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RESULTS OF GOS FALL 2003 MEETING AND SPECIES COUNTDOWN (Concurrent with Colonial Coast Birding and Nature Festival) 10 - 12 October 2003 Jekyll Island, GA Lydia Thompson, Festival Planner



Georgia's first birding festival on the coast was a tremendous success thanks to the efforts of many dedicated people. Although the weekend was a damp one, the weather didn't appear to lessen anyone's enthusiasm. The schedule was packed, featuring seminars, a field trip to Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, and a birthday bash to celebrate the centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge system on day one. The next two days featured field trips to most of the hot spots along the coast including many of the barrier islands, seminars on various aspects of ornithology, a great line-up of vendors displaying

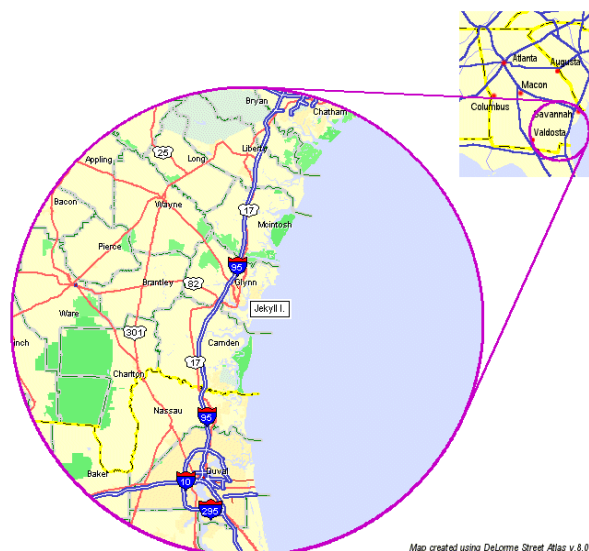
their wares, a scientific poster session, Pierre Howard as the master of ceremonies for the evening events, and a Saturday night banquet featuring a very funny presentation by noted birder and author Kenn Kaufman.

Included in the Saturday evening schedule was a special presentation by John Swiderski and Giff Beaton in which they presented a copy of the new **Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds** autographed by the checklist committee to Dick Parks. The presentation was not only meant to thank Dick for donating the beautiful print that graces the checklist's cover, but also to recognize the countless things he has done to support GOS. Lydia Thompson was also recognized Saturday night for the amazing job she did in pulling the whole festival together, as were the members of the festival committee, particularly Amy Ochoa and Diana Churchill. GOS president Gail Russell briefed the banquet audience on the results of the Saturday afternoon GOS elections, then handed over the reins of the organization to me with the symbolic passing of the gavel.

With nearly all species lists for field trips received, the tally appears to be 169. The high counts were 92 species detected for both Altamaha WMA and Little St. Simons Island. Highlights included: Plain Chachalaca, Tricolored Heron, Rough-legged Hawk, Black Rail, Piping Plover, Black-necked Stilt (still needs confirmation information for the checklist committee), Long-billed Curlew, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Western Kingbird, Golden-winged Warbler, and Clay-colored Sparrow. The species list is included in this newsletter (page 5). The final list will be posted on the festival web

site (<http://www.shrike.net/ccbf/>) and on GABO-L. If you didn't make it to this event, don't despair - something tells me that this will happen again next year. Hope to see you then!

Submitted by Bob Sargent



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SPECIES COUNTDOWN

Steve Holzman, Compiler

175 species observed

The following table contains a combined list of the species reported from the all of the field trips:

Common Loon	Sora	Mourning Dove	Brown Thrasher
Pied-billed Grebe	Purple Gallinule	Common Ground-Dove	European Starling
Northern Gannet	Common Moorhen	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Golden-winged Warbler
American White Pelican	American Coot	Barn Owl	Tennessee Warbler
Brown Pelican	Sandhill Crane	Eastern Screech-Owl	Orange-crowned Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Black-bellied Plover	Barred Owl	Northern Parula
Anhinga	Wilson's Plover	Chimney Swift	Yellow Warbler
American Bittern	Semipalmated Plover	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Magnolia Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Piping Plover	Belted Kingfisher	Cape May Warbler
Great Egret	Killdeer	Red-headed Woodpecker	Black-thr. Blue Warbler
Snowy Egret	American Oystercatcher	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Little Blue Heron	Greater Yellowlegs	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Black-thr. Green Warbler
Tricolored Heron	Lesser Yellowlegs	Downy Woodpecker	Yellow-throated Warbler
Cattle Egret	Willet	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	Pine Warbler
Reddish Egret	Spotted Sandpiper	Northern Flicker	Prairie Warbler
Green Heron	Whimbrel	Pileated Woodpecker	Palm Warbler
Black-cr. Night-Heron	Long-billed Curlew	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Blackpoll Warbler
Yellow-cr. Night-Heron	Marbled Godwit	Eastern Phoebe	Black-and-white Warbler
White Ibis	Ruddy Turnstone	Great Crested Flycatcher	American Redstart
Glossy Ibis	Red Knot	Western Kingbird	Ovenbird
Roseate Spoonbill	Sanderling	Loggerhead Shrike	Northern Waterthrush
Wood Stork	Semipalmated Sandpiper	White-eyed Vireo	Common Yellowthroat
Black Vulture	Western Sandpiper	Red-eyed Vireo	Hooded Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Least Sandpiper	Blue Jay	Summer Tanager
Duck (sp)	Pectoral Sandpiper	American Crow	Scarlet Tanager
Canada Goose	Dunlin	Fish Crow	Eastern Towhee
Wood Duck	Stilt Sandpiper	Tree Swallow	Clay-colored Sparrow
American Wigeon	Short-billed Dowitcher	No. Rough-winged Swallow	Savannah Sparrow
Mottled Duck	Dowitcher (sp)	Barn Swallow	Grasshopper Sparrow
Blue-winged Teal	Wilson's Snipe	Carolina Chickadee	Nelson's Sharp-shld. Sparrow

Northern Pintail	Laughing Gull	Tufted Titmouse	Saltmarsh Sharp-shld. Sparrow
Green-winged Teal	Bonaparte's Gull	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Seaside Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Ring-billed Gull	Carolina Wren	Northern Cardinal
Osprey	Herring Gull	House Wren	Blue Grosbeak
Bald Eagle	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Sedge Wren	Indigo Bunting
Northern Harrier	Great Black-backed Gull	Marsh Wren	Painted Bunting
Cooper's Hawk	Caspian Tern	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Bobolink
Red-shouldered Hawk	Royal Tern	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Sandwich Tern	Eastern Bluebird	Eastern Meadowlark
American Kestrel	Common Tern	Veery	Common Grackle
Merlin	Forster's Tern	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Boat-tailed Grackle
Peregrine Falcon	Black Skimmer	Swainson's Thrush	Brown-headed Cowbird
Clapper Rail	Rock Dove	Gray Catbird	Baltimore Oriole
King Rail	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Northern Mockingbird	House Sparrow

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