BH 1; 11 BSG 1*
Summer Tanager	Apr. 28 BH 2, 2; 29 CL 1; May 4 CL 4, BH 3; 5 RS&L 2; 7 HH 1; 8 RS&L 2; 10 LR&H 1, BH 1; 18 LR&H 2; 11 BSG 1*; 12 JM 1; 15 J&GF 2; 19 CL 3; 24 JM 1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Apr. 28 BH 5, 1; May 1 JM 2; 4 CL 2; 8 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*
Blue Grosbeak	Apr. 28 BH 1; 30 CL 15; May 1 JM 2; 4 CL 4; 9 BW 2; 10 LR&H 2; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 2
Indigo Bunting	Apr. 26 AB 1; 27 AB 2; 28 AB 3, BH 70, 3; 30 CL 6; May 4 CL 15, BH 4; 9 BW 5; 10 LR&H 1, BH 7; 11 BSG 1*; 19 CL 3
Painted Bunting	Apr. 26 BH 15; 29 CL 2; May 1 BW 2; 30 CL 20; May 2 SH&PL 4; 4 CL 10; 8 RS&L 6; 11 BSG 1*; 15 JM 2; 19 CL 30
Dickcissel	May 11 BSG 1*
Chipping Sparrow	May 19 CL 1
Lark Sparrow	Apr. 30 CL 3; May 4 CL 1
Savannah Sparrow	May 8 RS&L 1
Song Sparrow	Apr. 26 BW 1; May 9 BW 2
Lincoln's Sparrow	Apr. 28 BH 2; May 10 BH 1
White-throated Sparrow	Apr. 28 BH 5; May 4 BJH&H 1
White-crowned Sparrow	23 VN 1
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Apr. 28 BH 3, 1; May 8 RS&L 1; 11 BSG 1*; 15 J&GF 4; 19 CL 2
Orchard Oriole	Apr. 25 AB 1; 28 BH 1, 6; 29 CL 6; May 4 CL 10, BJH&H 2; 5 RS&L 2; 8 RS&L 2; 10 BH 1; 25 LR&H 1
Northern Oriole	May 20 AB 1
Purple Finch	May 5 RS&L 3; 25 NC 1, CC 3
House Finch	Apr. 28 BH 3; 29 CL 2; 30 CL 2; May 10 NC 3; 17 NC 1
American Goldfinch	

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PRESIDENT 'S MESSAGE

We are coming close to the end of another activity year for our Bird Study Group. Time goes by fast when you are having fun doesn't it. You have just elected four new Board Members and reelected one of the old standby's. This should bring in new ideas into the club which is always good. Be sure to support them in their efforts this coming year. The new officers will be elected at the Board Meeting this June 4.

It has been a pleasure to have served you as president this past year. I know you will support your new one as well as you did me. I think we had a good year and I thank you for your support. I apologize for forgetting names and using names with the wrong people (a weakness I have and getting worse as I grow older).

I want to thank those of you who have helped me in my birding. Even though I have watched birds for many years I learned a lot this year but still have a lot to learn. Do your serious birding while you are still young for as you get older you may encounter worsening eyesight, hearing loss, and meet Arthur Ritis. Just remember it is hell to get old.

Good birding this summer (July and August) while we recess for the coming new activity year.

-- Will Smolenski