

# Oriole Chirps

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**BIRD SANCTUARY SIGNS** - Congratulations are in order for the Atlanta Bird Club on the "Atlanta is a Bird Sanctuary" signs placed around the periphery of the city. Another most worthwhile project now under investigation is the acquiring of land to be developed by the club as a nature sanctuary.

**BREEDING BIRD SURVEY** - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans a Breeding Bird Survey in June of 1966 to be carried out in all of the states east of the Mississippi River utilizing the procedure which was used on an experimental basis in Maryland in 1965. The counts are to be made any time during June. Counting technique is simple and involves about twenty-five miles of driving and four hours of work starting before sunrise. The procedure is designed to permit a statistical interpretation of the data. Information concerning the project can be secured from Dr. Maurice Baker, Auburn University, at fifty cents a copy. Let Georgia birders stand up and be counted by helping to count the birds for this worthwhile survey!

**S O S - SAVE OUR SMOKIES** - There is great concern over the possibility of the construction of a transmountain highway through the wilderness area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park - from Bryson City, N.C., to Townsend, Tennessee. Should this be done, this wonderful area would no longer be classified as wilderness. Many local and national organizations - The Wilderness Society, the Knoxville Chapter of TOS, the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, National Audubon, and a number of others - oppose the building of such a road. Your help is needed if this part of the Smokies is to be saved from unnecessary and irreversible damage. Please write to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, Interior Building, Washington, D.C., and express your concern.

**THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY CLUB** will have ready, in a short time, a series of bird slides in color, with short descriptive sketches on each bird or bird family. This ready-to-use lecture material will be made available to any responsible person or club interested in presenting a program on birds.

**INVITATION FROM A NEIGHBOR** - TOS is to meet May 6-7-8 at Cumberland Mountain State Park (near Crossville) which is not very far above Chattanooga. The Knoxville Chapter of TOS will host the meeting and a very interesting program of events has been planned for the week-end in this beautiful park. Dr. Burt Monroe, Ornithologist from the University of Kentucky, is to speak at the banquet. TOS members hope that some GOS members will take advantage of the short distance from the state line and attend the meeting. (The editor of Chirps is Chairman of the Information Committee for the meeting, and details may be secured by writing her at the address given at the end of this newsletter.) . . . . Y'all come !!

**THREE CHEERS FOR HUMBLE** - Humble Oil and Refining Company, long recognizing the importance of controlling air and water pollution, has invested thirty-one million dollars to keep the air and water clean in areas where its refineries are located. This is a very good reason to "go Humble."



OF PEOPLE AND PLACES - Greetings from Florida sent by Herb Kale who has recently been elected Vice President of the new Tampa Audubon Society. Herb is doing all sorts of interesting things - a week spent in the Dry Tortugas last summer, participation in the St. Pete and Cocoa Christmas Counts. He asks that any GOS member visiting his part of Florida please stop by Busch Gardens in Tampa and give him a call. The Caters - Hedvig, Tom, and Jere - had a memorable trip to Key West and through the Everglades. How Clemmie and Jay Brower (Atlanta) do get about - Toledo, Ann Arbor in Michigan, Minneapolis, and back and forth across Georgia. Jay has completed a most successful year as President of the Atlanta Bird Club. Harold Peters is now resident in Avon, Connecticut, where he is serving as Executive Director of the Farmington River Watershed Association. And from the Robert Overings comes news of his retirement as of the end of 1965, and a move to their home on Lake Murray, near Chapin, S.C. Carmen (Mrs. James K.) Dobbs has "pulled up stakes" in Atlanta, and is now with her daughter in San Bernardino, California. Maurine Snow (ABC member) is anticipating with great delight her trip to Western Europe with the Florida Audubon Tour group come September.

REMEMBER GOS SPRING MEETING in Augusta and plan to attend.

Happy birding to all !

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