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THE GOSHawk SAYS - A big GOSHawk welcome to these new members - Delano Crowe, Dalton; Dr. Robert Gilbert, Kennesaw; David Waller, Thomson; Clarence Belger, Sr., Augusta; Dale Beard, Tifton; Adelina Garteemann, Savannah Serge Boudreault, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Mathis, Valdosta; Antonio Criscuolo, Valdosta; Alan Spearman (L.), Rome (gift of George Dorsey). Hope to see you at Jekyll Island.

Summertime birding can sometimes be dull - biting the hot weather doldrums; but not this year in our state! Interesting and exciting sightings were turned up. Summer, 1975, was the summer of the Mississippi Kite in Georgia. These graceful birds turned up at four locations, with two probable immatures seen. Those beautiful cousins of the Mississippi Kite, the Swallow-tailed Kites were not to be outdone -- the observations on the same date - July 20 - at three widely separated locations.

Other birding highlights for the last three months reveals -- A Scarlet Tanager in Macon on the unlikely date of July 19. Roseate Spoonbills and Sand-bill Cranes popped up in Brunswick - Black-necked Stilts were found nesting there and at Savannah. At Sylvania, Glossy Ibis, two Double-crested Cormorant sightings along with immature American Robins made the headlines. White Ibis, Wood Storks, a Yellow-headed Blackbird, Dowitchers, a Wilson's Phalarope, Stilt and White-rumped Sandpipers, a Purple Gallinule's nest with one egg, a Louisiana Heron were in the news at Augusta. Columbus gives us a Golden Eagle, Purple and Common Gallinules, Bank Swallows. A Bald Eagle was viewed at Callaway Gardens, Clayton favors us with a Least Flycatcher. An immature Canada Warbler and an adult male carrying food were at Brasstown Bald. Albany records a Snowy Egret. Dalton reports an extremely early Magnolia Warbler, Least Flycatcher and an American Avocet in Gordon County. Immature Yellow-crowned Night Herons - and one of undetermined species - were rescued from various dire straits.

ROUND - UP OF GOS NEWS - What are you doing October 17 - 19? We're hoping you'll be at GOS on Jekyll Island - the Golden Isles are calling you! An outstanding meeting is in store, complete with pelagic trip, Cumberland Island outing, swamps, marshes, fields and ponds - superb birding territory beckons the birder afield. Clear, tangy, burning blue October weather has been ordered - the birds will favor us with their presence. Chandler Robbins, world famous ornithologist - author of Birds of North America - will be the banquet speaker. Slides of shore and local birds will be on top for Friday night. This is an important meeting - election of officers to guide YOUR society for the next two years. The meeting is dedicated to the memory of Earle R. Greene. See you at Jekyll!

A Birder's Guide to Georgia, edited by Don Hans, is now at the printers and will be ready by meeting time -- price \$1.50. The body of the guide runs 55 pages. Be sure to get your copy and track down those birds you've been wanting to find.

BIRD NEWS - An asterisk following the name of a bird denotes it is listed as rare, uncommon, casual, etc. for that particular area and season in the Pocket Check-list Georgia Birds, J. Fred Denton, Milton Hopkins, Jr. Editor's notes are taken from this book unless otherwise stated.

AUGUSTA AUDUBON SOCIETY - Gerald Knighton has the following birds to his credit - in June he saw a pair of Ring-necked Ducks\* and a pair of Mallards\* which appeared to be mated at Merry Pond (MP) - no nests were found. A male Scaup\* was seen in early June and appeared to be in a weakened condition - the bird fed by sticking his neck underwater, rather than diving. On June 1, Gerald and a friend saw a Wilson's Phalarope at MP (Editor's Note: Rare transient on coast. Accidental in interior at Augusta.) - with two other men, spotted three Swallow-tailed Kites (Editor's Note: Formerly abundant summer resident in river swamps of Coastal Plain, now uncommon. Occasional in Piedmont) with Mississippi Kites at the airport. They watched several hundred large wading birds at Farmer's Pond - immature Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, White Ibis\* Louisiana Heron,\* Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron.

A new GOSer, Clarence Belger, is really raking in the birds - May 8 a Stilt Sandpiper (Editor's Note: Erratic spring and fall transient on coast, occasional fall migrant in interior), five White-rumped Snadpipers\*, a pair of Northern Shovelers\* at MP. May 12 brought a Least Tern\*; two Purple Gallinules\*, June 7 - a nest with one egg was found - after watching the nest for ten days and seeing no activity, the egg was sent away for verification. A Yellow-crowned Night Heron\* was found on a nest, June 8 - the nest was checked on each field trip. Three young hatched - one was killed in the nest - two fledged. One of the adults was shot. An American Wigeon was observed on June 8 - late date.

July 6, Clarence and his son found an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird at MP. (Editor's Note: Accidental fall and winter.) - two dowitchers\* in spring plumage were seen on July 8 - one on July 27, MP. Two birds had their dinners on August 2 - a Red-tailed Hawk caught and ate a mouse - later on a Barn Owl\* did likewise. A Willet was seen through a 20X scope, August 5 (Editor's Note: ... Accidental in interior.).

June 14 brought six Mississippi Kites to the area and Robbie Lathrop found a Least Bittern's nest in some reeds. An increase to eight Mississippi Kites occurred on July 27, along with the sighting of a Great Horned Owl\* - probably the owner of the nest found last spring -; a Broad-winged Hawk and 11 White Ibis\* (Augusta Editor's Note: White Ibis were seen on almost every field trip this summer. They seem to be definitely establishing a stronghold in the area.)

Tom Rial and Clarence Belger, August 24, saw an American Kestrel\*, seven Great Blue Herons, 100 immature Little Blue Herons, three Scaup\* on Swan Pond - over-summered, six Wood Storks\* (Augusta Editor's Note: these birds are showing up more often in the area.), three Blue-winged Teal - early date. Eleanor Morris spotted a Great Egret in a marshy area near the river behind the depot on Fifth Street - the front of the depot faces on Reynolds Street - one of the busiest streets. Bill and Lee Gibbs observed thousands of Purple Martins on the wires and TV antennas along the highway between Lincolntown and Taccoa, July 18.

THE FALL LINE - OCMULGEE AUDUBON SOCIETY - MACON - Rose Marie Johnson reports seeing a Scarlet Tanager\* in her yard, July 19. This is a new date for the area.

THE PIPER - COASTAL GEORGIA AUDUBON SOCIETY - BRUNSWICK - More reports of Sandbill Cranes\* are being received from the coastal marshes. Several were spotted back during the winter on St. Simons (SS). Four were observed on the Jekyll Island Causeway early on April 4. An Atlanta Audubon Society member identified two on May 24 between SS and Brunswick. It has not been determined whether these are all one group moving around or several groups.

On July 11, a call was received that several workers at Brunswick Pulp has seen four Roseate Spoonbills in a diked area on the eastern edge of the plant. A member went out, but did not see the birds. Six pairs of nesting Black-necked Stilts were found. Terry Moore, July 26, brought in a group to see the stilts and, with luck, the spoonbills. They went to the site where many egrets were seen and at least 20 stilts. At the end of the dike, eight Roseate Spoonbills were viewed. (Editor's Note: This is the fifth sighting for Georgia - spoonbills being seen in Liberty County, 1934; Rome, July 21, 1972; Dalton, July 15, 1972; Albany, June 1974 - The Georgia GOSHawk, Vol. II, No. 1. Blacknecked Stilt - occasional on Coast, spring - fall possibly breeding.)

A member reports a Water Pipit\*, July 28, following his resident Tufted Titmice around. Three times it flew onto his window screen where it was closely observed. Pipits are seen here in winter, but they breed in the far north. An Albino dove has been in the area.

THE MARSHLANDER - OGEECHEE AUDUBON SOCIETY - SAVANNAH - (May or June issue) - A Mississippi Kite was seen on the Holly Hill Pilgrimage. A few Brown Pelicans were noted on June 21 at Little Tybee Island.

Nesting Report - Summer 1975 - Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge (SRNWR) - John Davis, manager, reports - a 60% nesting success of the Wood Duck population on the refuge complex. The Canada Geese are holding their own at

Harris Neck, where over 2,000 egrets and herons fledged. The SNWR rookery suffered a loss of 300 - 500 egrets during a July rainstorm - nests retained water, drowning chicks.

The Corps of Engineer's Savannah River spoil area has attracted over 600 breeding pairs of Least Terns. The colony is being monitored in compliance with a List and Wildlife Service study of Least Tern distribution and population. Over 400 tern nests produced young in June - as of July 5, 166 additional nests were noted. At the fringes of the tern colony, Black-necked Stilts\* and Black Skimmers were nesting. By July 1, a dozen immature stilts were counted and new nests continued to be found.

Corps engineer, Bill Young, deserves much of the credit for protecting the nesting site from the traffic of Corps vehicles and machinery.

THE OBSERVER - COLUMBUS AUDUBON SOCIETY - Bird Notes by L. A. Wells - Although we have no previous years with which to compare, marsh birds apparently fared well on the Georgia side, Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge (ENWR) this summer. Bill Matheny gives us these sightings - an Osprey\*, a common Gallinule\* and wild mallards\* nesting, June 16; four Least Bitterns, 15 - 20 Purple Gallinules\*, American Kestrel\*, July 26. James Miller saw eight Least Bitterns, July 4. King Rails - several baby young and numerous others were noted in July.

James and Bill report vulture roosts 30 miles east of Columbus. James counted six Turkey and 22 Black Vultures on July 6. Also he heard Black and White and Swainson's Warblers singing on June 1; saw the Swainson's Warbler on June 15.

Twenty-two Black Vultures were counted on a Breeding Bird Census near Cuthbert -- a drop in Red-eyed Vireos and Hooded Warblers was noted with a proliferation of pest species on the route. Two Eastern Bluebird nests were observed - one with the normal blue eggs - the other with white eggs. Both clutches produced normal young. A singing Black and White Warbler was heard June 28 - a female Northern (Baltimore) Oriole\* was seen August 23 - two weeks early.

CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY CLUB - COLUMBUS - R. A. Wells, reporting - The big news today is that Golden Eagles\* may be breeding in our region. Unlike Bald Eagles which tend to range near water, research reveals the Golden Eagle is more often seen over mountainous or hilly terrain. First reported near Warm Springs in April, 1974, where a pair on the wing seemed to be engaging in nuptial play, an adult and an immature were next reported at ENWR, January 25 by Bill Matheny. A bird, apparently an adult, next turned up in Green Island Hills, February 6. A pair was again seen by Mike Fuller at ENUR, February 21. And lastly, a single was observed in Marion County, eight miles east of Geneva on June 1.

James Miller saw an early American Redstart on August 3. Venturing further south than usual, he found two Willets\* and a Caspian Tern at Fort Gaines Dam. (Editor's Note: ... Accidental in interior at Columbus). Purple Martins are forming up before journeying to South America. He saw an estimated flock of 700 over Oliver Dam Rookout, August 7.

Bill Matheny and James Miller found Bank Swallows\*, ENWR, during July and August. These little swallows are not so frequently seen locally - less than a dozen times over 20 years.

The Canada Geese nesting on Hummingbird Lake, Callaway Gardens (CG), produced three goslings. An albino Brown Thrasher has been spotted at West Point. A Bald Eagle\* has been seen at CG for two or three weeks recently (Sept. Issue). Claudia Carswell was brought a weak, immature night heron this summer.

THE HOUSE FINCH - HENRY COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY - (June) House Sparrows have been destroying a Purple Martin colony. Nests were found built on top of other nests containing eggs - eggs were found punctured, young were found pecked to death. Three Red-tailed Hawks, two American Kestrels\* and an albino House Sparrow have been seen in the area.

ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY - Don and Doris Cohrs again led the ternbank Spring

Migration Watch. Birding highlights included the addition of four species to the Fernbank list - Barn Swallow, Cooper's Hawk, Swainson's and Nashville\* Warblers. This gives a four-year total of 119 species heard or seen at Fernbank. Each Sunday an adult Barred Owl was observed near or inside a hollow American Beech tree - we were rewarded on May 25 with a reasonably good look at a large, fuzzy owl peering from the nest hole. Don Hans was a stand-in guide for the Cohrs.

On June 21, Bob Gilbert (another new member) and five companions went looking for Terry Moore's Least Flycatcher\* - one singing male was located in Clayton. From the site of the flycatcher sighting, an Osprey\* was noted flying with four Turkey Vultures. Since Ospreys are listed as breeding on the coast in Georgia, two choices exist - a pair is nesting near one of the well-stocked lakes of the mountains - or a non-breeding bird.

On this same trip, three Common Ravens\* were distantly seen. From the parking lot area (Brasstown Bald), an unidentified note brought us to examine a young Canada Warbler whose eye ring was yellow. A male in full breeding plumage was seen carrying food in the same rhododendron thicket. No nest of the Canada Warbler was found. (Editor's Note: Georgia Birds, Thomas D. Burleigh - The nest of the Canada Warbler has yet to be found in the state - a male was seen carrying food, June 20, 1922, Brasstown Bald; a pair feeding young first out of the nest on June 17, 1950 - Tray Mountain.)

Returning to Atlanta through Cumming, we were within 20 - 25 feet of a male Cooper's Hawk binding to a female House Sparrow - she on her back, he suspicious of the car. She raised her head, he began plucking breast feathers from her. It was noted that prey animals are eaten live or dead. The prey may not have the defensive - death mechanism as some scientists appear to think. Or it may not always be operative. The prey in this case was alive and being undressed for consumption.

At the Bull Sluice area of the Chattahoochee River, both Whip-poor-will and Chuck-will's-widow were heard about 9:00 p.m. - Reported by Bob Manns.

Two Swallow-tailed Kites\* were reported on July 20 at Stephen Foster State Park. An Osprey\* was sighted on a lake in east Cherokee County, July 30.

THE ALBANY LIMPKIN - ALBANY AUDUBON SOCIETY - Breeding bird census news - a Barn Owl\* was located on the route. Many birds, such as 14 Wood Storks\* seen feeding in a marshy area may be rare for the state as a whole, but are fairly common in the route area. A Snowy Egret\* was also spotted.

Two Mississippi Kites have apparently taken over a wooded stretch of road in Brentwood. May 29, an adult was seen sitting in a tree at roadside, a darker kite was seen, possibly an immature.

On June 23 one Broad-winged Hawk\* was heard and seen by Charles Erwin at Camp Osborn, Worth County - June 26 one was noted at Kinchafoone Creek - June 30 one was heard near Leary Highway. An American Kestrel\* was watched June 29 in Terrell County by Don and Ann Forster of Atlanta. In light of the fact that neither of these birds have ever been recorded in summer near Albany, these are very unusual records.

An immature Yellow-crowned Night Heron was found starving July 29. Charles Erwin identified it and kept it planning to release the bird when recovered. He also had a look at a Yellow-throated Warbler in his own backyard, July 29.

Red-headed Woodpeckers fledged one young from a nest hole in Albany. Several flocks of Wood Storks\* and White Ibis\* were reported flying over a member's home.

THE BIRD - WATCHER -- FLOYD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY - ROME - Byron Eberhart saw these birds in his yard September 9 - Great Crested Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Yellow Warbler.

THE DALTON KINGFISHER - CHEROKEE AUDUBON SOCIETY - An immature Yellow-crowned Night Heron\* (these young birds seem to have a penchant for getting into trouble - Ed.) was rescued from a fence corner where it was hemmed in

by dogs on July 5. The bird suffered an injured wing and was placed in a large out-door pen. Anne Hamilton viewed the bird, July 7, and made the identification. Around July 15, the bird died.

A Whitfield County Deputy Sheriff had a novel experience at Freeman's Springs, July 15. An immature Barred Owl flew in the open door of his Sheriff's Department car and got under the front seat injuring its wing in the process. The bird was taken to a veterinarian for treatment and was found to have possible nerve damage to the wing. As of September 16, the owl was still at the clinic - it is hoped the bird can eventually be returned to the wild.

A stunned Great Horned Owl\* was picked up by hand near Cohutta, September 14. It is felt the bird flew into the side of a parked tractor. The owl is recovering and will be turned loose in suitable habitat. Perhaps as many as four of these owls have been noted about this home during the summer.

Sandy Pangle spotted a Black Tern at Thread Mill Lake (TML) July 30. Don and Doris Cohrs in Dalton on a business trip, found two female-plumaged Blue-winged Teal, TML, August 25 - early. Georgia Birds, Ibid gives Atlanta, August 27, 1938 and Grody County, August 27, 1941 as early dates. Anne Hamilton reports a singing Black and White Warbler, July 28; Black-billed Cuckoo\*, August 28 (one was noted at Camp Maynard on June 11).

The area's big news comes from Gordon County and was brought to light by a new GOSer - Delano Crowe. A Co-worker of Delano's spotted an unusual looking bird at a pond on Pine Chapel Road near Nickelsville on September 9. Delano went to see the bird - not having a bird guide with him he did not recognize the bird. When the bird started feeding - moving its head from side to side - "as if saying 'no'" - to quote Delano - he immediately knew the bird to be an American Avocet. (Delano remembered seeing a TV film showing an Avocet feeding in this manner - Ed.). On September 10, the two men viewed the bird with binoculars and bird guides, making a concrete identification. The bird was last seen by Delano and Doris Crowe on September 20. (Editor's Note: Irregular transient on coast, interior records at Albany - September 5, 1952 - and Milledgeville. In the Author - Species Index - Vols. 31 - 35 of The Oriole, Avocet articles are listed for 1966, 1968, 1969. Harriett DiGioia saw an American Avocet in a wet meadow - on Mill Creek Road, March 14, 1970 - The Dalton Kingfisher Vol III, No. 8. Since the bird had its back to her and the upturned bill was not seen, no further publication of the bird was undertaken.)

Harriett DiGiois - Pied-billed Grebe, TML, August 1 - early; American Redstart, August 3 - early; Magnolia Warbler, August 6 (Editor's Note: Georgia Birds, Ibid. - fives August 27, 1937, Atlanta as the earliest date. One was seen in Dalton, August 25, 1946). Blue-winged Warbler\*, August 28; Worm-eating, Canada Warblers, August 30; Orchard Oriole, September 6 - late date. Two screaming Red-shouldered Hawks, Screech Owl, Veery and Prothonotary, Tennessee, Blackburnian Warblers, Northern (Baltimore) Oriole\* - farm - September 9. (This was part of a large wave of birds rolling along the East Chickamauga Creek - Ed.). Least Flycatcher\*, September 11; Golden-winged, two Yellow-throated Warblers\*, September 15.

A big wave of Warblers passed through Dalton on August 30 - other waves occurring on September 9, 14, 15, 16, 17.

LETTERS AND CARDS - John Swiderski sent in the following - "Terry Moore and I saw an adult Swallow-tailed Kite\* at Brasstown Bald, July 20. Observed for about a minute before it disappeared over the ridges. Research in The Oriole shows sightings at Rock Eagle and Macon in the past, also, Dr. Wharton took a specimen at Conley in the early 1940's."

Elizabeth Lee, Sylvania, writes - "Mississippi Kites were first seen by my mother - Lucy B. Lee - and myself, soaring high over the Sylvan Heights residential area - at least five were seen August 17. From that date until September 2, some were seen every day. Eleanor Fisher and Grace Boddiford came on August 21 and at 4:00 p.m. we counted seven. Eight were the most seen at one time - they are extremely graceful - soaring, dipping and turning on the wind currents. On August 29, I saw what I took to be an immature perched in a pine in the garden right next to our house for about 15 minutes - around 5:30 p.m.



"Three young American Robins\* were seen feeding on the lawn of the Scriven County Hospital, July 19 - 21. Another was found about August 6 in Sylvan Heights. An American Robin was seen in our yard July 6, August 1."

More news from Sylvania - this time from Grace Boddiford - "On July 5 and 8 at about 8:30 p.m. a flock of seven Glossy Ibis\* came to a pond on Millhaven Plantation - 15 miles northeast of Sylvania and were observed by a friend who had gone to the rookery where Cattle Egrets and Little Blue Herons were nesting in big numbers. The Glossy Ibis flew in a close group, circled over the rookery once and settled in the area where White Ibis seemed to roost. On July 10, I observed seven Glossy Ibis come in at the rookery about 8:40 p.m. On July 12, we saw 12 individuals come in after 8:30 p.m. flying in a close group as before. At least one was an immature, with a fine white line showing under the neck. Three or four of the Glossy Ibis were seen August 8.

"One Double-crested Cormorant\* - second record for Scriven County - was seen on Wade Plantation near the Savannah River May 7. Another was seen on a large pond, Millhaven Plantation in mid-June."

(Editor's Note: Anne Hamilton told the editor that the rookery mentioned in the Glossy Ibis write-up moved this year two-three miles north of its previous location. The farm workers mentioned to Grace Boddiford that the rookery would move every five years. Grace saw an American Redstart, September 9.)

Marynette Webb - Vidalia - raised three Blue Jays from featherless nestlings to fledged young. Even taking them on vacation with her! She devised an ingenious feeding method - "... at first feeding was with an eye dropper. The problem was they were hungry again before I finished feeding them - the process was so slow. ... I got hold of a two cc syringe made of plastic, held it over a flame (minus the needle) and rammed a 16 common - 'ten penny' - nail through the neck where the needle attaches. The result was fantastic! My 'feed' was a starting mash for chickens mixed with a little dog food and enough water to make a thick paste. The paste was readily sucked up in the altered syringe and each feeding took only three - five minutes for all three."

(Your cards and letters are really appreciated - thank you! Keep them coming! - Ed.)

NEWS OF PEOPLE - Illness - Hospitalized during the summer were Sandy Pangle and Renee White (looks like the Dalton folks were the only sick ones! - Ed.). Both are fully recovered now.

NEWS MEDIA - Charlotte Blackshear has moved from Albany to Birmingham, Ala. Her column - "Charlotte Blackshears' Birds" ran in the Albany Herald from February 20, 1972 - June 15, 1975. Elbridge Freeborn had a Letter to the Editor published in the September 3 edition of the Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin. Anne Hamilton was a guest on Dalton's WTTI's Coffee Time, talking about the Cherokee Audubon Society.

TRAVELERS - Norene Boring visited relatives in Minnesota - going to Minneapolis, Montrose, Delano - home of Jubert Humphrey and her home town of Little Falls - for three weeks in June. She added to the Clay - colored Sparrow to her Life List and saw a Common Loon, House Wrens - very numerous - and a Yellow Warbler which sang a variation of the song heard in Georgia. We evidently do not hear this particular variation.

Grace and Hanison Whiteman took a trip to the West - San Francisco, Mojave Desert, Garden of the Gods, Well's Canyon and Mount Ranier, Grand Teton, Sequoia, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain National Parks. (They really hit the parks! - Ed.). Grace added 23 birds to her Life List, including Violet-green Swallow, Lark Bunting, White-throated Swift.

Sue Chambliss spent a week at Little Switzerland N.C. While visiting Mount Mitchell she observed a flock of Barn Swallows busily eating insects - "but they did not eat enough, the tourists were being eaten alive that day" - to quote Sue.

Bill Matheny and a friend got in a "little birding". June found them in New Mexico and Big Bend National Park, TX. Among their more than 200 species of birds were Masked Duck, Yellow-green Vireo, Ferruginous Owl, Rose-throated Becard

Colima Warbler, White-tailed Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Phainopepla. On recent trips to points some 30 miles off Georgia and Florida they have seen Cory's Shearwaters, Parasitic Jaegers, Wilson's Petrels, Phalaropes.

Carlton and Mary Ann Neville, Terry More, John and Judy Swiderski visited Four Holes Swamp, S.C. the first week-end in May. Prothonotary, Northern Parula Warblers, flocks of White Ibis, Yellow-crowned Night Heron were viewed.

ACTIVITIES - Charles Erwin has been busy - passing Boy Scouts on bird merit badges at Camp Osborn, Worth County and he taught an adult bird class at the Albany Area Museum this summer. He will again teach an adult class at the museum this fall and appeared on the Town and Country TV show in September to tell about the course. Anne Hamilton, Harriett DiGioia again taught nature studies at the Girl Scout day camp - Camp Maynard. Harriett DiGioia has been cataloging the wild vascular plants - ferns through trees - in Whitfield and Murray Counties for the Georgia Botanical Society. So far, she has 116 families; 855 species for this 150,000 acre area. Georgians Pindar is Field Trip Chairman for the Georgia Botanical Society. Ken Dubke gave a slide talk about the Amicola Marsh - near Chattanooga, TN - to a recent meeting of the Dalton Bird and Garden Club.

MISCELLANEOUS - Two memorials have been established for former members. On April 25, the Cecily Masters Memorial was dedicated at the Goodyear Cottage, Jekyll Island. The memorial is threefold - a fountain outside the cottage, designed by Marian Hagland. Two slide lectures of water and land birds were presented to the director of the public library. The remaining money is deposited in a savings account to be used for annual purchases of wildlife books for the library.

Joe King, a personal friend of Earle R. Greene wrote of the memorial plans for Earle in The Piper. "On May 16 Mr. Greene's library comprising 79 volumes was denoted in his memory to the Brunswick Library.... Earle's field records, journals, life list and a large collection of photographs of birds and prominent birders have been - or will be - turned over to Wallace Dreyfoos ... for deposit in the Special Collections section of the University of Georgia Library, Athens. GOS is establishing an annual Earle R. Greene Memorial award ... a new GOS publication, A Birder's Guide to Georgia ... will be dedicated to Earle."

Four-hundred Canada Geese were marked this past winter in connection with a study of interchange between the two areas doing the marking, other coastal North Carolina goose populations and areas north and south. Two hundred geese were marked with red plastic collars and leg bands at Pungo National Refuge - 200 with yellow collars and bands at Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge. If you spot a marked goose, please record - the number on collar and leg band; color of collar and band; location as to state and nearest town; date. Send the information to East Coast Management Biologist; U.S. Fishland Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 581, Washington, N.C. 27889.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources needs your help, too - please send some sightings from January - December, 1974, of the following endangered birds - Eastern Brown Pelican, Swallow-tailed Kite, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Kirtland's Warbler, Cooper's Hawk, Least Flycatcher, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Warbler, Wood Ibis, Sharp-skinned Hawk, American Kestrel, Mississippi Kite, Limpkin, Carolina Junco, Florida Sandbill Crane, Osprey, Barn Owl, Bewick's Wren, Black-necked Stilt, Gray Kingbird, Common Raven - to Ron R. Odum, Department of Natural Resources, Route 2, Social Circle, GA 30279.

HELP! McRae Williams received the following letter. Perhaps someone can help this young man. "Dear Sir: I am a young biologist from Rangoon (Burma) University. My major job is collecting orchids and birds in our jungles. But I have only very limited literature for reference. I shall be very much delighted if you will kindly supply used books or literature for my study. I can send eggs of various birds including green peafowl. I want to exchange with ornithological literature or quail. Sincerely yours, Fred Them Pe c/o Naut Elsie (Manager), Postal Stock Dept., 61, 39th Street, Rangoon, Burma." Contact McRae, 755 Ellsworth Drive, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318 for more details. Book rate to Rangoon is \$1.73 for up to 11 pounds, according to McRae.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad. - Edwin Way Teale, Autumn Across America.

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