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### GOS 1992 FALL MEETING

Another new venue sparks our 1992 fall meeting in St. Marys, Georgia, October 9-11: The Charter House Inn on Highway 40 just west of town. Rooms are \$39.96 single or double, tax included, and they will feed us a three-entre buffet Saturday evening for \$12.70, including tax and gratuity. For reservations call 1-800-768-6250 or write them at P.O. Box 407, St. Marys, GA 31558. Be sure to mention GOS and don't wait until the last minute. If camping is your thing, Crooked River State Park has sixty tent and trailer sites just 7 miles up the road. Call (912) 882-5256 for reservations.

Friday evening's program is already set, and will feature GOS member and good friend Terry Johnson and colleagues from DNR telling us about timber cutting practices on Sapelo and other DNR projects and policies of interest and concern to us. Helen Ogren is lining up another interesting and informative program for Saturday.

Members, Mike and Cathy Chapman of Brunswick, are helping with field trips along with St. Marys' premier birder, Bert Rhyne. There's Cumberland Island, of course, the Okefenokee 35 miles west, Jekyll 42 miles north, Crooked River and Kings Bay Naval Base close by, and a number of other possibilities. There should be something for everyone.

At meeting time, there are two departures for Cumberland Island each day, at 9:30 and 11:45AM, but only one return which is at 4:45PM. Thinking 7 hours would be too long a day on the island, GOS has reserved (and paid in advance for) 35 seats on the 11:45 trip Saturday, October 10. They will be assigned to the first 35 individuals who send checks for \$7.95 per person, payable to GOS, to 2nd VP, Ken Clark, 8247 Lower Thomaston Rd., Macon, GA 31210. Cancellations received prior to September 19, can be refunded. Seats not claimed by that date will be canceled. Anyone desiring the early boat over can call (912) 882-4335 and make their own arrangements. Reservations form is included elsewhere in this issue.

### SPRING MEETING RECAP

Eighty members and guests enjoyed a delightful weekend at Hickory Knob State Resort Park, South Carolina, April 24-26. Accommodations were clean, well maintained and reasonable, and the Saturday evening banquet-buffet was delicious. Dr. Emil Urban's illustrated account of his and wife Lois's experiences in Africa piqued our interest Friday evening. Member, Anne Waters of Augusta, did an outstanding job of organizing field trips led by knowledgeable local birders such as Robert Gooding, Wildlife biologist for South Carolina, Jack Cooper, GOS member from Augusta, Calvin Zippler of Augusta Audubon, Vic Vansant and Ed Van Otteren from the Thomson office of Georgia DNR, naturalist Laura Buchanan and botanist Judy Gordon - and of course, Anne and Vernon Waters themselves. These groups identified 116 species of birds.

Saturday evening's speaker was Rudy Mancke, well known educational TV personality and Director of Science and Nature Programming for South Carolina Educational Television. He said Helen Ogren had charged him to cover what amounted to a season's worth of nature programs in one hour, and he just about did, in a charming, witty and entertaining manner. It was a fitting capstone to a very successful meeting.

Ken Clark

GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY SALES LIST

NEW MEMBERS

Geo Aimone	Jonesboro, GA
Anne Lawson Beerman	Atlanta, GA
Brad Bergstrom	Valdosta, GA
Gary A. Breece	Atlanta, GA
Jane North Brown	Atlanta, GA
Elizabeth Jones Childress	Atlanta, GA
Bill Fletcher	Villa Rica, GA
Charlotte Hammer	Lawrenceville, GA
Yvette B. Lederberg	Decatur, GA
Kevin McIntyre	St. Simons Island, GA
Marylyn, McLeod	Martinez, GA
Gloria Miller	Acworth, GA
Berkeley Minor	Townsend, GA
John and Jackie Porter	Tuscaloosa, AL
Robert S. Raffel	Atlanta, GA
Jane Ross	Decatur, GA
Bob and Martha Sargent	Trussville, AL
Doris See	Pine Mountain, GA
Ferrell E. Self	Gallion, AL
Thomas C. Shelton	Danielsville, GA
Tjitra (Kiki) Widjaja	Norcross, GA
Tom Wright	Tucker, GA

BEN COFFEE ELECTED A FELLOW IN THE AOU

Ben Coffee, Jr., a life member of Georgia Ornithological Society, has been elected a Fellow of The American Ornithologists' Union. This is a mark of high honor for any ornithologist and is particularly noteworthy in this instance as Ben is not a professional ornithologist, and very few non-professionals ever achieve this distinction. Many GOS members will remember the fine programs of South and Central American bird recordings given by Ben and Lula Coffee at the 1984 spring meeting in Atlanta. Who could forget the hauntingly plaintive song of the *Poor-me-all-alone* bird (a goatsucker). We extend our congratulations to Ben.

GEORGIA'S PROTECTED SPECIES LIST MAY GROW BY 132

The first revision of Georgia's protected species list in 18 years proposes adding 132 plants, animals, birds and fish to the list. "This is a significant increase, and it says something about what we're doing to our environment," says Chuck Rabolli, a Department of Natural Resources biologist who helped draw up the new list. For the first time, biologists propose adding freshwater mussels, mollusks similar to clams, to the list. Seven species are considered endangered, and two are considered threatened. Mr. Rabolli said that dam projects and siltation and pollution of streams are major reasons that the mollusks, which are sensitive to contamination, are facing survival problems in certain parts of the state.

In addition to the mollusks, 24 fishes are being proposed for the updated list of endangered or threatened species. One bright spot: The Brown Pelican, once facing extinction has returned in sufficient numbers and is being proposed for removal from the list. Currently, 79 plants, animals, birds and fish are on Georgia's protected species list. The additions would bring the total to 211. The DNR board will decide later this year whether to make the proposed additions final.

BIRDER'S GUIDE TO GEORGIA (Fourth Edition)

Remember the June 1990 issue of GOSHAWK in which an appeal was made for potential editors of the fourth edition to the *Birder's Guide to Georgia*? Ken Blackshaw and Joel Hitt volunteered and, after hours of research, consulting with local contributors, updating old material and adding new information, they have now completed this publication which contains 138 pages, 14 maps, and lists of bird clubs and state parks. To receive your copy immediately, fill out the GOS Sales List form, included in this issue, and mail a check for \$7.00 to GOS, P.O. Box 1278, Cartersville, GA 30120.

ITEM

POSTPAID PRICE

<i>A BIRDER'S GUIDE TO GEORGIA (Fourth Edition)</i> Editors: Kenneth Turner Blackshaw and Joel R. Hitt. Guide to birding locations throughout Georgia. Also lists bird clubs, state parks. 138 pages, 14 maps, 5½ x 8½, 1992.	\$7.00
<i>ANNOTATED CHECKLIST OF GEORGIA BIRDS</i> Prepared by the GOS Checklist Committee, J. Christopher Haney (chair), Patrick Brisse, Daniel R. Jacobson, Mark W. Oberle and John Paget. Lists 410 species with range, status, dates of occurrence in Georgia. 55 pages, 6 x 9, 1986.	\$5.00
<i>AN INDEX OF GEORGIA BIRD RECORDS IN "AMERICAN BIRDS" AND "AUDUBON FIELD NOTES"</i> Compiled by Robert W. Loftin. Species listing (6th AOU Checklist order of all Georgia bird records in the "Seasonal Reports", "Changing Seasons" and articles in "American Birds" and its predecessor "Audubon Field Notes" through 1983. 28 pages, 6 x 9, 1985.	\$4.00
<i>THE BIRDLIFE OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GA. AND ADJACENT AREAS</i> Author: Milton N. Hopkins. Habitats, observations by the author and others from about 1939. 93 pages, 6 x 9, 1975.	\$4.00
<i>THE BIRDS OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER DELTA</i> Author: Ivan R. Tompkins. Gaviiformes through Charadriiformes. Habitats, observations, emergent theory. 68 pages, 6 x 9, 1958.	\$2.00
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# THE FEATHERED VIGILANTES

From Altamaha's vast swamp-forest,  
Filled with cypress, oaks and bays,  
Comes the clamoring, jeering chorus  
Of a flock of crows and jays.

There high atop a cypress giant,  
Shrouded deep in Spanish grey,  
The great horned owl, unmoved, defiant,  
Calmly views this raucous fray.

And all about him swirls the tumult  
Of these noisome, feathered pests  
Whose ever growing vocal insults  
Draw in more unwelcome guests.

Until, at last, the owl grows weary  
Of intrusions to his sleep  
And lifts with great wings from his eyrie,  
Sailing into forest deep.

Then far behind in ragged flight lines  
Trail this boisterous gadfly host;  
While swiftly in through boughs and swamp vines  
Fades the owl as if a ghost.

There deep within this primal vastness,  
Gliding low on silent wings,  
He finds a haven in its fastness  
And waits the hunt that evening brings.

Then soon the somber shades of fore-night  
Mingle with the shadows cast  
And in this spreading shroud of twilight  
Frogs erupt in choral mass.

The flash of fireflies dot the swamplands,  
Crickets call from every glade  
And katydids, amid the tree stands,  
Drone their raspy serenade.

The rising moon then pours its glimmer  
On the lily-padded pools  
And in its glow their blossoms shimmer  
Starry-bright like living jewels.

Then from the darkness of the forest  
Booms the resonating call  
Of the horned owl from his tree rest  
Hunting now at evenfall.

And at this call the "gadflies" trembled,  
Cowering on their roosts in fear.  
No longer are they safe-assembled  
Into mobs that bravely jeer.

No more the feathered vigilantes  
Swarming round about their foe.  
For like some shallow dilettantes  
Their fiery stand was mainly show.

And then the great owl slips among them,  
Like a shadow through the trees,  
He strikes his prey and leaves behind him  
Scattered feathers on the breeze.

No more than this to mark his going,  
Nothing to alert the rest;  
And yet the others, somehow knowing,  
Grow more nervous and distressed.

But when, at last, the dark is broken  
By the dawning's silver-grey,  
The mobbers throng to challenge spoken;  
Their rally call: "Repay! Repay!"

Michael Paul Kirton  
Dawsonville, GA  
June, 1990

## RELEASE

Each registrant named on the reverse, both adult and minor, desires to participate in the field trips and other activities at this meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society (GOS). Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily grants to the GOS and its officers, committee members, and any other persons engaged in activities in connection with this meeting, a full release from any claim, liability, or cost of any nature on account of personal illness or bodily injury, loss of life, or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly arising out of the registrant's participation in this meeting.

NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Executive Committee Meeting  
February 29, 1992

### Activity, communications, responsibility, status reports

10/21 - Ken Clark sent a thank-you letter to Phyllis Bowen for her excellent coordination of field trips for the Fall 1991 meeting.

11/1 - Letter from Ken Clark endorsing Branch Howe's suggestions that an alphabetical listing of registrants be made available for examination by members at the registration desk or on a bulletin board at each meeting.

11/5 - Copy of letter to John Ripley Forbes from Doug Phillips which contained the GOS \$250 donation to the BIG TREES project, and thank you letter from the Big Trees Association on 12/30.

11/20 - Copy of a letter from Anne Wyand to John Swiderski concerning the installation of two packages, Ventura and Harvard Graphics into the new GOS computer.

12/16 - Letter from Georgia Department of Natural Resources thanking GOS for the contribution of a Peterson print which was auctioned at their Sea Island meeting and fund raising on 2/7-9/92.

Branch also reported that GOS members Ron Pulliam and Didi Manns were appointed to the Governor's Forest Lands Technical Advisory Committee.

Treasurer-Doug Phillips reported GOS continues on a financially sound basis.

Business Manager-John Swiderski reported that GOS membership has increased by 32. Counting regular, life, and institutional members, we now have a total of 394. He inserted renewal notices printed on eye-catching red paper in GOSHAWK issues mailed to members whose membership is lapsing. He also has been placing GOS brochures in places such as nature centers and birding supply stores.

He sold three Peterson prints through magazine ads. One was sent to the Jamestown, NY Audubon Society to be sold. Two prints were sold to BIRDWATCHER'S DIGEST through consignment.

Conservation - Charles McGrady, a locally well known environmental advocate and attorney, is heading a committee to explore the initiation of an environmental fund-raising organization. GOS may wish to learn more about it. Survey I of "The Public and Wildlife Management in Georgia" came out August 1991. Jack Cooper will join the Conservation Committee with Georgine Pindar and deal with state issues. Georgine will deal with national issues.

Committees - Bill Blakeslee is new chairman of the pelagic trips committee. Branch suggested Robert Gordon and Georgann Schmalz for appointment to the editorial committee to succeed Milton Hopkins and Allen Rhodes, whose six year terms had expired.

Branch noted that there are now 11 special committees: Auditing, Birders Guide to Georgia, By-laws Revision, Conservation, DNR Authentication/Bird Lists, Earle Green Award, Graduate Student Research Grant, Membership, Pelagic Trips, Rare Bird Alert, and Registration.

### OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

GOS Spring 1993 Meeting - will be held in the Hiwassee-Blairsville, Brasstown Bald area of Georgia. Active local birders hopefully will be recruited to assist with meeting plans and field trips.

From Athens area - Billy Dunbar (Woody Duck) suggests recruiting new GOS members on the RBA Hotline. With our permission he will mention the Hotline telephone number on his radio program. He already sends out GOS membership forms in selected mail sent out in response to listeners calling or writing him.

John Swiderski reported that Terry Johnson of the DNR sent out 8,000 hummingbird packets and enclosed GOS membership forms in selected ones.

John also reported that Fernbank Science Center would like to exhibit the original RTP painting and that the Center needs to have an evaluation for insurance purposes. It was suggested that John ask if the painting could be hung in the new museum building which is nearing completion, since more adults would attend this facility.

Branch Howe brought up the subject of three bird sighting projects. The first was surveys on Nature Conservancy preserves, as proposed earlier by Jon Streich of that association. The second was nesting bird surveys such as Branch started in Athens five years ago, using Audubon Christmas Bird Count rules and doing this the first weekend of June. Could this be expanded statewide? The third, proposed by Jim Stasz of Maryland, is covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

Terry Moore announced plans to conduct a breeding bird survey with about ten people in Rabun County this year. Birding diligently in a specific area, as Branch pointed out often clarifies breeding not previously well known there.

Frank McCamey announced that he has four file drawers of GOS material. Anyone who wishes to keep any or all as an archivist is welcome to do so.

**NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT  
VOLUNTEER NEEDED AS STATE COORDINATOR**

By what paths do neotropical migrants move from Central and South America to their breeding grounds? Many of us have participated on the Christmas Bird Counts sponsored by the National Audubon Society. The rules are simple: Spend a day in the field counting birds in a specified area, and keep track of hours and miles on foot, car, boat, feeder watching. The North American Migration Count is like the CBC, but with a few twists. The area for any one count is not a 15 mile diameter circle, but an entire county. The big twist is timing. Unlike Christmas Bird Counts, which are spread over several weeks, this count is done on just a single day (second Saturday in May) across the entire 48 states.

Dawson and Union Counties in north Georgia are among those who participated this year, and Jim Stasz, National Coordinator, would like a volunteer state coordinator who will communicate with the individual county coordinators. A state coordinator should (not must) have access to an IBM compatible PC, knowledge of unusual species and unusual numbers, and be willing to put in all the effort getting this started. For more information or to sign your county up for next May, contact: Jim Stasz, NAMC Coordinator, P.O. Box 71, North Beach, Maryland 20714

**RARE BIRD ALERT REPORT**

The GOS Rare Bird Alert, since its inception, has received bird reports from 35 areas in Georgia and from three surrounding states. State records reported on the hotline include Black-chinned Hummingbird-Georgia, Varied Thrush-Alabama, and Black-chinned Hummingbird-Tennessee. A partial list of other rare birds reported on the hot line include California Gull, Iceland Gull, Lark Sparrow, Rufous Hummingbird, Western Kingbird, Tundra Swan, King Rail, Virginia Rail, Franklin's Gull, Rough-legged Hawk, Short-eared Owl, LeConte's Sparrow, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Western Tanager, Golden Plover, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Upland Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, and Red Phalarope.

In order to increase reports of rare birds and sightings of interest in Georgia, volunteer committee members are being solicited from various areas throughout the state. As a committee member representing your area, you would be called periodically by Adrienne Myles, who maintains and updates the hotline. If you or fellow birders have birds of interest in your area to report, she will place them on the next hotline update. To volunteer, please notify Anne Wyand, 1741 Colleson Court, Dunwoody, GA 30338 (404) 394-9277. And please call (404) 509-0204 anytime to report your sightings or to hear about what's being seen around Georgia.

**GOS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT AWARDED**

Congratulations to life GOS member Sara Robertson Morris of Cornell University on receiving this year's graduate student research grant. Her research involves the stopover behavior of migratory passerines on Appledore Island, Maine. We will be looking forward to Sara's report following the conclusion of her research project, at a future GOS meeting.

Up to \$500 is granted annually to an enrolled graduate student in Georgia, or GA native if enrolled out of state. Research must be at least partially ornithological and must be conducted under faculty direction. Qualified applicants may contact the Research Grant Committee, GOS, P.O. Box 1278, Cartersville, GA 30120.

- The 1992 Georgia General Assembly passed some good and some not-so-good environmental legislation.
- GEORGIA RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT plan (SB 637), when developed, should give protection to watersheds and drainage basins, "improving water quality and reducing pollution at the source"...and protecting wildlife habitat".....
- HR 789 - authorizes the WETLANDS CONSERVATION STUDY COMMITTEE to continue until the end of the year.
- HB 1390 - was passed to "ensure that the values and functions of the COASTAL MARSHLANDS are not impaired and to fulfill the responsibilities of each generation as public trustees of the coastal marshlands for succeeding generations."
- The new SHORE ASSISTANCE ACT (SB 725) - among other things, makes it illegal to operate a motor vehicle over dunes and beaches.
- HB 1322 - provides that FALCONERS must comply with certain federal regulations. (Are there falconers in GOS?)
- SB 543 - authorizes prescribed burning as a "resource protection and land management too."
- SB 607 - encourages the preservation of historic properties and the revitalization of historic areas.
- HB 1609 - protects groundwater through regulation of septic tanks.
- HB 1412 - creates the Environmental Education Council and asks the Department of Education to prepare school materials for teaching environmental and recycling awareness programs.
- The GEORGIA AIR QUALITY ACT (HB 1439) tightens regulations and provides for penalties for non-compliance, and HB 1440, among other things, extends the requirement for emission inspections.
- The GEORGIA UNIFORM CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACT (HB 1388) makes it possible for individuals to protect natural areas or historic sites, often in perpetuity, through deeding property to the appropriate governmental body, charitable or educational corporation or trust, or environmental/historical organization.
- FUNDS PRESERVATION 2000 (HB 1392) raises fees for licenses and stamps in order to fund land acquisition and wildlife programs.
- The "SUPERFUND BILL" (HB 1394) strengthens solid/hazardous waste laws in Georgia.

Georgine Pindar

**GOS REGISTRATION, FALL MEETING  
CHARTER HOUSE INN, ST. MARYS, GA  
OCTOBER 9-11, 1992**

NAME(S) (for name tags, print) \_\_\_\_\_

(Children under 16 must be registered \_\_\_\_\_  
but are charged no registration fee)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration(s) @ \$8.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservations for banquet @ \$12.70 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cumberland Island seats @ &7.95 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to GOS and mail with this form to Ken Clark, 8247 Lower Thomaston, Macon, GA 31210. Early registration makes planning easier. Cancellations received by September 19, (boat seats) or October 8, (registration & banquet) will be refunded.

The GOS requires registration for participation in the meeting and also requires all registrants to sign the release on the back of this registration form. If the participant is a minor, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must sign this release.



The following is the official Spring GOS meeting checklist as compiled by Julie Howe at the Saturday evening countdown.

# GEORGIA FIELD CHECKLIST

(Species recorded at least 4 times in the last 10 years)

OBSERVERS \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Species \_\_\_\_\_

Col. 1 LOCATION Hickory Knob St. Pt. DATE 11/6  
 Col. 2 Fall Mtg. SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 Col. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE  
AREA

LOON, Red-throated Common		IBIS, White Glossy	
GREBE, Pied-billed Horned		SPOONBILL, Roseate	
Red-necked		STORK, Wood	
Eared		WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous	
PETREL, Black-capped		SWAN, Tundra	
SHEARWATER, Cory's		GOOSE, Gr. White-fr. Y	
Greater		Snow	
Manx		Canada	
Audubon's		DUCK, Wood	
STORM PETREL, Wilson's		TEAL, Green-winged	
Band-rumped		DUCK, American Black	
TROPICBIRD, White-tailed		MALLARD	
BOOBY, Masked		PINTAIL, Northern	
GANNET, Northern		TEAL, Blue-winged	
PELICAN, American White		SHOVELER, Northern	
Brown		GADWALL	
CORMORANT, Dbl-crested		WIGEON, American	
ANHINGA		CANVASBACK	
BITTERN, American		REDHEAD	
Least		DUCK, Ring-necked	
HERON, Great Blue		SCAUP, Greater	
EGRET, Great		Lesser	
Snowy		OLDSQUAW	
HERON, Little Blue		SCOTER, Black	
Incolored		Surf	
EGRET, Reddish		White-winged	
Cane		GOLDENEYE, Common	
HERON, Green-backed		BUFFLEHEAD	
NIGHTHERON, Black		MERGANSEER, Hooded	
Yellow-crowned		Common	
		Red-breasted	

DOVE, Rock		CROW, American	
White-winged		Fish	
Mourning		RAVEN, Common	
GROUND-DOVE, Common		CHICKADEE, Carolina	
CUCKOO, Black-billed		TITMOUSE, Tufted	
Yellow-billed		NUTHATCH, Red-breasted	
BARN-OWL, Common		White-breasted	
SCREECH-OWL, Eastern		Brown-headed	
OWL, Great Horned		CREEPER, Brown	
Barred		WREN, Carolina	
Short-eared		Bewick's	
NIGHTHAWK, Common		House	
CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW		Winter	
WHIPPOORWILL		Sedge	
SWIFT, Chimney		Marsh	
HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-th		KINGLET, Golden-cr	
Rufous		Ruby-crowned	
KINGFISHER, Belted		GRAYCATCHER, Blue-gray	
WOODPECKER, Red-b.		BLUEBIRD, Eastern	
Red-bellied		VEERY	
SAPSUCKER, Yellow-b		THRUSH, Gray-cheeked	
WOODPECKER, Downy		Swainson's	
Hairy		Horned	
Red-cockaded		Wood	
FLICKER, Northern		ROBIN, American	
WOODPECKER, Pileated		CATBIRD, Gray	
FLYCATCHER, Olive-s		MOCKINGBIRD, Northern	
WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern		THRASHER, Brown	
FLYCATCHER, Yellow-b		PIFIT, Water	
Acadian		WAXWING, Cedar	
Willow		SHRIKE, Loggerhead	
Least		STARLING, European	
PHOEBE, Eastern		VIREO, White-eyed	
FLYCATCHER, Great Cr.		Solitary	
KINGBIRD, Western		Yellow-throated	
Eastern		Warbling	
Gray		Philadelphia	
LARK, Horned		Red-eyed	
MARTIN, Purple		WARBLER, Blue-winged	
SWALLOW, Tree		Golden-winged	
N. Rough-winged		Tennessee	
Bank		Orange-crowned	
Cat		Nashville	
Barn		PARULA, Northern	
JAY, Blue		WARBLER, Yellow	

DUCK, Ruddy		SANDPIPER, Upland	
VULTURE, Black		WHIMBREL	
Turkey		CURLEW, Long-billed	
OSPREY		GODWIT, Marbled	
KITE, Am Swallow		TURNSTONE, Ruddy	
Mississippi		KNOT, Red	
EAGLE, Bald		SANDERLING	
HARRIER, Northern		SANDPIPER, Semipalmated	
HAWK, Sharp-shinned		Western	
Cooper's		Least	
Red-shouldered		White-rumped	
Broad-winged		Baird's	
Red-tailed		Federal	
Rough-legged		Purple	
EAGLE, Golden		DUFLIN	
KESTREL, American		SANDPIPER, Silt	
MERLIN		Belted	
FALCON, Peregrine		DOWITCHER, Short-billed	
CHACHALACA, Plain		Long-billed	
GROUSE, Ruffed		SNIFE, Common	
TURKEY, Wild		WOODCOCK, American	
BOBWHITE, Northern		PHALAROPE, Wilson's	
RAIL, Black		Red-necked	
Clapper		Red	
King		JALGER, Pennsylv	
Virginia		Parasitic	
SORA		GULL, Laughing	
GALLINULE, Purple		Bronze-tail	
MOORHEN, Common		Ring-billed	
COOT, American		Honking	
CRANE, Sandhill		Lesser Bk b	
PLOVER, Black-bellied		Great Bk b	
GOLDEN-PLOVER, Lesser		KITTIWAKE, Black	
PLOVER, Wilson's		TERN, Gull-billed	
Semipalmated		Common	
Piping		Royal	
KILLDEER		Sandwich	
OYSTERCATCHER, Am		Common	
STILT, Black-necked		Arctic	
AVOSET, American		Furber's	
YELLOWLEGS, Greater		Least	
Lesser		Bristled	
SANDPIPER, Solitary		Sooty	
WILLET		Black	
SANDPIPER, Spotted		GRUNT, Black	

WARBLER, Chestnut's		SPARROW, Chipping	
Magnolia		Clay-colored	
Cape May		Field	
Black-throated Blue		Winter	
Yellow-rumped		Lin	
Black-throated Green		Savannah	
Blackburnian		Dark-throated	
Yellow-throated		Henslow's	
Pine		LeCade's	
Purple		Sharp-tailed	
Palm		Seaside	
Bay-breasted		Fox	
Blackpoll		Song	
Cerulean		Lincoln's	
Black-and-white		Swamp	
REDSTART, American		White-throated	
WARBLER, Prothonotary		White-crowned	
Worm-eating		JUNCO, Dark-eyed	
Swainson's		LONGSPUR, Leland	
OVENBIRD		BUNTING, Snow	
WATERTHRUSH, Northern		BOBOLINK	
Louisiana		BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	
WARBLER, Kentucky		MEADOWLARK, Eastern	
Connecticut		BLACKBIRD, Yellow-headed	
Mourning		Rusty	
YELLOWTHROAT, Common		Brewer's	
WARBLER, Hooded		GRACKLE, Boat-tailed	
Wilson's		Common	
Canada		COWBIRD, Brown-headed	
CHAT, Yellow-bellied		ORIOLE, Orchard	
TANAGER, Summer		Northern	
Scarlet		FINCH, Purple	
CARDINAL, Northern		House	
GROSBREAK, Rose-breasted		CROSSBILL, Red	
Blue		SISKIN, Pine	
BUNTING, Indigo		GOLDFINCH, American	
Painted		GROSBREAK, Evening	
DICKCISSEL		SPARROW, House	
TOWHEE, Rufous-sided			
SPARROW, Bachman's			

NOTES

## KESTREL AND WOOD STORK INFORMATION REQUESTED

Dwight Harley, Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program, has two requests. The Georgia DNR Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program is currently investigating the status of the two kestrel subspecies (*Falco sparverius sparverius* and *Falco sparverius paulus*) that historically nested in Georgia. Please report any sightings of Kestrels in Georgia during the period mid-April to August.

Secondly, the Nongame Wildlife Program is in the process of compiling information on Wood Stork foraging areas in Georgia. This information will assist DNR biologists in developing recovery and management plans for this endangered species. Please report any sightings of activity, providing the following information: Date and time of sighting; county; number of storks; location, landmarks and/or directions to sight; type of wetland (Carolina bay, borrow ditch, farm pond, mill pond, beaver pond, oxbow/slough, gum or cypress swamp, tidal creek or salt marsh, seasonal wetland, flooded pine flatwoods, bottomland hardwood swamp, other).

Send information on these species to: Dwight Harley, Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program, Route 5 Box 180, Forsyth, GA 31029; phone (912) 994-1438.

### 1992 GOS PELAGIC TRIPS

Snapper Banks - July 12, Sept. 13, Nov. 8  
 Edge of Gulf Stream - August 30

We will explore the ocean waters between Savannah, GA and Snapper Banks looking for pelagic birds. Expected species on the summer trips are Cory's Shearwater, Greater Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater (May only), Audubon's Shearwater, Parasitic Jaeger, and Bridled Tern. On the winter trips we can expect to see winter sea ducks, Gannets, Red and Northern Phalaropes, Jaegers, and perhaps Black-legged Kittiwakes.

On the Gulf Stream trip, in addition to the above birds, we have a chance to see Wilson's Storm-petrels, Pterodroma Petrels, Boobies, and Tropic-birds. Sooty Terns, Noddy Terns, a Soft Plumaged Petrel or Sabine's Gull are possible but highly unlikely.

Cost for the Snapper Banks trips is \$96.00; cost for the Gulf Stream trip is \$150.00. All trips leave from Wilmington and full details will be sent with your reservation confirmation.

Minimum sign up per trip is required. Due to the limited number of spaces, we must ask for full payment in advance. Refunds can be made only if a replacement can be found. For more information call Bill Blakeslee, Pelagic trips chairman, at (404) 881-6570.

### PELAGIC TRIPS RESERVATION FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ July 12 \_\_\_\_\_ August 30(Gulf Stream) \_\_\_\_\_ September 13 \_\_\_\_\_ November 8

Checks payable to: GOS  
 Mail to: Bill Blakeslee, 1749 Helen Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306-3105

PLEASE PRINT/TYPER:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS AUGUST 1ST.

## FIELD NOTES

Two RED-THROATED LOONS off Tybee Island on 1/4 by D&PMc were a good sighting since it is sometimes difficult to find this species there. One HORNED GREBE was at the Buford Dam on 1/12 (BD), and PS had a high count of 130 at Hartwell Lake on 2/11. PR reported an excellent count of 100+ NORTHERN GANNETS off Tybee Island on 1/25-26. SW notes an increase in inland sightings of DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS over the last few years with 7 on 3/10 and 3 on 4/10 at Banks Lake, 16 on 4/18 at Steven Foster State Park (FH), and 3 on 3/21 in Waycross (OBC). PB counted 53 DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS in the Clayton County area on 1/25.

ANHINGAS are now fairly common winter birds around Augusta with 6 seen in Merry Brothers Brick Ponds on 12/7 and on through the period with 5 having been seen on 2/15. A rare winter CATTLE EGRET in Folkston on 1/2 was seen by (OBC). AMERICAN BITTERNS were at Harris Neck and Viking Fish Camp on 2/11 (BD) and another at Darien on 2/23 (JS&CL). ET found one lone SNOW GOOSE, white phase, in Clarke County. AAS, on spring migration walks, turned up two NORTHERN PINTAIL and one BUFFLEHEAD at E.L. Huie Land Application Facility (S. Atlanta) on 4/5.

SANDHILL CRANES began passing over middle Georgia in mid-February with 60+ spotted on 2/16 by BE, and 200 or more total passing the Bibb County area through the first week in March. S&SR counted over 100 over Cadwell on 3/1, and that afternoon TI, JA, PJ, LJ, and K&AC were scouting Macon's brickyards when, in a 45 minute period, they counted 1,250 SANDHILLS winging overhead and heard many more too high or far away to see. D&PG caught a part of this massive migration while birding Oaky Woods WMA that same day; they have also been inventorying that area for the Nongame Wildlife Program and as of 2/29, had a cumulative count of 93 species.

JP saw a KING RAIL in Dawson County on 12/21. SB&LG saw one COMMON MOOREHEN, a species not seen there in the past few years, on 3/21 in Waycross. DF found two GREATER YELLOWLEGS on Lake Chatuge 5/3, and fourteen GREATER YELLOWLEGS were seen feeding at Lake Nottley on 5/10 by LL.

MG saw an adult BALD EAGLE in February on Lake Allatoona. EC, on 5/9, observed a female NORTHERN HARRIER in Union County. Six GOLDEN EAGLES, which were probably hacked in the area, were an astounding count for the Lookout Plateau on 2/22 (RR). ET reports two ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS in Madison County near Colbert and Comer, on 12/31, with many other sightings before and after this date. CHACHALACAS were released on Sapelo Island a long time ago but are not often seen. Three were seen on 12/28 by A&VW in the same general area where they were reported nesting summer of '91.

On 1/20 at 1:30PM, JS found a GLAUCOUS GULL in Dunwoody (DeKalb County) at the Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant, an extremely unusual sighting and especially inland in Georgia - by late afternoon, the bird had left the area.

One BARRED OWL was reported on 4/5 and on 4/13 at the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area (JS&CL). Nesting BARN OWLS have been seen in Emanuel County (J&MA) and at the Agricultural Center in Byron. TI and J&MA saw 12 or more SHORT-EARED OWLS in Crisp County on 12/29. A WHIP-POOR-WILL near Darien during the month of December was a good report by D&DC. Not often seen in the middle of the Okefenokee was a CHIMNEY SWIFT on 4/20 (SW). TJ says that between 11/1 and 2/1, 4 RUBY-THROATED, 4 RUFOUS, and one BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRDS have been verified in Georgia.

HORNED LARKS were present in the Cartersville area during February (J&KS). Four PURPLE MARTINS were an early sighting in Elbert County on 2/24 by PS. FISH CROWS were reported from several areas around Atlanta during February. On 4/18 JS&CL found 15+ SEDGE WRENS at Thompson's Bottoms in Dawson County.

Waycross area yielded 2 YELLOW-THROATED VIREOS on 3/21 (A&EB). In Augusta, AWa reported a WILSON'S WARBLER on 1/25. Two early BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLERS appeared in Waycross on 3/21 (LG&SB). SW&LB saw 12 PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS on 4/10 and a whopping 118 on 4/20 in the Okefenokee Swamp, Stephen Foster side. On 4/18 two KENTUCKY WARBLERS were singing at Thompson's Bottoms (Dawson Co.)(JS&CL). Eight sightings of ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLERS were reported in the Atlanta area between 4/5 and 4/20 (AAS). DF&AW found two GOLD-WINGED WARBLERS in Union County on 5/12.

A very rare wintering YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was seen near Fayetteville on 12/1 by HG. An immature female MOURNING WARBLER in Valdosta on 2/27 was an extremely unusual sighting by BB: It was solid olive-green above, including top and sides of the head; dullish-pale yellow throat, breast, and belly; noticeably bright yellow crissum; thin white eye ring; short, rounded tail. The bird was in shrubs and small trees 4-6 feet high along the forest edge at the railroad tracks. Also in Valdosta was a TENNESSEE WARBLER on 2/28 found by BB foraging in deciduous oaks.

NR of Dunwoody reported a YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (adult male) in her yard with a flock of STARLINGS on 3/24. INDIGO BUNTINGS arrived in Waycross on 3/31 (SW). A PAINTED BUNTING, rarely seen in Waycross, was spotted on 4/22 by BL, and one female on 4/24 by SB. Ten BACHMAN'S SPARROWS were reported from Piedmont NWR, Green Co. by JS&CL. Four BACHMAN'S SPARROWS, two seen and two heard appeared along the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area on 4/24 (Okefenokee)(SW), and a good north GA find was a singing BACHMAN'S SPARROW on 5/12 in Union County which was apparently migrating as it was not there the following week (DF&AW). A LECONTE'S SPARROW on 2/16 was a rare find by RR. NORTHERN ORIOLES appeared at a Tucker feeder on 1/15&16 (CL), and in Augusta on 1/25 (RR&JW). Union County (Blairsville) sightings include 50+ PINE SISKINS on D&WF's feeder mid February, and VF had about as many at her feeder - by mid-May, DF had 12 remaining and EC had two.

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## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTERS RECAPPED

- The Association of Field Ornithologists and the American Birding Association will hold a joint meeting at Connecticut College, New London, CT October 2-4, 1992. The program will include a symposium on conservation of neotropical migrants and workshops on field techniques. For information, write to Robert Askins, Box 5461, Dept. of Zoology, 270 Mohegan Ave., Connecticut College, New London, CT 06320.
- The American Ornithologist's Union and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia announce that the first installments of "The Birds of North America" is available. The first eight accounts are: King Rail, Indigo Bunting, Spruce Grouse, Semipalmated Plover, Northern Mockingbird, and Mexican Chickadee. Those wishing to subscribe to this series should contact the Birds of North America office, c/o The Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1195 (fax 215-224-6521).
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is preparing a combined management plan and environmental impact statement for the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System through the year 2003.
- Congress has appropriated \$6.5 million to be passed through the Fish and Wildlife Service to the Audubon Institute in New Orleans for construction of the Audubon Center for Research on Endangered Species (ACRES). ACRES is one component of a proposed Species Survival Center and Wilderness Park to be constructed on 1,200 acres leased from the Coast Guard and the City of New Orleans. Service priorities will include native species that are listed under the Endangered Species Act or are candidates for listing. The Audubon Institute manages the Audubon Park Zoo and the Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans.
- In early January, the Fish and Wildlife Service announced the designation of 6.9 million acres as critical habitat for the threatened northern Spotted Owl. The Endangered Species Act requires the designation of protected critical habitat necessary for the long-term survival of an endangered or threatened species. In late January, the U.S. Forest Service issued its final environmental analysis on the Spotted Owl. The protection plan it prefers would cost the Northwest 20,700 jobs, and would cut back logging in the region's national forests to less than half the average over the past 4 years. Environmentalists complain that the preferred plan would allow half the remaining 3,000 pairs of owls to die before the population begins to recover.
- Two captive-hatched California Condors have been released into the wild in Los Padres National Forest, Ventura Co., CA. Both birds were hatched in spring 1991. They are the first Condors in the wild since early 1987. The FWS hopes to release six more condors next fall.
- The Japanese Government has imposed a ban on the possession, sale or export of mist nets, effective Sept. 15, 1991. No provision for the sale or export of nets for use for scientific purposes was included in the ban, but in the U.S. AVINET and Manomet Bird Observatory are working toward permits to maintain their supplies of nets for sale to scientists.
- Now there is a computer program that displays realistic simulations of bird flocks, and can be used to train observers in the art of estimating flock sizes. Options include swans on a lake, ducks from an airplane, flushed geese and overflight of birds. For more information, contact Wildlife Counts, 2215 Meadow Lane Juneau, AK 99801.
- Field assistants are needed for an ongoing study of the stopover biology of autumn intercontinental migrant landbirds along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Duties include assistance with the identification, banding, aging, and sexing of Neotropical migrant passerines. Salary \$400-\$600/month (housing provided). Contact Frank R. Moore, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Univ. of Southern Mississippi, Southern Station, Box 5018, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5018.