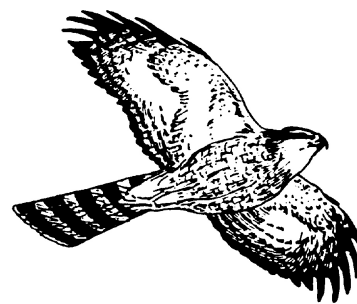


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Tallahassee Sojourn

Bob Sargent

Our second consecutive winter meeting was a splendid, colorful, soggy adventure. It most certainly featured something for every birder: peering into backyards for “painted” hummingbirds, a celebration of Swallow-tailed Kites and Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, enormous trees that actually made many of us forget about birds for a while (a brief while), the Curlew Sandpiper that wasn’t, the Henslow’s Sparrow that was, and huge rafts of ducks in the mist.

Seventy Georgians joined several like-minded Floridians for a weekend in the Red Hills region of northwestern Florida and southwestern Georgia in late January. The hotel and its staff were exceptional, the birding was better than that, and our Florida friends were nothing short of terrific – doing their utmost (and succeeding) to create a memorable weekend for their visitors from the north.

We started off this adventure with something un-

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2006 Pinewoods Bird Festival

April 7-8, 2006

Pebble Hill Plantation, Thomasville, Georgia
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GOS Spring Meeting

April 28-30, 2006, Kennesaw, Georgia
(see page 4)

usual for one of our meetings – a Friday afternoon field trip, in this case to the Springhill sewage treatment facility. Only birders would understand . . . Anyway, the holding ponds were filled with dabbling and diving ducks, shorebirds stood in the shallows and lined pond embankments, and raptors swooped over our heads looking for an easy lunch. At the last pond we visited, near a flock of dowitchers, stood an invitation for good-natured debate. “Curlew Sandpiper,” said one group of birders. “No, Dunlin,” said the other group. After much discussion about winter plumage coloration, decurved bills, rump patches, and the qualities and shortcomings of field guides, everyone was eventually convinced that the bird before us was a Dunlin, or so it seemed. Two days after the meeting the e-mail traffic and GABO postings indicated that folks in the Tallahassee area were still convinced about the bird’s identity, only now they were convinced it was the other species! Those of us who lightly dismissed the bird as a Dunlin were now kicking ourselves for “disrespecting” a Curlew Sandpiper, a life species for many. Of course, the discovery of a Curlew Sandpiper caused many birders to travel from afar to witness this phenomenon, and, birders being birders, one of them took a digital picture of the bird and posted it online so

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Red-cockaded Woodpecker Members

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| Molly Collier | Cumming, GA |
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Bachman's Sparrow Members

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***In Memoriam:* DR. JAMES H. JENKINS, 1919 – 2006**

Dr. James H. Jenkins, 86, passed away on January 16, 2006. He had been a member of GOS since 1948 and served as President from 1963 to 1965. A complete In Memoriam for this distinguished professor and scientist will appear in a future issue of *The Oriole*.

Tallahassee Sojourn (continued from page 1)

everyone could join in the debate. A day later the species had conclusively morphed back into a Dunlin. Isn't birding fun?

Friday night's program featured Tall Timbers' biologist Jim Cox, who provided a fascinating talk about the biology of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, in particular about how forces like big agriculture, railroad barons and the outbreak of the Civil War led to the loss of vast acreages of mature wildlife habitat, yet spared forested treasures like Tall Timbers. Saturday night's program unexpectedly featured two wonderful speakers. Noted author (*A Tracking Desire* and *Between Two Rivers*) and conservationist Susan Cerulean led off the evening with a presentation that celebrated the majesty of the Swallow-tailed Kite and gave credit to the dedicated biologists who strive to understand the mysteries of this species' migration patterns and habitat needs. Gina Zimmerman, whom some of you may remember as a graduate student from Georgia Southern University who worked with Ken Meyer (our Valdosta speaker a few years ago) on his kite research, followed Susan with a talk about kite research, how modern transmitters and satellites have unlocked the mystery of their migration route, and the challenges involved with conducting such research in remote areas on a limited budget. Gina now works for Ken through the Avian Research Institute, based in Gainesville, Florida.

The field trips (see the species list at www.gos.org/meetings/2006-winter.html) on Saturday and Sunday primarily focused on St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Wakulla Springs State Park and a tour of various hot spots and residential backyards in and around Tallahassee. One of those backyards featured three species of hummingbirds: Rufous, Allen's and Ruby-throated, along with two Baltimore Orioles. The hummingbirds had been banded and some had been marked with various colors of paint, which, although the latter wasn't exactly aesthetically pleasing, was the primary means by which most of us could identify one non-descript hummer from another. Hint: the Allen's Hummingbird was the one with the punk hairdo and a yellow spot on the top of its head! In another yard the homeowner actually chopped down a small forest of palm fronds so we could get a



Canvasbacks observed at the Tallahassee meeting. Photo by Dan Vickers © 2006.

great look at a Black-chinned Hummingbird!

Everyone who visited Wakulla Springs was treated to a tour of areas that are normally closed off to the public. What they saw was the talk of our evenings at the hotel: state-record, gigantic trees. Sunday at St. Marks began under an ominous sky, but then we spotted an American Golden Plover and concerns about the weather vanished. Then, of course, the deluge began. One thing everyone should know about St. Marks is that the weather there never matters to birders, even a rainy, chilly day. The birding was fabulous. Ducks, eagles, night herons and sparrows were as thick as flies. At one point we found ourselves standing under shelter looking across the Gulf of Mexico as rafts of scaup and mergansers materialized out of the mist, along with a few scattered Common Goldeneyes. When the rain let up, a group of us tromped through a damp brushy field and cornered two Henslow's Sparrows under wax myrtles. At one point, six of us formed a circle within four feet of one of the Henslow's as it hunkered down at our feet.

Obviously, it was a remarkable weekend filled with images we won't forget. Our thanks go to the talented Tallahassee hosts for their hospitality and for providing such a memorable adventure. My thanks, as always, go to Bill Lotz, Anne Mursch, Steve Holzman, Barbara Brigham, and Helen Ogren for all of your hard work. You make these meetings look easy! Come join us for our next sojourn – Kennesaw in April!

SPRING 2006 MEETING

Bill Lotz

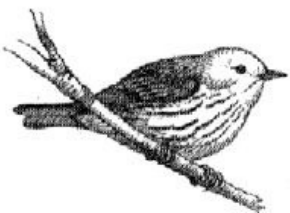
1st Vice President

The 2006 GOS Spring Meeting will be held in Kennesaw on April 28-30. This will be our first meeting in the Atlanta area in 22 years! There will be multiple field trips to Kennesaw Mountain, one of the best sites in the U.S. to see neotropical migrants, and late April is prime time! Twenty or more species of warblers seen or heard in three or four hours is not unusual in spring. The birds will be in their beautiful breeding plumage and most will be singing. Along with this variety of warblers, we'll likely encounter other neo-tropical species, such as Baltimore Oriole, Swainson's Thrush, Veery, Scarlet and Summer Tanagers. There is the possibility of seeing more than 30 species of migrants in one morning. There will also be a field trip to Pine Log Wildlife Management Area for possible sightings of Chuck-will's-widow, Whip-poor-will, Barred, Eastern Screech and Great-Horned Owls, Red Crossbill, Louisiana Waterthrush, Northern Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler and Broad-tailed Hawks.

Our headquarters hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn (895 Cobb Place Blvd., Kennesaw, 30144), which is located off of Barrett Parkway near Town Center Mall, between I-75 and US 41, just a few miles from Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The phone number for the hotel is 678/322-1140.

The Friday night program will be presented by Ron Rohrbaugh, Director of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker Research Project for Cornell's Lab of Ornithology. Ron is a veteran of the

Ivory-bill search in Arkansas since the stunning announcement of its rediscovery in April 2005. In his capacity as project director, he must keep tabs on



Yellow Warbler

everything to make sure this sprawling, complicated search stays on track. He has a B.S. in Wildlife Science and an M.S. in Wildlife Science and Ecology, both from The Pennsylvania State University, and has been with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology since 1996.

Our featured speaker at the Saturday night banquet will be Greg Miller, one of the three birders featured in Mark Obmascik's wonderful book *The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession*. Greg is the intrepid birder who worked a full-time job during his big year, unlike the other two "big year" birders. If you haven't read this book, I highly recommend it. The story beautifully captures the essence of what drives some of us to indulge in our passion for birding to the extent that we exclude all other pursuits. (I also understand that the book has been optioned for a full-length motion picture.)

PINEWOODS BIRD FESTIVAL IS FAST APPROACHING

The Fourth Annual Pinewoods Bird Festival will be held on April 7th and 8th at Pebble Hill Plantation, just south of Thomasville, Georgia. Several Friday evening field trips have been added this year, including a trip to a bat cave. A full day of activities and field trips is planned for Saturday. For complete details, refer to the brochure sent to all GOS members or visit the festival website: www.pinewoodsbirdfestival.com.

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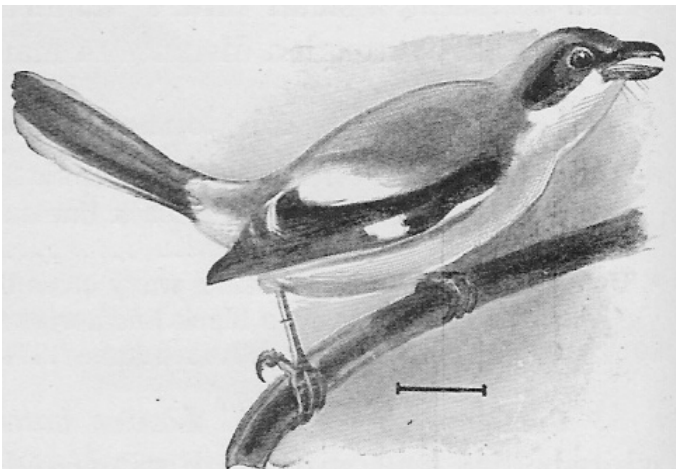
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Loggerhead Shrike Survey Project

Todd Schneider

Also known as "Butcherbirds" for their habit of impaling their prey, Loggerhead Shrikes are present year-round throughout Georgia and surrounding states. While some of these birds breed locally, many migrate north to nest. Both local and migratory populations are declining quickly (4.7% annual decline in the Eastern U.S. since the 1960s) and many migrant populations are listed as threatened or endangered. Georgia's shrikes are faring poorly as well; however, we still have a good opportunity to conserve this species in the state and in much of the Southeast. This survey is a means to document shrikes throughout Georgia and provide habitat information that can be used to help better understand the reasons for these population declines. Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee are doing comparable surveys as part of this multi-state effort.

Shrikes are usually found in old field/pasture habitats, often hunting along roadsides, though they also use mature longleaf pine savanna. Reasons for their decline are nebulous, but may be tied to changes in land use, pesticides, car strikes (they often fly low across roads) or high nest predation rates (due to their habitat of nesting in linear fencerows). Most puzzling is an apparent abundance of seemingly unoccupied "suitable" habitat. This study is designed to get at some of these questions by more precisely identifying their habitat needs.



Loggerhead Shrike, from A.C. Appgar's *Birds of the United States*, 1898.

The survey is designed to take less than five minutes. It is critical that you record information at two sites: (1) where you first encounter the shrike(s), and (2) an unoccupied site in the first similar habitat type at least one mile away from the first site. This will shed light on key factors that shrikes use to choose habitat. It is also vital that you record the precise geographic location of both sites, either by GPS or by accurately marking on a map. To participate, please contact Nathan Klaus at DNR/WRD, Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program, 116 Rum Creek Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029 or Nathan_Klaus@dnr.state.ga.us

Richard Parks Youth Birding Conference Scholarships Available

GOS wants to help young people learn about the fascinating and fun hobby of bird watching (birding). We are offering two scholarships to interested young persons (ages 14-18) to attend the American Birding Association's (ABA) Young Birder's Conference in Ft. Collins, Colorado, June 30-July 5, 2006. This is a fabulous opportunity for teenagers to learn about birding from some of the most talented and knowledgeable birders in the country. What's more, the class is taught in the foothills of the stunning Rocky Mountains! For more information about the conference, visit the ABA Youth Birders website: www.americanbirding.org

GOS will pay the registration fees and \$500 each to cover the travel expenses for two young birders. The registration fees cover the cost of food and lodging. GOS will make arrangements with ABA to register the scholarship recipients. The recipients will need to make their own travel arrangements. Time is getting short to apply this year (there will be more lead time next year), so please get applications in the mail right away. For more details, including the application form, visit our website at: <http://www.gos.org/parks.html>

Georgia Birders and their Lists

December 31, 2005

| Name | Home | GA Life List—2005 | GA Life List—2004 | GA Year List—2005 | GA Year List—2004 |
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| Jeff Sewell | Tucker, GA | 376 | 374 | 302 | 303 |
| Pierre Howard | Atlanta, GA | 370 | 368 | 302 | 317 |
| Bob Manns | Camden, ME | 367 | 367 | - | - |
| Bill Blakeslee | Atlanta, GA | 364 | 363 | - | - |
| Jim Flynn | Cumming, GA | 363 | 359 | 282 | 290 |
| Bob Zaremba | Marietta, GA | 362 | 360 | 308 | 311 |
| Paul Sykes | Watkinsville, GA | 361 | 359 | - | - |
| Earl Horn | Lawrenceville, GA | 360 | 359 | 303 | 306 |
| Deb Zaremba | Marietta, GA | 355 | 351 | - | 294 |
| Karen Theodorou | Lawrenceville, GA | 351 | 348 | - | - |
| Carol Lambert | Tucker, GA | 347 | 346 | 260 | 267 |
| Bill Lotz | Atlanta, GA | 343 | 331 | 292 | 305 |
| Dan Vickers | Lilburn, GA | 338 | 321 | 314 | 293 |
| Gene Keferl | Brunswick, GA | 337 | 332 | 235 | 244 |
| Marion Dobbs | Rome, GA | 336 | 334 | - | - |
| Rusty Trump | Suwanee, GA | 336 | 335 | - | - |
| Anne Mursch | Woodstock, GA | 333 | 333 | - | - |
| Mark Beebe | Marietta, GA | 330 | 321 | - | 300 |
| Ellery McClintock | Atlanta, GA | 323 | - | - | - |
| Steve Holzman | North High Shoals, GA | 318 | 308 | - | - |
| Mark Freeman | Watkinsville, GA | 309 | 298 | 256 | 269 |
| Brad Bergstrom | Valdosta, GA | 308 | 307 | - | - |
| Joel Hitt | Lawrenceville, GA | 304 | 304 | - | - |
| Jim Throckmorton | Dunwoody, GA | 299 | 287 | 215 | 202 |
| Bill Groce | Roswell, GA | 294 | 275 | 207 | 224 |
| Dot Freeman | Orlando, FL | 286 | - | - | - |
| Michael Bender | Athens, GA | 282 | 282 | 210 | 209 |
| Ken Blankenship | Marietta, GA | 262 | - | 260 | - |
| Bob Sargent | Warner Robins, GA | 255 | - | - | - |
| Larry Russell | Roswell, GA | 246 | - | 206 | - |
| Marcia Pugh | Atlanta, GA | 241 | - | - | - |
| Joe Pugh | Atlanta, GA | 241 | - | - | - |
| Jenny Michaels | Tucker, GA | 234 | 231 | - | 193 |
| Lois Stacey | N. Augusta, SC | 231 | - | - | - |
| Dennis Forsythe | James Island, SC | 216 | - | - | - |

*List compiled by Carol Lambert
January 2006*

Youth Birding Competition Slated for April

Tim Keyes

Inspired by the World Series of Birding in Cape May, which had 22 youth teams competing, I am organizing a Youth Birding Competition for April 23, 2006, at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. I hope that this event encourages existing young birders and generates new birders as well. The event is sponsored by the Wildlife Resources Division and The Environmental Resources Network, Inc. (T.E.R.N.). The competition runs from 12 AM to 6 PM, culminating in a Birds of Prey Program, a Banquet and Awards ceremony, and of course T-shirts all around. I am looking for interested teams. If you know of any kids, teachers or parents who may be interested in forming or sponsoring a team, please let them know about this event. I am also looking for experienced birders who would be willing to mentor a team. This would mean meeting with them at least twice before April 23rd to help them learn about bird identification. During the day of the competition, the kids must identify the birds themselves, of course.

More information, including a brochure, registration information, event rules and strategies, can be found at www.georgiawildlife.com (click the link for "Nongame animals and plants").

Please contact me with any questions or if you would like some printed brochures and posters to help promote the competition. My contact information is: Tim Keyes, GA DNR, 116 Rum Creek Drive, Forsyth GA 31029, 478/994-1438.

2006 Earth Day Party in the Park

Mark Beebe

The Georgia Ornithological Society is a member organization of Earth Share of Georgia, which invites you to participate in Party in the Park on April 22, 2006, by donating items to the silent auction. All proceeds support Earth Share of Georgia, offering citizens one smart and simple way of caring for our air, land and water. Earth Share is excited to announce that Atlantic Station will be the backdrop for the 10th annual Party in the Park. Hailed as a model of smart growth and sustainability for the whole country, Atlantic Station is the largest urban brownfield redevelopment project in the United States.

Party In the Park is Atlanta's largest Earth Day event, bringing together a diverse group of grassroots environmentalists, devoted philanthropists and business professionals, whose collective goal is to integrate sustainable practices and policies wherever we work, live or play. Partygoers can run barefoot through Central Park and compare their environmental footprint with friends and colleagues as they enjoy live music, food by Whole Foods Market and a silent auction stocked with deals on unique getaways, outdoor gear, art and jewelry.

If you have an item you would like to donate please contact Mark Beebe at 770/ 435-6586.



Terrell Grants Update

Bob Sargent

Our new grants program for graduate students, named in honor of Bill Terrell, is a resounding success in its first year. Twelve students from states across the Southeast have applied for the \$10,000, including seven students from Georgia. We will keep you posted concerning the results once the grants committee has reviewed the applications and made their recommendations, and the grant recipients will be announced at the meeting in Kennesaw. If you are a graduate student and didn't submit an application for this grant this year, don't worry – this opportunity will be provided on an annual basis. Keep checking our website at <http://www.gos.org/grant.html> for details.

"Train the Trainers" Workshop Held in January

Bob Sargent



On January 21st representatives of all the Audubon chapters in Georgia, as well as GOS members, met at DNR's Nongame Wildlife Office in Forsyth for a "Train the Trainers" workshop, taught by Georgann Schmalz, Jim Wilson and Tim Keyes. The objective of the workshop was to provide tools that participants could take back to their communities to teach fellow birders how to take their skills to the next level, and to teach beginners about the basics of birding. Especially where bird conservation is concerned, wildlife biologists need the support and help of citizen scientists more than ever. Some of you are familiar with how the Cornell Lab of Ornithology solicits data from birders in order to evaluate population trends of bird species across the country. People who provide these data often are not biologists or ornithologists, but they do know birds and are passionate about their birding hobby and the preservation of birds. Likewise, biologists with state and federal agencies in Georgia are reaching out to solicit help from birders. Specifically, these agencies need more birder help in collecting data on species of concern such as shrikes (see the article in this newsletter), and in conducting standardized bird surveys such as the Breeding Bird Survey. There are many opportunities to help with studies and with collecting data, which is needed to determine population trends of species in our state, and to determine why some species are declining in numbers. Some birders likely do want to help, but might feel that they don't have adequate skills to do so, such as a strong ability to identify birds by song. The tools provided to the workshop participants are designed to improve these very skills. Let's go birding for a conservation purpose! Contact your local Audubon chapter about training opportunities, or contact me at bsargent7@cox.net.

ANNOUNCING THE GOS OPPORTUNITY FUND

GOS has provided for Graduate Student Research Grants through both the H. Branch Howe, Jr. and the Bill Terrell grants. There is also the Richard Parks Birding Conference Scholarship for young birders to attend an ABA Conference. We realize that there may be other financial needs for research, special birding programs, conservation projects, etc., that do not fall within the criteria of the above grants. GOS has therefore created an Opportunity Fund to handle special requests.

This fund is available to individuals as well as organizations. Applications for 2006 must be submitted by March 31st and June 30th. In subsequent years, the deadlines will be January 1st and June 30th. Two deadlines were established to give potential applicants more flexibility, and to reduce the volume of applications that the grants committee will have to review at any one time. The request form must be completed in full and submitted to each committee member, preferably electronically. Questions may be directed to any of the committee members.

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Proposed Changes to GOS Bylaws

Bob Sargent

At the Kennesaw meeting in April, the GOS membership will be voting on the following proposed changes to the society's Bylaws. Please contact Bob Sargent with questions or feedback.

- 1) The establishment of an Education Committee. The goals of this committee will include administering the Richard Parks Youth Birding Conference Scholarship, establishing programs designed to teach people about birds and conservation, networking with nature centers and other organizations to disseminate birding information to the public, and arranging scientific poster and paper sessions at general meetings. The committee will consist of a chairperson appointed by the president for a two-year term, and at least two additional members selected by the chairperson.
- 2) The establishment of a Finance Committee. The goals of this committee will include reviewing and making recommendations for all financial matters pertaining to the society, including tax matters, investments, budgets, cash flow and requests for financial donations. The committee will monitor the budget, make investment decisions (with approval of the Executive Committee), review treasurer's reports, conduct searches for a new treasurer when necessary, decide when audits are necessary and ensure that tax reports are filed in a timely manner. This committee will be chaired by the society treasurer and shall consist of the president and at least three additional members to be recommended by the treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee. Committee members will serve two-year terms, unless reappointed or reelected.
- 3) The establishment of a Terrell Grants Committee. This committee will receive and review applications from graduate students for grant money, ensure that applications are in concert with the guidelines established for this funding and make recommendations to the president on an annual basis concerning deserving recipients. Announcement of recipients will be made at the society's spring meeting. The committee chairperson, appointed by the president, will serve a two-year term and will appoint at least two committee members.
- 4) The establishment of an Opportunity Grants Committee. This committee will receive and review applications for grant money, ensure that applications are in concert with grant guidelines and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on a biannual basis concerning deserving recipients. The Executive Committee will make the final decision concerning the bestowment of grant funds. The committee chairperson, appointed by the president, will serve a two-year term and will appoint at least two additional committee members.
- 5) The editor of *The Oriole* will be replaced by the Education Chair on the Executive Committee.
- 6) The Checklist and Records Committee Handbook, Vice Presidents Handbook, Revenue Sharing Policy, and grants and scholarships guidelines will be incorporated as individual appendices within the Bylaws.



Cooper's Hawk photographed at the Tallahassee Meeting. Dan Vickers © 2006.

GOS E-MAIL LIST

In order to more efficiently communicate with our members, GOS has established an e-mail list. The e-mail list will be used to communicate with you about bird conservation issues, membership renewals, birding events in Georgia, and occasional items that may be of interest to GOS members. If you wish to add your e-mail address to the GOS database, please contact Libby Mojica, GOS Membership Chair, at gosmembership@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TO: Georgia Ornithological Society
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Please enroll the undersigned as a member of the Georgia Ornithological Society for the calendar year.
Dues are enclosed as follows:

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| _____ | Bachman's Sparrow (Regular) | \$20.00 |
| _____ | Red-cockaded Woodpecker (Sustaining) | \$30.00 |
| _____ | Northern Bobwhite (Patron) | \$50.00 |

(The above are annual rates for individuals or families; below are rates for individuals only)

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| _____ | Fledgling (Student) | \$10.00 |
| _____ | Northern Goshawk (Life Membership) | \$300.00 |

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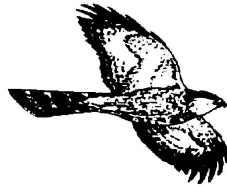
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