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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 9 May 1989, 7:00 PM
at the Museum. The speakers
will be Shirley Huss and Pat
Lonnecker who will present a
slide show and talk on the
beautiful birds of Costa
Rica.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, 11 May 1989, 7:00
PM at Steve Klotz' home, 256
Patton Ave. All members of
the Board of Directors
should be present.

**BIRD PRINTS AND
SERVICEBERRY TREES ARE
STILL AVAILABLE....**

MINUTES OF MARCH 30th BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order at Will Smolenski's home. Seven members present: Steve Klotz, Bob Duval, Mac Hardy, Shirley Huss, Vera Lee Grubbs, and Pat Lonnecker.

Will reported on the five Purple Martin houses placed around the city by the Bird Study Group: two at Bickham Dickson Park already have Martins; two at Barnwell Center, and one at the LSU Museum of Life Sciences [also with Martins]. He also stated that a check of the Bluebird houses installed last year at Bickham Dickson Park have Bluebirds flying in their vicinity.

Regarding the Survey enclosed in the February Newsletter: only seven replies have been filled out. Will suggested that they be handed out at the next meeting to be filled out and left at the door upon adjournment.

Discussion of events held on a yearly basis was held:

1. Bird Walk at Paul Dixon's Loggy Bayou farm in May.
2. Christmas Counts (not a actual function of our organization.)
3. Banding at Paul's home.
4. Beginning Bird Walks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Hearth & Home* is putting our notices on a bulletin board at their Shreve City location.

The Museum now has five video cassettes on bird species which can be checked out. There are also tapes of bird songs that may be checked out. Will can order tapes after he observes how big the demand for tapes is.

On April 25 at 2:00, the group will be represented by Will at a meeting in the Wheelless Auditorium of the Commercial National Bank. \$300,000 has been acquired to purchase land in Bodcau Bayou.

Harold Coates, builder of Purple

Martin houses, contacted Will about our having an exhibit table at a show he is participating in. This is on or about April 15th. Details at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: It was decided that one more mailing will go out to non-members, notifying them that this is their last issue. A phone survey will be started on non-members. Mac will have lists made up by next meeting. Mac has added 8-10 gratis names (Audubon Societies, etc.) to our mailing list who will continue to receive our newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: ABA had two prints commissioned by John O'Neal and William Zimmermann which they sold at \$35 or more. They have offered us left over prints at \$1.00 each; Mac has ordered 40 of these prints, with a bill of \$40.50. After discussion, we will sell these 18" x 20" prints of the Bachman Warbler and the Aplomado Falcon for \$5.00 each.

Pat Lonnecker will call Janet Meyers about the delivery of the Serviceberry trees we agreed to purchase.

Vera Lee Grubbs will call Board members before meetings to remind them of the time. The next Board meeting will be at Steve Klotz' home on Thursday, May 11, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF MARCH 14th MEETING

Meeting called to order by Steve Klotz. Members who had not returned the suggestion forms from the newsletter filled out their comments about future meetings and programs.

The Treasurer reported that after a large bill for seed, the balance stands at \$674.61.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Steve urged members to take home bird-sighting cards, to be filled with data concerning "every-day" birds, as

ell as unusual occurrences or behavior. These cards will form a large data base for future study of birds in this area.

Will Smolenski displayed a bluebird house built of treated plywood that is on sale in the Gift Shop for \$15.00. He will assemble the houses, which are made by Coates Manufacturing Co. of Bossier City.

Three door prizes were offered: a River Birch tree won by Mary Blackman, and two Dogwoods, won by Bill Wood and Vera Lee Grubbs.

The group is offering Serviceberry trees for sale for \$10. These trees will grow in full sun or shade, needing only good drainage and ample water. Birds known to feed on the Serviceberry include: American Goldfinch, American Robin, Blue Jay, Brown Thrasher, Cedar Waxwing, Dark-eyed Junco, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Phoebe, Evening Grosbeak, Grey Catbird, Hermit Thrush, Northern Flicker, Northern Mockingbird, Purple Finch, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Mac Hardy showed two large bird prints from the American Birding Association, on sale for \$5.00 each. Guests were introduced.

Brad McPherson gave a very interesting program on Fossil Birds. The meeting was adjourned.

WALLACE LAKE WALK

On April 22, Steve Klotz led a group of 14 birders on an outing for the beginning birder. The group saw 36 species (see Bird Notes) and fun was had by all.

VCR BIRD TAPES

The Museum has purchased the complete set of *Audubon Society's VideoGuide to Birds of North*

America:

Volume I -- Loons, grebes, pelicans, swans, geese, ducks, hawks, vultures, and galliform birds.

Volume II -- water birds.

Volume III -- pigeons, doves, cuckoos, owls, nighthawks, hummingbirds, swifts, trogons, kingfishers, and woodpeckers.

Volume IV -- flycatchers, larks, swallows, crows, jays, titmice, chickadees, nuthatches, creepers, wrens, thrushes, waxwings, shrikes, thrashers, and vireos.

Volume V -- warblers, orioles, blackbirds, tanagers, grosbeaks, finches, buntings, and sparrows.

These tapes may be checked out for individual use. Ask about them in the Museum office.

LAST ISSUE TO NON-PAID BIRDERS

This is the last issue of the Newsletter that will be sent to persons on the Bird Study Group mailing list who are not paid members of the Bird Study Group. This is also a complete issue; in the past non-paid persons received an incomplete issue. Remember the cost -- \$5.00 for a whole year (11 issues). This is possibly the best value for your birding dollar anywhere in the known universe.

One of the ways that you can help the Bird Study Group is by continuing to receive the newsletter -- as a paid member. Use the membership form in this newsletter and send in your membership payment now. If your mailing label shows an "N" after your name this is your last free issue. If your mailing label has a "P" after your name you are a paid member.

Pectoral Sandpiper		55							
Common Snipe		2,25	4	10		1		6	
Mourning Dove			2	2					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1					
Chuck-will 's-widow			1						
Chimney Swift							1	1	1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1					1			
Belted Kingfisher		1							
Red-headed Woodpecker				1					1
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1				1	1		
Pileated Woodpecker		1							
Great Crested Flycatcher						1		1	
Eastern Kingbird		1		1	1		1		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
Purple Martin		1			2				
Tree Swallow							1		
N. Rough-winged Swallow		1		1		1		1	
Barn Swallow		1		150					
Blue Jay		1			2		1		
American Crow		1						1	
Fish Crow							1		
Carolina Chickadee		1							
Tufted Titmouse		1							
Brown-headed Nuthatch		1							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1								
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								1	
Eastern Bluebird		1	1		1	3			
Veery									
Gray-cheeked Thrush								1	
American Robin					1	1			
Gray Catbird							1		
Northern Mockingbird		1			1	3			
Brown Thrasher		1							
Cedar Waxwing		1		12		1		1	12
Loggerhead Shrike					1	1			
European Starling		1			1				
White-eyed Vireo	1								
Solitary Vireo	1								
Warbling Vireo								1	
Red-eyed Vireo	1	1					1		
Tennessee Warbler									1
Chestnut-sided Warbler									
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	1					1	1	
Black-throated Green Warbler	1						1		
Yellow-throated Warbler	1								
Pine Warbler		1							
Prairie Warbler								2	
Palm Warbler		1							
Black-and-white Warbler	1								
Prothonotary Warbler			1				1	1	1
Yellow-breasted Chat									1
Summer Tanager						1	1		1
Northern Cardinal		1			3				
Blue Grosbeak					5		1		1
Indigo Bunting					12	1	1	1	1
Painted Bunting								2	
Dickcissel									1
Chipping Sparrow		1							
Lark Sparrow								1	1
Savannah Sparrow							1		1
Lincoln's Sparrow									1
White-throated Sparrow						5		1	
White-crowned Sparrow						25			
Red-winged Blackbird		1			12				
Eastern Meadowlark								1	
Common Grackle		1							
Orchard Oriole		1					1	1	1
Northern Oriole							1	1	1
American Goldfinch						2	1	1	1

