



SHREVEPORT SOCIETY

FOR

NATURE STUDY

BIRD GROUP

NEWSLETTER

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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.

Dues for the Bird Group will
not be collected until Fall,
if you are receiving this News-
letter for the first time or
know of someone who wants to
receive it, please phone the
L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences
and place the name on the
mailing directory.

MEETINGS:

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 10
7:00 PM

The monthly 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. Laurence Hardy will give a program on the ornithology-related activities and facilities of the Museum including the field mount specimen collection and data collection activities on local birds.

TUESDAY
MARCH 10
7:00 PM

A program on the spring migrants in the Caddo-Bossier area--what they are and where to find them. Emphasis to be placed on warblers.

FIELD TRIPS

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 14
8:30 AM

Bob Hauser, a local falconer, will demonstrate the skill of his two Harris hawks in the field. Although originally described by Audubon from a specimen secured in Louisiana, this hawk is native to arid and semi-arid regions of the Southwest. Meeting place is the Walter Jacobs Nature Park; the coordinator is Larry Raymond. Note the time.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 28
9:00 AM

A field trip is planned to bird the Cross Lake shoreline in caravan-style. Field scopes will be available. Anticipated species will be canvasback, bufflehead, various puddle ducks, up to 3 gull species, bald eagle, LeConte's sparrow, and with luck, mergansers, grebes or a loon. Coordinators: Clyde Massey and Steve Klotz. The meeting place will be at the City Marina off South Lakeshore Drive near Ford Park. We will start around the fish ponds near the deer cages.

SATURDAY
MARCH 14

A field trip to Millwood Lake in Arkansas for water birds. More details in the next Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

The Shreveport CBC was conducted on Saturday, 3 January 1987 in driving rain and drizzle. There were 22 participants who saw a total of 94 species representing 31,230 individuals. Noteworthy sightings included: common loon, horned grebe, red-breasted merganser, Bonaparte's gull, 6 bald eagles, Cooper's hawk, sedge wren, solitary vireo, and a number of LeConte's sparrows.

The South Bossier CBC was conducted on Saturday, 10 January 1987 in gale force winds. Ninety-one species were tallied. Species not seen on the Shreveport count were osprey, Harlan's hawk, a black phase Western red-tailed hawk, horned lark, water pipit, catbird, Lapland longspur and vesper sparrow.

NOTE

Officers for the Bird Group were elected by acclamation at the January meeting. They will serve for 1 year. These included: Larry Raymond, President; Noel Perkins, Secretary; and Betty Mason, Treasurer. A Program Committee was also established to include: Marilyn Kirkus, Noel Perkins, Clyde Massey, and John McBride. Suggestions (which are solicited from all) concerning meeting topics or field trips and activities should be directed to a member of the Program Committee.