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ON TO AUGUSTA FOR G. O. S. Dates - the week-end after Easter. Be there to back up the new officers now taking over - they need everyone's help and support. A well planned program is in the offing and birding should be good - so make plans and - go !

FIVE ROMANS - all G. O. S. members - including Virginia Starr, Marion King, Myrtle and Byron Eberhart, and Louise Nunnally - spent a recent week-end at Ida Cason Callaway Gardens. The wild flowers were at their best and the area was ablaze with color. The group chalked up fifty-three species of birds during the week-end. It was nice meeting Roger Feldman, of the Atlanta Bird Club, on the Azalea Trail. Armed with a Peterson Guide and binoculars, there was no doubt that he was a fellow B. W. so introductions and some joint birding followed.

ATHOS MENABONI, well known Atlanta artist, recently had a one-man showing of his bird paintings at the High Museum of Art.

GAINESVILLE AND CEDARTOWN now have attractive signs designating these towns as bird sanctuaries. (There is no active bird group in either place.) This is very gratifying.

THE TOM CATERS, of Warner Robins, have given a copy of Peterson's Field Guide to an interested boy in their area. Others might use this as a tip to do likewise and thereby increase the enthusiasm of interested young folks who will be our adult birders of the future.

THE FLOYD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY, at a recent meeting, used the local check list as the program feature. It was very interesting to review the list and check first and last dates and to note additions made since the list was printed some three years ago. Phil Ham is doing a splendid job in keeping the "master" list up to date.

MRS. MAY WOODY AND MRS. CLAIRE GORDON, of Atlanta Bird Club, during March had a very interesting trip to Wakulla Springs, Florida. Species of birds seen totaled seventy-five.

FOLKS IN THE MACON AREA - Mildred Grubbs, Alma Cooke, and the two Caters - are working to add facts to the local check list.

PHIL HAM, of Rome (instructor at Darlington School) is due congratulations for being selected as one of the Star Teachers of the Year. Phil was made a charter member of the Cum Laude Society when a chapter was recently organized at the school.

BOOKS - Claire Gordon, of Atlanta, recommends "Two Against the North" by Ada White Sharples and also "The Proud Eagles" written by Mary Patchett.

LEE MARSHALL, formerly on the staff at Callaway Gardens, is now teaching at Abraham Baldwin College.

ROBERT A. NORRIS, former Atlantan, a research-at-large, received the 1961 George Mercer Award of the Ecological Society of America for an outstanding ecological paper published during 1959-60.

MIGRATION is now underway. May birding be good for all of you!

Louise Nunnally