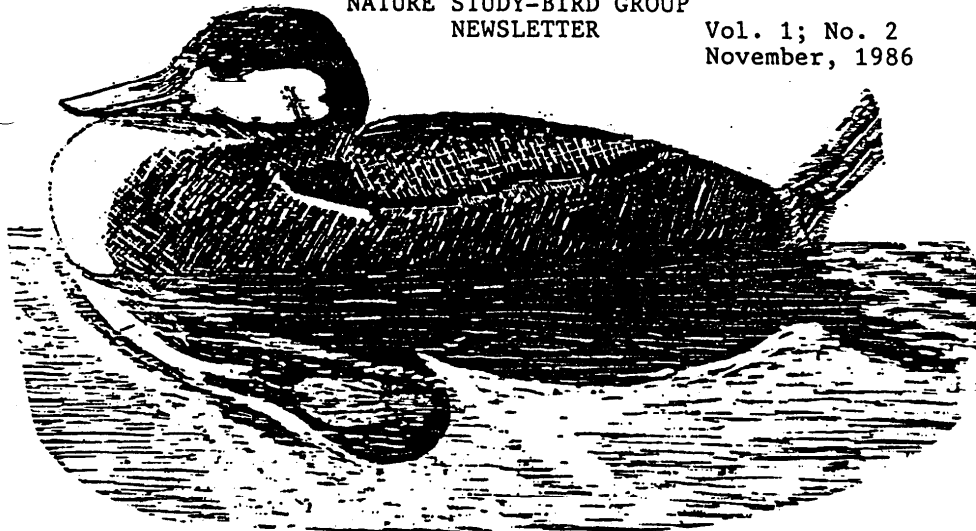


SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR
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Tuesday The regular meeting of the Shreveport
Dec. 9 Society for Nature Study-Bird Group will
7:00 PM be held at the L.S.U. Life Sciences
 Museum, 8015 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport.
 (1) Larry Raymond will present a talk
 entitled: "We Care About Eagles". This
 is a slide program originally sponsored
 by the National Wildlife Federation.
 Several species of eagles will be discus-
 sed in addition to the bald and golden
 eagle.
 (2) Noel Perkins will inform us of
 members' favorite local birding spots.
 Send her a note or call before the meeting
 to give her details of your choice:
 1033 Willow Drive, Shreveport, 71118 or
 687-4163.
 (3) Paul Dickson will provide an update
 concerning the establishment of a new
 (additional) Christmas Bird Count area

which is designed to encompass more rural areas south and east of Shreveport and to provide more count areas in order to accommodate new birdwatchers.

The seed co-op will be open following the meeting.

November Field Trip

About 25 birders showed for the field trip of November 1 along the Red River. About 30 species were seen all told, along with numerous dirt bikes. A catbird was heard calling by several individuals, but was not seen. Mac Hardy had mist nets in several locations which yielded meadowlarks, cardinals, Carolina chickadees and 1 Carolina wren.

Bird Banding

Mac Hardy is planning to set out mist nets along the Red River on the late afternoon of Sunday, December 7. Anyone interested in helping band captives is encouraged to give him a call at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences.

Bird Notes

(15 October to 15 November)

WJP: Walter Jacobs Park; CL: Cross Lake; M: Missionary, Louisiana; DF: Dickson's farm.

Bufflehead, ring-necked ducks and hooded mergansers are present at DF; about 20 snow geese were seen south of CL on Nov. 8 (SK); raptors were especially common during this period with a considerable influx of red-tailed hawks and kestrels; there were no Harlan's hawks noted as of yet; Cooper's hawks have been observed at DF and at CL Nov. 9 (SK); a close-up view of an unsuccessful attack of a male

sharp-shinned hawk on an eastern phoebe was had by HJ and SK at M Oct. 19; bald eagles have returned to CL; VG's source spotted 3 adults and 2 immatures on 5 Nov; 1 was seen on South Lakeshore 10 Nov. (SK). Numerous ring-billed gulls are feeding at the Bossier wastewater treatment plant but not in the numbers seen last year (SK). Three horned larks were seen at M along with a winter wren (HJ). PD was seeing sedge wrens up to 7 Nov.; The earliest report of a golden-crowned kinglet was 31 Oct. and LR reports that they are more numerous this year at WJP than in previous years. JM reported the earliest sighting of pine siskins seen on the Old Dixie Road on 26 Oct.; Lincoln's, white-crowned, and white-throated sparrows were present at M on 19 Oct.; JM noted 4 barn swallows and about 150 tree swallows on the old Dixie Rd. area as late as 5 Nov.

If you are out birding, jot down any interesting findings and send to Steve Klotz, 8028 Cardigan Way, Shreveport, 71129 before the 20th of the month.

PD: Paul Dickson; HJ: Horace Jeter; VG: Vera Grubbs;
SK: Steve Klotz; JM: John McBride; LR: Larry Raymond