

SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE STUDY

BIRD GROUP

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Tuesday
Oct. 28
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study Bird Group will be held at the L.S.U. Life Sciences Museum, 8015 St. Vincent Avenue, Shreveport. Paul Dickson will present a program entitled "Discovering Birds 'Right in Your Own Backyard'". The talk will focus on quick and easy identification of birds using habitat and behavioural cues to guide identification. There will be tips for beginning birders as well as "brush-ups" for the more experienced birders. Study skins and slides will be used.

Saturday
Nov. 1
1:00 PM

A birding field trip will be conducted along the Red River. The meeting place will be the parking lot on the Clyde Fant Parkway located in the median strip just north of the Fant-Stoner Avenue intersection. Depending upon the turnout groups of 2 to 5 individuals will bird different sections of this urban riverine habitat. All birders are welcome.

BIRD ALERT

A Bird Alert service has been established and will be operating on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings after 5:00 PM. The recorder is located in the L.S.U. Life Sciences Museum, 226-7174. Interesting recent bird findings will be recorded. Messages detailing noteworthy bird sightings can be left on the recorder at the times noted above.

SEED CO-OP

Bird seed will be sold at regular meetings at the L.S.U. Life Sciences Museum. Currently millet is selling for 10 lbs. at \$2.00 and sunflower seed at 45¢/lb. Other seeds such as niger and milo will also be available.

BIRD NOTES

(15 Sept. to 15 Oct.)

The reporting period was warm and humid with one modest cold front arriving 11 October. Pied-bill grebes were seen by numerous observers with a pair seen on Noyes Lake by VG. Four white pelicans were seen at Caddo Lake Oct. 10 along with d.c. cormorants and coots (LR). The latter two species were seen on Cross Lake as well, in addition to an early sighting of a small group of ruddy ducks (HJ and PD). Cattle egrets were still in residence (i.R and SK) as well as first and second-year white ibises at

Dickson's (PD). Roseate spoonbill and wood stork were being seen along the Red River from Elm Grove to Ninock the week of Sept. 28 (HJ and PD). An osprey was seen over Caddo Lake by LR. An herring gull at Cross Lake (Oct. 14) by HJ and PD was an early arrival whereas HJ was still feeding an adult male ruby-throated hummingbird on Oct. 10 along with some females. Scissor-tailed flycatchers were still abundant (SK); there was one western kingbird seen (PD). VG reports a common yellow-throat and house wren in the backyard and PD found one sedge wren. CF had pine warblers feeding with Eastern bluebirds and LR noted the first ruby-crowned kinglet at Walter Jacobs Park on Oct. 16. Observers: Paul Dickson, Carol Foster, Vera Grubbs, Horace Jeter, Steve Klotz and Larry Raymond.