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Operating a Bird Alert Service:
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
evenings after 5:00 PM, 226-
7174; a Seed Co-op and Bird
Feeder Sale at the L.S.U.
Museum of Life Sciences

MEETINGS:

Tuesday
February 9
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 Bill Wood on
the Attwater Prairie Chicken, a
subspecies of the Greater Prairie
Chicken. A handsome print of a
booming male was presented to the
Museum at the last meeting by Bill.

FIELD TRIPS:

Saturday
February 27
7:00 AM

Cypress Nature Center in Bossier Parish.
Meet at the Museum at 7:00 AM. Mixed
woodland and shoreline habitat are
predominant in the park. Check Bird
Alert Service for further particulars
the week of the trip.

PAST FIELD TRIPS:

January 30 and 31: The following species were seen during the recent Louisiana Ornithological Society excursion to the Shreveport-Bossier area. Locations for sightings are symbolized by the following: B, Blanchard area; XL, Cross Lake; SC, South Caddo Parish; YR, Yearwood Road area; and LB, Loggy Bayou Wildlife Refuge.

Pied-billed Grebe, B, SC; D-c Cormorant, B, XL, SC, YR; G. Blue Heron, B,XL,SC,YR,LB; Great Egret,B,LB; Snow Goose (white), YR; Mallard, B,XL,SC,YR; Gadwall,B; N. Pintail, YR; N. Shoveller, B; Wood Duck, B, XL,SC,YR,LB; Ring-necked Duck, B,SC; Canvasback, B,XL; Bufflehead, B, XL; Ruddy Duck, B,XL; Hooded Merganser, B; Turkey Vulture, all areas; Black Vulture, B,SC; S-shinned Hawk, B,XL,LB; R-tailed Hawk,B,SC,YR, LB; HARLAN'S, YR; R-shouldered Hawk, B,XL,YR; Bald Eagle, B,XL; N. Harrier, B,SC,YR,LB; MERLIN, YR; A. Kestrel,B,SC,YR,LB; A. Coot, B,XL; Killdeer,B,SC,YR,LB; C. Snipe,B,SC,YR; Herring Gull,XL,SC; Ring-billed Gull,B,XL,SC; Bonaparte's Gull,XL,LB; Rock Dove,all areas; Mourning Dove,all areas; G. Horned Owl,YR; Barred Owl,B,YR; Belted Kingfisher, B,XL,SC; C. Flicker,all areas;Pileated Woodpecker,SC,YR; R-bellied Woodpecker,B,SC,YR,LB; R-headed Woodpecker,B; Y-bellied Sapsucker,B, SC,YR,LB; Hairy Woodpecker, SC,LB; Downy Woodpecker,B,SC,YR,L; E. Phoebe,B,SC,YR,LB; Horned Lark,SC,YR,LB; Blue Jay,all areas; C. Crow, all areas; Fish Crow,SC,LB; C. Chickadee,B,SC,YR,LB;T. Titmouse,B,SC, YR,LB; W-breasted Nuthatch,B; Brown Creeper,B,SC; House Wren,SC,LB; Bewick's Wren,LB; C. Wren,B,SC,YR,LB; N. Mockingbird,B,SC,YR,LB; Brown Thrasher,B,SC,YR,LB; A. Robin,all areas; Hermit Thrush,B,SC,YR,LB; E. Bluebird,B,SC,YR,LB; Golden-crowned Kinglet,B,SC; Ruby-c. Kinglet,B,SC, YR,LB; Water Pipit,SC,YR,LB; Cedar Waxwing,all areas; Loggerhead Shrike, B,SC,YR,LB; E. Starling,B,SC,YR,LB; Orange-crowned Warbler,B; Pine Warbler,B,SC; Myrtle Warbler,B,SC,YR,LB; House Sparrow,all areas; E. Meadowlark,B,SC,YR,LB; R-w Blackbird,all areas; Rusty Blackbird,B,SC,YR; Brewer's Blackbird,YR; C. Grackle,all areas; B-headed Cowbird,B,SC,YR,LB; N. Cardinal,B,YR,LB; Purple Finch,B; Pine Siskin,B; A. Goldfinch,B,SC,

YR, LB; Rufous-s. Towhee, B, SC, LB; Savannah Sparrow, SC, YR, LB; Vesper Sparrow, SC, YR; Slate-c. Junco, B, SC, LB; Chipping Sparrow, YR; Field Sparrow, B, SC, LB; White-c. Sparrow, SC, YR, LB; White-throated Sparrow, B, SC, YR, LB; Fox Sparrow, B, SC, YR, LB; Swamp Sparrow, B, LB; Song Sparrow, B, SC, YR, LB; and Lapland Longspur, YR.

Bird Notes
(January)

The only notable weather during the month was the recent ice storm which did not change the avifauna to any remarkable extent. Both white and blue phase Snow Geese are still being seen at Yearwood Road (VLG&SH, 1-23); JMcB reported numerous Wood Duck along with 2 Green-winged Teal, 2 Northern Shovellers and an American Coot on 1-14 along the Red River; Hooded Mergansers continue to be seen at the catfish ponds on Hiway 71 (1-17, 1-24; JMcB, SK); Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk remains on its winter territory at the Bonnie Bend Pltn (VLG&SH, 1-23) along with Northern Harriers; LR reports a mature Bald Eagle on Caddo Lake; JMcC reports a Great Horned Owl at his home; 3 Fish Crow were seen 1-27 at George Rd. by JMcB and a group of 26 by SK and HJ 1-10 at the Agricultural Station; Rusty Blackbirds were sighted at the catfish ponds on Hiway 71 on 1-17, 1-24 by SK and JMcB who also reported more than 200 on George Rd., 1-14; Brewer's Blackbirds along with Western Meadowlark were present on the Agricultural Station 1-10 (SK&HJ); a first-year male SUMMER TANAGER remains at a feeder in Broadmoor; there was a general movement to feeders during the ice storm by Fox Sparrows (W, AE, JMcB) as well as a lone sighting of an EVENING GROSBEAK on 1-10 by JMcC; Goldfinches remain in large numbers (HH) and 1 albino was spotted by JMcB; Lapland Longspurs were present at the Agricultural Station (HJ&SK) and Yearwood Rd. (N&JP).

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