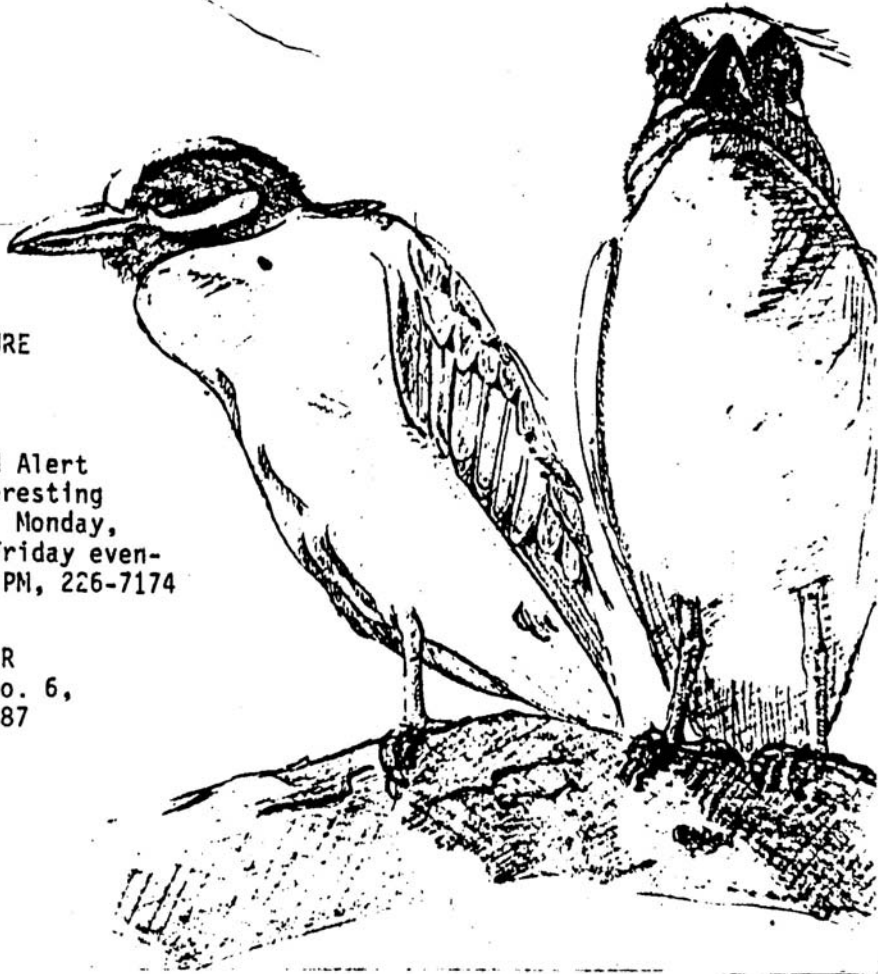


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MEETINGS:

Tuesday  
April 14  
7:00 PM  
to  
8:00 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. Pat Sewell will present a talk on shorebirds. The program will include the speaker's own slides taken in Louisiana. The photography promises to be exceptional.

FIELD OUTINGS:

Saturday  
April 12  
8:00 AM  
to  
Noon

A bird banding outing to Walter Jacobs Park is planned with Laurence Hardy as leader. This will be a followup of a similar outing on March 21 in the same area. Expected are several species of migrant warblers, thrushes, and fringillids. Call L. Hardy at 226-7174 to confirm the time and meeting place.

Saturday-  
Sunday  
April 25-26

The annual Louisiana Ornithological Society spring meeting and field trip to Cameron, LA. For further information about the birding and transportation, call the Bird Alert Service, 226-7174.

RECENT OUTINGS:

A field trip around Cross Lake on a blustery Saturday morning (February 28) was attended by about 25 persons. Forty-four species of birds were seen at or between 5 stops. Noteworthy sightings included: Spotted Sandpiper; numerous Bald Eagles, immature and adult (10?); good views of feeding Buffleheads; too numerous to count LeConte's Sparrows; Sedge Wren; and a Cooper's Hawk.

Eight persons birded the dam and the adjacent campsites at Millwood Lake, Arkansas with Clyde Massey on March 14. The weather was perfect from a human standpoint. Thirty-five species were seen with especially good looks at a Greater Scaup and a Common Goldeneye drake in courtship display with several ducks.

## MONTHLY BIRD NOTES

PD reports Blue-winged Teal at his residence; Woodcock were last seen displaying Mar. 8 (SK); raptors received a lot of attention this past month: a Cooper's Hawk at Walter Jacobs Park on Mar 18 (LR); two separate Screech Owl sightings in urban bird houses with easy access for viewing (call Bird Alert for details); a Barred Owl has been incubating since Mar 1 in a nest occupied the last 2 years by Red-shouldered Hawks (SK), A. C. Bent states that eggs of both birds can be found in the same nest simultaneously and occupancy of the nest in alternate years by hawk and owl is not uncommon; the Vermillion Flycatcher at PDs was last seen Mar. 7 and Evening Grosbeaks were last seen Mar. 8 (PD); numerous Pine Siskins are feeding at WJP (LR and HJ); and Black and White Warblers were heard and seen at WJP, Mar. 15 (HJ); PD spotted returning Yellow-crowned Night Herons on Mar. 15, whereas 6 pairs were in advanced stages of nest building, but not incubating at the Veterans Hospital heronry on Mar. 16 (SK); HJ believes his latest escaped psittacine to be a Plum-headed Parakeet.

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