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Next Meeting –October 9, 2012 "Birding Programs and Volunteer Opportunities at the Red River NWR"

by Terri Jacobson

OCTOBER MEETING

When: Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Where: LSUS, Science Lecture Auditorium

Topic: Terri Jacobson, the Refuge Range and Visitor Services Specialist at the Red River NWR, will discuss opportunities for birding, volunteering and conducting refuge citizen science projects. Terri will show examples about what others have done in the past and mention some of the birds that can be seen on the refuge.

Refreshments start at 6:00 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. Come at 6 to chat with other birders!

The program is free and open to the public. For more information or directions to the LSUS Science Lecture Auditorium, call us at 318-797-5338.

Upcoming Field Trips

Bois D'Arc WMA Birding Trip

Saturday, October 6, 2012

By Hubert Hervey - trip leader.

This Wildlife Management Area is in southwestern Hempstead County Arkansas, between Hope and Lewisville, at Spring Hill, Arkansas. I expect a good day of birding for all those attending. I have been to this well managed area in the spring and summer, and both trips helped me understand why it is on the list of Arkansas Birding Hot Spots as kept by eBird. I am excited about leading a fall trip, before the main hunting seasons start, so that ducks will not be so nervous. The lake is named Bois D'Arc Lake on Bois D'Arc Creek, a part of the wildlife management area. The habitat is both upland pine/oak forest, and riparian cypress/hardwood forest, some of which is used as a green tree reservoir flooded for puddle ducks with duck hunting delayed until the last week-end of duck hunting in December or January. In order to maximize our birding time we are scheduled to meet at I-220 @ LA 3 (Benton Road) at 7 AM. In order to arrange carpooling if necessary, we can park the surplus vehicles at Cash Point Landing. This is 2 or 3 miles north of I-220: turn left off LA 3 at the Blue and White Water Tower, drive to the Y, go right over the Red River Levee, park near the light pole in front of the store. Driving time to Bois d'Arc is about 1 1/2 hrs from cash Point. If needed I could schedule a stop at Plain Dealing, otherwise, first stop would be at the town of Spring Hill, Arkansas, on Arkansas 355.

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Spring Hill Cafe will be our rest stop, and a location to get supplies, food and drink. The Spring Hill Cafe can also be our lunch stop, or we can tail-gate it out in the woods. I am prepared for either plan, suit yourself.

On the return trip, we pass through Lewisville, Arkansas, home of Famous Burgess Smoked Meats, where we can stop and let you get your supply of smoked meats, ham and turkey restocked. Then I would like to lead you to one of my favorite drives, Arkansas 134, between Garland City and Fouke, Arkansas. This rural drive is through agricultural Red River land, lightly traveled so we can stop as birding needs appear without traffic worries. A wetland management area is located west of this road, and we can set our scopes up here to see what waterfowl are present. I plan to get back to Shreveport by mid-afternoon. Seating space with me is on a first contact, first seat choice basis. Bill Hall has the shot gun seat already spoken for. Hope to see you bright and early Saturday.

Corney Lake, Claiborne Parish

Saturday, November 3

Trip leader: John Dillon

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Originally, the BSG had planned a trip to Caney Lakes Recreation Area in Minden for a “sparrow drag,” but high water conditions there have precluded our access (and the sparrows’) to what is usually fine habitat.

The substitute field trip will be to Corney Lake (again, not Caney Lake) in Claiborne Parish just north of Summerfield on HWY 9. Expect to see Bald Eagle and Osprey, a plethora of Pileated’s, and all the typical woodland songbirds. We should get Blue-headed Vireo, quite possibly all three nuthatches (Corney being one of the best places in North Louisiana for White-breasted), at least three wren species, both kinglets, Hermit Thrush (and a good shot at hearing their beautiful song echo through the woods at this time of year), Orange-crowned Warbler, butter butts, towhees, and maybe a half dozen other sparrow species. We’ll bird a bit from the road in the woods around the lake, scope at

the boat launch, bird the picnic area, and walk the dam. If you’ve never been to Corney, the west end is filled with Bald Cypress draped in Spanish Moss. It can hold LOTS of waterfowl, but they’re not often seen without a boat. It’s truly a beautiful location, and the fall leaves just be at or near their peak during the trip.

And if birds and foliage aren’t quite enough to get you to get you to drive to Claiborne Parish, the barbecued pork ribs at Moon’s Grocery should be. If you’ve never been to Moon’s, there’s a good chance you’ve never really had ribs. Pig out in the ambiance of a rural North Louisiana liquor store and defunct gas station with bottles of Ripple (yes, Ripple) on the shelves along with Old Crow and, for your thrifty and more subtle winos, Dr. Tichenor’s. A word of warning: I guarantee the ribs will be excellent; don’t blame me if you get something else and don’t like it.

We’ll meet in the parking lot of Summerfield High School on HWY 9 at 8:30am. We’ll bird till about 11:00 or 11:30, then drive south about ten minutes to Moon’s. To get to Summerfield, take I-20 past Minden to Exit 61, HWY 154. Take 154 north into Athens, turn right on HWY 518 for about a half-mile, and turn left onto HWY 9 north. Follow the signs for HWY 9 North until you get to Summerfield, about 26-28 miles after turning onto HWY 9. The school will be on your left.

The Big Sit

Sunday, October 14, 2012

Before dawn (6:30 a.m.) 'til after dark

Hosted by Bird Watcher's Digest magazine, the Big Sit is an annual, international, noncompetitive birding event. 2012 will mark the 18th Annual Big Sit. Sitters count birds observed or heard from within a 17-foot diameter circle. Sitters may come and go at will. Beginning birders are very welcome.

The Big Sit circle will be located behind the Red River national Wildlife Refuge Head Quarter’s Visitor Center (At the center the circle will be near the boardwalk and overlooking Lake Caroline).

Visit the Friends of Red River NWR website at www.friendsofredriver.org

8th Annual Red River NWR Celebration

Saturday, October 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Save the date! This year's Celebration will also mark the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge. We invite you to join us as we celebrate Red River's anniversary as well as the other 556 national wildlife refuges that make up America's 150-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System!

The Celebration will feature live hawks and a Bald Eagle, baby alligators and other live herps, bird and nature walks, hayride refuge tours, fishing games, nature projects for children, face painting, the popular interactive "Be A Bear" obstacle course that follows a year in the life of a bear, "Bugs and Butterflies" exhibit, an interactive archaeology exhibit of native tools, native plants sales, and many other fun nature-oriented activities. New this year will be casting and fly tying with members of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers. As usual, we'll be serving a free catfish lunch.

The Art in Nature exhibit will feature local student entries in our third "Louisiana's Natural Treasures" art contest. Area students Pre-K through grade 12 are invited to submit their artwork featuring Louisiana wildlife and/or plants. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories.

The Celebration schedule will be posted on the Friends of Red River NWR website at www.friendsofredriver.org as soon as it is finalized.

LOS Fall Meeting, Cameron Parish

October 26-28, 2012

Please preregister by October 15, 2012.

http://losbird.org/2012_fall_meeting.pdf

Check out next month's newsletter for more upcoming events:

Owl Prowl	November 17, 2012
Caddo Lake Count	December 1, 2012
Claiborne Christmas Count	December 20, 2012

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 70th 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).



Wood Stork, Photo by Jack Land, 6 miles South of Lake Claiborne, Lincoln Parish, LA 7/20/2012

**Comments from the August 25, 2012
Red River NWR "Pledge2Fledge" Event
By Terry Davis & Carolyn Phillips**

Our morning started at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters around 7:20 a.m. It was cool and cloudy to begin but quickly warmed to ~80 degrees. Led by Terry Davis, our group (Larry Raymond, Rosemary Seidler, Carolyn Phillips, Martha Lennard and Alan & Ruth Schlichtemier) met at the observation pier and deck at the Refuge Headquarters for a walk on the eastern leg of the Lake Bluff trail.

With the early wind and cloudy conditions, water bird and land bird numbers and diversity seemed low from beginning, including local species. While diversity was rather low, we did luck up on a couple of outstanding fall migrants, among other suspected species. A quick spot of an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** by Carolyn Phillips started the ball rolling. He was fly catching from a tall snag next to the pier and was observed by many over a 10-minute period. (Nancy Menasco reported there were **TWO Olive-Sided Flycatchers** on the same snag the following day!) A first-year hatch female **Blackburnian Warbler** was another excellent find by Larry Raymond. She was foraging along with other migrants (**Yellow Warbler, Warbling Vireo, Baltimore Oriole, Summer Tanager**) in a large pecan in a narrow riparian strip edging the oxbow on the Lake Bluff Trail just south of where the woods meet an open field.

A **Yellow-throated Warbler** seen near the observation pier and deck was also a good find. **Alder Flycatchers** were still present but seem to be thinning out noticeably compared to the last survey. Counted 95 **American Robins**, a good number since summer dispersals; a very *noisy* group of **Eastern Kingbirds** and a loudly responding **Eastern Screech-Owl**. Our list also included **Wood Duck, Pied-bill Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Anhinga, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, White Ibis, Mississippi**

Kite, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, Fish Crow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Purple Martin, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Hooded Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow-throated Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, Common Grackle, and House Finch. All in all, we counted 50 species.

A few brave souls continued along the "Chocolate Trail" between the two unit lakes; Terry Davis, Larry Raymond, Rosemary Seidler and Martha Lennard. By this time, it was 85 degrees, cloudy with a light and variable wind and Carolyn had hollered "uncle". Since it had become fairly warm by the time we began this portion of the survey, land bird and passerine activity had decreased notably. The westernmost lake held quite a few waders, though. We counted 39 species; **Wood Duck, Double-crested Cormorant, Anhinga, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Green Heron, White Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Common Gallinule, Mourning Dove, Eastern Screech-Owl, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Alder Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Blue Jay, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, American Robin, Northern Waterthrush, Northern Parula, Yellow-breasted Chat, Summer Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, and Common Grackle.**

This field trip was simply a great walk in the woods!

August 25, 2012 Shorebird Field Trip to Red River NWR - Yates tract, Bayou Pierre Unit by Terry Davis & Carolyn Phillips

We met in the parking lot of LSU-S Museum of Life Sciences at 4 p.m. to caravan to the Bayou Pierre Unit. It's approximately 27 or so miles south on Hwy 1 from Shreveport. We got on site at 4:50 p.m. There were 12 participants: Terry Davis (leader), Jeff Trahan, Larry Raymond, Rosemary Seidler, Hubert Hervey, Mac Hardy, Carolyn Phillips, Pat Lonnecker, Shirley Huss, Martha Lennard, Nora McClure and Mark Priddy. The shorebird numbers were good but diversity was low. Our group was almost equally divided between seasoned birders and relatively newer birders. The birds were not overly skittish and we ended up getting good counts. A real plus for the newer birders was multiple scopes and great looks at the shorebirds. The birds for the most part ignored us and some were in groups close enough together for direct comparison in size, shape, feeding patterns and flight patterns. Our list included **Blue-winged Teal, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, White Ibis, White-faced Ibis, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, and Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher** (one seen distantly). There were also 10 peep species (probably **Least Sandpipers**) seen at a distance. Many thanks to the seasoned birders for the almost one-on-one instruction!

Hawk Watch Report

By Hubert Hervey

The Annual Bird Study Group Hawk Watch at Hubert Hervey's Farm was well attended by birders, but not so well by the hawks. I had a few hawks all week, as blue skies prevailed, following a Monday cold front. Most hawks traveled south on the first north winds Tuesday. This is a report for the following Saturday, September 22, 2012, attended by 15 well fed hawk counters.



BSG Hawk Watch: Carolyn Phillips shows how its done!
Photo by Larry Raymond

Are Turkey and Black Vultures raptors? I hope so, otherwise this count is indeed low. We had an interesting aggressive interaction between a single Broad-winged Hawk and an American Kestrel, at a low enough altitude that I could imagine? seeing the feathers fly. This was after many had left, but before the start of "The Big Year", that several of us enjoyed seeing. Bird-watching and counting, especially on a competitive basis is handled realistically and with true entertainment value by this movie.

- Turkey Vultures- 25**
- Black Vultures - 28**
- Red Shouldered Hawk - 2**
- Red Tailed Hawk - 1**
- Broad-winged Hawk - 6**
- American Kestrel – 2**



BSG Hawk Watch: Shirley Huss, Hubert Hervey, Pat Lonnecker, and others enjoy the Hawk watch.
Photo by Larry Raymond

Gulf Storms Affect Rare Birds Reported in Our Area

By Hubert Hervey

The following reports are what I have been able to accumulate from historic and recent reports of Hurricane and Tropical Storm blown birds that have been reliably reported for our immediate reporting area. If your name is missing from this report and you have important additions please feel free to add to it in future issues, no slight is intended.

Louisiana:

Caddo Parish:

5 **Sooty Tern** - Devin Bosler, Sept. 3, 2008, Cross Lake

1 **Royal Tern** - Hubert Hervey, Sept. 25, 2005, Red River near Cash Point

1 **Magnificent Frigatebird** -- Sept. 25, 2005, BSG Reports, unknown reporters and date

Red River Parish:

2 **Black Skimmer** - Hubert Hervey, Devin Bosler, Sept. 3, 2008 -- Red River Lock & Dam(RR L&D) 4

4 **Royal Tern** - Hubert Hervey, Sept. 3, 2008, RR L & D 4

1 **Sooty Tern** - Hubert Hervey, Devin Bosler, Sept. 14, 1998 -- RR L & D 4

14 **Red-Necked Grebe** - Hubert Hervey, Sept. 26, 2005 RR L & D 4 (Paul Dickson Sept. 27, 2005)

1 **Magnificent Frigatebird** -- Hubert Hervey, Sept. 26, 2005, RR L & D 4

6 **Roseate Spoonbill** (possible storm blown) Devin Bosler, Sept. 3, 2008, RR L & D 4

5 **Laughing Gull** -- Hubert Hervey, Sept. 26, 2005,

RR L & D 4

Natchitoches Parish:

1 **Sooty Tern** -- Jay Huner, Sept. 26, 2005 -- Sibley Lake or Cane River, Map indefinite

Rapides Parish:

3 **Magnificent Frigatebird** -- Jay Huner, Sept. 13, 2008, Cotile Lake Rec. Area

X **Brown Pelican** -- Jay Huner, Oct 24, 2006, Cotile, maybe late for storm blown

1 **Sooty Tern** -- Jay Huner, Sept. 13, 2008, Cotile Lake Rec Area

4 **Royal Tern** -- Jay Huner, Sept. 14, 2008, Cotile Lake Rec Area

Claiborne Parish:

2 **Laughing Gull** -- John Dillon, Sept. 3, 2008, Lake Claiborne East

1 **Neotropical Cormorant** -- John Dillon, August 3, 2009, Lake Claiborne West (Dispersal maybe)

2 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** -- John Dillon, Aug, 30, 2012, Lake Claiborne, many swallows too

TEXAS:

1 **Greater Shearwater** -- Joe Stuckey, Charles Mills, Mike Dillon (Photo), Sept. 2, 2012, Wright Patman

ARKANSAS:

200 + 4 Sp **Swallows** held up by winds at Lake Millwood, Hubert Hervey, Mac Hardy, Aug 30, 2012

200 + 4 + **Warbler** Sp. held up by winds at Bois D'Arc WMA, Hubert Hervey, Mac Hardy, Aug 30, 2012

Louisiana Bird Atlas Program, Personal Observations

By Jay V. Huner,
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About the Program

The Louisiana Bird Atlas Program began in 2007 with a good bit of fanfare within the state's birding community. The target dates were Winter (mid-winter) and Summer (late spring-early summer). The January-February period emphasized wintering and native birds. The June-July period emphasized nesting neo-tropical migrants and native birds during the breeding period.

The state's many quadrangle units were the defined units where birders were encouraged to survey/atlas for totals of 20 hours in the Winter and 10 hours in the Summer. The amount of effort was based on a statistical evaluation that showed that the bulk of the birds found in any quadrangle would be found within the referenced amount of time with diminishing returns thereafter. There was no time of day for the Winter period. However, with the exception of water dominated quads, observers were to limit activity to dawn to 11:00 AM – Central Daylight Savings Time. The Summer period restriction involved the need to hear birds singing with singing normally decreasing markedly by mid-morning.

The state was divided into three general areas – North, South, and Coastal. These areas tended to correspond to distinct habitats previously associated with plant and animal assemblages widely recognized by biologists.

The Bird Atlas Program ended in July 2012 when funding could no longer be secured. Dr. J. Van Remsen of the Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Sciences developed the Program. The

Program was coordinated by Dr. Richard Gibbons of the Louisiana Bird Resource Office (formerly Center). Currently, Mr. Matt Brady has been recruited to analyze the data generated by the Program.

About the Birder

I reside in Central Louisiana in a home on Cotile Lake in northwestern Rapides Parish. I have ready access to many varied habitats including hilly red dirt pine forest, bottomland hardwood forest, large reservoirs, the Red River Valley, and agricultural habitats including working wetlands – rice/crawfish/catfish, hay fields, row crops – soybeans, sorghum, cotton, and corn, and pecan orchards. Within the area, there is significant relief in the Kisatchie Hills in Natchitoches Parish. Major highways provide me with good access to most of the state.

I am retired and in fair health and can, within reason, travel where I care to travel. However, time restrictions, especially in the summer, have limited most of my atlas survey effort to a radius of 50 miles.

A very dedicated cadre of birders surveyed quads and generated thousands of hours of observations. I have prepared this report to highlight my personal involvement, not to try to take undue credit for my modest contributions to the project. If I tried to list names, I'd surely leave someone out and those who only made one survey of one quad contributed to a very significant data base. No less than 60 individuals made as many or more surveys than I made. Almost all surveys were made at the personal expense of those who made them, a tribute to the state's birding community.

Personal Observations

1. Despite every effort being made by Drs. Remsen and Gibbons, many birders, including me, put a lot of effort into favored quad units with significant

diversity in habitat and, therefore, bird species. This was the direct result of within and between region competitions to see who could generate the best bird list. That's just the nature of the beast. Everyone saw, quickly, that the law of diminishing returns which was used to delimit effort in each quad was applicable.

2. Atlasers saw dramatic changes in climate during the period from 2005-2012 with drought, rain, cold and heat. In fact, the drought of 2011 surely led to the arrival of a wave of western vagrants including an unexpected show of western towhees – **Green-tailed** and **Spotted Towhees** – in winter of 2012. It will be interesting to see how the analyses factor in such variations in climate as atlasers tended to avoid those quads with the target number of survey hours once they were achieved.
3. I managed to participate in surveys that generated target Winter and Summer survey hours of 20 and 10 hours for 17 quads with 15 located immediately around my home. The other two quads were distant – Church Point and Sorrento quads. I participate in regular bi-weekly social functions in the Church Point quad and made it a point to go early enough to generate quad survey hours. I am a member of an outdoorsman's club in the Sorrento area so atlasers was not an issue.
4. As best I can tell, my total list for the atlas project was 249. My best quads – winter and summer data - had the most habitat diversity – Rapides - 151, Colfax – 145, and Gardner – 142. The

Alexandria quad generated 115 species despite being primarily urban-suburban in nature. There were enough patches of “natural” habitat to locate a diverse avian fauna. My “worst” quads were hilly piney woods quads generating cumulative numbers of 80-95 species.

5. I recorded 249 different bird species in the quads I surveyed. I went to some quads on only one or two occasion in search of year birds, especially winter hummingbirds. I also birded the Wascom quad and was treated to **Red-throated Loon**, a state life bird, and **Little Gull**, a state and North American life bird.
6. I thoroughly enjoyed the atlas project. When I birded an area with a low diversity of species, my efforts became a game of sorts. I looked for micro-habitats and each new quad bird was a triumph.
7. I went to places where I would never intentionally bird and learned much about the geography and geology of this region. I especially enjoyed going to the area immediately south of Provencal in Natchitoches Parish during the summer of 2012. I went to visit the areas described by my friend and author Thomas Sylvest in his book “Collard Greens: Growing Up on a Sandhill Subsistence Farm during the Great Depression”. The experience helped me to better understand Tom's contributions to our understanding of a region that remains a place of poor, red dirt soil and pine trees. Every bird I found there was a challenge as the habitat was so homogenous.

Louisiana Summer and Winter Bird Atlas Summary for Jay Huner

Jay Huner, July 2012

BIRD LIST (249 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Fulvous Whistling-Duck
Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Mottled Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Northern Bobwhite
Wild Turkey
Red-throated Loon
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Wood Stork
Neotropic Cormorant
Double-crested Cormorant
Anhinga
American White Pelican
Brown Pelican
American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Reddish Egret
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
White Ibis
Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Swallow-tailed Kite
Mississippi Kite
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Clapper Rail
King Rail
Sora
Purple Gallinule
Common Gallinule
American Coot
Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Piping Plover
Killdeer
Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs
Whimbrel
Ruddy Turnstone
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Dunlin
Stilt Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Bonaparte's Gull
Little Gull
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Least Tern
Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Black Tern
Common Tern
Forster's Tern
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern
Black Skimmer
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove
Inca Dove
Common Ground-Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Greater Roadrunner
Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Common Nighthawk
Chuck-will's-widow
Chimney Swift
Broad-billed Hummingbird
Buff-bellied Hummingbird
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Calliope Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Allen's Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Loggerhead Shrike
White-eyed Vireo
Bell's Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Horned Lark
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Winter Wren

Sedge Wren
 Marsh Wren
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 Golden-crowned Kinglet
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Eastern Bluebird
 Hermit Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 American Robin
 Gray Catbird
 Northern Mockingbird
 Brown Thrasher
 European Starling
 American Pipit
 Sprague's Pipit
 Cedar Waxwing
 Smith's Longspur
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Prairie Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Black-and-white Warbler
 American Redstart

Prothonotary Warbler
 Worm-eating Warbler
 Swainson's Warbler
 Louisiana Waterthrush
 Kentucky Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 Hooded Warbler
 Yellow-breasted Chat
 Eastern Towhee
 Bachman's Sparrow
 Chipping Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Vesper Sparrow
 Lark Sparrow
 Savannah Sparrow
 Henslow's Sparrow
 Le Conte's Sparrow
 Seaside Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 Swamp Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
 White-crowned Sparrow
 Dark-eyed Junco
 Summer Tanager

Northern Cardinal
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 Black-headed Grosbeak
 Blue Grosbeak
 Indigo Bunting
 Painted Bunting
 Dickcissel
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Eastern Meadowlark
 Rusty Blackbird
 Brewer's Blackbird
 Common Grackle
 Boat-tailed Grackle
 Great-tailed Grackle
 Bronzed Cowbird
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Orchard Oriole
 Baltimore Oriole
 Purple Finch
 House Finch
 Pine Siskin
 American Goldfinch
 House Sparrow

List of 62 Quads Birded by Jay Huner:

Legend: S – Summer Atlas; W – Winter Atlas; Highlighted – Full Hours for both Summer and Winter Atlas Periods—number of species sighted

Afeman – S-W - 95

Alexandria - S-W - 116

Aloha – S - 66

Arcadia – W - 26

Ball – S-W - 89

Bellwood – S - 35

Big Bend – S - 29

Bossier City – S-W - 48

Boyce – S-W - 120

Broussard – W - 51

Butte Larose – W - 24

Cameron – S-W - 60

Campti – S - 51

Catahoula – W - 23

Chef Menteur – W - 38

Church Point – S-W - 116

Cloutierville – S - 64

Colfax – S-W - 145

Covington – W - 30

Dixie – W - 37

Dry Prong – S - 45

Flora – S - 44

Gardner – S-W - 142

Gorum – S - 57

Green Gables – S - 25

Harmon – W - 43

Jericho – S-W - 120

Kaplan North – W - 25

Lacamp – S-W - 82

Lafayette – W - 54

Latanier – S-W - 120

Lecompte – S - 30

Lena – S-W - 106

Libuse – S - 40

Mamou – S - 33

Melder – S-W - 90

Natchitoches North – S-W - 88

Natchitoches South – S - 45

New Iberia South – S - 13

North Highlands – W - 29

Oakdale – S - 36

Opelousas – S - 26

Patterson – S-W - 70

Peveto Beach – S - 40

Pitkin – S-W - 86

Pleasant Hill – W - 27

Pollock – S - 49

Rapides – S-W - 151

Reeves – S - 65

Rock Hill – S-W - 86

St. Landry – W - 35

Shreveport West – W - 33

Sieper – S-W - 95

Simpson North – S-W - 82

Simpson South – S-W - 85

Slagle – S - 52

Sorrento – S-W - 127

Steep Gully – S - 38

Sugartown – S - 63

Temple – S-W - 86

Thibodaux – W - 31

Womack – W - 25

"The Windhover"
By Gerard Manley Hopkins



A Poem about a kestrel.

To Christ our Lord

I CAUGHT this morning morning's minion, king-
dom of daylight's dauphin, dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon, in his riding
Of the rolling level underneath him steady air, and striding
High there, how he rung upon the rein of a wimpling wing
In his ecstasy! then off, off forth on swing, ⁵
As a skate's heel sweeps smooth on a bow-bend: the hurl and gliding
Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding
Stirred for a bird,—the achieve of; the mastery of the thing!

Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air, pride, plume, here
Buckle! AND the fire that breaks from thee then, a billion ¹⁰
Times told lovelier, more dangerous, O my chevalier!

No wonder of it: shéer plód makes plough down sillion
Shine, and blue-bleak embers, ah my dear,
Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-vermilion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE Regarding BSG Membership Dues

All memberships are for a calendar year beginning January 1, 2012. Memberships received during September through December of 2011 are good for the entire calendar year of 2012.

Benefits of Membership in the Bird Study Group

1. You are a part of one of the most active birding groups in Louisiana.
2. Memberships support conservation efforts that affect birds in Louisiana.
3. Memberships support student research and study of bird biology.
4. Memberships provide for a small honorarium for out-of-town speakers.
5. Memberships support the widely acclaimed web site of the BSG (www.birdstudygroup.org).
6. Memberships support the refreshments for the BSG meetings.
7. Members participate in the Christmas Bird Counts, the North American Migration Count, the North American Hawk Watch, the Backyard Bird Count, and the Big Sit.
8. Memberships support the bird library at the Museum of Life Sciences
9. Members can easily participate in the online Bird Alert email List Server (to sign up email: birdalert@birdstudygroup.org).
10. The BSG Newsletters are online and access is not restricted.

You get all of the above benefits for the modest annual membership cost of: \$15 for one membership, \$20 for a family membership, and \$35 for a sustaining membership.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO ENTER BIRD RECORDS

We would like to have a volunteer to enter current and backlogged records into the BSG Bird database beginning as soon as possible. We have many valuable records to be entered. The process is very easy and a volunteer will receive complete instruction at the museum. We would like a volunteer for a few hours a day or week on a regular schedule so that we can get as many records entered. At this time it contains 59 years of observations, from 1952 to the present, a total of 268,989 records.

Any Suggestions for the BSG?

Your Board of Directors is trying very hard to improve the Bird Study Group and make it more attractive to new birders. Give us your suggestions about how to grow the BSG.



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Renewals, please update information below.

Name(s) _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Yes, please add me to the email Bird Alert

Leave me out of the BSG member directory

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