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We welcome our newest members - Tenney Griffin, Valdosta; Bonnie Evans, Tifton; David Glass, Atlanta; Charles Murphy, Atlanta; Gladys Smith, Clayton; Paige Harvey, Demorest.

Editorial Comment - The concensus of opinion across the state was the spring migration was fair to middlin'; neither good nor bad. Birds came through, but not in large waves or numbers. Species counts were wanting.

Weather conditions, fluctuations in bird populations, shifts in migration routes, other variables all play a part in migration sightings. It will be interesting to watch the up-coming fall migration unfold.

Headliner birds for the late winter-spring season included the following finds. A Reddish Egret was spotted on the GOS weekend in Valdosta; Bald Eagles continue in the news with sightings from Valdosta (GOS weekend), Savannah, Darien.

A Wilson's Phalarope was reported from Floyd County; House Finches were at Columbus and Atlanta. The nest of a Worm-eating Warbler was found at Callaway Memorial Forest and a Whistling Swan lingered on Merry Ponds, Augusta.

House Wrens appeared at Augusta and Whitfield County; Red-cockaded Woodpeckers were at Hephzibah. Northern Phalaropes were sighted off Jekyll Island; Rough-legged Hawk - light phase - was watched from Lookout Plateau near Menlo. A Henslow's Sparrow was found at Brunswick; Golden Plover near Atlanta; Bewick's Wren at Pendergrass. A Glossy Ibis put in an appearance at Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge - Georgia side. Common Loons swam and dived on Clark Hill Reservoir, Augusta, Lake Conasauga, Cohutta Ranger District, Chattahoochee National Forest, on water in Atlanta, and flying over Valdosta (GOS weekend). An Olive-sided Flycatcher was discovered in Atlanta and a Yellow-headed Blackbird at Rome.

Sandhill Crane reports conclude this editorial. Approximately 500 winged their way over Atlanta between 1-5 March. A flock of cranes was seen over Lookout Plateau 17 February. Over the Cohutta Work Center, Cohutta Ranger District, 120 were watched on 14 March - another flock was heard in the distance over Doogan Mountain, same day. Four were down in a field near Eton on Ga. Hwy. 286 on 16 March.

Roundup of GOS News - Thank you Valdosta for a great time! The weekend was well-planned, well-coordinated, well-executed. How did you ever get those Bald Eagles to show up on all three field trips, allowing everyone attending GOS to see them?

Many heartfelt thanks to Chairman Virginia Culpepper and to the following GOSers/Withlacoochee Watchers who carried through in fine style:

Field Trips - Clyde Connell, Ken George, Fred Flateau, M. E. Crago.  
Birds in Art Display - Wayne Faircloth, Claude Singer.  
Friday Social Hour - Es Crago, Hazel Flateau.  
Banquet Decorations and Flowers - Leo Bell.  
Maps - M. E. Crago, Bill Culpepper.  
Door Prize - birdfeeder made by Ralph Milam.  
Registration and Banquet - Tony and Edna Criscuolo, Tillis and Harris Mathis.

Our thanks are also due Valdosta State College President and Mrs. Hugh Bailey; Dr. Tom Gandy, Head of Public Services; Ron Dubberly, Director of Food Services for their valuable assistance.

Two slide narrative swamp programs were given. Friday night featured the Okefenokee Swamp, presented by Dr. Bill Cribbs of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge staff. Jerry Cutlip, Director of Corkscrew Swamp National Audubon Sanctuary told about his swamp Saturday night. Both were excellent and informative.

Eighty-eight people were registered; 98 bird species were listed. This included Common Loon\*, Reddish Egret\* (Editor's Note-Accidental at St. Mary's 20 April 1877, specimen on Little St. Simon's Island 14 September 1967,; specimen, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge 25 June 1971), Snowy Egret\*, Louisiana Heron, Bald Eagle\*, Osprey\*, Am. Kestrel\*, Sandhill Crane\*, Hermit Thrush, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Logger-head Shrike, Bachman's Sparrow\*, White-throated Sparrow.

Fall Warbler Special - GOS is trying something new! To spark interest and enthusiasm, GOS is planning extra trips to various areas in the state to see the featured species.

Warblers are a specialty on the Songbird Management Area, Cohutta Ranger District, Chattahoochee National Forest. Harriett DiGioia, U. S. Forest Service, will lead the trip. She has listed 28 of the 39 warblers seen in Georgia on this 350 acre tract of land. Six more species of warblers have been listed by her on the District. Vireos, thrushes, flycatchers, woodpeckers, hawks, Scarlet Tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are often seen and heard. Migration birding is especially rewarding.

Date: Sunday, September 16. That's the third week and the peak of migration.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Eton, GA. Meet in parking lot of Eton Grocery and Hardware Store at only traffic light on U.S. Hwy. 411 N. Eton is next town north of Chatsworth.

What to Bring: Lunch, beverage, jacket, tank of gas. Car pooling is advised due to gas crunch and driving over Forest Service roads. Too many cars are unhandy on these roads.

We'll bird our way up Forest Service Roads 18 and 68 to the Songbird Management Area, Lake Conasauga Recreation Area, Grassy Mountain. Then we'll bird Forest Service Road 64, the highest elevation road, over to Watson Gap. There you'll be on Georgia Hwy. 2 and can go down into Blue Ridge and home.

For more information, contact Harriett DiGioia, U.S. Forest Service, 401 Old Ellijay Rd., Chatsworth, GA 30705. Phone 404-695-6736, ask secretary for information. I'm looking forward to taking GOSers up to the SMA, this is the pilot non-game management area on the Chattahoochee National Forest and one of the few in the nation. If this is successful, others will be implemented.

Catch Fall Migration on the Coast! - The Georgia Coast! Where birders go in the fall, where the Georgia Ornithological Society meets October 5-6-7, jointly with the Carolina Bird Club. Come to a great program at the Buccaneer Motel on Jekyll Island and field trips up and down the coast, for everyone interested in birds.

Fall is the prime time to be on the coast, with good weather and large numbers of migrating birds. Shorebirds, herons, hawks, and landbirds are moving alongshore by the thousands. If the weather conditions are right, you can be swamped with birds of many species.

We plan field trips to different targets, led by experienced birders who know the local areas. One group will look for shorebirds, another will concentrate on hawks and their identification (we expect Sharpshins, Merlins, maybe a Peregrine). Some will specialize in confusing fall warblers (those little green things!), and there will be a banding station in operation -- you might hold a Cape May Warbler in your hand! These field trips run Saturday and Sunday, spreading out from Jekyll Island to Darien and the Altamaha Waterfowl Area, Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and Cumberland Island. There may be exciting rarities, even a new bird for the Georgia list. Don't miss this chance to see them.

Details on field trips will be announced at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, at the Buccaneer Motel, and all field trips will start from the motel parking lot.

Saturday night features a joint banquet of the Carolina Bird Club and the Georgia Ornithological Society, with important announcements about group activities from the afternoon business meetings. Speaker for the evening will be Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin, ecologist of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, University of Georgia. Dr. Brisbin will describe ecological studies of the experimental nuclear explosions at Amchitka Island in 1971. He will focus on studies of nuclear effects on Bald Eagle, Pergrine Falcon and Sea Otter, and discuss the work of ecologists in assessing the impact of major environmental disturbances.

Registration form for the GOS meeting and special reservation form for the Buccaneer Motel are included with this newsletter.

Bird News - Records listed in this newsletter are largely unchecked and do not constitute an official sighting. Publication of these records is intended to bring interesting sightings to the attention of the membership and to remind them to be alert for unusual species in the areas indicated.

An asterisk following the name of the bird denotes it is listed as occasional, rare, uncommon, casual for that particular area/season in the Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds, J. Fred Denton. Editor's notes are taken from this book.

Abbreviations used in this newsletter: Audubon Society - AS; National Wildlife Refuge - NWR; adult - ad; immature - im; male - m; female - f; River - R; Lake - L; Creek - Cr; Island - Is; Mountain - Mtn; Fort - Ft; County - Co; Common - Com; American - Am; Warbler - W; Eastern - E; Northern - N.

The Chattanooga Chat - Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society - Jo Lynn Gibson of Ringgold (GA) saw a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher\* perched on a wire outside a greenhouse at her home. Her sister, Jan Hawthorne, several students in Professor Grundset's ornithology class, Southern Missionary College, viewed the bird. Color photographs were taken.

The Fall Line - Ocmulgee AS - Richard Lux sighted a Veery\* in his yard 5 May. Other sightings include Mississippi Kite, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, many Prothonotary Ws and Red-eyed Vireos. (May newsletter)

The Bird Watcher - Floyd County AS - Rome - On a field trip 25 March, Lenn Sisson and George Dorsey report Am Wigeon\* 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1; Com Snipe 3, Belted Kingfisher 2, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Downy Woodpecker 1, Tree Swallow\* 5, Rough-winged Swallow 3, Barn Swallow 4, Purple Martin 3, Am Robin 134, E Bluebird 3, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Cedar Waxwing 9, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Starling 170, Savannah Sparrow 3, Chipping Sparrow 1, Field Sparrow 15, Song Sparrow 1. Trip went to Floyd Junior College, Paris L, Silver Cr, Wax L, Padgett L, Darlington School.

Lenn Sisson spotted an Osprey\* near his home east of Rome 28 March sailing toward the Etowah R. George Dorsey, 14 April, noted an Osprey\* soaring over open fields at Darlington School. It came from the direction of the Coosa R, circled and headed back to the river. This could have been Lenn's bird. On 2 May, Lenn found a Wilson's Phalarope\* at Paris L. George also saw this female plumaged bird. This is believed to be a first for Floyd Co. (Editor's note - Rare spring and fall transient on coast in April and 4 August 1968 - 23 September 1959, specimen; accidental in interior at Atlanta 30 July 1971; Augusta 1 June 1975, photograph; 13-16 September 1962 and Eufaula NWR 13 April 1975)

A field trip to Black's Buff Road turned up these birds 22 April. Cooper's Hawk\*, Bobwhite, Mourning Dove, Com Flicker, E Phoebe, Carolina Wren, White-throated Sparrow.

The Observer - Columbus AS - Interesting sightings from the area - 4 March House Finch\* 2, Grace Martin; 10 March N Parula W, Mike Fuller; 14 March N Shoveler\*, Sam Pate; 19 March Worm-eating W, Florence Lynn; 1 March pair of Pintails\*, Cooper's Cr, Sam Pate; 19 March Orange-crowned W, Peggy Spencer.

A Callaway Memorial Forest field trip 14 April led to these finds: Sharp-shinned Hawk\*, Cerulean W\*, Golden-winged W, Louisiana Waterthrush and the nest of a Worm-eating W\*.

Sam Pate saw N and Orchard Orioles, Cape May Ws (males only) pouring through the low country yellow poplar forest near Americus 21 April. Six Upland Sandpipers\* were in a plowed field - 90% turned over - in Seminole Co 27 March; 7 were there 1 April according to Sam.

Florence Lynn gives us Solitary Vireo 28 March, Wood Thrush 1 April, Hooded W 2 April, Kentucky W 4 April, Black-and-white W, Summer Tanager 5 April, Whip-poor-will 10 April, Chuck-will's-widow 14 April. Female Purple Finches were lingering on 16 April. All sightings from Harris Co.

About 25 Broad-winged Hawks were seen during the week 16-22 April. Obviously, these 25 were a tiny fraction of the Broad-wings passing through the area on migration. At Goat Rock Dam 19 April Sam Pate saw Indigo Buntings and watched N Shoveler\* 9 wing their way up the Chattahoochee R. Jim Shirah saw a Ruby-throated Hummingbird 31 March. The Oldsquaw was still at Cooper Cr, being seen by Sam 18 April. Kevin Posey saw White Ibis\* 11 on 17 May.

Augusta AS - The 10 March dusk field trip to Merry Ponds (MP) witnessed the courtship flight of an Am Woodcock. A Group of Black-crowned Night Herons left their roost to feed, in with the herons was an im White Ibis\*. 24 March field trip listed Yellow-crowned Night Heron\*, White-eyed Vireo, Tree Swallow\*, Greater Yellowlegs 25. One Whistling Swan\* remains on MP. This young one was shot in the right wing: the bird seems able to swim and feed. Clarence Belger observed Green-winged Teal 2 that are wounded and can't fly - April newsletter. (Hunters should track wounded game and kill it cleanly rather than letting it suffer. Then there are those who shoot indiscriminately; anywhere, any time; legal or illegal. - Ed.)

Sightings from the area - Ann Waters and Clarence Belger noted Purple Martin 4 over MP 17 March. On this same date, same place, they again saw the m Cinnamon Teal that has overwintered on the ponds. David Teng, a California birder, was on the 10 March field trip and saw the same bird. He is extremely familiar with Cinnamon Teal and says there is no doubt it is a true Cinnamon. (Editor's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists for Georgia. This is a valuable record; it would be a service if a member of the Checklist Committee would validate this record. A cloud of indecision hangs over the bird, also recorded last year.)

Ann Waters found Lesser Yellowlegs 2 on 18 March and Barred Owl. Clarence Belger at Clark Hill (CH) 25 March watched Com Loon\* 2 with fish. Delma Knipps reports a Pileated Woodpecker in her yard 8 March; while Elfrieda Haynes sighted a Great Blue Heron on a pond near her home and reports Fox Sparrows at her feeder 15 March.

7 April field trip to Heggie Rock - Red-Tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks. 28 April field trip - Mississippi Kite, Osprey\*, Bank\* and Cliff\* Swallows, House Wren\*, Black-poll W, Grasshopper Sparrow 2, flocks of Bobolinks.

Ann and Vernon Waters on a vacation to Harris Neck NWR 4 April checked out an active heron rookery containing nests of Great Egret, White Ibis, Anhinga, Osprey\*. They also saw a Horned Grebe.

Jim Clark tells about a Red-cockaded Woodpecker\* at Hephzibah Colony 31 March; 14 April Upland Sandpipers\* at Bush Field; 21 April Solitary Sandpiper 5 at Magnolia Spring State Park; loose colony of Red-headed Woodpeckers at the 19th St. Extension at Ft. Gordon; seeing three ad 22 April.

6 May, Augusta ASers spotted E Kingbird 12 perched atop clods of dirt in a newly plowed field, a singing House Wren\*, rather large flock of Cedar Waxwings, N Water-thrush, Lone White-crowned Sparrow\*; 19 May Broad-winged Hawk, Least Bittern, Yellow-breasted Chat nest with two eggs and a Brown-headed Cowbird's egg, nesting Orchard Oriole.

A Broad-winged Hawk was seen by Jim Clark near Mirror L, Ft. Gordon 20 and 22 April; single Tree Swallow\* at Rhodes Pond, Hephzibah 30 April and Black-throated Blue W. On 19 May Clarence Belger found a Field Sparrow's nest with young; at 9:00 p.m. he watched a Barn Owl\* flying across Walton Way and the Sears parking lot; 20 May he observed Great Blue Herons and Mississippi Kites.

Atlanta AS - A pelagic trip on 11 February by Mike Jones, Bob Manns, Didi Kelly, Vince and Trina Jackson, Terry Moore, out of Jekyll Is (JI) netted Com Loon\* 75+, a few Red-throated Loons, Gannetts 300+ from 5-45 miles out, N Phalarope\* 3 about 35 miles out (Editor's Note - Rare spring and fall transient offshore and inshore...), Parasitic Jaeger\* 30 miles out, Great Black-backed Gulls\* were almost common off the coast. Almost all were im, but one ad was observed by Mike Jones, Carolyn Krueger, Joe Greenberg 19 February on Sea Is. Com Scoters\* were scarce with only 25 being tallied.

Joe Greenberg, James Stratton, Ruth Rosenberg saw a light phase Rough-legged Hawk\* on the Lookout Plateau north of Menlo 11 February. Bald Eagles\* were reported - 2 at Savannah and 1 at Darien 19 February by Carolyn Krueger, Joe Greenberg, Mike Jones. A flock of Sandhill Cranes\* was watched by Bob Manns, Didi Kelly, Terry Moore, Lookout Plateau 17 February.

Cedar Waxwings were very common with flocks of several hundred up to a thousand reported by Mary Ann Vernocy and Billy Pulliam. Jane Ryan had a N Oriole at her feeder for a week starting 12 February. Winter finches have been very rare; only three reports of Pine Siskins and two reports of Evening Grosbeaks. The largest flock of grosbeaks being 8 at the home of Vince Jackson's parents 18 February. House Finches\* are still appearing at a number of Atlanta feeders, including Bob Raymond's near Brookwood Station. An uncommon Henslow's Sparrow was discovered 10 February by the pelagic trip members and again on the 19th by Joe Greenberg et.al. at Brunswick.

March field notes - a Green Heron was seen at Emory University's President's Estate (EPE) 31 March by Billy Pulliam. Elizabeth McCain observed an Am Wigeon\* and Gadwalls\* at the Sandy Cr Nature Center, Athens 3 March. Dennis Chikazawa found a Bufflehead\* on L Lanier 4 March. In Doraville on 6 March, Frank McCamey saw a Sharp-shinned Hawk\*; while Bob Manns and Didi Kelly grabbed a quick look at a probable Peregrine Falcon at Freeman's L 11 March. An early Broad-winged Hawk was at EPE 31 March told to us by Billy Pulliam.

Sandhill Cranes - During the period from 1-5 March, about 15 reports were received of these birds going north over Atlanta. Flocks varied in size from 7-8 to over 100, so the total number of birds migrating must have been very large. The total of estimates reported was 550 birds during 5 days. (Please note Sandhill Crane news from Dalton - Ed.)

Pectoral Sandpipers were noted by Jeff Petit and Joel Volpi at Wayne's Poultry Plant (WPP) near Pendergrass 5 March along with lots of Com Snipe. On 31 March Joe Greenberg found a Golden Plover\* near Rogers Bridge (RBr). Jeff Petit saw Upland Sandpiper\* 2 same area, 29 March. Dan and Ann Forster spied a Dunlin\* and Stilt Sandpiper\* at the Ellsworth Cattle Company, Cordele, 31 March. A pair of Great Horned Owls\* nested on the Emory University campus, fledging 2 young. Frank McCamey heard a Barred Owl 2 at Bent Tree 30 March in mid-afternoon.

Pileated Woodpeckers have been reported in good numbers. A quite early Great Crested Flycatcher was seen by Dan and Ann Forster 25 March at Murphy-Candler L (M-C L); Frank McCamey had a Red-breasted Nuthatch at Doraville 7 March and a Bewick's Wren\* was discovered by Joe Greenberg near Pendergrass 24 March.

David and Nancy Glass sighted Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 24 March near Emory University. A Solitary Vireo appeared at Piedmont Park (PP) 18 March found by Richard Parks. An early record Yellow-throated Vireo was spotted at M-C L on 18 March by Dan and Ann Forster. At Bent Tree 30 March Frank McCamey watched Black-throated Green W 10 and Black-and-white W 3.

The number of Pine Siskins jumped significantly in March. Frank McCamey had 3 at John Forbes' feeder in N Atlanta 6 March, Dan and Ann Forster saw one at their feeder 18 March, Bob and Elaine Jarrett noticed one at their feeder in Smyrna 31 March. A Fox Sparrow was at EPE 3 March seen by Billy Pulliam.

April field notes - A Com Loon\* found about 13 April was taken to the lake at the Chattahoochee Nature Center and released, as reported by Vic and Beth Alexander. Billy Pulliam saw an Am Bittern in John Ward Swamp (JWS) 29 April. Great Egrets were seen by him 14 April at Pendergrass and by Jeff Petit at RBr 3 April. Cattle Egrets were viewed by Jeff at RBr 9 April, while Billy, along with Helen Ogren and Mary Ann Vernocy, report a rookery of 100+ Little Blue Herons and Cattle Egrets at Eufaula NWR on 21 April. A Glossy Ibis\* was a good find on the same day, same place, same observers.

A Little Blue Heron was found at Shakerag by Jeff Petit 4 April. Eileen Hutcheson found Bufflehead\* 6 at Sweetwater Cr State Park. Billy Pulliam reports Bufflehead\* 2 at Pendergrass 14 April. Richard Parks spied a m N Shoveler\* at PP 3 April; Jeff found 5 at RBr 14 April.

A f Cooper's Hawk\* was seen at Johns' Sanctuary 15 April by Jean Bevis. A few Broad-winged Hawks and Osprey\* were sighted. A King Rail was at JWS 29 April reported by Billy Pulliam. Up to 8 Upland Sandpipers\* were seen by many observers for a week beginning 12 April. Yellow-billed Cuckoos - 2 were seen by Billy in the Lullwater area and one by Richard Parks at PP 14 April. The owl walk at Fernbank Forest yielded 11 Screech Owls. Bob Manns reports an early record Chuck-will's-widow 3 April in NW Atlanta. Vince Jackson records an early Com Nighthawk near Emory University 16 April. At JWS Billy saw an early record Olive-sided Flycatcher\* 29 April.

John Swiderski spotted a Short-billed Marsh Wren\* at JWS 27 April. Swainson's Thrushes seemed low, while Veerys\* were a few more than usual. At PP, Richard Parks found a Nashville W\* 27 April. Billy Pulliam heard a Swainson's W singing near JWS 29 April and he had an early Cerulean W\* 14 April at EPE. Vince and Trina Jackson tell us about 30 or so Bobolink near RBr 29 April. No N Orioles were reported. Orchard Orioles were in good numbers. Lenn Sisson reports a m Yellow-headed Blackbird\* near Rome 5 April.

The Marshlander - Ogeechee AS - Savannah - A 3 March field trip to Harris Neck NWR yielded Red-tailed Hawk, Am Kestrel, Water Pipit, Vesper Sparrow.

Birding About - Withlacoochee Watchers - Valdosta - Bobolinks never showed up this spring. They've always flown in the last weekend in April in the past and stayed around 4-5 days. They came by the hundreds - but not this year.

The Kingfisher - Cherokee AS - Dalton - David and Doris Crowe spotted a Great Blue Heron 10 April. Anne Hamilton sends in the following birds: Cedar Waxwing 100 perched on a wire in downtown Dalton and a Solitary Vireo 27 March, White-eyed Vireo 3 April, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 7 April, Swainson's Thrush 3 May.

Harry White mentions he saw a House Wren\* carrying nesting material into a bird house at his home 7-8 May. Jean White, Anne Hamilton, Delano Crowe also watched the bird.

Harry saw the House Wren again 2-15 June, then on 20 June. Although not seen carrying nesting material, it does have three bird boxes stuffed full and sings all the time. No nesting record exists for this area, although it does nest in the northern portion of the state. Bobolinks were enjoyed 5 May by Norma and Vernon Gordon near Good Hope Church Road and by Harry and Jean White, Delano and Doris Crowe, Anne Hamilton at Central Community, Murray Co, 6 May.

Harriett DiGioia records from the Cohutta Ranger District, Chattahoochee National Forest Sandhill Crane 120 passing over the Cohutta Work Center, another flock heard in the distance on Doogan Ntn, Forest Service Road (FSR) 1-A on 14 March and 4 in a field on Ga. Hwy. 286 near Eton 16 March. Louisiana Waterthrush at Barnes Cr Picnic Area, FSR 68; Solitary Vireo, Lake Conasauga Recreation Area 22 March; Broad-winged Hawk, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Worm-eating W, Emery Cr Clear Cuts, FSR 78; Bay-breasted W, Hooded W, Lake Conasauga 4 April; Chestnut-sided W FSR 18; Scarlet Tanager, Lake Conasauga 16 April; Prairie W FSR 17 on 17 April.

Ovenbird FSR 68 on 24 April; Blue-winged W\* FSR 16, Alaculsy Valley, 27 April; Swainson W (first known record for northwest GA, three were heard on 20 May, Songbird Management Area, FSR 49 - Ed.), Canada W, Rose-breasted Grosbeak FSR 18 on 2 May; Blackburnian W FSR 68 on 9 May. A Com Loon\* was spotted on L Conasauga 5 April by Forestry Technician Herbert Stevenson. Above sightings mostly from Murray Co, a few from Gilmer and Fannin Cos. Harriett found an Am Wigeon\* at Thread Mill L 21 March (Dalton).

On the Spring Count 5 May, 101 species were counted in Whitfield Co, 8 additional species from the Songbird Management Area, Cohutta Ranger District, Chattahoochee National Forest, Murray Co and 2 more species on Sunday for a total of 111 species. First of season birds - Black-billed Cuckoo\*, Great Horned Owl\*, Acadian Flycatcher, Tree Swallow\*, House Wren\*, Tennessee W, Kentucky W.

Letters to the Editor - Grace Boddiford in Screven Co reports these sightings from Magnolia Springs State Park 5 May - Wood Stork\*, Snowy Egret, Great Egret, Blue-winged Teal, Least Sandpiper, Com Gallinule with 5 young. Charles Davis spotted a White Ibis 4 July, Screven Co.

News of People - Our sympathy is extended to Jack and Ruth Cooper in the death of his father, Judge R. W. Cooper.

Phillip Dow is now home after a hospital stay. We wish you a full recovery!

George Dorsey went over to Summerville to present a bird program to a garden club. Harriett Di Gioia went to the Catersville Rotary Club and the Calhoun Kiwanis Club, presenting a slide narrative on Wilderness Management.

Harold Jones went down Trinidad way, visiting the Asa Wright Nature Center. He added 100 new species, bringing his life list to 600 birds. Oilbirds, Scarlet Ibis, honeycreepers, 6 species of hummingbirds were among the birds enjoyed. Sam and Nan Pate walked more than a half mile into the mangroves along Snake Bight Trail, Everglades National Park, Florida, and were able to see a Quail-dove.

We've saved the best till last. Our heartiest congratulations to Ed and Lola Case on their 50th wedding anniversary, 4 May.

Thought for the Day - Bursting buds signal the emergence of new green leaves ... For a green leaf, life is filled with dangers and hardships. Pelted by rain, sometimes hail, buffeted by wind, fed on by insects and animals, beset by diseases, weakened, perhaps by malnutrition or drought, poisoned with pollutants, the green leaf still keeps on working, producing food, fiber, oxygen. Then comes autumn, its job done, the green leaf turns color, dries, dies. But you and I and all other living creatures will feed, breathe, keep warm throughout the winter. And come spring again the miracle of the green leaves starting production anew. Forestry Supplier, Inc., Catalog #29, Spring 1979.

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