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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

MEETINGS:

Tuesday
October 13, 1987
7:00 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. The program will be given by Laurence Hardy. Mac will present slides of his summer field trip to Kenya where he improved his life list by better than 100 species in addition to accomplishing his task of studying and collecting reptiles.

FIELD TRIPS:

October

The Louisiana Ornithological Society Fall meeting will be held at Cameron, LA. October 24 and 25.

Therefore, there will be no organized field trip sponsored by the Bird Group during the month of October.

OFFICERS

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Shreyeport Society for Nature Study-Bird Group (1987-1988) were elected at the September 8, meeting and are the following: Board of Directors: Paul Dickson, Anne Elston, Bill Hall, Laurence Hardy, Shirley Huss, Susan Keener, Marilyn Kirkus, Steve Klotz, Pat Lonneckner, Betty Mason, Brad McPherson, Jeff Perkins, Noel Perkins, Larry Raymond, and Bobbe Wommack. The officers are: President, Noel Perkins; Vice-Presidents, Laurence Hardy and Brad McPherson; Secretary, Anne Elston; and Treasurer, Betty Mason.

Project Feeder Watch

The Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, is seeking volunteers to participate in a new bird survey-Project Feeder Watch. Beginning in November of this year, volunteers will be recording birds that visit their feeders on one or two days each week through March. To participate, volunteers will have to fill out a registration card and pay a \$7.00 registration fee. You must also be able to identify the birds that normally come to your feeders, and you must be able to watch your feeders for several hours on each count day. Sightings will be recorded on simple computer forms and sent to the Laboratory of Ornithology for analysis. For more information, or if you wish to participate, write Erica Dunn, Coordinator, Project Feeder Watch, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University,

Sapsucker Woods, Ithaca, NY, 14850 (607: 255-4999).

September Field Trip

Seven members traveled to Millwood Lake Arkansas Saturday, September 26. Noteworthy sightings included: several Osprey catching fish; a Piping Plover, two Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Franklin's Gull, and a Western Grebe.

Bird Notes (September, 1987)

Approximately 400 White Pelicans were seen alighting on the Red River 9/22 (JM); 13 Anhingas were soaring over Cross Lake 9/18 (JM) and a pair over Wallace Lake 9/19 (HJ, SK) as well as several Green-backed Herons and juvenile White Ibis; four Canada Geese were seen on the Red River on 9/6 (SK,HJ), undoubtedly released birds; Blue-winged Teal at Cross Lake 9/18 (JM) and at PD's farm as well as Pintail (PD); an Osprey was seen at Caddo Lake 9/20 by (JRM); Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks by PD and JM as well as kettles of migrating Broad-winged Hawks (about 100) over the Broad-moor area the evening of 9/23 (SK); 15 Semipalmated, 2 Western and Least Sandpipers were feeding on a Red River sandbar 9/6 along with Spotted Sandpipers (HJ,SK); 2 Caspian Terns on Cross Lake 9/18 (JM); Tree Swallows along Red River 9/19 (JM) as well as V.A. Hospital 9/25 (SK); Cliff and Bank Swallows were also noted by JM; Warblers were represented by Black-throated Green (LR,WJ,PD), Wilson's, Nashville, Yellow (JM), Northern Waterthrush at Wallace Lake (PD,HJ), Common Yellowthroat (HJ, JM, LR,WJ) and Mourning and Canada Warblers 9/11 and 9/9, respectively (JM); Baltimore Orioles and Gray Catbirds were conspicuous in many areas through the early part of the month; Empidonax spp. were found in riparian habitat 9/6 to 9/19 (HJ SK, JM) as well as a House Wren 9/22 (JM).

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