



# BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

## NEXT MEETING

September 13, 1994  
7:00 PM

## ISLAND BIRDS: Peril in Paradise

by

**Dr. Jim Ingold**

September 13, 1994 - 7:00 PM

**Museum of Life Sciences**

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## NEXT FIELD TRIP

**September 24** -- Hawk count at Hubert Hervey's farm. Hawk count will be from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Come early and stay late for other birding. Call Hubert Hervey for more details if needed (925-9249).

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- **Connie Conners** 865-6422, **Bobbe Wommack** 797-6509  
 BIRD HOT SPOTS -- **Larry Raymond** 929-2806, **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
 FIELD TRIPS -- **Bill Hall** 797-1727  
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 HISTORIAN and LIBRARIAN -- **Jim Ingold** 797-5236, **Betty Mason**,  
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 NEWSLETTER -- **Mac Hardy** 797-5338 w, 687-6738 h  
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 PROGRAMS -- **Pat Tuminello** 925-9249  
 PUBLICITY -- **Norma Cobb** 686-3959  
 SHORT PROGRAMS -- **Pat Lonneck** 865-4701

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### REMEMBER

Renew your BSG membership early  
 Ask a friend to join the BSG  
 Join the fun!!!

**Next Meeting on September 13**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1993-94

**President - HUBERT HERVEY, 3**  
**Vice-Pres - PAT TUMINELLO, 2**  
**Secretary - JIM INGOLD, 3**  
**Treasurer - BETTY MASON, 3**  
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**NORMA COBB, 3**  
**BILL HALL, 2**  
**MAC HARDY, 2**  
**SHIRLEY HUSS, 1**  
**PAT LONNECKER, 1**  
**LARRY RAYMOND, 1**  
**WILL SMOLENSKI, 1**  
**JEFF TRAHAN, 3**  
**BOBBE WOMMACK, 1**  
**vacant, 2**  
**vacant, 2**

## GREETINGS!

I hope you had a fine summer. The SSNS Bird Study Group leaders sincerely hope we can make the next ten months more enjoyable for you. We have taken your suggestions to heart and welcome your comments on the changes we have implemented. You should notice a change in the

meeting format and the Newsletter. The program will be the first part of the meeting and will start promptly at 7:00 PM. A social time to get acquainted will precede the meeting at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## BIRD QUIZ #24

In a previous quiz (Newsletter Vol. 7, #6) you were quizzed on names given to groups of birds. This summer while visiting Seattle, I was able to purchase the book entitled: *An Exaltation of Larks* by James Lipton, which gives the names for groups of objects. How many bird group names can you identify?

1. An improbability of.....
2. A gulp of .....
3. A chain of .....
4. A time-step of .....
5. A drumming of.....
6. A prattle of.....
7. A wedge of.....
8. A durante of.....
9. A scold of.....
10. A siege of.....

### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #23

1. The **Northern Flicker** lays the most eggs (5-8) of any Louisiana woodpecker.
2. All North American woodpeckers nest in cavities of some sort.
3. **Lewis' Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, and Red-breasted Sapsucker** have similar sexes.
4. Egg carrying been documented in the **Pileated Woodpecker**. Female moved eggs from storm toppled tree to new site.
5. The **Ivory-billed Woodpecker** was found in Cuba in 1986.
6. The Arizona or Brown-backed Woodpecker is now called **Strickland's Woodpecker**.

7. The **Acorn Woodpecker** stores excess food in a food storage tree called a granary. Other woodpecker species also hoard food but not in such a dramatic fashion as in the **Acorn Woodpecker**.

8. The **Gila Woodpecker** nests in cactus.

9. Which woodpecker has a softer skull than the others because it does less drilling? **I can not find the answer to this question?**

10. All North American woodpeckers have white eggs because in cavities they do not need to be camouflaged.

## The Birder's Sourcebook

### A Book Review by Jim Ingold

The Birder's Sourcebook, subtitled *A Compendium of Essential Birding Information*, is likely to become one of the most useful books for birders ever published. Compiled by Shelia Buff and published in 1994 by Lyons and Burford, it sells for \$13.95 list (paperback). Ms. Buff is also the author of *Birding for Beginners* and *The Birdfeeder's Handbook* also published by Lyons and Burford.

The Birder's Sourcebook is composed of 7 chapters and 3 appendices. Chapter 1 is the longest and contains lists of names and addresses of places to bird (both at the regional and state or provincial levels) and including: National Wildlife Refuges, National Parks, National Forests, Bureau of Land Management Sites, Canadian National Parks, Canadian Wildlife Service Natural Areas, Nature Conservancy Preserves, and Audubon Sanctuaries. Chapter 2 is composed of lists of National, State, Provincial, and International Wildlife and Travel and Tourism Offices addresses and phone numbers. Chapter 3 deals with birding tours and contains lists of bird tour operators in the U.S., Canada, and other countries around the world. Also included in this chapter are sections on birding by boat and birding events such as the crane watch in Kearney, Nebraska in September. Chapter 4 deals with birding organizations. Chapter 5 covers

optical and sound equipment for birding including manufacturers and retailers. Chapter 6 entitled the Educated Birders give information on courses in ornithology and birding, zoos and aviaries, museums with major ornithological collections. Chapter 7 is all about books, software and computer bulletin boards for the birder. It also includes information on ornithology libraries, periodicals dealing with birds, suppliers of bird slides, and birding gear. Appendix A is the ABA Code of Ethics; Appendix B is a list of bird hotlines, and Appendix C is a list of state birds. The book ends with blank pages for Notes and Updates.

I highly recommend this book as an addition to serious birder's library especially if you are one that takes frequent birding trips outside of the Ark-La-Tex.

## Birder Sign

A new sign for display in your car is available. The sign reads "BIRDER" at top and bottom with the BSG logo in the center. Available in white and a few designer colors. These handsome signs will be available at the next BSG meeting for \$2.00 each, while they last.

## New Board Members

The new board members of the Bird Study Group, elected for a three-year term, are: Norma Cobb, Hubert Hervey, Jim Ingold, Betty Mason, and Jeff Trahan. Congratulations!

## HOW MANY BIRDS?

Two recent papers by S. L. Olson and H. F. James (Descriptions of thirty-two new species of birds from the Hawaiian Islands: part I, non-Passeriformes. Ornithol. Monogr. 45:1-88 and Descriptions of thirty-two new species of birds from the Hawaiian Islands: part II, Passeriformes. Ornithol. Monogr. 46:1-88.) almost double the number of native birds known from the Hawaiian Islands in recent times. All of the species described are now extinct but strongly support a new contention that bird diversity on islands has been much greater than we thought.

## Port O'Connor Pelagic Trip

At 4:00 am, Mark Elwonger told the group on the Chip XI, a 65-foot crewboat, that since the sea was so rough, the trip may be cancelled, but we were going out. On a deep sea fishing trip a few years ago, I remember it being pretty rough going through the sound, but much smoother in open water. Not so on this trip. The swells were between four and five feet. I didn't know a boat could go in so many directions at one time. It took about seven hours to reach the birding spot. Soon a **Cory's Shearwater** was spotted. After unloosening our grip on the table and staggering to the deck, we enjoyed seeing the shearwater keeping pace with the boat, and circling a few times so we all got a good look. Next we saw, in sequence, **Wilson's Storm-Petrel**, **Leach's Storm-Petrel**, and **Band-rumped Storm-Petrel**. Late in the afternoon, a **Blue-footed Booby** flew beside the boat, dove in the water and came up with a fish, shaking itself all over like a dog.

Dolphins, anxiously approached the boat and rode the bow wave. Most were Bottle-nose, but we believe we saw a Spotted Dolphin (very common in the Gulf).

After 17 very long hours, we docked at the marina. The "memorable" trip yielded five life birds for Hubert and me.

There will be another pelagic trip on 24 September 1994. Contact Mark Elwonger (512, 573-5666) for information.

\*\*\* Pat Tuminello

## WILD LOUISIANA STAMP

The Wild Louisiana Stamp is required to enter any of the state's 43 Wildlife Management Areas. The cost is \$5.50 and it may be purchased from Kamper's Korner in Shreveport or from the sheriff's office in any parish. Buying the stamp ensures that you will be counted as a non-game user of these areas.

NEXT MEETING: **Sept. 13**

## A RIVER BOTTOM DIARY

### [Author's Note

For the next twelve months I hope to provide readers of this newsletter with a view of birds and their lives from the observations made on my daily rounds of my deer farm in south Caddo Parish. Most farmers are bird watchers whether they admit it or not. A vital part of farming involves driving or walking around and just looking at things. This is an important task for spotting problems and keeping on top of production and such. It is a ritual that draws people to own land and to work it. Working the land is, in many cases, a good excuse for watching the land which is the true reason for being there. "Riding the place" leads to "seeing things around the place" which is a most efficient method of observation. When you look at a field or group of trees everyday, year after year, naturally you spot anything new. The subtle changes of the seasons are most easily observed this way. The bird calendar has many seasons and almost every week brings changes, sometimes dramatic but usually subtle. I hope that this series of articles fully communicates the fascination and excitement that I find in the everyday world of birds.]

Late summer in the Deep South is a time of simmering heat, still air and long days that seem to drag on at a slow pace that is adopted by all living things. It is a time when the **Cattle Egrets** sit on the fence next to the swallows and together question the need to move. The grass slows its growth and the **Northern Mockingbird** ceases its song. Only the rhythmic drone of the katydids breaks the humid stillness under the mid-day sun.

Indeed for birds, most of the important things in life are out of season. Breeding activities are over, migration is at but a trickle; there is little need to search for food. There is little that really needs to be done. I think it is quite the same with people in the dog days of summer. The Bird Group doesn't even meet.

There are oases in these birding doldrums. As in the desert, the key is water. On flat ponds and sandbars can be found a bit of energy hidden amongst this backdrop of sweltering summertime.

Stagnant bayous and algae choked shallow ponds with their receding shorelines and mud flats draw busy crowds of waders and shorebirds. By such water I have enjoyed many bird filled summer days and it was much for this reason that I built such a shallow pond on the farm. I call it "the marsh" somewhat optimistically as the deer have prevented the growth of cattails and other emergent water plants that would validate that name. Cattails or no, it is still a good wetland for birds, one to three feet in depth and choked with various submergent water plants on which live a myriad of insects, snails, and minnows. By design there are no large fish.

This summer has slipped along in dependable fashion. The empty shores of June usually begin to fill with birds between July 8th and July 15th. This year it began for me on July 14th. A steady increase in waders had set the stage. The **Killdeers** have increased beyond the breeding pair as that had held down the fort since the departure of the last **Bairds** and **White-Rumped Sandpipers** in May. The **Wood Ducks** were mostly fledged with only one downy brood remaining. Many young of the year **Little Blue Herons** were around on that plain hot day, a Thursday, when out of such a group flew one with a bold white breast and rusty purple neck; the first **Tricolored Heron** had arrived. This herald was quickly joined by a **Solitary Sandpiper**. Late summer migration had arrived. Now things get interesting.

This is not to say that the locals were not putting on their own show. Indeed the marsh was more alive than ever with fledged waders and adults recently freed of their duties. By mid-July every over-water perch holds a heron or egret and the shoreline too was dotted with white **Snowy Egrets** with their stiletto heads and sleek, dainty features. Some still show their breeding plumes. The **Great Egrets** at times appear majestic and at other times seem awkward next to the smaller more agile species. The **Cattle Egrets** come down to the edge and join the collage for a drink or to just sit in small groups.

None are as numerous as the **Little Blue Herons**, which specialize in the receding waterlines of summer. So well are they suited that it makes one wonder how they make it during the wet seasons. The deep blue-gray adults dominate the tops of the Wood Duck boxes, set

on posts just off the water. The young in groups of five to fifteen along with an adult or two work the shallows gobbling up various denizens of the tepid water that have been forced to the shallows by the loss of oxygen in deeper, safer places. Every now and then my attention is grabbed by the flash of the molting second year bird with its bold contrasting splashes of white, like a patchwork on the background of blue. At first glance it seems all a mess but close observation reveals perhaps nature's most wild haired design. Nature is never unordered; indeed for every spot, patch and irregular splash of white on the right there is one on the left. There is perfect symmetry amongst seeming chaos.

By the 20th of July, **Semipalmated Sandpipers** and **Western Sandpipers** roam the mud flat probing for their first meal since leaving the arctic only days earlier. I never cease to be amazed by that. Just as their numbers are really building down comes the rain, six inches of it on the 26th. More than the parched pastures can drink, it runs off and fills the marsh to the spillway, covering the mud flats. The farm certainly needs the watering but I'll miss the shorebirds. A comforting aspect of bird migration is the fact that this week's unique migration will come again every year. So I can wait.

Thanks to the baking heat of August, the mud flat returns by August 5th though only as a narrow margin. It holds two **Bairds Sandpipers** for the next two days. On August 8th comes another storm and once again the mud flat is covered. Frustrated, I must remind myself that the best shorebird summers are droughts, which cause hardship on the farm. So often, nature's ways are hard on the poorly adapted species such as people. The birds manage floods, droughts, and the other throes of nature much better than we do.

The shorebirds are not the only attractions in late July. **White Ibis** are around daily. From July 20th until August 2nd two adults and one juvenile spend each day on the marsh, leaving for the northeast each evening. Some days they are joined by other juveniles. Their methodical probing gives a graceful touch to their otherwise awkward appearance. Form does follow function.

Meanwhile on dry land the Mockingbirds are flocking. In August the **Northern Mockingbird**

undergoes a striking personality change. For eleven months you can hang your hat on the dependable nature of the mocker. He's territorial to the end and always performing songs of others in never ending melody, only pausing to buzz and chet at an intruder. Night and day, spring and fall, he is always singing. . . except for August. August is the molting month and molting must be a life crisis for the Mockingbird. Suddenly the songs end and groups appear -- yes, flocks of Mockingbirds! Along the main road on the farm in a ditch filled with giant ragweed, both young and old congregate. Last year the high count was twenty-five in one group. So far this year, fourteen is the top count. It seems to peak around the end of the month. We'll see.

As August wears on the wheels of migration are turning. An out of season cool front on the 15th has brought with it the first flock of **Blue-Winged Teal**, a **Yellow Warbler**, and a false hint of fall. By the 16th the teal are gone and the humid heat returns. It is still August.

## Favorite Birding Places

[NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles. The remaining location choices are up to you, the reader, as some of you will also be the writers. We earnestly solicit your articles. The place you select to write about may be near or far, commonplace or exotic; it is your choice and we want to hear about it from you.]

Wakulla Springs, Florida.

Nested in the pine land of the panhandle of Florida is a unique place. The spacious grounds and large trees hide a hotel that is a reminder of by-gone days. The hotel has a dining room and serves excellent food at a reasonable price in splendid surroundings. A soda fountain with the longest marble counter in America is the original 30's item. The atmosphere is laid back and relaxed.

Most of the people come here for the birds and the amazing spring. The spring flows from a large hole in the ground and is crystal clear. The volume of water is said to be the largest in the country. It is the source of clear, cool, Wakulla River. Swimming is popular here among the

youngsters. They seem to pay no notice to the many gators gathered on the far bank. I prefer my enjoyment of the river and its wildlife to take place from the safe confines of a glass bottom boat ride. Two kinds of tours are available at intervals throughout the day. The first ride is over the springs where the boatman sings to the fish causing them to follow along and a largemouth bass "pole-vaults" over a pole 16' under the surface. The second tour offered goes down river a couple of miles into scenic, wild country.

**Limpkins** are here year-round. This is probably the nearest location to Louisiana where **Limkins** are certain to be found. They stand around on piles of snail shells that have accumulated for years. Their eerie calls add to the swampy atmosphere. **Northern Parulas** nest in the spanish moss. **Purple Gallinules** paddle in the clear waters. In late September a **Bald Eagle** was easy to spot as he watched the clear river waters. **Osprey** are common. Water birds abound all around and the trees and bushes are full of birds and squirrels.

This remarkable facility is owned by Florida State University. Reservations are necessary because of its popularity. The location is south of Tallahassee off Florida 365, within a long days drive of northern Louisiana. Other excellent birding spots are nearby on the Gulf coast. I have been to Wakulla Springs twice, enjoyed each time, and certainly hope to return soon.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## An Eventful Summer Trip: Curlew Island

I have long dreamed of going to the Chandeleur Island Bird Refuge, out in the Gulf of Mexico, 60 miles or so east of New Orleans, Louisiana. The attraction on Curlew Island is the nesting gulls, terns, and skimmers. The challenge is surviving the conditions encountered with only the supplies and equipment you can bring with you. Our Cessna 185 float plane had a weight limit of 900 pounds including the pilot. The

equipment we brought included a tent, canopy, privacy shelter, plastic tarp, butane burner, cookware, air mattresses, air pump, hatchet, fishing gear, personal items, birding items, some food, and most important, ice and water. We included an ice chest of dry ice and we had cold water and drinks for four days.

The privacy shelter was damaged by a thunderstorm the first day. We decided to use parts of it to bolster our canopy which was threatening to self destruct in the wind. After attempting to make a lean-to protection from the canopy and having that blown down, we took the hatchet and drift planks and wire and built a canopy sufficient to withstand the daily storms. The only piece of equipment to survive this outing as it was originally purchased was the "Sir Edmund Hillary" tent. It was designed to bend with the wind. Extra long stakes and extra ropes are necessary, however.

The birding was great. Our nights were full moon bright. The birds flew all night. When birds fly at night they also call. The sounds of gulls, terns, skimmers, and the surf make an unforgettable lullaby to lull the weary birder to sleep.

The **Sooty Tern** nesting colony gave me the chance to study a life bird closer than is usually the case. I held young **Laughing Gulls** and **Royal Terns** in my hands. But the surprise was yet to come.

From far off in the south Atlantic a pair of **Kelp Gulls** have taken up residence on Curlew Island. Now, I am *not* a gull expert. I don't intend to ever hint that I know these are **Kelp Gulls**. They are large black-mantled gulls. I will leave the technical details for others to describe. Other parties were on Curlew Island Saturday and these included Larry Oineally whom I believe first discovered the presence of these gulls, Charles Lyon, Paul Dickson, Steve Cardiff, and Donna Dittman. I understand that supporting documentation and pictures will be submitted to the proper places soon. The **Kelp Gull** offspring from previous years are mating with **Herring Gulls** and the intergrades, with various shades of gray-mantled birds resulting, will prove confusing in the future to those who observe them.

We had a tasty fish fry on Saturday night. The

Lyon/Dickson group was greeted by a shower about 30 minutes after arriving. But that was mild compared to the scary storm we gathered about noon on Friday. I want to thank my fellow adventurers, Pat Tuminello and Chuck Campbell, for helping me survive this adventure of a lifetime.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## September 13

Help get the new year of the Bird Study Group off to another great start. Bring a friend to this first meeting of the new birding year. Refreshments and friends everywhere! Our organization will grow and prosper according to your interest. Come to the meetings and outings.

### MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 14 June 1994, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

Visitors included: Joan Burns, Mr. and Mrs Sterling Lacey, Rhonda Ragsdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Rayburn.

Hubert went over the results of the questionnaire. The regular meeting will start at 6:30 with a hospitality period, the speaker will start at 7:00 sharp, and talk for 45-60 min. The speaker will be followed by bird talk and then the business meeting and then a second social time. The minutes of both the board meeting and the regular meeting will be printed in the same small type used for the bird report. There will be less reports from committees; they will be given at the board meeting instead.

New officers for the 1994-95 year were elected: President: Hubert Hervey; Vice-president: Jim Ingold; Secretary: Pat Tuminello; Treasurer: Betty Mason.

The canoe float trip was discussed. The trip will be on 18 June and participants will leave from LSUS at 6:00 AM.

Corrections to last newsletter: Walter Jacobs Nature Park trip was 21 May not 21 June; 100 barn owls in bird report should be deleted.

The LOS Birdathon results were reported: the participants saw 155 species at \$0.50 per species. The BSG owes \$77.50 to the Ted Parker fund.

It was decided that the treasurer needs only to report the totals at the regular meeting and can give the breakdown in the board meeting.

The Hot Spots Guide will be published next year. We are still waiting for the Cross Lake account.

Summer and beginning birding trips were discussed. It was suggested that they start early and finish by 10 AM.

We will try to sell T-shirts with the group logo as a fundraiser.

It was mentioned that the BSG library has books that can be checked out as well as the checklist files.

It was suggested that a falconry exhibit be planned for the balloon rally and a guest list be kept.

Shreveport Parks and Recreation has asked the Bird Study Group about providing Bluebird boxes for the parks system. Will Smolenski volunteered to check into the needs for this project.

Rhonda Ragsdale gave a short presentation to the group about her new tour business. The group may be able to get involved by leading local birding trips.

The main program was given by Dr. Clint Jeske on avian research being done by the National Biological Service.

Hubert gave a short slide show on mockingbird and pheobe nests he discovered doing the breeding bird atlas this summer.

Mac sold birder signs for cars at \$2.00 each.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

### MINUTES of the LAST BOARD MEETING

The board meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held 7 June 1994, at the home of Pat Lonacker. The meeting opened at 7:09 p.m.

The treasurer's report was read: Pioneer account total is \$964.24; income was \$50 (membership dues); expenses were \$147.22; total is \$867.02. Museum account balance is \$714.31. Post office balance was \$190.07.

It was reported that BSG owes \$77.50 to the Ted Parker Fund as a result of the birdathon conducted by Charlie Lyon and friends. They saw 155 species. The BSG pledged \$0.50 per species.

Reading of the minutes of the last board meeting were not read and were approved as published.

Corrections to the newsletter were noted: 100 barn owls was incorrect the trip to Walter Jacobs Nature Park was 21 May not 21 June.

Hot Spots were discussed. We still need Cross Lake (C. Lyon) and James Bayou (Mac Hardy and Larry Raymond) before publishing the guide in final form. An announcement will be made at the regular meeting asking the members about corrections to the accounts already published. It was suggested that the maps be scanned into the computer in order to clean them up. Hubert mentioned that he has had many requests for our hot spot guide.

Fundraising was discussed. It was suggested that we should put our logo on T-shirts and that they should be ready by Christmas. Mac mentioned that the Zoological Society purchased shirts for \$4.25/unit + tax and they were being sold for \$10.00. Shirts were 50/50 polyester and cotton.

Library: Hubert mentioned the possibility of getting a book entitled: Bird Watchers Anthology. He read it and enjoyed it very much. Jim Ingold suggested we publish or make available a list of books in members personal libraries that other members may find useful such as state birding guides etc.

Hospitality/special events: The Bird Study Group participation in the



Red River Balloon Rally was discussed. Possibilities included a slide show and falconer's exhibition. A signup sheet will be distributed at the next regular meeting.

Participation in field trips was discussed. We seem only to get the regulars and no beginners. It was suggested that we might change the trip to make them more attractive to beginners such as: having shorter trips, spend time on easy birds and show them how to use binoculars.

The results of the questionnaire were discussed. As a result of that discussion the following changes in the regular meeting and newsletter were implemented. The regular meeting will start at 6:30 with a hospitality period, the speaker will start at 7:00 sharp, and talk for 45 min. The speaker will be followed by bird talk and then the business meeting. The minutes of both the board meeting and the regular meeting will be printed in the same small type used for the bird report.

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Jeff Trehan is to take over the phone tree committee.

Shreveport Parks and Recreation has asked the Bird Study Group about providing Bluebird boxes for the parks system. No action was taken.

Mac showed Birder signs he designed for putting in car windows. He will sell them at the regular meeting for \$2.00.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

## BIRD NOTES -- MAY-AUGUST

Compiled September 27, 1994

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Connie Connors (865-6422) or to Bobbe Wommack (797-6509) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
AB	Alice Babers	08/29/94 residence
BSG	Bird Study Group	06/04/94 Barksdale Air Force Base
BW	Bobbe Wommack	07/19/94 residence; 08/19/94 Stonewall
CM	Clyde Massey	06/13/94 residence; 06/24/94 residence
HH	Hubert Hervey	07/05/94 Greenwood area; 08/28/94 Stonewall
HH PT	Hubert Hervey Pat T. Turminello	07/03/94 Evelyn Quad; 07/03/94 Stonewall; 07/09/94 Evelyn Quad; 07/08/94 Evelyn quadrangle area
NC	Norma Cobb	08/08/94 residence; 08/09/94 residence; 08/29/94 residence
PD	Paul Dickson	08/05/94, 08/06/94, 08/15/94, 08/29/94 deer farm
RS&VL	Rosemary Seidler & Vicki LeFevers	05/11/94 Hwy 1 S. of Town; Barton Dirt Pit Road; 05/15/94 Lakeshore/ Richard Flemming

### RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	07/03/94 HH PT 2
Anhinga	06/04/94 BSG 10; 07/08/94 HH&PT 4
Great Blue Heron	05/11/94 RS&VL 2; 05/15/94 RS&VL 3; 06/04/94 BSG 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/09/94 HH PT 2
Great Egret	05/11/94 RS&VL 8; 05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 06/04/94 BSG 8; 07/03/94 HH PT 8; 07/03/94 HH PT 8; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/09/94 HH PT 30
Snowy Egret	05/11/94 RS&VL 4; 06/04/94 BSG 12; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 6
Little Blue Heron	05/11/94 RS&VL 8; 06/04/94 BSG 100; 07/03/94 HH PT 60; 07/03/94 HH PT 60; 07/03/94 HH PT 12; 07/08/94 HH&PT 20; 07/09/94 HH PT 40
Tricolored Heron	06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 6
Cattle Egret	05/15/94 RS&VL 7; 06/04/94 BSG 4000; 07/03/94 HH PT 30; 07/03/94 HH PT 30; 07/03/94 HH PT 40; 07/09/94 HH PT 100
Green Heron	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 05/15/94 RS&VL 2; 06/04/94 BSG 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/09/94 HH PT 4
White Ibis	06/04/94 BSG 750; 07/03/94 HH PT 75; 07/03/94 HH PT 75; 07/08/94 HH&PT 15; 07/09/94 HH PT 110
Wood Duck	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/08/94 HH&PT 30; 07/09/94 HH PT 12
Blue-winged Teal	08/15/94 PD 2
Black Vulture	06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 25; 07/08/94 HH&PT 15; 07/09/94 HH PT 10
Turkey Vulture	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 05/15/94 RS&VL 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 15; 07/08/94 HH&PT 3; 07/09/94 HH PT 8
Mississippi Kite	05/15/94 RS&VL 2; 06/04/94 BSG 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/08/94 HH&PT 3; 08/09/94 NC 6; 08/28/94 HH 2
Cooper's Hawk	07/05/94 HH 1

Common Name	Data
Red-shouldered Hawk	06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 2
Broad-winged Hawk	07/08/94 HH&PT 1
Red-tailed Hawk	05/11/94 RS&VL 2; 05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 4; 07/09/94 HH PT 3
Wild Turkey	06/04/94 BSG 1
Northern Bobwhite	07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 10
American Coot	07/03/94 HH PT 12; 07/03/94 HH PT 12
Killdeer	05/11/94 RS&VL 2; 05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 20
Baird's Sandpiper	08/05/94 PD 2; 08/06/94 PD 2
Rock Dove	05/11/94 RS&VL 6; 05/15/94 RS&VL 8
Mourning Dove	05/11/94 RS&VL 8; 05/15/94 RS&VL 6; 06/04/94 BSG 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 10; 07/03/94 HH PT 10; 07/09/94 HH PT 8
Inca Dove	06/13/94 CM 1; 06/24/94 CM 2; 08/19/94 BW 1
Common Ground-Dove	06/04/94 BSG 4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	05/15/94 RS&VL 2; 06/04/94 BSG 5; 07/09/94 HH PT 2
Greater Roadrunner	07/03/94 HH PT 0; 07/03/94 HH PT 2
Great Horned Owl	05/15/94 RS&VL 2
Barred Owl	06/04/94 BSG 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 4
Common Nighthawk	05/15/94 RS&VL 4
Chuck-will's-widow	07/03/94 HH PT 2
Chimney Swift	05/11/94 RS&VL 6; 06/04/94 BSG 3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	05/11/94 RS&VL 3; 05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 06/04/94 BSG 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 8; 07/08/94 HH&PT 3; 07/09/94 HH PT 2; 08/29/94 NC 1
Belted Kingfisher	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 06/04/94 BSG 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 2; 08/29/94 NC 4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 05/15/94 RS&VL 2; 06/04/94 BSG 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 08/29/94 NC 5
Downy Woodpecker	06/04/94 BSG 1; 08/29/94 NC 1
Hairy Woodpecker	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 4
Northern Flicker	06/04/94 BSG 1
Pileated Woodpecker	05/15/94 RS&VL 3; 06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/09/94 HH PT 2
Olive-sided Flycatcher	05/15/94 RS&VL 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	05/15/94 RS&VL 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 7; 07/03/94 HH PT 7; 07/09/94 HH PT 4
Acadian Flycatcher	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 9; 07/03/94 HH PT 9; 07/08/94 HH&PT 4; 07/09/94 HH PT 7
Willow/Alder Flycatcher	08/29/94 PD 1
Eastern Phoebe	05/11/94 RS&VL 1
Great Crested Flycatcher	06/04/94 BSG 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 3
Eastern Kingbird	05/11/94 RS&VL 18; 06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 3; 07/08/94 HH&PT 4; 07/09/94 HH PT 2
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	05/11/94 RS&VL 18; 05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 6
Purple Martin	05/11/94 RS&VL 3; 05/15/94 RS&VL 2; 06/04/94 BSG 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 5; 07/03/94 HH PT 5; 07/03/94 HH PT 30
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	05/11/94 RS&VL 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 7; 07/03/94 HH PT 7; 07/03/94 HH PT 18
Barn Swallow	05/11/94 RS&VL 4; 05/15/94 RS&VL 3; 06/04/94 BSG 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 12; 07/08/94 HH&PT 18; 07/09/94 HH PT 15
Blue Jay	05/11/94 RS&VL 3; 05/15/94 RS&VL 4; 06/04/94 BSG 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 6
American Crow	05/11/94 RS&VL 2; 05/15/94 RS&VL 12; 07/03/94 HH PT 8; 07/09/94 HH PT 10
Fish Crow	05/15/94 RS&VL 16; 06/04/94 BSG 12; 07/03/94 HH PT 8; 07/03/94 HH PT 8; 07/03/94 HH PT 24; 07/09/94 HH PT 14; 08/28/94 HH 40
Carolina Chickadee	05/11/94 RS&VL 7; 05/15/94 RS&VL 12; 06/04/94 BSG 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 6; 07/09/94 HH PT 8; 08/29/94 NC 6
Tufted Titmouse	05/15/94 RS&VL 9; 06/04/94 BSG 2; 07/03/94 HH PT 5; 08/29/94 NC 5
White-breasted Nuthatch	05/15/94 RS&VL 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 4
Carolina Wren	05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 06/04/94 BSG 8; 07/08/94 HH&PT 8; 07/09/94 HH PT 10
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	05/15/94 RS&VL 6; 06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 3
Eastern Bluebird	05/11/94 RS&VL 4; 05/15/94 RS&VL 30; 06/04/94 BSG 6; 07/09/94 HH PT 16
Gray-cheeked Thrush	05/11/94 RS&VL 2
Wood Thrush	07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/08/94 HH&PT 4
American Robin	05/11/94 RS&VL 43; 05/15/94 RS&VL 4; 06/04/94 BSG 12; 07/03/94 HH PT 8
Gray Catbird	05/11/94 RS&VL 2
Northern Mockingbird	05/11/94 RS&VL 40; 05/15/94 RS&VL 12; 06/04/94 BSG 6; 07/03/94 HH PT 12; 07/08/94 HH&PT 2
Brown Thrasher	05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 08/29/94 NC 1
Loggerhead Shrike	05/11/94 RS&VL 2; 06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 5
European Starling	05/11/94 RS&VL 30; 05/15/94 RS&VL 20; 06/04/94 BSG 40; 07/03/94 HH PT 24
White-eyed Vireo	05/11/94 RS&VL 2; 05/15/94 RS&VL 2; 06/04/94 BSG 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 4; 07/08/94 HH&PT 6
Yellow-throated Vireo	07/08/94 HH&PT 2
Red-eyed Vireo	05/15/94 RS&VL 7; 06/04/94 BSG 3; 07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 4; 07/09/94 HH PT 2
Northern Parula	07/03/94 HH PT 2; 07/08/94 HH&PT 2
Magnolia Warbler	05/11/94 RS&VL 3
Black-throated Green Warbler	05/15/94 RS&VL 1
Yellow-throated Warbler	05/15/94 RS&VL 1; 06/04/94 BSG 1; 07/03/94 HH PT 2





# BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318,797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
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## NEXT MEETING

October 11, 1994

7:00 PM

Sights and Sounds,

Sun and Sea,

Surf and Survival

The story of 4 days and 3 nights  
on the Chandeleur Island chain.

by

**Mr. Hubert Hervey**

October 11, 1994 - 7:00 PM

Museum of Life Sciences

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## NEXT FIELD TRIPS

**October 8** -- Bickham-Dickson Park for woodland and shore fall migrants and waterfowl.  
Meet at the Bickham-Dickson Park horse barn at 7:30 AM. Leader will be Charlie Lyon (865-2674).

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- **Bobbe Wommack** 686-0369, **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
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### REMEMBER

Renew your BSG membership early  
 Ask a friend to join the BSG  
 Join the fun!!!

Next Meeting on October 11

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1993-94

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### A River Bottom Diary

This interesting article that appeared in the last Newsletter was written by **Paul Dickson** and is the first of a series. During last minute reorganization prior to printing I inadvertently omitted his by-line from the Newsletter. I sincerely apologise to Paul and to the Bird Study Group for this oversight. We can look forward to more contributions from Paul and his River Bottom Diary.

### MORE FIELD TRIPS!

**October 21** -- Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area for woodland, old field, and bayou habitats. Meet at the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences at 7:00 AM. Leader will be **Bobbe Wommack (686-0369)**.

**October 28-30** -- Louisiana Ornithological Society fall meeting, Cameron, Louisiana. This is a two-day meeting/outing for incredible fall (See More Field Trips!! on next page.)

## More Field Trips!!

(Continued from previous two pages!)  
migrants. Contact Hubert Hervey (925-9249) for possible early Friday departure in caravan to seek rails (including **Yellow Rails** and **Black Rails**) in rice fields.

**October 29** -- Walter Jacobs Memorial Nature Park, Blanchard-Furrh Road for woodland and old field residents and migrants. Beautiful woodland trails. Meet at Jacobs Nature Park Headquarters building at 7:30 AM. Larry Raymond will be the leader (929-3117 or 929-2806).

3. A chain of bobolinks
4. A time-step of sandpipers
5. A drumming of grouse
6. A prattle of parrots
7. A wedge of swans
8. A durante of toucans
9. A scold of Blue Jays
10. A siege of herons

## BIRD QUIZ #25

### BIRDS ON THE MAP

Get out your maps and match the following towns named after birds to the state in which they are found.

1. Eagle River
2. Turkey Creek
3. Crane
4. Gannett (Sic)
5. Duckspring
6. Rooks
7. Martin
8. Pigeon
9. Duckhill
10. Falcon Heights

### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #24

1. An improbability of puffins
2. A gulp of cormorants

## A RIVER BOTTOM DIARY Part 2

Late August, to some, is the end of the dog days; an eventless, ill defined set of weeks marked by heat and humidity and unmarked by anything of exciting proportions. Behind this dull cover, however, lies an expectant, restless natural world. The birds are on the move.

A front on Saturday, August 20th was foretold by a Friday passage of swallows and swifts and by a single late **Purple Martin**. The front brought on its northwest winds seventy **Blue-winged Teal** to the marsh but little else, yet. Early Sunday morning came the true event. It was one of those migration days that come along every year, but are seen only rarely in my experience. The scene was set and I had a hunch it would happen. For this reason I was waiting when dawn broke by the edge of the marsh with my back to the south. I laid down with my eyes to the sky. The sky was full indeed. **Eastern Kingbirds** were steadily flowing in small groups and singles. Mixed in, in lesser numbers, were **Scissortail Flycatchers**. I wasn't in a counting mood but the Kingbirds must have numbered over five hundred in the two hours I watched. At anytime there were no more than ten or twenty in sight, but there were that many in sight at all times, steadily moving from north to south riding the high pressure wave, their flying carpet. Every few minutes a flock of shorebirds would buzz the marsh -- **Stilt Sandpipers**, **Lesser Yellowlegs**, **Long-billed Dowitchers**, **Pectoral Sandpipers**, and mixed peeps. None would stay, however. The urge was too strong; the wind was

too good; there were other marshes far ahead beckoning. It is truly hard to describe such a scene in words, written or spoken, with due justice. Many observers miss these events because they always occur at dawn; the migrants either put down or fly much higher after sunrise. If you were to look up once or twice while getting the morning paper, you might not even notice this happening. It is by lingering that it unfolds before your eyes, a consistent flow from north to south; a river of migrating birds.

One passing flock was worth noting for its unusual diversity. What at first seemed only another flock of teal actually contained eight **Blue-winged Teal**, two **Pectoral Sandpipers**, four peeps and one unidentified middle-sized sandpiper. They flew as a flock, dipping and turning in perfect symphony. Only when they passed over the flock of teal resting on the marsh did the mixed flock break. The eight teal joined their comrades by lighting where the sandpipers could not. The sandpipers continued on. How long had they been together? How were they able to adjust their flight so to accommodate such a range of sizes and shapes and speeds? I don't know and won't know. No one will ever know by my reckoning. It's way over our heads. After this I got up and went on my way. It was time to go to church.

The excitement of the front soon passed and left the farm with the old summer crowd. Though the early September temperatures rise consistently into the 90's, there is a different feeling in the mornings. The birds show a sense of urgency. The teal are frequent now on the marsh. Groups come and go daily. As a new flock arrives it joins the current patrons in frantic, restless feeding that betrays their intentions of staying only until their energy is restored. When night falls they are gone, they have many miles to go. I wonder, will it be Mexico, Brazil, or even Chile and Argentina; do they know? I must be content to know them only as they are on the marsh and to enjoy the behavior of new arrivals as they squabble for a place in the pecking order of the settled flock. When newcomers splash down much shuffling ensues with lots of peeping, piping, and sour quacks. There is animated bill lifting, head pumping then outright fighting and chasing about. Through all this the flock stays quite tight and in a few minutes all are feeding again. The newcomers are strangers no more.

The **White Ibis** are still about, as are the **Little Blue Herons**. Little Blues occasionally display an uncharacteristic fishing method. Without warning (to human eyes anyway) one will fly over the water three or four feet high then pause, slide into a stall, and suddenly cast over with body vertical and head first, plunge into the water. There is a pause momentarily, then with rapid, labored wing beats the bird rises from this swimming position to a perch. This procedure is always accompanied by much squawking. The behavior is suggestive of a Kingfisher or Brown Pelican. Interestingly, I have never known an adult to perform this feat; always I have seen juveniles in the white phase "plunge fishing." Maybe its like bungee jumping, a wild and foolish distraction of the youth, too impatient to wait placidly for fish to come to them . . . proper heron style.

As September moves along so do the birds in nice order for the most part. **Ruby Throated Hummingbirds** in much increased numbers work the trumpet vine along the fence row. A **Lark Sparrow** reminds me that winter residents would soon fill the ragweed though this sparrow was of the summer group and was no doubt just passing through. There seem to be more **Eastern Bluebirds** about. A recently plowed field is the main feeding ground. They remind me of **Northern Wheatears** when they perch on a high clod of clay in such an open, rough field. There are still a few peewees about but the summer ranks are thinning. By the 18th the Mockingbirds resume singing. A big front is due on the 21st.

A late flock of **White Ibis** arrived on the 17th and stayed until the 20th. I paused to notice their somber, handsome mix of browns and pink facial skin, quite beautiful up close. They gracefully move their scimitar bills in rapid scissor motions. Their bills are so long and bizarre yet magnificent and beautiful.

The promised front of the 21st brings howling wind and a precipitous drop in temperature. Some birds move out but surprisingly few move in. Such a dramatic front sometimes brings fewer birds than a subtle one. Perhaps the small front of the 18th had moved all that were ready. The aftermath did foretell winter residents to come. Phoebes were around by the 23rd as were more **Green-winged Teal** than **Blue-winged Teal**. I had hoped to hear a **White-throated Sparrow** but did not.

Mowing a field unveiled dozens of **Soras**, a secretive species that inundates wet grass this time of year. There is a hunting season on **Soras** during September so I grabbed my shotgun and bird dog, Turk, and collected a few for supper. It takes four or five to make a meal, but they're quite tasty. Turk enjoyed the outing though he really doesn't like **Soras**.

A rapid, bubbling song from a stand of tall sudan grass proved to be a pair of **Marsh Wrens**, a new species for the farm list. By the 24th, a **Swamp Sparrow** was flitting about the flowering sumpweed. By the 29th there are **Lincoln's Sparrows** but still no **White Throats**. They have always been the harbinger of fall for me. Without them, it isn't fall yet. It is nice and cool though.

\*\*\* Paul Dickson

## BSG Group Library

As part of the Bird Study Group Library we will be publishing a list of books in members personal libraries that they would be willing to lend to other members in planning birding trips and vacations. This month list was supplied by Pat Lonnecker.

Birds of East Africa (V.II) Passerines

Collins Field Guide: Birds of East Africa

A Short Checklist of Animals and Birds for the Tourist Routes of Kenya and Tanzania

Peterson: Field Guide to Birds of Britain and Europe

Birds of the West Indies

Peterson: Field Guide to Mexican Birds

Birds of Galapagos

A Guide to the Birds of Alaska

Status and Distribution of Alaska Birds

\*\*\* Jim Ingold

## President's Message

Welcome to another year with the Bird Study Group. We want you to enjoy this year with us and have many activities which we hope you can participate in.

We encourage everyone to take part in our outings. These are planned in a way that all can take part and arrangements are made to help the less skilled birders become better birders.

Our meetings are planned to have interesting topics geared to a wide range of ages and experience.

A phone-tree alerts our members of unusual sightings. Some of these are also included in a birding hot-line message that can be reached by calling 797-5338 after Museum hours.

A popular feature of each meeting is bird talk. Come and tell us about the "neat" birds you have been seeing. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## Hervey Farm Outing -- Sep. 24

We had a nice turn out of birders for a two-phased outing. A typical bird walk outing in the early morning plus a hawk-count through mid-day. Unusual birds seen included **Eastern Kingbird**, **American Kestrel**, immature **White Ibis**, **Northern Harrier**, **Merlin**, **Broad-winged Hawk**, **Red-tailed Hawk**, **Cooper's Hawk**, and **Snowy Egret**. In all, 60 species were identified. The weather was fantastic as a cool front came in right on schedule and the skies were clear. A north wind made woodland birding difficult. The **Northern Harrier** and **Merlin** were flying below the tree tops but the other hawks were very high. Some were so high that they were visible only with binoculars. By 2:30 PM even the **Black Vultures** and **Turkey Vultures** were the merest of dots above and even I decided to call it a birding day.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey



# Bodcau Bayou

## Float Trip -- June 18

It was a beautiful, clear morning in the middle of June. A group of eager birders turned canoers climbed into their canoes and paddled upstream. The current was easy to move into and the bayou was wide and deep. Huge cypress trees lined the banks. Birds were singing all around as we quietly slipped over the water. We reached a spot where a tree had fallen completely across the stream blocking all passage. At this point we turned downstream and started to relax, when a pair of **Red-shouldered Hawks** screamed and whistled at us for intruding on their territory.

We enjoyed watching many of the summer woodland resident birds on this trip. **White-eyed Vireos**, **Red-eyed Vireos**, and **Yellow-throated Vireos** were enjoyable feathered companions. **Yellow-throated Warblers** were easy to see and hear. Everyone enjoyed the warbler that could be called the song-leader. Certainly not because the **Prothonotary Warbler** has an appealing song. Indeed his loud "song" can become almost annoying because he is so persistent as he imitates "Poor Johnny One Note." That is all he can accomplish -- one note. But he makes up for it as he bounces across the bayou. Down low, for all to see, he looks exactly like the bouncing ball of sing-along movies. Maybe we were expected to sing "Row, row, row your boat" in time to the bouncing yellow bird.

The bayou narrowed and the current increased. Exactly there we heard the **Northern Parula** singing. We saw the beautiful male feeding while singing an ascending trill. Roger Tory Peterson writes that seeing a **Northern Parula** build her nest constitutes a "red-letter day." Our "red-letter day" began. She entered a hole in the side of some grey-beard moss. We could see her walking about and weaving more moss strands into the suspended nest-to-be. The porous structure seemed much too incomplete to hold even this light weight bird. Our paddles held the canoes steady against the current; our hands gripped cypress knees and willow twigs; and our eyes taught us about one of nature's rare secrets. We were enchanted.

Farther downstream we quietly approached a **Barred Owl** calmly sitting 20 feet above the

water. We drifted under the owl careful to make no quick move or startling noise. **Barred Owls** have filial feathers on their faces. These hair-like feathers are thought to conduct sound waves to the ears, thus assisting the owl in night hunting conditions. Some field guides show these facial feathers as brown, others as grey. Our owl peered at us with dark brown eyes, contrasting with the light grey face; then desiring privacy merely spun his head around and *faced* the other way.

Everyone seemed to enjoy our morning on the water and a picnic lunch at Wenk's Landing on scenic Bodcau Bayou that ended this leisurely, memorable outing.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## BIRD REPORT NEWS

Anyone wishing to have their bird observations included in the Bird Reports of the Newsletter should call **Bobbe Wommack, 686-0369** or **Will Smolenski, 865-2938** no later than the 15th of each month. Be sure to give them specific dates and locations for each species seen. Connie Conners is taking a well-deserved rest from the Bird Report committee. Connie, thanks very much for your dedicated help for many years.

If anyone is interested in helping with this valuable project as a caller please contact Bobbe Wommack or Will Smolenski. We would like to have at least three callers so the calling list will be shorter for each person. Please let us know if you can help here.

## MUSEUM NEWS

The main collection computer was recently destroyed by lightning. A replacement is needed as soon as possible. We have obtained replacement costs estimates and two tax exempt donations to help with this crisis. If you can help contact Mac. On the good side the new specimen cases for birds are now in place and the birds have been reorganized. The bird collection now consists of about 1600 specimens in 7 cases. The specimens are no longer crowded and new drawer labels have been installed.

## MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held on September 13, 1994, in the Museum of Life Sciences on LSU in Shreveport campus. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Hubert C. Hervey. Hubert recognized visitors and guests at the meeting.

Dr. Jim Ingold gave an interesting program on Island Birds: Peril in Paradise. Many of Hawaii's native birds are extinct or endangered.

Some of the birds mentioned during Bird Talk were Wood Stork, Painted Bunting, Least Tern, Anhinga, Barn Owl, and a Rose-breasted Grosbeak that summered in the Mansfield area.

A short program on shorebirds was presented by Pat Lonnecker.

Hubert summarized the Board Meeting and then asked Bill Hall to pass out the Field Trip List for the coming year. Bill has done it again, with an incredible trip list.

Will Smolenski reported on prices for T-shirts and other items and passed an order blank around.

Sign-up sheets for the phone tree were passed around. If you want to be included on the phone tree, contact Jeff Trahan.

Committee chairpersons were determined; see page two of the Newsletter.

## Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Board met on Tuesday, September 6, 1994, at the LSU in Shreveport Museum of Life Sciences. A motion was made to dispense with reading of the minutes of the last board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read: Pioneer account total is \$1,037.02; expenses were \$30.00; income was \$200.00 (membership and float trip); Museum account balance is \$239.31 and post office balance is \$179.21.

Membership phoned in by Shirley Huss is between 90 and 100. Mac said 151 Newsletters were mailed out.

Hubert read a resignation letter from Paul Lawrence due to other commitments. Discussion followed regarding filling that position. It was decided to ask for volunteers at the regular meeting.

Will Smolenski volunteered to help with the phone tree.

Charlie Lyon will do Cross Lake for the Bird Hot Spots. Bill Hall read a list of field trips and asked for feedback.

Mac Hardy relayed information from Larry Raymond regarding a meeting on March 6 and 7, 1995, of the National Association of Interpretive Naturalists at the Ramada Inn. Some members of that group would like to bird for about 1½ hours. The Cross Lake area was suggested by Bill Hall. Also, Mac mentioned a regional meeting on April 6-8, 1995 of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists (biologists from an 8-state region), who wish to go on a birding trip with our group.

As for fund raising, it was agreed to check on T-shirts, etc. with our Logo to be made.

Betty Mason and Jim Ingold will continue as Historian/Librarian. Jim will buy *The Birder's Sourcebook* for our library. Betty Mason reported receiving newsletters from Longview and San Antonio bird clubs. The possibility of combining some field trips with other area clubs was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

## BIRD NOTES -- SEPTEMBER

Compiled September 30, 1994

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (797-6509) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
GF	Gloria Frantom	09/20/94 Residence; 09/23/94 Residence
HH	Hubert Hervey	09/24/94 Hubert Hervey's Farm
HH&P	Hubert Hervey and Pat	09/18/94 Hubert Hervey's Farm
JL&BW	Jim Ingold and Bill Wood	09/24/94 Hamel's Memorial Park; 09/25/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park
JJCT	Jeff, Jean & Catherine Trahan	08/08/94 Richard Fleming Park; 08/28/94 Hamel's Memorial Park; 09/04/94 Hamel's Memorial Park; 09/04/94 Residence; 09/12/94 Residence
JM	Jim McCain	08/16/94 Belcher; 09/04/94 Haygood Rd.; 09/04/94 Belcher; 09/10/94 Belcher; 09/12/94 Belcher
LK	Loice Kendrick	09/06/94 12 mi. E. of Haynesville
LMH	Laurence M. Hardy	09/15/94 BAFB; 09/22/94 BAFB; 09/23/94 BAFB; 09/25/94 BAFB; 09/27/94 BAFB; 09/29/94 BAFB
MT	Margo Tuller	09/01/94 Residence
NC	Norma Cobb	09/24/94 Residence; 09/27/94 Residence

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
PD	Paul Dickson	09/17/94 Deer Farm; 09/20/94 Deer Farm; 09/21/94 Deer Farm; 09/24/94 Deer Farm
RS&T	Rosemary Seidler & Trahans	09/15/94 Hamel's Memorial Park
RS&VL	Rosemary Seidler & Vicki LeFevers	09/10/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park; 09/11/94 North Lakeshore, Richard Fleming Park
WJ	Welborn Jack	09/01/94 9314 Balsa Dr.
WS	W. Smolenski	09/21/94 Residence
WS&CLJ	Will Smolenski and C. Lyon	09/28/94 C. Bickham Dickson

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
American White Pelican	09/25/94 JI&BW 29
Double-crested Cormorant	09/18/94 HH&P 3; 09/23/94 LMH 2; 09/24/94 HH 4; 09/25/94 LMH 1; 09/27/94 LMH 27; 09/29/94 LMH 19
Great Blue Heron	08/28/94 JJCT 2; 09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/22/94 LMH 3; 09/25/94 JI&BW 40; 09/27/94 LMH 5; 09/29/94 LMH 13
Great Egret	08/28/94 JJCT 4; 09/04/94 JJCT 4; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 40; 09/15/94 LMH 2; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/22/94 LMH 1; 09/23/94 LMH 2; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/24/94 JI&BW 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 40; 09/25/94 LMH 1; 09/27/94 LMH 2; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Snowy Egret	08/16/94 JM 1; 08/28/94 JJCT 1; 09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/12/94 JM 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 4; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/24/94 JI&BW 2; 09/25/94 JI&BW 29
Little Blue Heron	09/04/94 JJCT 2; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 1; 09/15/94 LMH 5; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 10; 09/25/94 LMH 2; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 9
Cattle Egret	09/12/94 JM 250; 09/15/94 RS&T 20; 09/18/94 HH&P 64; 09/24/94 HH 75; 09/29/94 LMH 25
Green Heron	08/28/94 JJCT 2; 09/23/94 LMH 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	08/16/94 JM 12
White Ibis	09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/17/94 PD 20; 09/18/94 HH&P 4; 09/24/94 HH 5; 09/25/94 JI&BW 9; 09/25/94 LMH 3; 09/28/94 WS&CLJ 3
Wood Stork	09/12/94 JJCT 3; 09/17/94 PD 9
Wood Duck	08/28/94 JJCT 2; 09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/25/94 JI&BW 3; 09/25/94 LMH 2; 09/27/94 LMH 4; 09/29/94 LMH 8
Northern Pintail	09/20/94 PD 1
Blue-winged Teal	09/27/94 LMH 11; 09/29/94 LMH 21
American Wigeon	09/17/94 PD 1
Black Vulture	09/18/94 HH&P 15; 09/24/94 HH 25; 09/28/94 WS&CLJ 10; 09/29/94 LMH 6
Turkey Vulture	08/28/94 JJCT 1; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 17; 09/24/94 HH 20; 09/25/94 LMH 2; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/28/94 WS&CLJ 2; 09/29/94 LMH 5
Osprey	09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 2
Northern Harrier	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	09/12/94 JM 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Cooper's Hawk	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	08/08/94 JJCT 2; 09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/10/94 JM 2; 09/15/94 LMH 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/23/94 LMH 2; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Broad-winged Hawk	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 7; 09/29/94 LMH 7
Red-tailed Hawk	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
American Kestrel	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Merlin	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Wild Turkey	09/23/94 LMH 2
Northern Bobwhite	09/18/94 HH&P 2
American Coot	08/08/94 JJCT 4
Killdeer	08/28/94 JJCT 4; 09/04/94 JJCT 6; 09/10/94 RS&VL 0; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 10; 09/18/94 HH&P 3; 09/24/94 HH 3; 09/24/94 JI&BW 6; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1
Lesser Yellowlegs	08/28/94 JJCT 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 3
Solitary Sandpiper	08/28/94 JJCT 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 1
Spotted Sandpiper	08/28/94 JJCT 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 1; 09/24/94 JI&BW 1
Western Sandpiper	08/28/94 JJCT 8; 09/04/94 JJCT 25; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 75
Least Sandpiper	09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 5
Pectoral Sandpiper	09/15/94 RS&T 1
Rock Dove	08/28/94 JJCT 30; 09/04/94 JJCT 15; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 20; 09/18/94 HH&P 5; 09/24/94 HH 6
Mourning Dove	08/08/94 JJCT 10; 09/01/94 WJ 2; 09/04/94 JJCT 6; 09/04/94 JM 10; 09/04/94 JJCT 6; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 5; 09/15/94 LMH 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 4; 09/21/94 WS 2; 09/22/94 LMH 3; 09/24/94 HH 3; 09/25/94 JI&BW 20; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Inca Dove	09/01/94 WJ 1; 09/06/94 LK 1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	09/04/94 JJCT 3; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/25/94 LMH 1
Eastern Screech-Owl	09/29/94 LMH 1
Great Horned Owl	09/10/94 RS&VL 1
Barred Owl	09/15/94 LMH 1
Common Nighthawk	09/10/94 RS&VL 1

Common Name	Data
Chimney Swift	09/01/94 MF 50; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 35; 09/21/94 WS 3; 09/24/94 HH 40; 09/25/94 JI&BW 2; 09/29/94 LMH 100
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 LMH 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 6; 09/20/94 GF 4; 09/21/94 WS 2; 09/24/94 HH 6; 09/25/94 JI&BW 2
Belted Kingfisher	09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/23/94 LMH 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 6; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 4
Red-headed Woodpecker	09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/29/94 LMH 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	08/08/94 JJCT 4; 09/04/94 JJCT 3; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 LMH 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 3; 09/20/94 GF 2; 09/21/94 WS 1; 09/22/94 LMH 1; 09/23/94 LMH 1; 09/24/94 HH 4; 09/25/94 JI&BW 7; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 2
Downy Woodpecker	08/08/94 JJCT 3; 09/04/94 JJCT 4; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/20/94 GF 1; 09/23/94 LMH 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 4; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 3
Hairy Woodpecker	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1
Northern Flicker	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Pileated Woodpecker	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/22/94 LMH 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 5
Eastern Wood-Pewee	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Least Flycatcher	09/25/94 JI&BW 1
Eastern Phoebe	09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1
Great Crested Flycatcher	09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1
Eastern Kingbird	09/04/94 JJCT 3; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/24/94 JI&BW 1
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	08/08/94 JJCT 12; 09/04/94 JJCT 25; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/23/94 GF 6; 09/24/94 JI&BW 30; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Tree Swallow	09/29/94 LMH 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	09/18/94 HH&P 24; 09/24/94 HH 30; 09/25/94 JI&BW 8; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Blue Jay	08/08/94 JJCT 2; 09/04/94 JJCT 10; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 LMH 2; 09/18/94 HH&P 12; 09/21/94 WS 3; 09/22/94 LMH 2; 09/23/94 LMH 2; 09/24/94 HH 15; 09/25/94 JI&BW 40; 09/25/94 LMH 1; 09/27/94 LMH 6; 09/29/94 LMH 8
American Crow	09/04/94 JJCT 6; 09/10/94 JM 8; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 2; 09/18/94 HH&P 62; 09/22/94 LMH 3; 09/23/94 LMH 4; 09/24/94 HH 75; 09/25/94 JI&BW 2; 09/25/94 LMH 1; 09/27/94 LMH 4; 09/29/94 LMH 8
Fish Crow	09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 4; 09/23/94 LMH 10; 09/24/94 HH 4; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1; 09/25/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 11
Carolina Chickadee	08/08/94 JJCT 5; 09/04/94 JJCT 25; 09/10/94 JM 12; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 6; 09/20/94 GF 2; 09/21/94 WS 2; 09/22/94 LMH 1; 09/23/94 LMH 3; 09/24/94 HH 10; 09/25/94 JI&BW 6; 09/25/94 LMH 2; 09/27/94 LMH 3; 09/29/94 LMH 4
Tufted Titmouse	08/08/94 JJCT 10; 09/04/94 JJCT 15; 09/10/94 JM 4; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 5; 09/20/94 GF 3; 09/21/94 WS 1; 09/23/94 LMH 2; 09/24/94 HH 10; 09/25/94 JI&BW 2; 09/29/94 LMH 4
White-breasted Nuthatch	08/08/94 JJCT 10; 09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	09/04/94 JJCT 0; 09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Carolina Wren	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/04/94 JJCT 0; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 LMH 2; 09/18/94 HH&P 4; 09/21/94 WS 1; 09/22/94 LMH 1; 09/23/94 LMH 1; 09/24/94 HH 6; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1; 09/27/94 LMH 2; 09/29/94 LMH 7
Marsh Wren	09/21/94 PD 2; 09/24/94 PD 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	09/29/94 LMH 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/24/94 HH 15; 09/25/94 JI&BW 8; 09/29/94 LMH 2
Eastern Bluebird	08/08/94 JJCT 5; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 12; 09/20/94 GF 5; 09/24/94 HH 15; 09/25/94 JI&BW 2
American Robin	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/20/94 GF 20; 09/21/94 WS 2; 09/25/94 JI&BW 2; 09/29/94 LMH 2
Gray Catbird	09/25/94 JI&BW 2; 09/27/94 LMH 1
Northern Mockingbird	08/08/94 JJCT 6; 09/04/94 JJCT 4; 09/04/94 JM 15; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 7; 09/21/94 WS 1; 09/24/94 HH 6; 09/25/94 JI&BW 6; 09/27/94 LMH 1
Brown Thrasher	09/18/94 HH&P 7; 09/20/94 GF 2; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 2
Loggerhead Shrike	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/04/94 JJCT 2; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/25/94 JI&BW 1
European Starling	08/08/94 JJCT 30; 09/04/94 JJCT 150; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 RS&T 10; 09/18/94 HH&P 15; 09/24/94 HH 20; 09/24/94 JI&BW 25; 09/25/94 JI&BW 15; 09/27/94 LMH 12; 09/29/94 LMH 1
White-eyed Vireo	09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/15/94 LMH 2; 09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/29/94 LMH 3
Solitary Vireo	09/27/94 LMH 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	08/08/94 JJCT 3; 09/04/94 JJCT 2; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Red-eyed Vireo	09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Nashville Warbler	09/25/94 JI&BW 1; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Northern Parula	09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	09/27/94 LMH 1
Black-throated Green Warbler	09/29/94 LMH 1
Blackburnian Warbler	09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Yellow-throated Warbler	08/08/94 JJCT 3; 09/04/94 JJCT 2
Pine Warbler	08/08/94 JJCT 5; 09/04/94 JJCT 0; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 23; 09/20/94 GF 3; 09/24/94 HH 25; 09/27/94 NC 1; 09/29/94 LMH 6
Black-and-white Warbler	09/04/94 JJCT 1; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Common Yellowthroat	09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Summer Tanager	08/08/94 JJCT 6; 09/04/94 JJCT 6; 09/18/94 HH&P 5; 09/20/94 GF 1; 09/24/94 HH 7; 09/24/94 NC 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 3

Common Name	Data
Northern Cardinal	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/04/94 JJCT 4; 09/10/94 JM 6; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 7; 09/20/94 GF 3; 09/21/94 WS 2; 09/23/94 LMH 2; 09/24/94 HH 8; 09/25/94 JI&BW 10; 09/27/94 LMH 14; 09/29/94 LMH 3
Blue Grosbeak	09/18/94 HH&P 3; 09/24/94 HH 3
Indigo Bunting	09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/24/94 HH 3; 09/27/94 LMH 1; 09/29/94 LMH 5
Painted Bunting	09/25/94 JI&BW 8
Chipping Sparrow	09/18/94 HH&P 10; 09/24/94 HH 12
Red-winged Blackbird	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/18/94 HH&P 1; 09/24/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JI&BW 30
Eastern Meadowlark	09/18/94 HH&P 5; 09/24/94 HH 6
Common Grackle	08/08/94 JJCT 2; 09/04/94 JJCT 2; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1; 09/21/94 WS 3; 09/25/94 JI&BW 200; 09/29/94 LMH 1
Brown-headed Cowbird	09/18/94 HH&P 2; 09/24/94 HH 2; 09/24/94 JI&BW 15
Orchard Oriole	09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/11/94 RS&VL 1
Northern Oriole	09/04/94 JJCT 1
House Sparrow	08/08/94 JJCT 1; 09/04/94 JJCT 7; 09/10/94 RS&VL 1; 09/21/94 WS 10
	Printed 494 records of 105 species.
	Printed 365 records for 107 species.

## NEXT MEETING -- OCTOBER 11

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**BIRD STUDY GROUP**  
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## NEXT MEETING -- OCTOBER 11



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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318,797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

## *NEXT MEETING*

November 8, 1994

7:00 PM

## "Birding in Patagonia"

and also

Status Report on the Breeding Bird Atlas

by

**Dr. David A. Wiedenfeld**

**November 8, 1994 - 7:00 PM**

**Museum of Life Sciences**

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## NEXT FIELD TRIPS

October 29 -- Walter Jacobs Park, Blanchard-Furrh Rd. Woodland and old field residents and migrants. Beautiful woodland trails. Where/When: Walter Jacobs Park Hdqtrs. Bldg., Blanchard, La. Leader: Larry Raymond 929-3117

November 12 -- Book Fish Hatchery, Fleming Park, N. Lakeshore Drive Woodland, old field, pond and open water lake winter residents. Where/When: N. Market St. What-a-Burger, 7:30 AM. Leader: Bill Hall 797-1727

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- **Bobbe Wommack** 686-0369, **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
 BIRD HOT SPOTS -- **Larry Raymond** 929-2806, **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
 FIELD TRIPS -- **Bill Hall** 797-1727  
 FUND RAISING -- **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
 HISTORIAN and LIBRARIAN -- **Jim Ingold** 797-5236, **Betty Mason**,  
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 861-0483, **Norma Cobb** 686-3959, and **June Haynie** 868-5441  
 MEMBERSHIP -- **Shirley Huss** 865-5959  
 NEWSLETTER -- **Mac Hardy** 797-5338 w, 687-6738 h  
 BEGINNING BIRDERS -- **Larry Raymond** 929-2806, **Jim Ingold** 797-5236  
 PHONE TREE -- **Jeff Trahan** 868-7360 (h), 869-5217 (w); **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
 PROGRAMS -- **Jim Ingold** 797-5236  
 PUBLICITY -- **Nancy Meier** 688-0085  
 SHORT PROGRAMS -- **Pat Lonnecker** 865-4701

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### REMEMBER

Renew your BSG membership early

Your Expiration Date is on your MAILING LABEL -- Check it every month and keep your membership current.

## From the President

By the time you read this I will have returned from the fall LOS meeting. You will hear about the great birding from me or someone else. You will wish you had added some rarity to your life list or - if you were lucky - you attended and are glad that you did. Cameron is a lot closer than Tierra del Fuego which is the subject to be presented by our next speaker, Dr. David Wiedenfeld. I'm looking forward to this program

because I don't expect I'll ever get to visit such a far distant and remote area.

You may bring your items for the December auction to the November meeting. I have also heard a rumor that "The Auction" may need to be moved forward one week to December 6. Since we don't have the gift shop close-out items to sell we sincerely need your donations. This is our major fund raising event and fun raising event.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Request for Comment on Texas Forest Management Plan

We have received a request to assist in a comment campaign concerning a new management plan for Texas public forests and grasslands. This comes from James R. Stewart, Vice President in charge of Science and Research, of the Houston Audubon Society. I encourage you to read the fact sheet and sign the comment sheet if you are in agreement. The importance is self evident in that a potential for mismanagement of 675,000 acres of land nearby could be avoided.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## C. Bickham Dickson: A Washout

The scheduled October BSG outing at C. Bickham Dickson Park was a casualty to a much needed rainy day. The park gate was closed all morning. Pat and I birded the park and Hamel's Memorial Park, mostly from the car. We only saw 20 species of birds, three **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** at Hamel's were the "highlights." Having only 20 species prevented us from going home because that is against my rules, Help!

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## Bird-watching Etiquette

[Reprinted from January 1989 Newsletter]

The following three behavioral traits can improve your individual success of finding and observing birds in the field and will increase the enjoyment of everyone in your group.

1. Do not talk. If you must talk, keep your voice low and keep the topic confined to relevant items. Talking distracts other birders, disturbs shy birds, and prevents others in your group from hearing the birds' songs or calls. If you must talk, do so in whispers and limit it to relevant questions about the bird being observed. Let the leader do the talking.

2. When the group is stopped to observe a

bird or to squeek up some birds, do not move. Do not walk around, shuffle your feet, stretch, rummage in your pack, pocket, or purse, or make any other movement. **MOVEMENT** is very distracting to birds. Keep completely still. Walk only when the leader walks, move only when he moves. If the leader is motionless, you become like a rock -- totally still and listening to every faint sound.

3. Stay together. Do not wander off by yourself and do not fall behind. Stay with the group and stay close enough to the leader so you can hear whispered instructions or comments on the birds.

## RARE BIRD ALERT

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797-5338

## Barn Owl Homes

An interesting article, "New Homes for Barn Owls" by Charles Johnson, has been published in the February issue of the Farm Journal. Nest boxes are working well.

## Favorite Birding Places

The extreme north end of Toledo Bend Lake can offer interesting birding at times. A body of water as large as Toledo Bend attracts and holds many water birds; ducks, herons, egrets, gulls, terns and cormorants. **American Coots** by the tens of thousands are present all winter. **American White Pelicans** are often seen. Especially in the Spring as the birds are returning north, they are concentrated in the Circle Drive area. Access is easy using launching facilities at Circle Drive or one of the Louisiana State Park launching ramps. Boats and motors can also be rented.



The shoreline is forested for the most part. Warblers, vireos, orioles, and thrushes are attracted to the area during migration. Many swallows feed on the abundant insect life of the lake. **Red-winged Blackbirds** and **Common Grackles** roost in the Cattails and Button-bushes.

The early riser may enjoy raccoons, beavers, and otters and the nutria can be seen all day. In Spring, the male nutria can be lured close by imitating their W-A-A-A-H call.

When **Neotropic Cormorants** are first recorded in northern Louisiana, I predict it will be on Toledo Bend.

My best records include **Bells Vireo**, **Yellow-throated Vireo** and **Yellow-throated Warblers**, **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, **Canvasback**, **Harlans Red-tailed Hawk**, **Horned Grebe** and nesting **Pied-billed Grebe**. The star of the show was a **Peregrine Falcon** only a mile down channel from Circle Drive Marina. It was watching a **Lesser Scaup** slowly drift downstream. The Duck was apparently the victim of an earlier attack but the Peregrine didn't seem to want to wet his feathers in the cold water in any further attempt to retrieve his kill.

There is a heronry located in the shallows of the North shore, unexplored as far as I know. And two non-hunting areas on the Texas side guarantee ducks all winter. This fine birding area is only an hour from Shreveport.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## Board Meeting: Nov. 1, 7 PM.

Norma Cobb's home, 1851 Live Oak Dr.; 686-3959.

## MORE FIELD TRIPS!

November 26 -- Mission Plantation via the River Road (All day) Should be great winter trip, "target birds" will be Longspurs, **Horned Larks**, **American Pipits (Sprague's?)**, hawks, **Northern Harriers**, **Merlins & Kestrels**, and maybe **Western Meadowlark**. Where/When: N. Market St. What-a-Burger, 7:30 AM Leader: Hubert Hervey **925-9249**.

December 10 -- Cross Lake Barge Trip for open water and lakeside birding. Possible Mergansers, Loons, **Buffleheads**, Eagles, Pelicans. Always one of the favorite trips of the year. Reservations necessary: by no later than Dec. 3rd with Chuck or Sally Moffet, **631-0736**. Cost will be approx. \$12 per person. Bring Life Preserver and folding chair (If you've got 'em). Where/When: Barron's Landing, S. Lakeshore Dr., 8:00 AM. Leaders: Chuck and Sally Moffet **631-0736**.

Details later for the following:

December 26 -- Shreveport CBC  
 January 2 -- BCBCBC (CBC)  
 January 14 -- Yearwood Road  
 February 4 -- Bickham-Dickson Park  
 February 11 -- Paul Dickson's Banding Day  
 February 18 -- Wimple's Rice Farm  
 March 11 -- Bodcau WMA  
 March 18 -- Red River Valley Exp. Station  
 April 18 -- Kisatchie National Forest  
 April 22 -- Soda Lake WMA  
 April 28-30 -- LOS Spring Meeting  
 May 6 -- BSG Big Day at Loggy Bayou  
 May 13 -- North American Migration Count  
 May 27 -- Jacobs and Fleming Parks  
 June 3 -- Powhatan exit at I-49  
 June 18 -- Barksdale Egret rookery  
 July 8 -- Hervey Berry & Dairy Farm

## MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held on October 11, 1994, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. President Hubert C. Hervey opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Hubert gave a program on Curlew Island.

Among the guests present was Chuck Campbell who accompanied us to Curlew Island.

Birds included in bird talk were a **Vermilion Flycatcher**, **Inca Doves** and **Snow Geese**. Jim Ingold would like as much information as possible on **Inca Doves**.

Pat Lonnecker's Short Program was on Gulls.

Dorothy Metzler faxed a map of Caddo Lake, Louisiana and Texas sides. She is asking for volunteers for a trial run Christmas Count on December 3, 1994.

Norma Cobb volunteered her home for the Board Meeting on November 1, 1994.

Hubert reminded everyone to save auctionable items for our Christmas Auction, hopefully with Paul as Auctioneer again.

Hubert asked for correction in the newsletter regarding the Hawk Watch and Outing at Hervey Farm in the Bird Report. It should have been listed as BSG instead of HH.

Should we ask Paul Dickson about putting his Loggy Bayou articles in "Book Form"?

Committee Reports are as follows: Bill Hall (Outings) - Loggy Bayou is closed, so Pat Sewell's will be the alternative plan. Anytime you wish

to go on any of the trips, call the leader to check on status, time, etc. Mac Hardy will print short versions of field trips in the newsletter. Larry Raymond (Hotspots) has the name of a contact person for anyone interested in monitoring Black Lake for Birding Hotspots. Jim Ingold (Library) has received The Birder's Sourcebook that he ordered for the library. If you are planning a trip, the library now has a book that will tell you what birds you may see, places to stay, etc. Mac Hardy donated The Hoiho to the library. Jim (Programs) said the November program will be David Wiedenfeld who will give the results of the Breeding Bird Atlas and a program entitled BIRDING IN PATAGONIA. So far, January 1995 program is still open, and for February, Dr. Thomas Sherry's program will be AMERICAN REDSTARTS. The March program tentatively will be on Bluebirds with the intention of selling bluebird houses.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

## BIRD NOTES -- OCTOBER

Compiled October 25, 1994

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (797-6509) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
BSG	BSG	10/08/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park
BW	Bobbe Wommack	09/28/94 Residence; 09/28/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park; 10/02/94 Residence
HH	Helen Hood	09/16/94 Residence; 09/20/94 Residence; 09/23/94 Residence; 09/25/94 American Legion Cross Lake; 10/13/94 Residence
HH&PT	Hubert Hervey & Pat Tuminello	10/01/94 Hervey Farm; 10/05/94 Hervey Farm; 10/08/94 Hamel's Memorial Park; 10/10/94 Yearwood Road; 10/12/94 Hervey Farm
JJ	Jim Ingold	10/01/94 Bossier city
JM	Jim McCain	09/17/94 Morningsport Road; 09/17/94 Near Trinity Heights school; 09/23/94 Dixie-Blanchard Rd.
JT&JT	Jeff, Jean & Catherine Trahan	09/25/94 Goldonna
JT&JT	Jeff & Jean Trahan	10/14/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park
NM	Nicki McCombs	10/12/94 Residence; 10/13/94 Residence
SH	Shirley Huss	10/06/94 Residence
T&RS	The Trahans and Rosemary Seidler	09/18/94 Richard Flemming Park; 09/18/94 Soda Lake WMA

### RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Double-crested Cormorant	09/18/94 T&RS 5; 10/05/94 HH&PT 3; 10/14/94 JT&JT 4
Anhinga	10/05/94 HH&PT 1
Great Blue Heron	09/18/94 T&RS 4; 09/25/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1; 10/08/94 BSG 4; 10/08/94 HH&PT 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 3; 10/14/94 JT&JT 4
Great Egret	09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/18/94 T&RS 6; 09/25/94 HH 3; 09/25/94 JT&JT 2; 09/28/94 BW 20; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1; 10/08/94 BSG 3; 10/08/94 HH&PT 4; 10/10/94 HH&PT 7; 10/14/94 JT&JT 3
Snowy Egret	09/18/94 T&RS 55; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 09/28/94 BW 14; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1
Little Blue Heron	09/18/94 T&RS 2; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1; 10/08/94 BSG 5; 10/08/94 HH&PT 3
Tricolored Heron	09/18/94 T&RS 4
Cattle Egret	09/18/94 T&RS 10; 09/25/94 JT&JT 5; 10/05/94 HH&PT 5
Green Heron	09/18/94 T&RS 1
White Ibis	09/18/94 T&RS 4; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 09/28/94 BW 3; 10/05/94 HH&PT 6
Canada Goose	10/08/94 BSG 8
Wood Duck	09/25/94 JT&JT 1
Black Vulture	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 12
Turkey Vulture	09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 10; 10/10/94 HH&PT 11; 10/14/94 JT&JT 7
Northern Harrier	10/10/94 HH&PT 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	09/17/94 JM 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2

Common Name	Data
Cooper's Hawk	10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 5; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 2
Broad-winged Hawk	10/05/94 HH&PT 7
Red-tailed Hawk	09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 3; 10/10/94 HH&PT 7
American Kestrel	09/23/94 JM 3; 09/25/94 JT&JT 2; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 13; 10/14/94 JT&JT 1
Northern Bobwhite	10/12/94 HH&PT 11
Sora	10/05/94 HH&PT 1
Killdeer	09/18/94 T&RS 6; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/01/94 HH&PT 25; 10/05/94 HH&PT 8; 10/08/94 HH&PT 6; 10/10/94 HH&PT 26; 10/14/94 JT&JT 2
Rock Dove	09/18/94 T&RS 45; 09/18/94 T&RS 4; 09/25/94 JT&JT 10; 10/05/94 HH&PT 7; 10/14/94 JT&JT 3
Mourning Dove	09/18/94 T&RS 4; 09/18/94 T&RS 6; 09/20/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JT&JT 15; 09/28/94 BW 2; 10/05/94 HH&PT 12; 10/08/94 HH&PT 3; 10/10/94 HH&PT 64; 10/14/94 JT&JT 30
Inca Dove	10/01/94 JI 1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1
Barn Owl	10/10/94 HH&PT 2
Barred Owl	09/17/94 JM 1
Common Nighthawk	10/01/94 HH&PT 34; 10/06/94 SH 6
Chimney Swift	09/18/94 T&RS 8; 10/05/94 HH&PT 25; 10/14/94 JT&JT 1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	09/16/94 HH 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 2; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/13/94 NM 1
Belted Kingfisher	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1; 10/08/94 BSG 1; 10/14/94 JT&JT 4
Red-headed Woodpecker	09/18/94 T&RS 3; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/18/94 T&RS 10; 09/20/94 HH 2; 09/25/94 JT&JT 5; 09/28/94 BW 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/08/94 BSG 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 1; 10/14/94 JT&JT 15
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	09/28/94 BW 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1; 10/14/94 JT&JT 2
Downy Woodpecker	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 3; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 6
Hairy Woodpecker	10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/08/94 BSG 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 1
Northern Flicker	10/05/94 HH&PT 4; 10/08/94 BSG 1; 10/10/94 HH&PT 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 5
Pileated Woodpecker	09/16/94 HH 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 2
Eastern Phoebe	09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 2
Great Crested Flycatcher	09/16/94 HH 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 2
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	09/18/94 T&RS 3; 09/25/94 JT&JT 3; 10/05/94 HH&PT 1; 10/08/94 HH&PT 3; 10/10/94 HH&PT 5; 10/14/94 JT&JT 3
Tree Swallow	09/18/94 T&RS 25; 10/05/94 HH&PT 8; 10/10/94 HH&PT 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	10/05/94 HH&PT 10; 10/08/94 BSG 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 14
Barn Swallow	10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 10
Blue Jay	09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/18/94 T&RS 18; 09/23/94 HH 2; 09/25/94 JT&JT 6; 10/05/94 HH&PT 18; 10/08/94 BSG 6; 10/10/94 HH&PT 4; 10/14/94 JT&JT 15
American Crow	09/18/94 T&RS 12; 09/18/94 T&RS 6; 09/25/94 JT&JT 15; 10/05/94 HH&PT 60; 10/08/94 BSG 3; 10/08/94 HH&PT 6; 10/10/94 HH&PT 69; 10/14/94 JT&JT 2
Fish Crow	10/05/94 HH&PT 12; 10/14/94 JT&JT 35
Carolina Chickadee	09/16/94 HH 3; 09/18/94 T&RS 6; 09/18/94 T&RS 15; 09/20/94 HH 2; 09/25/94 JT&JT 6; 09/28/94 BW 3; 10/05/94 HH&PT 5; 10/08/94 BSG 3; 10/14/94 JT&JT 9
Tufted Titmouse	09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/18/94 T&RS 7; 09/20/94 HH 4; 09/25/94 JT&JT 2; 09/28/94 BW 3; 10/05/94 HH&PT 6; 10/14/94 JT&JT 5
White-breasted Nuthatch	09/18/94 T&RS 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch	09/16/94 HH 2; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2
Carolina Wren	09/18/94 T&RS 4; 09/18/94 T&RS 20; 10/05/94 HH&PT 4; 10/14/94 JT&JT 4
Sedge Wren	10/05/94 HH&PT 18
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	10/02/94 BW 2; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 1; 10/12/94 NM 1; 10/14/94 JT&JT 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 4; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2
Eastern Bluebird	09/16/94 HH 4; 09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 5; 09/25/94 JT&JT 3; 10/05/94 HH&PT 12
American Robin	09/20/94 HH 2; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 6; 10/08/94 BSG 78; 10/14/94 JT&JT 10
Gray Catbird	09/18/94 T&RS 5; 10/14/94 JT&JT 3
Northern Mockingbird	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/23/94 HH 1; 09/25/94 JT&JT 3; 10/05/94 HH&PT 9; 10/08/94 BSG 1; 10/10/94 HH&PT 16; 10/14/94 JT&JT 4
Brown Thrasher	09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/23/94 HH 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 1
Loggerhead Shrike	09/25/94 JT&JT 4; 10/05/94 HH&PT 2; 10/10/94 HH&PT 11; 10/14/94 JT&JT 2
European Starling	09/18/94 T&RS 20; 09/25/94 JT&JT 20; 10/05/94 HH&PT 20; 10/08/94 BSG 40; 10/08/94 HH&PT 25
White-eyed Vireo	09/18/94 T&RS 15
Solitary Vireo	09/18/94 T&RS 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	09/18/94 T&RS 1
Nashville Warbler	09/28/94 BW 2; 10/02/94 BW 2; 10/14/94 JT&JT 2
Northern Parula	09/18/94 T&RS 1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/10/94 HH&PT 1
Yellow-throated Warbler	09/18/94 T&RS 1
Pine Warbler	09/18/94 T&RS 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 4
Black-and-white Warbler	09/18/94 T&RS 2
American Redstart	09/25/94 JT&JT 3

Common Name	Data
Prothonotary Warbler	09/25/94 JT&JT 1
Summer Tanager	09/16/94 HH 1; 09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/28/94 BW 1; 10/02/94 BW 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 3; 10/13/94 NM 1
Northern Cardinal	09/16/94 HH 6; 09/18/94 T&RS 2; 09/18/94 T&RS 10; 09/25/94 JT&JT 7; 10/05/94 HH&PT 8; 10/08/94 BSG 6; 10/14/94 JT&JT 8
Blue Grosbeak	10/05/94 HH&PT 2
Indigo Bunting	10/05/94 HH&PT 6; 10/10/94 HH&PT 3
Savannah Sparrow	10/05/94 HH&PT 12
Grasshopper Sparrow	10/05/94 HH&PT 1
LeConte's Sparrow	10/05/94 HH&PT 3
Song Sparrow	10/05/94 HH&PT 3
Lincoln's Sparrow	10/05/94 HH&PT 2
Swamp Sparrow	10/05/94 HH&PT 8
White-throated Sparrow	10/12/94 NM 1; 10/13/94 NM 3
Red-winged Blackbird	10/10/94 HH&PT 555
Eastern Meadowlark	10/05/94 HH&PT 22; 10/10/94 HH&PT 41
Common Grackle	09/18/94 T&RS 6; 09/25/94 JT&JT 2; 10/08/94 BSG 10; 10/08/94 HH&PT 15; 10/14/94 JT&JT 12
Brown-headed Cowbird	10/05/94 HH&PT 8; 10/08/94 BSG 15; 10/08/94 HH&PT 10; 10/10/94 HH&PT 410
Orchard Oriole	09/18/94 T&RS 1
House Finch	10/13/94 HH 2
House Sparrow	09/18/94 T&RS 4; 09/25/94 JT&JT 1; 10/05/94 HH&PT 6; 10/14/94 JT&JT 1
Printed 304 records of 95 species	

## BIRD QUIZ #26

### HIS BILL CAN HOLD MORE THAN HIS BELICAN

1. In what year was the "pelican" named the state bird of Louisiana?
2. In what year was the legislation corrected to specify the Brown Pelican?
3. In what year did the last native Brown Pelicans nest in Louisiana?
4. In 1968, Brown Pelicans were restocked in Louisiana from birds gathered in another state. Name that state.
5. In what year was the Brown Pelican placed on the federal endangered species list?
6. At what age does a Brown Pelican lay its first eggs?
7. What was considered to be the cause of the decline of the Brown Pelican in Louisiana?
8. What is the major cause of population decline in the Brown Pelican in Louisiana today?
9. What myth surrounds pelicans?
10. How many species of pelicans occur in the world?

(Hint: The answers to all of the above questions can be found in the Fall issue of Louisiana Life in an article entitled: Plight of the Pelican by Robert Fritchey.)

### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #25

1. Eagle River, Wisconsin
2. Turkey Creek, Louisiana
3. Crane, Texas
4. Gannett (Sic), Idaho
5. Duckspring, Alabama
6. Rooks, Kansas
7. Martin, Kentucky
8. Pigeon, Maryland
9. Duckhill, Mississippi
10. Falcon Heights, Oregon

Next Meeting:

**Nov. 8, 7 PM**



# BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318,797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

## *NEXT MEETING*

December 6, 1994

7:00 PM

# Bird Study Group CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 6, 1994 - 7:00 PM**

**Museum of Life Sciences**

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Featuring good food  
fellowship and our annual auction  
with our very own, the famous  
Bird Auctioneer,

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### REMEMBER

Renew your BSG membership early

Your Expiration Date is on your MAILING LABEL --Check it every month and keep your membership current.

## The Christmas Party

The annual BSG Christmas Party is our next meeting on December 6, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to come and have a great time. Our auction will feature the return appearance of Paul Dickson as our auctioneer. The Bird Study Group will supply the meat and drinks, members will bring

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1993-94

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other foods. For more information on what to bring call Betty Mason (687-0225), Margaret Fontaine (861-0483), Norma Cobb (686-3959), or June Haynie (868-5441). For other information call the museum (797-5338).

The main auction will be limited to about 20 items of major interest. The remainder will be auctioned in a giant and fun silent auction. The silent auction items will be scattered throughout the museum; search for the best treasures. Each silent auction item will have a bid sheet telling the

approximate retail value and the minimum bid accepted.

## BOOK REVIEW

Since receiving a copy of "Birds of Texas - A Field Guide", by John H. Rappole and Gene W. Blacklock, I have enjoyed planning my return to the "Lone Star State". Of course I hope to use the information in it to help me locate such dream birds as; **Orange-breasted Bunting, Paint-billed Crake, Blue Ground-Dove, Greenish Elaenia, Green-breasted Mango, Clay-colored and Rufous-backed Robin, Gray Silky Flycatcher, or Double-striped Thick-knee.** If you have seen all of these birds in the ABA area you are certainly a master birder.

The introduction is short and useful. Texas has 576 officially accepted species. This book includes all of these birds plus enough "Hypothetical" species to bring the total to 622 species. Hypothetical is humorously defined as "the result of an undigested bit of beef" or some more potent hallucinogen, or they may have actually been there." A few of these hypothetical birds I expect will be added to the official list in due time.

Each species has a write-up that includes a description, voice, habits similar species, habitat, Texas occurrence, and range. Beside each account is a Texas county map with density shaded in. This can be very useful if you know the names of the counties. The one-page Texas map in the introductory section has the county names on it. Legible if you have a magnifying glass handy. Advise you use a state road map instead.

Photographs of all 622 species are included at the end of the written account. Only one photo per species is included. Sometimes male, sometime female and occasionally an immature is shown. A tremendous effort was needed to locate so many good photos from over 80 photographers. They are shown eight to the page and are about as useful as pictures can be. Key identification features may or may not be present. The problem caused by not showing both male and female in many species is obvious. So you will need to take along another field guide to have complete information handy.

I recommend "Birds of Texas" to any serious birder intending to bird in Texas. You will find it readable and useful. It is published by Texas A&M Press, College Station, Texas (ISBN 089096-545-5).

A closing quote from the preface shows the authors intent. "The guide includes all the information on plumage, voice and behavior needed to identify the bird, while giving specific data on where and when the bird is likely to be found and in what kinds of habitats." The state guide can also serve to satisfy a more refined use. The seasoned birder comes to recognize the singular beauties of a choice habitat, a habitat containing its own special set of inhabitants. Texas has many such habitats - obvious ones like the desert canyons of Big Bend and subtropical riparian areas of Santa Ana, and less obvious ones like Lost Maples State Park, the Audubon sabal palm grove, and Kleberg County stubble fields. With a key to time and place, you can find them. That is what this guide is all about."

And it seems to me they accomplished their intent well.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you see from the favorite birding places article, I have recently returned from "out west". The joyful occasion was the marriage of your writer to Patricia Longoria Tuminello. We were wed in the Wedding Capital of the World, Las Vegas, Nevada. We honeymooned in Zion National Park and on the drive back. We are still honeymooning, some folks would say. We thank you for your congratulations and well wishes. We appreciate you one and all.

The Christmas Party and Auction on December 6th are our main efforts this month. You will be glad you came and took part. We always have a good time at this meeting.

Try to take part in one or more CBC's. They could use your help. You could use the fun. The dates of all we are sure of are included in this newsletter.

D'Arbonne CBC - December 17, 1994 - contact Matt Courtman, P.O. Box 1591, Monroe, LA, 71210.

Caddo Lake Trial Run - December 3, 1994 - contact Dorothy Metzler.

## Other CBC's

Dec. 18. -- Natchitoches.

First Sat. -- Sabine.

Dec. 20 -- Baton Rouge.

Dec. 26. -- Shreveport Christmas Bird Count. Contact: Horace Jeter 861-4302.

Dec. 31. -- Reserve.

Jan. 2. -- B.C.B.C. Bird Count. Contact: Paul Dickson 797-1000.

Thanks to Rosemary Seidler for providing many of the above dates. Check the LOS Newsletter for more information.

## Outing Report

**NORTH LAKESHORE - BOOK FISH HATCHERY (November 12)**

From a 7:30 am rendezvous, twelve BSG birders carpooled to the North Lakeshore Drive area of Cross Lake, and made our first stop at the Lakeshore bridge. On the lake side of bridge a large raft of **American Coots** hugged the shoreline, while a sprinkling of little stiff-tails, **Ruddy Ducks**, rode the deeper water and buzzed bee-like back and forth over it's surface. In the slough on the landward side of the bridge our scopes pulled in a gorgeous pair of **Ring-necked Ducks**. The light was perfect, the ducks content to stay almost in one spot and everyone was able to indulge themselves with long, studied, views of these beautiful birds. Six typically nervous **Wood Ducks** exploded out of the water as soon as they were aware of us, but left behind some **Northern Shovelers**, **Mallards**, **Gadwalls**, and a small flotilla of **Pied-billed Grebes**, for our pleasure.

We next stopped at the grassy field at the end of Mallard Bay subdivision. Splitting into two groups to cover the area more thoroughly, we picked up better winter birds than we might have

expected. We logged one **Winter wren**, four **Sedge Wrens**, two **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, three **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**, **Savannah**, **LeConte's**, **Song**, **Lincoln**, **Swamp** and **White-throated Sparrows**. We were also treated to a noisy overflight by a **Pileated Woodpecker** and sighted trees full of **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, **Cedar Waxwings** and **American Goldfinches**. The day was completed by walking two beautiful areas of Jan and Frank Books' Fish Hatchery.

While in the woods behind the hatchery our noise offended a pair of **Red-shouldered Hawks** who screamed at us from just out of sight for 10 minutes or more before we were able to glimpse one of them sailing away over the treetops. We were also given a pleasurable long, visit by a beautiful male **Hairy Woodpecker**. This fellows' posturing and posing made certain that everyone present will, in the future, be confident in distinguishing between the Hairy and his diminutive cousin, the **Downy Woodpecker**.

When we finally "called the list" near noon, with a total species count of 56, we had all been treated to another of those small wonders that we too easily take for granted. It was a beautiful day, spent with friends, in touch with the earth. One can hardly ask for more.

\*\*\* By Bill Hall

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AUCTION

(December 6, 1994)

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party and Auction. Bring anything of value that you no longer care for or can surrender to the club for sale at our auction. The old store is the place where you can bring things in early. We will have both a silent auction where items will be spread out and you can place your bid on a sheet of paper by the item. Anyone else can come by and overbid so you need to check the item periodically during the evening to insure that your bid goes over the last bid to capture the item. Paul Dickson will auction off about 20 items so the auction will not last as long as last year's.



Be sure to bring a covered dish. You can check with Margaret Fontaine 861-0483, Norma Cobb 686-3959, Betty Mason 687-0225 or June Haynie 868-5441.

DON'T MISS THIS BIG EVENT!!!

## BIRD QUIZ #27

### BIRDS IN THE MOVIES

Match the following year and cast to a movie with a bird in the title.

1. (1963) Vincent Price, Boris Karloff, and Peter Lorre
2. (1975) Robert Redford and Faye Dunaway
3. (1962) Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, and Brock Peters
4. (1955) Jose Ferrer and June Allyson
5. (1975) Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher, Will Sampson, Danny DeVito
6. (1976) Elizabeth Taylor, Cicely Tyson and Jane Fonda
7. (1963) Thomas Tryon, Carol Lynley, and John Huston
8. (1965) Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton
9. (1969) Liza Minnelli and Wendell Burton
10. (1941) Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Sydney Greenstreet and Walter Huston

### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #26

1. 1958
2. 1966
3. 1961
4. Florida
5. 1970

6. 3 years old
7. Pesticides
8. Loss of islands for nesting
9. Myth of self sacrifice because of the red tip on the bill. It was thought that the mother pelican drew her own blood to feed to her young.
10. 8 species

### FAVORITE PLACES TO BIRD

This particular place is really one that I have in my minds' eye. No real place could possibly measure up to this image of a mountain valley. Or could it? Come with me and see.

Your mountain valley is a few miles wide and very green. The pine trees and the grass make it so. You see a very large hawk sailing down low. As the air begins to warm, the Ferruginous Hawk slowly circles. It is searching for a rodent, many kinds are found here. You see the white underparts - shiny white, and a pale orange terminal band to the tail shows up as it hovers awkwardly. It plunges toward a vole the keen eyes have spotted. You see rusty thighs extend and then draw back as the vole vanishes in the lush grass. The hawk rises higher while effortlessly soaring among the white puffy clouds.

You are surrounded by juniper trees and a small rather stunted specie of oak. Suddenly a noisy band of birds appears. You don't need binoculars for the **Mountain Bluebirds** as they are all blue. And the **Western Bluebird** sings endlessly from a nearby Cedar. He seems proud of his "red, white and blue" colors, like a little American flag perhaps. But then you see a rather plain bird with buffy wing patches. As it flits about, the white in its outer tail feathers reminds you of a Mockingbird. The **Townsend's Solitaire** then dives into a juniper and vanishes. The momentary quiet gives you time to enjoy the sighing of the wind in the trees. You reflect on the fact that wind and mountains go together.

The distant hazy blue mountains reach to nearly 13,000 feet. Snow lingers on the north

side, above timberline. As if the wind and this thought combine to make you cold, you shiver, and head to the valley. There the Ponderosa Pines stand tall and stately in a meadow. As you squeak, you arouse the flicker. You have already seen both **Gilded Flicker** and **Red-shafted Flicker** today so you don't even bother to put the binoculars on this one. But then you hear the squabbling of the **Pygmy Nuthatches**. Your tooting imitation of the Pygmy Owl was so good that six nuthatches really respond. Finally two of them spiral higher and higher and then tumble end over end as they copulate almost to ground level, leaving you amused at some of nature's ways.

You wish you could stay here longer. But other scenes await. The **Dipper** beside the rushing mountain stream. The **Golden Eagle** sitting on the butte overlooking the Prairie Dog Town. The rodents' numbers have doubled since the man who held the grazing rights to this federal land, died and his cattle were sold. There have even been **Black-footed Ferrets** seen here lately. They have apparently been hanging on in the nearby Navajo Reservation. Once thought extinct perhaps there is now hope for the ferrets' recovery.

The thunderclouds grow over the mountains. The clap of thunder follows lightning's flash. Thunder echoes and re-echoes across the mountain side. **Scrub Jays** scurry for cover, and the last to seek shelter before the rains descend are the **Common Ravens** that soar almost like hawks. And you are forced to move on, to return in your minds' eye whenever you wish.

Writers Note: The real location is a combination of locations in Northwest Arizona's San Francisco Mountains and New Mexico's Sacramento Mountains. One, south of the Grand Canyon, the other across the mountains from the white sands. May the winds blow you that way someday!

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## BIRDERS AND THE LAW

(Or "Whoops! Did I Do That?")

When I was a youth, my early fascination with birds and the natural world around me found me

collecting all sorts of neat stuff. Things like owl pellets, feathers and even an injured kestrel that I planned to become a falconer with once I rehabed it. I also had a pretty good collection of abandoned bird nests, at least until the mites, bird lice and other various creepy crawlies that live in nests started wandering out of their home into mine. Then my mom told me in no uncertain terms to get the nests out of the house!

Now here I am years later, a refuge law enforcement officer for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service thinking about how many federal and state laws I inadvertently broke throughout the years. What prompted me to reminisce about my youthful exuberance is a few incidences that have occurred in recent years while birding afield and at bird club meetings. Events that come to mind include feathers from a flicker being brought in for identification. And a couple of nests brought in for all to see. Unfortunately, both of these activities are technical violations of a law known as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).

In 1916, the United States negotiated a treaty with Great Britain (acting for Canada) to provide protection for birds which migrated between the two countries. Later, treaties with Mexico (1936), Japan (1972) and the Soviet Union (1978) were entered into. The MBTA is this law [Title 16 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 703-712] which implements the U.S. responsibilities agreed to in the treaties. It is a strict-liability law wherein there is no responsibility on the government's part to prove the individual intended to violate the law. In fact, the government does not even have to prove the individual knows what he has in his possession (such as the feather of the northern flicker). The individual merely has to know he or she possesses something (a feather, or a nest etc.) and is therefore not incompetent to stand trial.

What exactly does the MTBA say? "Unless and except as permitted by regulations...it shall be unlawful at anytime, by any means or in any manner, to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture or kill, possess, offer for sale, sell ...barter ...purchase ...ship, export, import ...or cause to be transported, carry ... or receive ...any migratory bird, any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird, or any product, whether or not manufactured, which consists, or is composed in whole or part, of any such bird or any part,

nest or egg thereof..."

How's that for a mouthful! In addition, the word "take" is defined as "to pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect..." (Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 10.12).

The law doesn't say anything about feathers having to be attached to a live bird or the nest being an active nest, etc. It just says "any migratory bird, any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird..." "Any part" means **any part** including feathers which were molted naturally! "Nest" means **any nest**, whether active or abandoned. That's why when I worked at Fort Carson in Colorado we had to get a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorizing us to wash down the eaves of the buildings to clean off the old cliff swallow nests.

This is the same law that prevents taxidermists from selling a mount of a red-tailed hawk, barred owl, robin, canvasback or other migratory bird (Note: pen-reared migratory waterfowl can be legally sold, provided the birds are properly marked and the seller possesses a valid permit).

So what species are protected? The MBTA protects 868 species which is approximately 83 percent of the 1040+ bird species which naturally occur in the U.S. and its possessions. In addition, the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531) protects 75 species including 43 species protected by the MBTA. All of the 175 species not protected by either law belong to groups not covered by any of the migratory bird treaties such as gallinaceous birds (grouse, quail, turkeys, etc.), introduced birds (rock dove, house finch, starling, etc.) and species not in the list of migratory birds published in 50 CFR 10.13.

The actions previously noted (possessing a flicker's feather or abandoned nests) are not the only way birders may violate the MBTA, whether intentionally or inadvertently. Who among us has not tapped on a nest tree or peaked into a bird box to see what nesting bird claims the site as its home? Provided the bird which emerges is not an endangered species, there probably is no legal problem here since the MBTA does not specifically prohibit harassment to view birds (Note: the Endangered Species Act does). But if a

bird accidentally breaks an egg when fleeing or abandons the eggs or nestlings there could be a violation. You would have a "take" situation under the MBTA if the eggs or nestlings died.

In general, the maximum penalty for violating the MBTA is a \$5,000 fine and six-month imprisonment for each violation. However, if the government can prove that the individual is guilty of a "take" with the intent to sell, or to sell or offer for sale any migratory bird, the person is guilty of a felony. It can get pretty expensive, pretty quickly.

So what's the bottom line? Are some mean, old federal game wardens going to bust down your door to execute a search warrant because you have a flicker feather? Probably not. Will you have to appear in federal court because you were issued a citation for possessing a few abandoned bird nests? Probably not. (Notice: I emphasized the word "probably" - it could happen).

What if you stopped and picked up an injured pelican and were transporting it to a rehabilitation center? You'd better be on your way to a rehab center! Don't even think of keeping it without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

What about the bald eagle feather that you've had stuck in your favorite lucky birding hat for years - the feather you found along the road. I can almost guarantee you that if that feather doesn't look at least 54 years old, you're violating at least three federal laws: the MBTA, the Endangered Species Act, the Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940 and possibly the Lacey Act for interstate transportation of illegally possessed wildlife. The bottom line is: Be real careful what you pick up out there!

\*\*\* Steve Emmons

[Note: The above article was reprinted with the permission of the author and is reprinted from the Pelican Papers (Gulf Coast Bird Club Newsletter) - Jim Ingold].

## FIELD TRIPS

Nov. 26. -- Mission Plantation via the River Road (All day) Should be great winter trip, "target birds" will be Longspurs, **Horned Larks**, **American Pipits** (Sprague's?), hawks, **Northern**

**Harriers, Merlins & American Kestrels**, and maybe **Western Meadowlark**. Where/When: N. Market St. What-a-Burger, 7:30 AM Leader: Hubert Hervey 925-9249.

Dec. 10. -- Cross Lake Barge Trip for open water and lakeside birding. Possible Mergansers, Loons, **Buffleheads**, **Bald Eagles**, Pelicans. Always one of the favorite trips of the year. Reservations necessary: by no later than Dec. 3rd With Chuck or Sally Moffet 631-0736 Cost will be approx. \$12 per person Bring Life Preserver and folding chair (If you've got 'em). Where/When: Barron's Landing, S. Lakeshore Dr., 8:00 AM. Leaders: Chuck and Sally Moffet 631-0736.

Dec. 26. -- Caddo Christmas Bird Count. Contact: Horace Jeter 861-4302.

Jan. 2. -- B.C.B.C. Bird Count. Contact: Paul Dickson 797-1000.

Jan. 14. -- Yearwood Road for open field, fenceline, woodland and woodmargin winter birds. This will start in late afternoon with the aim of birding past dark to get in some "owling." Five species of owl are possible. Where/When: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences, 3:00 PM. Leader: Hubert Hervey 925-2949.

## BSG T-Shirts

The new Bird Study Group T-shirts will be available at the December Christmas Party. Call Will Smolenski for more information. Price is \$10.00 each.

## A River Bottom Diary

### Part 3

Early fall is an exciting time for bird watchers. Summer birds leave and winter birds arrive and many others pass through, or show up where they are not expected. It is much easier to recognize the arrival of migrant birds than their departure. To recognize a species' departure you must separate their true absence from your failure to see them. This is made more difficult by the quiet and secretive moods some species assume

before departure. I can state with certainty that on September 30th the Blue Grosbeaks and the Indigo Buntings had not cleared out. Several flitted in front of the truck as I eased down a weedy, little used road leading to the woods in the back of the farm. Approaching a large puddle in the road, which was flooded by my irrigation efforts in the adjacent pasture. I heard the scolding call of the Common Yellow Throat. September has been a record month for low rainfall, less than one tenth of an inch at the farm. The irrigation well has been drawn from heavily and the rare muddy soils it has created brought Soras earlier in the month and on the 28th wisps of Snipe on the plowed ground. This puddle, surrounded by rank Johnson grass and ragweed, looked like a bird spot so I stopped for a look. Soon the Yellow Throat was about the water's edge bathing and splashing. Occasionally, it would pause and look about either for danger or perhaps out of modesty, birds do look vulnerable when they bathe. After a brief look, bathing would resume with vigor. The bird would tip its head and lower neck into the water with relaxed wings, allowing water to sift around its feathers and then with a shake quicker than the eye, send out an explosion of sparkling droplets. The mist formed a silver sphere that encircled an olive-yellow center and then in an instant vanished, leaving behind only a bird again. As this event repeated itself over and over the tiny, drab Yellow Throat revealed explosive energy hidden within its meek form. While enjoying this show I was caught by a song which stood out as foreign, a rapid and jumbled warbler trill of little volume. Searching the background weeds revealed a slim warbler perched on a fence strand. It was somber gray below with a narrow distinct eye stripe, streaked sides and a yellow vent and was bobbing its tail. Brushing away mental cobwebs, I recognized a bird I have not seen for quite some time, a Palm Warbler. Later I would discover that this was the first early fall record for this species known in our area only as a rare winter visitor.

The Palm Warbler soon joined the Yellow Throat for a bath. The two sat side by side briefly before a squabble broke out. Facing one another in game cock style, they sized each other up and after a brief flurried battle the pugnacious Yellow Throat was left to bathe alone. The "bird of the month" returned to its fence wire. After some time the Yellow Throat departed allowing

the more timid Palm Warbler to return to the puddle. He foraged about the road, at muddy spots occasionally flitting a few feet at which time the distinctive white tips on the outer tail feathers flashed. At the rasping call of a shrike he would dart for the tangle of Johnson grass, then quickly return and resume his search for a morning meal.

Fall migration is a day to day affair. To observe it intermittently is like reading every twentieth page of a book. My purpose for this journal is to bring out the whole day to day view so when I found myself away from the farm for days at a time in October the frustration was immense. Indeed I missed my most treasured benchmark of fall, the arrival of the White Throated sparrows. The arrival of the White Throats signals that the season has changed and winter residents are in place.

On October 9th the guard has not yet changed. The buntings are still about the ragweed. After a weeks absence and a frontal passage missed, I returned to the farm on October 14th to find both *Zonotrichia* species present. The guard was changing; indeed, for the first sparrow I saw was a White Crowned and it was perched on a fence strand next to an Indigo Bunting. The late evening of that day was punctuated with the distinctive fall song of the White Throat, an incomplete version of the full song "pure sweet canada canada canada." The fall version shortens this to something like "pure sweet sweet sweet," often followed by chip notes. Had they arrived earlier, or on the 14th? The pages are lost.

Following this interruption, unexpected others kept my binoculars still. The farm only knows the many passages and happenings of October and early November. Geese are early this year it seems. On October 25th a flock of Canada Geese briefly rested on the marsh before heading south again. They were of the small "Richardson's" race. October 29th saw a front which sent down White Fronted Geese and one group of ten Snows mixed with a flock of White Fronts. Interesting was the fact that all ten Snows were adult plumaged blue phase birds. Could their dark plumage cause them to mix with White Fronts? I have seen mixed flocks of White Fronts and Snow geese many times, but this group's singular set of "eagle heads" and the early date for Snow geese suggests a correlation.

My brief views of late October and early November showed a steady arrival of the winter residents. No more buntings or Blue Grosbeaks have showed up since October 14th so I must conclude that the last garrison left as the winter guard arrived. Neat and orderly it is! I never quite caught the departure of the Cattle Egrets or the Little Blues, they are not around on November 8th though a single male Scissortail Flycatcher is. The next day he is gone

All of the ducks are in, as are the Sparrows and Yellow-rumped Warblers. The interruption of my visits to the farm are over by mid-November. I can now settle down to daily observations again. Time to look for Harris' Sparrows. A brief trip to Kansas allowed me to bone up on the song. It is best described as like the lead-in to a White Throat's song. It is short, containing two notes, sometimes only one: "pure sweet" or simply a single sweet whistle. The call note is again somewhat like the White Throated Sparrow but more forceful, a metallic "wink!"

The first freeze is late in coming. The summer grasses are still around though the ragweed went ahead and died. The "brush type" sparrows prefer giant ragweed in fall though they seem to abandon it in mid winter. A pair of Shovelers is on the marsh and the male is in full breeding plumage. It is quite early in my experience, for a full green head and white breast on a Shoveler. They are really dapper in this tuxedo like dress. A freeze is expected soon. The Goldfinches are massing and leaving me to wonder if Pine Siskins will come this year. Then there are the Fox Sparrows. It's been so mild that I have not seen a one. The cold can come anytime. I hope it does, I like a Fox Sparrow invasion.

\*\*\* Paul Dickson

## Personal Book Lists

As part of the Bird Study Group Library we will be publishing a list of books in the personal libraries of members who would be willing to lend their books to other members for planning birding trips and vacations. This month's list was supplied by Jim Ingold.

Where to Find Birds: A Birder's Guide to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas  
A Birder's Guide to the Texas Coast (Revised

**Edition)**

A guide to Bird Finding East of the Mississippi (2nd Edition)  
 A Birder's Guide to Southeastern Arizona  
 Enjoying Birds in Hawaii  
 Birding Oregon  
 Birders Guide to Northern California  
 A Birder's Guide to Wyoming  
 The Bird Watcher's America  
 Roger Tory Peterson's Dozen Birding Hot Spots  
 A Guide to Bird Watching in Europe  
 A year with New England's Birds: A Guide to Twenty-nine Field Trips  
 Birdwatcher's Guide to Wildlife Sanctuaries  
 The Traveling Birder: 20 Five-Star Birding Vacations (1991-92 Edition)  
 Wisconsin's Favorite Bird Haunts  
 A Birder's Guide to Eastern Colorado  
 Utah Wildlife Viewing Guide

**Field Guides:**

Percé and Bonaventure Island's Seabirds  
 Birds of Nepal  
 A Field Guide to The Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific  
 Collin's Handguide to the Birds of the Indian Sub-Continent  
 The Larousse Guide to Birds of Britain and

**Europe**

Hawaii's Birds  
 The Collins Guide to the Birds of New Providence and the Bahama Islands  
 Seabirds and Identification Guide  
 British Warblers  
 Oceans of Birds  
 Waterbirds of California; Shorebirds: A Complete Guide to Their Behavior and Migration  
 A Field Guide to the Birds of East and Central Africa

**Miscellaneous:**

An Introduction to New England Birds  
 Birding for Beginners  
 Birdscaping Your Garden  
 Guide to the National Wildlife Refuges  
 How to Watch Birds; A Guide to Bird Watching  
 Guide to Owl Watching in North America  
 A Manual for Bird Watching in the Americas  
 A Complete Guide to Bird Feeding  
 The Habitat Guide to Birding  
 The Birds of Texas  
 Brown County (Wisconsin) Birds  
 A Finding List of the Birds of the Morton Arboretum (Chicago)  
 Birds of Canada's Mountain Parks  
 Exploring our National Wildlife Refuges

## MINUTES of the LAST BOARD MEETING

The SSNS Bird Study Group Board held its meeting on November 1, 1994 at the home of Mrs. Norma Cobb. The meeting was opened at 7:03pm. Betty Mason's Treasury Report was called in. The combined total account was \$1,857.48 as of October 11, 1994. On deposit at the Post Office was \$151.91. There will be a more up-to-date report at the regular meeting. It was duly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last board meeting.

**The Committee Reports are as follows:**

**Bird Hotspots** - Larry reported that Evelyn Craven called advising that she wishes to do a Tourist Bird Book - Birding Locality Guide. He sent her a copy of the Club's Hotspots. She asked if they could use it in their guide. A meeting will be held on November 29th at 10:00am at Kisatchie National Forest Headquarters on the Main Road in Pineville. Someone from our group needs to be there. Each hotspot should be looked at to make a determination on whether or not it can be used. We may not be able to copywrite or publish if they do. It was suggested that they give us a minimum of 250 copies for our members.

**Fund Raising** - Will said Paul will be auctioneer for the Christmas Party again. The party will be moved up a week to December 6th because so many members will be out of town the second week. Will said the Pioneers have donated a telephone valued at \$60.00 for the auction and possibly an intercom.

**Hospitality** - A list will be sent around at the regular meeting to sign up to bring food for the party. **Membership** - Shirley reported 86 paid members and many need reminding to pay their dues. Mac is doing an

excellent job with the newsletter. Larry said it is known throughout the state. **Beginning Birders** - Larry said they try to do something different every month for young people and they are open to suggestions. **Phone Tree** - Ask at regular meeting if anyone else wants to be on the list. **Programs** - The scheduled program for February by Dr. Thomas Sherry from Tulane on American Redstarts required and received a YES vote by the committee to pay for airfare and accommodations. We now belong to the North American Bluebird Association. Suggestions including requesting bluebird houses from International Paper Company, making kits, plans, and, possibly placing an article in newspaper about "Cavity Nesters". A lot of effort went into the Bluebird Trail at Bickham Dickson which needs to be refurbished.

Dorothy Metzler, Caddo Lake newsletter editor, requested volunteers for a trial run Christmas Count for Caddo Lake on December 3rd. Members were urged to help with the project. **Publicity** - Nancy suggested putting notices in various places such as hardware stores. Also, she will fax front page of newsletter to different places.

**Remember to bring things for the auction to the next meeting.** Yes, there will be a moneyjar for auction. **Old Business** - 25 people ordered shirts with the LOGO. No problem is anticipated in selling the shirts for \$10.00. The shirts will be ready for Christmas. Will proposed, and discussion followed, to pay \$5.00 to have shirts made. Duly moved and seconded was Will's proposal as outlined above.

**New Business** - Hubert brought up contest based on species seen by BSG, beginning January 1st and ending December 31, 1995. Participating in Field Trips more often will help the contestant. A committee will be

selected to formulate a list of prizes. Some suggestions were cash, and a plaque. Shirley, Jim and Jeff volunteered to serve on that committee.

Shirley feels that there should be a family discount in annual dues and Hubert asked for volunteers to discuss fees. Mac, Shirley and Hubert are the committee members.

Mac has a new version of the check list and passed around sample color cards. Everyone agreed that it made no difference as long as it is not green.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

## MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held on November 8, 1994, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSUS campus. The meeting came to order at 7:05pm.

Dr. Jim Ingold introduced Dr. David Wiedenfeld, who began by updating the group on The Breeding Bird Atlas. There are 877 Quads in Louisiana and atlasers surveyed one-half. David now needs volunteers for areas around Shreveport on Cardinals and had sign-up sheets. He reported that there were no disappointments in the survey. Happily, **Barn Owls** showed up, and a new breeding record for **Snowy Plover** at Holly Beach. Our President, Hubert C. Hervey won a prize for the most species in one quad. Birding in Patagonia was an informative program about birds in that remote location.

**Bird Talk.** A member spoke briefly on the LOS meeting, reporting a **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, and a total species count of 190. The same slate of officers was re-elected.

Betty Mason gave the Treasury Report. Balance \$1,335.97, Membership - \$30.00, on deposit \$451.01, bringing the combined account total to \$1,816.98 with an account at the Post Office of \$132.48.

A motion was moved and seconded to dispense with reading of the Minutes of the October meeting.

Will reminded people to bring things for the **CHRISTMAS PARTY AUCTION**. Paul will auction off about 20 items and the rest will be in the Silent Auction. The Hospitality Committee passed around a sign-up sheet for food to be brought to the Christmas party. The Club will provide meat and drinks.

T-Shirts to be made for Fund Raising. Will had several bids, the best being \$5.60 for 48 shirts. If we sell 25 shirts at \$10.00 each, we will have our investment back.

Field Trip - Mission Plantation on Arkansas border, led by Hubert Hervey, November 26th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Shirley reported a membership of 95 paid members. A membership repricing will be discussed by a committee consisting of Mac, Shirley and Hubert.

Future Programs are January - Red River - Locks and Dams; February - **American Redstarts**; March - **Eastern Bluebirds**.

Volunteers for the Contest Committee are Shirley, Jim and Jeff who will have details by the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

## BIRD NOTES -- NOVEMBER

Compiled November 21, 1994

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
B&BW	Bob & Bobbe Wommack	09/12/94 Yearwood Rd.; 10/31/94 Jewella Rd. & W. 70th
BH	Bill Hall	10/29/94 Frierson Rd.
BSG	Bird Study Group	10/29/94 Walter Jacobs Memorial Nature Park; 11/12/94 Caddo Lake & Eviron
BW	Bobbe Wommack	09/08/94 Residence; 09/13/94 Stonewall, La.
GF	Gloria Franton	09/13/94 Blanchard; North Park Estates; 10/27/94 Toledo Bend Converse
H&PH	Hubert & Pat Hervey	09/10/94 Residence
HH	Helen Hood	09/01/94 Residence; 09/13/94 Residence; 10/15/94 Residence; 10/15/94 Residence; 10/18/94 Residence; 10/27/94 Residence; 10/30/94 C. Bickham Dickson
JJ&HT	Jeff, Jean & Kathryn Trahan	09/13/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park; 10/23/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park
LR	Larry Raymond	10/21/94 Walter Jacobs Memorial Nature Park
NC	Norma Cobb	09/01/94 Residence; 09/11/94 Residence
SH	Shirley Huss	09/12/94 Line Ave.; 09/13/94 Residence
T,S	Trahans & Rosemary Seidler	11/06/94 Soda Lake Trip 1; 11/06/94 North Lakeshore Trip 2
WS	Will Smolenski	09/15/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 3; 11/06/94 T,S2 6; 11/12/94 BSG 5
American White Pelican	10/27/94 GF 100
Double-crested Cormorant	09/13/94 J,J&HT 30; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 3; 10/29/94 BSG 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 5; 11/06/94 T,S2 3; 11/12/94 BSG 15
Great Blue Heron	09/13/94 J,J&HT 5; 09/15/94 WS 3; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 4; 11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/06/94 T,S2 2; 11/12/94 BSG 3
Great Egret	09/13/94 J,J&HT 3; 09/15/94 WS 4; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 4; 10/30/94 HH 4; 11/06/94 T,S2 6; 11/12/94 BSG 2
Little Blue Heron	09/15/94 WS 1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1
Snow Goose	10/21/94 LR 25
Canada Goose	09/15/94 WS 6
Wood Duck	09/10/94 H&PH 4; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 10; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 15; 10/29/94 BSG 16; 11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/06/94 T,S2 2; 11/12/94 BSG 6
Green-winged Teal	11/06/94 T,S1 5
Mallard	09/15/94 WS 7; 11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 10
Blue-winged Teal	11/06/94 T,S1 3
Northern Shoveler	11/12/94 BSG 3
Gadwall	11/12/94 BSG 2
Ring-necked Duck	11/12/94 BSG 2
Ruddy Duck	11/06/94 T,S2 20; 11/12/94 BSG 25
Black Vulture	11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/12/94 BSG 5
Turkey Vulture	09/13/94 J,J&HT 4; 09/15/94 WS 3; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 2; 10/29/94 BSG 4; 10/29/94 BH 15; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 2; 11/12/94 BSG 7
Osprey	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1
Northern Harrier	09/12/94 B&BW 1; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1
Cooper's Hawk	11/06/94 T,S2 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	10/23/94 J,J&HT 2; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 4
Red-tailed Hawk	09/12/94 SH 2; 09/13/94 SH 1; 09/13/94 BW 1; 10/29/94 BH 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1
American Coot	11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 50; 11/12/94 BSG 325
Killdeer	09/10/94 H&PH 7; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 5; 09/15/94 WS 6; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 13; 10/29/94 BH 1; 10/30/94 HH 6; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 1
Ring-billed Gull	09/13/94 J,J&HT 4; 11/06/94 T,S2 3
Forster's Tern	11/06/94 T,S2 2
Rock Dove	09/15/94 WS 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 4; 11/06/94 T,S2 6; 11/12/94 BSG 4
Mourning Dove	09/01/94 NC 5; 09/15/94 WS 4; 10/15/94 HH 3; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 2; 11/06/94 T,S1 6; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 4
Eastern Screech-Owl	10/29/94 BSG 1
Great Horned Owl	10/23/94 J,J&HT 2
Barred Owl	10/27/94 HH 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	10/18/94 HH 1
Belted Kingfisher	09/15/94 WS 2; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 5; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	11/12/94 BSG 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	09/01/94 NC 2; 09/12/94 B&BW 2; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 5; 09/13/94 BW 1; 09/13/94 GF 2; 09/15/94 WS 1; 10/18/94 HH 2; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 10; 10/29/94 BSG 5; 10/29/94 BH 2; 11/06/94 T,S1 4; 11/06/94 T,S2 6; 11/12/94 BSG 5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 5; 10/29/94 BSG 8; 10/29/94 BH 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/06/94 T,S2 2; 11/12/94 BSG 6
Downy Woodpecker	09/01/94 NC 2; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 2; 09/13/94 GF 2; 09/15/94 WS 1; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 5; 10/29/94 BSG 2; 10/29/94 BH 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1
Hairy Woodpecker	10/29/94 BH 2; 11/12/94 BSG 1
Northern Flicker	09/01/94 NC 1; 09/12/94 B&BW 1; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 6; 09/13/94 GF 2; 10/18/94 HH 2; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 3; 10/29/94 BSG 6; 10/29/94 BH 5; 11/06/94 T,S1 8; 11/06/94 T,S2 3; 11/12/94 BSG 5
Pileated Woodpecker	10/29/94 BSG 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 1
Eastern Phoebe	09/13/94 BW 2; 09/15/94 WS 2; 10/29/94 BSG 1; 10/29/94 BH 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 5; 11/06/94 T,S2 2; 11/12/94 BSG 7
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10/23/94 J,J&HT 1; 10/31/94 B&BW 1
Blue Jay	09/01/94 NC 5; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 5; 09/13/94 BW 4; 09/15/94 WS 2; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 15; 10/27/94 HH 3; 10/29/94 BSG 10; 10/29/94 BH 8; 11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/06/94 T,S2 4; 11/12/94 BSG 7
American Crow	09/13/94 J,J&HT 15; 09/15/94 WS 3; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 6; 10/29/94 BSG 4; 10/29/94 BH 30; 11/06/94 T,S1 6; 11/06/94 T,S2 5; 11/12/94 BSG 6
Fish Crow	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1; 10/29/94 BH 28; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 2
Carolina Chickadee	09/01/94 HH 2; 09/01/94 NC 6; 09/08/94 BW 3; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 8; 09/13/94 GF 2; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 3; 10/29/94 BSG 10; 10/29/94 BH 6; 11/06/94 T,S1 10; 11/06/94 T,S2 10; 11/12/94 BSG 7
Tufted Titmouse	09/01/94 NC 5; 09/08/94 BW 3; 09/13/94 GF 2; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 6; 10/27/94 HH 2; 10/29/94 BSG 4; 10/29/94 BH 3; 11/06/94 T,S1 4; 11/06/94 T,S2 5
White-breasted Nuthatch	09/01/94 HH 1; 09/08/94 BW 2; 09/13/94 GF 2; 10/29/94 BSG 2; 11/06/94 T,S2 4
Brown-headed Nuthatch	09/01/94 HH 1; 09/01/94 NC 5; 09/08/94 BW 1
Brown Creeper	10/29/94 BSG 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1
Carolina Wren	09/01/94 HH 1; 09/01/94 NC 1; 09/08/94 BW 1; 10/29/94 BSG 6; 10/29/94 BH 4; 11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/06/94 T,S2 3; 11/12/94 BSG 6
House Wren	11/06/94 T,S2 1
Winter Wren	11/12/94 BSG 1



Common Name	Data
Sedge Wren	11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/12/94 BSG 4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	10/29/94 BSG 7; 11/12/94 BSG 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	09/01/94 NC 1; 09/15/94 WS 1; 10/27/94 HH 1; 10/29/94 BSG 14; 10/29/94 BH 2; 11/06/94 T,S1 3; 11/06/94 T,S2 5; 11/12/94 BSG 7
Eastern Bluebird	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1; 09/13/94 BW 15; 09/15/94 WS 4; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 4; 10/29/94 BH 14; 11/06/94 T,S2 6; 11/12/94 BSG 11
Swainson's Thrush	09/13/94 BW 2
Hermit Thrush	10/29/94 BSG 5; 11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/12/94 BSG 3
American Robin	09/13/94 J,J&HT 40; 09/13/94 GF 40; 09/15/94 WS 15; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 12; 10/29/94 BSG 16; 10/29/94 BH 2; 10/30/94 HH 50; 11/06/94 T,S1 3; 11/12/94 BSG 25
Northern Mockingbird	09/01/94 HH 1; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 5; 09/13/94 BW 2; 09/15/94 WS 3; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 1; 10/29/94 BH 3; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 6; 11/12/94 BSG 6
Brown Thrasher	09/13/94 J,J&HT 1; 09/15/94 WS 1; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 1; 10/29/94 BSG 5; 10/29/94 BH 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 3; 11/12/94 BSG 1
Cedar Waxwing	09/13/94 BW 10; 09/13/94 GF 4; 11/12/94 BSG 20
Loggerhead Shrike	09/13/94 BW 1; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 2
European Starling	09/13/94 J,J&HT 200; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 2; 10/29/94 BH 35; 11/06/94 T,S1 8; 11/12/94 BSG 2
Solitary Vireo	11/06/94 T,S2 1
Orange-crowned Warbler	10/29/94 BH 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	09/13/94 J,J&HT 25; 09/13/94 BW 6; 09/15/94 WS 32; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 1; 10/29/94 BSG 2; 10/29/94 BH 15; 11/06/94 T,S1 10; 11/06/94 T,S2 4; 11/12/94 BSG 52
Pine Warbler	09/13/94 GF 5; 10/29/94 BSG 7; 11/06/94 T,S2 1; 11/12/94 BSG 2
Northern Cardinal	09/01/94 NC 8; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 3; 09/13/94 BW 2; 09/15/94 WS 3; 10/15/94 HH 6; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 2; 10/29/94 BSG 2; 10/29/94 BH 6; 11/06/94 T,S1 3; 11/06/94 T,S2 5; 11/12/94 BSG 3
Field Sparrow	10/29/94 BH 2
Savannah Sparrow	09/12/94 B&BW 4; 11/06/94 T,S1 5; 11/12/94 BSG 1
LeConte's Sparrow	11/12/94 BSG 2
Song Sparrow	10/29/94 BH 4; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/12/94 BSG 8
Lincoln's Sparrow	11/06/94 T,S1 2; 11/12/94 BSG 1
Swamp Sparrow	10/29/94 BH 2; 11/06/94 T,S1 4; 11/12/94 BSG 2
White-throated Sparrow	09/01/94 HH 1; 09/01/94 NC 5; 09/12/94 B&BW 4; 09/13/94 J,J&HT 15; 09/13/94 BW 2; 10/15/94 HH 1; 10/29/94 BSG 7; 10/29/94 BH 6; 11/06/94 T,S1 15; 11/06/94 T,S2 6; 11/12/94 BSG 2
Dark-eyed Junco	11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/12/94 BSG 8
Red-winged Blackbird	09/15/94 WS 35
Eastern Meadowlark	09/12/94 B&BW 20; 11/12/94 BSG 4
Common Grackle	09/13/94 J,J&HT 25; 10/23/94 J,J&HT 30; 11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 30; 11/12/94 BSG 2
Brown-headed Cowbird	11/12/94 BSG 1
House Finch	11/06/94 T,S1 3
American Goldfinch	09/11/94 NC 2; 09/13/94 HH 1; 11/06/94 T,S1 6; 11/12/94 BSG 29
House Sparrow	11/06/94 T,S1 1; 11/06/94 T,S2 5; 11/12/94 BSG 3
Printed 353 records of 88 species	



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Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

*NEXT MEETING*

January 10, 1995

7:00 PM

## Red River Navigation Authority

by

**Richard Brontoli**

Executive Director

**January 10, 1995 - 7:00 PM**

**Museum of Life Sciences**

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**Bring a New Birder**

**and**

**Get Ready for a Great Spring**

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### REMEMBER

Renew your BSG membership early

### BIRD QUIZ #28

#### AUDUBON'S BIRD NAMES

Many of our common birds were given different names by John James Audubon. How many can you recognize?

1. Prairie Lark-Finch
2. Fox Coloured Finch

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1993-94

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3. Aquatic Wood-Wagtail
  4. Titlark
  5. Black-winged Red-bird
  6. Scolopaceous Courlan
  7. Tell-tale Tatler
  8. Mother Carey's Chicken
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9. Townsend's Ptilogonys
10. Yellow-headed Troopial

#### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #27

1. The Raven (1963) Vincent Price, Boris Karloff, and Peter Lorre
2. Three Days of the Condor (1975) Robert Redford and Faye Dunaway
3. To Kill A Mockingbird (1962) Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, and Brock Peters
4. The Shrike (1955) Jose Ferrer and June Allyson
5. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975) Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher, Will Sampson, Danny DeVito
6. The Bluebird (1976) Elizabeth Taylor, Cicely Tyson and Jane Fonda
7. The Cardinal (1963) Thomas Tryon, Carol Lynley, and John Huston
8. The Sandpiper (1965) Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton
9. The Sterile Cuckoo (1969) Liza Minnelli and Wendell Burton
10. The Maltese Falcon (1941) Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Sydney Greenstreet and Walter Huston

#### AUCTION REPORT

The Club Christmas Party and Auction was enjoyed by the large group that attended. Paul Dickson once again performed ably as auctioneer. Thank you Paul, for a fun time and a good job. Thanks to the hospitality ladies for their time and effort in preparing the area. And especially thank you to all you great cooks who provided so much delicious food. We had a good time and the Club made \$594.60.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## Shirts, Shirts, Shirts, & Caps

We still have T-shirts that some of you ordered and were not picked up at our Christmas party and auction. We also have a number of shirts in various sizes and colors plus one medium sized sweat shirt.

We need your order for T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, sweat shirts, and caps so we can put in an order in January. Shirts and caps come in a variety of colors. The logo is in 3 colors (outline color, yellow sun, and white egret). The caps will only be in one color (the outline of detail). T-shirts are \$10.00, long-sleeved shirts are \$13.00, sweat shirts are \$16.00, and caps are \$7.50. Call your order in to Will Smolenski (865-2938) or sign up at the meeting.

Let's advertize our club with shirts and caps, especially at the winter LOS meeting.

\*\*\* Will Smolenski

#### MISSION PLANTATION TRIP

Our first stop on this foggy Saturday morning, November 26, 1994, was the ducky fish ponds visible from U.S. 71. Through the mist we were able to see many **Hooded Mergansers**, and **Ring-necked Ducks**. Although it is quite early for breeding displays, some of the **Hooded Mergansers** continually raised their crests showing off this attractive feature of an already beautiful bird.

A few miles north, we spied a flock of 26 **Snow Geese**. They were content to allow us to set up scopes and the few Blue Morph **Snow Geese** among them showed up through the hazy scopes. One of the White Morph **Snow Geese** was noticeably smaller than the others and the likelihood of it being a **Ross' Goose** was discussed. Even with a Questar at 200 yards or so, we couldn't see the presence or the absence of a grinning patch, or the ruffled appearance of the neck feathers. However, the small head and short bill still suggested **Ross'**. The weather was too murky to be certain.

Not many birds were flying before 10:30 a.m.

because of the fog. This is probably why we didn't locate the flock of 95 **Horned Larks** I had located east of Gilliam the previous afternoon. And while I am reporting negatives, I might as well stop the suspense and admit that we didn't locate any Longspurs either.

Finally visibility improved and we started seeing **Northern Harriers** and **American Kestrels**. At Mission Plantation, we studied a textbook Harlan's **Red-tailed Hawk**. He was nervous but we kept trying until everyone had a good look at what I think is a gorgeous raptor.

While at Mission, we birded a wooded bluff. Here we saw **Orange-crowned Warbler**, **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Fox Sparrow** and an **Eastern Screech-Owl** answered my whistled imitations. We also located a "hidden" pond with **Gadwall**, **Mallard**, **Green-winged Teal** and **Northern Shoveler**. A **Sharp-shinned Hawk** cruised over and all the ducks took flight. Only the **Pied-billed Grebes** remained. We watched as the ducks returned in small groups. Even the **Pileated Woodpecker** remained out where he could watch the sharpie. A flock of **American Pipits** entertained us as we were leaving the area.

We had a good day with over 50 species sighted and I enjoyed showing our club members where this area is located. This was our first club trip to Mission.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## Nature Conservancy

Located where the Mississippi flyway and Central flyway merge, the Chenier Plain of Louisiana is critical habitat for many of North America's waterfowl species. Our Little Pecan Island Preserve offers endless opportunities for viewing and photographing waterfowl and other wildlife found in the region. Mr. John Odom, accomplished waterfowl photographer, will lead a photo workshop to teach effective techniques for "shooting" waterfowl with a camera. Blinds and expert callers will bring them in close for great shots! The 3-day, 2-night trip (January 20-22, 1995) includes transportation from the landing, lodging, and Cajun cuisine. The group is limited

to 14 participants so call now to reserve your space for this trip. Cost is \$350.00 per person.

A shorter version of the trip listed above with an emphasis on viewing and identifying the myriad species of waterfowl found in the marshes and swamps of the preserve. Blinds and expert callers will provide you the chance to get close up views and camera shots of teal, shoveller, mallard, gadwall, and possibly pintain. The 2-day, 1-night trip includes transportation from the landing, lodging, and Cajun cuisine. The group size is limited to 14; cost is \$175.00 per person.

For reservations and information write the Nature Conservancy, P. O. Box 4125, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or call 504-338-1040.

## FAVORITE BIRDING PLACES

About twenty five years ago, I was asked to help with the Shreveport Christmas Bird Count. I didn't know it at the time but I was assigned to survey the least desirable part of the count area. MY count area - that is what it has become to me. I don't remember missing a single years' count because this was the one thing I insisted on doing. My count area is northwest of Cross Lake. It starts at Quawpaw (Paw Paw on some maps) Bayou and runs through Longwood, Louisiana to the Blanchard-Latex Road. It is nearly all wooded or cut-over with a few small cattle farms. During the early years there was a small clan of **Red-cockaded Woodpeckers** about a mile south of my area. I was told to go to those woods and not leave until I got at least one. I always did, but the understory grew taller because of the scattered nature of the mature pine trees and the clan died out. The "hands-off" system of management had failed. I think we know now that the underbrush has to be kept under control in **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** woods.

I love birding in my count area. This is why. Before daylight, I drive my truck down a long dirt road that was put in to service several oil wells. This is all deer hunting club lease land. Some people are reluctant to bird in such areas, but as a hunter myself, I never hesitated. I park and walk toward the cypress-covered west end of Cross Lake. A whistle of wings alert me to an

**American Woodcock** passing close overhead, veering in his erratic style. Soon I start hearing the squealing of **Wood Ducks** as they head for feeding areas. I have counted over 300 here. Sometimes **Mallards** feed on the flooded acorns. I think of years when the lake was so low only the bayou bed had any water at all pooled up in it, and no ducks were counted. I am by myself virtually all morning long. I watch a pair of **White-breasted Nuthatches** guarding a hole in a Cypress tree. They are really agitated by the nearness of a couple of **Northern Flickers**. But then all bird activity ceases as a **Cooper's Hawk** flies up the bayou. Only slowly do the nearby **Song Sparrows**, **Swamp Sparrows** and **Fox Sparrows** resume their feeding activities.

I have over 40 species by the time I leave the hunting club area, so I know I am on the way to a good count. I didn't lose any time getting stuck as has happened twice before. I stop at a school ground. I have seen this school 25 times or more, but never when school was in session. I have always gotten **Rufous-sided Towhees** here. A pair of **Red-shouldered Hawks** whistles and the male shoots up and down, from high to low, repeatedly for his lovely lady. The Myrtle bushes are full of berries this year and I count 75 **Yellow-rumped Warblers**. Dizzy from this effort, I decide to go on to a beef farm. It took me ten years to find this place, and it has never let me down. The only **American Kestrel** I will see is on his favorite wire. The **Loggerhead Shrike** is in a nearby Prickly Ash. A desiccated grasshopper is visible on a small thorn -forgotten, or larder for harder times - I don't know which. I start to get excited when I flush **Vesper Sparrows**, the white at the side of the tail gives them away quickly. But some more "white at the side of the tail" birds flush from farther out in the short grass. I keep the binoculars on them and pray for their return. As they plummet from high above I carefully mark landmarks near their landing area. Moving as near as I dare, I set up the scope. I was right -they are **Lapland Longspurs**. All right! Am I excited or what?

Ever since I discovered Rice Farm, I have closed my day here. I am back much nearer to Shreveport. The 100-acre lake here nearly always has a surprise. Through the years I remember: 3 **Anhingas**, 325 **Great Egrets**, **Hooded Mergansers**, **Ring-necked Ducks**, **Lesser Scaup**, **Gadwalls**, **Ruddy Ducks**, **American Wigeons**,

**Green-winged Teal**, 90 **Mourning Doves** and **Winter Wrens**. Today, I watch the **Double-crested Cormorants** fishing and am totally surprised as a **Bald Eagle** flies across the lake and lands in a pine tree overlooking a small cove. This is only the second **Bald Eagle** I have ever seen in my count area. Well that makes my day, better than winning a duel with Clint Eastwood. My count total is a near record 70 species. In twenty-five years, I have seen a total of exactly 100 species, but never more than 71 on any one count day. As always, I am quite nearly worn out, but I do enjoy being this kind of worn out. Don't you?

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## A River Bottom Diary

### Part Four

There is a Cottonwood on the farm that is sort of a central landmark for the back half of the property. It drew my attention on my very first visit to the place. It is an old tree with a broad trunk and muscular form. Its twisted limbs branch like gnarled arms, retaining their stout mass right up to each stiff twig. There are no spindly, tapering limbs which might snap under a storm's blow. The tree stands alone at the edge of a pasture near the feed barns. Many years of loitering cattle have richly fed its roots and many a bird has enjoyed its tall canopy. The first Northern Oriole to arrive last spring sang to the farm from its branches. Throughout the year it is a prime perch for birds mighty and meek alike. Hawks and Chickadees, Bluebirds and Kingfishers all find it a fine place to be. So it follows that on December 3rd from a brush pile near its base came the loud jumbled song of the Fox Sparrow, the herald of winter. I quickly spotted several of the robust red and gray sparrows perched in the brush pile and some surrounding locust trees. Watching the sparrows took me back to a moment two winters past when the tree and the sparrows came to be symbolic for my son Paul and me.

It was a cold, gray day in late February that found us in the back section of the farm that was only recently ours. An old fence row grown up with shrubs and weeds was providing the five year old boy with brittle targets for his stick to whack and other timeless amusements as father and son ambled along its edge. Towards the end of the

brush row a small group of Fox Sparrows flew out, all but one that is. This one remained and hopped about nervously; it was easy to see it was unable to fly. The instinct of little boys to catch things is irrepressible. Fatherly lectures on such things as "nature's course" are lost on five year olds. After indulging myself in a pragmatic and philosophically rich sermon on letting it be, I surrendered to childly curiosity and we engaged in the pursuit of the sparrow. It managed to avoid us quite well for awhile, hopping in and out of vines and tangle. Finally, we set up the old "pinscher move" and my hands carefully entrapped it. Immediately I saw that it had no broken wing but was completely emaciated. Whether from disease or lack of food I do not know, for its story ended there. Surprised we were when before our eyes and in my hands the sparrow quietly died. Only seconds after his seeming triumph, a young boy witnessed instead a surrender; a spirit fled. The spark of life that drew him to this creature was gone. Left behind was but a dead bird, an entirely different thing.

I watched Paul's eyes as he tried to comprehend life's ultimate tragedy. His innocent mind struggled to understand that reality which confronts us all young and old. I realized how lucky he really was, to see this in nature where death is not ugly but instead is at first mystifying and later quietly triumphant in view of its place in the circle of life.

It was a fitting time to quote, "God sees every sparrow when it falls." I coached him a little, hoping he could understand, watching his face intently. Understanding of the most difficult things can come so easily at this innocent age. Such is the trusting nature of a child. I was glad for him to contemplate this before the years would cloud that trust, and thus complicate the understanding. The same comprehension of life and death is so much harder for most adults today whose isolation from nature robs them of these experiences. Nature offers lessons so readily to those who will look and listen. Paul insisted that we bury the dead bird and so we did between the roots of a tree whose foundation seemed invincible and whose branches reached so high. We named it the Fox Sparrow Tree. I hope it never falls, but if it does we'll plant another in its place. The Fox Sparrows sing from its base today and I am sure they always will.

\*\*\* Paul Dickson

## FIELD TRIPS

Jan. 14 -- Yearwood Road for open field, fenceline, woodland, and woods margin winter birds. This will start in late afternoon with the aim of birding past dark to get in some "owling." Five species of owls are possible. Meet at the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences at 3:00 p.m. Leader will be Hubert Hervey (925-9249).

Feb. 4 -- Bickham Dickson Park for woodland, field, pond, and riverside winter residents. Meet at the Bickham Dickson horse barn parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Leader will be Mac Hardy (797-5338, w or 687-6738, h).

Feb. 11 -- Paul Dickson's Bird Banding Day. Goldfinches, chickadees, siskins, winter sparrows and unscheduled surprises. Meet at Paul Dickson's Deer Farm on Leonard Rd. at 8:00 a.m. Leader will be Paul Dickson (798-1000).

## THANKS TO THE

## NEWSLETTER TEAM!!

This issue of the Newsletter was produced under much less than ideal conditions. Due to other commitments it was necessary for me to be out of town during much of the time during which the Newsletter would normally be produced. Everyone cooperated beautifully by getting materials to the museum in time for me to pick up everything on the night of December 23 for an early morning departure on a family trip. I got the Newsletter written during the Christmas trip and then on return to Shreveport I printed the final copy. Then another problem to solve; the University was closed on Monday, January 2, when I needed to do the xeroxing. I was scheduled to go to Tulane University on January 3 and would not have time to do the xeroxing and labels on that day. Steve Johnson, the museum student worker, saved the day by doing the xeroxing on Monday. Everything worked. My sincere thanks to everyone who helped during this trying time. Good birding!

# MEMBERSHIP SUGGESTIONS

A committee (Shirley Huss, Mac Hardy, and Hubert Hervey) has been appointed to study our membership dues structure and propose changes, if needed. The following should be considered an interim report.

Regular -- \$10.00; one person, one newsletter.  
Sustaining -- \$25.00; one person, one newsletter.

Family -- \$15.00; two persons at same address, one newsletter.

Child (under 12 years of age) --\$5.00; one person, no newsletter.

Student -- \$7.50; one person, one newsletter.

Let the committee members know of your ideas or suggestions. A final report will be presented in the February meeting.

## BIRD NOTES -- DECEMBER

Compiled December 23, 1994

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
BSG	Bird Study Group	10/22/94 Toledo Bend Park #2 at Oakridge Circle Dr. SRA; 11/12/94 Books Fish Hatchery & Mallard Bay; 11/26/94 Mission plantation
CL&HH	Charlie Lyon & Horace Jeter	12/07/94 Cross Lake
GF	Gloria Franton	12/08/94 Residence; 12/12/94 Residence
H&PH	Hubert & Pat Hervey	11/23/94 Mission Plantation & Belcher; 12/16/94 residence
HH	Helen Hood	11/17/94 Residence; 11/21/94 Residence; 11/24/94 Moorningsport LA; 11/28/94 Residence; 11/30/94 Cross Lake; 12/11/94 1-49 Ponds
J,J&KT	The Trahans	12/04/94 Cypress Lake
JM	Jim McCain	11/18/94 East Gate Shopping Center; 12/01/94 Residence; 12/07/94 Industrial Drive; 12/07/94 Residence; 12/12/94 Residence; 12/12/94 North Market St.; 12/12/94 Dixie-Blanchard Rd.; 12/14/94 Residence
LR	Larry Raymond	11/19/94 Walker Hill Church Rd.
MT	Margo Tuller	12/09/94 Residence; 12/14/94 Residence
NC	Norma Cobb	12/12/94 1851 Live Oak Dr.
PD	Paul Dickson	11/28/94 Deer Farm; 12/03/94 Deer Farm; 12/08/94 Deer Farm; 12/12/94 Deer Farm
PH	Pat Hervey	12/09/94 Residence; 12/10/94 Residence
T&L&S	The Trahans & LeFevers & Seidler	12/10/94 Cross Lake
VL&RS	LeFevers & Seidler	12/03/94 Hwy 71N, Old Blanchard Rd., George Rd. Dixie Hwy.; 12/04/94 Hwy 71N, 1, Old Moorningsport Rd., Roy Rd.
WS	Will Smolenski	10/09/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park; 12/13/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park; 12/20/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park

### RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Common Loon	12/07/94 CL&HH 3
Pied-billed Grebe	10/22/94 BSG 2; 11/12/94 BSG 5; 11/26/94 BSG 6; 12/03/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 6; 12/07/94 CL&HH 12; 12/10/94 T&L&S 8
Horned Grebe	12/07/94 CL&HH 13
American White Pelican	10/22/94 BSG 24; 11/26/94 BSG 6; 12/07/94 CL&HH 21; 12/10/94 T&L&S 20
Double-crested Cormorant	10/09/94 WS 45; 10/22/94 BSG 4; 11/12/94 BSG 15; 11/26/94 BSG 2; 12/03/94 VL&RS 30; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 3; 12/07/94 CL&HH 2000; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1600
Great Blue Heron	10/09/94 WS 2; 10/22/94 BSG 10; 11/12/94 BSG 3; 11/23/94 H&PH 3; 11/24/94 HH 1; 11/26/94 BSG 26; 12/03/94 VL&RS 6; 12/04/94 VL&RS 5; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 4; 12/07/94 CL&HH 3; 12/10/94 T&L&S 12; 12/11/94 HH 1; 12/12/94 JM 1



Common Name	Data
Great Egret	10/09/94 WS 2; 10/22/94 BSG 25; 11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 25; 12/03/94 VL&RS 87; 12/04/94 VL&RS 40; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 2; 12/07/94 CL&HH 12; 12/10/94 T&L&S 22
Snowy Egret	10/22/94 BSG 10
Little Blue Heron	10/22/94 BSG 8
Cattle Egret	11/23/94 H&PH 12
Black-crowned Night-Heron	10/22/94 BSG 5
White Ibis	11/26/94 BSG 1
Greater White-fronted Goose	10/22/94 BSG 47; 11/26/94 BSG 1
Snow Goose	11/26/94 BSG 26; 12/03/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1; 12/07/94 CL&HH 36; 12/08/94 PD 9
Canada Goose	10/09/94 WS 7; 12/08/94 PD 12
Wood Duck	10/22/94 BSG 25; 11/12/94 BSG 6; 11/26/94 BSG 20; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 7; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Green-winged Teal	10/22/94 BSG 100; 11/26/94 BSG 19
Mallard	10/09/94 WS 6; 11/12/94 BSG 10; 11/26/94 BSG 12; 11/30/94 HH 3; 12/03/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 VL&RS 11; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 4; 12/07/94 CL&HH 10; 12/10/94 T&L&S 38
Northern Pintail	10/22/94 BSG 4
Blue-winged Teal	10/22/94 BSG 100; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Northern Shoveler	11/12/94 BSG 3; 11/26/94 BSG 2
Gadwall	11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/26/94 BSG 24; 12/07/94 CL&HH 5; 12/10/94 T&L&S 30
Canvasback	12/10/94 T&L&S 12
Redhead	12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Ring-necked Duck	11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/26/94 BSG 64; 12/03/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 19; 12/10/94 T&L&S 67
Greater Scaup	12/07/94 CL&HH 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Lesser Scaup	12/07/94 CL&HH 6; 12/10/94 T&L&S 12
Common Goldeneye	12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Bufflehead	12/03/94 VL&RS 6; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 7; 12/07/94 CL&HH 75; 12/10/94 T&L&S 76; 12/11/94 HH 100
Hooded Merganser	11/26/94 BSG 46; 12/03/94 VL&RS 37; 12/04/94 VL&RS 38
Ruddy Duck	11/12/94 BSG 23; 11/26/94 BSG 2; 12/03/94 VL&RS 200; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 15; 12/07/94 CL&HH 1500; 12/10/94 T&L&S 94
Black Vulture	11/12/94 BSG 5; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 13; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Turkey Vulture	10/09/94 WS 2; 10/22/94 BSG 8; 11/12/94 BSG 7; 12/03/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 3; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 22; 12/10/94 T&L&S 2
Osprey	12/07/94 CL&HH 1
Bald Eagle	11/18/94 JM 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/07/94 CL&HH 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Northern Harrier	11/23/94 H&PH 12; 11/26/94 BSG 5; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/14/94 MT 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	11/12/94 BSG 4; 11/24/94 HH 1; 11/26/94 BSG 4; 12/03/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 3; 12/10/94 T&L&S 3; 12/11/94 HH 3; 12/12/94 JM 1
Red-tailed Hawk	11/23/94 H&PH 8; 11/26/94 BSG 12; 12/03/94 VL&RS 8; 12/04/94 VL&RS 6; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 4; 12/10/94 T&L&S 2; 12/11/94 HH 12
American Kestrel	10/09/94 WS 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 9; 11/26/94 BSG 8; 12/03/94 VL&RS 3; 12/04/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 2; 12/12/94 JM 3
American Coot	10/09/94 WS 1; 11/12/94 BSG 325; 11/30/94 HH 4; 12/03/94 VL&RS 18; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 20; 12/07/94 CL&HH 200; 12/10/94 T&L&S 800
Killdeer	10/09/94 WS 2; 10/22/94 BSG 5; 11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 16; 11/26/94 BSG 22; 12/03/94 VL&RS 9; 12/04/94 VL&RS 18; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 25; 12/07/94 CL&HH 2
Greater Yellowlegs	10/22/94 BSG 1
Spotted Sandpiper	10/22/94 BSG 1; 12/07/94 CL&HH 1
Least Sandpiper	12/12/94 PD 2
Common Snipe	11/23/94 H&PH 60; 11/26/94 BSG 15; 12/03/94 VL&RS 45
Bonaparte's Gull	12/07/94 CL&HH 20
Ring-billed Gull	12/03/94 VL&RS 14; 12/04/94 VL&RS 3; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 4; 12/07/94 CL&HH 100; 12/10/94 T&L&S 23; 12/20/94 WS 100
Herring Gull	11/30/94 HH 3; 12/07/94 CL&HH 1; 12/14/94 JM 1
Forster's Tern	10/22/94 BSG 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Rock Dove	11/12/94 BSG 4; 11/23/94 H&PH 6; 11/26/94 BSG 4; 12/03/94 VL&RS 50; 12/04/94 VL&RS 14; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 6; 12/07/94 JM 400; 12/10/94 T&L&S 50
Mourning Dove	10/09/94 WS 3; 11/12/94 BSG 4; 11/17/94 HH 4; 11/23/94 H&PH 90; 11/26/94 BSG 22; 12/03/94 VL&RS 180; 12/04/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 25; 12/14/94 MT 2
Greater Roadrunner	11/19/94 LR 1
Barn Owl	12/01/94 JM 1
Eastern Screech-Owl	11/26/94 BSG 1
Barred Owl	10/22/94 BSG 2
Belted Kingfisher	10/09/94 WS 1; 10/22/94 BSG 4; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 3; 12/12/94 JM 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	11/12/94 BSG 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 2; 12/14/94 JM 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	10/09/94 WS 1; 10/22/94 BSG 2; 11/12/94 BSG 4; 11/21/94 HH 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 5; 11/26/94 BSG 6; 12/03/94 VL&RS 6; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/07/94 CL&HH 2; 12/08/94 GF 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 6; 12/12/94 GF 2; 12/12/94 JM 1

Common Name	Data
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	10/22/94 BSG 2; 11/12/94 BSG 6; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 3; 12/07/94 CL&HH 1
Downy Woodpecker	10/09/94 WS 1; 11/12/94 BSG 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 2; 12/03/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/07/94 CL&HH 1; 12/08/94 GF 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 2; 12/12/94 GF 1; 12/12/94 NC 2
Hairy Woodpecker	11/12/94 BSG 1
Northern Flicker	10/22/94 BSG 2; 11/12/94 BSG 4; 11/17/94 HH 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 8; 11/26/94 BSG 5; 12/03/94 VL&RS 8; 12/04/94 VL&RS 18; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 4; 12/08/94 GF 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 8
Pileated Woodpecker	10/22/94 BSG 1; 11/12/94 BSG 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 2; 12/07/94 CL&HH 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 3
Eastern Phoebe	10/22/94 BSG 2; 11/12/94 BSG 7; 11/23/94 H&PH 3; 11/26/94 BSG 4; 12/03/94 VL&RS 3; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 4
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10/22/94 BSG 4; 11/23/94 H&PH 1
Horned Lark	11/23/94 H&PH 95
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	10/22/94 BSG 80
Blue Jay	10/09/94 WS 2; 10/22/94 BSG 26; 11/12/94 BSG 5; 11/23/94 H&PH 5; 11/26/94 BSG 8; 11/28/94 HH 1; 12/03/94 VL&RS 8; 12/04/94 VL&RS 3; 12/08/94 GF 4; 12/10/94 T&L&S 6; 12/12/94 NC 5
American Crow	10/09/94 WS 4; 10/22/94 BSG 5; 11/12/94 BSG 6; 11/23/94 H&PH 15; 11/26/94 BSG 22; 12/03/94 VL&RS 15; 12/04/94 VL&RS 26; 12/10/94 T&L&S 12
Fish Crow	11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 25; 11/26/94 BSG 15; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 23; 12/07/94 CL&HH 15; 12/10/94 T&L&S 2
Carolina Chickadee	10/09/94 WS 1; 11/12/94 BSG 7; 11/21/94 HH 4; 11/23/94 H&PH 8; 11/26/94 BSG 8; 12/03/94 VL&RS 9; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 4; 12/08/94 GF 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 16; 12/12/94 NC 5; 12/14/94 JM 6
Tufted Titmouse	10/22/94 BSG 3; 11/21/94 HH 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 12; 11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/04/94 VL&RS 5; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/08/94 GF 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 8; 12/12/94 NC 6; 12/14/94 JM 3
White-breasted Nuthatch	11/17/94 HH 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/07/94 JM 1; 12/08/94 GF 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Brown Creeper	11/23/94 H&PH 1; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 1
Carolina Wren	11/12/94 BSG 6; 11/23/94 H&PH 10; 11/26/94 BSG 5; 11/28/94 HH 2; 12/03/94 VL&RS 7; 12/04/94 VL&RS 3; 12/10/94 T&L&S 6; 12/12/94 NC 1
House Wren	12/03/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1
Winter Wren	11/12/94 BSG 1
Sedge Wren	11/12/94 BSG 4; 12/07/94 CL&HH 2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	11/12/94 BSG 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	11/12/94 BSG 7; 11/21/94 HH 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 18; 11/26/94 BSG 10; 12/03/94 VL&RS 3; 12/04/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 2; 12/07/94 CL&HH 10; 12/10/94 T&L&S 25
Eastern Bluebird	10/09/94 WS 5; 10/22/94 BSG 3; 11/12/94 BSG 11; 11/23/94 H&PH 13; 11/26/94 BSG 5; 12/03/94 VL&RS 5; 12/04/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 15; 12/07/94 CL&HH 5; 12/10/94 T&L&S 44; 12/12/94 NC 3
Hermit Thrush	11/12/94 BSG 3; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1
American Robin	10/09/94 WS 23; 11/12/94 BSG 25; 11/23/94 H&PH 60; 11/26/94 BSG 220; 12/03/94 VL&RS 150; 12/04/94 VL&RS 100; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 21; 12/07/94 CL&HH 50; 12/10/94 T&L&S 34
Northern Mockingbird	10/09/94 WS 2; 10/22/94 BSG 4; 11/12/94 BSG 6; 11/21/94 HH 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 6; 12/03/94 VL&RS 11; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 10; 12/10/94 T&L&S 6; 12/12/94 NC 2
Brown Thrasher	11/12/94 BSG 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 1; 11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/03/94 VL&RS 1; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 2
American Pipit	11/23/94 H&PH 50; 11/26/94 BSG 130
Cedar Waxwing	11/12/94 BSG 20; 11/23/94 H&PH 60; 11/26/94 BSG 23; 12/03/94 VL&RS 18; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 4; 12/07/94 CL&HH 30; 12/10/94 T&L&S 8
Loggerhead Shrike	10/22/94 BSG 2; 11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 11; 11/26/94 BSG 8; 12/03/94 VL&RS 6; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 5; 12/10/94 T&L&S 2
European Starling	10/09/94 WS 3; 10/22/94 BSG 10; 11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 35; 11/26/94 BSG 25; 12/03/94 VL&RS 200; 12/04/94 VL&RS 50; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 100; 12/10/94 T&L&S 500
Orange-crowned Warbler	11/26/94 BSG 1; 12/07/94 CL&HH 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	10/09/94 WS 37; 11/12/94 BSG 53; 11/23/94 H&PH 14; 11/26/94 BSG 2; 11/28/94 HH 6; 12/03/94 VL&RS 3; 12/04/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 30; 12/07/94 CL&HH 15; 12/07/94 JM 6; 12/09/94 MT 12; 12/10/94 T&L&S 28
Pine Warbler	11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 4; 11/26/94 BSG 4; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 6; 12/07/94 CL&HH 5; 12/08/94 GF 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 8; 12/12/94 GF 1
Northern Cardinal	10/09/94 WS 2; 11/12/94 BSG 3; 11/17/94 HH 4; 11/23/94 H&PH 18; 11/26/94 BSG 16; 12/03/94 VL&RS 14; 12/04/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 1; 12/07/94 JM 12; 12/08/94 GF 5; 12/10/94 T&L&S 20; 12/12/94 NC 5; 12/14/94 MT 6
Indigo Bunting	12/08/94 GF 1
Chipping Sparrow	11/28/94 HH 2; 12/03/94 VL&RS 11; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 2; 12/07/94 CL&HH 25; 12/10/94 T&L&S 40
Field Sparrow	12/04/94 VL&RS 12; 12/10/94 T&L&S 2
Vesper Sparrow	11/23/94 H&PH 2
Savannah Sparrow	11/12/94 BSG 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 20; 11/26/94 BSG 38; 12/03/94 VL&RS 21; 12/04/94 VL&RS 3; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 3
LeConte's Sparrow	11/12/94 BSG 2; 12/07/94 CL&HH 3
Fox Sparrow	11/23/94 H&PH 2; 11/26/94 BSG 2; 12/03/94 PD 2; 12/03/94 VL&RS 2
Song Sparrow	11/12/94 BSG 8; 11/23/94 H&PH 22; 11/26/94 BSG 12; 12/03/94 VL&RS 7; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1; 12/07/94 CL&HH 2

Common Name	Data
Lincoln's Sparrow	11/12/94 BSG 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 1; 12/03/94 VL&RS 2
Swamp Sparrow	11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 4; 11/26/94 BSG 10; 12/03/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 VL&RS 2; 12/07/94 CL&HH 3
White-throated Sparrow	11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/17/94 HH 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 24; 11/26/94 BSG 56; 12/03/94 VL&RS 60; 12/04/94 VL&RS 1; 12/08/94 GF 3; 12/10/94 T&L&S 22; 12/12/94 GF 4; 12/12/94 NC 5
White-crowned Sparrow	10/09/94 WS 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 16; 11/26/94 BSG 27; 12/03/94 VL&RS 15; 12/13/94 WS 1
Harris' Sparrow	11/28/94 PD 1; 12/16/94 H&PH 1
Dark-eyed Junco	11/12/94 BSG 8; 11/23/94 H&PH 8; 11/26/94 BSG 9; 12/04/94 VL&RS 8; 12/07/94 CL&HH 20; 12/08/94 GF 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 50; 12/12/94 GF 4; 12/14/94 JM 3
Red-winged Blackbird	10/09/94 WS 30; 10/22/94 BSG 60; 11/23/94 H&PH 200; 11/26/94 BSG 362; 12/03/94 VL&RS 300; 12/04/94 VL&RS 400; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 3000; 12/07/94 CL&HH 25; 12/10/94 T&L&S 80
Eastern Meadowlark	10/22/94 BSG 1; 11/12/94 BSG 4; 11/23/94 H&PH 35; 11/26/94 BSG 85; 12/03/94 VL&RS 30; 12/04/94 VL&RS 100; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 50
Brewer's Blackbird	11/26/94 BSG 2
Common Grackle	10/09/94 WS 3; 11/12/94 BSG 2; 11/23/94 H&PH 300; 11/26/94 BSG 94; 12/03/94 VL&RS 300; 12/04/94 VL&RS 100; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 50; 12/07/94 CL&HH 500; 12/10/94 T&L&S 20; 12/14/94 MT 40
Brown-headed Cowbird	11/12/94 BSG 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 100; 11/26/94 BSG 26; 12/03/94 VL&RS 6; 12/12/94 NC 1
House Finch	10/09/94 WS 1; 12/10/94 T&L&S 6; 12/12/94 NC 15; 12/20/94 WS 25
Pine Siskin	11/28/94 HH 1; 12/09/94 PH 1
American Goldfinch	11/12/94 BSG 24; 11/23/94 H&PH 25; 11/26/94 BSG 3; 12/03/94 VL&RS 7; 12/04/94 VL&RS 4; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 25; 12/07/94 CL&HH 25; 12/10/94 T&L&S 38; 12/12/94 NC 4; 12/14/94 JM 35
House Sparrow	10/22/94 BSG 4; 11/12/94 BSG 3; 11/17/94 HH 1; 11/23/94 H&PH 6; 11/26/94 BSG 31; 12/03/94 VL&RS 18; 12/04/94 J,J&KT 2; 12/10/94 T&L&S 10; 12/10/94 PH 1; 12/14/94 MT 50
	Printed 589 records of 117 species

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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318, 797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

*NEXT MEETING*

February 14, 1995

7:00 PM

## American Redstart: Populations in Summer and Winter

by

Dr. Thomas W. Sherry

Tulane University

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Dr. Sherry will also speak at 8:00 AM in Room 228  
on the "The impact of birds on plant growth"  
and possibly other related topics related to  
bird research at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest,  
New Hampshire

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### REMEMBER

Renew your BSG membership early

### HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR BREEDING BIRD ATLAS WORKERS

Go into your new area before the leaves put out. You can see exactly where last years' nests were built. This will give you a better idea of where to look for nests. By using Peterson's Guide to Bird Nests, you can often determine what species built the nest. If you are not familiar with that bird, then you can familiarize yourself with it. These suggestions are from last years' champion finder of breeding birds.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1993-94

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## BOARD MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Hubert Hervey has requested that the Board Members attend a meeting on February 7, 1995 at his home in Stonewall. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

## CHENEYVILLE TRIP

We will make final arrangements for the Cheneyville trip to Mr. Wimple's farm to see **Sandhill Cranes**, ducks, geese and much more at the February BSG meeting. If you plan to go but will miss the meeting, contact Bill Hall at 797-01727. Remember to share expenses with the vehicle driver please. The date of this trip is February 18th with the meeting place at LSU Museum of Life Science parking lot and time of departure is 7:00 am. We will eat at Lea's in LeConte, and return to Shreveport after dark.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## BIRD QUIZ #29 SANDHILL CRANES

In preparation for our field trip to Cheneyville, test your knowledge of **Sandhill Cranes**.

1. Did the **Sandhill Crane** ever breed in Louisiana?
2. Which two southern states have their own recognized subspecies of **Sandhill Crane**?
3. Which island nation has its own recognized subspecies of **Sandhill Crane**?
4. How many eggs are normally laid per clutch?
5. Which river in Nebraska is famous for its abundance of **Sandhill Cranes** during migration?
6. At what age do **Sandhill Cranes** start to breed?
7. Which parent normally incubates the eggs?
8. How long do the young stay with the parents?
9. Where are the sandhills from which it gets its name?
10. What is the record for the oldest **Sandhill Crane**?

## ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #28

1. Prairie Lark-Finch = **Lark Bunting**
2. Fox Coloured Finch = **Fox Sparrow**
3. Aquatic Wood-Wagtail = **Louisiana Waterthrush**
4. Titlark = **Water Pipit**
5. Black-winged Red-bird = **Scarlet Tanager**
6. Scolopaceous Courlan = **Limpkin**
7. Tell-tale Tatler = **Greater Yellowlegs**
8. Mother Carey's Chicken = both **Least Petrel** and **Wilson's Petrel**
9. Townsend's Ptilogonys = **Townsend's Solitaire**
10. Yellow-headed Troopial = **Yellow-headed Blackbird**

## CONTEST RULES

The contest committee has set the following rules and prizes. The contest will begin following the publication of the February Newsletter. In the event of a tie, the prize award will be divided. Hope you enjoy participating.

### PRESIDENT BECOMES SPEAKER

I have spread the word about our Bird Study Group to several groups lately.

1. Pierremont Heritage Manor Men
2. Hemorcallis (Daylily) Study Club
3. Bossier Council on Aging  
(**Purple Martin** Festival)
4. Native Plant Society
5. On March 9th, Bossier Lions Club

Each of these slide talks I have tried to tailor to the specific group. I most sincerely appreciate the assistance of Mac Hardy, Larry Raymond, Jim McCain and Pat Hervey in the preparations for

these occasions. I think we will benefit as a club from these exposures. I would like to give a part of these slide shows called "This Centuries Top Ten Bird Stories" to our club before summer.

## FAVORITE BIRDING PLACES

For three years, Rosemary Siedler and I have enjoyed participating in the Natchitoches CBC. Charlie Viers, their compiler, has generously given us a great area to work. We start on Sibley Lake near the NSU Campus. Every year so far has been different with **Ring-billed Gull**, **Double-crested Cormorants**, **Red-breasted Mergansers**, **Redheads**, **Lesser Scaup**, **Ring-necked Ducks**, and **Pied-billed Grebes**. We also enjoy finding a nice assortment of hawks with **Sharp-shinned Hawks** and **Coopers Hawks** seen this year. Good birds to see.

The Louisiana Forestry Department has a lookout tower southwest of Sibley Lake. The woods in this area are an experimental forest for NSU use. We always find something different in these woods including **Barred Owl**, **Wood Duck**, **Pileated Woodpecker**, **Hermit Thrush**, **Hairy Woodpecker**, and **Dark-eyed Junco**.

Walking the dam of Lake Sibley usually produces **Spotted Sandpiper** and **Least Sandpiper**. We also drive around to the upper end of the lake where we have seen **White Ibis** and **Greater Yellow-legs**.

Driving north up LA 1, we soon come to Red River bottom farmland. The most beautiful Kriders **Red-tailed Hawk** I have ever seen was in this vicinity. These fields are also good for **American Pipit**, **Brewers Blackbird** and **Common Snipe**.

Just south of Powhatan is a rice field. The water reservoirs here are obvious hotspots. We had 80 **Least Sandpipers** and a mixed flock of **Greater** and **Lesser Yellowlegs**. Good size comparisons were possible. Many species of ducks were seen, with **American Widgeon** the most common, and one **Canvasback**, the rarest. But out among the ducks was one white goose. We slowly walked the levee, bringing our scopes into use often. The problem was - is it a Ross' Goose or a Snow Goose? Rosemary was not

willing to accept it as a Ross' Goose although that would be a lifer for her. It was barely larger than the nearby **Mallard** and **Northern Pintail** drakes, and had a small head and short bill. To me, it was a Ross'. Charlie Viers was going to look at it the next day to settle the debate.

Two more excellent areas extend southeast and northeast of Powhatan. To the south, the old river road ends at Bayou Pierre. The brush along the banks of the bayou yielded **American Goldfinch**, **Fox Sparrow** and **House Wren**. Along this gravel road to the north is a series of sloughs. We have found **Winter Wren**, **Barred Owl** and many Passiformes here. I suspect the tall grass fields that are **Northern Harrier** roosts, probably have **Short-eared Owls**, but I've never had time to find out. The food and fellowship of the friendly Natchitoches people have always pulled us away from here before the owls night would begin.

We usually total between 70 and 80 species, with 78 being our '94 tally.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## A River Bottom Diary

Part Five

Wet winters test. They test the limits of our patience with cabin bound activities. They test a mother's creativity as housebound children grow restless. Wet winters test the farmers' tools as roofs and roads, drain pipes and fences, tractors and rubber boots fight to keep up with once simple tasks. They test a plant's ability to deal with water-logged soils as roots are held without a breath for muddy days at a time. But none are tested so much as those who cannot go inside. The fate of those feathered and furred lies in their ability to cope with, not change the weather. Wet winters put the wild things to the most rigorous trial of all.

I watch the White-crowned sparrows feeding in the rain and wonder how long they can keep their oiled coats intact. As drenching drops splash in the puddles from which they fervently seek food, they seem not to notice the rain. But notice they do, for there are never so many at the end of such a winter as in the sunny month of their arrival. Snow and cold are no match for downy insulation, but rain is an "Achilles' heel." Wet feathers lose

their magic. Cold rain grounds the hawk and chills the sparrow.

Perhaps the only wildlife on the farm to truly prosper from the weekly rain are the ducks. The marsh serves its purpose well by attracting them in great numbers. I am reminded of the line from a recent baseball movie, "If you build it, they will come." With wildlife and habitat it is no fantasy. Just as with the summer waders and migrant shorebirds, the winter ducks find the shallow water pond and call it home for the season. The Ring-necked ducks number over four hundred at times, but so restless are they that the number changes hourly. The forty Snow geese that arrived in late November dwindles to nine by December 10th. These nine have settled in for the duration it seems. Unlike Snow geese on traditional wintering grounds these freeloaders do no commuting. They seem settled into the good life, accepting my daily handouts of grain and the use of the wheat and clover pasture adjacent to the marsh. They rarely fly at all, in contrast to the daily trading expected of their kind. Hooded mergansers, Mallard, and Woodducks add variety to the crowd of Ringnecks. They capitalize on the rain by sifting out the bounty of the runoff water which comes so abundantly from the fields. South a bit from the farm are soybean fields where many more ducks, mostly Mallards, likewise reap the harvest of the flooded fields. Every depression has become a pond and the waste beans, grain, and weed seeds are conveyed here as if to serve the specialists of a rainy winter.

The Fox sparrows have abandoned the soaked bottomlands in favor of the better drained hilly woods nearby. Perhaps some others have moved back north with the mild temperatures. The Woodcock surely have. Biologists say that many Woodcock follow the freeze line in the winter, moving south then back north several times in a season. As I sit in my truck on the road evenings, the sound of their twittering flight fills the twilight void just after the last whitethroats finish my roadside offerings and head for their cedar roost. Thus far the Woodcock's buzzing courtship calls have not come, perhaps because few seem to be around. Colder winters find dozens flocking to the wet low pastures at nightfall, validating the health of the soil. Only healthy soil holds good worms. A Woodcock knows a good worm field. Perhaps a prolonged freeze will make it through before winter ends and bring to the farm the

Woodcock seal of approval.

\*\*\* Paul Dickson

## CHANGE IN OUTING DATES

The Cross Lake barge trip is now scheduled to go on February 4, 1995. Two barges are expected to be needed. Sign up in advance with Chuck or Sally Moffett, Phone No. 631-0736 is needed. Please do not show up on Saturday morning and expect to go with-out a reservation, because all spaces are reserved ahead of time. At this late winter date, the water will be very cold. Dress in your warmest duds. You can always pull some of it off if you get too warm. I have seen some very cold birders on this trip!

The C. Bickham Dickson Park outing has been moved to February 25th. Please contact Hubert at the February meeting if you can lead this trip. We should have people on hand to lead beginning birders and a slow-paced walk for the folks who might otherwise stay home because they don't want to hold up the rabbits among us. I'm feeling more like a turtle myself as the years accumulate. I might lead this trip.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## YEARWOOD ROAD

### OWLING TRIP

Sixteen birders, eager for action after the holiday hiatus, caravanned to the Yearwood Road area Saturday afternoon, January 14th. The 3:00 pm departure time allowed us enough daylight hours to locate a **Harris Sparrow** in ebony-faced regalia. Three **Barn Owls** were in the usual deserted building and everybody had a great look as one flew a circle around us showing the beautiful combination of tawny and light gray for all to appreciate. We saw the usual land birds. Raptors included **American Kestrel**, **Northern Harrier**, male and female, and **Red-tailed Hawk**, including one dark phase bird and one Harlans. The Harlans was in her usual place for the fifth year, near the grain storage bins at the entrance to the Fish and Wildlife area.



We stopped and visited with the leader of a tree-planting crew. Area biologist, Mr. Leslie Johnson said they were planting 30,000 Nuttall Oak, Water Hickory, Native Pecan and Sweet Gum saplings in the lower portions of the area. Also the levee around the waterfowl area has been raised and the pool area filled. You may want to walk in and see these management improvements and the waterfowl using this area.

Perhaps because of all the activity, we were unable to entice any **Short-eared Owls** to appear. But on several stops along Year-wood Road, between 7 and 8 pm, we did locate **Barred Owl**, **Great-horned Owl** and **Eastern Screech-Owls**. Of these, the **Eastern Screech-Owls** were the most fun because they came quite close, answering continually. They remained in thick

locations where it was not possible to see them although we had fun trying.

We had a total species count of 42 with 4 owl species. Not bad, as we were back in town by 8:20 pm. Next time, we'll take hot chocolate.

P.S. We were serenaded by two separate coyote packs. The first yipping concert traditionally occurs before complete darkness, and I consider this as the coyote's announcement of his location. "Here I am! Where are you?" The second and third calls after full dark were in response to overhead airplanes. The high pitched engine whine hurts their ears and they respond with a yippity yapping. I know everyone enjoyed hearing this serenade.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held on January 10, 1995, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSU campus. The meeting opened at 7:04 pm, with the President's introduction of our speaker, Richard Brontoli, Executive Director of the Red River Navigation Authority. Mr. Brontoli's program began with their objective - clean water, flood control, and bank stabilization. Five locks and dams have been completed on the Red River. One barge equals fifteen train hoppers equals forty trucks. There are 5400 tons of salt dumped into Red River per day by way of Oklahoma and Texas. RRVA states that a migrating bird can spend three days on a very salty lake such as Texoma, and be cleansed shortly after by going to fresh water.

Paul Dickson gave a BCBCBC count of 107 species. **Golden Eagle**, **Common Moorhen**, **Anhinga**, **Common Yellow-throat**, **YJPalm Warbler**, and **Greater Yellowlegs** were among the good birds counted. Paul then gave out the awards. The Golden Birdie went to Larry Raymond, Mac Hardy and Jeff Trahan. The Hit List went to Charlie Lyon and Bill Wood who had nine species from the hit list. The No-Doze went to Connor Nicholson and the Iron Binoculars went to Will Smolenski for more accumulative years.

Paul said every quad needs a supervisor for the Breeding Bird Atlas. Mac will coordinate a Bird Study Group team to survey a quad for the atlas. Hubert gave a list of outings and some changes made. For instance, the Barge Trip has been rescheduled for February 4. On the 11th of February is Paul's banding at his deer farm.

Membership Committee - Interim Report- Fee Changes. Shirley suggested adding a category for Lifetime Member.

Will said he can also get sweatshirts with our Logo on them.

Dr. Thomas Sherry, **American Redstart** authority, will be our speaker for the February 14th meeting. Jim Ingold will help Will build bluebird houses for fund-raising at the March meeting on bluebirds.

We were advised of the LOS meeting January 27 - 29, 1995 in Metairie at Holiday Inn Conservatory. An official club letter should be sent by March 1st in answer to Louisiana Conservation Magazine questionnaire. Hubert read his list of suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

## BIRD NOTES -- JANUARY

Compiled January 29, 1995

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

## REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
B&BW	Bob & Bobbe Wommack	01/15/95 Stonewall
BW	Bobbe Wommack	01/12/95 Residence
CL	Charlie Lyon	01/01/94 Cross Lake
CL&BillW	Charlie Lyons & Bill Wood	01/02/94 Yearwood Rd.
CL&HJ	Charlie Lyons & Horace Jeter	01/11/94 North Caddo
CL,HJ,BillW	C. Lyon, H. Jeter & Bill Wood	01/04/95 Loggy Bayou
E&SH	Eddie & Shirley Huss	01/15/95 Yearwood Rd.
GF	Gloria Frantom	01/04/94 Residence; 01/07/94 Residence; 01/14/94 Residence
H&PH	Hubert & Pat Hervey	01/20/95 Hervey Fram
HHo	Helen Hood	12/21/94 Residence; 12/29/94 Residence; 01/01/95 South Lakeshore, Cross Lake; 01/03/95 Residence; 01/08/95 South Park Mall; 01/12/95 Residence
J&JT	Jeff & Jean Trahan	01/07/95 Poole Rd. & Cypress Lake
J,J,KT	Jeff, Jean & Kathryn Trahan	12/17/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park; 12/18/94 Cypress Lake; 12/24/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park; 01/14/95 C. Bickham Dickson Park
JMcC	Jim McCain	01/15/95 East Gate Shopping Center; 01/16/95 Residence
L&S	Lefevers & Seidler	12/11/94 Gilliam Quadrant & Catfish Ponds; 01/09/95 Poole Rd.
LR	Larry Raymond	01/09/95 Walter Jacobs Nature Park
MT	Margo Tuller	12/24/94 Residence; 12/26/94 Residence; 01/04/95 Residence; 01/09/95 Residence
PD	Paul Dickson	12/29/94 Leonard Rd. Farm; 01/12/95 Leonard Rd. Farm; 01/16/95 Leonard Rd. Farm
SH	Shirley Huss	01/14/95 Residence
ShCBC	ShCBC, Charles Lyon (compiler)	12/26/94 Shreveport Christmas Count
T	The Trahans	01/08/95 US 71 at Poole Rd.
WS	Will Smolenski	01/14/94 Yearwood Rd.
WS&HJ	Will Smolenski, Horace Jeter	01/10/94 C. Bickham Dickson Park

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Common Loon	12/26/94 ShCBC 1
Pied-billed Grebe	01/01/95 CL 6; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 14; 12/26/94 ShCBC 44
Horned Grebe	01/01/95 CL 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 14
American White Pelican	01/01/95 CL 2; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 10; 12/26/94 ShCBC 31
Double-crested Cormorant	01/01/95 CL 1200; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 200; 01/07/95 J&JT 500; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 5; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 12; 01/14/95 WS ; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 150; 01/20/95 H&PH 22; 12/11/94 L&S 9; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 105; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 3 ; 12/26/94 ShCBC 1918
Great Blue Heron	01/01/95 CL 2; 01/01/95 HHo 1; 01/08/95 T 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 3; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 5; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 74
Great Egret	01/01/95 CL 15; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 5; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 30; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 5; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 6; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 116
Cattle Egret	01/20/95 H&PH 3
Snow Goose	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 1; 01/12/95 PD 15
Wood Duck	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 12; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 20; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 20
Green-winged Teal	12/26/94 ShCBC 14
Mallard	01/01/95 CL 10; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 5; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 4; 01/14/95 WS 4; 12/11/94 L&S 6; 12/26/94 ShCBC 100
Blue-winged Teal	01/09/95 L&S 1
Northern Shoveler	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 3; 01/07/95 J&JT 5; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 9
Gadwall	01/01/95 CL 25; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 25; 01/07/95 J&JT 15; 01/08/95 T 4; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 64
American Wigeon	12/26/94 ShCBC 1
Canvasback	01/01/95 CL 26; 12/26/94 ShCBC 164
Ring-necked Duck	01/01/95 CL 150; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 40; 01/08/95 T 15; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 6; 01/16/95 PD 400; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 35; 12/26/94 ShCBC 395
Lesser Scaup	01/01/95 CL 20; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 8; 12/26/94 ShCBC 75
Common Goldeneye	12/26/94 ShCBC 4
Bufflehead	12/18/94 J,J,KT 8; 12/26/94 ShCBC 148
Hooded Merganser	12/11/94 L&S 16; 12/26/94 ShCBC 7
Red-breasted Merganser	12/26/94 ShCBC 2
Ruddy Duck	01/01/95 CL 500; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 3; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 7; 12/26/94 ShCBC 1817
Black Vulture	01/08/95 T 1; 01/16/95 JMcC 2; 01/20/95 H&PH 8; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 64
Turkey Vulture	01/07/95 J&JT 5; 01/08/95 T 45; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/15/95 E&SH 4; 01/15/95 B&BW 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 5; 12/11/94 L&S 5; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 16; 12/26/94 ShCBC 81
Osprey	01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1
Bald Eagle	01/09/95 LR 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 3
Northern Harrier	01/08/95 T 4; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 1; 01/14/95 WS 14; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	01/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 1; 01/07/95 J&JT 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 2

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Cooper's Hawk	01/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 01/16/95 JMcC 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 1; 01/07/95 J&JT 2; 01/08/95 T 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 17
Red-tailed Hawk	01/01/95 CL 1; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 12; 01/07/95 J&JT 12; 01/08/95 T 12; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 3; 01/14/95 WS 12; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 11; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/11/94 L&S 15; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 5; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/24/94 MT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 21
American Kestrel	01/01/95 CL 2; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 4; 01/07/95 J&JT 4; 01/08/95 T 6; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 10; 01/14/95 WS 4; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 5; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 21; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 5
Common Moorhen	01/11/95 CL&HJ 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 1
American Coot	01/01/95 CL 200; 01/01/95 HHo 25; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 86; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 500
Killdeer	01/07/95 J&JT 45; 01/08/95 T 14; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 3; 01/14/95 WS 2; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 2; 01/15/95 E&SH 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 3; 12/11/94 L&S 28; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 12; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 18; 12/26/94 ShCBC 29
Spotted Sandpiper	12/26/94 ShCBC 1
Common Snipe	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 12; 12/11/94 L&S 18; 12/26/94 ShCBC 34
American Woodcock	12/26/94 ShCBC 1
Bonaparte's Gull	01/01/95 CL 10; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 68
Ring-billed Gull	01/01/95 CL 200; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 5; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 40; 01/15/95 JMcC 30; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 50; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 55; 12/26/94 ShCBC 376
Herring Gull	01/01/95 HHo 50
Forster's Tern	01/01/95 CL 40; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 15; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 5; 12/26/94 ShCBC 52
Rock Dove	01/07/95 J&JT 10; 01/08/95 T 156; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 WS 4; 01/20/95 H&PH 12; 12/11/94 L&S 4; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 200; 12/26/94 ShCBC 181
Mourning Dove	01/07/95 J&JT 6; 01/08/95 T 3; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 4; 01/12/95 BW 2; 01/14/95 WS 2; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 4; 01/15/95 E&SH 14; 12/11/94 L&S 53; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/21/94 HHo 8; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 59
Inca Dove	12/29/94 PD 1
Barn Owl	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 1; 01/14/95 WS 3
Eastern Screech-Owl	01/14/95 WS 1; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 9
Great Horned Owl	01/14/95 WS 1; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 1
Barred Owl	01/14/95 WS 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 3
Belted Kingfisher	01/08/95 T 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 2; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/26/94 ShCBC 11
Red-headed Woodpecker	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 1; 01/07/95 GF 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	01/04/95 MT 1; 01/07/95 J&JT 2; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 LR 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/12/95 BW 1; 01/14/95 WS 2; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 4; 01/15/95 E&SH 2; 01/15/95 B&BW 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 10; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/26/94 ShCBC 32; 12/29/94 HHo 2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 3; 01/04/95 MT 1; 01/07/95 J&JT 3; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/12/95 BW 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 6; 01/15/95 B&BW 1; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 36
Downy Woodpecker	01/07/95 J&JT 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 3; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 4; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/26/94 ShCBC 17; 12/29/94 HHo 1
Hairy Woodpecker	01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1
Northern Flicker	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 6; 01/07/95 J&JT 4; 01/08/95 T 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 4; 01/20/95 H&PH 4; 12/11/94 L&S 9; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 51
Pileated Woodpecker	01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 13
Eastern Wood-Pewee	12/24/94 J,J,KT 3
Eastern Phoebe	01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 10; 01/07/95 J&JT 2; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 3; 01/15/95 B&BW 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/26/94 ShCBC 22
Horned Lark	01/11/95 CL&HJ 50; 12/11/94 L&S 90
Blue Jay	01/04/95 MT 4; 01/07/95 J&JT 3; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 LR 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/14/95 WS 4; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 0; 01/15/95 E&SH 3; 01/20/95 H&PH 4; 12/11/94 L&S 4; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 10; 12/26/94 ShCBC 70; 12/29/94 HHo 3
American Crow	01/07/95 J&JT 10; 01/08/95 T 30; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 3; 01/14/95 WS 2; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 5; 01/20/95 H&PH 6; 12/11/94 L&S 200; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 146
Fish Crow	01/09/95 L&S 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 25
Carolina Chickadee	01/04/95 GF 2; 01/07/95 J&JT 3; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 LR 2; 01/09/95 MT 2; 01/12/95 BW 4; 01/14/95 WS 2; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 3; 12/11/94 L&S 12; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 10; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 8; 12/21/94 HHo 2; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 119
Tufted Titmouse	01/04/95 GF 2; 01/09/95 LR 1; 01/12/95 BW 6; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 4; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 5; 12/26/94 ShCBC 52
White-breasted Nuthatch	01/03/95 HHo 1; 01/04/95 GF 2; 01/09/95 LR 1; 01/12/95 BW 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 8
Brown-headed Nuthatch	01/14/95 GF 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 14
Brown Creeper	01/12/95 BW 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 5
Carolina Wren	01/04/95 GF 2; 01/07/95 J&JT 3; 01/08/95 T 3; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 MT 2; 01/12/95 BW 2; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/21/94 HHo 2; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 49
Bewick's Wren	01/02/95 CL&BillW 1

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House Wren	01/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 3
Winter Wren	01/01/95 CL 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 4
Sedge Wren	01/01/95 CL 1
Marsh Wren	12/26/94 ShCBC 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	01/01/95 CL 2; 01/12/95 BW 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 13
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	01/01/95 CL 8; 01/07/95 J&JT 2; 01/08/95 T 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/12/95 HHO 1; 01/12/95 BW 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/11/94 L&S 16; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 145
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	01/01/95 CL 1; 01/02/95 CL&BillW 1
Eastern Bluebird	01/01/95 CL 8; 01/03/95 HHO 4; 01/07/95 J&JT 8; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 10; 01/14/95 WS 4; 01/14/95 GF 4; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 5; 01/15/95 B&BW 10; 01/20/95 H&PH 9; 12/11/94 L&S 40; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 127
Hermit Thrush	01/01/95 CL 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 18
American Robin	01/03/95 HHO 3; 01/07/95 J&JT 60; 01/08/95 T 10; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 MT 30; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 40; 01/14/95 WS 40; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 125; 01/15/95 E&SH 5; 01/15/95 B&BW 20; 01/20/95 H&PH 8; 12/11/94 L&S 4; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 70; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 35; 12/24/94 MT 11; 12/26/94 ShCBC 294
Northern Mockingbird	01/04/95 MT 2; 01/07/95 J&JT 5; 01/08/95 T 4; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/14/95 WS 4; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/11/94 L&S 12; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 5; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 59; 12/29/94 HHO 1
Brown Thrasher	01/01/95 CL 1; 01/08/95 T 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 GF 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 2; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 15
American Pipit	01/02/95 CL&BillW 302; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 3; 01/07/95 J&JT 35; 01/08/95 T 25; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 4; 01/20/95 H&PH 23; 12/11/94 L&S 40
Cedar Waxwing	01/01/95 CL 30; 01/07/95 GF 11; 01/07/95 J&JT 4; 01/08/95 T 4; 01/09/95 MT 25; 01/14/95 SH 9; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 20; 01/15/95 B&BW 10; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 6; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 0
Loggerhead Shrike	01/01/95 CL 1; 01/07/95 J&JT 6; 01/08/95 HHO 1; 01/08/95 T 4; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 15; 01/14/95 WS 6; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 3; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 3; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 21
European Starling	01/07/95 J&JT 20; 01/08/95 T 200; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 7; 01/14/95 WS 2; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 250; 12/11/94 L&S 1000; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 75; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 286; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 500; 12/26/94 ShCBC 167
Solitary Vireo	01/01/95 CL 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 2
Orange-crowned Warbler	01/01/95 CL 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 7
Yellow-rumped Warbler	01/01/95 CL 10; 01/03/95 HHO 6; 01/07/95 J&JT 2; 01/08/95 T 4; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 35; 01/12/95 BW 6; 01/14/95 WS 3; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 130; 01/15/95 B&BW 25; 01/20/95 H&PH 4; 12/11/94 L&S 11; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 95; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 25; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 6; 12/26/94 ShCBC 113
Pine Warbler	01/07/95 GF 2; 01/09/95 LR 1; 01/14/95 GF 8; 01/20/95 H&PH 2; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 108
Palm Warbler	01/02/95 CL&BillW 1
Common Yellowthroat	01/02/95 CL&BillW 2
Northern Cardinal	01/04/95 GF 12; 01/04/95 MT 4; 01/07/95 J&JT 10; 01/08/95 T 8; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 LR 2; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/14/95 WS 6; 01/15/95 B&BW 6; 01/20/95 H&PH 32; 12/11/94 L&S 26; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 5; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/21/94 HHO 6; 12/26/94 ShCBC 139
Rufous-sided Towhee	12/11/94 L&S 3; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 10
Chipping Sparrow	01/01/95 CL 4; 01/20/95 H&PH 4; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 2; 12/21/94 HHO 3; 12/26/94 ShCBC 311
Field Sparrow	01/07/95 J&JT 3; 01/15/95 B&BW 6; 01/20/95 H&PH 5; 12/11/94 L&S 2
Vesper Sparrow	01/07/95 J&JT 2; 01/14/95 WS 3
Savannah Sparrow	01/07/95 J&JT 15; 01/08/95 T 10; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 12; 12/11/94 L&S 6; 12/26/94 ShCBC 9
LeConte's Sparrow	01/01/95 CL 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 2
Fox Sparrow	01/07/95 J&JT 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 9; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 8
Song Sparrow	01/01/95 CL 3; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 WS 2; 01/15/95 E&SH 1; 01/15/95 B&BW 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 8; 12/11/94 L&S 13; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 6; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 1; 12/26/94 ShCBC 39
Lincoln's Sparrow	01/09/95 L&S 1
Swamp Sparrow	01/08/95 T 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 32
White-throated Sparrow	01/01/95 CL 2; 01/04/95 GF 6; 01/07/95 J&JT 12; 01/08/95 T 5; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 LR 2; 01/14/95 WS 4; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 5; 01/20/95 H&PH 15; 12/11/94 L&S 50; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 8; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/21/94 HHO 2; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 8; 12/26/94 ShCBC 179; 12/26/94 MT 8
White-crowned Sparrow	01/07/95 J&JT 20; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/14/95 WS 4; 01/15/95 E&SH 2; 01/20/95 H&PH 2
Harris' Sparrow	01/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 01/12/95 PD 1; 01/14/95 WS 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 1
Dark-eyed Junco	01/01/95 CL 50; 01/03/95 HHO 1; 01/04/95 GF 30; 01/04/95 MT 1; 01/07/95 J&JT 4; 01/08/95 T 3; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/09/95 LR 5; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 6; 01/14/95 WS 3; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 75; 01/15/95 B&BW 6; 01/20/95 H&PH 6; 12/11/94 L&S 12; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 35; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 35; 12/26/94 ShCBC 268
Red-winged Blackbird	01/07/95 J&JT 2000; 01/08/95 T 1; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 3; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 300; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 100; 01/15/95 E&SH 39; 01/20/95 H&PH 50; 12/11/94 L&S 1000; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 6; 12/26/94 ShCBC 379
Eastern Meadowlark	01/07/95 J&JT 75; 01/08/95 T 20; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 50; 01/14/95 WS 12; 01/15/95 E&SH 14; 01/20/95 H&PH 42; 12/11/94 L&S 90; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 22; 12/26/94 ShCBC 107
Rusty Blackbird	01/02/95 CL&BillW 111; 01/04/95 CL,HJ,Bi 3; 01/07/95 J&JT 3; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 20; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 8; 01/20/95 H&PH 9; 12/26/94 ShCBC 45
Brewer's Blackbird	01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 10; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/20/95 H&PH 3
Common Grackle	01/04/95 MT 25; 01/07/95 J&JT 4; 01/08/95 T 20; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/11/95 CL&HJ 300; 01/14/95 WS 6; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 250; 01/15/95 E&SH 4; 01/20/95 H&PH 40; 12/11/94 L&S 1000; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 10; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 22; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 25; 12/26/94 ShCBC 1492

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Brown-headed Cowbird	01/07/95 J&JT 4; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 6; 01/14/95 WS 26; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 1; 01/15/95 E&SH 8; 01/20/95 H&PH 70; 12/11/94 L&S 2; 12/26/94 ShCBC 172
Purple Finch	01/09/95 LR 2; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 7; 01/16/95 JMcC 4
House Finch	01/04/95 MT 2; 01/12/95 BW 4; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 35; 01/20/95 H&PH 1; 12/17/94 J,J,KT 8; 12/21/94 HHo 1 ; 12/24/94 J,J,KT 30; 12/26/94 ShCBC 10
Pine Siskin	01/03/95 HHo 1
American Goldfinch	01/01/95 CL 10; 01/09/95 LR 5; 01/14/95 GF 1; 01/15/95 B&BW 2; 01/20/95 H&PH 24 ; 12/11/94 L&S 2 ; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 10; 12/26/94 ShCBC 103
House Sparrow	01/07/95 J&JT 2; 01/08/95 T 2; 01/09/95 L&S 1; 01/10/95 WS&HJ 2; 01/14/95 WS 7; 01/14/95 J,J,KT 10; 01/20/95 H&PH 12; 12/11/94 L&S 1; 12/18/94 J,J,KT 4; 12/26/94 ShCBC 49
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March 14, 1995

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And

"Cavity Nesters"

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## BSG Atlas Quad

### East Point

The Bird Study Group is taking one quad as a group project for the Louisiana Breeding Bird Atlas this spring. Our quad is **East Point**. **Mac Hardy** is the coordinator; if you want more information and/or want to help with this quad please let Mac know.

## In Sympathy

Our sincere condolences go out to the family members saddened by the death of Mr. Lea R. Hall. To Bill Hall and Jane we especially offer our sympathy in the loss of his brother.

We also were saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Wellborn Jack, Sr. To Wellborn Jack, Jr. and his family, please accept our condolences in the loss of his mother.

## BIRD QUIZ #30

### A BIRD QUIZ THAT WILL NOT BE HARD TO SWALLOW

1. Which Louisiana swallow(s) are known to eat berries?
2. Most swallows have white eggs, yet the eggs of the **Barn, Cave, and Cliff Swallows** are white, spotted with brown. Why?
3. How many swallows, common to Louisiana, nest in colonies?
4. Why are swallows called swallows?
5. Why are martins called martins?
6. Which swallow is known to lays its eggs in the nests of other individuals of the same species?
7. Name a behavior that **Rough-winged Swallows** perform that **Bank Swallows** never perform.
8. Why is the **Rough-winged Swallow** so named?
9. Which swallow winters the farthest south?
10. In which swallow do the young birds hang out at the nests of other swallows of the same species in order to steal food?

### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #29

1. The **Sandhill Crane** did breed in Louisiana. The last Louisiana record of adults with chicks was 1918.
2. Florida and Mississippi have their own recognized subspecies of **Sandhill Crane**.
3. The island nation of Cuba has its own recognized subspecies of **Sandhill Crane**.
4. Two eggs are normally laid per clutch (range 1-3).
5. The Platte River in Nebraska is famous for its

abundance of **Sandhill Cranes** during migration.

6. It is thought that **Sandhill Cranes** start to breed at 3-4 years of age but it may be at a much older age.
7. Both parents normally incubate the eggs.
8. The young stay with the parents for up to 10 months.
9. **Sandhill Cranes** are named after the sandhills of Nebraska.
10. The oldest **Sandhill Crane** on record was 18 years and 3 months old.

## A River Bottom Diary Part Six

Late winter brings a certain calm upon the river land. Though colder, February shares many similarities to its reciprocal August. During the doldrums of winter the land sleeps and the wildlife just tries to get by. Relieved of the strain of reproduction or the urgency of migration, the birds and the mammals slow their pace and only do what is necessary to fuel the fire of life.

There is a good stand of Johnsongrass and Giant Ragweed in a neglected corner of an adjacent farm. It has much to teach about the life of wintering sparrows. Early in winter the sparrows relish its seeds and cover. Ragweed seed is an important food for small birds. It's recently bare stalks are thick, strong, and spreading. Prey species use this cover to take refuge from raptors by day and from owls by night. Rarely have I seen a hawk stoop into dead ragweed. To do so would likely lead to injury at the point of a sharp cane. As winter proceeds, this sanctuary degrades as the ragweed decays and the seed supply diminishes. There is a noticeable shift in February amongst the sparrows which move from the ragweed to heavier, more woody cover. This is a sign of harder times. Indeed the feeding stations scattered around the farm are more frequently visited now.

Many of the sparrows that winter on the farm carry leg bands. From these little subjects of scrutiny has come a wealth of insight into their



lives. Rarely are banded White Crowned Sparrows seen far from the area where they were originally caught. Even returning birds which were banded the previous year seem to stay close to a chosen home range. This reliance on a specific patch of weeds makes them vulnerable to any change that might come to their place. I no longer burn ditch banks or mow weeds in winter. A "clean farm" once appealed to me but that was before I learned the value of winter ragweed. Indeed, little that grows wild lacks purpose or value.

The blackbirds' strategy is quite different of course. They are marauders, gleaners of surplus. They, in swirling, mixed flocks of Cowbirds, Redwings, and Grackles descend upon the ragweed to the expense of the locals and clean out what can be found in a day or less and then on they go to swarm on the larder of another field somewhere distant. Behind they leave a pillaged food source and sparrows who must scratch deeper in the ground litter each day.

As in August, the birds in February foretell of change, as singing is more vibrant now on the warmer mornings and plumage is brighter. Spring is not so far off. By the 2nd the Woodcock are displaying in the evenings and a flock of Least Sandpipers scurries about the shore of the marsh each day. The Red-tailed Hawks seem tamer in later winter. The Cotton Rats must be getting fewer and more educated. A young female Cooper's Hawk has settled into hunting at the feeding stations. It is only fair that raptors also benefit from the feeders. The hawk's presence makes the bird feeder complete. I must make a point to check below her favorite perches for spent leg bands.

## BANDING DAY A BIG SUCCESS

On Saturday, 11 February, many hearty souls braved the wind, rain and cold to attend the annual bird banding expedition at Paul Dickson's property. This year we banded at the deer farm instead of the house. A total of 71 new birds of 12 species were banded: Carolina Chickadee (2), Eastern Tufted Titmouse (3), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1), Brown Thrasher (1), Northern

Cardinal (8), White-crowned Sparrow (21), White-throated Sparrow (4), Song Sparrow (16), Swamp Sparrow (2), Lincoln Sparrow (1), American Goldfinch (11), and Red-winged Blackbird (1). Four birds that had been banded in previous years were also netted: one American Goldfinch (originally banded in 1993) and three White-crowned Sparrows (originally banded in 1994).

\*\*\* Jim Ingold

## OUTINGS

**March 11.**--Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, Ponderosa Farm for **Wild Turkeys**, woodland and meadow birds, early spring migrants. *Where/When:* 6 AM Carpool from LSUS Museum of Life Sciences (We need to be there very early for the turkeys). Leader: Hubert Hervey **925-9249**.

**March 18.**--LSU Experiment Station for the last of the winter residents, and first of the spring migrants. Pipits (**Sprague's Pipit** is possible), **Horned Larks**, **Western Meadowlarks**, **Bewick's Wren**, shorebirds, and sparrows. *Where/When:* Carpool from LSUS Museum of Life Sciences, 7:00 AM. Leader: Bill Hall **797-1727**.

**April 8.**--Kisatchie Natl. Forest, Longleaf Vista Area. All Day Trip for piney woods residents, perhaps **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** and **Bachman's Sparrow**. *Where/When:* LSUS Museum of Life Sciences, 7:00 AM. Leader: Charlie Lyon **865-2674**.

**April 22.**--Soda Lake WMA. Beautiful woods, bayou and lakes for spring migrants, warblers, hawks, and shorebirds. *Where/When:* N. Market St. What-a-Burger 7:00 AM. Leader: Mac Hardy **797-5338** (w) or **687-6738** (h).

**April 28-30.**--Louisiana Ornithological Society Spring Meeting, Cameron, La. Have I said "best trip of the year," yet? Peerless two-day meeting/outing, one of the best places for neotropical migrants in the U. S. For more information call Hubert Hervey **925-9249**.

**CORRECTIONS:** **Herring Gull** 01/01/95 HHo 50 and **Eastern Wood-Pewee** 12/24/94 J,J,KT 3, should be deleted.

## T-Shirt Sales

Several styles and colors of Bird Study Group T-Shirts are available. If your favorite combination is not in Will's T-shirt box, place an order with Will Smolenski at the next meeting or call him at 865-2938.

## 10th Anniversary

The Bird Study Group is almost ten years old! Next year we will celebrate our tenth anniversary and plans are developing now. Jim Ingold is organizing our celebration; let him (797-5236) know your ideas to make this a fun and memorable event.

## Other Meetings

The Southwestern Association of Naturalists, a professional organization of biologists from an eight state region of the southwestern United States, will meet in Shreveport during April 6-8. Co-hosted by Centenary College and LSU in Shreveport, the scientific presentations and most other activities will be held at Centenary.

The Association of Interpretive Naturalists will also be meeting in Shreveport during March 5-8. See Larry Raymond for more information.

## BIRDING FUN: EAST TEXAS

Saturday, January 21, 1995, the Terrible T's shanghaied Rosemary Seidler to take a birding tour of Lake O' the Pines. We were only slightly late picking up Rosemary. Kathryn said that we would have been forgiven if we had stopped and bought some doughnuts. But we had to stop and count **Double-crested Cormorants** flying towards Champion Lake.

Crossing the Texas line, we immediately spotted the rare "murrican" crow, an auspicious beginning. After a pause at Waskom to juice up our vehicle, we started down FM 134 where on a pond just off the road we found **Lesser Scaup**. A bit further up the same road we had a bonanza of "dickey" birds. We spotted **American Goldfinches, Northern Cardinals, Brown Creepers, Brown-headed Nuthatches, Field** happy. Licking our wounds and candy, we birded

**Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, White-throated Sparrows, an American Kestrel, etc.** What a start to a birding trip! Unfortunately, we didn't do quite so well on the rest of the stops towards our ultimate destination. We had great close up views of **Cedar Waxwings** feeding on privet berries just outside of Jefferson. Rosemary bemoaned her lack of a camera. The birds displayed all their most photogenic sides within six to ten feet.

After a great deal more stopping and starting, we arrived at the lake. Our decision was to do the dam and south side of the lake before lunch and the north side after lunch. At the dam **Common Goldeneyes, Pied-billed Grebes, Double-crested Cormorants, Ring-billed Gulls,** the ubiquitous **American Coot,** scaup (mostly lesser) and **Common Loons** were seen. Hordes of fisherpersons were also present.

The next stop was at Lakeside Park at the other end of the dam where we met a young birder, Cameron Cox, of NETFO. He said that we could spot **Canvasbacks** and a **Bald Eagle** from that area. We trekked up the park road (closed to auto traffic) and not only found the **Canvasback,** but had some great views of a **Horned Grebe,** a lifer for Kathryn and me. Unfortunately the **Bald Eagle** had been called away. (Cameron's mom deserves a medal of some sort. She is not a birder, but she does chauffeur Cameron around on his birding tours.)

Cameron recommended Sunrise Cove on the south side of the lake and Alley Creek Park on the north side of the lake as good places to visit. At Sunrise Cove the wind had picked up so we didn't see much except more **Common Loons** and **Horned Grebes.** But at Alley Creek Park, we found the elusive **Bald Eagle.** The water was much calmer -- no choppy water or waves to obscure vision. A group of **Lesser Scaup** had a diving **Hooded Merganser** bouncing in and out of their party. We scouted out birds, pushed, hooted, and kissed hands until our ears rang, but we still only had 58 bird species on our checklist. No **Great Egret,** no **Belted Kingfisher,** not even a **Brown-headed Cowbird** to be found no matter how hard we looked. We weren't even trying for rarities.

A brief stop at the Fudge Store in Jefferson sweetened our tempers slightly and made Kathryn

our way back to Shreveport. All in all a very satisfactory day even if the magic 60 eluded us.

A trip to Lake O' the Pines is highly recommended to our BSG members who haven't been there. We have a map and some written literature on what to look for and where to go. There are some other spots in Texas that would make a nice day trip that Jeff, Kathryn, and I hope to make soon. Rosemary is still invited to go with us.

\*\*\* Jean Trahan

## Cross Lake Barge Trip

Chuck Moffett's barge and arrangements went off like clockwork. Many of us enjoyed seeing the water birds, as the weather cleared up just in time. Too bad Barron Landing's barge had no steering. We got out into the bay without crashing but I soon determined that it was not safe to continue if I couldn't guide the barge. Jeff Trahan took a paddle and pushed the rear of the motor around so the barge would go in the direction of the boat dock. We returned successfully, but I was sad that people who were prepared for a day on the lake couldn't go out. Some of us did join Chuck's group later.

We saw a **Horned Grebe**, **52 Canvasbacks**, and two adult **Bald Eagles**. One delighted us by catching a fish in front of the barge and flying to a nearby pine tree to eat it. One merganser (Red-breasted or Common) flew around the barge and left us wondering what it was. Odds are 95% it was Red-breasted.

I am open to your suggestions as to how to solve the problem of barge breakdown when furnished by Barron's Landing. Trip total was 42 species.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## Favorite Birding Places

I can't believe that you don't have any favorite birding place, and I have so many. The obvious choice is "where I live." Since I can't write about birding around your home, why don't you? This

Nature's beautiful places somehow inspire a

feature was intended to make it possible for you to tell us about a place that you really enjoy birding, and I have written every article so far. Help me out please, because when I write about birding at my farm you will know that my contribution to this series has ended. But I'm not finished yet!

Several of our BSG members have been with me to this place. They will recognize it, I'm sure. The rest of you will have to ask personally because I doubt I'll ever lead a BSG trip to it. The reason is because I treasure the remote, wild atmosphere of this cypress swamp lake area and dread any further development that would detract from its natural beauty. A picture of tall cypress trees, draped with Spanish moss, dripping wet in the early morning mist will set the scene for you. Nutria swim across the duck weed covered waters. The young cling to their mother's back, slowing her progress. Her nipples are located along her back so the young can nurse, even if she is partially submerged. I hear the grunts of the young alligators, still counting on mama gator's protection. If they are in danger from papa she will run him off.

A naturalist that I took on a tour of the lake commented about the richness of the water life. Plants are everywhere and so is life, even life to spare. Another of my friends took home a dozen young cypress trees to add to his Bonsai collection. They are dwarfing well. **Peregrine Falcons** stop here in migration, perhaps attracted by the **Wood Ducks**, **Pied-billed Grebes**, or **Blue-winged Teal**. Dragonflies dance everywhere, attracting **Barn Swallows**, **Purple Martins**, and other insect-eaters. **Parula Warblers** hide their nests from all eyes in the thick Spanish Moss. **Red-headed Woodpeckers** find dead trees in the lake especially to they liking. I'm glad they have a place free from **European Starlings**.

The heronry here is small; on a side slough are 25-30 nests. It is a noisy time in June with young **Little Blue Herons**, **Great Egrets**, **Great Blue Herons**, **Anhingas**, and **Yellow-crowned Night-Herons**, all calling for more fish, or crawfish, or frogs, or (well, you get the idea). I have also seen **Tri-colored Herons** and **Black-crowned Night-Herons** and suspect that they nest somewhere nearby.

religious reverence in me. Once when leading a BSG boat tour into Norton's Lake I asked the group for silence, so we could all feel the awesome sensation such a place inspires. I sincerely hope you are aware of such a place where you can go and achieve an inner peace. May you find time to make that special place your own again, real soon.

\*\*\* Hubert Hervey

## NOTICE - BREEDING BIRD ATLAS SURVEYORS

David Weidenfeld will be in Shreveport, Saturday, March 25th to conduct an "in-the-field" clinic for us. Those who have volunteered to survey a quad will benefit from this outing. The location has not yet been decided, but since East Point is our club quad, that is a possibility. Other club members interested in learning what is involved in the Breeding Bird Atlas and surveying techniques may also attend. Full details should be available by the time of the March club meeting.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## BAYOU PIERRE WATERFOWL REFUGE OPENS

On February 23, 1995 I was able to locate the newly opened BPWR. I am certain you will enjoy birding on this 1400-acre refuge in the future. The old field between Bayou Pierre and the Connisnia Lake Canal is flooded and holding from 1 - 5 feet of water. A new levee, taller and wider than the old one, enclosed a 200 acre area, with 185 acres under water. The ducks and other waterfowl are not easily visible because of the height of the flooded vegetation. Over 400 individual of five species were seen, with 60 Pintails being the most exciting discovery. Plans for further development is evident. Smartweed, native millets and other native moist soil plants are to be encouraged rather than seasonal plantings.

Access is difficult at this time and involves a

walk of about 1-1/2 miles. If it has been dry for a week, it is possible to drive 1/2 mile of the way. Refer to the Hot Spot Site Guide for Yearwood Road published in the newsletter last year for directions, or call me at 925-9249. The trail in is a roadway and easily walked if dry. It is gumbo river clay and impossible to travel on if wet.

Hardwood trees have been planted on 90 acres with plans to plant 100 acres next year. Much of the hardwoods will eventually be flooded and used by Mallards and Wood Ducks as a green tree reservoir. Road improvement is scheduled for this summer. A viewing tower over the impoundment is planned. I encourage you to visit this area now. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is well aware of our interest and your presence may have an impact on future usage plans. Let them know that we appreciate their efforts and thank them for including the interests of birdwatchers in their plans.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## BODCAU BAYOU CAMPING & BIRD OUTING

We plan to combine a lot of activities on the weekend of March 10th and 11th. Join us at the campsite near the dam. Come Friday afternoon and set up your tents or camping trailers. Jim will be banding birds. Would it be too much to expect a returning Henslow Sparrow? Saturday a.m. we will try to locate some wild turkeys. We have had good luck twice in a row with strutting and gobbling Toms seen by all. If you want to boat or canoe, I suggest you bring what you have, because Bodcau is a beautiful cypress-filled reservoir.

However, if you don't want to camp out, all you need to do is meet us before we leave the camping area. I plan to leave there at 7:00 a.m. sharp and go to wherever Richard McMullen says we can find Turkeys. These final details are hard to say for certain so I suggest you call me at 925-9249 for any changes in plans. Of course, the camping portion is dependent upon decent weather.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## MINUTES of the LAST BOARD MEETING

The last Board Meeting of the BSG committee members was held on February 7, 1995. Hubert Hervey read the minutes from the board meeting of November 1, 1994, which was approved, following correction of the misspelling of Eleanor Craven to Elinor Craven. The Treasurer's January Report was called in. Combined balance of our account is \$1,988.47 with \$91.76 in the Post Office account. The Bird Report will be checked closer for errors before being turned in. A Northern Oriole was seen and written up. Regarding the Hot Spots, Cross Lake should be turned in. No comments have been made regarding the hot spots already published in Newsletter. An editorial committee consisting of Larry, Jim, Jeff and Mac was formed for review and standardizing. Birding Trips - February 11 at Paul Dixon's for Banding. February 18 to Cheneyville for Sandhill Cranes. Fund-Raising - Will has 24 more T-shirts to sell. At each meeting they will be available for sale. Larry has volunteered to arrive early to sell the shirts. Suggestions for advertising were signs or banners before the next meeting and hanging them up to be seen at the meetings. The next meeting will be in the Science Lecture Auditorium at 7:00pm. Jim Ingold invited his Animal Behavioral Class to attend Dr. Thomas Sherry's program on the American Redstart. The Hospitality Committee will prepare accordingly. Historian - the BSG will celebrate its tenth year anniversary next year. Jim suggested a banquet, and someone like Roger Tory Peterson as our speaker. Jim and Larry are on that committee. Membership - no report. The BSG members are encouraged to write articles for the newsletter. Beginning Birders - Jim led 24 people on a trip. Bickham Dickson Park in February is good for beginners. On March 11 is the Bodcau Trip. Programs - March - Bluebirds. This is a fundraiser program. Jim and Will need help in building bluebird houses. Good, strong advertising should pull in more guests for the Bluebird program. Mac will help build bluebird houses. April program is Steve Lynch on his trip to Africa. May is open with a couple of possibilities,

June is an ornithologist from Mississippi on neotropical migrants.

Hubert read a letter from Van Remson regarding cooperation by our group in writing up birds. Also, Hubert passed their letter around to Ms. Elinor Craven of the Tourist Bureau regarding the Tourist Bird Book/Birding Locality Guide. Larry said March was the target date for the book. Mac agreed to print 40 or 50 bird species in each newsletter showing early and late dates, something that everyone can look at and realize the importance of dates for migratory species.

Hubert had some seeds for sale that he purchased in New Orleans at the LOS meeting to attract hummingbirds. Six species of hummingbirds were seen in New Orleans.

Jeff read the Contest Rules - 2 \$50.00 prizes for most birds seen. One prize for the period September - December, the other for January - May. Only those birds seen on BSG trips will count. Both contestant and group leader have to sign checklists which must be turned in by December. A committee appointed by the President will determine the winner and award the prizes. The rules are to be printed and put in the newsletter.

Will made a motion to give \$100.00 to NAI. It was seconded and passed. The LA Conservation question - Hubert read letter of suggestions, and asked for comments, or changes. A motion to send as is passed.

Mac announced April 6, 7 and 8 is the 8th Regional meeting for biologist - will have bird outings - southwestern committee to elect. A nominating committee consisting of Will, Shirley and Jeff will report at April general meeting with recommendation for five board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held February 14, 1995 in the Science Lecture Auditorium of the LSU-S campus. Hubert Hervey opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Dr. Jim Ingold, Program Chairman, introduced Dr. Thomas Sherry who gave a program on the American Redstart. Redstart males began declining in the mid-80's, but began rising in 1987, up over 50% in 1989, but lower in 1990, with nest predation the primary cause by Red Squirrels, Blue Jays, Flying Squirrels, Chipmunks, Raccoons, Fishers and Black Bears. Hubbard Brooks has a total of nineteen predators, but have a refuge which partially protects because of their work. Also, habitat makes a difference which is being destroyed. Favorite wintering habitat of the American Redstart is Black Mangrove.

Sympathy is extended to Dr. Bill Hall for the loss of his brother and to Wellborn Jack for the loss of his mother.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. Betty Mason gave the Treasurer's Report. \$1,739.12 in the Pioneer Account, \$281.02 Museum, and \$42.93 at the Post Office. The club will send \$100 to the Post Office to get us through September 1995. Will Smolenski will take orders for sweat shirts for next year, but will not order more T-shirts until these are sold. Mac, Larry and Hubert worked until some midnights getting the information ready for the Tourist Center's upcoming Louisiana Birding Hot Spots publication. Jim Ingold wants a big name speaker for

our tenth year anniversary. Bill Hall will lead Cheneyville trip on February 18th. The Bodcau Trip (Turkey and camping out) is on March 11th. MARCH PROGRAM - if you know someone interested in Bluebirds or Purple Martins, ask them to come to our meeting on March 14, 1995. The April Program is Birds of South Africa by Steve Lynch. Hubert read the rules of the contest and will appoint a committee to name the winners. A \$100 contribution will be sent to NAI.

Larry Raymond received a call re: a Summer Tanager seen every year. Also, an Inca Dove was reported. Seventeen people took part in the test Christmas count at Caddo Lake in December, 1994. It was a 17 mile radius, and encircled Caddo Lake Dam and the State Park. Will had a report of a Northern Oriole. Eagles at Lake DeGray are still dying.

Jim Ingold had an article on Blue Grosbeaks published in Wild Bird.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

## NEXT MEETING MARCH 14

## Extralimital Dates: Vireos

This is the first in a series of reports on extralimital dates for migratory birds in our area. In some cases, permanent residents are included if annual data is incomplete (for example, **White-eyed Vireo**). Six dates are given for each species. The first three dates are the earliest arrival dates for summer residents arriving in the spring and the last three dates are the latest departure dates for those summer residents departing in the fall (for example, the **Yellow-throated Vireo**). For winter residents, the first three dates are the latest departure dates and the last three are the earliest arrival dates in the fall (for example, the **Solitary Vireo**). The last column gives months for which additional data is needed.

<b>White-eyed Vireo</b>	01/03, 02/18, 03/20 -- 10/25, 10/31, 11/29	Report Jan., Feb., Nov., Dec.
<b>Bell's Vireo</b>	05/06, 05/24 --	Report all dates.
<b>Solitary Vireo</b>	04/12, 04/13, 04/23 -- 09/18, 09/27, 10/15	Report Apr. through Sep.
<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b>	03/17, 03/25, 03/30 -- 09/23, 10/17, 10/30	Report Mar. and earlier; Oct. and later.
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>	04/18, 04/23, 04/26 -- 09/15, 09/21, 10/13	Report Apr. and earlier; Oct. and later.
<b>Philadelphia Vireo</b>	04/14, 04/18, 04/30 -- 09/15, 09/21, 10/16	Report Apr. and earlier; Oct. and later.
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>	03/30, 03/31, 04/03 -- 10/04, 10/16, 10/30	Report Mar. and earlier; Oct. and later.

## BIRD NOTES -- FEBRUARY

Compiled March 2, 1995

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
B&BW	Bob & Bobbe Wommack	01/25/95 Residence
BH	Bill Hall	02/17/95 residence
BSG	Bird Study Group	02/18/95 S. of Alex & Mr. Wimples Farm.; 02/18/95 S. of Alex Indian Creek St. Rec. Area
BW	Bobbe Wommack	02/09/95 Residence; 02/10/95 Residence
GF	Gloria Frantom	02/09/95 Residence
H&PH	Hubert and Pat Hervey	02/16/95 Stonewall Farm; 02/20/95 Bayou Pierre Waterfowl Refuge; 02/20/95 Yearwood Road
HHo	Helen Hood	01/19/95 Residence; 01/26/95 Residence; 01/28/95 Residence; 01/29/95 South Lakeshore Dr. Cross Lake; 02/13/95 Residence
Jl	Jim Ingold	01/25/95 West 70th @ Youree Dr.; 02/02/95 Hamel's Memorial Park and Red River; 02/16/95 Youree Drive @ Burt Kouns
JMCC	Jim McCain	02/01/95 Residence; 02/01/95 Dixie, La Hwy 173; 02/02/95 Belcher, La Hwy 71; 02/08/95 Bickham Middle School; 02/15/95 Residence

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
LR	Larry Raymond	02/11/95 Residence
MT	Margo Tuller	01/25/95 Residence; 01/26/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.; 01/27/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.; 01/28/95 residence; 01/29/95 Residence; 01/29/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.; 01/30/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.; 01/31/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.; 02/01/95 Residence; 02/01/95 Residence; 02/02/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.; 02/03/95 Residence; 02/05/95 Residence; 02/13/95 Residence; 02/17/95 East Gate Shopping Center
NC	Norma Cobb	02/13/95 Residence
SH	Shirley Huss	02/14/95 Residence; 02/15/95 Residence
TS	Thomas Sanders	02/14/95 Hutchinson St., near Hillsdale Elem. Sch.; 02/15/95 Hutchinson St., near Hillsdale Elem. Sch.; 02/16/95 Hutchinson St., near Hillsdale Elem. Sch.
WM&MT	Will Smolenski & Margo Tuller	02/05/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.
WS	Will Smolenski	02/01/95 7543 Millbrook Dr.; 02/13/95 Bickham Dickson Park; 02/17/95 C. Bickham Dickson Park

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	02/13/95 WS 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/17/95 WS 2; 02/18/95 BSG 15
Double-crested Cormorant	01/29/95 HHO 10; 02/02/95 JI 30; 02/13/95 WS 145; 02/16/95 H&PH 12; 02/17/95 WS 17; 02/18/95 BSG 40
Great Blue Heron	01/29/95 HHO 3; 02/03/95 MT 1; 02/13/95 WS 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 3; 02/17/95 WS 2; 02/18/95 BSG 50
Great Egret	01/29/95 HHO 1; 02/13/95 WS 9; 02/16/95 H&PH 1; 02/17/95 WS 7; 02/18/95 BSG 74
Cattle Egret	02/16/95 H&PH 3; 02/18/95 BSG 37
White Ibis	02/18/95 BSG 400
Snow Goose	02/18/95 BSG 250
Canada Goose	02/13/95 WS 7; 02/17/95 WS 6
Wood Duck	02/16/95 H&PH 4
Green-winged Teal	02/18/95 BSG 8; 02/20/95 H&PH 5
Mallard	01/29/95 HHO 11; 02/13/95 WS 5; 02/17/95 WS 4; 02/18/95 BSG 20; 02/20/95 H&PH 262
Northern Pintail	02/18/95 BSG 150; 02/20/95 H&PH 60
Northern Shoveler	02/18/95 BSG 4
American Wigeon	02/18/95 BSG 4; 02/20/95 H&PH 6
Canvasback	02/18/95 BSG 1
Lesser Scaup	02/16/95 H&PH 2
Hooded Merganser	02/18/95 BSG 5
Red-breasted Merganser	02/18/95 BSG 5
Black Vulture	02/08/95 JMCC 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 18; 02/20/95 H&PH 2
Turkey Vulture	02/08/95 JMCC 6; 02/13/95 WS 3; 02/17/95 WS 1; 02/18/95 BSG 4; 02/20/95 H&PH 8
Osprey	02/17/95 WS 1
Bald Eagle	02/08/95 JMCC 1
Northern Harrier	01/25/95 JI 1; 02/01/95 JMCC 1; 02/02/95 JMCC 1; 02/16/95 H&PH 1; 02/18/95 BSG 4; 02/20/95 H&PH 2; 02/20/95 H&PH 9
Sharp-shinned Hawk	02/18/95 BSG 1
Cooper's Hawk	01/25/95 B&BW 1; 02/16/95 H&PH 1; 02/20/95 H&PH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	02/01/95 JMCC 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/18/95 BSG 2
Red-tailed Hawk	02/01/95 MT 2; 02/08/95 JMCC 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 3; 02/18/95 BSG 14; 02/20/95 H&PH 15
American Kestrel	02/01/95 JMCC 1; 02/13/95 WS 1; 02/17/95 WS 1; 02/18/95 BSG 1; 02/20/95 H&PH 2
Northern Bobwhite	02/16/95 H&PH 8
American Coot	01/29/95 HHO 5; 02/13/95 WS 1; 02/17/95 WS 1
Sandhill Crane	02/18/95 BSG 307
Killdeer	02/02/95 JI 1; 02/08/95 JMCC 2; 02/13/95 WS 4; 02/16/95 H&PH 5; 02/17/95 WS 4; 02/18/95 BSG 95; 02/20/95 H&PH 2
Greater Yellowlegs	02/18/95 BSG 2
Lesser Yellowlegs	02/18/95 BSG 200
Spotted Sandpiper	02/02/95 JI 1
Least Sandpiper	02/18/95 BSG 165
Long-billed Dowitcher	02/18/95 BSG 180
Common Snipe	02/18/95 BSG 3
Ring-billed Gull	02/02/95 JI 21; 02/13/95 WS 45; 02/17/95 MT 36; 02/17/95 WS 17
Herring Gull	02/20/95 H&PH 3
Forster's Tern	02/02/95 JI 5; 02/13/95 WS 21; 02/16/95 H&PH 1; 02/18/95 BSG 2
Rock Dove	02/13/95 NC 25; 02/16/95 H&PH 8
Mourning Dove	01/19/95 HHO 3; 02/02/95 JI 3; 02/05/95 MT 2; 02/13/95 WS 4; 02/13/95 NC 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 3; 02/17/95 WS 2 ; 02/20/95 H&PH 1
Barn Owl	02/20/95 H&PH 1
Eastern Screech-Owl	02/16/95 H&PH 1
Barred Owl	02/01/95 JMCC 1; 02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/20/95 H&PH 2
Belted Kingfisher	02/16/95 H&PH 1; 02/18/95 BSG 3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	01/19/95 HHO 2; 02/05/95 MT 1; 02/08/95 JMCC 1; 02/09/95 GF 2; 02/11/95 LR 1; 02/13/95 WS 2; 02/13/95 NC 2;

Common Name	Data
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/17/95 BH 1; 02/17/95 WS 1; 02/18/95 BSG 3
Downy Woodpecker	02/16/95 H&PH 1; 02/20/95 H&PH 1
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	02/09/95 GF 2; 02/13/95 WS 1; 02/13/95 NC 2; 02/17/95 WS 1; 02/18/95 BSG 1
Northern Flicker	02/18/95 BSG 3 01/28/95 HHo 1; 02/09/95 GF 2; 02/13/95 WS 1; 02/16/95 H&PH 4; 02/17/95 WS 1; 02/18/95 BSG 2; 02/20/95 H&PH 2
Pileated Woodpecker	02/18/95 BSG 1
Eastern Phoebe	02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/18/95 BSG 1; 02/20/95 H&PH 2; 02/20/95 H&PH 1
Horned Lark	02/18/95 BSG 18
Purple Martin	02/16/95 II 1
Tree Swallow	02/18/95 BSG 2
Blue Jay	01/19/95 HHo 5; 02/05/95 MT 2; 02/11/95 LR 1; 02/13/95 WS 2; 02/13/95 NC 3; 02/16/95 H&PH 6; 02/18/95 BSG 3 ; 02/20/95 H&PH 6
American Crow	02/13/95 WS 6; 02/16/95 H&PH 8; 02/17/95 WS 4; 02/18/95 BSG 21; 02/20/95 H&PH 3; 02/20/95 H&PH 6
Fish Crow	02/16/95 H&PH 3; 02/18/95 BSG 50
Carolina Chickadee	01/25/95 B&BW 6; 02/11/95 LR 1; 02/13/95 WS 1; 02/13/95 NC 3; 02/16/95 H&PH 4; 02/17/95 BH 8; 02/18/95 BSG 4; 02/20/95 H&PH 2
Tufted Titmouse	01/19/95 HHo 2; 01/25/95 B&BW 6; 02/11/95 LR 1; 02/13/95 NC 3; 02/16/95 H&PH 5; 02/17/95 BH 8; 02/18/95 BSG 2
White-breasted Nuthatch	02/08/95 JMCC 1; 02/09/95 GF 2; 02/13/95 HHo 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	02/18/95 BSG 8
Carolina Wren	01/25/95 B&BW 2; 02/09/95 GF 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/18/95 BSG 3; 02/20/95 H&PH 4
House Wren	02/18/95 BSG 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	01/19/95 HHo 1; 01/25/95 B&BW 1; 02/18/95 BSG 2
Eastern Bluebird	01/26/95 HHo 2; 02/13/95 WS 15; 02/13/95 NC 2; 02/15/95 JMCC 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 11; 02/17/95 BH 2; 02/17/95 WS 5; 02/18/95 BSG 122; 02/18/95 BSG 42; 02/20/95 H&PH 8
American Robin	01/28/95 HHo 1; 02/02/95 JI 4; 02/05/95 MT 4; 02/11/95 LR 3; 02/13/95 WS 52; 02/13/95 NC 2 ; 02/14/95 SH 4 ; 02/16/95 H&PH 45; 02/17/95 WS 34; 02/18/95 BSG 60; 02/18/95 BSG 20; 02/20/95 H&PH 3
American Robin (albino)	02/14/95 TS 1; 02/15/95 TS 1; 02/16/95 TS 1
Northern Mockingbird	01/19/95 HHo 1; 02/02/95 JI 1; 02/11/95 LR 1; 02/13/95 WS 3; 02/13/95 NC 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/17/95 WS 2 ; 02/18/95 BSG 2; 02/20/95 H&PH 2
Brown Thrasher	02/16/95 H&PH 1; 02/17/95 BH 1; 02/20/95 H&PH 1
American Pipit	02/16/95 H&PH 12; 02/18/95 BSG 60
Sprague's Pipit	02/18/95 BSG 1
Cedar Waxwing	01/28/95 HHo 11; 02/08/95 JMCC 20; 02/09/95 BW 30; 02/13/95 NC 50; 02/16/95 H&PH 23; 02/18/95 BSG 105 ; 02/20/95 H&PH 4
Loggerhead Shrike	02/02/95 JMCC 1; 02/16/95 H&PH 2; 02/17/95 WS 1; 02/18/95 BSG 41; 02/20/95 H&PH 5
European Starling	02/17/95 WS 26
Yellow-rumped Warbler	01/19/95 HHo 5; 01/25/95 B&BW 10; 02/13/95 WS 46; 02/13/95 NC 5; 02/17/95 WS 42; 02/18/95 BSG 9; 02/20/95 H&PH 7
Pine Warbler	01/28/95 HHo 1; 02/09/95 GF 2; 02/13/95 NC 1; 02/16/95 H&PH 6; 02/18/95 BSG 14
Northern Cardinal	02/01/95 WS 2; 02/05/95 MT 5; 02/09/95 GF 19; 02/11/95 LR 3; 02/13/95 HHo 20; 02/13/95 WS 4; 02/13/95 NC 14 ; 02/15/95 JMCC 20; 02/16/95 H&PH 24; 02/17/95 WS 2; 02/18/95 BSG 5; 02/20/95 H&PH 9
Rufous-sided Towhee	02/11/95 LR 1; 02/18/95 BSG 1
Chipping Sparrow	01/19/95 HHo 6; 02/11/95 LR 1; 02/13/95 NC 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 20; 02/17/95 BH 15; 02/18/95 BSG 1
Field Sparrow	02/16/95 H&PH 6; 02/20/95 H&PH 8
Savannah Sparrow	02/16/95 H&PH 35; 02/18/95 BSG 24
LeConte's Sparrow	02/16/95 H&PH 2
Song Sparrow	02/16/95 H&PH 8; 02/18/95 BSG 4; 02/20/95 H&PH 16
Lincoln's Sparrow	02/16/95 H&PH 1
Swamp Sparrow	02/20/95 H&PH 80
White-throated Sparrow	01/19/95 HHo 2; 02/09/95 GF 30; 02/11/95 LR 60; 02/13/95 NC 8; 02/14/95 SH 3; 02/15/95 JMCC 6; 02/16/95 H&PH 12; 02/17/95 BH 4; 02/18/95 BSG 8; 02/20/95 H&PH 17
White-crowned Sparrow	02/01/95 WS 3; 02/13/95 WS 2; 02/20/95 H&PH 200
Dark-eyed Junco	01/19/95 HHo 1; 01/29/95 MT 3; 02/09/95 GF 20; 02/11/95 LR 2; 02/13/95 WS 11; 02/13/95 NC 2; 02/15/95 JMCC 15; 02/16/95 H&PH 7
Red-winged Blackbird	01/28/95 HHo 1; 02/13/95 WS 65; 02/13/95 NC 20; 02/16/95 H&PH 200; 02/17/95 BH 10; 02/17/95 WS 62 ; 02/18/95 BSG 1200; 02/20/95 H&PH 500
Eastern Meadowlark	02/16/95 H&PH 60; 02/18/95 BSG 27; 02/20/95 H&PH 8
Rusty Blackbird	02/16/95 H&PH 3
Common Grackle	02/11/95 LR 100; 02/13/95 WS 17; 02/13/95 NC 10; 02/14/95 SH 6; 02/16/95 H&PH 40 ; 02/17/95 BH 20 ; 02/18/95 BSG 7; 02/20/95 H&PH 100
Brown-headed Cowbird	01/29/95 MT 30; 02/13/95 WS 60; 02/13/95 NC 50; 02/14/95 SH 2; 02/16/95 H&PH 80; 02/17/95 WS 5; 02/18/95 BSG 25
Northern Oriole	01/25/95 MT 1; 01/26/95 MT 1; 01/27/95 MT 1; 01/28/95 MT 1; 01/29/95 MT 1; 01/30/95 MT 1; 01/31/95 MT 1; 02/01/95 MT 1; 02/01/95 WS 1; 02/02/95 MT 2; 02/05/95 WM&MT 1
Purple Finch	02/13/95 WS 15
House Finch	01/26/95 HHo 6; 02/01/95 WS 4; 02/05/95 MT 14; 02/13/95 NC 50; 02/15/95 SH 2; 02/17/95 WS 6
Pine Siskin	02/09/95 BW 1; 02/10/95 BW 3; 02/11/95 LR 2; 02/13/95 NC 1



Common Name	Data
American Goldfinch	01/26/95 HHo 19; 02/01/95 WS 12; 02/09/95 BW 30; 02/09/95 GF 105; 02/10/95 BW 200; 02/11/95 LR 40; 02/13/95 MT 50; 02/13/95 NC 40; 02/15/95 SH 4; 02/15/95 JMCC 20; 02/16/95 H&PH 200; 02/17/95 BH 75; 02/17/95 WS 19
House Sparrow	02/13/95 NC 25; 02/16/95 H&PH 20; 02/18/95 BSG 7 Printed 383 records of 99 species

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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318,797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

*NEXT MEETING*

April 11, 1995  
7:00 PM

## The Birds and Plants of South Africa by Dr. Steve Lynch

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Refreshments will be available at 6:30 PM  
Come early to visit, relax, buy T-shirts, pay dues  
or all of the above.

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## BSG Atlas Quad

### East Point

The Bird Study Group is taking one quad as a group project for the Louisiana Breeding Bird Atlas this spring. Our quad is **East Point**. Mac Hardy is the coordinator; if you want more information and/or want to help with this quad please let Mac know. The packet with instructions, map, and tape are in the Museum office.

### NOTICE

The popular series "A River Bottom Diary" will return in the next Newsletter.

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**WILL SMOLENSKI**, 1  
**JEFF TRAHAN**, 3  
**BOBBE WOMMACK**, 1

### Outing Dates

**April 8** -- Kisatchie Natl. Forest, Longleaf Vista Area All Day Trip for piney woods residents, perhaps **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** and **Bachman's Sparrow**. Where/When: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences, 7:00 AM. Leader: Charlie Lyon **865-2674**.

**April 22** -- Soda Lake. Beautiful woods, bayou and lakes for spring migrants, warblers, hawks, and shorebirds. Where/When: N. Market St.

What-a-Burger 7:00 AM. Leader: Mac Hardy 797-5338 (w) or 687-6738 (h).

**April 28-30** -- Louisiana Ornithological Society Spring Meeting, Cameron, La. Have I said "best trip of the year," yet? Peerless two-day meeting/outing, one of the best places for neotropical migrants in the U.S. Contact: Hubert Hervey 925-9249.

**May 6** -- Bird Study Group's "Big Day," Paul Dickson's Loggy Bayou Plantation. Spring migrants of all habitats, beautiful land, great birding, great food and fun. Where/When: Loggy Bayou Plantation, Daybreak. Leader: Paul Dickson 797-1000. Ask Paul what food you can bring.

## BIRD QUIZ #31

### I CAN NAME THAT BIRD IN TWO WORDS

Below are different bird songs put into words. How many can you recognize?

1. Spick-spacc-spitter-spee-spacc
2. Sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet
3. Te-widdle-te-widdle, te-widdle-te-wip
4. My dog has fleas
5. Drop it, drop it, cover it, cover it, pull it up, pull it up
6. Quick, three beers CHUCK!
7. Brig-a-dier Brig-a-dier brigade
8. Hick, three-bee-er
9. Sweet-sweet, where-where, here-here, see it-see it
10. Trees, trees, murmuring trees

### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #30

1. The **Tree, Cliff and Barn Swallows** are known to eat berries.

2. Swallows with white eggs nest deep in burrows or cavities, but the **Cliff, Barn and Cave Swallow's** nests are open cups and the eggs are spotted brown for protection.

3. Most swallows common to in Louisiana nest in colonies but the **Barn and Rough-winged Swallows** are the least colonial and most likely to be found nesting solitary.

4. The word swallow comes from the Middle English word *swalowe* which means to toss about, an obvious description of the flight of the swallow.

5. Martin is from the proper name "Martin" in French.

6. **Cliff Swallows** lay their eggs in the nests of other Cliff Swallows.

7. **Rough-winged Swallows** will perch on roots protruding from a stream bank, **Bank Swallows** never do.

8. The **Rough-winged Swallow** is so named because the leading edges of the primary feathers are serrated; function is unknown, but may produce sound during courtship.

9. The **Cliff Swallow** winters the furthest south; winters in South America as far south as central Argentina.

10. Young **Tree Swallows** hangout at the entrance to other **Tree Swallow** nests where they beg for food and are fed.

## Sandhill Cranes

### Migrate Through

### Northwestern Louisiana

Saturday, 11 March 1995 around 11 am to 12 noon Bill Hall is in his back yard and hears this chuckling -- or chortling sound in the air. A lot of **Sandhill Cranes** are coming in low overhead. He races to the house to get his binoculars and tell Jane of this unusual sight. They both see about 100 **Sandhill Cranes** circle slowly low overhead

as if looking for a landing spot. However, they circle twice as Bill and Jane watch in amazement as they head off in a north by northwest direction.

Because of this event, for the first time this year Bill got his bird report in to me ahead of time. This stimulated me to gather bird reports from others on my list and to spread the news. When I talked to Paul Dickson, he stated that Connor Nicholson saw some on Paul's farm on Leonard Road.

I called Connor and he told me that he saw about 100 **Sandhill Cranes** on Sunday, March 12, around 1:30 p.m. It was a sunny, clear day and he heard them loudly honking while milling around in a low flight as if to settle down. He said that he could see the rusty color on them as the cranes slowly headed off in a northerly direction.

Paul Dickson said that he feels pretty sure that he has heard them several times in Caddo and Bossier Parishes, but has never seen them. What excitement in the first reported sightings of **Sandhill Cranes** in northwestern Louisiana. But wait! Before I can get this story written Horace Jeter reported to Paul that Henry Hearne had seen some near Ninock in Bossier Parish. This is in the south section of my Bossier Christmas Bird Count area. Ninock is about eight miles south of Elm Grove and just west of U.S. 71.

I called Henry Hearne and he said that he and his wife, Sara, saw about 50 **Sandhill Cranes** around 2-4 p.m. It was a Saturday, either on March 4 or March 11. He stated that they looked like they had just taken off from having been on the ground. Henry says that they were flying relatively low and heading in a northerly direction, bugling as they left. Sara said that it was more like a whirl sound to her.

Now that the word is out, who else may have seen them in their migration to their breeding grounds in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Montana.

\*\*\* Wilfred H. Smolenski

Learn About  
**April 11 AFRICA**  
 At the BSG Meeting

## BODCAU BAYOU OUTING

A large group of campers enjoyed a lovely weekend of birding March 11 and 12 at the campground on the lake side of the dam at Bodcau. The camp fire felt real good in the cool night air and the sleeping bag was warm and cozy. One of the first birds located by Jim, Rosemary and Vicky was one of the best, a **Red-breasted Nuthatch**. The bird travelled around a fairly large area, but I think most of us got to see it. Also, two **Hermit Thrushes** right in the campground were fun to watch.

Jim Ingold had good luck banding birds Saturday morning, but had no returns from 1994. By placing the mist nets nearer the woods, he avoided the problem of so many **Eastern Meadowlarks**, severely tangled and difficult to extract.

The **Wild Turkey** locating effort was delayed until everyone got a chance to see the bird banding operation. We were able to hear turkeys several times in different places, but I was not able to entice or trick any into view. Next year, we should make two different trips to Bodcau because too much is missed by having a short trip or maybe trying to do too much.

We had 56 species, including such interesting finds as **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **Winter Wren**, **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, **Brown Creeper**, **Cattle Egret** and **Barred Owl**.

A special thanks to Robert Goins and his wife for allowing us to bird the Ponderosa Ranch and the unexpected refreshments they provided. We certainly hope to return, and hopefully the turkey flock will be out in the open instead of merely answering us from the woods.

Pat and I stayed Saturday night and I tried to locate turkeys Sunday morning with about the same luck as before. We scouted out part of the lake by boat but found nothing new. The cypress trees cover almost all of the open water and it would be easy to get lost without a map and a compass. Let me know if you would like us to have an outing by boat on the Bayou near Wenks Landing or on the lake near where we camped later this spring after the trees have leafed out

(needed out?) and the summer resident birds have returned.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## MARCH 14

### BLUEBIRD PROGRAM SUCCESS

The presence of several visitors filled our meeting area to capacity. They were well entertained by the program provided by the North American Bluebird Society to which we belong. I was pleased by the informative and entertaining nature of both the bluebird program and the cavity nester program. Thanks Jim, for a good one!

I noticed many folks loading up on birdhouses, free birdhouses and plans of houses for several species of birds. Apparently, there is a need for this kind of program. Thanks for your participation. Glad you enjoyed it.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## ARTFUL PARENTING OF YOUNG BIRDERS

(From HMANA Journal, 20(2), Feb. 95)

Parents who are sharing the love of birds with their children will be pleased to learn of a new way to keep their budding birders blossoming - particularly after the birds themselves become more secretive, quiet, and confusing.

Through a club called Early Birders, for a \$25 yearly membership fee, children receive a weekly "Newsletter" featuring artwork and information. The goal is to encourage, expand, and reinforce youngsters' interest in and knowledge of the birds - the predictors of our environmental future.

According to the Project Coordinator, Skye Hurlburt, a parent and educator, Early Birders are encouraged to grow "in tune with nature" by pursuing projects that help save the birds, ranging from simply putting seeds out to participating in nationwide research surveys. "Birds are not only the most visible and audible presence in nature, but they are, as Roger Tory Peterson describes, 'the most vivid expression of life'," Hurlburt

says. "That 'life' is what Early Birders are learning to treasure and preserve." This information is conveyed via fifty-two postcards per year which, when collected, become an unusual personalized "field guide" to North American Birds.

Besides seeing their children's pleasure as each postcard arrives, parents may, also, enjoy watching their children meet other budding birders through the club's pen-pal program. For more information, contact: Early Birders, P.O. Box 111, Harmony, RI 02829-0111, Phone: (401) 728-6309.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

## A MILLION RAPTORS

The following article is part of the feature "How Does One Count A Million Raptors" by Bill Clark, as reported in the HMANA Hawk Migration Studies Journal, 20(2), February, 1995.

In two unbelievable days last October, Jorge Montejo, Bill Clark, and a Raptours group of seven, saw over one million raptors. The count station was atop a small hotel in Cardel, 60 Kms. North of Veracruz, Mexico.

On Monday, October 10, 1994, they saw tremendous numbers of **Turkey Vultures**, **Broad-winged Hawks** and **Swainson's Hawks** in huge kettles of unimaginable numbers. A variety of other raptors included 23 **Hook-billed Kites**, 2 **Mississippi Kites**, 4,000+ **American Kestrels**, 189 **Sharp-shinned Hawks**, 58 **Cooper's Hawks**, 12 or more each of **Northern Harriers**, **Ospreys**, and **Peregrine Falcons**, 5 **Red-tailed Hawks** and 2 **Merlins**. Also 5 **Common Black Hawks**, 1 **Harris' Hawk**, **Black Vultures**, **Roadside Hawks**, **Short-tailed Hawks**, **Gray Hawks** and an **Aplomado Falcon**. The total for this remarkable day was estimated at 322,000 raptors.

The next day, the stream of hawks had been concentrated in an even narrower band due to weather factors. To the west were heavy clouds and adverse winds. The raptors were being funneled over the count site by strong north winds in streams that flowed past like hordes of insects. This experience was beyond a hawk watchers

wildest imagination. "Awesome" is over-used and does not convey the impact of this visual experience. Jorge's estimate for Tuesday, October 11, 1994 was over 925,000 raptors, most of which passed in the three hours from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Bill Clark calculated the number of raptors in the passing stream in this manner. He counted a thin slice of the path every now and then and came up with 150+ to over 200. This slice passed in one second, making 1200 in a minute and 72,000 in an hour, but only 1/5th to 1/10th of the stream was near enough to count.

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## FAVORITE BIRDING PLACES

How could I have left out such a fabulous birding area as Cameron, Louisiana from this series? I couldn't! Birds in the trees everywhere. I have dreamed of seeing a spring fallout of transgulf migrants so famished that they have no fear of me. The winter offers a different birding experience with waterbirds, shorebirds, waders, rails and terns in every marshy area. The fall buildup of birds before the right breeze comes along to encourage them to take a chance and try to fly across the Gulf of Mexico, also holds a lesson in bird behavior that we need to know and experience. Even the sweltering hot summer days with young rails the most common roadkill and mosquitoes making life miserable, is a great change from the hills of North Louisiana.

Yes, Cameron at any season is a rewarding experience, but not the thing I especially look forward to and what I'm sure will keep me returning there in the fourth week of September or the first week of October as often as possible. Many of the hawks of eastern North America feel the need to change continents about that time of year. They are concentrated by the coastline. Toward the end of East Jetty road is a hawk-watching site known as the burned restaurant.

Those people who have been there when hawks were moving will remember the excitement of a time when hundreds of hawks were kettling at once, and the challenge of identifying mixed flights correctly.

Hawk-watching is truly one of the most different of birdings' various pleasures. Physically, of course, it is easy, unless you worry about sunburn. Just sit, or stand, and count. The challenge is in proper identification using all the clues presented by the birds and combining that with all your skills. How can you turn a fast gliding, dark spot in the sky into the correct mark on a piece of paper? Experience and study. Make a guess early and confirm it when possible. Stretch the limits out beyond what you usually expect of yourself. Try to discover how much you already can decide correctly. Ask an expert how he knew what he was calling the hawk. Believe me, this is one place where experience helps.

The following are some of the memories I recall fondly:

Kettles of **Broad-winged Hawks** spiralling higher and higher -the trademark of a big day; **Sharp-shinned Hawks** playfully chasing and harassing their larger cousins; three **White-tailed Kites** deciding the burned restaurant spot was a good place to play around and cavorting overhead for many minutes; a **Merlin** trying to slip past below the treeline; enjoying the passing of a rare bird such as a **Swallow-tailed Kite** or **Golden Eagle**; the beauty of the **Kestrel** that decided to rest on the wires nearby before continuing around the coastal bend; picking out a dark-phased **Broad-winged Hawk** from a group streaming past; and, finally, watching a group of **Mississippi Kites** settle into East Jetty Woods late in the afternoon after the lift has left the air. Ah, Cameron, what a place!

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

### Bluebird houses

Free Bluebird houses from the bluebird program are still available. If you want one or more you can come by the Museum to pick up what you need or take your chances at the meeting.

### T-shirts

T-shirts are still available; see Will Smolenski.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held March 14, 1995, in the Museum of Life Sciences of LSUS. The President opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and introduced Dr. Jim Ingold who gave programs on **Eastern Bluebirds**. One was entitled "Where have all the Bluebirds gone?" In the last 40 to 50 years, survival rate of the bluebird has dwindled. In the thirties, T. E. Musselman began bluebird trails, one 600 miles long beginning in Manitoba. Bluebirds eat harmful insects in summer and berries in the winter. A hard freeze has considerable impact on their food supply. Young bluebirds are in danger from many predators. Also, fly larvae can weaken and kill a baby bird. They are fed 30 or more times a day. The Bluebird Association has a Quarterly Journal named *Sialia*. Sumac and Multiflora Rose are two good winter plants for Bluebirds. Jim's second program was "Cavity Nesters." Five species are extinct, and 76 are in danger of becoming extinct. Some cavity nesters named were kingfishers, **Rough-winged Swallows**, **Purple Martins**, **Lucy's Warbler**, and **Prothonotary Warblers**. Discussion followed on designs for bluebird houses, etc. During the refreshment break, many birdhouses were given away, some were sold, and house plans were distributed.

The business meeting followed. Jim gave a quick rundown of the future programs. Will Smolenski said we have 20 shirts left to sell, and need an order of 20 before long-sleeved shirts can be ordered. A motion was moved and seconded to approve minutes of the February regular meeting. Treasurer's Report -- As of March 14, 1995, we have a balance of \$1,739.12, with income of \$145.00 from T-shirts and memberships, expenses were \$840.87, being \$200.00 to the Post Office mailing fund, which only had \$22.72 left in it, \$300.00 contribution to BRA, \$100.00 to Caroline Dorman, \$100.00 to the Nature Conservancy, and \$140.87 to miscellaneous expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,043.25. \$200 to add to \$22.72 in the Post Office Mailing Fee. Outings - Hubert had 45 species at Bickham Dickson including Blue-wing Teal. Last weekend, at Bodcau Dam, about 15 birders showed up. Jim Ingold banded birds caught in the mist net. Total species for that trip was 56. Perhaps banding can be accomplished earlier next year, and separately from the turkey trip. The next outing will be Saturday, March 18th to Red River Experiment Station departing LSUS at 7:00 am, with Hubert Hervey trip leader. April 8th, Charlie Lyons will lead trip to Kisatchie National Forest. April 22nd, Soda Lake. On March 25, 1995, David Wiedenfeld will conduct a

workshop for birders on the Breeding Bird Atlas at 9:00 am at LSUS Museum. Our club's quad is East Point. May 13, 1995 is North American Migratory Bird Count. Seven groups will go out to different areas of Caddo Parish and identify birds, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Volunteers are welcome. Jim Ingold asked for ideas for our tenth anniversary. Any suggestions for another barg next year for the Cross Lake trip? A copy of the contest rules were passed out. New in the Evelyn Quad is Crow Lane, a water fowl refuge near Crow Lake. Hubert thanked Mac Hardy for starting the series on extralimital dates for migratory species. The March Newsletter's list of Vireos is the first of a series which will allow our members to judge the significance of a sighting date they may suspect to be earlier or later than is in our data file. Hubert received a letter from Nancy Meier resigning as Publicity Chairman, because of her move to Houston. Betsy Risinger volunteered to take her place. Thank you, Betsy! Bill Hall received a letter from the Nature Conservancy regarding a trip to Little Pecan Island in April. Call Bill for information. In Marshall, Texas, a meeting has been scheduled for A Land Manager's Prospective on Neotropical Birds. Richard Johnson sent thank you note from Caroline Dorman for our contribution. Will asked that we submit our nominations within the next two weeks for six new board members. Contact Will Smolenski, Shirley Huss or Jeff Trahan.

A large turnout is expected for the annual meeting of the 8-state Southwestern Association of Naturalists on April 6-8. It was suggested by Bill Wood, that our members go to meetings of the Bickham-Dickson Advisory Council. That park is the best place to bird in the city. Plans now being considered would have an adverse impact on birds and birding. Talk to Ms. Whitlow at the Barnwell Center about meeting dates.

Bird Talk -- Will saw an **Osprey** three times at Bickham-Dickson. There is a **Bald Eagle** on a nest. Jim has **Inca Doves** at his feeder, and also reported a **House Finch** and a **Northern Harrier**. Bill Hall saw 70 **Sandhill Cranes** flying over his home. Rosemary reported seeing the **Painted Redstart** in Cameron recently. A **Barn Owl** sitting in a tree in the sunlight was spotted. Send copies of your unusual sightings to Steve Cardiff at LSU so they can be published in the LOS Newsletter and perhaps in American Bird Field Notes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

## Extralimital Dates: Warblers

This is the second in a series of reports on extralimital dates for migratory birds in our area. It is based exclusively on the Bird Study Group Bird Report data base. The intent of this series is to alert birders of the approximate arrival and departure dates of migrants (based on our data base) and of times during the year in need of better documentation. In some cases, permanent residents (PERM) are included if annual data is incomplete. At least six dates (if available) are given for each species. For summer residents (SU) the first three dates are the earliest arrival dates in the spring and the last three dates are the latest departure dates in the fall. For winter residents (WI), the first three dates are the latest departure dates in the spring and the last three are the earliest arrival dates in the fall. The last column gives months for which additional data is needed. For non-resident migrants the first line (SP) contains the earliest three arrival and latest three departure dates for the spring and the second line (FA) gives the earliest arrival and latest departure dates for the fall migration. In some cases fewer than three dates are available for a given category.

<b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>	SP	03/26, 04/10, 04/12 -- 04/14, 04/17, 04/25	Report Mar., Apr.
	FA	08/24, 09/22	Report Aug., Sep.
<b>Golden-winged Warbler</b>	SP	04/30	Report ALL DATES
<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>	SP	04/12, 04/17, 04/18 -- 05/10, 05/11, 05/14	Report Apr., May



<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>	FA	09/12, 09/21, 09/25 -- 10/05, 10/13	Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Orange-crowned W.</b>	WI	04/17, 04/18, 05/05 -- 10/04, 10/29, 10/30	Report Apr., May, Oct.
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/17, 04/18, 04/23 -- 05/01, 05/06, 05/14 09/12, 09/21, 09/23 -- 10/24, 10/25, 10/30	Report Apr., May Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Northern Parula</b>	SU	03/23, 03/25, 03/26 -- 09/21, 09/24, 10/04	Report Mar., June, July, Aug. Oct.
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/21, 04/24, 04/25 -- 05/14, 05/15, 05/21 09/12, 10/10 -- 10/13, 11/29	Report Apr., May Report Sep. thru Nov.
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/02, 04/25, 04/27 -- 05/15, 05/24, 05/25 10/05 -- 10/10	Report Apr., May Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Magnolia Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/25, 04/30, 05/01 -- 05/12, 05/14, 05/15 08/30, 09/14, 09/21 -- 10/03, 10/04, 10/16	Report Apr., May Report Aug. thru Oct.
<b>Yellow-rumped Warbler</b>	WI	05/08, 05/09, 05/11 -- 09/13, 09/15, 09/18	Report May, Sep.
<b>Blk-throated Green W.</b>	SP FA	04/04, 04/05, 04/13 -- 05/14, 05/15, 05/22 09/12, 09/24, 09/25 -- 10/08, 10/17, 10/19	Report Apr., May Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>	SP FA	04/26, 04/30, 05/03 -- 05/11, 05/14, 05/15 09/11	Report Apr., May Report Aug. thru Oct.
<b>Yellow-throated W.</b>	SU	03/13, 03/16, 03/17 -- 09/18, 10/17, 11/23	Report Mar., Oct., Nov.
<b>Pine Warbler</b>	PERM		Report Jul., Aug.
<b>Prairie Warbler</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17, 04/18 -- 05/30, 06/05, 06/06	Report Mar., Apr., June
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	WI?/SP? FA	01/02, 01/02 -- 04/08 10/13, 10/17, 10/19 -- 11/20, 11/21	Report all winter records, Mar., Apr. Report Oct., Nov.
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>	SP	04/23, 04/25, 04/29 -- 05/09, 05/11, 05/15	Report Apr., May
<b>Cerulean Warbler</b>	SP	04/11, 04/17	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Black-and-white W.</b>	SU	03/11, 03/13, 03/14 -- 09/26, 10/04, 11/07	Report Mar., June, July, Aug., Nov.
<b>American Redstart</b>	SP FA	04/26, 04/30, 05/02 -- 05/19, 05/22, 05/30 09/12, 09/13, 09/21 -- 09/25, 09/26, 10/03	Report Apr., May, June Report Sep., Oct.
<b>Prothonotary Warbler</b>	SU	03/08, 04/01, 04/03 -- 09/12, 09/17, 09/25	Report Mar., July, Sep., Oct.
<b>Worm-eating Warbler</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17 -- 05/30, 06/16	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Swainson's Warbler</b>	SU	05/09 -- 05/14	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Ovenbird</b>	SU	04/26 -- 05/08	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Northern Waterthrush</b>	SP FA	04/13, 04/16, 04/17 -- 05/01, 05/04, 05/08 08/25, 09/12 -- 10/05	Report Apr., May Report All fall records

<b>Louisiana Waterthrush</b>	SP?	03/25, 03/30, 04/17 -- 05/09, 05/11, 05/14	Report Mar., Apr., May
<b>Kentucky Warbler</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17, 04/18 -- 07/14, 09/15, 09/26	Report Apr., July, Aug., Sep.
<b>Connecticut Warbler</b>	SP	05/05 -- 05/14	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Mourning Warbler</b>	FA	09/08, 10/03 -- 10/13, 10/14	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Com. Yellowthroat</b>	PERM	01/02, 02/16, 03/25 -- 10/18, 10/19, 11/10	Report June, July, Aug., Dec.
<b>Hooded Warbler</b>	SU	04/01, 04/02, 04/07 -- 09/22, 09/26, 10/03	Report Mar., Oct.
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	SP	05/04, 05/10, 05/14 -- 05/15, 05/15, 05/20	Report Apr., May
	FA	08/23, 08/30, 09/01 -- 09/24, 10/05, 10/17	Report Aug., Sep., Oct.
<b>Canada Warbler</b>	SP	04/18, 05/05, 05/09 -- 05/14, 05/15, 05/20	Report Apr., May
<b>Yellow-breasted Chat</b>	SU	04/13, 04/17, 04/18 -- 09/21, 09/22, 10/05	Report Apr., Oct.

\*\*\* Mac Hardy

## BIRD NOTES -- MARCH

Compiled March 27, 1995

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
B&BW	Bob & Bobbe Wommack	02/22/95 Residence; 03/15/95 Residence
B&JH	Bill & Jane Hall	03/11/95 313 Wild Oak
BSG	Bird Study Group	03/18/95 Red River Experiment Station; 03/25/95 C. Bickham Dickson Park, Shreveport
BW	Bobbe Wommack	02/20/95 Residence; 03/05/95 Stonewall; 03/10/95 Bickham Dickson Park
CN	Conner Nicholson	03/12/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.
EB	Esther Boykin	03/10/95 Spring Lake Area
GF	Gloria Franton	03/03/95 Toledo Bend; 03/13/95 Residence
H&PH	Hubert & Pat Hervey	03/19/95 residence
HHo	Helen Hood	02/20/95 Residence; 02/26/95 Residence; 02/28/95 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop; 03/04/95 Residence; 03/10/95 Residence; 03/12/95 Cross Lake
JI	Jim Ingold	03/10/95 Residence; 03/11/95 Residence; 03/13/95 Arthur Teague Parkway; 03/13/95 LSUS; 03/17/95 Clyde Fant at J. Davis Bridge; 03/18/95 Veterans Park on Clyde Fant, Shreveport
LMH	Mac Hardy	03/19/95 Residence
LR	Larry Raymond	02/23/95 Residence; 03/09/95 Walter Jacobs Nature Park; 03/12/95 Residence; 03/14/95 Residence
MT	Margo Tuller	02/20/95 Residence; 03/14/95 Residence
NC	Norma Cobb	03/13/95 Residence
PD	Paul Dickson	03/03/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.; 03/13/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.; 03/15/95 Farm on Leonard Rd.
RS	Rosemary Seidler	03/12/95 Mallard Bay, Squirrel Point
RS&VL	Seidler & Lefevers	02/05/95 North Highlands Quad-Caddo; 03/09/95 Gilliam Quad-Caddo & Hwy 71N; 03/11/95 Gilliam Quad-Bossier
SH	Shirley Huss	03/13/95 Residence
WS	Will Smolenski	03/12/95 Residence/neighborhood

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	03/12/95 RS 4; 03/19/95 H&PH 2; 03/25/95 BSG 6
American White Pelican	03/18/95 BSG 218
Double-crested Cormorant	03/09/95 RS&VL 85; 03/12/95 RS 53; 03/19/95 H&PH 12; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Great Blue Heron	03/09/95 RS&VL 3; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 3; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Great Egret	03/09/95 RS&VL 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Mute Swan	03/25/95 BSG 2
Canada Goose	03/13/95 PD 14
Wood Duck	03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/12/95 RS 2; 03/15/95 B&BW 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Mallard	03/12/95 RS 6; 03/25/95 BSG 12
Blue-winged Teal	03/10/95 BW 2; 03/13/95 PD 2
Gadwall	03/12/95 RS 8
Lesser Scaup	03/12/95 RS 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
Bufflehead	03/12/95 RS 6
Hooded Merganser	03/09/95 RS&VL 4
Ruddy Duck	03/12/95 RS 7
Black Vulture	03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 30
Turkey Vulture	03/05/95 BW 6; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 20; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Northern Harrier	03/09/95 RS&VL 2; 03/13/95 JI 1; 03/18/95 BSG 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	03/09/95 LR 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Cooper's Hawk	03/19/95 H&PH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	02/23/95 LR 2; 03/14/95 LR 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
Red-tailed Hawk	03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
American Kestrel	03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
American Coot	03/10/95 BW 2; 03/12/95 RS 78; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/25/95 BSG 12
Sandhill Crane	03/11/95 B&JH 70; 03/12/95 CN 100
American Golden-Plover	03/18/95 BSG 4; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Killdeer	03/09/95 RS&VL 30; 03/12/95 HHo 2; 03/18/95 BSG 30; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 12
Greater Yellowlegs	03/03/95 PD 2; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Lesser Yellowlegs	03/09/95 RS&VL 18
Solitary Sandpiper	03/13/95 PD 1
Least Sandpiper	03/18/95 BSG 12
Pectoral Sandpiper	03/13/95 PD 1; 03/25/95 BSG 19
Common Snipe	03/09/95 RS&VL 34; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Ring-billed Gull	03/12/95 RS 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Forster's Tern	03/25/95 BSG 1
Rock Dove	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 9; 03/12/95 RS 18; 03/18/95 BSG 6; 03/19/95 H&PH 6; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Mourning Dove	02/20/95 HHo 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 20; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/12/95 RS 9; 03/12/95 WS 6; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/18/95 BSG 125; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 8
Inca Dove	03/10/95 JI 1; 03/11/95 JI 1; 03/19/95 LMH 1
Greater Roadrunner	03/10/95 EB 1
Eastern Screech-Owl	03/12/95 WS 1
Great Horned Owl	03/18/95 BSG 1
Barred Owl	03/11/95 RS&VL 1
Chimney Swift	03/25/95 BSG 4
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	03/19/95 H&PH 2
Belted Kingfisher	03/05/95 BW 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/04/95 HHo 1; 03/18/95 BSG 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 4; 03/12/95 WS 1; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/13/95 NC 2; 03/18/95 BSG 4; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Downy Woodpecker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/13/95 NC 2; 03/14/95 MT 1; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Hairy Woodpecker	03/19/95 H&PH 1
Northern Flicker	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 1; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/12/95 RS 28; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Pileated Woodpecker	03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/12/95 RS 2; 03/13/95 GF 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Eastern Phoebe	03/09/95 RS&VL 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Horned Lark	03/18/95 BSG 6
Purple Martin	02/20/95 MT 4; 02/22/95 B&BW 1; 03/12/95 RS 4; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 2
Tree Swallow	03/18/95 BSG 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	03/15/95 PD 3
Barn Swallow	03/17/95 JI 1; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/18/95 JI 1; 03/25/95 BSG 1
Blue Jay	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/04/95 HHo 2; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 11; 03/11/95 B&JH 4; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 WS 2; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/18/95 BSG 7; 03/19/95 H&PH 1; 03/25/95 BSG 2
American Crow	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 40; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 4; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Fish Crow	03/11/95 B&JH 4; 03/12/95 RS 4; 03/19/95 H&PH 2; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Carolina Chickadee	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 2; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/11/95 B&JH 10; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 10;

Common Name	Data
Tufted Titmouse	03/12/95 WS 2; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 5; 03/25/95 BSG 2
White-breasted Nuthatch	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 2; 02/20/95 BW 2; 03/05/95 BW 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 WS 1; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Brown-headed Nuthatch	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 BW 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 2
Carolina Wren	03/05/95 BW 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/13/95 GF 2
House Wren	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 5; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 11; 03/12/95 WS 1; 03/13/95 GF 1; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
Winter Wren	03/09/95 RS&VL 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	03/09/95 RS&VL 1
Eastern Bluebird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 1; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 28
Hermit Thrush	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 4; 03/03/95 GF 2; 03/05/95 BW 15; 03/09/95 RS&VL 14; 03/11/95 B&JH 6; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 6; 03/18/95 BSG 12; 03/19/95 H&PH 8; 03/25/95 BSG 4
American Robin	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1
Northern Mockingbird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 70; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 40; 03/12/95 WS 3; 03/18/95 BSG 40; 03/19/95 H&PH 23; 03/25/95 BSG 60
Brown Thrasher	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/04/95 HHo 1; 03/05/95 BW 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 5; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/12/95 WS 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 2; 03/25/95 BSG 1
American Pipit	02/20/95 HHo 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/13/95 NC 3; 03/18/95 BSG 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Cedar Waxwing	03/09/95 RS&VL 18; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 66
Loggerhead Shrike	02/26/95 HHo 14; 03/05/95 BW 50; 03/09/95 RS&VL 20; 03/11/95 B&JH 15; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 LR 10; 03/12/95 RS 18; 03/14/95 LR 15; 03/14/95 MT 12; 03/19/95 H&PH 7
European Starling	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/28/95 HHo 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 2; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Solitary Vireo	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 85; 03/11/95 B&JH 6; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 4; 03/18/95 BSG 30; 03/19/95 H&PH 9; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	02/05/95 RS&VL 1
Pine Warbler	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/26/95 HHo 4; 03/03/95 GF 3; 03/05/95 BW 10; 03/09/95 RS&VL 14; 03/10/95 BW 100; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 26; 03/13/95 JI 1; 03/13/95 NC 25; 03/18/95 BSG 11; 03/19/95 H&PH 5; 03/25/95 BSG 4
Northern Cardinal	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 5; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 5; 03/12/95 WS 6; 03/13/95 GF 1; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Rufous-sided Towhee	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 4; 03/05/95 BW 6; 03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 12; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 6; 03/13/95 GF 10; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/18/95 BSG 8; 03/19/95 H&PH 21; 03/25/95 BSG 6
Chipping Sparrow	03/04/95 HHo 1
Field Sparrow	03/04/95 HHo 5; 03/05/95 BW 6; 03/11/95 B&JH 10; 03/18/95 BSG 2; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
Savannah Sparrow	03/05/95 BW 6; 03/18/95 BSG 5; 03/19/95 H&PH 3; 03/25/95 BSG 1
LeConte's Sparrow	03/09/95 RS&VL 6; 03/12/95 RS 3; 03/18/95 BSG 100; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Fox Sparrow	03/15/95 PD 2
Song Sparrow	03/09/95 RS&VL 1
Swamp Sparrow	03/05/95 BW 2; 03/12/95 RS 1; 03/18/95 BSG 6; 03/19/95 H&PH 2
White-throated Sparrow	03/09/95 RS&VL 4; 03/18/95 BSG 4
White-crowned Sparrow	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 HHo 2; 02/20/95 BW 2; 03/05/95 BW 4; 03/09/95 RS&VL 22; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 20; 03/12/95 WS 2; 03/13/95 GF 4; 03/13/95 SH 3; 03/13/95 NC 9; 03/18/95 BSG 5; 03/19/95 H&PH 12; 03/25/95 BSG 7
Dark-eyed Junco	03/09/95 RS&VL 6; 03/18/95 BSG 6
Red-winged Blackbird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 02/20/95 BW 6; 03/05/95 BW 6; 03/11/95 B&JH 8; 03/11/95 RS&VL 1; 03/12/95 RS 6; 03/12/95 WS 5; 03/13/95 GF 4; 03/18/95 BSG 7; 03/19/95 H&PH 11
Eastern Meadowlark	03/04/95 HHo 2; 03/09/95 RS&VL 200; 03/11/95 B&JH 6; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 8; 03/18/95 BSG 250; 03/19/95 H&PH 22; 03/25/95 BSG 8
Brewer's Blackbird	03/05/95 BW 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 7; 03/12/95 RS 21; 03/18/95 BSG 30; 03/19/95 H&PH 31; 03/25/95 BSG 5
Common Grackle	03/18/95 BSG 11; 03/19/95 H&PH 4
Brown-headed Cowbird	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/09/95 RS&VL 100; 03/11/95 B&JH 75; 03/12/95 RS 75; 03/12/95 WS 15; 03/13/95 GF 2; 03/18/95 BSG 60; 03/19/95 H&PH 18; 03/25/95 BSG 11
House Finch	03/09/95 RS&VL 100; 03/12/95 RS 30; 03/12/95 WS 7; 03/18/95 BSG 50; 03/19/95 H&PH 9; 03/25/95 BSG 7
Pine Siskin	02/20/95 HHo 2; 03/13/95 SH 2; 03/13/95 JI 2; 03/13/95 NC 20; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
American Goldfinch	03/11/95 B&JH 4; 03/13/95 GF 4
House Sparrow	02/05/95 RS&VL 1; 03/05/95 BW 4; 03/10/95 HHo 1; 03/11/95 B&JH 3; 03/18/95 BSG 3; 03/19/95 H&PH 1
	03/09/95 RS&VL 8; 03/11/95 B&JH 2; 03/12/95 RS 15; 03/12/95 WS 7; 03/18/95 BSG 5; 03/19/95 H&PH 10; 03/25/95 BSG 4

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# BIRD STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318,797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

## *NEXT MEETING*

May 9, 1995  
7:00 PM

## Canoeing the Bodcau and Dorcheat Bayous

by

Mark Norris

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Refreshments will be available at 6:30 PM  
Come early to visit, relax, buy T-shirts, pay dues  
or all of the above.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- **Bobbe Wommack** 686-0369, **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
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 861-0483, **Norma Cobb** 686-3959, and **June Haynie** 868-5441  
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## BSG Atlas Quad

### East Point

The Bird Study Group is taking a quad (East Point) as a group project for the Louisiana Breeding Bird Atlas this spring. Mac Hardy is the coordinator; if you want more information and/or want to help with this quad please let Mac know. The packet with instructions, map, and audio tape are in the Museum office.

Relay all observations on East Point to Mac so we can keep a running tabulation. This might allow us to record some species that might otherwise be missed because everyone assumes that someone else got that common species. Call the Museum (797-5338) to leave notes.

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**JEFF TRAHAN**, 3  
**BOBBE WOMMACK**, 1

### BOARD MEETING

The BSG Board will meet on May 2, 1995, at of Life Sciences at 7:00 PM. All board members should try to be present.

### Flaig Photos

Many thanks to Bruce Flaig for the nice set of bird slides photographed by Bruce and recently donated to the Bird Study Group.

### FIELD TRIPS

**May 6** -- Bird Study Group's "Big Day," Paul Dickson's Loggy Bayou Plantation. Spring migrants of all habitats, beautiful land, great birding, great food and fun. Where/When: Loggy Bayou Plantation, Daybreak. Leader: Paul Dickson **797-1000**.

**13** -- North American Migratory Count. All day. Co-ordinator: Hubert Hervey **925-9249**.

**27** -- Walter Jacobs Park, Fleming Park, and points west. Spring migrants, woodland, meadow, lakeside and lakebirding. Where/When: Walter Jacobs Park Hdqtrs Bldg. 7:30 AM Leader: Larry Raymond **929-3117**.

**June 3** -- Powhatan Exit, I-49 barrow pits for nesting **King Rail, Swainson's and Worm-eating Warblers**, shorebirds and swallows. Where/When: McDonald's at Linwood & Bert Kouns 7:00 AM Leader: Charlie Lyon **865-2674**.

### BIRD QUIZ #32

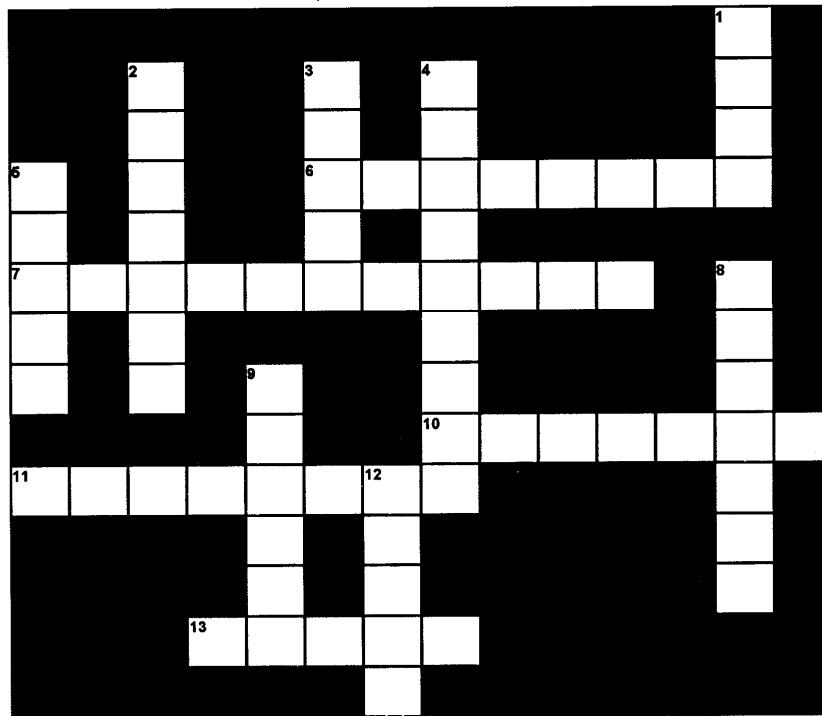
Try your hand at the GENUS GENIUS crossword, below.

#### Across

- 6. Kingbird
- 7. Sapsucker
- 10. Kinglet
- 11. Sparrow
- 13. Titmouse

#### Down

- 1. Crane
- 2. Creeper
- 3. Nuthatch
- 4. Warbler
- 5. Goose
- 8. Pigeon
- 9. Tern
- 12. Gull



#### ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #31

- 1. **Purple Martin** - Spick-spacc-spitter-spee-spacc
- 2. **Prothonotary Warbler** - Sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet-sweet
- 3. **Canada Warbler** - Te-widdle-te-widdle, te-widdle-te-wip
- 4. **Carolina Chickadee** - My dog has fleas
- 5. **Brown Thrasher** - Drop it, drop it, cover it, cover it, pull it up, pull it up

6. **White-eyed Vireo** - Quick, three beers  
CHUCK!
7. **Warbling Vireo** - Brig-a-dier Brig-a-dier  
brigade
8. **Olive-sided Flycatcher** - Hick, three-bee-er
9. **Indigo Bunting** - Sweet-sweet, where-where,  
here-here, see it-see it
10. **Black-throated Green Warbler** - Trees,  
trees, murmuring trees

## A River Bottom Diary

by Paul Dickson  
Part 7

The coming of the Mayapples is a sure sign of spring; sure as the nesting Wooducks that accompany them in the first week of March. My sons and I nibbled on a few dog tooth violets on the 3rd of March, enjoying their subtle licorice flavor. Two Greater Yellowlegs called out on the marsh giving their far reaching, three noted call. The weather was fine but only a calm in the storm. March is a lion indeed. This year the rain seems ceaseless. The 12th brought the unexpected surprise of Sandhill Cranes overhead and on the 13th the first migration event of spring was at hand. Dawn found me mending a fence damaged by high water as drops began to sail by in 20 mph south winds. These winds carried fourteen Canada Geese overhead to call those domestic and wild alike on the marsh. The wild Snow Geese that have spent the winter here are restless. They rise twice only to settle back down each time. They will go soon no doubt; maybe today, maybe later. I finish the fence mending in time to look out over the marsh and find a pair of Bluewinged Teal, a male Shoveler, a Greater Yellowlegs, a Pectoral Sandpiper, and a Solitary Sandpiper. More were no doubt clipping by overhead with the dramatic tail wind. The sky clears by the 15th and the first Rough Winged Swallows dart about. More Blue Winged Teal and Shovelers stop over and the Bluebirds' singing intensifies. Wooducks are busily visiting boxes and single males swimming unconcerned about the marsh all day betray incubating hens in the Cypress cavities as well.

Spring roared in in such a fashion on our

riverbottom farm and went out as a lamb with not so much rain and mild temperatures. After the 15th there was less bird action as well. The Blue Winged Teal continue to push through in great numbers this year. Throughout late March and early April, males outnumber females by as much as ten to one, but by mid-April pairs dominate the count. Males migrate earlier in both spring and fall. Male Scissortail Flycatchers do the same. The first appearing on April 3rd. By the 16th they are numerous but as yet no females.

All clover species are in full bloom by mid-April as a pair of Chickadees accepts a Bluebird box on a fence post far out in the pasture. This open field nesting was strange to me when I first noticed, Chickadees are woodland birds. I have found that they readily accept free lodging in such an open spot, perhaps they like blooming clover. Between the Bluebirds, Chickadees, and Wooducks not a box goes unused in mid-April. My first sighting of an Indigo Bunting is on the 11th, when the cottonwoods are forming fruit and the pecans are beginning to flower and leaf. Pecans vary widely as they bloom. Some are shy, waiting until late April, others are out with full leaves by the 15th.

As April surges on, the succession of blooming flowers marks the time but the birds are less candid. No big migrations appear on the farm, only subtle ones. The Blackbirds that steal my newly planted corn are changing their color daily. A casual look would lead one to believe that they are the same flock day after day, but such is not the case. For one day they are mostly Brewers and the next female Redwings. A few Rusty Blackbirds pepper the group from the 14th to the 16th. On the 18th there is a male Yellowheaded Blackbird amongst mostly female Redwings, a few males, and Cowbirds. The next day the Yellowhead has moved on, as have the Rusty and Brewers. The Redwings and Cowbirds act differently this day. They are transients as well. Trying to run them off the newly planted corn would be as futile as trying to bail out the river. The 19th brings two Bairds Sandpipers to the marsh in the afternoon and the first singing male Blue Grosbeaks. The morning calm on the 20th would contrast sharply in a few hours. A frontal passage at noon halted the north bound passage and a spring migration "fall out" is at hand! Out of the unseen heights came birds everywhere. By early afternoon trees that had contained only



lingering White Crowned Sparrows now held Eastern Kingbirds, a Yellowbreasted Chat, Northern Waterthrush, Orchard Oriole, Summer Tanager, lots of male Indigo Buntings, Blue Grosbeaks, and Scissortail Flycatchers. A large group of Chimney Swifts boil overhead as thunderstorms loom from the west. The 20th of April was a fine migration day indeed. The front perhaps put them down, or maybe it was a flight time thing. I only know that the difference between dawn and noon was several hundred migrants.

The vetch is blooming now though not at the full three foot height that will greet the Bobolinks later in April. Wooducks are hatching and up in the hills Wild Turkey hens are incubating as Great Crested and Acadian Flycatchers arrive. The Phlox is still in bloom but is declining. It won't be long before Mayapples are ripe for picking. Spring moves on.

### THIRD ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATORY BIRD COUNT DAY

NAMC for 1995 is set nationwide for 13 May. We will organize the Caddo Parish Migratory bird count during the May 9th club meeting. If you are interested in taking part in this fun event, call Hubert at 925-9249 or come to the meeting. This is so much fun because you get to bird as much as you care to and you don't have to count individual birds, just species.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

### PAUL'S BIG DAY: MAY 6

Come enjoy the best of two worlds with us, eating and birding. At Paul's, you don't have to choose between the two, you get the best of both. It all starts as early as you care to arrive at Loggy Bayou Plantation and it ends with a big crawfish boil. Loggy Bayou Plantation is a fine example of management for diversity of species, the current catchword of the environmental movement. You can see this concept at work and observe the benefits to all types of wildlife at Loggy Bayou Plantation.

\*\*\* Hubert C. Hervey

### FAVORITE BIRDING PLACES:

## "MY QUAD"

Breeding Bird Atlas surveyors are fortunate people indeed. We each "own" our personal 50+ square mile portion of the State of Louisiana. Last year "my quad" was not the same place as the 1995 "my quad". Yet I am already as attached to my new quad as I was to my old quad. And I suspect that most Atlas surveyors, who are able to put forth a genuine effort, feel the same way. I notice all of them refer to their assigned area as "my quad".

Last year I worked three quads, and lived in one of those three. But the one I considered as "my quad" was named Evelyn Quad. It required a lot of exploring, which I truly enjoy. The very different habitats made birding more fun because of the large variety of bird species I could confirm as breeding or probably breeding. Locating nesting **White Ibis, Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets, Cattle Egrets, Little Blue Herons and Green Herons** at a remote lake requiring a mile and a half hike was great fun. Knowing that **Anhingas** were nesting in a completely inaccessible swamp was very frustrating. I couldn't get there by foot or boat, and didn't. Also, working the Dolet Hills area west of Evelyn was fun. It was possible to bird for hours and never see another human. I was finally able to locate both **Worm-eating and Swainsons Warblers** there tucked in the sides of the steepest hills. But again the species I couldn't prove remain to haunt me. The pair of **American Kestrels** that vanished in late April certainly nested in a hollow tree somewhere nearby. **Great Horned Owls** were surely present somewhere in all that remote coal mine area around Crow Lake. Evelyn Quad has two coal mining ventures in it. I watched the reclamation in progress after the huge steam shovel had gouged out holes in the earth nearly 100 feet deep. The lignite is piled up for transfer via a conveyor belt several miles long to an electric power plant. Western Kentucky has long stuck in my mind as a cruel example of man's plunder of our land. No reclamation of strip mined land was mandated and the earth is an eyesore of the worst sort. I was impressed with the return of our Louisiana coal mines to a productive vegetative cover of grass or trees. Some experimental plots had been developed to

determine what plants would grow best. Some people may not understand what motivates environmentalists, but examples like the comparison of Kentucky strip mines to Louisiana lignite mines should be apparent to every eye.

"My Quad" this year is Grand Cane. There are no lakes here, no bayous large enough to float down. Did I mention that a float trip is a great way to prove certain breeding birds such as **Parula Warblers** and **Prothonotary Warblers**, **Yellow-throated Vireos** and **Yellow-crowned Night-Herons**? Also, **Wood Duck**, **Hooded Mergansers** or almost any cavity nesting species can be found in the trees along the banks of a large bayou. Yet I have already confirmed nesting of **Anhingas**, that bug-a-boo from last year, and also **Great Blue Herons**. I found these incubating in dead trees below a large farm pond. Beavers had created a secondary pond below the man-made dam, trees were flooded, died, and new habitat created. Last year I had **Pileated Woodpeckers** nesting in a dead Loblolly Pine killed by flood waters from a beavers dam. This year I have learned to watch for the changes that beavers create and note what birds are benefiting from those changes. Beavers have been a favorite animal of mine since I can remember my mother

reading the story of "Brownie Flattail Builds A House". I introduced beavers to my creek "Wallace Bayou" in the early 1970's. Since then, the state beaver population has grown tremendously. In some places they are nuisance animals, and in the flat woods of Northeast Louisiana so many hardwood trees are killed by flooding, that control measures become necessary. I consider beavers as beneficial in slowing down the rush of rainwater as it heads to the rivers and the sea. Can man-made dams be good but beaver dams be bad?

I wish you well with your quad. If you don't have a quad, our Bird Study Group will be glad for you to help us with our club quad. Dr. Mac Hardy at 797-5338 will be glad to explain to you where East Point Quad is located and help you get started. East Point is very similar to Evelyn in topography and should yield some great birds. Perhaps you could be the one to find the huge rookery that Charlie Lyon and I have speculated about. 300 **White Ibis** at Natchitoches Bar Pits have to be breeding somewhere. Or perhaps **Tri-Colored Herons** nesting in a newly flooded area formed by a beaver dam.

\*\*\*Hubert C. Hervey

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held April 11, 1995, in the Museum of Life Sciences on the LSU campus.

Jim Ingold, Program Chairman, introduced our speaker, Dr. Steve Lynch, who gave a program on The Birds and Plants of South Africa. We have a greater appreciation of the beauty of South Africa.

In the business portion of the meeting, the minutes of the meeting in March were approved as written. President Hubert Hervey gave Treasurer's Report, and the following is typed from Betty Mason's original report dated April 11, 1995:

### TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Bank now changed from Pioneer to Hibernia	
2. Old Balance (March):	\$1,043.25
3. Income	241.00
4. Expenses:	159.62
5. Present (April) Balance at Hibernia:	1,124.63
6. Gift Shop Fund (LSU): (now has) (Betty will be sending them \$250.00 sometime this month)	53.65
7. Combined totals for April	\$1,178.28
8. Post Office Account (for non-profits) now:	202.45

Election of Board Members was held. The nominating committee consisting of Will Smolenski, Shirley Huss and Jeff Trahan presented the following slate: Larry Raymond, Betsy Risinger, Rosemary Seidler, Gay Vekovius, and Bobbe Womack. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this slate. Vernon Miller was elected to fill the one-year board vacancy created by the resignation of Nance Meiers.

Will presented a T-Shirt to our speaker. Larry Raymond asked that we vote on the Shreveport Conservationist of the Year Award. The vote was unanimous for Wellborn Jack, Jr., who has been a major environmentalist in the area for years.

Mac Hardy said last weekend was a success for the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists. The speaker for the May program will be Mark Norris of the Outfitters, who will give a free canoe trip down Bodcau Bayou to anyone in our club who will pick up trash along the bayou. June is the best time to go. The June program is by Mark Woodrey on Neotropical Migrants.

Bird Talk included **Least Terns**, **Parula** and **Hooded Warblers**, **American Swallow-tailed Kite**, **Franklin's Gull**, **Buff-Breasted Sandpipers**, **Magnolia Warbler**, **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**, **Indigo Bunting**, **Snowy Egret**, **Solitary Warbler**, **Black-crowned Night-Heron** and **Green Heron**. Jim Ingold still has two **Inca Doves** coming to his feeder, and we have two on the farm.

Mac will lead the Soda Lake Trip on April 22nd, and May 6th is Paul's Big Day. May 13th is the North American Migratory Bird Count.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

## Extralimital Dates: Flycatchers

This is the third in a series of reports on extralimital dates for migratory birds in our area. It is based exclusively on the Bird Study Group Bird Report data base. The intent of this series is to alert birders of the approximate arrival and departure dates of migrants (based on our data base) and of times during the year in need of better documentation. In some cases, permanent residents (PERM) are included if annual data is incomplete. At least six dates (if available) are given for each species. For summer residents (SU) the first three dates are the earliest arrival dates in the spring and the last three dates are the latest departure dates in the fall. For winter residents (WI), the first three dates are the latest departure dates in the spring and the last three are the earliest arrival dates in the fall. The last column gives months for which additional data is needed. For non-resident migrants the first line (SP) contains the earliest three arrival and latest three departure dates for the spring and the second line (FA) gives the earliest arrival and latest departure dates for the fall migration. In some cases fewer than three dates are available for a given category.

<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>	SP	05/11, 05/14	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>	SU	03/22, 04/03, 04/13 -- 11/16, 12/12, 12/31	Report Mar., July, Aug.
<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>	SP	05/21 --	Report ALL RECORDS
	FA	09/12 -- 10/05	
<b>Acadian Flycatcher</b>	SU	04/10, 04/17, 04/20 -- 05/30, 06/16, 09/11	Report Apr., Sep.
<b>Willow Flycatcher</b>	SU	05/05, 05/09, 05/09 -- 08/25, 10/05, 10/16	Report May, July, Aug., Oct.
<b>Least Flycatcher</b>	SP	02/03, 02/16 -- 04/06, 04/30, 05/09	Report Feb., May
	FA	09/15, 09/21, 09/23 -- 09/25	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>	PERM		Report July, Aug.
<b>Say's Phoebe</b>		02/06	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Vermilion Flycatcher</b>		01/03, 02/06	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>	SU	04/11, 04/12, 04/13 -- 09/24, 09/25, 09/29	Report Apr., July, Aug., Sep.
<b>Western Kingbird</b>		04/30, 08/28, 09/21	Report ALL RECORDS
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>	SU	03/29, 04/02, 04/03 -- 09/24, 10/05, 10/15	Report Mar., Apr., Oct.
<b>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</b>	SU	03/28, 03/30, 04/01 -- 11/10, 11/23, 12/19	Report Mar., Nov., Dec.

\*\*\* Mac Hardy

## BIRD NOTES -- APRIL

Compiled April 25, 1995

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
BillW	Bill Wood	04/19/95 Bickham-Dickson Park, Shreveport
BSG	Bird Study Group	04/08/95 Kisatchie Nat. Forest & 1-49 bar pits.
BW	Bobby Wommack	04/03/95 Bickham-Dickson Park.; 04/06/95 residence.
E&SH	Eddie & Shirley Huss	03/26/95 Bickham Dickson Park; 04/17/95 Highway 1
ET	Ellen Tippett	04/24/95 Bickham-Dickson Park, Shreveport
GF	Gloria Frantom	04/09/95 residence.; 04/10/95 residence.; 04/17/95 residence, Toledo Bend, nr. Converse.; 04/20/95 residence; 04/24/95 residence.
JI	Jim Ingold	02/21/95 residence; 03/04/95 residence; 03/28/95 Bickham-Dickson Park, Shreveport.; 03/29/95 residence.; 03/30/95 residence or Arthur Teague Parkway.; 03/31/95 residence.; 04/01/95 LSUS campus, Shreveport or residence.; 04/01/95 LSUS campus, Shreveport.;

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
LR	Larry Raymond	04/02/95 LSUS campus, Shreveport.; 04/02/95 residence. 03/27/95 Walter Jacob's Nature Park; 04/01/95 Robert Nance Park, Black Bayou Dam, Noah Tyson Pk.; 04/05/95 Residence; 04/09/95 Woods North Of Mira-Myrtis Rd.; 04/11/95 LA 173 North of Blanchard; 04/14/95 Woods off Hesston-Rodessa Rd./Black Bayou Lake; 04/15/95 residence
MT	Margo Tuller	03/20/95 residence.
PD	Paul Dickson	02/02/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.; 02/24/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.; 03/12/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.; 03/15/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.; 03/18/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Rd.; 03/22/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Rd.; 03/24/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Rd.; 04/01/95 Loggy Bayou Plantation; 04/03/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.; 04/14/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.; 04/15/95 Loggy Bayou Plantation; 04/16/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.; 04/17/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Rd.; 04/19/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Rd.; 04/20/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road.
SH	Shirley Huss	04/15/95 Overton Brooks Rd.; 04/18/95 Swepeco on Line Ave.
WS	Will Smolenski	04/10/95 residence.

## RECORDS

Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	03/28/95 JI 5; 04/03/95 BW 2; 04/08/95 BSG 13; 04/14/95 LR 1
Double-crested Cormorant	03/28/95 JI 1; 04/01/95 LR 2; 04/08/95 BSG 20
Anhinga	04/08/95 BSG 2
Great Blue Heron	04/01/95 LR 1; 04/08/95 BSG 12; 04/14/95 LR 2
Great Egret	04/08/95 BSG 15
Snowy Egret	04/03/95 BW 2; 04/08/95 BSG 16
Little Blue Heron	03/18/95 PD 1; 04/08/95 BSG 26
Cattle Egret	04/08/95 BSG 30
Green Heron	04/03/95 BW 1
White Ibis	03/22/95 PD 30; 04/08/95 BSG 108
Wood Duck	03/29/95 LR 2; 04/08/95 BSG 8
Green-winged Teal	04/08/95 BSG 4; 04/19/95 PD 3
Mallard	04/08/95 BSG 8
Blue-winged Teal	03/26/95 E&SH 5; 04/03/95 BW 7; 04/08/95 BSG 18
Northern Shoveler	04/08/95 BSG 2
Canvasback	04/08/95 BSG 1
Ring-necked Duck	04/08/95 BSG 4
Hooded Merganser	03/24/95 PD 2
Black Vulture	04/06/95 BW 4; 04/08/95 BSG 4
Turkey Vulture	04/01/95 LR 2; 04/08/95 BSG 20; 04/09/95 LR 1
American Swallow-tailed Kite	04/08/95 BSG 1
Mississippi Kite	04/18/95 SH 1
Northern Harrier	04/08/95 BSG 2
Red-shouldered Hawk	03/29/95 LR 1; 04/08/95 BSG 1
Broad-winged Hawk	04/08/95 BSG 3; 04/09/95 LR 1; 04/11/95 LR 1
Red-tailed Hawk	04/02/95 JI 2; 04/06/95 BW 1; 04/08/95 BSG 7
American Kestrel	04/08/95 BSG 1
Virginia Rail	04/19/95 BillW 1
Sora	04/24/95 ET 1
American Coot	03/28/95 JI 7; 04/03/95 BW 8; 04/08/95 BSG 35
Sandhill Crane	03/12/95 PD 100; 04/20/95 PD 100
American Golden-Plover	04/08/95 BSG 8
Killdeer	03/26/95 E&SH 2; 03/28/95 JI 3; 04/08/95 BSG 12
Black-necked Stilt	04/08/95 BSG 1
Greater Yellowlegs	04/08/95 BSG 10
Lesser Yellowlegs	03/26/95 E&SH 5; 04/01/95 PD 1; 04/08/95 BSG 16
Solitary Sandpiper	03/28/95 JI 1
Least Sandpiper	02/02/95 PD 1; 04/08/95 BSG 12
Baird's Sandpiper	04/01/95 PD 1; 04/19/95 PD 2
Pectoral Sandpiper	04/08/95 BSG 2
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	04/08/95 BSG 1
Short-billed Dowitcher	03/26/95 E&SH 4
Common Snipe	04/08/95 BSG 2
Franklin's Gull	04/08/95 BSG 1
Ring-billed Gull	03/28/95 JI 1
Rock Dove	03/29/95 JI 1; 03/30/95 JI 1; 03/31/95 JI 1; 04/01/95 LR 1; 04/01/95 JI 1; 04/08/95 BSG 8; 04/14/95 LR 2
Mourning Dove	03/04/95 JI 1; 03/29/95 JI 2; 03/30/95 JI 2; 03/31/95 JI 2; 04/01/95 JI 4; 04/02/95 JI 4; 04/08/95 BSG 8; 04/10/95 WS 5; 04/24/95 GF 2
Inca Dove	03/29/95 JI 2; 03/30/95 JI 2; 03/31/95 JI 2; 04/01/95 JI 2; 04/02/95 JI 2

Common Name	Data
Barn Owl	02/21/95 JI 1
Eastern Screech-Owl	03/04/95 JI 1
Great Horned Owl	04/19/95 BillW 1
Barred Owl	03/04/95 JI 1; 03/29/95 LR 1; 04/01/95 LR 1
Chuck-will's-widow	04/15/95 PD 1
Whip-poor-will	04/15/95 PD 4
Chimney Swift	03/20/95 MT 6; 04/08/95 BSG 14; 04/10/95 WS 3; 04/20/95 PD 1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	04/06/95 BW 1; 04/08/95 BSG 1; 04/09/95 GF 1; 04/20/95 PD 1; 04/24/95 GF 1
Belted Kingfisher	04/08/95 BSG 1; 04/17/95 GF 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	04/24/95 GF 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	03/29/95 LR 2; 04/01/95 LR 1; 04/01/95 JI 1; 04/02/95 JI 1; 04/06/95 BW 1; 04/08/95 BSG 1; 04/10/95 WS 2; 04/14/95 LR 1; 04/24/95 GF 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	04/06/95 BW 1
Downy Woodpecker	03/29/95 LR 1; 04/01/95 LR 1; 04/06/95 BW 1; 04/24/95 GF 1
Northern Flicker	04/01/95 JI 1; 04/02/95 JI 1; 04/06/95 BW 1
Pileated Woodpecker	03/29/95 LR 1; 04/08/95 BSG 3
Acadian Flycatcher	04/20/95 PD 1
Eastern Phoebe	04/01/95 LR 1
Great Crested Flycatcher	04/15/95 LR 1; 04/17/95 PD 1
Eastern Kingbird	04/08/95 BSG 5; 04/14/95 LR 1; 04/17/95 GF 1; 04/20/95 PD 1
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	03/30/95 JI 1; 04/03/95 PD 1; 04/08/95 BSG 1; 04/14/95 LR 2; 04/17/95 E&SH 2
Purple Martin	02/24/95 PD 1; 04/02/95 JI 4; 04/08/95 BSG 1; 04/10/95 WS 8; 04/14/95 LR 3
Tree Swallow	04/01/95 LR 3; 04/08/95 BSG 2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	03/15/95 PD 1
Cliff Swallow	04/08/95 BSG 12
Barn Swallow	03/04/95 JI 1; 03/18/95 PD 1; 04/01/95 LR 20; 04/08/95 BSG 50; 04/14/95 LR 25
Blue Jay	04/01/95 LR 5; 04/08/95 BSG 1; 04/10/95 WS 5; 04/14/95 LR 3; 04/24/95 GF 2
American Crow	04/08/95 BSG 15
Fish Crow	04/01/95 LR 2; 04/05/95 LR 47; 04/08/95 BSG 2; 04/14/95 LR 4
Common Grackle	03/04/95 JI 2
Carolina Chickadee	04/01/95 LR 2; 04/08/95 BSG 2; 04/09/95 LR 1; 04/10/95 WS 2; 04/14/95 LR 2; 04/24/95 GF 2
Tufted Titmouse	03/27/95 LR 1; 03/29/95 LR 2; 04/01/95 LR 3; 04/08/95 BSG 8; 04/09/95 LR 1; 04/10/95 WS 1; 04/14/95 LR 1; 04/24/95 GF 2
White-breasted Nuthatch	04/10/95 WS 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	04/01/95 LR 2
Carolina Wren	04/08/95 BSG 5; 04/09/95 LR 1; 04/10/95 WS 2; 04/24/95 GF 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	03/27/95 LR 3; 03/29/95 LR 2; 04/01/95 LR 5; 04/06/95 BW 2; 04/08/95 BSG 3; 04/09/95 LR 1; 04/14/95 LR 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	03/27/95 LR 1; 04/06/95 BW 1; 04/08/95 BSG 3; 04/09/95 LR 1; 04/14/95 LR 5
Eastern Bluebird	04/01/95 LR 1; 04/08/95 BSG 7; 04/14/95 LR 1; 04/24/95 GF 2
Wood Thrush	04/10/95 GF 1
American Robin	03/28/95 JI 6; 04/01/95 LR 2; 04/02/95 JI 4; 04/08/95 BSG 2; 04/10/95 WS 3
Northern Mockingbird	04/01/95 LR 1; 04/02/95 JI 3; 04/02/95 JI 1; 04/08/95 BSG 3; 04/10/95 WS 2; 04/14/95 LR 2
Brown Thrasher	04/01/95 LR 1; 04/06/95 BW 1; 04/24/95 GF 1
Cedar Waxwing	03/30/95 JI 5; 04/01/95 JI 30; 04/02/95 JI 25; 04/24/95 GF 7
Loggerhead Shrike	04/02/95 JI 1; 04/08/95 BSG 1
European Starling	04/02/95 JI 5; 04/08/95 BSG 15; 04/10/95 WS 1
White-eyed Vireo	04/08/95 BSG 5; 04/09/95 LR 2
Red-eyed Vireo	04/08/95 BSG 5; 04/14/95 LR 2
Northern Parula	03/27/95 LR 2; 04/01/95 LR 2; 04/08/95 BSG 4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	03/27/95 LR 4; 03/28/95 JI 3; 03/29/95 LR 6; 04/01/95 LR 10; 04/06/95 BW 4; 04/14/95 LR 7; 04/17/95 GF 5
Yellow-throated Warbler	04/01/95 LR 2; 04/08/95 BSG 2; 04/14/95 LR 1
Pine Warbler	03/29/95 LR 1; 04/01/95 LR 4; 04/06/95 BW 2; 04/08/95 BSG 12; 04/14/95 LR 1
Black-and-white Warbler	04/06/95 BW 2; 04/08/95 BSG 2; 04/14/95 LR 1
Prairie Warbler	04/15/95 PD 1
Prothonotary Warbler	04/08/95 BSG 2; 04/17/95 GF 2
Northern Waterthrush	04/20/95 PD 1
Common Yellowthroat	04/20/95 PD 1
Hooded Warbler	04/08/95 BSG 20; 04/09/95 LR 1; 04/14/95 LR 1
Yellow-breasted Chat	04/20/95 PD 1
Summer Tanager	04/08/95 BSG 1; 04/17/95 GF 1; 04/20/95 PD 1; 04/20/95 GF 1
Northern Cardinal	03/27/95 LR 2; 03/29/95 JI 2; 03/30/95 JI 2; 03/31/95 JI 2; 04/01/95 LR 4; 04/01/95 JI 2; 04/02/95 JI 2; 04/08/95 BSG ; 04/10/95 WS 2; 04/14/95 LR 4; 04/24/95 GF 4
Blue Grosbeak	04/20/95 PD 1
Indigo Bunting	04/20/95 PD 1
Bachman's Sparrow	04/08/95 BSG 5
Chipping Sparrow	04/02/95 JI 1; 04/10/95 WS 1
Field Sparrow	04/01/95 LR 2; 04/06/95 BW 6
Lark Sparrow	04/14/95 PD 1
Savannah Sparrow	04/08/95 BSG 60

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Common Name	Data
Song Sparrow	04/06/95 BW 2
White-throated Sparrow	04/01/95 LR 4; 04/02/95 JI 1; 04/03/95 BW 6; 04/06/95 BW 4; 04/10/95 WS 2; 04/14/95 LR 3; 04/24/95 GF 6
Dark-eyed Junco	04/06/95 BW 4
Red-winged Blackbird	03/28/95 JI 1; 03/29/95 JI 1; 03/30/95 JI 1; 04/01/95 LR 2; 04/08/95 BSG 500; 04/10/95 WS 1; 04/14/95 LR 1
Eastern Meadowlark	04/06/95 BW 2; 04/08/95 BSG 10
Yellow-headed Blackbird	04/19/95 PD 1
Rusty Blackbird	04/16/95 PD 1
Brewer's Blackbird	04/14/95 PD 1
Common Grackle	03/28/95 JI 3; 03/29/95 JI 3; 03/30/95 JI 3; 03/31/95 JI 3; 04/01/95 LR 1; 04/01/95 JI 4; 04/02/95 JI 2; 04/08/95 BSG 10; 04/10/95 WS 3; 04/14/95 LR 6
Brown-headed Cowbird	03/04/95 JI 50; 03/29/95 JI 7; 03/30/95 JI 7; 03/31/95 JI 7; 04/01/95 JI 2; 04/02/95 JI 4; 04/10/95 WS 1
Orchard Oriole	04/17/95 GF 1; 04/20/95 PD 1
House Finch	04/01/95 JI 1
American Goldfinch	03/27/95 LR 3; 04/01/95 JI 2; 04/06/95 BW 4; 04/10/95 WS 7; 04/15/95 SH 4; 04/24/95 GF 1
House Sparrow	03/29/95 JI 8; 03/30/95 JI 9; 03/31/95 JI 11; 04/01/95 JI 9; 04/02/95 JI 9; 04/08/95 BSG 6; 04/10/95 WS 7; 04/14/95 LR 1

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Bird Alert Service: Phone 318,797-5338, Mon-Fri. after 5:00 PM  
Meeting Place and Headquarters: LSUS Museum of Life Sciences

## *NEXT MEETING*

June 13, 1995  
7:00 PM

## Ecology of Fall Migration Along the Gulf Coast

by

Dr. Mark Woodrey

Mississippi Museum of Natural Sciences

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Next Outing -- June 3 -- I-49 Ponds

Refreshments will be available at 6:30 PM  
Come early to visit, relax, buy T-shirts, pay dues  
or all of the above.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BIRD REPORT -- **Bobbe Wommack** 686-0369, **Will Smolenski** 865-2938  
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 861-0483, **Norma Cobb** 686-3959, and **June Haynie** 868-5441  
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 PROGRAMS -- **Jim Ingold** 797-5236  
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## BSG Atlas Quad

### East Point

The Bird Study Group is taking a quad (East Point) as a group project for the Louisiana Breeding Bird Atlas this spring. Mac Hardy is the

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the coordinator; if you want more information and/or want to help with this quad please let Mac know. The packet with instructions, map, and audio tape are in the Museum office.

Relay all observations on East Point to Mac so we can keep a running tabulation. This might allow us to record some species that might otherwise be missed because everyone assumes that someone else got that common species. Call the Museum (797-5338) to leave notes.



## BIRD QUIZ #33

## NESTS!

by Jim Ingold

Below are descriptions of bird's nests and habitats. Practice your Breeding Bird Atlas Skills!

1. Gourd-shaped structure built of mud pellets.
2. Nest bulky, loosely constructed and well concealed. Made of leaves, mosses, pine needles, lined with fine grass. Habitat: swamps, or thickets in moist lowland forests, also in wooded ravines.
3. In Spanish moss, from below ground looks like a tennis ball. Habitat: open coniferous and deciduous woods.
4. Dome-shaped nest (in field) built over a scrape in ground, opening on side. Habitat: old fields or farm fields.
5. On ground in open area or under shrub or tree. Maybe domed and/or overhung with vegetation; lined with fine grasses. (Hard to find: Audubon never saw one)! Habitat: open pine woodlands.
6. In tree (quite often conifer) or shrub 1-25 feet off ground. Lined with hair or fine grasses. Habitat: towns, farms, orchards.
7. Placed on or near ground, well hidden in heavy growths of clover. Bulky, and lined with fine grasses. Habitat: old fields or farm fields.
8. Placed on horizontal limb well out from trunk. A flat, flimsy nest of weed stems, bark, leaves, grasses and sometimes Spanish moss. Habitat: deciduous forests, open woodlands.
9. Nest large and bulky, made of twigs, weed stems etc. Habitat: often found in heron rookeries.
10. Nest deep-cupped and pensile. Averages 5-10 ft above ground but may be as high as 60 feet. Habitat: deciduous woods.

[NOTE: This and all previous quizzes published in

the BSG Newsletter have been prepared by incoming BSG President Dr. Jim Ingold. This highly informative and entertaining series is an everpopular attraction for the Newsletter.]

## ANSWERS TO BIRD QUIZ #32

Across

6. Kingbird -- *Tyrannus*
7. Sapsucker -- *Sphyrapicus*
10. Kinglet -- *Regulus*
11. Sparrow -- *Spizella*
13. Titmouse -- *Parus*

Down

1. Crane -- *Grus*
2. Creeper -- *Certhia*
3. Nuthatch -- *Sitta*
4. Warbler -- *Vermivora*
5. Goose -- *Anser*
8. Pigeon -- *Columba*
9. Tern -- *Sterna*
12. Gull -- *Larus*

## OUTINGS

**June 3 -- Powhatan Exit, I-49 borrow pits.** Nesting King Rail, Swainson's Warbler and Worm-eating Warblers, shorebirds and swallows. Where/When: McDonald's at Linwood & Bert Kouns at 7:00 AM. Leader: Charlie Lyon 865-2674.

**June 18 -- BAFB.** Egret Rookery. Egrets, White Ibis, herons, Anhingas, and woodland birds (maybe a turkey). Where/When: "Short-stop" Burger Joint, Shreve City Shopping Center. 7:30 AM Leader: Jim Ingold 797-5236.

**June 24 -- Bodcau Bayou.** This is a float trip to help clean up the Bodcau Bayou. More details about the time and place of departure will be announced at the June meeting.

**July 8 Hervey Berry & Dairy Farm Hayride and Weiner Roast.** This is a club fund-raiser. Hubert will drive us around his farm on a hay wagon, taking us to his "hot spots." Red-headed Woodpecker, Chipping Sparrow, Painted Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Dicksissels, and owls in the evening are all possible. The cost will be \$10

per person. Where/When: Hervey Farm 5:00 7, March 5, and May 7; mark your calendars.  
PM. Leader: Hubert Hervey 925-9249.

## AUCTION PAYOFF

by H. C. HERVEY

Al and Gay Vekovius were high bidders in December for a boat ride down the Sabine River from the old port city of Logansport to Oak Ridge Park SRA on Toledo Bend Lake. We four, Al, Gay, Pat and Hubert made the trip May 21, 1995. We enjoyed the journey in a superb and most comfortable fashion because we traveled in their bass boat. I would have rented a "john boat" and hooked my 6 hp Mercury up and putted along. In fact, three days prior to this trip, Pat and I toured a third of the most southerly part in just this way. Both trips gave us very interesting birding, but the trip with the Vekovius' was not nearly so tiring. I just want to say how much Pat and I appreciated their consideration.

The Sabine River is a wide river that has many of the qualities of a free flowing river because it is undammed after it leaves Lake Tawakoni, a few miles east of Dallas, until the big T, (Toledo Bend Dam) backs it up to a few miles south of Logansport. We enjoyed entering several of the small bayous on the LA side. Al would fish up each stream while the rest of us birded. It was a compatible combination.

Now for a list of the best birds seen both May 18th and 21st: **Bald Eagle (SA), Caspian Tern, American White Pelican, Wood Duck family, American Coot, Spotted Sandpiper, Black and Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, Acadian Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Hooded Warbler, Norther Parula, and Prothonotary Warbler.** And I'm also lucky because just about all of the trip was in our Breeding Bird Atlas Quad. Maybe I'll get to fish a little myself after the Atlas survey work is finished.

## Board Meetings -- 1995-1996

The Board of Directors for the Bird Study Group will meet on the first Tuesday at 7:00 pm in September, November, March, and May for the coming year. These dates are: Sep. 5, Nov.

## The Edwards Plateau

by Jean Trahan

The Edwards Plateau was Jeff's and my Spring Break Trip. Not for us the sunny sandy beaches of Texas; nope, give us cacti, bluebonnets, rocks and more **Turkey Vultures** than can be counted.

We left at 3:00 p.m. for a leisurely drive to Bastrop State Park near Austin, Texas. On US 79 near Marquez, Texas we found a flock of **Upland Sandpipers**. I don't know what the guy on the tractor thought, but we were soaking up **Upland Sandpipers** who were largely oblivious of us. It was a flock of over twenty birds. This was much better than the first view I ever had of an **Upland Sandpiper** which consisted of a single backside heading away from me at supersonic speed.

We stopped our first night at Bastrop State Park in order to get up early and hunt the **Blue-footed booby** at Lake Bastrop. Being hardy pioneer sorts we brought our camping gear planning a quick tent (an old fashioned canvas type) pitch and equally quick tent take-down. Well, it rained cats and dogs and the wind howled and the thunder boomed and the lightning ..., a bad start.

The next morning having survived the night, we damply removed ourselves from the park and went to hustle up a booby. No such luck, but we did scare up an **Osprey**. The only **Double-crested Cormorant, Pied-billed Grebe, Snowy Egret** and **Brown Thrasher** of the trip were seen here. On to the Plateau and our search for new life listers!

After much discussion a fortuitous choice of camping at Lost Maples State Park instead of Inks Lake State Park was made. Lost Maples is terrific. The Park Headquarters sells a small booklet by a lady named June Osborne who gives some great places to go and what can be expected to be seen there. She was leading an Elderhostel group one of the days we went birding. One of the participants told us about the book. We bought it.

But to the business at hand. We had **Black-capped Vireos** singing in back of our tent site. The first day out on the East trail to the ponds we

saw a **Golden-cheeked Warbler**. Instead of being awakened by **American Robins**, we were sung awake first by the resident **Northern Cardinal**, then the **Rufous-crowned Sparrows** and then the **Black-capped Vireo**. A **Bewick's Wren** had a nest and was feeding young in a tree across the road. The **Black-crested Titmice** scolded us unmercifully. The **Scrub Jays** were bold, but wary. Not so the armadillo who rooted through the leaves without even acknowledging our presence.

Without leaving the tent site we spotted our first **Ash-throated Flycatcher**. It was a common wire bird in the area. **Turkey Vultures** were extremely abundant. The **Zone-tailed Hawk** was also supposed to be present from February to September so we scanned everyone of those rascals. Unfortunately the **Zone-tailed Hawk** will have to wait for another visit.

We did get to see the **Black-capped Vireo**, but they were considerably easier to hear. Other great birds seen at Lost Maples included **Black-chinned Hummingbirds**, **Canyon Wrens**, **Green Kingfishers**, **Scott's Oriole**, **Common Ravens** (no crows), and an **Olive-sided Flycatcher**.

We took some of the side trips recommended by the Osborne book. Those trips produced our only **Greater Roadrunner**, a **Western Kingbird**, **Cassin's Sparrow**, **Cave Swallows**, **Pyrrhuloxia**, **Vermilion Flycatchers**, **Say's Phoebe** and **Bronzed Cowbird** to name a few. And the scenery was spectacular especially between Lost Maples and Leakey.

The road home was both longer and quicker than we expected. We left Lost Maples on Friday, April 21st to camp at South Llano State Park. They were booked solid. So we started back and tried Inks Lake State Park, also booked solid. We were told that the weekends were booked a month in advance. Scratch spontaneity! In fact Lost Maples was already booked for the Fall as the foliage is supposed to be beautiful. So if you would like to "do" this trip, make reservations.

As consolation for a faster than expected departure (we didn't know it at the time) we saw our first breeding plumage **Lesser Goldfinch**.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by H. C. HERVEY

My fellow birders, we have had a good three years, in my opinion, and I hope you agree. Thanks to the efforts of three different program chairmen, we have had varied, interesting and informative programs. We have a solid base for continuing participation in the North American Migration Count, The Breeding Bird Atlas surveys if more are needed, and three area CBC's. Our outing schedule is highly refined and produces good birds on a regular basis. We have competent leaders but we could always use more. A data base approaching 20,000 bird sightings is becoming more valuable to interested researchers. Keep up this effort, but make every effort to verify the accuracy of your bird identification and the published report.

Two projects are pending completion:

1. The sight guide needs a final revision.
2. The LA Top Birding Spots to be published by the LA Tourist Bureau needs our final approval.

Other accomplishments include:

1. Our annual fundraising auction.
2. Our logo selection and use of same.
3. Our fine newsletter.
4. Our increasing library.
5. Our donations to other worthy organizations.
6. Our interest and influence in local environmental issues, and,
7. Our warmth and hospitality to others.

I wish the new officers a successful term in office. I know you will give Jim Ingold and Gay Vekovius, President and Vice President respectively, your cooperation just as you have given it to me. Thank you all sincerely for allowing me to serve as your President. It has been a pleasure.

## To Kisatchi with Charlie

by Birder Trahans

A great time was had by all those hardy souls who went with Charlie Lyon to Kisatchie National Forest. We loaded up in Charlie's Suburban at the LSU-S parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and were off on a merry chase of the elusive **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** and Mr. **Bachman's Sparrow**.

We tooted down I-49 keeping our eyes open for roadside birds. Charlie entertained us with some of his Borneo adventures. His friend, Susan and her son, Brock who was visiting us all the way from California (a few good birds can be found there, too, or so I'm told!) were along to see the Shreveport Bird Study Group in action or at least Hubert Hervey, Margaret Fontaine and the Trahan trio. I think Susan was particularly impressed with Charlie backing up on the shoulder of I-49 to verify a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**.

Anyhow we started at a quick pace leaving the borrow pits till the trip back. **Anhinga** and **White Ibis** were some of the more unusual birds spotted on the road to Kisatchie. The **Red-cockaded Woodpeckers** eluded us, but **Bachman's Sparrows** sang gloriously to us and one hardy sparrow practically walked right up to us. **Hooded Warblers** were abundant. A couple of males squared off for a little territorial tiff which incidentally gave us some great views. **Northern Parula** and **Black-and-white Warblers** also furnished us with some great viewing.

We picnicked at Kisatchie Bayou. A group of trail riders shared the area with us. Kathryn, Margaret and Brock went wading. It was beautiful, and hard to believe that we were enjoying a rushing river in Louisiana that reminded one more of Arkansas. We even added to our day's listing.

Our last stop in the forest brought one of the trip highlights, an **American Swallow-tailed Kite**. It was up very, very high and was spotted while observing a **Black Vulture**.

The trip home had a couple of surprises. At one stop we saw a **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** and a lone **Franklin's Gull**. Scopes were cruising the sandbars, water and mud flats. The Powhatan exit **Cliff Swallows** were in residence. The borrow pits had its complement of shore birds and

ducks to make our day's list longer until we went well over 70 species of birds. The most numerous bird seen was (surprise, surprise!) the **Red-winged Blackbird** with **White Ibis** running a distant second. Best of all we had good companionship and a good time.

## New Field Trips Next Year

At the last Board meeting it was decided to schedule two new field trips for next year. One will be to the Carolyn Dorman Refuge in April, 1996 and the other will be to the Wallace Lake dam area (date not yet set).

## NORRIS OUTFITTERS

### PROGRAM AND FLOAT TRIP

by H. C. HERVEY

Mark Norris delighted a packed house with his program about canoeing Bodcau and Dorcheat Bayous. The differences and similarities of these two sister streams were interesting to all. We appreciate his sincere concern with our caretaking of the environment. We signed up 13 people to go along on a "clean up the bayou float trip" downstream from Bodcau Bayou Dam. Trip date is June 24th, time and place of departure to be determined at the June club meeting. We will take a side trip to an ancient Indian mound. Mark has canoe space for 20 people. I expect the entire number to be filled. The trip is free - many thanks to Mark Norris for this kind consideration. Call Hubert at 925-9249 to get your name added to the list. Only 7 spaces remain. Trip date is 24 June. The time and place of departure will be determined at the June BSG meeting.

## New Bird Report service

For the 1995-1996 BSG year we will institute new ways to receive your bird reports. This is an effort to make it easier for you to report your sightings and improve the coverage of reporting for the birds in our area (northwestern Louisiana only; do not include Natchitoches, Monroe, or out-of-state areas).

1. Call your reports to Will Smolenski (865-2938) or Bobbe Wommack (686-0369); this is the same as before.

2. Call the Museum (797-5338) and leave your report on the answering machine just as you would if you were calling Will or Bobbe. Be sure to remember to give the exact date and place of each observation. Be very careful and clear. If follow-up calls are needed to fill in missing information then it will not save anyone any time (you could be birding rather than making a second call!).

3. Pick up Bird Report Forms from the Museum or at the meeting and mail your reports directly to the Museum or bring them to a meeting.

## NAMC - 1995

by H.C. HERVEY

A good effort by 7 parties resulted in a count of 119 species for Caddo Parish. Many groups have been working the same area for several years and have learned where to go to get the best results. This shows up when you realize that 24 exclusive birds were turned in, and every group had at least one exclusive. These were: **Pied-billed Grebe, White Ibis, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Sora, Spotted Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Inca Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo** (a lifer for Larry), **Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Swainson's Thrush, Tennessee Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bobolink, House Finch, and American Goldfinch.** So give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done.

The most common bird for yet another year was **Dickcissel** with 650 birds counted in five areas, and completely absent in two areas. Where there are **Dickcissels**; there are usually lots of **Dickcissels**. The top five species are rounded out by **281 Northern Mockingbirds, 272 Red-winged Blackbirds, 254 Cattle Egrets, and 252 Northern Cardinals.**

Although we think that May 13th is quite late

in the migration season of North Louisiana, we still had 22 species that were certainly migrating through. So thanks for your efforts on a warm, muggy day.

## Newsletter Committee

A Newsletter Committee has been established to help with proofreading, composition, and planning for the Newsletter. The members are Mac Hardy, Margaret Fontaine, Hubert Hervey, Pat Hervey, Dick Rolandt, Will Smolenski, and Jeff Trahan.

## A River Bottom Diary Part 8

by Paul Dickson

This day in mid-May is like so many that linger in our fondest thoughts of Spring. As I sit in the shade of the "Fox Sparrow Tree," fluffy Cottonwood seeds drift from its branches and dance across the cool blue sky. A gentle breeze gusts and wanes freshening the fragrant air. A male Red-winged Blackbird flutters from perch to perch where with flushing red wings extended he pours out his call. His rich black coat has luster; his crimson shoulders glow. Perched now upon the marsh his liquid song ripples with the breeze, across the pleated water. It spills out upon the day, sifting around vibrant green islands and feeding Teal. A Yellowbilled Cuckoo's calm klop-klop-klop matches the rhythm of the booming bullfrog's courtship song. Newly emerged dragon flies dart about while rusty trimmed Cattle Egrets wade the emerald sea of clover and rye. I find it hard to picture, on such a fine day, the fury and turmoil of the thunderstorms that passed during the night. Late spring is a dichotomy. The thunderstorms that wreak havoc in May are forgotten as quickly as they pass. Their violence is drowned out by the vibrance of life so evident on a fine day as this.

Much that passes in the lives of animals this time of year is analogous to thunderstorms and fine spring days. Rat snakes and raccoons plunder the nests of the Wood Ducks, gorging them-

selves on the fruits of a hapless hen's labor. But the Wood Duck narrowly escapes and within days her night of terror is forgotten as she begins another clutch. A month later a dozen little yellow fuzzballs emerge from a hole high in the cypress tree and with exuberance and unbridled optimism, leap into an unknown world. Two weeks later from a larger hole on another cypress limb, baby coons crawl about gazing at the inviting swamp below. Likewise the Dickcissel nests in the hayfield that is about to be laid down. When the grass becomes hay she hops about frantically searching for her tragedy but only for a few moments. There is more grass and the chorus of singing males in the next field over promises that there will be plenty more tall grass in the weeks ahead.

Gazing upward again I must chuckle at the ploy of the Cottonwood. You would think that after such a violent storm only hours earlier that any "cotton" the old tree had would have been stripped in the tempest, but no, the tree held tightly to its seed. I enjoy the thought that it releases its wind riders only now, to drift hope upon steady breezes that neither swirl nor dash to the ground, but instead gently massage the landscape for miles and carry the seed of my "Fox Sparrow Tree" far and wide.

Watching the Cottonwood fluff mimic the clouds above can put a person in a fine trance just as aptly as falling snakes can snap one out of it. A solid thud brings my attention to a twisting, entwined pair of rat snakes now on the ground, below a hollow limb of a nearby tree. The caduceus writhes about as one and another generation of egg eaters is assured. I don't know if falling out of the tree was part of the ritual or not, but they certainly made for a dramatic entrance and a startling climax to my mid-day sit.

Such drama is common in this the most vibrant of seasons. The passage of migrants heading to northern forests and fields thrills the bird watcher and the casual observer as well. The first Northern Orioles arrive on the 23rd of April, two days earlier than last year. Though a few Pine Siskens, Goldfinches, and White Crowned Sparrows linger, the avifauna is now dominated by summer species. For two weeks, however, neotropical migrants make each day a new canvas. In between the Dickcissels, sing bubbling male Bobolinks as the plain, straw colored females feed

deep in the blooming vetch on the 27th of April. By May 1st they are numerous. Their overhead flight calls sounding like wind chimes, drift down as they move along from pampas to prairie. The feeders are painted with Rose Breasted Grosbeaks and scores of Buntings as Scarlet Tanagers and Orioles blaze the tops of the Cottonwoods. All of this feathered beauty is of course framed by storms. During one steady downpour on May 8th a male Bobolink sings through it all as do several Dickcissels, refusing to be subdued. This was the last day for Bobolinks, with the passage of the storm so went most of the migrants. On the 12th I find birds typical of mid-May: an Empidonax Flycatcher, probably a migrant Willow, one White Crowned and one Lincoln's Sparrow linger, a fledgling Titmouse, a fledged young Mourning Dove, fewer Indigo Buntings, and most summer species busily going about singly or in pairs. Flocks are gone with one exception. The Mulberries are ripe and over one hundred Cedar Waxwings flock to them much to my dismay. They always get the dull red berries just before they ripen. The Mayapples seem to disappear at this stage as well. I guess the early bird gets the worm.

By the third week of May nearly everything is multiplying. Most birds are in some stage of nesting or feeding young and most mammals are bringing forth their litters. Snakes and frogs are actively moving far from usual hiding places and Sliders can be found away from water, laying eggs or searching for greener ponds. Food is in abundance. Cardinals, particularly hard working females are now found out in the Crimson clover, enjoying the bumper crop of seeds as are virtually all open field birds. Along the fence rows and waterways the Dewberries are declining but still abundant as are Mulberries and Poison Ivy drupes. The fields are topped with seed heads of winter grasses and legumes and insects are now numerous. Butterflies drift across the green fields adding motion to the blooms of a score of flowering species. This is a time of plenty for a vibrant, natural world.

## Volunteers Needed

We need two or three persons who would be willing to help with entering the bird records on the computer. The time required would be about

2-4 hours depending on the number of volunteers and your schedule. The data entry needs to be done between approximately the 20th of each month and the Newsletter publication date. Contact Mac if you can help.

## FAVORITE BIRDING PLACES THE DAIRY FARM

by Hubert C. Hervey

Dairy farming is my business. It is also good for the land. Many tons of grain are needed to produce milk. Pastures have to be maintained. Shade trees are required. Water ponds are needed. Cross fences for different purposes must be maintained. Lime must be spread and soil fertility tested and appropriate fertilizers spread. More is added to the soil than is removed in product. Dairy farms are good for birds.

I also raise berries. Blueberries are good for people, and the land. Irrigation is required for these shallow-rooted plants. No harmful sprays are needed. Berry raising is good for birds.

So you see - I have a great place right here to watch birds. Last week, I had a **Western Kingbird** and a **Yellow-headed Blackbird**. Last month, I still had a pair of **Inca Doves**, but they have pulled out. Some years, **Western Meadowlarks** sing into April before leaving, at least I think they always left. **Brewers** and **Rusty Blackbirds** often spend the winter here. This past winter was the best ever for **Rusty Blackbirds** with a flock of 20 - 25.

The farm is my favorite of all birding places. When the summer residents return and start singing, I feel like old friends are renewing their friendship with me. Among my favorites are **Eastern Kingbirds**, **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers**, **Barn Swallows**, **Purple Martins**, **Chimney Swifts**, **Summer Tanagers**, **Orchard Orioles**, **White-eyed Vireos**, and **Acadian Flycatchers**. That was really a hard list to stop!

The migrating shorebirds like the bare, muddy areas where cattle feed, to pass a day or two by gorging on bugs. Any sandpiper, plover or wader that migrates through Louisiana is possible here. I have exciting records of **Wilson Phalaropes**, **Yellowlegs**, **Golden** and **Black-bellied Plovers**,

**Pectoral Sandpipers**, **Virginia Rails** and **Soras**, **Upland Sandpipers**, and five kinds of peeps at one time.

I was fortunate to add two birds to the farm list this spring, **Forsters Tern** and **Barn Owl**.

The fence rows are grown up with **Multiflora Rosa**, **Sassafras** trees, **Prickly Ash**, **Virginia** and **Trumpet Creeper** and other plants that provide good food and cover for birds. I never believed in clean fence rows. My neighbor cut all the bushes off a half mile of fence last winter, and took out the nest tree, a **Cedar**, of a **Loggerhead Shrike**. None are there now. My fence rows raise **Painted** and **Indigo Buntings**, **Blue Grosbeak**, **Eastern Bluebirds**, **Northern Mockingbirds** and **Brown Thrashers**, **Lark Sparrows** and **Dickcissels**. That was a hard list to stop!

The hawk migrations are always exciting times but some of the most interesting studies in behavior have come about by watching the resident **Red-shouldered Hawks** and **Red-tailed Hawks** as they compete. Pat and I watched the male Red-shoulder drive a Red-tailed away by attacking him, much as an **Eastern Kingbird** does an **American Crow**, from the rear and above and pecking his back. The Red-tailed turned upside down trying to block the attack, and was happy to leave the Red-shoulder's nest area behind. And I well remember the **Cooper's Hawk** that threatened to knock me from the tree as I climbed toward its nest. Also **American Kestrels** formerly nested in the old "Bull" Pine, which is now just a skeleton.

I leave dead trees standing. Woodpeckers need a place to raise. Most farmers shove down dead trees as soon as possible. I have six species of woodpeckers raising here and almost had **Red-cockaded Woodpeckers**, but that is another story. The good part is that trees are a renewable resource. Also, I always encourage mixed woods of hardwood and pine. Thus the bird diversity is greater. Sustainable bio-diversity - I've been practicing it before most conservation groups ever came on the scene to dream up catch phrases. And it is good for the birds!

Greatest all time birds here would have to be **American Swallow-tailed Kite**, **Henslow's Sparrow**, **Lapland Longspur**, **70 Anhingas** migrating North or **300 American White Pel-**

icans wheeling South. Oh my, hard list to stop!  
Hard article to stop! Hard series to stop!

## SUMMER RECORDS

The summer is the time with the weakest support in our bird data base. This is the time (July and August) when the Bird Study Group does not meet and the time when fewer birders are out in the hot, muggy, tick-infested field. We receive fewer records for the first Newsletter in the fall than at other times. Submit your summer records any time during the summer and during the regular call for records in late August and September. Let's improve the summer bird records.

**Bring BSG Birding Contest entries  
to the June Meeting!**

## 1995-1996

## BOARD MEMBERS

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the SSNS Bird Study Group was held May 9, 1995 in the Museum of Life Sciences at LSU-S. Hubert Hervey, President, brought the meeting to order at 7:05pm. He asked that guests stand up and introduce themselves, and tell us how they happened to hear about the Bird Study Group.

Hubert introduced our speaker for the night, Mark Norris, owner of Norris Outfitters. Mark gave an enlightening program on rivers and bayous of North Louisiana, depicting an ecological aspect of our state. He leads canoeing tours down Dorcheat and Bodcau Bayous. The beautiful bayou could become a thing of the past if man's devastation of all things natural is allowed to continue. Mark said so many tourists want to see Louisiana. They are affiliated with church groups and take in some exchange students from all over the globe.

We are looking forward to our "Clean-up Float Trip" with Mark, in June.

Bird Talk included a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** (seen at the farm), **Bobolinks**, **Dickcissels**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**, **Lark Sparrows**, and young **House Finches**, seen downtown. The final count of Paul's Big Day was 96?

Hubert said a few words to our guests about Quads and the Breeding Bird Atlas. Congratulations to Wellborn Jack for receiving the Conservationist of the Year Award.

Hubert named the newly-elected officers. Jim Ingold as President and Gay Vekovius as Vice President. Hubert said he has enjoyed being president for these past three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING

On May 2, 1995, a Board Meeting was held at the LSU-S Museum of Life Sciences. The meeting opened at 7:05 pm. The Treasurer's Report was phoned in:

\$1,188.63	Hibernia Acct.
<u>53.65</u>	Museum
1,242.28	Total
<u>182.00</u>	Post Office Account
\$1,424.28	Total Assets

(The last mailing has not been deducted.)

A motion was seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of minutes of the February board meeting and approve the minutes as previously printed. Our birding trips have been real good. A suggestion was made to include a Carolyn Dorman trip next April. Paul's Big Day is May 7, 1995. Will sold three T-Shirts in Cameron. We appreciate your work in this fundraising, Will. There were compliments from LOS on our newsletter, and Mac Hardy said it is large enough now to warrant an editorial group, and for a newsletter editor. Volunteers are Will

Smolenski, Hubert Hervey and Jeff Trahan. There were several suggestions made as to bird reports. One is to call museum and leave report on answer machine; another is to turn in list of birds at meetings.

If you have any ideas pertaining to publicity, please let us know. An environmental reporter from a local radio station has indicated an interest in our group and what we're doing. Hubert told him about our "clean-up float trip", etc. At future meetings, Bird Talk will be immediately following the program.

NAMC on May 13, 1995 is in the same area as last year. Hubert passed out maps to participants that were at the board meeting.

Jim Ingold was nominated as President, Gay Vekovius as Vice President, Betty Mason as Treasurer and Pat Hervey as Secretary. All were unanimously elected.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



# Extralimital Dates: Nightjars, etc.

by Mac Hardy

This is the fourth in a series of reports on extralimital dates for migratory birds in our area. It is based exclusively on the Bird Study Group Bird Report data base. The intent of this series is to alert birders of the approximate arrival and departure dates of migrants (based on our data base) and of times during the year in need of better documentation. In some cases, permanent residents (PERM) are included if annual data is incomplete. At least six dates (if available) are given for each species. For summer residents (SU) the first three dates are the earliest arrival dates in the spring and the last three dates are the latest departure dates in the fall. For winter residents (WI), the first three dates are the latest departure dates in the spring and the last three are the earliest arrival dates in the fall. The last column gives months for which additional data is needed. For non-resident migrants the first line (SP) contains the earliest three arrival and latest three departure dates for the spring and the second line (FA) gives the earliest arrival and latest departure dates for the fall migration. In some cases fewer than three dates are available for a given category.

<b>Common Nighthawk</b>	SU 04/11, 04/18, 04/25 -- 10/20, 11/12, 11/18	Report Apr., Nov.
<b>Chuck-will's-widow</b>	SU 04/13, 04/15, 04/17 -- 07/20, 07/28	Report Apr., summer
<b>Whip-poor-will</b>	SU 04/15, 04/17, 04/18 -- 10/05, 10/16, 10/19	Report Apr., Oct.
<b>Chimney Swift</b>	SU 03/20, 03/21, 03/24 -- 10/16, 10/17, 10/31	Report Mar., Oct.
<b>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</b>	SU 03/19, 03/23, 03/24 -- 11/19, 11/21, 11/29	Report Mar., Nov.
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	12/19/93	Report ALL RECORDS

## BIRD NOTES -- MAY

Compiled May 23, 1995

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Bobbe Wommack (686-0369) or to Will Smolenski (865-2938) by the 15th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc. For example: 15 PD 3 means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers.

### REPORTERS

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
AD	Andrea Dancisin	04/30/95 1 mi. W Pines Rd.; 05/02/95 nr. corner Walker & Meriweather Rd.; 05/04/95 residence
B&BW	Bob & Bobbe Wommack	05/04/95 Yearwood Road
BobW	Bob Wommack	04/26/95 Stonewall
BW	Bobbe Wommack	04/30/95 Shreveport, residence; 05/03/95 Shreveport, C. Bickham-Dickson Park; 05/04/95 Stonewall; 05/05/95 Shreveport, residence
CL	Charlie Lyon	04/26/95 Shreveport, residence; 04/27/95 Shreveport, Norton Art Gallery; 04/28/95 Kisatchie Natl. Forest; 04/30/95 I-49 ponds and Kisatchie Natl. Forest; 05/01/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.; 05/02/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.; 05/04/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park; 05/14/95 BBA: East Point Quad
CL&BillW	Charlie Lyon & Bill Wood	05/02/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park
CL&HJ	Charlie Lyon & Horace Jeter	05/01/95 Yearwood Road; 05/03/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park
CL&RW	Charlie Lyon & Ralph Wilson	05/09/95 BBA: East Point Quad; 05/10/95 BBA: East Point Quad
CL&SH	Charlie Lyon & Susan Holbrook	05/05/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park; 05/06/95 Loggy Bayou Plantation ; 05/07/95 I-49 ponds; 05/13/95 BBA: East Point Quad
CM	Clyde Massey	05/07/95 Shreveport, C. Bickham-Dickson Park
GAVRW	Gay&Al Vekovius, Reisinger, Wommack	05/13/95 NAMC: Yearwood Road & Wallace Lake Dam; 05/13/95 NAMC: Greensleeves Plantation, Ellerbe Road
GV	Gay Vekovius	05/12/95 2919 Southern Ave., Shreveport.
H&PH	Hubert and Pat Hervey	05/02/95 residence; 05/02/95 Hervey Farm
HCH	Hubert Hervey	05/17/95 BBA: Grand Cane; 05/17/95 BBA: Logansport; 05/01/95 residence ; 05/08/95 residence

Abbrev	Name	Dates and Places
HHo	Helen Hood	04/25/95 Shreveport, residence; 05/04/95 Shreveport, residence; 05/07/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park; 05/14/95 Bossier City, near Food Lion on U.S. 71
Jl	Jim Ingold	05/13/95 Hosston, Vivian, Gilliam & Bl. Bayou Lake
J&JT	Jeff & Jean Trahan	04/27/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.; 05/01/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.; 05/02/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.; 05/03/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.; 05/05/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.; 05/08/95 Shreveport, Bickham-Dickson Park.
JJ&KT	Jeff, Jean & Kathryn Trahan	05/07/95 Benton Quad - Cypress Lake Black Bayou; 05/13/95 Northernmost 7 mi. Caddo Par.
JMcC	Jim McCain	05/12/95 residence; 05/15/95 Oil City
LR	Larry Raymond	05/13/95 Walter Jacob's Memorial Nature Park; 05/13/95 W. Lakeshore Dr. and Richard Flemming Park
MH	Mac Hardy	05/01/95 345 Mayo Rd., Shreveport; 05/20/95 Shreveport, residence; 05/20/95 Bert Kouns near LA 1.; 05/21/95 Shreveport, residence
MH & WS	Mac Hardy, Will Smolenski	05/13/95 Caddo Lake Dam; 05/13/95 Caddo Lake Dam to Belcher; 05/13/95 1 - 3 mi NW Belcher; 05/13/95 East of Belcher; 05/13/95 East of Caddo Lake on LA 169 & Crawford Rd.; 05/13/95 S Edge Caddo Lake; 05/13/95 0 - 3 mi. from Oil City
ML	Marylin Lessy	05/09/95 9541 Spring Ridge - State Line Rd.
MS	Mildred Smith	05/03/95 Shreveport, residence; 05/20/95 2802 Summer Grove Dr.
MT	Margo Tuller	05/04/95 Shreveport, residence; 05/05/95 residence
P&HH	Pat & Hubert Hervey	05/07/95 Hervey Farm; 05/13/95 Southwest 1/4; 05/18/95 BBA: Logansport Quad
PHH,GAV	Pat & Hubert Hervey, Gay & Al Vekovius	05/21/95 BBA: Logansport Quad
PD	Paul Dickson	04/23/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 04/27/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 04/28/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 04/29/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 05/01/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 05/01/95 Robson Rd. east of hills; 05/08/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 05/11/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 05/12/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road; 05/16/95 Missionary Plantation; 05/18/95 Deer Farm on Ellerbe Road
RS&VL	Rosemary Seidler & Vicki LeFevers	05/13/95 South Lakeshore
VLRs	Vicki LeFevers & Rosemary Seidler	05/02/95 BBA: North Highland Quad, George Road; 05/02/95 Shreveport: Bickham-Dickson Park
WJ Jr	Welborn Jack, Jr.	04/25/95 Robson Road; 05/06/95 Shreveport: Bickham-Dickson Park; 05/07/95 Shreveport: Peppertree
WS	Will Smolenski	05/18/95 Shreveport, 526 Dunmoreland Dr.; 05/19/95 Shreveport, Spring Lake

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Pied-billed Grebe	05/03/95 BW 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/14/95 CL 2
Double-crested Cormorant	05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/07/95 CM 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 3; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Anhinga	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 3; 05/07/95 CL&SH 1; 05/14/95 CL 8
Least Bittern	05/07/95 CM 1
Great Blue Heron	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 04/30/95 CL 3; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 5; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 3; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 4; 05/13/95 RS&VL 21; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 3; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 12; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 12
Great Egret	04/27/95 J&JT 3; 04/30/95 CL 4; 05/01/95 J&JT 6; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 12; 05/02/95 VLRs 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 J&JT 8; 05/02/95 H&PH 1; 05/03/95 J&JT 3; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 10; 05/03/95 J&JT 6; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 3; 05/08/95 J&JT 5; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 57; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 5; 05/18/95 P&HH 30; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 24
Snowy Egret	04/30/95 CL 2; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/02/95 J&JT 10; 05/02/95 VLRs 3; 05/03/95 J&JT 20; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/07/95 CL&SH 5; 05/07/95 CM 7; 05/08/95 J&JT 10; 05/14/95 CL 5
Little Blue Heron	04/26/95 CL 3; 04/30/95 CL 4; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/01/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 10; 05/02/95 VLRs 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 4; 05/03/95 J&JT 8; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 8; 05/04/95 CL 4; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 3; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/07/95 HHo 2; 05/07/95 CM 5; 05/07/95 CL&SH 4; 05/08/95 J&JT 5; 05/09/95 CL&RW 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 4; 05/13/95 P&HH 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 6; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 2
Cattle Egret	04/26/95 CL 20; 04/27/95 J&JT 20; 04/27/95 CL 4; 04/30/95 CL 50; 05/01/95 J&JT 8; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 100; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 200; 05/02/95 J&JT 12; 05/03/95 J&JT 35; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 50; 05/04/95 CL 100; 05/05/95 CL&SH 100; 05/05/95 J&JT 10; 05/06/95 CL&SH 50; 05/07/95 CL&SH 50; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 25; 05/07/95 CM 25; 05/08/95 J&JT 30; 05/09/95 CL&RW 100; 05/10/95 CL&RW 50; 05/13/95 CL&SH 100; 05/13/95 P&HH 74; 05/13/95 JI 16; 05/13/95 RS&VL 27; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 57; 05/13/95 MH & WS 35; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 CL 200; 05/17/95 HCH 30; 05/18/95 P&HH 1; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 12
Green Heron	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/03/95 BW 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4

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Black-crowned Night-Heron	05/21/95 PHH,GAV 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/20/95 MH 1; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
White Ibis	05/07/95 CM 1; 05/07/95 CL&SH 30; 05/13/95 CL&SH 20; 05/13/95 GAVRW 100; 05/18/95 P&HH 26
Roseate Spoonbill	05/18/95 WS 1
Wood Duck	04/27/95 J&JT 2; 05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/03/95 BW 2; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 4; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/07/95 CM 6; 05/08/95 J&JT 6; 05/09/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 12; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 13; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/18/95 P&HH 15; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Mallard	04/30/95 CL 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 8; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1
Blue-winged Teal	04/27/95 J&JT 2; 04/30/95 CL 3; 05/01/95 J&JT 20; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 10; 05/02/95 J&JT 30; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 50; 05/03/95 J&JT 35; 05/03/95 BW 12; 05/04/95 CL 30; 05/05/95 CL&SH 40; 05/07/95 CL&SH 4; 05/07/95 CM 7; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/14/95 CL 4; 05/18/95 PD 3
Northern Shoveler	05/18/95 PD 1
Black Vulture	05/02/95 H&PH 10; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 GAVRW 8; 05/13/95 P&HH 14; 05/13/95 RS&VL 7; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 12; 05/18/95 P&HH 12; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 12
Turkey Vulture	05/02/95 H&PH 12; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 20; 05/13/95 P&HH 37; 05/13/95 JI 4; 05/13/95 RS&VL 23; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 13; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 CL 4; 05/17/95 HCH 22; 05/18/95 P&HH 22; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 20
Osprey	05/07/95 CL&SH 1
Mississippi Kite	04/27/95 CL 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 8; 05/13/95 P&HH 7; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 4; 05/18/95 WS 1; 05/20/95 MH 2; 05/20/95 MS 1
Bald Eagle	05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/18/95 P&HH 1
Northern Harrier	05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 JI 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 6; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 2; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Broad-winged Hawk	05/13/95 P&HH 1
Red-tailed Hawk	05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 JI 3; 05/13/95 RS&VL 4; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/17/95 HCH 3; 05/18/95 P&HH 6; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 2
Northern Bobwhite	04/26/95 BobW 7; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/13/95 GAVRW 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 3; 05/13/95 JI 3; 05/17/95 HCH 4
Wild Turkey	05/06/95 CL&SH 1
Sora	05/13/95 MH & WS 1
Common Moorhen	05/14/95 CL 1
American Coot	05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/07/95 CL&SH 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 3
Killdeer	05/01/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 5; 05/13/95 JI 6; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 1
Black-necked Stilt	04/30/95 CL 8; 05/07/95 CL&SH 3
Greater Yellowlegs	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 04/30/95 CL 5; 05/01/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 J&JT 3; 05/03/95 J&JT 3; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 3; 05/07/95 CM 1
Lesser Yellowlegs	04/27/95 J&JT 4; 04/30/95 CL 1; 05/01/95 J&JT 6; 05/01/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 12; 05/02/95 CL 8; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 8; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/03/95 BW 4; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 20; 05/03/95 J&JT 15; 05/04/95 CL 20; 05/05/95 CL&SH 25; 05/07/95 CM 8; 05/08/95 J&JT 3; 05/14/95 CL 4
Solitary Sandpiper	05/01/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 10; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 CL 10; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 5; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 6; 05/03/95 BW 1; 05/04/95 CL 4; 05/05/95 CL&SH 8; 05/07/95 CM 1
Willet	05/08/95 J&JT 3
Spotted Sandpiper	05/01/95 J&JT 5; 05/01/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 CL 12; 05/02/95 J&JT 5; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 10; 05/03/95 BW 1; 05/03/95 J&JT 10; 05/04/95 CL 10; 05/05/95 CL&SH 10; 05/07/95 CM 11; 05/08/95 J&JT 10; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1
Semipalmated Sandpiper	05/07/95 WJjr 1
Least Sandpiper	05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL 12; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 12; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 6; 05/04/95 CL 12; 05/05/95 CL&SH 4; 05/06/95 WJjr 15
White-rumped Sandpiper	05/01/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/02/95 CL 1
Baird's Sandpiper	05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1
Pectoral Sandpiper	05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/04/95 CL 20; 05/05/95 CL&SH 50; 05/13/95 JI 13
Stilt Sandpiper	04/30/95 CL 4
Short-billed Dowitcher	05/06/95 WJjr 15
Wilson's Phalarope	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 PD 2
Franklin's Gull	05/03/95 CL&HJ 3
Caspian Tern	05/07/95 CM 4
Forster's Tern	04/30/95 CL 1
Rock Dove	05/02/95 VLRS 7; 05/02/95 H&PH 12; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 13; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 41; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 7; 05/13/95 MH & WS 7; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 20
Mourning Dove	04/27/95 J&JT 8; 05/01/95 J&JT 4; 05/02/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 4; 05/02/95 H&PH 6; 05/03/95 J&JT 7; 05/05/95 J&JT 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 10; 05/07/95 CM 7; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 8; 05/13/95 P&HH

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Inca Dove	33; 05/13/95 JI 24; 05/13/95 RS&VL 93; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 19; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 10; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/14/95 CL 12; 05/17/95 HCH 12; 05/18/95 WS 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 5
Black-billed Cuckoo	05/13/95 MH & WS 1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	05/03/95 BW 1; 05/13/95 LR 1
Greater Roadrunner	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2;
Barn Owl	05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 4; 05/13/95 CL&SH 5; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 3; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 8
Eastern Screech-Owl	05/02/95 AD 1; 05/17/95 HCH 1; 05/19/95 WS 1
Great Horned Owl	05/13/95 CL&SH 1
Barred Owl	05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 LR 1
Common Nighthawk	05/02/95 H&PH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1
Chuck-will's-widow	05/07/95 CM 1; 05/12/95 JM&C 5; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1
Chimney Swift	04/26/95 CL 1; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 6; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/04/95 B&BW 10; 05/04/95 CL 10; 05/05/95 CL&SH 6; 05/09/95 CL&RW 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 2
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	04/28/95 CL 3; 05/06/95 CL&SH 5; 05/09/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 GAVRW 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 3
Belted Kingfisher	04/26/95 CL 12; 04/27/95 CL 2; 04/27/95 J&JT 3; 04/30/95 CL 2; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 5; 05/02/95 VLRS 6; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 5; 05/02/95 VLRS 12; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 25; 05/03/95 J&JT 30; 05/04/95 CL 25; 05/05/95 CL&SH 20; 05/05/95 J&JT 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 10; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 4; 05/07/95 CL&SH 2; 05/08/95 J&JT 6; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/12/95 JM&C 25; 05/13/95 P&HH 32; 05/13/95 RS&VL 28; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 10; 05/17/95 HCH 16; 05/18/95 WS 5; 05/18/95 P&HH 8; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 10
Red-headed Woodpecker	05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/18/95 WS 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 3; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	04/27/95 J&JT 2; 05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 CM 3; 05/13/95 RS&VL 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/17/95 HCH 2
Downy Woodpecker	05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/04/95 HHO 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 WS 1
Hairy Woodpecker	04/27/95 J&JT 2; 04/27/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 4; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 3; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 6; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 10; 05/08/95 J&JT 4; 05/10/95 CL&RW 3; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 12; 05/13/95 JI 4; 05/13/95 RS&VL 15; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 3; 05/17/95 HCH 8; 05/18/95 WS 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 14
Northern Flicker	04/27/95 J&JT 3; 04/27/95 CL 3; 05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2;
Pileated Woodpecker	05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/08/95 J&JT 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 8; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 1; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 10
Olive-sided Flycatcher	04/27/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 1; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/17/95 HCH 2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	04/27/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH 2
Acadian Flycatcher	05/01/95 MH 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 4; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/17/95 HCH 6; 05/18/95 P&HH 2; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 8
Willow Flycatcher	05/13/95 JJ&KT 1
Eastern Phoebe	05/01/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/02/95 VLRS 3; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 5; 05/04/95 CL 3; 05/05/95 CL&SH 3; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 4; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/07/95 CM 8; 05/08/95 J&JT 1;
Great Crested Flycatcher	05/09/95 CL&RW 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 GAVRW 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 11; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 1; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 1
Western Kingbird	04/30/95 CL 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 2; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 13
Eastern Kingbird	05/03/95 CL&HJ 2
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	05/13/95 GAVRW 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1
Horned Lark	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/03/95 BW 1; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/09/95 CL&RW 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 4; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 JI 4; 05/13/95 RS&VL 4; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/14/95 CL 14; 05/17/95 HCH 3; 05/18/95 P&HH 4

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Purple Martin	04/27/95 J&JT 3; 04/30/95 CL 20; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 40; 05/01/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 5; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 20; 05/02/95 H&PH 20; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 40; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/04/95 CL 50; 05/05/95 CL&SH 50; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 20; 05/07/95 CL&SH 10; 05/07/95 CM 6; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/08/95 J&JT 6; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 25; 05/13/95 JI 10; 05/13/95 RS&VL 41; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 7; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 26; 05/14/95 CL 15; 05/17/95 HCH 14; 05/17/95 HCH 16; 05/18/95 WS 12; 05/18/95 P&HH 6; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 16
Tree Swallow	05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 3; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 6; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	05/01/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/02/95 VLRS 12; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/04/95 CL 10; 05/05/95 CL&SH 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 5; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/17/95 HCH 6; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 10
Bank Swallow	05/03/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/04/95 CL 5
Cliff Swallow	05/01/95 CL&HJ 10; 05/07/95 CL&SH 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1
Barn Swallow	04/30/95 CL 30; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 40; 05/01/95 J&JT 10; 05/02/95 J&JT 20; 05/02/95 VLRS 7; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 20; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 20; 05/03/95 J&JT 20; 05/04/95 CL 12; 05/05/95 CL&SH 25; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/07/95 CL&SH 30; 05/08/95 J&JT 10; 05/10/95 CL&RW 6; 05/13/95 CL&SH 30; 05/13/95 P&HH 38; 05/13/95 JI 66; 05/13/95 RS&VL 29; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 22; 05/13/95 MH & WS 23; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/14/95 CL 12; 05/18/95 P&HH 7; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 26
Blue Jay	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 5; 05/02/95 VLRS 3; 05/02/95 H&PH 8; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/05/95 J&JT 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 20; 05/08/95 J&JT 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 5; 05/12/95 JMcC 4; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 21; 05/13/95 JI 14; 05/13/95 RS&VL 34; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/14/95 CL 8; 05/17/95 HCH 14; 05/18/95 WS 6; 05/18/95 P&HH 8; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 12
American Crow	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 10; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 4; 05/07/95 CM 10; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/09/95 CL&RW 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 6; 05/13/95 CL&SH 20; 05/13/95 P&HH 27; 05/13/95 JI 38; 05/13/95 RS&VL 36; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 14; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 7; 05/14/95 CL 10; 05/17/95 HCH 18; 05/17/95 HCH 8; 05/18/95 WS 2; 05/18/95 P&HH 15; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 22
Fish Crow	05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 5; 05/02/95 VLRS 4; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 10; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 20; 05/08/95 J&JT 6; 05/09/95 CL&RW 3; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 11; 05/13/95 JI 3; 05/13/95 RS&VL 21; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 3; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Carolina Chickadee	04/25/95 HHo 2; 05/01/95 J&JT 4; 05/02/95 J&JT 5; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 5; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 10; 05/07/95 CM 15; 05/08/95 J&JT 9; 05/09/95 CL&RW 3; 05/10/95 CL&RW 4; 05/13/95 CL&SH 6; 05/13/95 LR 4; 05/13/95 P&HH 8; 05/13/95 JI 5; 05/13/95 RS&VL 42; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 14; 05/13/95 MH & WS 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/14/95 CL 4; 05/17/95 HCH 10; 05/18/95 WS 2; 05/18/95 P&HH 2; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 16
Tufted Titmouse	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/04/95 HHo 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 5; 05/08/95 J&JT 3; 05/10/95 CL&RW 4; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 14; 05/13/95 JI 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 17; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 10; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/14/95 CL 1; 05/17/95 HCH 10; 05/18/95 WS 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 24; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 14
White-breasted Nuthatch	04/25/95 HHo 1; 04/27/95 CL 5; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/18/95 WS 1; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 1
Brown-headed Nuthatch	04/30/95 CL 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 9; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/17/95 HCH 6; 05/17/95 HCH 5
Carolina Wren	04/27/95 J&JT 5; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 8; 05/07/95 CM 3; 05/08/95 J&JT 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 5; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 8; 05/13/95 P&HH 9; 05/13/95 JI 4; 05/13/95 RS&VL 18; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 18; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/14/95 CL 3; 05/17/95 HCH 7; 05/17/95 HCH 2; 05/18/95 WS 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 6
Sedge Wren	04/28/95 PD 2; 05/04/95 CL 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/09/95 CL&RW 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 6; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 14; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/17/95 HCH 5; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 6; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 10
Eastern Bluebird	04/30/95 CL 12; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 15; 05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 4; 05/02/95 H&PH 6; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 6; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 8; 05/08/95 J&JT 4; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 GAVRW 15; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 49; 05/13/95 JI 11; 05/13/95 RS&VL 58; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 11; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 7; 05/14/95 CL 8; 05/17/95 HCH 10; 05/17/95 HCH 8; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Veery	05/03/95 CL&HJ 1
Gray-cheeked Thrush	05/04/95 CL 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 3
Swainson's Thrush	05/03/95 CL&HJ 5; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/05/95 CL&SH 5; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/13/95 LR 1
Wood Thrush	05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/05/95 BW 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 3; 05/13/95 RS&VL 9; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 3
American Robin	04/27/95 J&JT 15; 05/01/95 J&JT 25; 05/02/95 J&JT 30; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 14; 05/02/95 VLRS 8; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 20; 05/03/95 J&JT 15; 05/04/95 CL 10; 05/05/95 CL&SH 12; 05/05/95 J&JT 5; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/07/95 HHo 20; 05/07/95 CM 25; 05/08/95 J&JT 18; 05/13/95 P&HH 14; 05/13/95 JI 9; 05/13/95 RS&VL 47; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 7; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/17/95 HCH 8; 05/18/95 WS 3
Gray Catbird	05/01/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 10; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 CL 10; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 16; 05/04/95 B&BW 1; 05/04/95 CL 5; 05/05/95 CL&SH 6; 05/05/95 J&JT 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 15; 05/08/95 J&JT 4; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1
Northern Mockingbird	04/27/95 J&JT 2; 05/01/95 J&JT 3; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 9; 05/02/95 VLRS 18; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 4;

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	05/02/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 5; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/05/95 J&JT 5; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 J&KT 10; 05/07/95 CM 10; 05/08/95 J&JT 6; 05/09/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 62; 05/13/95 JI 47; 05/13/95 RS&VL 63; 05/13/95 J&KT 18; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 12; 05/13/95 MH & WS 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 12; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 16; 05/14/95 CL 16; 05/17/95 HCH 10; 05/17/95 HCH 6; 05/18/95 WS 2; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Brown Thrasher	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 04/27/95 CL 8; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/07/95 J&KT 2; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 5; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 5; 05/13/95 J&KT 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 2
Cedar Waxwing	04/25/95 HHO 25; 04/26/95 CL 12; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 30; 05/02/95 J&JT 15; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 48; 05/02/95 H&PH 22; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 30; 05/03/95 J&JT 6; 05/04/95 CL 20; 05/06/95 CL&SH 10; 05/07/95 CM 30; 05/08/95 J&JT 75; 05/11/95 PD 100; 05/13/95 P&HH 22; 05/13/95 RS&VL 82; 05/13/95 MH & WS 30; 05/13/95 MH & WS 34; 05/18/95 WS 4
Loggerhead Shrike	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 04/30/95 CL 2; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 7; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/04/95 B&BW 3; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/07/95 J&KT 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/12/95 GV 7; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/14/95 CL 2
European Starling	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/01/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 J&JT 6; 05/02/95 VLRS 17; 05/02/95 VLRS 17; 05/02/95 H&PH 14; 05/03/95 J&JT 5; 05/05/95 J&JT 3; 05/07/95 J&KT 6; 05/07/95 CM 50; 05/08/95 J&JT 10; 05/13/95 CL&SH 4; 05/13/95 P&HH 86; 05/13/95 JI 12; 05/13/95 RS&VL 74; 05/13/95 J&KT 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 142; 05/14/95 CL 6; 05/17/95 HCH 12; 05/18/95 WS 2; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 2
White-eyed Vireo	05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 3; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 J&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/09/95 CL&RW 3; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 5; 05/13/95 RS&VL 29; 05/13/95 J&KT 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 15; 05/17/95 HCH 12; 05/18/95 P&HH 31; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 5
Solitary Vireo	05/02/95 VLRS 1
Yellow-throated Vireo	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 5; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 10; 05/17/95 HCH 8; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 11
Warbling Vireo	05/01/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 CL 10; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 10; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 3; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1
Philadelphia Vireo	05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/04/95 BW 2; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 4; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1
Red-eyed Vireo	04/27/95 CL 1; 04/30/95 CL 4; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 7; 05/07/95 J&KT 2; 05/07/95 CM 15; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 8; 05/13/95 CL&SH 7; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 7; 05/13/95 JI 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 24; 05/13/95 J&KT 9; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 18; 05/17/95 HCH 9; 05/18/95 P&HH 5; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 21
Golden-winged Warbler	05/07/95 CM 1
Tennessee Warbler	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/01/95 J&JT 10; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 8; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 15; 05/03/95 BW 6; 05/03/95 J&JT 5; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 30; 05/04/95 CL 15; 05/04/95 BW 6; 05/05/95 CL&SH 10; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 15; 05/07/95 J&KT 1; 05/07/95 CM 35; 05/08/95 J&JT 3; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1
Nashville Warbler	05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/04/95 BW 1
Northern Parula	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 J&KT 4; 05/17/95 HCH 6; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 3
Yellow Warbler	05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 CL 6; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 5; 05/03/95 BW 6; 05/03/95 J&JT 3; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/04/95 BW 8; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/05/95 CL&SH 2; 05/05/95 J&JT 2; 05/07/95 J&KT 5; 05/07/95 CM 7; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	05/02/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 3; 05/07/95 CM 5; 05/08/95 J&JT 3; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/18/95 P&HH 8
Magnolia Warbler	05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/02/95 CL 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/04/95 BW 2; 05/07/95 CM 5; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/01/95 CL 3; 05/02/95 CL 4; 05/02/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 4; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/04/95 BW 4; 05/07/95 CM 4; 05/07/95 J&KT 3
Black-throated Green Warbler	05/01/95 CL&HJ 7; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/03/95 BW 1; 05/04/95 BW 2; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/07/95 J&KT 2; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 3; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2
Blackburnian Warbler	05/01/95 HH 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 J&KT 3; 05/13/95 GAVRW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 LR 1
Yellow-throated Warbler	05/07/95 J&KT 2; 05/13/95 LR 6; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1; 05/13/95 J&KT 5; 05/14/95 CL 1; 05/17/95 HCH 2; 05/17/95 HCH 2
Pine Warbler	04/30/95 CL 3; 05/06/95 CL&SH 10; 05/07/95 J&KT 2; 05/09/95 CL&RW 1; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 GAVRW 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 29; 05/13/95 RS&VL 52; 05/13/95 J&KT 15; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/17/95 HCH 15; 05/17/95 HCH 12; 05/18/95 P&HH 6; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 5
Prairie Warbler	05/13/95 JI 3; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1; 05/13/95 J&KT 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/17/95 HCH 4
Bay-breasted Warbler	05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 5; 05/07/95 J&KT 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/08/95 J&JT 1
Blackpoll Warbler	05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/07/95 CM 1
Cerulean Warbler	05/07/95 CM 1

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Black-and-white Warbler	05/02/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/03/95 J&JT 3; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 GAVRW 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 8; 05/17/95 HCH 2; 05/17/95 HCH 2
American Redstart Prothonotary Warbler	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 2; 05/07/95 CM 8; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/13/95 GAVRW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1 04/30/95 CL 1; 05/01/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 1; 05/03/95 BW 1; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 JI 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 2; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 6; 05/17/95 HCH 10; 05/17/95 HCH 5; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 19 05/17/95 HCH 2
Worm-eating Warbler Swainson's Warbler Ovenbird	05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/17/95 HCH 2; 05/17/95 HCH 2 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 1
Northern Waterthrush	05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 8; 05/02/95 CL 8; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 7; 05/04/95 CL 4; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 4; 05/05/95 J&JT 2; 05/07/95 CM 1 05/03/95 BW 1; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 1
Louisiana Waterthrush Kentucky Warbler Common Yellowthroat	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 6; 05/17/95 HCH 6; 05/18/95 P&HH 4 04/30/95 CL 3; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/01/95 CL 1; 05/02/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 5; 05/03/95 J&JT 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 3; 05/04/95 CL 4; 05/04/95 BW 2; 05/04/95 B&BW 1; 05/05/95 CL&SH 2; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 4; 05/07/95 CM 5; 05/09/95 CL&RW 2; 05/10/95 CL&RW 4; 05/13/95 GAVRW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 5; 05/13/95 JI 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 16; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 3
Hooded Warbler	04/30/95 CL 8; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 LR 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 4; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 5; 05/17/95 HCH 12; 05/17/95 HCH 6; 05/18/95 P&HH 2; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 1 05/04/95 BW 1
Wilson's Warbler Yellow-breasted Chat	04/30/95 CL 1; 05/04/95 BW 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/07/95 CM 2; 05/09/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 1; 05/13/95 JI 2; 05/13/95 RS&VL 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 CL 1; 05/17/95 HCH 15 04/27/95 CL 1; 04/30/95 CL 1; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 3; 05/02/95 VLRS 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/05/95 CL&SH 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 5; 05/07/95 CM 3; 05/08/95 J&JT 3; 05/09/95 CL&RW 3; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 6; 05/13/95 LR 4; 05/13/95 GAVRW 4; 05/13/95 P&HH 14; 05/13/95 JI 4; 05/13/95 RS&VL 16; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 8; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 6
Summer Tanager	04/29/95 PD 2; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 2; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/13/95 LR 2 04/27/95 J&JT 8; 05/01/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 J&JT 4; 05/02/95 VLRS 4; 05/02/95 VLRS 6; 05/02/95 H&PH 14; 05/03/95 J&JT 6; 05/05/95 J&JT 6; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 12; 05/07/95 CM 25; 05/08/95 J&JT 10; 05/09/95 CL&RW 6; 05/10/95 CL&RW 2; 05/12/95 JMcC 10; 05/13/95 LR 2; 05/13/95 CL&SH 12; 05/13/95 P&HH 46; 05/13/95 JI 43; 05/13/95 RS&VL 51; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 19; 05/13/95 MH & WS 16; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 12; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/14/95 CL 16; 05/17/95 HCH 17; 05/17/95 HCH 10; 05/18/95 WS 2; 05/18/95 P&HH 8; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 14
Scarlet Tanager Northern Cardinal	04/28/95 PD 1; 04/30/95 AD 2; 04/30/95 CL 1; 04/30/95 BW 1; 05/01/95 HH 1; 05/02/95 VLRS 3; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/03/95 MS 5; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/04/95 CL 2; 05/04/95 AD 2; 05/04/95 HHo 12; 05/04/95 MT 2; 05/05/95 BW 8; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/05/95 MT 1; 05/07/95 CM 7; 05/08/95 J&JT 1; 05/09/95 ML 1; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	04/30/95 AD 13; 05/01/95 HH 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 6; 05/04/95 B&BW 4; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/13/95 GAVRW 3; 05/13/95 CL&SH 2; 05/13/95 P&HH 6; 05/13/95 JI 12; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 5
Blue Grosbeak	04/30/95 CL 8; 05/01/95 HH 1; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 150; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 4; 05/02/95 VLRS 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 9; 05/02/95 H&PH 6; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 50; 05/04/95 CL 30; 05/04/95 B&BW 75; 05/05/95 CL&SH 25; 05/06/95 CL&SH 20; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 1; 05/07/95 CM 18; 05/09/95 CL&RW 4; 05/10/95 CL&RW 8; 05/13/95 CL&SH 30; 05/13/95 GAVRW 5; 05/13/95 P&HH 26; 05/13/95 JI 16; 05/13/95 RS&VL 61; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 9; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 CL 2; 05/17/95 HCH 14; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Indigo Bunting	05/01/95 HH 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/04/95 B&BW 4; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 4; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Painted Bunting	05/01/95 HH 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/04/95 B&BW 4; 05/10/95 CL&RW 1; 05/13/95 CL&SH 3; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/14/95 CL 4; 05/17/95 HCH 4; 05/18/95 P&HH 4; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Dickcissel	04/25/95 WJr 5; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 50; 05/02/95 H&PH 15; 05/04/95 B&BW 40; 05/07/95 CL&SH 20; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 40; 05/09/95 CL&RW 20; 05/10/95 CL&RW 30; 05/13/95 CL&SH 25; 05/13/95 P&HH 8; 05/13/95 JI 296; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 46; 05/13/95 MH & WS 145; 05/13/95 MH & WS 26; 05/13/95 MH & WS 62; 05/13/95 MH & WS 31; 05/14/95 CL 60; 05/17/95 HCH 6
Chipping Sparrow Lark Sparrow Savannah Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow White-throated Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Bobolink	05/02/95 H&PH 16; 05/07/95 CM 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 2; 05/13/95 JI 1 05/13/95 P&HH 5; 05/13/95 JI 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/16/95 PD 20; 05/17/95 HCH 6 04/30/95 CL 4; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 5; 05/02/95 H&PH 5; 05/04/95 B&BW 10; 05/07/95 CL&SH 1 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/12/95 PD 1 04/27/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 4; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 2 05/01/95 CL&HJ 6; 05/04/95 B&BW 4; 05/12/95 PD 1 04/27/95 PD 4; 05/01/95 PD 100; 05/01/95 PD 2; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 4; 05/04/95 B&BW 7; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 4; 05/08/95 PD 1; 05/13/95 JI 7; 05/14/95 HHo 1
Red-winged Blackbird	04/27/95 J&JT 2; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 100; 05/01/95 J&JT 15; 05/02/95 J&JT 4; 05/02/95 VLRS 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 9; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/03/95 J&JT 5; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 10; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/07/95 CM 15; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 15; 05/08/95 J&JT 5; 05/09/95 CL&RW 16; 05/10/95 CL&RW 30; 05/13/95 CL&SH 15; 05/13/95 P&HH 9; 05/13/95 JI 86;

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Eastern Meadowlark	05/13/95 RS&VL 47; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 7; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 12; 05/13/95 MH & WS 22; 05/13/95 MH & WS 10; 05/13/95 MH & WS 133; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/14/95 HHo 12; 05/14/95 CL 50; 05/17/95 HCH 12; 05/18/95 WS 3; 05/18/95 P&HH 58; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 2
Yellow-headed Blackbird	05/01/95 CL&HJ 6; 05/02/95 H&PH 30; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/13/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 12; 05/13/95 JI 8; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 11; 05/13/95 MH & WS 8; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 HHo 1; 05/14/95 CL 16; 05/17/95 HCH 10
Common Grackle	05/07/95 P&HH 1; 05/08/95 HH 1
Brown-headed Cowbird	04/27/95 J&JT 10; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 50; 05/01/95 J&JT 5; 05/02/95 J&JT 10; 05/02/95 VLRS 8; 05/02/95 VLRS 7; 05/02/95 H&PH 4; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 25; 05/03/95 J&JT 15; 05/07/95 CM 30; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/08/95 J&JT 15; 05/13/95 P&HH 54; 05/13/95 JI 24; 05/13/95 RS&VL 34; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 3; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/13/95 MH & WS 7; 05/13/95 MH & WS 16; 05/13/95 MH & WS 20; 05/14/95 CL 12; 05/18/95 WS 2; 05/18/95 P&HH 20; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 4
Orchard Oriole	05/01/95 CL&HJ 25; 05/01/95 J&JT 1; 05/02/95 H&PH 6; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 20; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 10; 05/08/95 J&JT 2; 05/09/95 CL&RW 4; 05/10/95 CL&RW 4; 05/13/95 CL&SH 8; 05/13/95 P&HH 18; 05/13/95 JI 9; 05/13/95 RS&VL 3; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 10; 05/13/95 MH & WS 5; 05/13/95 MH & WS 19; 05/13/95 MH & WS 2; 05/14/95 CL 15; 05/17/95 HCH 5; 05/18/95 WS 6; 05/18/95 P&HH 6; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 8
Northern Oriole	04/23/95 PD 1; 05/01/95 CL&HJ 1; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 3; 05/02/95 H&PH 2; 05/04/95 B&BW 1; 05/06/95 CL&SH 1; 05/13/95 P&HH 6; 05/13/95 RS&VL 2; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/14/95 CL 6; 05/18/95 P&HH 2; 05/21/95 PHH,GAV 8
House Finch	04/23/95 PD 1; 04/27/95 J&JT 1; 05/01/95 CL 2; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 12; 05/02/95 J&JT 4; 05/02/95 CL 12; 05/02/95 VLRS 6; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 8; 05/04/95 CL 1; 05/07/95 CM 3; 05/13/95 RS&VL 2; 05/13/95 MH & WS 4; 05/14/95 CL 12; 05/16/95 PD 1
Pine Siskin	05/04/95 HHo 1; 05/13/95 RS&VL 16; 05/15/95 JMcC 1; 05/18/95 WS 2
American Goldfinch	04/23/95 PD 4
House Sparrow	04/23/95 PD 10; 05/02/95 CL&BillW 12; 05/03/95 CL&HJ 5; 05/04/95 CL 10; 05/07/95 CM 50; 05/13/95 RS&VL 8; 04/27/95 J&JT 4; 05/01/95 J&JT 2; 05/02/95 VLRS 3; 05/02/95 VLRS 3; 05/02/95 J&JT 3; 05/02/95 H&PH 12; 05/03/95 J&JT 1; 05/05/95 J&JT 1; 05/07/95 JJ&KT 3; 05/07/95 CM 15; 05/08/95 J&JT 15; 05/13/95 P&HH 43; 05/13/95 JI 13; 05/13/95 RS&VL 22; 05/13/95 JJ&KT 6; 05/13/95 MH & WS 10; 05/13/95 MH & WS 9; 05/13/95 MH & WS 1; 05/18/95 WS 7

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