



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 the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences.

MEETINGS:

Tuesday
June 9
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. Micheal Monsour will present a program on racing homer pigeons.

This should be an interesting topic to many, especially when one considers that over fifty years of intensive research have failed to reveal how homing pigeons orientate. Recent theories have invoked the use of olfaction in homing or orientation by geomagnetism.

FIELD TRIPS:

Saturday
June 20
8:00 AM
to
NOON

A field trip with special attention to the beginning birders. Meet at the largest picnic pavilion in Bickham Dickson Park (near the swings and jungle jim). This will be a leisurely walk through open fields and along the shoreline.

Recent Outing

About 25 individuals birded the Paul Dickson estate on May 2. Boiled crawfish was enjoyed by all at a noon break. A preliminary count recorded 84 species. Interesting sightings included: a female hooded merganser with young (an uncommon record for the state); numerous American bitterns and sora rails. Warblers sighted included: prairie warblers and Louisiana waterthrush; both scarlet and summer tanagers were also seen.

Tape Machine

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**List of Birds Recorded at Paul Dickson's Farm
May 2, 1987**

Pied-billed Grebe, Anhinga, American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Northern Bobwhite, Sora,
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