

SHREVEPORT SOCIETY FOR NATURE STUDY

NEWSLETTER

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Operating a Bird Alert Service: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings after 5:00 PM, 226-7174; also selling thistle, sunflower and mixed bird seeds as well as bird feeders at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences.

MEETINGS:

Tuesday  
June 14  
7:00 PM

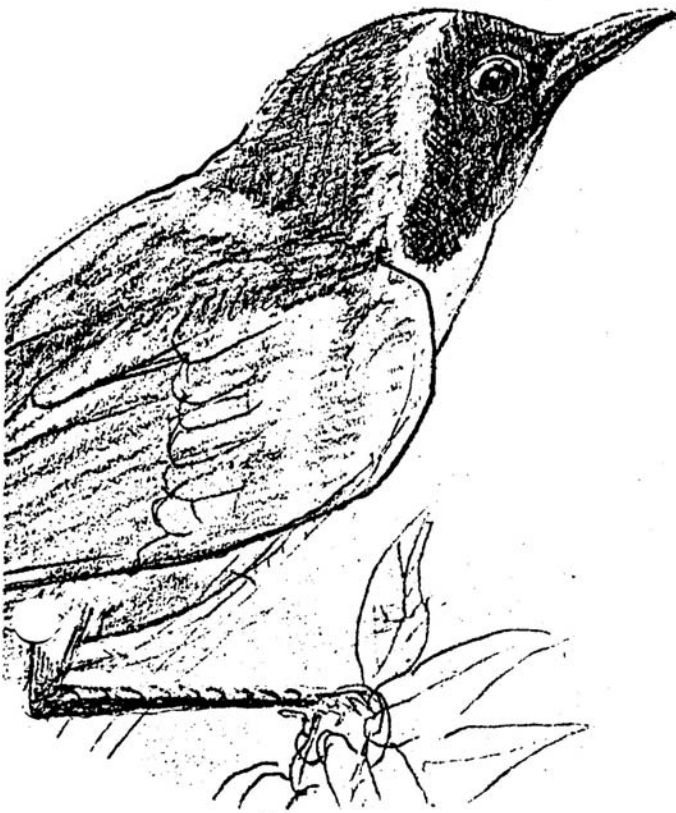
The monthly meeting of the Shreveport Society for Nature Study--Bird Group will be held at the L.S.U. Museum of Life Sciences, 8015 St. Vincent Avenue, Shreveport. The program will be given by Marilyn Kircus which will include videotapes of the "Wildlife of the Ouachitas".

FIELD TRIP:

Saturday, June 18: Meet at Bickham Dickson Park at 8:00 AM at the horse stables. The recently placed bird boxes will be checked as well as birding the park. Leader: Noel Perkins.

BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, June 28: Meets at 7:00 PM at the Museum.



PAST FIELD TRIP:

May 7 at the Dickson's farm 90 species were seen. An adult female Hooded Merganser was seen as well as a late Hermit Thrush, and Common Snipe. Seven species of heron were seen, Sora, 4 vireos, and 12 warbler species including Prairie Warbler.

BIRD NOTES  
(May 1988)

Double-crested Cormorant, Blue-winged Teal, Sora, and Purple Gallinule were seen by PD on his farm, 5-22; Mississippi Kites are nesting at JMcC; Red-tailed and Cooper's Hawks have been conspicuous throughout the month at the farm of HH; Black Vultures were incubating eggs at the Garland Scout Ranch on 5-15 (SK) and 27 were seen at Ellerbe Rd. on the same date (VLG&PL); JMcC also has fledgling Barred and Screech Owls in his yard; B-bCuckoo was seen by JMcB 5-9 at FB; Olive-sided Flycatcher, 5-24 by JMcB at FB along with a Western Kingbird; a Willow Flycatcher 5-22; HJ had a Least Flycatcher in his yard 5-26; Cliff Swallows were seen on Old Dixie Road 5-15 (JMcB); Grey-cheeked Thrush 5-15 thru 5-21 at HJ's; Swainson's Thrush 4-30 (SK); Blackburnian Warbler 5-3, Ovenbird 5-11, Canada Warbler 5-11 (all FB by JMcB); Magnolia Warbler 5-1 (SK); nesting Prothonotary (CF); Mourning Warbler 5-27 (HJ) as well as Yellow Warbler; Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were particularly common (AE,SK) in the early part of the month; SH and VLG report Bobolinks at Yearwood Rd. on 5-12; JMcB had late Pine Siskin and American Goldfinch at his feeders 5-4; BW had Kentucky and Nashville Warblers 5-3 and 5-4 respectively at Stonewall.

Reporting: Paul Dickson, Anne Elston, Carole Foster, Vera Lee Grubbs, Shirley Huss, Horace Jeter, Steve Klotz, Pat Lonnecker, James McCain, John McBride, Larry Raymond, Hubert Hervey.  
FB: Fitzgerald's Batture

## Things to Submit to the Ark-La-Tex Card File

Preprinted 3x5 inch data cards are available at the Museum for documenting bird sightings. We will be particularly interested in:

1. Arrival and Departure Dates. Please fill out a card on the first day you see a migratory species, even if you know someone else has seen it before you have. Also note the last day you see each species. (A field journal is almost essential to prevent errors in memory.)

2. Courtship and Nesting Behavior. Try to describe the behavior or the stage of nesting, as well as the nest position and general habitat.

3. Sightings of Endangered and Threatened Species. These include Wood Stork, Least and American Bitterns, Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle, Piping Plover, Least Tern, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and Bachman's Warbler.

4. Species of Special Concern. This arbitrary category covers those species whose status changing, whose arrival is relatively recent, whose occurrence is irregular, or which are poorly known: Mississippi Kite, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks, Osprey, Blackbilled Cuckoo, Greater Roadrunner, Whip-poor-will, Pileated, Red-headed and Hairy Woodpeckers, Olive-sided Flycatcher, all Empidonax species except Acadian Flycatchers, White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches, Bewick's Wren, Warbling Vireo and Evening Grosbeak.

5. Species considered rare in your area.

6. Exceptional concentrations of common species. If possible, give reason for concentration.

General and specific habitats (and exact location) should be noted as often as possible. Details should be written on any species which is rare, out of season, or easily confused with another species. If doubt exists about whether to submit a record, submit it! The file can never contain too much information. This is intended as a local source of detailed information on all species. The file is kept at the Museum of Life Sciences. Entries from N.W. Louisiana, S.W. Arkansas, N.E. Texas and S.E. Oklahoma are solicited.