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NEXT MEETING

March 11, 1997
6:30 PM

Birds and Mammals of Kenya

Dr. Charles Lyon
Bird Study Group

Refreshments will be available at 6:30 PM
Come early to visit, relax,
and enjoy fellowship.

NEXT FIELD TRIPS

Feb. 22 – Red River Experiment Station
March 15 – Bodcau Bayou WMA

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Dr. Charles Lyon will give an illustrated talk about his recent trip to Kenya. He has just returned from a 2-3 week birding trip during January of this year.

FIELD TRIPS

Feb. 22 – **Red River Agricultural Experiment Station.** Open country birds. Leader, Bill Wood. Meet at the LSUS museum parking lot at 7:30 AM.

Mar. 15 – **Bodcau Bayou Wildlife Management Area.** We will try again for Wild Turkeys. Camping is available at the dam. Great boating area. Woodland birds and swamp birds are common. Leader, Hubert Hervey (925-9249). Come early and camp at the site or car pool from the LSUS parking lot at 6:00 AM.

Apr. 12 **Caroline Dorman Nature Preserve.** This beautiful preserve is best known for its unusual plant life, but we were well satisfied with the birds we found last year. Leader, Bill Hall. LSUS parking lot at 7 AM.

Apr. 19 **Old Mooringsport Landfill.** This is our first time to this spot and Larry predicts good birding. Leader, Larry Raymond. North Market St. What-a-burger at 7:30 AM.

Grocery Shopping/Fund-Raising

by Betty Mason

The Kroger Company has recently begun offering a fund-raising program for local non-profit organizations, and the Bird Study Group is in the process of applying for membership.

Here's how it will work: Kroger will print and send to us 500 cards as shown here.

 **Your
Organization
Name Here**



Each member (and spouse, too, hopefully) will carry the card. Every time we shop at Kroger, we will show it to the checker BEFORE the grocery tab is totaled; we will ask the checker to scan the card. This records the purchase amount and automatically credits that amount to our club account. Every quarter we will receive a refund check of 1% to 3% of the total amount of the purchase.

This seems a very easy way for us to earn much-needed funds, and gives us all a way to help the Bird Study Group. More information will be coming later.

BIRDQUIZ # 50

The Last Bird Quiz

by Jim Ingold

1. Which bird is listed last on the Bird Study Group Checklist?
2. Which Louisiana bird, based on Common Name, is the last bird in the dictionary?
3. Which bird, not a Louisiana native, is found last in the dictionary?
4. Which group of birds are found on the last page of the National Geographic field guide? The golden guide? Peterson's eastern guide?

5. Which North American bird's nest was the last one to be discovered?
6. What is the last species of North American bird to go extinct in captivity?

Cheneyville Trip

by Jim Ingold

The trip to see **Sandhill Cranes** in Cheneyville was successful. Heavy rains the day before made the rice farm roads muddy and we only spent a short time there. We had a large flock of **Greater White-fronted Geese** with a few **Snow Geese** mixed in, a large flock of **White Ibis** and quite a few **Green-winged Teal** and **Northern Shovelers**. A handful of **Northern Pintail** and some **Mallards** were also seen. We then left for Echo-Cheneyville Road and very good looks at many different flocks of **Sandhill Cranes** and a large flock of **White Ibis** was feeding in a flooded field near the road. A stop at some silos near the road at a rice farm gave us very good looks at 6 species of sparrows: **Song**, **Swamp**, **Savannah**, **Lincoln's**, **White-throated**, and **White-crowned**, as they fed on spilled rice. A stop at the catfish ponds, just south of Echo, rewarded one observer (Jim Ingold) with an early **Purple Martin**. We then headed to the Indian Creek Reservation for pine woods species where we were able to see a **Red-cockaded Woodpecker** enter its roosting cavity. Other birds seen there included **Brown-headed Nuthatches**, **Pine Warblers**, and **Eastern Bluebirds**. Our last stop was the barrow pits on the east side of I-49 just south of Alexandria where we added **American White Pelican** to the days list. A total of 59 species were seen on the trip.

NEW FUNDRAISING PROJECT

by Will Smolenski
Fundraising Chairman

We are starting a new fundraising project to maintain a decent balance in our account. We donate annually to several bird sanctuaries. We also pay for printing and sending out our newsletters, for library items and occasionally for items deemed necessary for the normal operations of our club.

Some of our members plan to make bird houses, nesting boxes, feeders or other items of interest to birders and donate these to the club. One or more items will be on

display at our monthly meetings. Raffle tickets will be given out for a donation of \$1. Tickets will be drawn for the items on display. All items are to be donated and all funds raised will be added to our club account. If you have any items to donate they would be greatly appreciated.

Old friends in Far Places

by Betty Mason

This is birding once-removed: my daughter Noel and her husband Jeff (Perkins) will be remembered by many BSG members. They were original charter members and Noel was our President. They moved to San Francisco eight years ago, becoming more avid birders than ever when confronted with the abundance and diversity of bird life out there.

As with most of us, birding is a really big part of any trip, and this is an excerpt from a letter recounting their trip from San Francisco to Cancun, Mexico, with a stopover in Houston on the way down, the time being mid-January during the icy weather we had.

Mexico was a great excursion. The Houston area was good for birds -- we got both the **Masked Duck** (at Brazos Bend) and the **Kelp Gull** at Galveston, even finishing the Galveston leg early enough to hop an earlier-than-planned flight to Cancun. This seemed prudent since the roads were icing that morning, and we worried about flight delays.

The **Masked Ducks** are on a pond of about 10 acres and can be very difficult to locate. Getting there we passed one guy who said this was his fifth time to try for them. And there was another fellow on the observation tower who was just giving up on his 3 plus hour vigil. We weren't dressed for the weather; we had only sweat shirts, and it was cold and windy. But within 15 minutes Jeff saw a bird fly in within 200 feet, et VOILÀ! One of the park rangers on a bicycle even managed to chase down the guy who had given up to try to get him back. Nice, huh? We saw him the next day in Galveston -- he was thrilled! He was from Maryland.

The **Kelp Gull** was another serendipitous story. We got there at dawn and drove the beach enjoying the sight of familiar feathered friends: skimmers, spoonbills, **Reddish Egrets**. When the light finally was good, we cruised the road, and there the bird was! Our buddy from Maryland was the only other fool out and about. So after a stop at Denny's for breakfast, we got to the airport and hopped on.

Cancun was good birding too. We were a little more knowledgeable this trip, better with the field guide, too. Last June we could see a bird and not even know where to start looking. Although that still happened, our judgment was better. We knew the **Ant Tanager**, wood creeper, and Euphonia families better. I think the numbers came in like 120 trip birds and 30 lifers. Shouldn't a toucan count for 2? The best thing about the toucan was having it so close and in a place we didn't expect it at all.

Maybe my overriding perception was "so this is where all the beautiful warblers are in January!" The first day, on a neighboring hotel's grounds we saw **Common Yellowthroat**, **Palm Warblers** and **Yellow-throated Warblers**, then during the remainder of the trip **Blue-winged**, **Hooded**, **Black-and-white**, **Prairie**, **Black-throated Green**, **Ovenbird**, **Worm-eating**, **Magnolia**, and **Yellow Warblers**, **American redstart**, **Grey-crowned Yellowthroat** and **Northern Waterthrush**. Best warbler watching in years! Great trip!"

BIRD BANDING AT THE DEER FARM

by Jim Ingold

The annual Valentine weekend bird banding at Paul Dickson's deer farm was held on Saturday 15 February 1997. Bird study group members were joined by the LSUS ornithology and Velda Neilson's boy scout troop. Birds banded were: **Carolina Chickadee** 1, **Northern Cardinal** 3, **Lincoln's Sparrow** 4, **Swamp Sparrow** 2, **Savannah Sparrow** 14, **Song Sparrow** 12, **White-crowned Sparrow** 23 [14 juveniles and 9 adults], **White-throated Sparrow** 3, **Red-winged Blackbird** 1, and **American Goldfinch** 2.

Previously banded birds included three **White-crowned Sparrows**: band number 1411-91470; banded 1-23-94 as a second year (SY) bird, so this bird is in its 5th calendar year; band number 1441-64438; banded 2-10-96 as a second year (SY) bird, so this bird is in its 3rd calendar year; band number 1501-86591; banded 2-11-95 as an after second year (ASY) bird, so that this bird is in at least its 5th calendar year but it may be older; and a **Northern Cardinal** that had been banded by Mac and Paul: band number 951-55782; banded 2-11-95 as an after hatching year (AHY) bird, so that this bird is in at least its 4th calendar year but it may be older.

1996 BCBCBC

by Will Smolenski

For you who do not know, BCBCBC stands for Bossier, Caddo, Bienville Christmas Bird Count. Even though a piece of Red River parish is in the count area, the RR was left out because BCBCBC sounds like a bird in the bush and adding RR would distract from the bird in the bush sound.

The count area is 15 miles in diameter (23.5 Sq. Miles) and the northern edge is just south of Taylortown on US Hwy 71. In the east it includes a good part of Lake Bistineau. In the south it includes part of Red River parish, Loggy Bayou and crosses the Red River into Caddo parish. In Caddo, Yearwood Road (one of our birding hotspots) is part of the count area as well as the towns of Howard, Lachute, and Caspiana on Hwy. 1. The Red River runs through the west central part of the circle area and includes Lock and Dam #5.

In the U.S. and Canada there were 1623 count areas like ours in 1995. There were 37,332 observers who took part in the Christmas count plus 7220 feeder watchers. Over 58 million birds were tallied. An additional 771 observers counted birds in 42 areas in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

In 1995 there were 17 count areas in Louisiana with 2 of these in the Shreveport/Bossier area. There were 247 species seen in La. with 104 in our BCBCBC area. There were 109 species identified in the Shreveport area covering Cross Lake and west. The Sabine count area had a total of 174 species. Baton Rouge had the most observers (47) in their count area while we had 21 in the BCBCBC area and 18 in the Shreveport count. The most observers in any one area was Alberta, Canada with 665 birders. Corpus Christi had the largest number of species with 227 while an area in Canada had a count of only 1 bird during a two hour period of questionable light.

Our total this year was 109 species with a total of 23,431 birds seen. The BCBCBC area has a good variety of habitat-- farms, little towns, wooded areas, lakes, rivers, bayous, sandbars and marshy areas making it ideal for a good variety of birds. This year (1996) we had only 10 teams with a total of 15 birders. Five of the areas had only 1 observer making it difficult for that birder to see other birds flying around while trying to identify one in the bush, field, lake or other habitat.

We need additional observers to really cover our count areas adequately. I am 72, have had both knees and one hip replaced but I still take part in the Christmas bird counts. I have a 4-wheel-drive van that can get me into

areas I could not get into with a regular car or cover the extra miles on foot. I am not saying that you have to have a 4 wheel drive to participate but can assist in a big way with the help of your eyes. I drive, and my rider does a lot more walking than I and together we can cover our area better than one. This year while my partner was in the process of identifying a bird in the bush I saw 7 **Canada Geese** flying over him which he would have missed. They were the only geese reported for our BCBCBC area that day. You do not have to be an expert birder to help on the count. Your extra eyes with a team of 1 or 2 could mean several extra species for your team. You spot the bird and if you cannot name it let your team leader identify it and teach you the key marks or moves to make a positive identification. Learn from him or her and become a better birder. The camaraderie on these field trips is fun as well as educational.

My first Christmas bird count started before daylight. My partner had an owl tape and a recorder with which we called up 2 **Great Horned Owls** and an **Eastern Screech-Owl** before daylight. This was a unique and new experience for me. Call Dr. Charles Lyon (845-2474) for the Shreveport count or Paul Dickson (798-1000) for the BCBCBC count.

Birds seen on Sunday, January 5, 1997 were grebes, pelicans, cormorants, **Anhingas**, herons, egrets, geese, ducks, vultures, 3 **Bald Eagles**, hawks, **American Kestrels**, **American Coots**, **Killdeer**, sandpipers, **American Woodcock**, gulls, terns, doves, owls, **Belted Kingfishers**, woodpeckers, **Eastern Pheobe**, **Horned Larks**, **Blue Jays**, crows, **Carolina Chickadee**, **Tufted Titmouse**, nuthatches, wrens, kinglets, **Blue-grey Gnatcatchers**, and **Eastern Bluebirds**. Also, Thrushes, **American Robins**, **Northern Mockingbirds**, **Brown Thrashers**, pipits, **Cedar Waxwings**, **Loggerhead Shrikes**, **European Starlings**, vireos, warblers, **Northern Cardinals**, towhees, sparrows, **Dark-eyed Juncos**, blackbirds, meadowlarks, **Common Grackles**, **Brown-headed Cowbirds** and finches. For a list of the species seen and the number tallied, copies will be available at the February and March meetings.

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER A New Species for Louisiana

By Hubert Hervey

An apparent pine seed failure in part of the Rocky Mountain states may be the reason for the appearance of the very first Clark's Nutcracker ever seen in the state of Louisiana. Also, **Red Crossbills** have been seen feeding on pine seeds in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas this

winter. **Red Crossbills** are known to be an erratic and nomadic species and their presence is not a huge surprise. On the other hand, the **Clark's Nutcracker** was not expected. I heard one ornithologist say it was our first record and it will be our last!

Through the modern means of communication known as e-mail, news of the nutcracker's presence spread quickly. It was first seen on Sunday February 9, 1997, south of the Longleaf Pine Trail and Caroline Dorman Road intersection, in Kisatchie National Forest, Natchitoches Parish. On Monday the bird was located a mile or so to the north. Anxious birders were out in good numbers again on Tuesday.

Early Tuesday morning Pat and I bundled up 7 month old Alexandra, Pat's granddaughter, because we thought she'd like to see a nutcracker too. Jim Ingold met us and we headed for the Kisatchie hills. When we arrived we saw a dozen birders from all over the state walking the roads and looking for the bird. We went past them and I looked for an area of aged Longleaf Pines because that is where the best seed crop would be. We parked at trail head K-43-A and walked a quarter of a mile into the pines to an area of young pine growth where we had good visibility. Jim played **Clark's Nutcracker** calls on his tape player and after a few minutes, we heard a reply. After a short search we found the object of our quest feeding in the tall pines. I left Jim in charge of the bird and went to round up the birders, some of whom were two miles away and going the wrong way. I think everyone who came that day got to see the nutcracker. While at rest high in the pines, it was nearly impossible to see. Then it would become quite active, feeding on the large Longleaf Pine seeds. It even foraged on the ground and many photographs were taken. I had my video camera along and got some good footage too. While Alexandra missed her opportunity, she enjoyed the stroll in the woods, but lacked the binocular skills to see the first **Clark's Nutcracker** of Louisiana.

WATCH LIST

by Jim Ingold

Recently the National Audubon Society and Partners in Flight released a list of 90 species of birds that they believe are in trouble due to declining populations. Printed below is the list. Birds noted with an asterisk are species of special concern. Of the 90 species, 49 are on the Checklist of the Birds of Northwestern Louisiana.

Reddish Egret
American Bittern
Limpkin
Emperor Goose

*Steller's Eider
 *Swallow-tailed Kite
 Short-tailed Hawk
 Black Rail
 *Mountain Plover
 Black Oystercatcher
 Long-billed Curlew
 Hudsonian Godwit
 Red Knot
 *Buff-breasted Sandpiper
 *Franklin's Gull
 Black Tern
 Black-capped Petrel
 Black-vented Shearwater
 Ashy Storm-Petrel
 Black Storm-Petrel
 *Xantus' Murrelet
 White-crowned Pigeon
 Band-tailed Pigeon
 Common Ground-Dove
 Black-billed Cuckoo
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Short-eared Owl
 Chuck-will's-widow
 Black Swift
 Chimney Swift
 Lucifer Hummingbird
 *Rufous Hummingbird
 Allen's Hummingbird
 Lewis' Woodpecker
 *Red-headed Woodpecker
 Olive-sided Flycatcher
 Western Wood-Pewee
 Eastern Wood-Pewee
 Island Scrub Jay
 Brown-headed Nuthatch
 Veery
 *Bicknell's Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 Gray Catbird
 Bendire's Thrasher
 *Curve-billed Thrasher
 LeConte's Thrasher
 Sprague's Pipit
 *Loggerhead Shrike
 Bell's Vireo
 Gray Vireo
 *Golden-winged Warbler
 Colima Warbler
 Lucy's Warbler
 *Hermit Warbler
 Prairie Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 *Cerulean Warbler
 Prothonotary Warbler
 *Swainson's Warbler

Kentucky Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 *Painted Bunting
 Dickcissel
 Abert's Towhee
 Bachman's Sparrow
 Cassin's Sparrow
 Rufous-winged Sparrow
 Clay-colored Sparrow
 Brewer's Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Black-chinned Sparrow
 Lark Sparrow
 Sage Sparrow
 Lark Bunting
 Baird's Sparrow
 Grasshopper Sparrow
 Henslow's Sparrow
 Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
 Harris' Sparrow
 McCown's Longspur
 Smith's Longspur
 *McKay's Bunting
 *Bobolink
 *Yellow-headed Blackbird
 Rusty Blackbird
 Orchard Oriole
 Audubon's Oriole
 *Lawrence's Goldfinch

North American Migration Count

by Jim Ingold

The 6th annual North American Migration Count will be held on Saturday 10 May 1997. See Hubert Hervey (925-9249) if you are interested in participating.

David Wiedenfeld

by Jim Ingold

David Wiedenfeld has just accepted the position of Director of Research at the George M. Sutton Avian Research Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. We will be sad to see him leave Louisiana but wish him the best in his new endeavors.

BIRD STUDY GROUP MEETING

Minutes

14 JANUARY 1997

1. **Speaker**--A videotape on Alexander Skutch: A Naturalist in the Rainforest
2. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Hibernia Account - \$828.16
 - b. LSU-S - \$298.20
 - c. Post Office - \$151.45
3. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Bird Report - no report
 - b. Field Trips - Hubert Hervey
 - i. January 18. Cross Lake North Shore. Mac Hardy, Leader.
 - ii. February 8. Wimple's Rice Farm, Cheneyville, LA. Jim Ingold, Leader.
 - iii. Canoe trips
 - (1) May 3. Barksdale AFB. Mark Norris, canoe outfitter; Hubert Hervey, leader.
 - (2) May 24 (not May 28 as indicated in Field Trip list). Bayou Dorcheat Natural Scenic Waterway. Mark Norris, canoe outfitter; Hubert Hervey, leader.
 - c. Newsletter - no report
 - d. Beginning birders - no report
 - e. Phone tree - no report
 - f. Programs
 - i. Dr. Brent Burt from Stephen F. Austin University on Bee-Eaters of Thailand.
4. **New Business**
 - a. LOS---
 - i. January 25, 26 in Monroe
 - ii. Jim Ingold is the banquet speaker
 - iii. SBSG to have table in registration area--volunteers needed
 - b. LOS Pelagic trip
 - i. May 24, 1997.
 - ii. \$60 cost
 - iii. Contact Bill Hemeter (504) 961-3117
 - c. SBSG Directories are available
 - d. Great Louisiana Birding Festival
 - i. March 21-23, 1997
 - ii. St. Tammany Parish--hosted by Northlake Museum & Nature Center
 - iii. Jennifer Coulson, guest speaker, on American Swallow-tailed Kite
 - iv. Contact Donna O'Daniels at the STPTCC 1-800-634-9443
 - v. Contact Chris Brantley (504) 862-2224, (504) 674-1691 if can assist with trips & workshops
 - e. Next Board Meeting--February 4, 1997 at Museum of Life Sciences
5. **Bird Talk**
 - a. Rosemary Seidler participated in bird counts in Venice, Grand Isle, New Orleans and Reserve
 - i. Venice--15 warblers
 - ii. Grand Isle--90 species
 - iii. Reserve--115 species including the Common Ground Doves and winter hummingbirds
 - iv. New Orleans--130 species
 - b. Jeff and Jean Trahan drove 2 hours to E. Texas to see Red Crossbills which they found in 15 minutes after arrival. They have had a Dickcissel in the backyard. They also reported American Pipits at Hamel's park.
 - c. Judy Townes has had an oriole at her feeder near Broadmoor Methodist Church
 - d. Jim Ingold has had 7 Inca Doves at his feeder.
 - e. Larry Raymond has had Pine Siskins at his feeder.
 - f. Roy Henderson has had a Northern Flicker and a American Kestrel in his yard.
 - g. Norma Cobb has had a Cooper's Hawk and Killdeer in her yard.
6. **Adjournment**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Betty Mason reported:

Hibernia balance - \$836.27
 Gift shop balance - \$176.41
 Post office - \$111.21

We have had income of \$75.00 and expenses of \$97.44 since the last report

BIRD REPORT

Bobbe Womack and Will Smolenski indicated they had no report.

BIRD HOT SPOTS -- No report.

FIELD TRIPS

Hubert Hervey reported that Mac Hardy will lead the next field trip on November 16 to C. Bickham Dickson park.

FUND RAISING

Will Smolenski reported that the next fund-raising activity will be the auction at Christmas. It was suggested that a 1 page reminder be mailed out since there was no notice in the newsletter, and people need to be reminded to bring items.

HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN -- See new business.

HOSPITALITY

Jean Trahan and Betty Mason encouraged people to let them know if they wished to bring something or had suggestions.

MEMBERSHIP

Shirley Huss reported that the membership is 107.

BEGINNING BIRDERS -- No report.

PHONE TREE -- No report.

PROGRAMS

The November program will be Beth Leusk talking about Bird Behavior. There will be no program in December because of the Christmas party. Jim Ingold will check on a speaker for January.

PUBLICITY

Al Vekovius requested a paragraph write-up about the program 2-3 weeks ahead of time. He will contact Charlie Lyons and Paul Dickson about publicity for the Christmas Bird Counts.

WEB PAGE -- Jim Ingold is working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Hospitality and the December meeting - Jean Trahan and Betty Mason will bring sign-up sheets to the next meeting. SBSG will buy the meat.

Caddo Lake Bird Count - The Caddo count will be Saturday, December 7, 1996. Jim requested that someone get a list of names of volunteers for this count at the meeting on November 12 since he will not be there. He will meet with people, make assignments and provide maps.

November regular meeting - Since Jim Ingold can not be there, Vickie LeFevers will conduct the meeting.

Newsletter - The Board discussed options to reduce the workload of newsletter production which falls on Mac Hardy. Mac requested that people submit articles in a timely fashion. This would simplify his job.

Answers to Bird Quiz #50

1. House Sparrow
2. Yellow Warbler
3. Zebra Finch
4. NFGF = Evening Grosbeak and Eurasian relatives; golden guide = longspurs and buntings; Peterson's eastern guide = exotics
5. Marbled Murrelet
6. Passenger Pigeon and Carolina Parakeet; both in the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914.

SHREVEPORT BIRD STUDY GROUP

BOARD MEETING

November 5, 1996

PRESENT

Mac Hardy, Roy Henderson, Hubert Hervey, Shirley Huss, Jim Ingold, Vickie LeFevers, Betty Mason, Larry Raymond, Rosemary Seidler, Will Smolenski, Jean Trahan, Jeff Trahan, Al Vekovius, Gay Vekovius, Bobbe Womack

BIRD NOTES – JANUARY

Compiled February 18, 1997

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

Following each species is a line of data in the following format: date, initials of observer, number of birds observed; initials of another observer, etc. For example: 09/15/96 PD 3 means that on 15 September 1996 PD saw 3 birds. For the number of birds observed, a one is used both for one specimen or for numbers not reported by the observer. All bird records reported here are the responsibility of the observer. The Bird Study Group is reporting observations on the word of the observers, with verification where necessary.

OBSERVERS

Abbreviation	Name	Date and Place
AB	Athie Bell	02/05/97 Residence, Shreveport
BW	Bobbe Wommack	01/20/97 Residence.; 02/13/97 Residence.
DR	Dick Rolandt	01/19/97 Shreveport - Bickham-Dickson Park
HH&PH	Hubert and Pat Hervey	02/04/97 Stonewall - Hervey Farm; 02/16/97 Stonewall - Hervey Farm
HHo	Helen Hood	01/19/97 Shreveport, American Legion on Cross Lake; 01/21/97 Shreveport, residence; 01/26/97 Shreveport, residence; 02/03/97 Residence, Shreveport
Jl	Jim Ingold	01/24/97 Bossier City: Residence; 01/29/97 Shreveport - Bickham-Dickson Park; 02/01/97 Shreveport - Bickham-Dickson Park
Jl,H&PH	Jim Ingold, Hubert & Pat Hervey	02/11/97 I-49 Bar Pits - Powhatan Exit; 02/11/97 I-49 Bar Pits - Evelyn Exit; 02/11/97 I-49 Bar Pits - Natchitoches Exit
MT	Margo Tuller	01/19/97 Shreveport, residence.; 01/21/97 Shreveport, residence.; 01/31/97 Shreveport, First Baptist Church, Ockley Dr.; 02/12/97 Shreveport, residence.; 02/13/97 Bossier City, Arthur Teague Parkway.
PH	Pat Hervey	01/29/97 Stonewall - Hervey Farm; 01/29/97 Stonewall - Hervey Farm
S&EH	Shirley & Ed Huss	01/22/97 Shreveport, residence; 02/16/97 Shreveport, Cross L. area, Pines Rd and S. Lakeshore Dr.
WHS	W. H. Smolenski	12/28/96 Shreveport - Hamel Memorial Park; 12/29/96 Shreveport - Hamel Memorial Park; 01/29/97 Shreveport - Bickham-Dickson Park; 01/30/97 Shreveport - Residence; 01/30/97 Shreveport - Bickham-Dickson Park

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Common Name	Data
Pied-billed Grebe	01/29/97 WHS 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 1; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 3; 02/16/97 S&EH 1
American White Pelican	01/19/97 DR 3; 01/19/97 HHo 1; 02/01/97 Jl 21
Double-crested Cormorant	12/28/96 WHS 3; 01/19/97 HHo 100; 01/19/97 DR 45; 01/29/97 PH 2; 01/29/97 WHS 200; 01/29/97 Jl 80; 02/01/97 Jl 101; 02/04/97 HH&PH 4; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 40; 02/16/97 S&EH 34; 02/16/97 HH&PH 1
Great Blue Heron	12/28/96 WHS 1; 01/19/97 DR 2; 01/29/97 WHS 2; 01/29/97 Jl 1; 01/29/97 PH 1; 02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 14; 02/16/97 S&EH 4
Great Egret	12/28/96 WHS 1; 01/19/97 HHo 1; 01/29/97 WHS 17; 01/29/97 PH 1; 01/29/97 Jl 21; 02/01/97 Jl 11; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 24; 02/16/97 S&EH 5
Cattle Egret	02/16/97 HH&PH 1
Snow Goose	01/22/97 S&EH 65
Wood Duck	02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 2
Mallard	01/29/97 WHS 2; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 2; 02/16/97 S&EH 14
Blue-winged Teal	02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 8; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 6
Northern Shoveler	02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 22
American Wigeon	02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 12
Ring-necked Duck	02/04/97 HH&PH 18; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 150
Lesser Scaup	02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 1
Bufflehead	02/16/97 S&EH 7
Ruddy Duck	02/16/97 S&EH 4
Black Vulture	01/29/97 PH 6; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 4; 02/16/97 HH&PH 10
Turkey Vulture	01/29/97 WHS 1; 01/29/97 PH 2; 02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 12; 02/16/97 HH&PH 6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	01/20/97 BW 1; 01/21/97 MT 1
Cooper's Hawk	01/24/97 Jl 1; 01/29/97 PH 1
Red-shouldered Hawk	02/04/97 HH&PH 2
Red-tailed Hawk	01/19/97 MT 1; 01/29/97 WHS 2; 02/04/97 HH&PH 2; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 79; 02/13/97 MT 1; 02/16/97 HH&PH 1
American Kestrel	01/29/97 PH 1; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 1; 02/16/97 HH&PH 1
Northern Bobwhite	02/16/97 HH&PH 4
American Coot	01/19/97 DR 1; 01/19/97 HHo 25; 01/29/97 WHS 15; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 20; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 30; 02/16/97 S&EH 21
Killdeer	12/28/96 WHS 16; 01/29/97 Jl 7; 01/29/97 WHS 12; 02/01/97 Jl 5; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 32
Bonaparte's Gull	01/30/97 WHS 5
Ring-billed Gull	12/28/96 WHS 248; 12/29/96 WHS 150; 01/19/97 DR 14; 01/29/97 WHS 50; 01/29/97 Jl 3; 01/30/97 WHS 10; 02/01/97 Jl 4
Forster's Tern	12/28/96 WHS 7; 01/29/97 WHS 37; 01/29/97 Jl 7; 01/30/97 WHS 15; 02/01/97 Jl 11
Rock Dove	01/24/97 Jl 3; 01/30/97 WHS 2; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 7
Mourning Dove	01/26/97 HHo 4; 01/29/97 WHS 2; 01/29/97 Jl 4; 01/30/97 WHS 15; 02/01/97 Jl 7; 02/05/97 AB 5; 02/12/97 MT 12
Greater Roadrunner	02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 1
Belted Kingfisher	01/19/97 DR 2; 02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 1
Red-headed Woodpecker	01/29/97 WHS 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	01/19/97 DR 7; 01/29/97 PH 1; 01/29/97 Jl 1; 01/29/97 WHS 1; 01/30/97 WHS 1; 02/01/97 Jl 2; 02/04/97 HH&PH 2; 02/05/97 AB 1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 1; 02/12/97 MT 1
Downy Woodpecker	01/29/97 WHS 1; 01/29/97 PH 1; 01/30/97 WHS 1; 02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 1; 02/16/97 HH&PH 1
Hairy Woodpecker	02/04/97 HH&PH 1; 02/16/97 HH&PH 1
Northern Flicker	01/19/97 DR 2; 01/29/97 WHS 1; 01/29/97 PH 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 2
Pileated Woodpecker	02/04/97 HH&PH 1
Eastern Phoebe	01/29/97 WHS 1; 02/16/97 HH&PH 1
Blue Jay	01/19/97 DR 5; 01/29/97 PH 4; 01/29/97 WHS 2; 01/29/97 Jl 1; 01/30/97 WHS 4; 02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/03/97 HHo 2; 02/04/97 HH&PH 4; 02/05/97 AB 4; 02/16/97 HH&PH 6
American Crow	01/19/97 DR 1; 01/29/97 PH 4; 01/29/97 WHS 1; 02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/11/97 Jl,H&PH 10; 02/16/97 HH&PH 6
Fish Crow	01/29/97 PH 8; 02/04/97 HH&PH 30; 02/16/97 S&EH 2
Carolina Chickadee	01/19/97 DR 2; 01/21/97 HHo 3; 01/29/97 PH 2; 02/01/97 Jl 3; 02/04/97 HH&PH 4; 02/05/97 AB 2; 02/12/97 MT 2; 02/16/97 S&EH 2; 02/16/97 HH&PH 2
Tufted Titmouse	01/19/97 DR 1; 01/21/97 HHo 2; 01/29/97 PH 2; 01/30/97 WHS 2; 02/01/97 Jl 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 4; 02/05/97 AB 1; 02/16/97 HH&PH 2
White-breasted Nuthatch	01/26/97 HHo 1; 02/05/97 AB 1
Carolina Wren	01/21/97 HHo 2; 01/29/97 PH 2; 02/16/97 HH&PH 2
Eastern Bluebird	01/19/97 DR 1; 01/29/97 PH 1; 01/29/97 WHS 9; 02/01/97 Jl 4; 02/16/97 HH&PH 12; 02/16/97 S&EH 4

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American Robin	01/19/97 DR 5; 01/21/97 HHo 2; 01/29/97 WHS 108; 01/29/97 JI 50; 01/30/97 WHS 34; 01/30/97 WHS 1; 01/31/97 MT 30; 02/01/97 JI 96; 02/05/97 AB 10; 02/12/97 MT 4; 02/16/97 HH&PH 10
Northern Mockingbird	01/19/97 DR 5; 01/21/97 HHo 2; 01/29/97 PH 1; 01/29/97 WHS 3; 01/30/97 WHS 1; 01/30/97 WHS 2; 02/01/97 JI 1; 02/05/97 AB 4; 02/16/97 S&EH 1; 02/16/97 HH&PH 2
Brown Thrasher	02/04/97 HH&PH 2
American Pipit	01/29/97 WHS 2; 01/29/97 JI 2; 01/30/97 WHS 1; 02/01/97 JI 3
Cedar Waxwing	01/26/97 HHo 3; 01/29/97 PH 24; 02/04/97 HH&PH 40; 02/12/97 MT 20
Loggerhead Shrike	02/04/97 HH&PH 2
European Starling	01/29/97 PH 3; 01/29/97 WHS 5; 02/04/97 HH&PH 12
Yellow-rumped Warbler	01/29/97 PH 7; 01/29/97 JI 15; 01/29/97 WHS 74; 02/01/97 JI 30; 02/05/97 AB 7; 02/16/97 HH&PH 2; 02/16/97 S&EH 5
Pine Warbler	01/26/97 HHo 1; 02/16/97 S&EH 2
Northern Cardinal	01/19/97 DR 9; 01/21/97 HHo 6; 01/29/97 WHS 2; 01/29/97 PH 8; 02/01/97 JI 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 35; 02/05/97 AB 2; 02/12/97 MT 4
Chipping Sparrow	01/21/97 HHo 6; 01/29/97 PH 2; 02/04/97 HH&PH 4
Field Sparrow	02/04/97 HH&PH 4
Vesper Sparrow	02/03/97 HHo 2
Savannah Sparrow	02/04/97 HH&PH 3
Song Sparrow	01/29/97 PH 2; 02/04/97 HH&PH 2
White-throated Sparrow	01/19/97 DR 4; 01/26/97 HHo 2; 01/29/97 PH 2; 02/04/97 HH&PH 10; 02/05/97 AB 3
White-crowned Sparrow	01/29/97 PH 5; 02/04/97 HH&PH 8; 02/16/97 HH&PH 6
Dark-eyed Junco	01/26/97 HHo 3; 01/29/97 PH 5; 01/30/97 WHS 6; 02/05/97 AB 10; 02/12/97 MT 14
Red-winged Blackbird	01/29/97 PH 2; 02/01/97 JI 8; 02/04/97 HH&PH 80; 02/11/97 JI,HH&PH 1000; 02/12/97 MT 2
Eastern Meadowlark	01/21/97 HHo 1; 01/29/97 PH 32; 01/29/97 WHS 4; 02/04/97 HH&PH 40; 02/11/97 JI,HH&PH 4; 02/16/97 HH&PH 45
Brewer's Blackbird	01/19/97 DR 2
Common Grackle	01/19/97 DR 14; 01/29/97 WHS 5; 01/30/97 WHS 3; 02/01/97 JI 5
Brown-headed Cowbird	01/29/97 PH 9; 02/04/97 HH&PH 100; 02/12/97 MT 20
Purple Finch	02/03/97 HHo 1; 02/04/97 HH&PH 1
House Finch	02/03/97 HHo 12; 02/05/97 AB 15; 02/12/97 MT 12
Pine Siskin	01/20/97 BW 2; 02/03/97 HHo 2; 02/13/97 BW 1
American Goldfinch	01/19/97 DR 1; 01/29/97 WHS 2; 01/29/97 PH 19; 01/30/97 WHS 1; 02/03/97 HHo 25; 02/04/97 HH&PH 150; 02/05/97 AB 13; 02/12/97 MT 60; 02/16/97 HH&PH 90
House Sparrow	01/29/97 WHS 3; 01/29/97 PH 2; 01/30/97 WHS 9; 02/01/97 JI 2; 02/05/97 AB 12; 02/16/97 HH&PH 2

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