



SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE

STUDY

BIRD GROUP

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Operating a Bird Alert service:
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
evenings after 5:00 PM 226-
7174 and a Seed Co-op at the
L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences.

Tuesday
Jan. 13
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study Bird Group will be held at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences, 8015 St. Vincent Avenue, Shreveport. There will be informal summaries of the two local Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) by the compilers, Horace Jeter and Paul Dickson. After this, several officers need to be appointed to serve as co-chairmen (women) for a years tenure. This is necessary in order to set up the monthly agendas, bird trips, etc.

Saturday
Jan. 3

The Shreveport CBC will be conducted on January 3. This is the longest-running consecutive CBC in the state. Usually 100 ± 5 total species are seen on the CBC. Results of the CBC and the participating observers are published in a special edition of American Birds. The compiler is Horace Jeter.

Saturday
Jan. 10

An informal "rehearsal" of a newly proposed CBC area will be conducted. This was discussed in detail at the last meeting by Paul Dickson. The proposed area will encompass a long stretch of the Red River, the Elm Grove area, and Lake Bisteneau. The purpose is twofold: to provide more rural terrain in the CBC and to accommodate individuals unable to take part in the Shreveport CBC. This will be an informal count and the results will not be published in American Birds. The compiler is Paul Dickson who should be contacted by any interested persons wishing to participate.

BIRD NOTES
(15 November to 15 December)

Most of the weekends were either cold or wet which may account for the paucity of bird findings this month. Two horned grebes were recently spotted on Cross Lake by James Stewart. This species was present on last year's CBC. Large numbers of mallards,

gadwall, ruddy duck, wood duck, coot and double-crested cormorant are readily observable from the Cross Lake shoreline. Noteworthy raptors included a Harlan's red-tailed hawk along Highway 71 south of Bossier (PD) and Yearwood Road (N and JP) and a Kr ider's red-tailed again along Highway 71 (PD). N and JP observed a immature bald eagle also in the vicinity of Yearwood Road. A vermilion flycatcher has been seen on two separate occasions during the last month at Dickson's farm. If it is seen with any regularity or its territory discovered, PD will call it into the Bird Alert. LR noted a roadrunner off Blanchard Road--this bird has been absent from recent CBCs. The usual numbers of juncos and cedar waxwings seem to be in residence. There was no mention of towhees or Harris sparrows during the month. Evening grosbeaks are present at feeders in Minden. HJ had at least one Lapland longspur at Missionary, Dec. 14. Observers: Paul Dickson, Horace Jeter, Steve Klotz, Noel and Jeff Perkins, and Larry Raymond.

Mailing Notice: Over 50 separate individuals requested and were mailed a Newsletter last month. If you are aware of persons interested in receiving the newsletter have them contact Dr. Hardy at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences where the directory is being maintained.