



# Shreveport Society for Nature Study

## BIRD STUDY GROUP

### NEWSLETTER

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## Next Meeting – May 12, 2009

### CONFESSIONS OF AN OBSESSED HUMMINGBIRDER

#### BY Nancy Newfield

#### MAY PROGRAM

#### NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND PLACE!

**When:** Tuesday, April 12, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** LSU in Shreveport Science Lecture Auditorium

**Speaker:** Nancy L Newfield, co-author of Hummingbird Gardens, presents a fascinating photographic story detailing her more than 30 years of study and adventure in pursuit of the world's smallest birds. Nancy began studying hummingbirds in 1975 and pioneered the practice of landscaping to provide natural food sources for them. She thus learned the best ways to attract them to any garden. Her major study has concerned the discovery and documentation of hummingbird populations that spend the non-breeding season in southern Louisiana rather than the traditional tropical region. She handles 400-500 hummers of 8-9 species each winter as part of the study, which began as a 5-year project in 1979 and is now in its 29th year. At the time of the initiation of the project, only 11 other people were federally permitted to band hummingbirds. Now, nearly 30 years later, Newfield is the most senior hummer bander in the United States and Canada. Including

breeding season and demonstration banding, Newfield has banded more than 18,000 hummingbirds of 15 species in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Arizona. She has authored 4 books as well as more than 250 papers and articles. Newfield delivers 30 or more lectures annually and, until her recent retirement, she organized birding tours to Central and South America through her HummerQuest. She presents her amazing program detailing her more than 30 years of study and adventure in pursuit of the world's smallest birds.

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#### UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS

#### MAY

#### NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT (NAMC)

*Saturday, May 9*

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#### BIRD STUDY GROUP PHONE NUMBERS AND MORE

Meetings.....Second Tuesday of each month, September through June, 6:00 p.m.  
Information & Bird Alert by Phone.....(318) 797-5338  
Internet Webpage.....<http://www.birdstudygroup.org>

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### UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS

By John Dillon

All field trips will **DEPART** from the listed meeting place at the time posted. Be early at the meeting place for orientation information and carpooling. BSG Membership is not a requirement for participation in any field trip, but it is encouraged.

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Please contact Hubert prior to the event for forms and instructions. You bird where you want for as long as you want, but be sure to keep separate records for each parish and location you bird. Participants will meet at Larry Raymond's house after birding to eat and to call the list. Larry and his wife will provide the food. The address is 6675 North Park Circle.

Take LA 1 North to LA 538 (Old Mooringsport Road). Turn west between the McDonalds and Exxon Station. Continue approximately 2.5 miles on LA 538 past Northwood High School, Fire District 1 Station, Donnie Bickham School and Wasson Road to North Park Drive. Turn left between the brick entrance on North Park Drive. Go 0.1 mile and turn left again on North Park Circle. The house is the 7<sup>th</sup> house on the left just as you come out of the curve. Alternately, take LA 173 (Shreveport Blanchard Highway) to LA 538 (Old Mooringsport Road). Turn east on LA 538 and continue 0.9 miles to North Park Drive. Turn right between the brick entrance and continue as above.

#### WILD BIRD CENTER EVENTS

##### BEGINNER BIRD WALKS

The Wild Bird Center conducts field trips the first and third Saturday of every month, weather permitting. Meet at Wild Bird Center in the University Place

Shopping Center (Target Shopping Center) at the corner of Youree Drive and East 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Destinations vary according to local sightings and may include local parks, country roads or a private backyard. Loaner binoculars are available. Be sure to bring a field guide.

For more information on any Wild Bird Center event, please call Dennis or Janice Forshee at the Wild Bird Center, 318-797-BIRD (2473).

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

April 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Life Sciences at LSUS

**Program** – Francine Forrester presented the program “Observations of a bird of prey through the eyes of a falconer.”

**Field Trips**—Jim Ingold said that the annual North American Migration Count would take place May 9, and that the spring LOS meeting will be held at Grand Isle on April 17-19.

**Hospitality**—Jim Ingold said that that Nancy Newfield would speak at the May meeting which will be held in the Science Lecture Hall because of the crowd it is expected to draw. We will need additional refreshments because of the larger attendance.

**Programs**—Mac Hardy said that Cliff Shackelford, a Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist, will speak at the meeting on June 9. Mac also reported that he and Francine Forrester will be presenting a program at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum for the John James Audubon program there. He needs a volunteer for Thursday night to hand out promotional materials for the club. Mac will talk about the BSG.

**Board Elections**--Jim Ingold said that the terms of five board members will expire and will have to be replaced. Those board members leaving are Silviera Hunt Amanda Lewis, Jim Ingold, Jeff Trahan and Jean Trahan. Jim Ingold and Silviera Hunt have volunteered to serve another term. Therefore, three new board members will be needed.

**Donation**—Larry Raymond said that the board made a donation of \$100 to the Minden High Nature Club. He thought that that wasn't enough and that the club should increase the donation to a total of \$250. He then made a motion to donate an additional \$150 to the club. The motion was approved.

**Bird Talk**—Phil Bradley reported 60 **Pine Siskins** present at one time at his house in Spring Ridge. He said that the **American Goldfinches** are in full breeding plumage and that he has not seen one **House Sparrow** in five years. Hubert Hervey said that he saw **American Golden Plovers, Lesser Yellowlegs, and Greater Yellowlegs** on the Red River Friday. He still has four **Harris' Sparrows** coming to his feeders. He said that if they remain until tomorrow, that would be a late date for this species. Linda Adrion saw a **White-winged Dove** at Lock and Dam #5 on March 19. Jim Ingold banded an **Ovenbird** at his banding location in east Texas.

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#### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2009

Museum of Life Sciences at LSUS

Board members participating in the meeting were Mac Hardy, Jeff Trahan, Jim Ingold, and Hubert Hervey, John Dillon, Jean Trahan, Rosemary Seidler, and Silviera Hunt. Also present were Larry Raymond and Kelly Wells.

**Bird Records**—Mac Hardy reported a very light turnout for submission of records this month. He is exploring the possibility of getting an account for the BSG on eBird.

**Field Trips**—John Dillon said that Barksdale AFB will allow the club to do the summer and winter bird atlases on the base.

**Newsletter**—Jim Ingold said that the newsletter was ready to be mailed tomorrow morning and that he would not edit the newsletter next year.

**Programs** – Mac Hardy reported that Francine Forrester would give the presentation at the regular meeting next week. Nancy Newfield will give a program about hummingbirds on May 12. Also, Cliff Shackelford, a Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist, will speak on June 9.

**Birding Festival**—Kelly Wells, the Vice President of Tourism Marketing from the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau, discussed the possibility of a Caddo Lake Birding Festival. He said that a spring festival would be best and that he could help with advertising and marketing. No conclusions were reached.

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Lewis, Jim Ingold, Jeff Trahan and Jean Trahan. Jim Ingold and Silviera Hunt have volunteered to serve another term. Therefore, three new board members must be found. Rosemary Seidler and Mac Hardy were selected as a nominating committee to find three club members to serve on the board. Mac Hardy will be the committee chair.

**Donation**—John Dillon asked for \$100 a donation for the Minden High Nature Club. Rosemary Seidler moved that the club donate the money to the club. The board approved the donation.

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#### Treasurer's Report

Shreveport Society for Nature Study, BSG

For the year ending June 2009

March 31, 2009

#### Statement of Financial Position

Cash	\$5,226.76
Prepaid Expense:	
Postage	217.41
Printing	291.85
Total Assets	\$5,736.02
Fund Balance	\$5,736.02

#### Income Statement

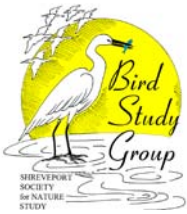
	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Auction	\$550.00
Gifts/Memorials	18.00
Hot Spots	5.00
Memberships	895.00
Miscellaneous	80.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	
Rockefeller	120.00
Total Income	\$1,668.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Domain Name	
Donations	750.00
Honoraria	
LA Dept Wildlife & Fisheries	50.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Postage	364.22
Printing	501.99
Refreshments	220.91
Reimbursement, Supplies	
Stipend	186.68
Subscriptions/memberships	
Total Expenses	\$2,078.80
<b>Net Income</b>	(\$410.80)

<b>BSG Board of Directors &amp; Committee Chairpersons</b>	
<b>BSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	
<b>OFFICERS</b>	
President – Jim Ingold (1).....	861-5294 (H), 797-5338 (W)
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Jerry Bertrand (2).....	868-3255 (H/W)
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Jim Ingold (1).....	742-5067 (H), 797-5236 (W)
Amanda Lewis (1).....	861-5294 (H), 797-5215 (W)
Nancy Menasco (2).....	868-3255 (H/W)
Rosemary Seidler (2).....	424-2972 (H), 869-5231 (W)
<i>Numbers in parentheses are years remaining of a 3-year term.</i>	
<b>COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</b>	
Beginning Birders – Dennis Forshee.....	797-2473 (W)

Bird Alert Service – Rosemary Seidler.....	424-2972 (H)
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Field Trip Coordinator – John Dillon.....	318-243-2284
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.....	797-5236 (W)
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Programs – Mac Hardy.....	687-6738 (H), 797-5338 (W)
Publicity – Rachel Demascal.....	929-2806 (W)
Website – Jerry Bertrand.....	868-3255 (H/W)

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