

SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE STUDY

NEWSLETTER

Vol. 3, No. 1
September 1988

Operating a Bird Alert Service: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings after 5:00 PM, 226-7174; also selling thistle, sunflower and mixed bird seeds as well as bird feeders at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences.

MEETINGS:

Tuesday
September 13
7:00 PM

The monthly meeting of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study-- Bird Group will be held at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences, 8015 St. Vincent Avenue, Shreveport. The program will consist of videotapes taken by different members including that of a female House Finch at Barksdale AFB.

Tuesday
October 11

Richard McMullen a Wildlife Manager at Bodcau Wildlife Management Area will present a program on the banding of ducks.

FIELD TRIPS:

Saturday
September 10
7:30 AM

A field trip for migrant shore birds and migrating woodland species. Meet at the North Market Whataburger at 7:30. Call 865-5367 for details.

PAST FIELD TRIP: Ten people went to the Kisatchie Forest and the Fish Hatchery at Natchitoches. More than 60 species of birds were seen. Noteworthy were the singing Bachman's Sparrows, Prairie Warbler, White Ibis, Tricolor Heron, and Black Terns.

MINUTES: July Meeting

A Treasury balance of \$2,119.50 was reported. Books now in the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences Library include the National Geographic Field Guide and the Audubon Master Guide to Birds. Paul Jackson presented an excellent program on Wild Turkeys.

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on June 13. Seven members were present. The board allocated \$200 for the purchase of books for the library and \$500 for the purchase of more feeders.



BIRD NOTES
(August)



PD had Blue-winged Teal, Caspian Tern and Willet at Loggy Bayou on 8-8; A&WE observed Wood Ibis and Black-necked Stilt in Chenyville on 8-8; a rookery of Cattle Egrets as well as juvenile White Ibis and Anhinga were seen at Norton Lake by HH; flocks of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers and Eastern Kingbirds were seen at Dixie on 8-30 and 8-31 (JMcb) as well as 5 Tree Swallows; A WESTERN KINGBIRD was

seen at Preston and Clyde Fant on 8-28 (SK); most observers had noticed the disappearance of hummingbirds by the end of the month but HHood was still feeding six; there were two reports of HOUSE FINCH for the summer, a male in Dixie Gardens (CC), and a female at Barksdale AFB (BMcP).

REPORTING: Paul Dickson, Anne and Willard Elston, Hubert Hervey, Steve Klotz, John McBride, James McCain, Brad McPherson, Helen Hood, C. Connors



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BIRD STUDY GROUP

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 17, 1988, 7:00 PM, at the Museum of Life Sciences -- Mark your calendar. The Board will meet every *third Thursday of alternate months.*

MINUTES of meeting, September 13, 1988.

The meeting was called to order by Mac Hardy. Minutes were read by the Secretary. The Treasurer, who had already put in an hour's work collecting yearly dues, reported a balance of \$2,194.80.

Several announcements were made. See field trip news and bird notes below. Bird feed and feeders are in stock and more feeders are arriving. Brad McPherson showed some color photographs of a Purple Finch for comparison with the House Finch that has been seen recently.

The program consisted of the viewing of a video tape from PBS on the habitat, nesting, and caring of young of Brown Pelicans. With the help from birds brought in from Florida, the Brown Pelican is beginning to thrive in Louisiana.

A slate of proposed Board of Directors was presented by the Nominating Committee (Paul Dickson, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, and Larry Raymond). Vera Lee Grubbs and Shirley Huss were nominated from the floor. The fifteen member Board of Directors was elected. This procedure, and the election of officers by the Board of Directors (see below), is in accordance with the By-Laws.

Steve Klotz reminded everyone to be on the lookout for migrating White Pelicans during September and early October. Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES of Board meeting, September 13, 1988.

According to the By-Laws of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study, the Board elects officers for the year. At a brief Board meeting following the regular meeting, the officers for the year 1988-1989 were elected. Committee chairmen were also appointed (see front of Newsletter).

MINUTES of Board meeting (abridged), September 22, 1988.

Our new president, Steve Klotz, called the meeting to order. Will Smolenski reported on Publicity soon to be submitted to media: announcements of new officers; meeting

dates; field trips and the bird hot line[were included]. Will also had a price for 12 purple martin houses from Harold Coates; \$540 per dozen or \$47 each. He was authorized by the Board to order a dozen. Will agreed to mark all items sold by the Bird Study Group with a member price and a non-member price.

Mac Hardy set the 25th of each month as the deadline for all materials for the monthly newsletter. He would like to get it in the mail at least a week before the next meeting. Shirley Huss and Vera Lee Grubbs will continue to do the calling to compile the monthly list of birds sighted by area members.

Brad McPherson has been given a list of possible ideas for future programs.

The suggestion was made to investigate long range plans for the group to go birding in the High Island, Anahuac, and Bolivar Point area of southeastern Texas. This would be a drive of about 6 hours, with a 2 or 3 night stay. Ann Elston was asked to present some tentative plans.

Larry Raymond asked the Treasurer, Betty Mason, about the status of the renewal of our bulk mailing permit. She promised to march thru the red tape necessary for this task. Betty checked with Mac about the ordering of books for the Museum of Life Sciences that had been in our budget. The AOU check list has been ordered and Mac will get further information about the other orders.

The need for early publication of Christmas count dates throughout the state was mentioned. The date and place of the winter meeting of LOS is anticipated.

Mac offered to set up a time for a group to observe the House Finch still feeding regularly on Barksdale AFB. A request from Paul Dickson for a volunteer to take a French student birding was filled by John McBride.

Steve Klotz suggested that we take a look at the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study with the idea of revision to suit present structure and membership. There was a general consensus that we were remiss in the last meeting in not informing the membership prior to the meeting of the following facts: under the present Articles, as with most corporations, members elect the Board; the then elected Board elects officers for the whole group. Many felt that this had been somewhat awkward for all. Larry Raymond and Bob Wommack agreed that it would take the assistance of a lawyer to change the Articles of Incorporation. Pat Lonacker and Ann Elston agreed to review these documents to report on changes

possibly needed. Steve Klotz stated that we should include the "Inc." on any official papers, such as the bulk mailing permit.

On the subject of membership, Mac presented several ideas to the board. The mailing list is over 300; comprised of some 40+ paying members of the Bird Study Group, several contributors from the general public, interested past members of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study, and various other birding groups throughout the state. In the discussion that followed, it was agreed to continue mailing to this list for several more months before purging, with announcements in the newsletter that membership was vital.

The board was given copies of a proposal by Mac to mail the newsletter to paid members separately in order to include a one-sheet insertion with a different special benefit each month. Members not paid would not get the extra insert in their newsletter. He suggested that such an inclusion might be a coupon with the members name, good for 20% special discount on one purchase of bird feeders. Other suggestions offered to make the insertion for members a valuable item were: list of ideal Christmas gifts for birders; new nomenclature of birds; a roster of members; a list of all birds seen on local field trips each month; birding tips column by John McBride. The board agreed to encourage membership throughout the year.

Mac agreed to continue the full newsletter to all for two more months. He will stress the need for both new members and renewal of membership. A purging of the mailing list will then be in order.

Next board meeting will be November 17.

Meeting adjourned.

FIELD TRIPS:

Saturday, October 15

A field trip for migrants and shore birds along the Red River at George Road. Maybe we will see another Osprey. Meet at the North Market Whataburger at 7:30 AM. John McBride will be the leader.

Saturday, October 1

Bickham-Dickson Park will be the site for another outing to explore the woods and good sand bar habitat along the Red River. Meet at the stables at 7:30 AM. There is a 50 cent fee for entry to the trails along the river. Steve Klotz and Will Smolenski will lead the group.

Saturday, November 19

Caddo Lake near the town of Trees has unexplored lake-edge and woods. Many picturesque areas with large cypress trees, water lillies and cattail marshes were found. Car pooling will be necessary. John McBride will be the leader.

Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23

The fall meeting of the Louisiana Ornithological Society in Cameron. The program will be on birding in the Big Bend National Park. Check with Shirley Huss or John McBride for details.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS

Ten birders enjoyed the outing to George Road on September 10, 1988. With good weather but rather light birding 45 species were seen from 8:00 to 11:00 AM, including Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egrets, several Snowy Egrets, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Solitary Sandpiper, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Common Yellowthroat, and an Osprey.

We had an unexpected opportunity to see Rosette Spoonbills on some private property in southern Bossier Parish. We assembled a small group (Larry Raymond, Steve Klotz, Paul Dickson, John McBride, Pat Lonnecker, Horace Jeter, and Ann and Willard Elston) on very short notice Friday night for an outing Saturday morning. We were limited to one vehicle. The surprise of the summer was a Swallow-tailed Kite! Other noteworthy birds seen included Tricolored Heron, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Least Sandpiper, and Western Sandpiper.

RECENT BOOKS

Nest Building and Bird Behavior by Nicholas E. Collias and Elsie C. Collias. Princeton Univ. Press, 336 pp, 85 illustrations, 1984, \$47.50; \$17.50 (paper). "This is the first comprehensive monograph on avian nests. It succeeds in synthesizing a widely scattered literature, and does so in a creative way, as could only be done by individuals who have devoted their entire careers to the study of their subject." -- Robert E. Smolker, *The Quarterly Review of Biology*.

BIRD NOTES -- September

Report bird sightings for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or Shirley Huss (865-5959) by the 25th of each month.

Also see Field Trip Results above. A Northern Pintail was seen on September 3 (PD). An Olive-sided Flycatcher and a Yellow Warbler were seen September 5 at 12 Mile Bayou (JM). An early American Kestrel and Red-headed Woodpecker was seen north of Caddo Lake (JM, MH) on September 10. Five Rosette Spoonbills and several Wood Storks were seen on September 14 and 16 in southern Bossier Parish (PD, MH) along with a Blue-winged Warbler on September 16 (PD). Five Yellow Warblers, 8 Black and White Warblers, 1 Magnolia Warbler, 1 Wilson's Warbler, 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1 Red-tailed Hawk (all George road), and 2 American Kestrels were seen on 18 September (JM). An American Kestrel and Orchard Oriole were seen September 24 and Red-tailed Hawks and Broad-winged Hawks were seen all through September (W&AE). A Red-headed Woodpecker was visiting a feeder on September 24 (SA). Several reported Ruby-throated Hummingbirds still visiting feeders.

REPORTING: Sallie Anderton (SA), Paul Dickson (PD), Willard and Ann Elston (W&AE), Mac Hardy (MH), John McBride (JM),

AMERICAN BIRDS NEEDED

The Museum library contains an excellent collection of the birding periodical *American Birds* due to the generous donations from members of the Bird Study Group. The first volumes of *American Birds* were published as *Audubon Field Notes*. We still need the following issues to have a complete set:

Audubon Field Notes

Volumes 1-18

Vol. 19, numbers 2 and 5

Vols. 20-27

Vol. 28, number 1 (*American Birds*)

If anyone has any of these issues that could be donated to the Museum library they would be greatly appreciated. Any donation to the Museum of Life Sciences can be used as a tax deduction. We have a few duplicates for trade if that would be preferable. The issues available for trade are all *American Birds*, as follows: Vol. 32, no. 5; vol. 37, nos. 3-6; vols 38-39 (complete); vol. 40, nos. 1-3, 5; vol. 41, nos. 1, 2; and vol. 42, no. 1.

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SPECIAL FOR MEMBERS ONLY

It has been apparent for some time that we needed an incentive for persons to become paid members. Thus far, everyone has had the same benefits -- everyone gets the newsletter, enjoys the outings, gets bird seed at a good price, etc. We made an early attempt to give a discount on feeders to paid members, but that did not work consistently. We needed some enticement that would cause people to want to be paid members.

Beginning with the November issue, each issue of the Newsletter will contain some item of interest to birders that will be sent only to those individuals of the Bird Study Group who are paid members. In November the special for paid members will be a pair of personalized coupons that give the bearer a 20% discount on all bird items in the gift shop, except bird feed. Members not paid for the current year will not get a discount on feeders. In other months the special insert might be birding tips, check lists, gift ideas, bird site maps, etc. The "extra" will not be much in any given month, but over a year it might add up to some benefit for the birder.

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The program will consist of a VCR tape entitled *The Gooneys of Midway*. Brad McPherson will provide some commentary on the tape and its production. Also, Ron McPherson will show the VCR tape of the **House Finch** that has been seen in Shreveport and will give us an update on recent sightings.

NOTE NEW MEETING DATE. Because of election, day this month's meeting will be on the third Tuesday, November 15.

December's meeting will be on the regularly scheduled date, the 13th.

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COMING SOON

More information on The Hawk Migration Association of North America.

MINUTES of meeting, October 11, 1988.

Meeting called to order by Steve Klotz. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, due to their publication in the previous newsletter. The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$2,828.80.

Susan Keener, Membership Chairman, announced that we presently have 48 Regular members and 6 Sustaining members for the year begun in September, 1988.

Outings in the near future: Saturday, October 15th on the George Road for shore birds and woodland birds; Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, LOS meeting in Cameron. Call John McBride or Shirley Huss for information. Saturday, November 19th, Caddo Lake near Trees, Louisiana, for water, marsh, and woodland birds.

In an effort to curtail long business sessions in each meeting, please bring matters to the attention of any Board member for action of the Board, which meets every two months. "Burning Questions" of course will be addressed at each meeting.

One such "BQ" was a letter for the Caroline Dormon Preserve near Saline, announcing a work day on October 15th, and an open house on November 4th. The public is invited to enjoy the restoration of the Log House as well as colorful woods and birds. Bill Hall made the motion that we continue our annual donation of \$100 to this foundation, with consideration of an increase in the donation in the future.

The next Board meeting will be November 17th.

Richard McMullen, manager of the Bodcau Bayou Wildlife Management Area presented an in-depth study of banding of ducks. After a brief history of the work in this area by federal and state wildlife personnel, Richard listed the current goals of the banding program: determining breeding habitat now used by ducks relating to changes in nesting habitat; specific survival rates of certain species as related to weather, farming and hunting pressures.

Some of the difficulties encountered with the program include: weather, communication between agencies as well as field people, cost of programs, much of which is provided by hunting licenses and participation in Ducks Unlimited; and the destruction by racoon and fox of nesting sites. Identification of adult from younger birds in the fall demands an experienced bander. Agencies now find that bands are not being returned as consistently as in the past.

While in past years about 20 species of migratory game birds were banded, including Mourning Doves and Rails, the birds now banded each year include Mallard, Black Duck, Wood Duck, and Green-wing Teal.

With drawings, Richard detailed different types of traps used to catch ducks for banding. These varied from large wire net traps, 20' by 20'; to netting young birds as they swam near the nesting areas; to the night-time use of flooded ponds where net traps were set up with wire "wings" to each side so that personnel could quietly walk and swim, causing ducks roosting on the water to be "herded" into a large wire trap. The use of a decoy trap, with a live hen inside an inner pen was shown as well as the use of Rocket or Cannon nets fired over large numbers of feeding ducks.

Richard finished his presentation with an invitation to call him for information about viewing Wood Ducks in large numbers or Wild Turkeys at this "noon or night" number: 326-4198. The program greatly increased our appreciation of the efforts made each year to learn more about the status of ducks throughout the continent.

Meeting adjourned.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

(As of 5:00 PM, Oct. 25, 1988)

Member Paid for 1989	70
Active Members Not Paid for 1989	164
Inactive Members on Mailing List	<u>88</u>
TOTAL MAILING LIST	316

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FIELD TRIP RESULTS :

Ten birders searched the woods and sandbars at Bickham-Dickson Park on October 1, during the field trip organized by Steve Klotz and Will Smolenski. Least Sandpipers, Killdeer, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Warbling Vireo, Wilson's Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, and various common woodland birds were seen.

BIRD NOTES -- October

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Warbling Vireos and Black-throated Green Warblers were at Bickham Dickson Park (BDP) on October 1 (CL). Several Rough-winged Swallows and three large terns (possibly Caspian Terns) were at Hamel's Memorial Park on October 2 (VLG & SH). A Brown-headed Nuthatch on October 3 was the first for VLG's yard. October 6 sightings in the vicinity of Wascom-Jonesville, TX, included Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Nashville Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, and Field Sparrow (VLG, KM). Two Black-throated Green Warblers, Northern Parula Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, six Semipalmated Sandpipers, and a Pectoral Sandpiper were at BDP on October 7 (CL). On October 8, also at BDP were Greater Yellow-legs, four Least Sandpipers, Savannah Sparrows, Summer Tanager, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Phoebe, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, three Tennessee Warblers, Nashville Warbler, and Black-throated Green Warbler (CL). White-crowned Sparrows (two days earlier than all previous records except one), six Pectoral Sandpipers, Solitary Sandpiper, Killdeer, Lesser Yellow-legs, Common Snipe, Blue-winged Teal, Black-throated Green Warblers were at BDP on October 9 (HJ, CL). HJ reported Wood Pewee, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-winged Swallow, two Indigo Buntings, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, and a White-eyed Vireo at Loggy Bayou on October 9. Yard birds included Orange-crowned Warbler (Oct. 11), White-throated Sparrows (2 on Oct. 12), Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Ruby-crowned Kinglets (Oct. 18; VLG). Six Pectoral Sandpipers, Tennessee Warbler, and Magnolia Warbler were at BDP on October 12 (CL). CL saw a late Indigo Bunting, and first for the winter Song Sparrow, and House Wren at his house on October 12. An immature Krider's (Red-tailed) Hawk was seen over a residential area on October 13 (SH). A Peregrine Falcon was seen chasing a bird and perched along the Red River, just north of Stoner Ave. on October 14 (MH). On October 16 at BDP: Northern Pintail, two Gadwall, Ring-necked Duck, four Green-winged

Teal, two American Wigeons, two Blue-winged Teal, 12 Common Snipe, two Pectoral Sandpipers, Lesser Yellow-legs, Golden-crowned Kinglet, 15 Rough-winged Swallows, two Water Pipits, two Screech Owls (heard) (CL). An Osprey was observed fishing on Caddo Lake, near Jeems Bayou, by JMC on October 15. Seen at the ponds along I-49 just north of Natchitoches were an American Avocet, Lesser Yellowlegs, Redhead, Snow Geese, Blue Geese, White-fronted Geese, Mallards, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, and several unidentified sandpipers (HH). CL reported 100+ Double-crested Cormorants, two Little Blue Herons, Snowy Egret, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, and two Pied-billed Grebes at Cross Lake on October 17. Three flights (about 700 total) of White-fronted Geese were seen on October 17 (AE). Snow Geese, and White-throated Sparrows were seen on October 20 (HJ. CL). A Northern Harrier was seen October 16 on Haygood road and Golden-crowned Kinglets and Ruby-crowned Kinglets were in Blanchard October 23 (JMC). At Cross Lake on October 26 were 250 Buddy Ducks, one Hooded Merganser, and six Mallards (CL). Mourning Warblers were reported to be in grass and thickets along the Red River at Stoner Avenue. This was called in to the Museum but the person taking the call did not record the reporter. We know of no more details and the birds have not been seen again.

REPORTING: Vera Lee Grubbs (VLG), Hubert Hervey (HH), Mac Hardy (MH), Shirley Huss (SH), Horace Jeter (HJ), Charles Lyons (CL), Jim McCain (JMC), Kate Michaels (KM),

BIRD FEED PRICES

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Black Oil Sunflower Seeds, 10 lb. bag	3.00
Mixed Seed, with corn, 50 lb. bag	10.00
Mixed Seed, without corn, 20 lb. bag	5.50
Niger Thistle Seed, 3 lb. bag	5.00

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LOUISIANA CHRISTMAS COUNTS
1986-1987 Season

<u>Count Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Arcadia	Dec. 27
Baton Rouge	Dec. 27
Catahoula N.W.R.	Jan. 1
Creole	Dec. 19
D'Arbonne	Jan. 3
Grand Isle	Jan. 4
Houma	Dec. 28
Johnsons Bayou	Dec. 21
Lafayette	Dec. 28
Lake Charles	Jan. 3
Natchitoches	Jan. 4
New Orleans	Dec. 28
Pine Prairie	Dec. 27
Reserve-Bonnet Carre Spillway	Jan. 3
Rockefeller S.W.R.	Dec. 22
Sabine N.W.R.	Dec. 20
St. Tammany	Dec. 26
Shreveport	Jan. 3
Tensas River N.W.R.	Dec. 30
Tunica Hills-St. Francisville	Jan. 4
Venice	Dec. 31

In the Newsletter we will try to have the new dates for the 1988-1989 Christmas Counts, statewide. If the Counts use traditional dates each year, the above list might allow you to plan for attending other Counts.

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COMING SOON

More information on The Hawk Migration Association of North America.

YELLOW RAILS!!

Bruce Crider has reported to us that several Yellow Rails have been seen in rice fields that are being harvested near Cameron. As many as ten have been seen. Also, a Lesser Black-backed Gull has been seen in the Lake Arthur area on November 13.

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SEE WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED!

If you have not paid your dues you did not receive the BIRD NOTES for November. This month's special insert was a detailed list, with dates and observers, of the 80 species of birds reported during the past month. Next month the surprize insert will be different. Use one of the membership blanks today to renew or start your membership with the Bird Study Group.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS :

Six birders participated on the field trip on November 19th. We visited the fish ponds north of Shreveport on U.S. 71, then went to Cross Lake. Many good birds were seen. The results are in the BIRD NOTES section.

SPECIAL FOR MEMBERS ONLY

The insert this month is a detailed list of the 80 species of birds reported during the last month. Each month the inserts will be limited to those sent in the general mailing only. Members who are paid at the time the mailing labels are printed will receive the insert. Paid memberships received later will not receive prior special inserts.

The Cooper Ornithological Society will hold its 59th Annual Meeting at the University of Idaho, Moscow, 22-26 June 1989. Contact J. Michael Scott, U.S. FWS, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Univ. of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843.

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Ring-billed Gull	1			30
Herring Gull				3
Rock Dove				1
Mourning Dove				1
Greater Roadrunner	1			1
Belted Kingfisher				1
Red-bellied Woodpecker				1
Northern Flicker				1
Horned Lark		1	4	
American Crow				5
Carolina Chickadee				3
Tufted Titmouse				2
Brown Creeper		2+		1
Winter Wren				1
Golden-crowned Kinglet				+
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				+
Eastern Bluebird				3
American Robin				1
Hermit Thrush				1
Northern Mockingbird				1
Water Pipit		1	200	1
Loggerhead Shrike				1
European Starling				1
Solitary Vireo	1			1
Orange-crowned Warbler			1	
Nashville Warbler	1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler				2
Pine Warbler				1
Northern Cardinal				5
Chipping Sparrow				
Field Sparrow				
Vesper Sparrow			1	10
Savannah Sparrow			1	10
LeConte's Sparrow	2		1	1
Fox Sparrow			1	6
Song Sparrow			1	1
Lincoln's Sparrow			1	
White-throated Sparrow			1	
White-crowned Sparrow	1		1	5
Dark-eyed Junco				1
Lapland Longspur			1	1
Red-winged Blackbird				1
Brewer's Blackbird		1	2	
Cooper's Grackle				10
American Goldfinch		1	2, sev	1

HIGH ISLAND FIELD TRIP!

Our first weekend field trip is being planned for the weekend of May 5-7, 1989, to the southeastern corner of the upper Texas coast. Within 20 miles of each other lie three of the nation's most exciting birding areas. The famed oak woods of High Island, the 9,836 acres of Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, and the beaches of Bolivar Point attract birds and birders from all over the world.

Gulfway Motel at High Island has openings, if we hurry, for this May weekend. The rates per night are:

Room with one double and one single bed, \$26.00

Room with two double beds, \$28.00

There are two trailer homes available on the motel property that are fully equiped, sleep eight, and accommodate two families -- \$55.00 per night.

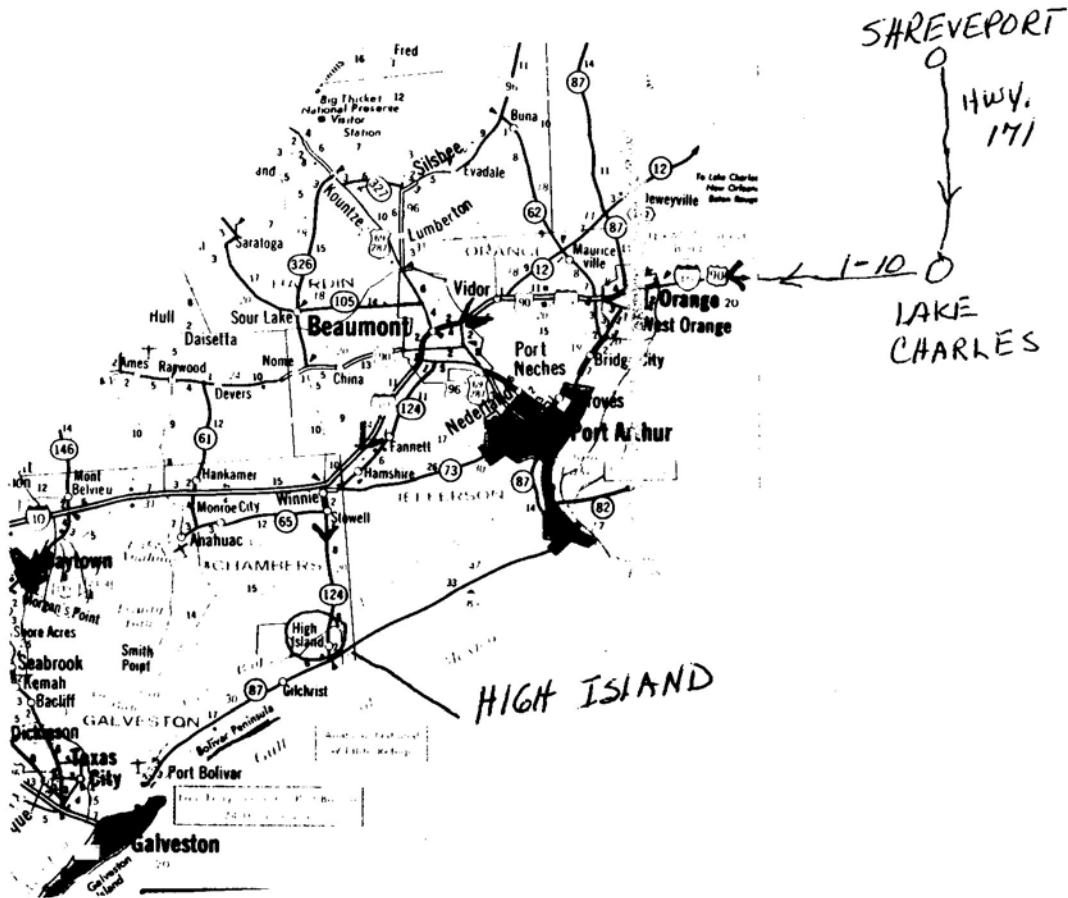
Call (409) 286-5217 and make your reservation now. If you are planning to go, please call Ann Elston by December 13th; phone 987-3554. There is a restuarant adjacent to the motel. The trip takes about five hours and is guaranteed to make birding memories! Let's go!!

SANCTUARY FUNDS NEEDED

The Baton Rouge Audubon Society is pleased to announce that after three years of negotiations, we now have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to expand the Holleyman Migratory Bird Sanctuary in Cameron Parish and to preserve yet another piece of our disappearing Louisiana chenier woodland.

The owners have now offered to make a cheriatable contribution to Baton Rouge Audubon Society, valued at \$35,000 of an undivided one-half interest in ten lots plus the outparcel, and to sell us the remaining one-half interest for \$35,000. The eleventh lot is available for an additional \$7000. The price has fallen from \$110,000 to \$35,000. Time is running out. The owners must sell this year.

Please help preserve this unique coastal chenier and expand the Holleyman Sanctuary. Your contributions are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to B. R. Audubon Holleyman Sanctuary. Please send all contributions to Holleyman Sanctuary Fund, c/o Bruce Crider, 4644 Floynell Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809; phone 504, 292-2739. *This was submitted by Bruce Crider.*



MINUTES of meeting, November 15, 1988.

Steve Klotz, President, called the meeting to order. Minutes were accepted as printed in the Newsletter. Betty Mason, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of \$2, 682.80.

The Field Trip for November 19 was announced; Steve Klotz is the leader.

Shreveport Christmas Bird Count -- Monday, December 26, 1988 (national business holiday). Contact Steve Klotz before December 12 if you are new to the count. Steve will assign you to a group and furnish necessary information.

Bossier-Caddo-Bienville Christmas Bird Count (BCBCBC), Loggy Bayou-Lake Bistineau area -- Saturday, December 31, 1988. Call Paul Dickson for information. This is the first official year of this count. It will finish early enough to celebrate New Year's Eve in town!

For other Christmas Counts see the Christmas Count List in this Newsletter.

Mac Hardy reported that the Museum of Life Sciences has received a new copy of the current *AOU Checklist of North American Birds*, which has been updated and placed in the library of the Museum. There are new birding books for sale in the Museum's Gift Shop. Mac also told of a large, secure flight area for rehabilitation of injured hawks and other large birds that is finished and "ready for occupancy" on the Museum grounds. Five Audubon Bird videos have been purchased by the Museum and are available for viewing.

Betty Mason was cheered when she announced that the Bird Study Group is now authorized to mail the Newsletter as a Non-profit Organization.

Twelve Martin houses have been ordered, according to Will Smolenski, and they should be in the Gift Shop soon. Will showed how he had prevented squirrels from jumping up on a feeder by using a wide circle of plexiglass, held on the pole by a tennis ball that had been punctured and slid onto the pipe.

Program: Brad McPherson first introduced his brother, Ron, who showed video tapes of a male House Finch that had visited his feeder from June 19th through October 22nd on BAFB. Records of this bird will be filed with the Louisiana Rare Bird Committee of LRS for acceptance.

Brad then introduced a fine video of the *Gooney Birds of Midway*, and a beautiful presentation of the life cycle of the Laysian Albatross was enjoyed.

Next meeting will be on December 13th. Meeting adjourned.

LOUISIANA CHRISTMAS COUNTS
1988-1989 Season

Count Name	Date	Contact Person & Phone Nos. ¹
Arcadia	Jan. 3	Marietta Campbell 263-8958
Baton Rouge	Dec. 19	Ester & Gene Beckham
Bossier	Dec. 31	Paul Dickson 798-1000, 797-7900 (w)
Catahoula N.W.R.	Dec. 17	Jim Montgomery 473-3156, 445-9595 (h)
Creole	Dec. 16	Brent Ortego 409, 698-2088 David Booth 474-1444, 491-3157 (w)
D'Arbonne	Dec. 17	Tom Kee 343-3511; David Linden
Grand Isle	Jan. 2	David Muth 504, 899-6846
Houma	Jan. 2	Mich Foret 504, 868-0914, 868-2000, ext. 255(w)
Johnsons Bayou	Dec. 18	Bruce Crider 504, 292-2739
Lafayette	Jan. 2	Jim Whelan 237-8420, 268-5546 (w) Marshall Eyster
Lake Charles	Dec. 30	Kathy Reed 433-2246 David Booth 474-1444, 491-3157 (w)
Natchez	Dec. 26	Howard Kisner 601, 445-6421 Ralph Shields, III 318, 336-8672, 336-7043 (w)
Natchitoches	Dec. 18	Charles Viers 357-6502
New Orleans	Dec. 26	Gwen Smalley, Dan Purrington 504, 888-3607
Pine Prairie	Dec. 18	Brent Ortego 409, 698-2088
Reserve-Bonnet Carre Spillway	Dec. 31	Ronald Stein 536-3348
Rice Fields (nr. Crowlie)	Dec. 16	Van Remson 504, 388-8255
Rockefeller S.W.R.	Cancelled	Bruce Crider 504, 292-2739
Sabine N.W.R.	Dec. 17	Bruce Crider 504, 292-2739
St. Tammany	TBA	David Muth 504, 899-6846; Jim Holmes
Shreveport	Dec. 26	Steve Klotz 865-5367, 221-8411, ext. 1042 (w)
Tensas River N.W.R.	Jan. 3	Robert Hamilton 504, 388-4221 (w), 766-5461
Tunica Hills-St. Francisville	Jan. 1	Paul McKenzie 504, 272-7263
Venice	Dec. 28	Dan Purrington 504, 888-3607; Sidney Gauthreaux
Vicksburg	Dec. 17	Hilda Candilish 601, 636-4800

¹Contact persons and phone numbers were obtained from the last Christmas Count data and from the generous cooperation of Bruce Crider. Phone numbers are in area code 318 unless otherwise stated. Any errors are mine.

HIGH ISLAND BIRDING

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The following list was published in *American Birds*, vol. 42, no. 3, p. 457 for the vicinity of the High Island field trip.

Selected migrants* along Highway 87, High Island to Sabine Pass, Texas, in two major fallouts (TE, JM).

Species	May 7, 1987	April 30, 1988
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	70	83
Ruby-throated Hummer	175	140
Eastern Wood-Pewee	90	55
Acadian Flycatcher	225	32
"Traill's" Flycatcher	5	30
Eastern Kingbird	125	20
Veery	905	135
Gray-cheeked Thrush	33	31
Swainson's Thrush	410	325
Wood Thrush	10	35
Gray Catbird	295	340
White-eyed Vireo	84	27
Yellow-throated Vireo	41	21
Philadelphia Vireo	113	21
Red-eyed Vireo	654	285
Blue-winged Warbler	2	30
Tennessee Warbler	444	390
Yellow Warbler	227	445
Chestnut-sided Warbler	141	58
Magnolia Warbler	465	180
Black-throated Green W.	95	55
Blackburnian Warbler	68	70
Bay-breasted Warbler	626	130
Black-and-White Warbler	166	275
American Redstart	292	225
Ovenbird	131	280
Northern Waterthrush	22	40
Kentucky Warbler	28	33
Common Yellowthroat	14	70
Hooded Warbler	80	260
Summer Tanager	30	115
Scarlet Tanager	240	210
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	100	240
Blue Grosbeak	25	100
Indigo Bunting	125	2000
Painted Bunting	0	95
Orchard Oriole	50	170
Northern Oriole	20	430

* 25 or more individuals on one or both dates.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

February -- Brad McPherson will present a program on *Flightless Birds*. The evolutionary history, biology, and geographical distribution will be discussed along with the presentation of a video tape concerning the biology of these interesting birds.

March -- In preparation for the High Island trip, Ann Elston will present a slide show on the birds to be expected in that area.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

December 13, 1988

Meeting called to order by Steve Klotz. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, due to their publication in the previous Newsletter. The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$1,931.54. Bills paid for this month included \$580.50 for 12 Martin houses and \$88.69 for six add-on-floor units for the Martin houses.

Everyone signed slips of paper for door prize drawings of packages of Sunflower chips, Finch Mix, or Finch blend, donated by Hearth and Home, located next to Sam's in Shreve City.

Announcements: Will Smolenski said suet cakes should be in stock before Christmas, and Martin houses were on sale.

Paul Dickson explained the form to be used if an unusual bird is sighted on the Shreveport Christmas Bird Count (CBC), or on the Bossier-Caddo-Bienville CBC. Horace Jeter and Steve Klotz will compile the SCBC, December 26th, and Paul Dickson is the BCBCBC (December 31) compiler. If you need to sign up for a Christmas count, call Horace (861-4302) or Steve (221-8411 or 865-5367) for the Shreveport CBC, or Paul (797-7900) for the BCBCBC.

A sign-up sheet was sent around the group for all intending to go on our first weekend field trip to High Island, Texas, May 5-7. There are enough interested people to make this a sure trip! Do call the Gulfway Motel, (409)286-5217 and make reservations now! Some birders may go down on Thursday, just to make full use of the many wonderful birding sites in this area.

Program: Brad McPherson showed 60 slides of birds that could possibly be seen during our local Christmas counts. Extra fun was added because of a few "ringers"; Carolina Parakeet, Ivory-

billed Woodpecker, and a fossil!!
The meeting was adjourned.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING:
November 17, 1988**

Meeting called to order by Steve Klotz. Minutes of the previous board meeting were read.

Old Business: The By-Laws still need to be read and revised to meet the current status of the Bird Study Group of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study (SSNS). Pat Lonnecker and Ann Elston will review the By-Laws.

The weekend of May 7th, 1989, was set for the group's first birding trip. Ann will have details for the December Newsletter.

Handling of the Newsletters mailing, according to zip codes, was discussed.

New Business: Steve Klotz suggested that we study past action defining the use of the Sierra Club grant to the Group. A budget committee to denote special projects with funds allotted will work on this for the next board meeting.

Larry Raymond, Vera Lee Grubbs, and Mac Hardy will work as a committee for providing lists of bird books needed for the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences library.

Mac Hardy presented a list of current paid members, and Betty Mason said that \$545 in dues had been collected for the year, September 1988-August 1989.

Mac will insert special birding information in the Newsletters for paid members, with a memo about what is missing for those still unpaid.

The need for an article on bird-watching ethics was discussed.

A birding trip for beginners was discussed.

Announcement of a super LOS winter meeting in Lafayette the latter part of January was made.

Next Board meeting will be January 19th, at Pat Lonnecker's home.

Meeting adjourned.

CROSS LAKE FIELD TRIP--

This is planned for Saturday, January 21, 1989. We will meet at M&M Marina at

8:00 AM. The cost is \$3.00 per person for the boat rental. Call Steve Klotz (221-8411 ext. 1042 or 865-5367) to reserve a seat by January 12.

**BIRD-WATCHING
ETIQUETTE**

The following are three behavioral traits that can improve your individual success of finding and observing birds in the field and that 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.

BIRD NOTES -- DECEMBER

Compiled
January 3, 1989

Report bird sightings for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or to Shirley Huss (865-5959) by the 25th of each month.

In the following table an asterisk (*) denotes a species sighted but numbers of individuals seen are unknown. Reporters and dates are as follows: December -- Helen Hood (date unknown); December 6 -- Kate Michaels and Vera Lee Grubbs (Cross Lake and vicinity), *John McBride (Haygood Road at Cottonwood Bayou, 9:10 PM)*; December 8 -- Shirley Huss and Vera Lee Grubbs (Cross Lake); December 10 -- Steve Klotz (Cross Lake); December 11 -- Larry Raymond, Horace Jeter, and Steve Klotz; December 14-15 (approx.) -- John McBride; December 15-30 (approx.) -- Willard Elston; December 18 -- Bill Wood (Bickam-Dickson Park); December 19 -- Bill Wood (Hamel's Park); December 23 -- John McBride (Cross Lake); December 25 -- Bill Wood (Cross Lake), *John McBride (Haygood Road, 5:40 PM)*; December 26 -- Shreveport Christmas Bird Count; December 31 -- Bossier-Caddo-Bienville Christmas Bird Count, *Vera Lee Grubbs*; January 1 -- Helen Hood (Cross Lake); January 2 -- Bill Wood (Yearwood Road). *Italics identify second group reports on the same day.*

COMMON NAME	DATE OF OBSERVATION													
	December											January		
	6	8	10	11	18	19	23	25	26	31	14-15	24-31	1	2
Pied-billed Grebe								2	*	*				
Horned Grebe									*	*				
American White Pelican	25	24	1	10			1	3	*					
Double-crested Cormorant							10		*	*				
Great Blue Heron						2			*	*				
Great Egret									*	*			12	
Snow Goose									*	*				
Canada Goose									*	*				
Wood Duck									*	*				
Green-winged Teal									*	*				
Mallard									*	*				
Blue-winged Teal									*	*				
Northern Shoveler									*	*			1	
Gadwall				10			2		*	*				
American Wigeon									*	*			1	
Canvasback							120	1	*	*				
Ring-necked Duck								1	*	*				
Lesser Scaup									*	*				
Common Goldeneye									*	*				
Bufflehead	3			3			1		*	*				
Hooded Merganser									*	*				
Ruddy Duck	5			10				6	*	*				
Black Vulture									*	*				
Turkey Vulture									*	*				
Bald Eagle		3		2			2	1	*	*				
Northern Harrier					1	1			*	*				
Sharp-shinned Hawk									*	*				
Cooper's Hawk									*	*			1	
Red-shouldered Hawk									*	*				
Red-tailed Hawk					5	1			*	*				
American Kestrel					1				*	*				
Northern Bobwhite									*	*				
American Coot									*	*				
Killdeer									*	*				
Common Snipe					1				*	*				
American Woodcock				1					*	*				
Bonaparte's Gull				1			20		*	*				
Ring-billed Gull				10	75		150		*	*				
Herring Gull				1					*	*				
Forster's Tern			1	4					*	*				
Rock Dove									*	*				
Mourning Dove									*	*				
Common Barn-Owl									*	*				
Eastern Screech-Owl									*	*				

Great Horned Owl				*	*
Barred Owl				*	*
Short-eared Owl			1	*	*
Chuck-will's-widow	1				
Belted Kingfisher				*	*
Red-headed Woodpecker				*	*
Red-bellied Woodpecker				*	*
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				*	*
Downy Woodpecker				*	*
Hairy Woodpecker				*	*
Northern Flicker				*	*
Pileated Woodpecker	2			*	*
Eastern Phoebe		1	1	*	*
Vermillion Flycatcher				*	*
Horned Lark				*	*
Tree Swallow				*	*
Blue Jay				*	*
American Crow				*	*
Fish Crow				*	*
Carolina Chickadee				*	*
Tufted Titmouse				*	*
White-breasted Nuthatch	4			*	*
Brown-headed Nuthatch	5			*	*
Brown Creeper				*	*
Carolina Wren				*	*
Bewick's Wren				*	*
House Wren	1			*	*
Winter Wren				*	*
Sedge Wren				*	*
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3			*	*
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2			*	*
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				*	*
Eastern Bluebird	15	6		*	*
Hermit Thrush				*	*
American Robin				*	*
Northern Mockingbird			2	*	*
Brown Thrasher				*	*
Water Pipit				*	*
Cedar Waxwing				*	*
Loggerhead Shrike			2	*	*
European Starling				*	*
Solitary Vireo				*	*
Orange-crowned Warbler	1			*	*
Magnolia Warbler (1 date unknown)				*	*
Yellow-rumped Warbler (1 date unknown) 8		25		*	*
Pine Warbler	12		1	*	*
Northern Cardinal			6	*	*
Rufous-sided Towhee		1		*	*
Chipping Sparrow				*	*
Field Sparrow			4	*	*
Vesper Sparrow				*	*
Savannah Sparrow				*	*
LeConte's Sparrow				*	*
Fox Sparrow				*	*
Song Sparrow	1		6	*	*
Lincoln's Sparrow				*	*
Swamp Sparrow				*	*
White-throated Sparrow	4			*	*
White-crowned Sparrow				*	*
Harris' Sparrow				*	*
Dark-eyed Junco	15	12		*	*
Lapland Longspur				*	*
Smith's Longspur				*	*
Red-winged Blackbird				*	*
Eastern Meadowlark				*	*
Western Meadowlark				*	*
Rusty Blackbird				*	*
Brewer's Blackbird				*	*
Common Grackle				*	*
Brown-headed Cowbird				*	*
Purple Finch				*	*
American Goldfinch	15	75		*	*
House Sparrow				*	*

FIELD TRIP

Twelve brave birders survived very cool temperatures on Cross Lake on Saturday, January 21. They enjoyed about three hours on the lake and were rewarded by good views of an Eared Grebe and a pair of Red-breasted Mergansers. The full list is in this month's Bird Notes.

NEW BIRD SEED CHAIRPERSON!

Bob Duvall, who has served the Bird Study Group with great enthusiasm and energy for a long time, has recently had to discontinue as Bird Seed Chairman. Bob, we appreciate your help and the time you gave to organizing the bird seed team.

Marilyn Kircus has kindly agreed to accept this important job and she has already reordered seed and bagged some. Anyone who can help Marilyn in this capacity please call Marilyn at 865-1315.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

January 10, 1989. President Steve Klotz called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Betty Mason reported \$1,835.76 in our Treasury.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Will Smolenski noted that one dozen Martin houses, with poles, are now on sale for \$60 in the Museum Gift Shop. Additional floors for the houses are also available. Now is the time to prepare for the Purple Martin's arrival, which can occur here as early as January 26th.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 19th at Pat Lonnecker's home.

Christmas Count Resumes: Steve reported that 96 species (27,777 individual birds) were seen on the

Shreveport Count. Birds of note included 1 Cooper's Hawk, 10,374 Double-crested Cormorants, Forster's Tern, White Pelican, Golden-eye, 11 Herring Gulls, Bonapart's Gull, and Tree Swallow.

Paul Dickson reported that the South Bossier Count totaled 99 species (20,985 individuals) with birds of note being six Canada Geese, Harris Sparrow in three locations and Bewicks Wren. He presented the *Iron Binocular Award* to Bill Wood and Mac Hardy; the *No-Doz Award* to Jim McCain and Will Smolenski; and the *Golden Birdy Award* to Vera Lee Grubbs, Margaret Fontaine, and Shirley Huss!

The annual Eagle Watch will be held at Lake De Gray, Arkansas, January 27-29th.

A very dark, melanistic western form of the Red-tailed Hawk has been wintering in a triangle between Highway 1, Kay Lane, and Hart's Island Road.

Paul will host a Bird Banding Day, Saturday, February 11th, beginning at 8:00 AM at his home, 10455 Ellerbe Road (across from Holy Angles). This was a most productive day last year, and volunteers are needed for recording information, weighing of birds, etc.

Brad McPherson introduced Col. George Lunsford, member of the North Louisiana Woodcarver's Association. His program on creating carved decoys or songbirds made us aware of how much there is to observe about each bird! Col. Lunsford covered the mechanics of carving birds; references available to assist the carver; and showed slides from both state and national contests for carved birds.

The group was reminded that the LOS Winter meeting will be in Lafayette during the last weekend of January.

The program for the next meeting will be "Flightless Birds." The meeting was adjourned.

BEGINNER'S FIELD TRIP!

A field trip for *beginning* bird-watchers will be held on Saturday, February 25, at Bickam-Dickson Park. Meet at the horse stables at 8:00 AM and bring 50 cents for the fee to enter the riding trails. This will take about two hours and will include a minimum of walking.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:

January 19, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Steve Klotz. Minutes of the previous board meeting were read.

A set of six replacement statements, intended to clarify the SSNS' Articles of Incorporation of 1954 were introduced by Ann Elston and Pat Lonacker. After discussion and some changes, the motion that these statements be kept on file with the Articles was approved (see below).

Steve presented an estimated Current Financial Status (see below). After discussion, members voted to adopt this financial statement as a working budget for the rest of the fiscal year.

The Board listed several worthy nature projects, beyond the five Martin houses to be erected with monies from the Sierra Club grant.

The Library Committee presented a list of five books it suggests for purchase as gifts to the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences: *Birds of Arkansas*, *Birds and Birding on the Mississippi Coast*, *A Naturalist's Field Journal*, *Wild Birds*, and *Dictionary of Birds* were approved for purchase.

Three further projects were funded:

\$250 to the Walter Jacobs Nature Park for improved bird rehabilitation facilities.

\$300 to the Baton Rouge Audubon

Society to help purchase additional acres at the Holloman Refuge near Cameron, Louisiana.

\$250 to the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences to apply toward the purchase of skin cases for an increasing number of bird skins being prepared at the Museum.

It was mentioned that an annual donation to the Caroline Dorman Nature Center had already been made this year.

The Board unanimously cast its vote for Arthur Seale as Louisiana Conservationist of the Year.

The next Board meeting will be the 16th of March. For consideration at that time will be: A survey of members to determine future programs and field trips; a scheduling of events on a yearly basis; and discussion of providing audio cassettes for use by members.

Meeting adjourned.

(Prepared by Ann Elston)

YEARWOOD ROAD FIELD TRIP

John McBride will lead a field trip to the Yearwood Road area on Saturday, February 4. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Museum for car-pooling. Bring \$1.00 for the drivers to help defray gasoline expenses.

TENTATIVE BY-LAWS

(January 19, 1989)

(Only with the intent of offering an order of business now evolved from the Articles of Incorporation of March 30, 1954).

1. The location and Post Office address of the registered office of the corporation is: Shreveport Society for Nature Study, Inc. 8015 St. Vincent Ave. Shreveport, LA 71106

(ARTICLE IV; to replace: "Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, 3015 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.")

2. This corporation is open to all interested in the study of nature.

(ARTICLE V; to replace last paragraph, beginning, "Each member shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to his admittance.")

3. Changes in dues shall be recommended by the Board. Approval of such changes shall be effected by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular meeting.

(ARTICLE V; to replace Sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) pertaining to six levels of memberships with varying dues.)

4. Both the fiscal year and the tenure of officers shall run from September through August of the following year.

(ARTICLE VI; to replace, "The directors shall be elected annually at the annual October membership

meeting"; and "The corporate year shall begin November 1 and shall close the following October 31.")

5. Monthly meetings shall be held except during August.

(ARTICLE VI; clarification)

6. The Board shall meet at least every two months, as announced by the President.

(ARTICLE VI; clarification)

(Prepared by Ann Elston)

LONGSPUR FIELD TRIP

A field trip to the Red River Experiment Station is scheduled for Saturday, February 18. This should be good for longspurs, Horned Larks, and maybe a Western Meadowlark. Meet at the Museum at 7:00 for car-pooling. Bring \$1.00 for the drivers to help defray gasoline expenses.

FINANCIAL STATUS

(Prepared by Steve Klotz)

Current Financial Status (Estimated)

Current Bank Balance (January, 1989)		\$1,900.00
Assets:		
Seed	648.00	
Martin Houses	669.00	
Books, Feeders	500.00	1,817.00
Debits:		
5 Martin Houses	200.00	<u>200.00</u>
BALANCE		3,517.00

Suggested Financial Status

Mailing Expenses per year	250.00
Saleable Goods	1,000.00
Bank Balance	<u>1,000.00</u>
	2,250.00

Projects (Based on an income of about \$1,000.00 per year)

Library Committee	\$ 200.00
Projects	<u>800.00</u>
Total (Sierra Club Grant)	1,000.00

BIRD NOTES -- JANUARY

Compiled
January 26, 1989

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or to Shirley Huss (865-5959) by the 25th of each month.

In the following table an asterisk (*) denotes a species sighted but numbers of individuals seen were not reported. Reporters and dates are as follows: January 2 -- Charlie Lyons (Cross Lake to Yearwood Road); January 4 -- Ann Elston; January 6 -- John McBride (near Ida), *Shirley Huss (residence)*; January 7 -- John McBride (Yearwood Road); January 8 -- Bill Wood, John McBride, Nancy Newfield, Robert Newfield (Yearwood Road); *Charlie Lyons (Taylortown and Red River Experiment Station)*; January 9 -- Vera Lee Grubbs (residence); January 13 -- John McBride (Hosston); January 15 -- Bill Hall (N. Lake Shore Drive), *John McBride (RR Exp. Sta., Yearwood Road, Cross Lake)*; January 18 -- Charlie Lyons (Cross Lake); January 19 -- Bobbe Womack (Bickam-Dickson Park); January 21 -- Bird Study Group field trip (Cross Lake); January 22 -- Bill Wood (Loggy Bayou), *Charlie Lyons and Horace Jeter (Kisatchie Hills and Cross Lake)*, *Shirley Huss (Cross Lake)*.

Other Sightings: A White-winged Dove was seen by Paul Dickson near Bastrop. John McBride reported 30 Scaup species on Cross Lake on January 15. The Eastern Screech Owl seen on January 22 by Charlie Lyons and Horace Jeter in Kisatchie Hills was seen in the daytime. The Horned Larks seen on January 8 were singing (an early date). The Red-tailed Hawk on January 22 was a "Harlan's" form.

COMMON NAME	DATE OF OBSERVATION (All January)											
	2	4	6	7	8	9	13	15	18	19	21	22
Pied-billed Grebe										1	2	
Horned Grebe	1								1			
Eared Grebe											1	
Double-crested Cormorant											800	
Great Egret								1	30			
Greater White-fronted Goose		*										
Canada Goose								17				
Wood Duck											4	
Mallard											8	
Northern Shoveler	2											
Canvasback	*							75, 1			200	14
Ring-necked Duck											80	
Lesser Scaup										6		
Common Goldeneye							9					
Bufflehead								3			40	
Red-breasted Merganser											2	1
Ruddy Duck											400	
Turkey Vulture											1	
Bald Eagle								3	3		8	
Northern Harrier	*											
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1
Cooper's Hawk						1						
Red-tailed Hawk											1	1
Common Moorhen									1			
Spotted Sandpiper								1			1	
Bonaparte's Gull	*										5	
Ring-billed Gull	*										20	
Herring Gull	*										6	
Forster's Tern								8, 6	4		6	
Rock Dove											20	
Common Barn-Owl					1							*
Eastern Screech-Owl												*, 1
Great Horned Owl												*
Belted Kingfisher											1	
Red-headed Woodpecker	*											1
Red-cockaded Woodpecker												3
Eastern Phoebe										1		
Vermilion Flycatcher	2											
Horned Lark					20			150				

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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (Home) _____, (work) _____

Membership Category: Regular _____ (\$5.00) Sustaining _____ (\$25.00)

Make Check Payable to: **SSNS BIRD STUDY GROUP**

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Museum of Life Sciences
8015 St. Vincent Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71106

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 PM
at the Museum. The speaker
will be Ann Elston, who will
present an illustrated talk
on "Birding High Island and
the Anahuac Refuge area."

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 PM
at Will Smolenski's home,
526 Dunmoreland Dr. All
Board members should be
present.

**SUET CAKES AND MARTIN HOUSES ARE
NOW IN STOCK!**



HIGH ISLAND NOTICE!

All who plan to go to High Island please attend the March
meeting. This is needed for important information and planning.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14th MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Steve Klotz. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,374.86.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Field trip, Saturday, February 18, to the Red River Valley Agricultural Experiment Station on U. S. 71. Leave the Museum of Life Sciences at 7:00 a.m. to look for **Horned Lark, Western Meadowlark, longspurs, and pipits.** John McBride, leader.

Field trip, Saturday, February 25, Bickham Dickson Park. Meet at the horse stables at 8:00 a.m. For beginning birders, although open to all. Steve Klotz, leader.

Will Smolenski will be planting" five Purple Martin houses at several locations. These are donated by the Society to the community. Call Will at 865-2938 if you can help with this project.

Steve asked that members pick up the 3x5 cards to record unusual bird presence or activity in the NW Louisiana area. These are to be kept as a local data file and will furnish important information through the years.

Janet Meyers of the Highland Restoration Society invited SSNS to participate in a funding project which would also increase the SSNS treasury. Serviceberry Trees will be sold in the area with proceeds to be shared. Over twenty species of birds feed on the fruit of these moderately-sized trees. They are native to the South, and will tolerate moderate shade. Often called the "Shad Tree" or "Shadblow" for the profuse white flowers in spring. The trees will be one to two feet tall, and will sell for \$10.

Acknowledgement of Mac Hardy's efforts to create the first Checklist of North Louisiana was given by Pat Lonnecker and cheered by the group.

Larry Raymond reported from the LOS Winter Meeting in Lafayette that the first Journal of Ornithology by the state group will be published in 1989. If your dues to LOS have lapsed, you will not receive the first issue of this journal.

Betty Duval won a bird feeder as the door prize

On February 11, 108 birds were banded by Bird Study Group members at Paul Dickson's house. It was exciting to find two **Goldfinches** in the nets that had been banded at Paul's last year. This migratory bird knew a good place to spend the winter! Other birds banded included **Chipping Sparrow and White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Juncos, and one White-breasted Nuthatch.**

The first **Purple Martin** scouts have been reported within the last two weeks.

PROGRAM: Brad McPherson introduced a film on Flightless Birds. These are birds of paradox; they all have wings, but each species has been modified. **Penguins, Kiwi's, Ostrich, and island-dwelling Cormorants** were among the many birds shown. It was of interest that many rails are approaching the flightless status.

Meeting adjourned.

ADDENDA: Members of the Board met briefly to approve the order of 25 Serviceberry Trees, to be sold by SSNS at the LSU-S Museum.

GREAT SUCCESS

The field trip for beginners that was held on February 25 was enjoyed by all. Fourteen birders received excellent instruction from Steve Klotz on how to find and identify birds. They had good weather and saw many interesting birds.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS

The field trip scheduled for February 4 was cancelled due to the

cold weather.

The field trip scheduled for the 18th of February had no participants.

BEGINNER'S FIELD TRIP

On March 25 meet in the parking lot of the VA Hospital at 8 a.m. for a bird walk led by Steve Klotz. This is for beginners but anyone may attend. After initial viewing on the hospital grounds the group will proceed to Walter B. Jacob's Nature Park for the majority of the outing.

NATURE DAY CAMPS

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Whooping Crane Killed

A female Whooping Crane that was shot and killed by a hunter in a heavy fog, potentially could have hatched ten to fifteen more of these endangered birds during her life Aransas Wildlife Refuge officials reported Tuesday.

The killing occurred Tuesday morning at San Jose Island. The shooting is being investigated by Special Agent Tom Mason of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Agent Mason will present a case to the U.S. Attorney in Corpus Christi, who will determine if the shooting was accidental or intentional.

The out-of-town hunter and a companion surrendered themselves to authorities. The hunter could be fined \$10,000 and serve a six months jail sentence if the incident is ruled accidental. If the court rules this was an intentional act the hunter could be fined \$20,000 and serve up to a year in prison.

The female Whooping Crane had just brought her first chick with her this year and her loss accounts for 5% of the 22 breeding females at Aransas. The male Whooping Crane will assume all parental duties due to the loss of his mate.

Agent Mason said the shooting may have been accidental, but added that "there is still a lot of difference in a 2-foot goose and a 5-foot crane, a prudent hunter should have known the difference".

Excerpts from a article appearing in the Dallas Morning News Friday, January 6, 1989. Prepared by Bill Wood.

ROSS' GOOSE SIGHTING

John McBride discovered and reported **Ross' Geese** mixed in with flocks of **Snow Geese** and **Greater White-fronted Geese** and **Canada Geese**. At least nine individuals of the very rare **Ross' Goose** were seen after tediously examining thousands of geese on March 2, 4, and 5th. They were seen in open fields along the north end of Sentell Road in northern Caddo Parish (near Dixie). Large flocks of **Snow Geese** were also seen at several places along U.S. hwy. 71 in northern Caddo Parish and in southern Bossier Parish. The **Ross' Geese** were also seen by Steve Klotz, Horace Jeter, Larry Raymond, Bill Wood, and Charlie Lyons.

SUMMER AND WINTER RESIDENTS OF CADDO AND
BOSSIER PARISHES, LOUISIANA

These species have been reported in this area in both summer and winter seasons, at least. In some cases a species may be very rare in one season or the other -- those are the ones for which better documentation is needed.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
Northern Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Greater Roadrunner	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>
Common Barn-Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Eastern Screech-Owl	<i>Otus asio</i>
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>
Carolina Chickadee	<i>Parus carolinensis</i>
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Parus bicolor</i>
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>
Brown-headed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>
Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Rufous-sided Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Bachman's Sparrow	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>

Prepared by Laurence M. Hardy

SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE STUDY, INC.
QUESTIONNAIRE

Respondent's Name _____

1. Please rank the following activities of the Bird Study Group as 1=absolutely essential, 2=desirable, 3=moderately interesting, 4=little interest, 5=no interest. Place only one number beside each item.

_____ Educational talks on birds
_____ Educational talks on other subjects
_____ Nature walks (non-birding)
_____ Bird-watching outings
_____ Bird trips away from the local area
_____ Christmas Bird Counts
_____ Nest box projects
_____ Selling bird seed
_____ Selling bird feeders
_____ Overnight bird trips
_____ Outings for children
_____ Educational programs
_____ Environmental concerns
_____ Conservation
_____ Bird-banding
_____ Preparation of museum specimens
_____ Monetary contributions to Caroline Dorman
Preserve, Holleyman Sanctuary, etc.
_____ Other _____

2. Which type of program do you prefer? Please check one.

_____ Passive entertainment
_____ Educational program
_____ Activity program

3. A number of committees, offices, and other duties are needed in order for any organization to function efficiently. Please indicate if you will serve in one of these capacities in the future.

_____ Officer	_____ Bird feed
_____ Board member	_____ Bird feeders
_____ Field trip leader	_____ Publicity
_____ Refreshments for meetings	_____ Outings
_____ Telephone	_____ Membership
_____ Archives	_____ Newsletter
_____ Other _____	

4. Would you be willing to pay a fee to attend a presentation by a recognized bird authority? Yes ___ No ___
5. Please make any comments on ways to improve the organization.

Please return this questionnaire, with your thoughtful responses, to:

SSNS
Bird Study Group
8015 St. Vincent Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71106

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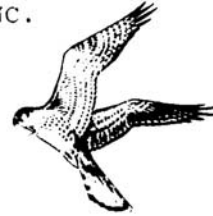
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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 PM
at the Museum. The speaker
will be Dr. Brad McPherson,
who will
present an illustrated talk
on "Fossil Birds."

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, May 11, 7:00 PM at
Steve Klotz's home, 256
Patton Ave. All Board members
should be present.

**BLUEBIRD HOUSES AND OTHER ITEMS ARE
NOW IN STOCK!**

MINUTES OF MARCH 14th MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Steve Klotz. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$917.74.

The next Board meeting has been postponed until March 30th, at Will Smolenski's home, 7:00 PM.

Will now has two Purple Martin houses up and open at Bickham Dickson Park. The Barnwell Center has requested that we place two there. The motion was made and approved. These houses come from the Sierra Club grant. Steve volunteered to get permanent signs for these houses, designating them as a project of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study.

Two kinds of hummingbird feeders, nectar mix, and other items are now on sale in the Gift Shop.

A report of an American Kestrel landing on a wire "live-trap" in a Broadmoor back yard was made. This bird watched two House Sparrows which had gotten in the trap, and quickly managed to grasp one through the wires for a meal.

Marilyn Kircus reported a pair of Northern Rough-winged Swallows being sighted.

The program was given by Ann Elston, who showed maps and slides of birding in the High Island and Anahuac areas. Groups going on a weekend field trip to this area were provided maps, checklists, and other materials for this May 5-7 trip.

The meeting was adjourned.

BIRDS BITS (Contributed by Bill Wood)

"We're talking about 500 woodpeckers. They're ugly, they don't have a particular melodious song, and they perform no useful service to either nature or man." This statement was made by Representative Jim Chapman of East Texas in reference to the endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker.

89th Christmas Bird Count

Unofficial reports of the 89 CBC indicate that Santa Barbara, California count took top honors by recording 218 species. Over 1500 counts were taken with more than 42,000 participants.

Are You Ready???

Spring migration is underway. Be prepared by reviewing your field guides and learning the field marking of birds that you can expect to see. Also, talk with your fellow birders about local hot spots and what can be found there.

Can This Be True!

Six pairs of Eskimo Curlews are reported to be nesting at a location being kept secret by Canadian authorities.

Good News!!!

Reports show the number of male Kirtland Warblers increased from 167 in 1987 to 207 in 1988. Wisconsin reported five males, its largest count ever.

A case of Song Bird Fever broke out in the N.E. United States this past year. Song Bird Fever is caused by the bacterium *Salmonella typhimurium* and can be fatal to birds. The infection is spread when birds eat seeds or drink water contaminated by the droppings of other birds. To prevent the disease the following steps can be taken: (1) Feeders with trays should be replaced with cylinder type or hopper feeders, (2) don't allow seed to accumulate on the ground, (3) feeders and bird baths should be cleaned periodically, and (4) bird baths should not be placed near bird feeders.

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JOURNAL OF LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGY

This new ornithological journal should stimulate more interest in the study of bird biology in Louisiana. The non-member subscription rate is \$10.00 domestic, \$11.00 foreign. It is mailed free to members of the Louisiana Ornithological Society. For more information write to: Louisiana Ornithological Society, 88 Egret St., New Orleans, LA 70124.

BIRD STUDY GROUP

Membership Application

NOTE: This is for NEW members. If you received the March BIRD NOTES with this Newsletter you are paid for this year. The current dues year ends with the July issue of the Newsletter. If you did not receive the March BIRD NOTES, then fill out the form below, send it with the appropriate payment, to the SSNS BIRD STUDY GROUP and become a member. We need you.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (Home) _____, (work) _____

Membership Category: Regular ____ (\$5.00) Sustaining ____ (\$25.00)

Make Check Payable to:
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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 9 May 1989, 7:00 PM
at the Museum. The speakers
will be Shirley Huss and Pat
Lonnecker who will present a
slide show and talk on the
beautiful birds of Costa
Rica.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 11 May 1989, 7:00
PM at Steve Klotz' home, 256
Patton Ave. All members of
the Board of Directors
should be present.

**BIRD PRINTS AND
SERVICEBERRY TREES ARE
STILL AVAILABLE....**

MINUTES OF MARCH 30th BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at Will Smolenski's home. Seven members present: Steve Klotz, Bob Duval, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Vera Lee Grubbs, and Pat Lonnecker.

Will reported on the five Purple Martin houses placed around the city by the Bird Study Group: two at Bickham Dickson Park already have Martins; two at Barnwell Center, and one at the LSU Museum of Life Sciences [also with Martins]. He also stated that a check of the Bluebird houses installed last year at Bickham Dickson Park have Bluebirds flying in their vicinity.

Regarding the Survey enclosed in the February Newsletter: only seven replies have been filled out. Will suggested that they be handed out at the next meeting to be filled out and left at the door upon adjournment.

Discussion of events held on a yearly basis was held:

1. Bird Walk at Paul Dixon's Loggy Bayou farm in May.
2. Christmas Counts (not a actual function of our organization.)
3. Banding at Paul's home.
4. Beginning Bird Walks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Hearth & Home* is putting our notices on a bulletin board at their Shreve City location.

The Museum now has five video cassettes on bird species which can be checked out. There are also tapes of bird songs that may be checked out. Will can order tapes after he observes how big the demand for tapes is.

On April 25 at 2:00, the group will be represented by Will at a meeting in the Wheelless Auditorium of the Commercial National Bank. \$300,000 has been acquired to purchase land in Bodcau Bayou.

Harold Coates, builder of Purple

Martin houses, contacted Will about our having an exhibit table at a show he is participating in. This is on or about April 15th. Details at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: It was decided that one more mailing will go out to non-members, notifying them that this is their last issue. A phone survey will be started on non-members. Mac will have lists made up by next meeting. Mac has added 8-10 gratis names (Audubon Societies, etc.) to our mailing list who will continue to receive our newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: ABA had two prints commissioned by John O'Neal and William Zimmermann which they sold at \$35 or more. They have offered us left over prints at \$1.00 each; Mac has ordered 40 of these prints, with a bill of \$40.50. After discussion, we will sell these 18" x 20" prints of the Bachman Warbler and the Aplomado Falcon for \$5.00 each.

Pat Lonnecker will call Janet Meyers about the delivery of the Serviceberry trees we agreed to purchase.

Vera Lee Grubbs will call Board members before meetings to remind them of the time. The next Board meeting will be at Steve Klotz' home on Thursday, May 11, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF MARCH 14th MEETING

Meeting called to order by Steve Klotz. Members who had not returned the suggestion forms from the newsletter filled out their comments about future meetings and programs.

The Treasurer reported that after a large bill for seed, the balance stands at \$674.61.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Steve urged members to take home bird-sighting cards, to be filled with data concerning "every-day" birds, as

ell as unusual occurrences or behavior. These cards will form a large data base for future study of birds in this area.

Will Smolenski displayed a bluebird house built of treated plywood that is on sale in the Gift Shop for \$15.00. He will assemble the houses, which are made by Coates Manufacturing Co. of Bossier City.

Three door prizes were offered: a River Birch tree won by Mary Blackman, and two Dogwoods, won by Bill Wood and Vera Lee Grubbs.

The group is offering Serviceberry trees for sale for \$10. These trees will grow in full sun or shade, needing only good drainage and ample water. Birds known to feed on the Serviceberry include: American Goldfinch, American Robin, Blue Jay, Brown Thrasher, Cedar Waxwing, Dark-eyed Junco, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Phoebe, Evening Grosbeak, Grey Catbird, Hermit Thrush, Northern Flicker, Northern Mockingbird, Purple Finch, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Mac Hardy showed two large bird prints from the American Birding Association, on sale for \$5.00 each. Guests were introduced.

Brad McPherson gave a very interesting program on Fossil Birds. The meeting was adjourned.

WALLACE LAKE WALK

On April 22, Steve Klotz led a group of 14 birders on an outing for the beginning birder. The group saw 36 species (see Bird Notes) and fun was had by all.

VCR BIRD TAPES

The Museum has purchased the complete set of *Audubon Society's VideoGuide to Birds of North*

America:

Volume I -- Loons, grebes, pelicans, swans, geese, ducks, hawks, vultures, and galliform birds.

Volume II -- water birds.

Volume III -- pigeons, doves, cuckoos, owls, nighthawks, hummingbirds, swifts, trogons, kingfishers, and woodpeckers.

Volume IV -- flycatchers, larks, swallows, crows, jays, titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, creepers, wrens, thrushes, waxwings, shrikes, thrashers, and vireos.

Volume V -- warblers, orioles, blackbirds, tanagers, grosbeaks, finches, buntings, and sparrows.

These tapes may be checked out for individual use. Ask about them in the Museum office.

LAST ISSUE TO NON-PAID BIRDERS

This is the last issue of the Newsletter that will be sent to persons on the Bird Study Group mailing list who are not paid members of the Bird Study Group. This is also a complete issue; in the past non-paid persons received an incomplete issue. Remember the cost -- \$5.00 for a whole year (11 issues). This is possibly the best value for your birding dollar anywhere in the known universe.

One of the ways that you can help the Bird Study Group is by continuing to receive the newsletter -- as a paid member. Use the membership form in this newsletter and send in your membership payment now. If your mailing label shows an "N" after your name this is your last free issue. If your mailing label has a "P" after your name you are a paid member.

Pectoral Sandpiper				55								
Common Snipe				2,25	4	10		1		6		
Mourning Dove					2	2						
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						1						
Chuck-will's-widow					1							
Chimney Swift									1		1	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1							1				1
Belted Kingfisher		1										
Red-headed Woodpecker						1						1
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1				1		1	1			
Pileated Woodpecker		1										
Great Crested Flycatcher								1			1	
Eastern Kingbird		1			1	1		1				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	
Purple Martin		1				2						
Tree Swallow								1				
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Barn Swallow		1		150				1				
Blue Jay		1			2							
American Crow		1				1		1				
Fish Crow								1				
Carolina Chickadee		1										
Tufted Titmouse		1										
Brown-headed Nuthatch		1										
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1											
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									1			
Eastern Bluebird		1		1	1	3						
Veery												
Gray-cheeked Thrush								1				
American Robin					1	1						
Gray Catbird								1				
Northern Mockingbird		1			1	3						
Brown Thrasher		1										
Cedar Waxwing		1		12		1		1	1			12
Loggerhead Shrike					1	1						
European Starling		1			1							
White-eyed Vireo	1											
Solitary Vireo	1											
Warbling Vireo									1			
Red-eyed Vireo	1	1						1				
Tennessee Warbler												1
Chestnut-sided Warbler												1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	1						1	1			
Black-throated Green Warbler	1							1				
Yellow-throated Warbler	1											
Pine Warbler		1										
Prairie Warbler									2			
Palm Warbler		1										
Black-and-white Warbler	1											
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Yellow-breasted Chat										1		
Summer Tanager						1		1		1		1
Northern Cardinal		1			3							
Blue Grosbeak					5			1		2,1	1	1
Indigo Bunting					12	1	1	1	1	1		1
Painted Bunting										2		1
Dickcissel											1	1
Chipping Sparrow		1										
Lark Sparrow										1		1
Savannah Sparrow								1		1		1
Lincoln's Sparrow										1		1
White-throated Sparrow						5		1				
White-crowned Sparrow						25						
Red-winged Blackbird		1		12								
Eastern Meadowlark								1				
Common Grackle		1										
Orchard Oriole		1						1	1	1		1
Northern Oriole								1	1	1		1
American Goldfinch						2		1	1	1		1

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 13 June 1989, 7:00
PM at the Museum. A film
entitled "How to Photograph
Birds," by Leonard Lee Rue,
will will be shown by Larry
Raymond. Mr. Rue is a
nationally known wildlife
photographer, whose works
appear regularly in major
magazines and publications
throughout North America.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 22 June 1989, 7:00
PM at Shirley Huss' home,
806 Del St., Shreveport. All
members of the Board of
Directors should be present.



NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR! -- Beginning immediately paid memberships
in the Bird Study Group of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study
will be for 12 months from the date of receipt of the payment.
Your mailing label attached to the Newsletter will give the date
of expiration of the membership on the first line above the name.

For more information see the note inside.

MINUTES OF MAY 11th BOARD MEETING

Steve Klotz opened the meeting by calling on Will Smolenski for reports. Will described the recent dedication of the newly acquired wetlands in the Bodcau Bayou area, mentioning the need to also acquire wetlands in the Loggy Bayou area and the rapid disappearance of the coastal marshes of Louisiana.

He then brought to our attention the fact that Hearth and Home, as the local distributor for many of the items in our Gift Shop, is pricing such items at a very competitive price. H & H is quite interested in taking advertising space in our monthly newsletter. Members agreed to call Will later this week with rates for advertising space charged by various other non-profit organizations. Mac mentioned a need to include a Gift Shop price list in the newsletter.

Discussion was held to solve the problem of membership checks being accepted throughout the year, with our fiscal year beginning in September. It was agreed that mailing labels will bear the expiration date of the member. This will be explained in the next newsletter (see below). Steve will contact the Membership Chairman and advise her of the new need for recordkeeping. Shirley Huss volunteered to serve as a backup for entering membership data in the computer.

Bill Wood is working on a new Phone Tree to facilitate getting out word of new sightings of rare birds.

Pat Lonnecker stated that the group missed the short session on bird calls at each meeting, as presented by Jeff and Noel Perkins. Others mentioned that slides of birds to match the calls, and specimens from the Museum would be helpful. This monthly "Learning Corner" will be prepared by Pat. (A

case of "Open mouth . . . become Chairman"!))

Ideas for programs were discussed; Brad McPherson will contact Nancy Newfield to come from New Orleans for our September membership meeting to talk on hummingbirds. She has volunteered to help us with a lecture, with remuneration for her transportation. This will be open to the public, with advance publicity; nonmembers may be charged a small donation for her lecture.

The next Board Meeting will be held at Shirley Huss' home on 22 June at 7:00 pm. Topics for discussion will include: summer projects similar to the successful bluebird box trail of last summer; working with the city to preserve the trees adjacent to Red River, especially between the VA Hospital and the Jimmy Davis bridge; a "Birdathon" as a fund raiser for the SSNS.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF MAY 9th REGULAR MEETING

Steve Klotz called the meeting to order. The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$1,152.69.

Announcements: Will Smolenski stated that several sizes of feeder trays were now in the Gift Shop. He will order copies of *Birder's Guide to the Texas Coast* by Lane and Tveten for the Gift Shop.

Paul Dickson reminded us that the annual Big Birding Day (and Crawfish Boil!) will be held at his Loggy Bayou Plantation on 13 May. Prairie Warbler guaranteed before 8:00 am.

Steve has more record cards available for the group to use throughout the year to record unusual birds and/or behavior, for the data base of the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences. Guests were introduced.

The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, May 11th, at Steve's home.

Mac Hardy gave a summary of the 22 surveys received: the top five items preferred are: Outings, educational talks on birds, bird trips for the weekend, Christmas Bird Counts, and overnight birding trips.

Brad McPherson and Dr. Sidler contributed slides of the Yellow-headed Blackbird seen at Bickham Dickson Park on May 3rd.

There will be no Beginning Bird Walk scheduled for the month, as all are urged to participate in the Big Day event.

A program in two parts was begun by Shirley Huss. Her overview of the LOS-sponsored trip to Costa Rica featured main birding areas with different habitats, and comments on some of the more spectacular birds found by the group of nine. The group saw 294 species. Use of air taxis to cross the country, and earthquake tremors were well described!

Pat Lonnecker then presented a slide program promoting thoughtful protection of our earth and its varied natural resources, featuring outstanding pictures of many birds and many habitats. The programs were enthusiastically received by the group.

The meeting was adjourned for coffee, refreshments and purchasing of many different plants that attract birds.

BIRD BITS

By Bill Wood

Wow!!! What a great time for birding in our area this past month! It has been one of the most productive spring migrations in the past few years, in spite of the weather (see Bird Notes).

Finally to top off this month (even though it is only half over) a good number of members braved nasty weather to be treated to some great tasting (not less filling) crayfish and some excellent birding at Paul Dickson's Loggy Bayou Plantation.

Paul reports that a 103 species of birds were seen during the day. Birds of note were Least Bittern, Canada Warbler, Cliff and Bank Swallows, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Sharp-Tailed Sparrow, Bobolinks and Lark Sparrow. For a complete list of sightings please refer to the sighting list for May 13. We would like to thank Paul and Beverly for their hospitality and a great day of birding. Those of you who were unable to attend missed an excellent chance at some great birding.

Hawk Migration

The regional director for The Hawk Migration Assoc. has asked if I would be willing to head up a Hawk Migration Watch in September. Anyone who would be interested in planning or participating in this Hawk Migration Watch this Sept. please call Bill Wood at the Museum (221-7174) or at my home (868-8513).

Birding Locations in Northwestern Louisiana

There is a need for a handbook of local birding hotspots. This handbook would be of great benefit to area birders as well as out-of-town visitors inquiring about local birding areas. This under-taking would require a great deal of information from area birders who would be willing to share their favorite birding locations.

If you would like to provide information about your favorite site for this handbook please send as much written information as possible, such as name of site, location, directions, telephone numbers, interesting species occurring in each season, habitats, and anything else that you feel is important. Only report species that have actually been seen. Also please limit sites to accessible public lands, unless written or

verbal permission can be obtained by a private land owner to enter his/her property. Send all information to:

Bill Wood
427 1/2 Stephenson
Shreveport, La. 71104
318-868-8513
(or to Bill at the Museum)

COMING SOON: The First Annual Bird Biathlon

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting birding event.

Don't forget to sign up for the Rare Bird Alert Phone Tree, it's not too late!

LOGGY BAYOU DIASTER

Sometime during the storms of May 20-21, lightning struck Paul's home at Loggy Bayou. The resulting fire totally destroyed the home, garage, pickup, and one of Paul's dogs in the adjacent pen. No one was there at the time. All of us who have spent many enjoyable hours at that home are saddened by Paul and Bev's loss.

HIGH ISLAND SUCCESS

Fifteen birders enjoyed the High Island trip on May 5-7, 1989. The group visited High Island, Bolivar Flat, and Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge and saw a total of 128 species (see Bird Notes). The participants were: Margaret Fontaine, Lucy Richardson, Vicky Moseley, Jeanette Moseley, Margaret Hicks, John Franton, Gloria Franton, Helen Hood, Gladden Hood, Jackie McVey, Norma Cobb, Velda Nielson, Pat Lonacker, and Ann Elston.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Shirley Huss donated the following two books to the Museum library:

A Passion for Birds by Eric Hosking.

The Return of the Brown Pelican by Dan Guravich and Joseph E. Brown.

Paul Dickson donated *Waterfowl: The Ducks, Geese, and Swans of the World*, by Steve Madge and Hilary Burn.

Thank you Shirley and Paul!

NEW MEMBERSHIP PERIOD!

Beginning immediately, memberships in the Bird Study Group will be on a one year basis from the date of receipt. This will simplify record keeping and assure that all members will receive equal numbers of the Newsletter.

The mailing label on your Newsletter gives the expiration date of your membership. See the example below.

Expiration 89/09/13
Mr. Brown Thrasher
55523 S. 812th St.
Benton, LA 71133

The 89 refers to year 1989, 09 is September, and 13 is the day. Thus, Mr. Thrasher's membership in the Bird Study Group expires on 13 September 1989. He would receive any mailings sent on or before that date, but he would not receive anything mailed after the expiration date. If you have any questions please bring them up at the next meeting. See you there.

FIELD TRIP FOR BEGINNING BIRDERS

Saturday, June 17. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Whataburger on North Market Street. The group will go from there to the Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area.

BIRD NOTES -- MAY

Compiled
May 31, 1989

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (835-4852) or to Shirley Huss (865-5959) by the 25th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

The Bird Notes report is being offered in a different form. Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date (initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc.). For example: 15(PD,3; BW,1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. See the next paragraph for specific observers and places. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer.

Dates and reporters are as follows: WE -- Willard Elston, May 23; CF -- Carol Foster, May 2 & 6 (residence); BSG -- Bird Study Group, May 13 (Loggy Bayou Plantation); GNG -- G. N. Grubbs, May 29 (residence); VLG&KM -- Vera Lee Grubbs and Kate Michaels, May 10 (Yearwood Road, Bickham-Dickson Park, Louisiana Downs); HH -- Helen Hood, May 22 (residence); LMH -- Mac Hardy, May 29 (Museum of Life Sciences); HI -- High Island trip, May 5-7 (see above); CL -- Charles Lyons, May 4 (Bickham-Dickson Park), May 5 (Bickham-Dickson Park, LSUS), May 6 (Bickham-Dickson Park, LSUS), May 11 & 23 (residence); CL&BW -- Charles Lyons and Bill Wood, April 30 (Bickham-Dickson Park, Wallace Lake); JM -- Jim McCain, May 18 (residence), May 29 (Cypress Lake); WS -- Will Smolenski, May 6 (Bickham-Dickson Park); BW -- Bobbe Womack, May 1 (Stonewall), May 2 & 7 (residence), May 11 (Bickham-Dickson Park), May 12 (Stonewall).

COMMON NAME	DATA
Pied-billed Grebe	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
American White Pelican	5-7 (HI,1)
Brown Pelican	5-7 (HI,1)
Double-crested Cormorant	6 (CL,1)
Olivaceous Cormorant	5-7 (HI,1)
American Bittern	5-7 (HI,1)
Least Bittern	13 (BSG,1)
Great Blue Heron	A30 (CL&BW,4), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Great Egret	A30 (CL&BW,25), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,10), 13 (BSG,1)
Snowy Egret	5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,6), 13 (BSG,1)
Little Blue Heron	30 (CL&BW,4), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,4), 13 (BSG,1)
Tricolored Heron	5-7 (HI,1)
Cattle Egret	A30 (CL&BW,20), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Reddish Egret	5-7 (HI,1)
Green-backed Heron	A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Black-crowned Night-Heron	13 (BSG,1)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
White Ibis	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1), 29 (JM,30[3 immitture])
White-faced Ibis	5-7 (HI,1)
Roseate Spoonbill	5-7 (HI,1)
Wood Stork	5-7 (HI,1)
Fulvous Whistling Duck	5-7 (HI,1)
Wood Duck	A30 (CL&BW,2), 6 (CF,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Mottled Duck	5-7 (HI,1)
Blue-winged Teal	A30 (CL&BW,25)
Black Vulture	13 (BSG,1)
Turkey Vulture	13 (BSG,1)
Black-shouldered Kite	5-7 (HI,1)
Mississippi Kite	4 (CL,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,1), 29 (GNG,1)
Northern Harrier	A30 (CL&BW,1)
Red-shouldered Hawk	6 (CL,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Broad-winged Hawk	13 (BSG,1)
Red-tailed Hawk	13 (BSG,1)
Northern Bobwhite	A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1)
Clapper Rail	5-7 (HI,1)
Virginia Rail	5-7 (HI,1)
Purple Gallinule	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Common Moorhen	5-7 (HI,1)
American Coot	A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Black-bellied Plover	5-7 (HI,1)
Semipalmated Plover	A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1)
Piping Plover	5-7 (HI,1)
Snowy Plover	5-7 (HI,1)
Killdeer	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
American Avocet	5-7 (HI,1)
Black-necked Stilt	5-7 (HI,1)

Greater Yellowlegs	A30 (CL&BW,1), 4 (CL,1), 5 (CL,1)
Lesser Yellowlegs	A30 (CL&BW,1), 4 (CL,9), 5 (CL,20), 6 (CL,8)
Solitary Sandpiper	6 (CL,5), 10 (VLG&KM,1)
Willet	5-7 (HI,1)
Spotted Sandpiper	A30 (CL&BW,7), 4 (CL,1), 5 (CL,3), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,8), 13 (BSG,1)
Upland Sandpiper	A30 (CL&BW,3)
Long-billed Curlew	5-7 (HI,1)
Whimbrel	5-7 (HI,1)
Marbled Godwit	5-7 (HI,1)
Ruddy Turnstone	5-7 (HI,1)
Sanderling	5-7 (HI,1)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	A30 (CL&BW,8), 5-7 (HI,1)
Least Sandpiper	A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1)
Baird's Sandpiper	A30 (CL&BW,3)
Pectoral Sandpiper	4 (CL,4), 5 (CL,2), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2)
Dunlin	5-7 (HI,1)
Wilson's Phalarope	5 (CL,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,1)
Laughing Gull	5-7 (HI,1)
Ring-billed Gull	5-7 (HI,1)
Herring Gull	5-7 (HI,1)
Glaucous Gull	5-7 (HI,1)
Caspian Tern	5-7 (HI,1)
Forster's Tern	5-7 (HI,1)
Least Tern	5-7 (HI,1)
Royal Tern	5-7 (HI,1)
Rock Dove	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Mourning Dove	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Inca Dove	5-7 (HI,1)
Black-billed Cuckoo	5-7 (HI,1)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Greater Roadrunner	10 (VLG&KM,1)
Eastern Screech-Owl	13 (BSG,1)
Great Horned Owl	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Barred Owl	13 (BSG,1)
Common Nighthawk	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Chuck-will's-widow	6 (WS,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Chimney Swift	13 (BSG,1)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Belted Kingfisher	13 (BSG,1)
Red-headed Woodpecker	13 (BSG,1), 29 (LMH,1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	13 (BSG,1)
Downy Woodpecker	13 (BSG,1)
Pileated Woodpecker	13 (BSG,1)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	13 (BSG,1)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	A30 (CL&BW,3), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	23 (CL,1)
Acadian Flycatcher	6 (CL,1)
Least Flycatcher	A30 (CL&BW,2), 6 (CL,1)
Eastern Phoebe	5-7 (HI,1)
Great Crested Flycatcher	A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Western Kingbird	A30 (CL&BW,1)
Eastern Kingbird	A30 (CL&BW,6), 5-7 (HI,1), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1)
Purple Martin	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Tree Swallow	13 (BSG,1)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	A30 (CL&BW,2), 13 (BSG,1)
Bank Swallow	13 (BSG,1)
Cliff Swallow	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Barn Swallow	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Blue Jay	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
American Crow	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Fish Crow	13 (BSG,1)
Carolina Chickadee	13 (BSG,1)
Tufted Titmouse	13 (BSG,1)
White-breasted Nuthatch	13 (BSG,1)
Brown-headed Nuthatch	13 (BSG,1)
Carolina Wren	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
House Wren	6 (CL,1)
Sedge Wren	5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Marsh Wren	A30 (CL&BW,2)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6 (CL,1), 11 (CL,1)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	A30 (CL&BW,4), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
Eastern Bluebird	13 (BSG,1)

Veery 5-7 (HI,1)
 Gray-cheeked Thrush A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2)
 Swainson's Thrush A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,1)
 Wood Thrush 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1), 22 (HH,1)
 American Robin 13 (BSG,1)
 Gray Catbird A30 (CL&BW,8), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,3), 13 (BSG,1)
 Northern Mockingbird 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Brown Thrasher 5-7 (HI,1)
 Cedar Waxwing 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,30), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1), 18 (JM,1)
 Loggerhead Shrike 5-7 (HI,1)
 European Starling 5-7 (HI,1)
 White-eyed Vireo A30 (CL&BW,2), 13 (BSG,1)
 Yellow-throated Vireo 13 (BSG,1)
 Warbling Vireo 11 (BW,1)
 Philadelphia Vireo A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2)
 Red-eyed Vireo A30 (CL&BW,5), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Tennessee Warbler A30 (CL&BW,20), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,25), 13 (BSG,1)
 Nashville Warbler 6 (CL,2)
 Northern Parula 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2)
 Yellow Warbler A30 (CL&BW,2), 2 (BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Chestnut-sided Warbler A30 (CL&BW,4), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,3), 13 (BSG,1)
 Magnolia Warbler A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,5), 7 (BW,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Black-throated Green Warbler A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,3), 13 (BSG,1)
 Blackburnian Warbler A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2), 13 (BSG,1)
 Yellow-throated Warbler 13 (BSG,1)
 Pine Warbler A30 (CL&BW,2), 6 (CL,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Prairie Warbler 13 (BSG,1)
 Bay-breasted Warbler 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2), 11 (BW,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Blackpoll Warbler 5-7 (HI,1)
 Cerulean Warbler 5-7 (HI,1)
 Black-and-white Warbler A30 (CL&BW,4), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 American Redstart A30 (CL&BW,2), 1 (BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,4), 7 (BW,1), 12 (BW,1)
 Prothonotary Warbler A30 (CL&BW,6), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,3), 13 (BSG,1), 23 (WB,6)
 Worm-eating Warbler 13 (BSG,1)
 Ovenbird A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,1)
 Northern Waterthrush A30 (CL&BW,25), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2), 13 (BSG,1)
 Louisiana Waterthrush 2 (BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Kentucky Warbler 13 (BSG,1)
 Common Yellowthroat A30 (CL&BW,6), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,15), 7 (BW,5), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Hooded Warbler 5-7 (HI,1)
 Wilson's Warbler 2 (BW,1), 6 (CL,1)
 Canada Warbler 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Yellow-breasted Chat A30 (CL&BW,2), 1 (BW,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Summer Tanager A30 (CL&BW,6), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2), 13 (BSG,1)
 Scarlet Tanager A30 (CL&BW,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,1)
 Northern Cardinal 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak A30 (CL&BW,15), 2 (CF,1), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,3)
 Blue Grosbeak A30 (CL&BW,2), 5-7 (HI,1), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Indigo Bunting A30 (CL&BW,20), 5-7 (HI,1), 6 (CL,2; CF,1), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Painted Bunting 6 (CL,3; CF,1), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Dickcissel A30 (CL&BW,50), 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Chipping Sparrow 13 (BSG,1)
 Lark Sparrow 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Savannah Sparrow 13 (BSG,1)
 Sharp-tailed Sparrow 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Seaside Sparrow 5-7 (HI,1)
 Song Sparrow 13 (BSG,1)
 Lincoln's Sparrow A30 (CL&BW,2), 13 (BSG,1)
 Bobolink A30 (CL&BW,15), 13 (BSG,1)
 Red-winged Blackbird 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Eastern Meadowlark 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Yellow-headed Blackbird 5 (CL,1)
 Boat-tailed Grackle 5-7 (HI,1)
 Great-tailed Grackle 5-7 (HI,1)
 Common Grackle 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Brown-headed Cowbird 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Orchard Oriole 5-7 (HI,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 Northern Oriole A30 (CL&BW,12), 5-7 (HI,1), 10 (VLG&KM,1), 13 (BSG,1)
 House Sparrow 5-7 (HI,1)

TOTAL: 188 species.

THANKS TO BSG

The Bird Study Group has received a thank you letter from Cammie Stinson of the Barnwell Center for the two Purple Martin houses that were installed on their grounds.

RAPTOR RESEARCH

The annual meeting of the Raptor Research Foundation and the Second Western Hemisphere Meeting of the World Working Group on Birds of Prey will be held October 10-15, 1989, at the Hotel Mocambo in Veracruz City, Veracruz, Mexico.

A Pre-conference Raptor tour will be held on October 1-9, 1989, focusing on raptor migration. The tour will begin in McAllen, Texas,

and travel south with the raptor migration. The tour will end on October 9 at the Hotel Mocambo in Veracruz City.

A Post-conference Raptor tour will be held on October 16-22, departing from the Hotel Mocambo and travelling to Palenque (tropical rain forest) and then ending in Villahermosa with a flight to Mexico City connecting to flights home. For more information on pre- and postconference tours call or write:

Raptors
P. O. Box 8008
Silver Spring, MD 20907
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(301)565-9196

For more information on the meetings check with Mac Hardy or Steve Klotz.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, 11 July 1989, 7:00 PM at the Museum. The speakers will be Mike and/or Barbara MacRoberts who will present a slide show and talk on the *Floristics of Louisiana Pitcher Plant Bogs*.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 10 August 1989, 7:00 PM at Will Smolenski's home, 526 Dunmoreland Drive. All members of the Board of Directors should be present. This will be the first meeting for the new Board of Directors for the coming year.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL. The expiration date for your membership in the Bird Study Group is now printed on your mailing label. Be sure to renew your membership before the expiration date so you will not miss a newsletter.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING . . .

June 13, 1989. President Steve Klotz called the meeting to order. Betty Mason reported \$1,277.28 in our Treasury.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Beginning Bird Walk this Saturday, June 17, at Soda Lake Wildlife Refuge.

The next Board meeting will be on June 22, at Shirley Huss' home. Volunteers are needed for membership on the Board. A slate of officers for the coming year will be constructed.

Mac Hardy brought in books recently donated to the LSUS Museum of Life Sciences' Library. The VCR tapes of birds and bird songs may be checked out for one week, or

less, please.

Will Smolenski reported that the guide books to the Texas coast will be available by the next meeting. Oriole feeders were requested.

Marilyn Kircus and Larry Raymond will offer a two-day seminar on "Project Design," a program to introduce many activities to teach children the importance of wildlife and habitat, at Walter Jacobs Nature Park, June 29-30. Call Marilyn at 865-1315 to make a reservation.

Bill Wood announced that we have been asked to participate in September in the National Hawk Migration Count. It will be a north Louisiana effort for us. He also mentioned building a booklet of good areas for

birding in NW Louisiana. Bill would appreciate details from everyone who enjoys a special birding site. Proceeds from the sale of the booklet to go to the Bird Study Group. He also stated that this was the final call on the "Phone Tree" for calls about unusual birds.

Pat Lonacker reinstated our *Learning Corner*. With slides and observations, she gave us great identification points of the following field birds of our summers: Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Eastern Meadowlark, Dickcissel, Indigo Bunting, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, and Killdeer.

Larry Raymond introduced the program: A detailed and beautiful film on photographing birds by Leonard Lee Rue. It was inspiring to see how Rue managed to get wonderfully close photos of birds.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING . . .

June 22, 1989. President Steve Klotz called the meeting to order at Shirley Huss' home. Two main agenda points were to prepare a slate of 15 Board members to be nominated for approval at the regular July meeting and to discuss summer conservation projects.

After volunteers and recommended names had been checked [called for their consent], Steve presented the following list of people willing to serve on the board: Will Smolenski, Marilyn Kircus, James McCain, Bill Hall, Charlie Lyon, John and Gloria Frantom, Bob and Bobbe Wommack, Betty Mason, Ann Elston, Shirley Huss, Bill Wood, Mac Hardy, and Larry Raymond.

Other volunteers, who choose not to be on the Board are: Theresa Thrash, bird feed and gift shop, Velda Nielson and Katie Pyle to help sack bird feed; Connie Connors and Vera Lee Grubbs to telephone members for monthly bird reports for the Newsletter; Steve Klotz to plan outings.

Short discussion of outings was held. Six species of herons were seen on the Soda Lake outing. Small boat transportation to the heron rookery on Cross Lake is at the time an un-solvable problem.

Conservation discussions led to the following topics: Three Service-berry trees (2 from museum and 1 from Betty Mason) need to be planted in a community area; four Purple Martin houses have been assembled and erected by Will at the Barnwell Center and at

Bickham Dickson Park (which finished our commitment with the grant from the Sierra Club).

Shirley asked that the Bird Study Group revive communication with the city to preserve the woods along Red River in the Stoner to Jimmie Davis bridge area. Larry will check on the best way for the club to approach the city to have this area designated as a bird sanctuary, with the BSG providing appropriate signs. Marilyn will be asked to present a petition to the city, if necessary, and Ann will help her prepare it.

Steve commented that another bird box building project would be a good summer activity; Screech Owl boxes and Wren houses were suggested. Mac said that some of these houses should be left in "kit form," for many people enjoy assembling them. To be sold in the gift shop. Steve will purchase materials, volunteers will meet at Will's during the summer for cutting and assembly, and the items will be ready for the shop in the early fall.

Will mentioned that the Telephone Pioneers might be able to assist in building a large holding cage at the Walter Jacobs Nature Park.

Will stated that he had ordered several ABA Trip Lists and moved that small "stickon" birds from the gift shop be given to the Museum's Nature Day Camp for awards [passes].

Discussion was held about ways to get the Newsletter printed commercially so that printing costs could be held to a minimum. Mac will work on new format to present more news on less paper. Dues may have to be raised.

The Board will meet for a short time after the July meeting to elect officers for the coming year. The new president will set an August Board meeting time.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, August 10, 7:00 pm at Will's home.

Meeting adjourned.

NEW BOOKS

Two new items are now available in the Museum gift shop. *A Birder's Guide to the Texas Coast* by James A. Lane and John L. Tveten is 119 page atlas with maps and descriptions of birding hotspots. Price \$10.00

The American Birding Association *Trip List for North American Birds* is a handy, pocket-sized check list (23 pp., paper cover) with six columns for each species. \$1.00 ea.

BIRD NOTES -- JUNE

Compiled
June 28, 1989

Report bird records for the Newsletter to Vera Lee Grubbs (635-4852) or to Shirley Huss (865-5959) by the 25th of each month. Only records not printed since the last Newsletter are published.

The Bird Notes report is being offered in a different form. Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date (initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, number of birds observed; etc.). For example: 15(PD,3; BW,1,5) means that on the fifteenth PD saw 3 birds, BW saw 1 at one locality and 5 at another. See the next paragraph for specific observers and places. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer.

Dates and reporters are as follows: HB -- Harriet Belchic, June 12 (residence); BD -- Bob Duval; PD -- Paul Dickson, June 3, Loggy Bayou; AE -- Ann Elston; CF -- Carol Foster (residence); GF -- Gloria Frantom, June 11 (Toledo Bend); BSG -- Bird Study Group, June 17 (Soda Lake Wildlife Management Area); VLG -- Vera Lee Grubbs (residence), June 11 (Lakeshore Dr.); BH -- Bill Hall, June 3, (Keatchie); SH -- Shirley Huss (residence); LR -- Larry Raymond (Walter Jacobs Nature Park). Total 56 species.

COMMON NAME	DATA
Great Blue Heron	June 11 (VLG, 1)
Great Egret	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Snowy Egret	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Little Blue Heron	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Cattle Egret	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Green-backed Heron	(BH, 1), (AE, 1), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	June 17 (BSG, 1)
White Ibis	3 (PD, 2+)
Mallard	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Black Vulture	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Mississippi Kite	12 (HB, 1 nesting), (VLG, 3)
Cooper's Hawk	25 (PD, 1)
Red-shouldered Hawk	(LR, 1), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Killdeer	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Rock Dove	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Mourning Dove	(GF, nesting), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Barred Owl	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	(BH, nesting), (AE, nesting), (SH, nesting), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Downy Woodpecker	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Hairy Woodpecker	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Northern Flicker	(AE, nesting), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Pileated Woodpecker	(AE, nesting), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	June 11 (VLG, 1)
Acadian Flycatcher	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Great Crested Flycatcher	11 (GF, nesting)
Eastern Kingbird	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Purple Martin	(GF, nesting), (SH, nesting)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Barn Swallow	(CF, nesting), June 11 (VLG, 2)
Fish Crow	June 11 (VLG, 1)
Carolina Chickadee	(BH, 2 nesting), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Tufted Titmouse	(BH, 2 nesting), June 17 (BSG, 1)
White-breasted Nuthatch	(BH, nesting)
Carolina Wren	(BH, nesting), (CF, nesting), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Eastern Bluebird	(BH, 3 nesting), (CF, nesting)
Northern Mockingbird	(BD, nest)
Brown Thrasher	(GF, nesting)
White-eyed Vireo	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Yellow-throated Vireo	June 17 (BSG, 1), June 11 (VLG, 1)
Red-eyed Vireo	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Northern Parula	(LR, 1)
Black-and-white Warbler	(LR, 1)
Prothonotary Warbler	(CF, 1), June 17 (BSG, 1), June 11 (VLG, 1)
Common Yellowthroat	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Hooded Warbler	(LR, 1), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Yellow-breasted Chat	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Summer Tanager	(AE, 1), June 17 (BSG, 1)
Northern Cardinal	(BD, nest), (BH, nest), (SH, nest), June 17 (BSG, 1), June 11 (VLG, 1)
Indigo Bunting	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Painted Bunting	3 (BH, 1), (LR, 1)
Red-winged Blackbird	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Common Grackle	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Brown-headed Cowbird	June 17 (BSG, 1)
Northern Oriole	June 17 (BSG, 1)

NEW FORMAT

In an attempt to reduce the cost of publication of your Newsletter we have changed the format. By changing margins, we have increased the amount of print per page while keeping the type size the same. Many of you commented to not reduce the size of the type. We will probably try to keep the size to four printed pages (such as this one). At our present dues structure of \$5.00 per year (11 issues) we just about break even.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the Bird Study Group Newsletter will be in September, 1989. We do not send a Newsletter during August and we do not have a regular meeting. Keep on birding

and phone your reports to Vera Lee Grubbs or Connie Conners for the September Newsletter. Call the Rare Bird Alert phone (226-7174) for rarities.

JOIN THE BSG!

If you are currently a member, thanks for your support. If not, please join today; the price is right and your support is needed.

If you would like to get involved with any of the programs of the BSG just contact any officer or board member. If you are already a member, ask your birding friends to join the Bird Study Group. There are probably several birders in this area who would enjoy the BSG. Help us find them.