



SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR

NATURE STUDY

BIRD GROUP

NEWSLETTER

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Operating a Bird Alert Service for interesting bird sightings Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings after 5:00 PM, 226-7174; and a Seed Coop at L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences.

MEETINGS:

Tuesday
May 12
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. Horace Jeter will present a program on keeping personal field records and also information about the current system for recording noteworthy bird findings in Louisiana. Following this, Larry Raymond will give a brief description of the nesting bird record system.

Tuesday
June 9

The planned program for the June, 1987 meeting is a presentation on racing homers by Micheal Monsour.

FIELD TRIPS:

Saturday
May 2
"Big Day"

An all day outing at Paul Dickson's farm. This will be during the passage of many warblers and other migrants through the area (see Monthly Bird Notes for recent sightings at PD's). Diverse habitats are present on the farm for birding. Paul will be providing crawfish and tea. Those planning to attend should call Sandra Sewell at 865-0393 to inform her of what food each attendee will be bringing (in addition to that provided by the host). Of course, everyone is free to leave or arrive at any time but a caravan will be forming at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences at 5:00 AM to leave for Dickson's. Otherwise, go about 20 miles South on Hiway 71 from Bossier City to Hiway 4, at which point turn left (West) and go 4.5 miles to Loggy Bayou Plantation (on lefthand side) and proceed to the first house on the right.

Saturday
May 23
8:00 AM
to
NOON

A field trip with the purpose of observing nesting herons and egrets. Meet at the main parking lot of the V.A. Hospital at 8:00 AM (where adult and young Yellow Crowned Night Herons are to be found). The next planned stop will be on South Lakeshore Drive for Cattle Egrets. The latter spot is best seen by boat which hopefully will be available. Leader: Steve Klotz.

Bluebird Houses

Many attendees at the last monthly meeting were thankful to E.C. Kelly who gave bluebird houses away for the asking. Bluebirds are presently feeding young of the first brood in many areas.

MONTHLY BIRD NOTES
(15 March-15 April)

Returning migrants received most of the attention this past month. Cattle Egrets were seen 4-11 (SK); American Bitterns, as many as 4 at a time were being seen at PD's since 4-11 along with Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, Solitary, Pectoral, Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers throughout the month of April (PD); Wood Duck with young were seen 4-6 (N&JP); Broad-winged Hawks were spotted 3-29 (SK,HJ); among the passerines: Northern Parula on 4-11 (LR); Worm-eating, Prairie, and Hooded Warbler on 4-11 (PD); Louisiana Waterthrush, Yellow-throated and White-eyed Vireos on 3-29 (SK,HJ); Chimney Swift, 3-22 (N&JP); Barn Swallow, 3-20 (SK); Eastern Kingbird 4-8 (SK); Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, 4-5 (N&JP); Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were noted 4-11 (LR); PD relates that the recent frost caused the death of nestling Carolina Wrens that he has been monitoring but did not disrupt incubation (or success) in another nest; Carolina Wrens were laying on 4-11 (PD); nesting Ringed Turtle Doves were seen by many in the city after a Bird Alert.

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