

THE GEORGIA GOSHAWK

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Editorial Comment

Excuse me!! I blew it in the last issue, Vol. IX, No. 1. I stated: ".... two birds not on either the official or hypothetical lists were spotted in Georgia. A Baird's Sandpiper was seen at Augusta and a male Lark Bunting was spotted at Conyers." This is in error. Lark Bunting is listed as accidental in Georgia in the Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds, J. Fred Denton. Baird's Sandpiper is not mentioned in the checklist; but, Terry Moore informs me that they have been seen at Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge and this was published in The Oriole.

Best Birds for this issue include: a Lesser Black-backed Gull carefully studied on Jekyll Island and a White-tailed Tropicbird was noted flying above Georgia waters.

A possible sighting of a Kirtland's Warbler comes to us from Pendergrass. Cory's Shearwaters also were seen over Georgia waters and a Sabine's Gull was reported from Lake Lanier.

Birds of interest carried in this issue include: Audubon's Shearwaters and Wilson's Storm Petrels over Georgia waters; White Pelicans again were at Eufaula NWR while Double-crested Cormorants were spotted at these inland locations - Columbus, Box Springs, Augusta. Wood Storks were reported from Eufaula NWR; a Glossy Ibis was listed at Augusta and a White Ibis was seen at Bent Tree.

Roseate Spoonbills made news at Harris Neck NWR and at Augusta; a Greater White-fronted Goose was listed for Eufaula NWR. A number of Bald Eagle reports crossed my desk coming from Atlanta, Jekyll Island, Macon, Eufaula NWR, Harris County, Columbus, Augusta, and Carter's Lake in Murray and Gilmer Counties. Peregrine Falcons were found on Jekyll Island and a Lesser Golden Plover turned up at Lake Lanier. This same lake hosted a Northern Phalarope; while a Red Phalarope was tallied at Atlanta.

Rare flycatchers listed were: Yellow-bellied at Jekyll Island, Least from Dalton, Olive-sided in Atlanta. Not to be outdone, vireos got into the act: Philadelphias at Atlanta, Gainesville, Augusta, Albany; Warbling from Atlanta. Two other warblers were noteworthy: Brewster's from Augusta and Connecticuts at Atlanta and Hiawassee. The only Evening Grosbeak and Pine Siskin reports came from the Cohutta Ranger District on the Chattahoochee National Forest. Clay-colored Sparrows turned up on Jekyll Island and Ft. Frederica.

Round-up of GOS News

If you didn't get to the Savannah meeting you missed a great time. Approximately 128 species were listed by the 109 people registered. Will Hon, artist-naturalist, gave a delightfully different and informative illustrated lecture "Birds in the Coastal Food Chain". Banquet speaker, Dr. Henry Stevenson, gave a thought provoking program on "Changes in the Bird Population of Northern Florida". Our thanks go to Peggy Waters, the Ogeechee Audubon Society, and Armstrong State College for a fine meeting.

Spring meeting will be on April 23, 24, 25, at Augusta. It has been a spell since we've had a meeting at Augusta. By reading the bird news in this newsletter, you know the birding is excellent in that area. Mark your calendar now - you don't want to miss this meeting! You'll be hearing more about this meeting a bit later on.

We welcome the following new members: E. O. Grundset, Collegedale, Tn; Nancy Iha, Marietta; James Dunlap, Gainesville; Ruth Rosenberg, Atlanta; Richard Hawk, Dunwoody; James Jirka, Marietta; Malcolm Williams, Smyrna; Georgann Schmalz, Atlanta; George Chesseman, Atlanta; Dianne Traina, Atlanta; Bonnie Israel, Franklin, N.C.; Ruby Zumbrook, Decatur; Patricia Krull, Decatur; Jenene Smith, Tucker; Ruth Gogel, Atlanta; Gail Bosley, Atlanta; Loretta Glass, Dunwoody; Virginia Evans, Atlanta; Patricia Young, Savannah; Chandra & Doug Bruce, St. Simon's Island; John Youmans, Valdosta; Phyllis Reynolds, Roswell; Alan Ashley, Albany; Patrick Lool, Washington, D.C.; Sharon Logan, Marietta; James Enterkin, College Park; Don & Joyce Duncan, Kathleen.*

Dues are now payable!! A 1982 dues notice is enclosed in this issue. Why not pay promptly so you can relax and enjoy GOS happenings and birdings? Our treasurer, John Swiderski, has a new mailing address for all treasury business: P.O. Box 1278, Cartersville, Georgia, 30120.

* A new library also joins us: Oconee Regional Library, Dublin.

Georgia Birds at a Glance

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 to unusual species in the area indicated.

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

Abbreviations used in this newsletter: Audubon Society - AS; National Wildlife Refuge - NWR; Ranger District - RD; National Forest - NF; National Recreation Area - NRA; State Park - SP; Lake -L; River - R; Creek - Cr; Island-Is; Mountain - Mtn; Fort - Ft; County - Co; Adult - ad; immature - im; male - m; female - f.

All dates 1981.

Grassy Mountain Fire Tower Hawk Watch results, Sept. 26. Located on the Cohutta Ranger District of the Chattahoochee National Forest. Sharp-shinned Hawk - 9; Cooper's Hawk - 2; Red-tailed Hawk - 6; Broad-winged Hawk -137 (71 seen in one hour); Northern Harrier -1; American Kestrel - 1; unidentified buteo - 18; unidentified falcon - 1. Total 175 hawks. These sightings are not listed below.

Loon, Common*: winter plumage, L. Lanier, Aug. 13, Frank McCamey; L. Lanier, Sept. 5, Jack Carusos; 3, Sweetwater Cr. SP and Peachtree City L., Oct. 25, Patrick Brisse; many, L. Chatuge, Oct. 26, Arthur Green.

Loon, Species*: Sweetwater Cr. SP/Peachtree City L., Oct. 25, Patrick Brisse.

Shearwater, Cory's*: 40, Georgia waters, August, Atlanta AS pelagic trip.
(Editor's note: Accidental, one record, Cumberland Is., Sept. 2, 1973, specimen).

- Shearwater, Audubon's*: 55, Georgia waters, August, Atlanta AS pelagic trip.
(Editor's Note: Accidental on Little Cumberland Is., July 25, 1966,
specimen, and Cumberland Is., Sept. 27, 1973).
- Petrel, Wilson's Storm*: 3, Georgia waters, August, Atlanta AS pelagic trip.
- Tropicbird, White-tailed*: Georgia waters, August, Atlanta AS pelagic trip.
(Editor's Note: On hypothetical list).
- American Pelican, White*: 2, Eufaula NWR, Aug. 15, Bob Manns; Sept. 1 and Oct. 23,
Joe Greenberg.
- Pelican, Brown: 250, Blackbeard Is., Oct. 18, Atlanta AS pelagic trip.
- Comorant, Double-crested*: Columbus - River Bend, Oct. 3, R.D. Beard; Box Springs,
Oct. 14, Mrs. William Merrill; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 5, and Nov. 14,
Augusta AS.
- American Anhinga*: 4, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 5, Augusta AS.
- Heron, Great Blue*: Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; Augusta - Heron Roost,
Oct. 19, Clarence Belger; Hiawasse, Oct. 23, Arthur Green.
- Heron, Little Blue: Atlanta - Regional Hospital, July 12, Patrick Brisse; 12,
Augusta - Heron Roost, Oct. 19, Clarence Belger.
- Egret, Cattle*: Augusta - Heron Roost, Oct. 21, Clarence Belger.
- Egret, Great: Augusta, Oct. 17, Augusta AS.
- Egret, Snowy*: 6, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Anne & Vernon Waters.
- Heron, Louisiana*: Augusta-Heron Roost, Oct. 19, Clarence Belger.
- Heron, Black-crowned Night*: Atlanta - Regional Hospital, July 25, Patrick
Brisse; Augusta - Heron Roost, Oct. 19, Clarence Belger.
- Heron, Yellow-crowned Night*: Atlanta near Inman Park, July 29, Ellery McClintock.
- Stork, Wood*: 45, South of Eufaula NWR, Sept. 1, Joe Greenberg.
- Ibis, Glossy*: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Anne & Vernon Waters.
- Ibis, White*: Bent Tree, July 4, Rick Kneisel; Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS;
24 ad., Augusta - Heron Roost, Oct. 19, Clarence Belger.
- Spoonbill, Roseate*: 3, Harris Neck NWR, Oct. 3, GOS Field Trip; Augusta - Merry
Ponds, Sept. 8, Clarence Belger - 1st for Richmond Co.
- Goose, Greater White-fronted*: 6, Eufaula NWR, Oct. 23.
- Duck, American Black*: L. Chatuge, Oct. 24, Arthur Green.
- Gadwall*: Augusta, Oct. 31, Augusta AS.
- Pintail, Common: Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS.
- Teal, Green-winged*: Augusta, Oct. 31, Augusta AS.

- Teal, Blue-winged: 6, Atlanta - East L. Country Club, Sept. 17, Vince Jackson; Pendergrass, Oct. 25, John Paget; Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; 50, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 5, Augusta AS.
- Wigeon , American: Augusta, Oct. 31, Augusta AS.
- Shoveler, Northern: Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS.
- Duck, Ring-necked: 3, Peachtree City L., July 18, Patrick Brisse; Griffin Reservoir, Oct. 11, Hugh Garrett; Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; Augusta, Oct. 31, Augusta AS.
- Canvasback: Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS.
- Scaup, Lesser: Augusta, Oct. 31, Augusta AS; 8, L. Chatuge, Oct. 26, Arthur Green.
- Bufflehead: Banks Co. - Commerce Waterworks L., Nov. 6, Stacy Caudwell & Rod Smith (Nov. 6, 1927).
- Duck, Ruddy: Atlanta - Murphy Candler L., Oct. 10, Jerry Brunner; 3, Peachtree City L., Oct. 11, Patrick Brisse; Savannah - Talmadge Bridge, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; F., L. Chatuge, Oct. 25, Arthur Green.
- Vulture, Turkey: 11, Hiawassee, Sept. 1, Arthur Green.
- Vulture, Black: 60, I-185 at crossing of Mulberry Cr., Oct. 31, Sam & Nan Pate.
- Kite, Mississippi: 2, Savannah - Dasher's Fishing Camp, Aug. 1, Donna & Patrick Brisse.
- Hawk, Sharp-shinned*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Aug. 11, Peggy Moore; 6, same place, Oct. 11, Atlanta AS; Harris Co., Oct. 13, Florence Lynn; Augusta, November 21, Clarence Belger (at feeder); Macon, early October, Dick Lux.
- Hawk, Cooper's*: im., Hiawassee, Sept. 1 & Oct. 29, Arthur Green.
- Hawk, Red-tailed: Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; I-185 from Columbus to LaGrange, Oct. 31, Sam & Nan Pate; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 14, Augusta AS; Hiawassee, Nov. 8, Arthur Green.
- Hawk, Red-shouldered: I-185 Columbus to LaGrange, Oct. 31, Sam & Nan Pate; Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, Nov. 6, Harriett DiGioia.
- Hawk, Broad-winged: Atlanta Chattahoochee RNRA; Oct. 4, Fall Migration Walk.
- Eagle, Bald*: im., Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 13, Fall Migration Walk - 5th Atlanta record since 1929, 3rd in last 5 years; im., Jekyll Is., Sept 14, J. I. Bird Banding Group; im., Macon - L. Julliett, Sept 26, Roger Doxsey; 1- ad., 2 im., Eufaula NWR, Oct. 23, Joe Greenberg; ad., L. Harding (Columbus), Sept. 20, J. L. Daugherty - narrowly missed being hit by airplane at 2500 feet; ad., Harris Co., Oct. 13, Bob Williams - chased and caught Cattle Egret; Columbus - Victory Dr., Oct. 11, Chris Tayler; im., Columbus - River Bend, Oct. 27, John Wippler; Columbus - Spencer High School, Nov. 12, Grace Martin; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 14, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 14, Augusta AS - first sighting at MP in 20 years; Carter's L., Oct. 27, Joe Blackmon.
- Harrier, Northern: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 6, Fall Migration Walk; Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; I-185 Columbus to LaGrange, Oct. 31, Sam & Nan Pate; Hiawassee, Nov. 8, Arthur Green.

- Osprey*: Columbus - River Bend, Oct. 3, R. D. Beard; L. Tobosofkee, Oct., Hiawassee, Sept. 19, Arthur Green.
- Falcon, Peregrine*: Jekyll Is., Sept. 18, J. I. Banding Group; fair number, Savannah, Oct. 3 & 4, GOS meeting.
- Kestrel, American: Atlanta - Pleasant Hill, Aug. 19, Donna & Patrick Brisse; 65, Jekyll Is., Sept. 17, J. I. Banding Group; Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; I-185 Columbus to LaGrange, Oct. 31, Sam & Nan Pate; Dalton, Sept. 19, Delano Crowe.
- Grouse, Ruffed: Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, July 11, Bill Pulliam; Dalton, Oct. 19, Harriett DiGioia - killed when it hit a downtown building.
- Crane, Sandhill*: Savannah, Oct. 3 & 4, GOS meeting; Eufaula NWR, Oct. 23, Joe Greenberg; 39, Hiawassee, Nov. 8, Arthur Green.
- Limpkin*: Okefenokee Swamp, Aug. 24, Ben & Ellen Iannuzzi.
- Rail, Virginia: ad. feeding 2 chicks, Tybee Is., Aug. 1, Donna & Patrick Brisse.
- Coot, American*: 2, Peachtree City L., July 18, Patrick Brisse; 500 - 1000, same place & person, Oct. 25; Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS; L. Chatuge, Nov. 8, Arthur Green.
- Stilt, Black-necked*: few, Jekyll Is. - marina pond, Sept. 12 - 20, J. I. Banding Group.
- Avocet, American*: Savannah - Talmadge Bridge, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS.
- Plover, Semipalmated*: Atlanta - pond I-85 and Pleasant Hill Rd., July 30, Patrick Brisse; still there, Aug. 1, Bob Manns.
- Killdeer: Flocks, Hiawassee, Oct. 5, 17, 25, & Nov. 1, 14, Arthur Green.
- Plover, Lesser Golden*: L. Lanier, Sept. 12, Jack Carusos.
- Whimbrel: Little St. Simon's Is., Oct. 9, Carolina & Mike Lane.
- Curlew, Long-billed*: 1 on Oct. 8, 3 on Oct. 9, Little St. Simon's Is., Carolina & Mike Lane.
- Willet*: Atlanta - Pleasant Hill, Aug 2, Hugh & Liz Garrett; 5, L. Lanier, Aug. 13, Frank McCamey.
- Phalarope, Northern*: L. Lanier, Sept. 14-16, John Paget. (Editor's Note: Accidental in interior).
- Phalarope, Red*: Atlanta - Regional Hospital, Sept. 11, 13, Jean Bevis - third record for state, first for Atlanta.
- Woodcock, American*: Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, Nov. 24, Harriett DiGioia.
- Dowitcher, Short-billed*: L. Lanier, Sept. 17, John Paget.
- Sanderling*: Atlanta - Pleasant Hill, Aug. 2, Hugh & Liz Garrett; Atlanta - Regional Hospital, Aug. 29, Patrick Brisse.
- Sandpiper, Semipalmated*: Atlanta - Pleasant Hill, Aug. 1, Bob Manns.

- Sandpiper, Western*: few, Atlanta - Regional Hospital, Sept. 13, Dennis Lacoss.
- Sandpiper, Least: 5, Atlanta - pond I-85 & Pleasant Hill Rd., July 19, Bob Manns.
- Sandpiper, Pectoral: 15, Atlanta - pond I-85 & Pleasant Hill Rd., July 22, Patrick Brisse.
- Sandpiper, Buff-breasted*: 6, Little St. Simon's Is., Oct. 6, Carolina & Mike Lane.
- Gull, Greater Black-backed*: Jekyll Is., July 30, Eileen Hutchenson; Aug. 23, Jean Bevis; Sept. 12 - 20, J. I. Banding Group; Oct. 3, Dan & Ann Forster.
(Editors Note: Uncommon winter visitor on coast, Dec. - March).
- Gull, Lesser Black-backed*: Jekyll Is. - South Beach, Aug. 24, Jean Bevis - carefully differentiated from the Greater - third state record; Sept. 12 - 20, J. I. Banding Group; Oct. 3, Dan & Ann Foster.
- Gull, Herring*: L. Lanier, Aug. 13, Frank McCamey; Aug. 24, Jeff Petit; Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 4, Jerry Brunner.
- Gull, Ring-billed: L. Lanier, Aug. 13, Frank McCamey; Aug. 24, Jeff Petit; 2 im., Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 14, Augusta AS.
- Gull, Bonaparte's*: L. Lanier, Aug. 24, Jeff Petit (Sept. 21, 1918).
- Gull, Sabine's*: L. Lanier - near Aqualand, Sept. 10, Jeff Petit & Bob Manns.
(Editor's Note: Accidental, one record, Tybee Is., Oct. 12, 1960, specimen.)
- Tern, Forster's*: 2, L. Lanier, Sept. 12, Jack Carusos.
- Tern, Sandwich*: Tybee Is., Oct. 11, Stacy Caudwell & Rod Smith (Sept. 27, 1892).
- Tern, Caspian*: 3, L. Lanier, Aug. 24, Jeff Petit; West Point L, Oct. 4, Bob Manns; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 9, Clarence Belger.
- Tern, Black: 14, L. Lanier, Aug. 13, Frank McCamey; Aug. 24, Jeff Petit; 3, West Point L., Aug. 15, Roger Doxsey; 6, L. Lanier, Sept. 12, John Paget.
- Owl, Barn*: Roswell, July 23, Cliff Kevill; Pendergrass, Aug. 8, John Paget.
- Owl, Common Screech: Hiawasse, Nov. 3, Arthur Green.
- Owl, Great Horned*: Columbus - Mulberry Cr., Oct. 4, R. D. Beard; Harris Co., Sept. 23, Oct. 2 & 12, Florence Lynn; Augusta, Oct. 30, Clarence Belger; 2, Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, Oct. 31, Harriett DiGioia; 2, Hiawasse, Sept. 7 & 8, Oct. 27, Arthur Green.
- Whip-poor-will: Hollywood, Aug. 28, Frank McCamey, calling.
- Nighthawk, Common: Atlanta - Buckhead, Oct. 1, Phyllis Carusos - one of few Oct. records.
- Swift, Chimney: Reynolds, Oct. 11, Jim Shirah.
- Hummingbird, Ruby-throated: Good numbers, Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 13 & 20, Fall Migration Walk.

- Woodpecker, Red-bellied: Lawrenceville, July 12, Jack Templeton - enough yellow on head to make one think of a Golden-fronted Woodpecker. Red-bellieds can show this coloration. This is assumed to be a strangely colored Red-bellied.
- Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied*: Cumming, remained during summer, last seen August 23, Jeff Petit; Dalton, September 29, Anne Hamilton.
- Kingbird, Western*: Jekyll Island, Sept 14, J. I. Banding Group; Savannah, October 3 & 4, GOS meeting; Blackbeard Island, October 7, Atlanta AS.
- Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied*: Jekyll Island, September 13, J. I. Banding Group - banded.
- Flycatcher, Least *: Dalton, Sept. 23, Anne Hamilton - calling.
- Flycatcher, Olive-sided*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Aug. 16, 23, Sept. 13; 2, Aug. 30, Fall Migration Walk.
- Swallow, Tree*: Pendergrass, Sept. 20, John Paget; 100, Peachtree City L., Oct. 25, Patrick Brisse; Savannah, Nov. 21, Ogeechee AS.
- Swallow, Bank*: Pendergrass, July 19, Terry Moore; 10, same place, July 26; Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Aug. 2, Bob Manns; Pendergrass, Sept. 20, John Paget; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 5 & Oct. 17, Augusta AS.
- Swallow, Cliff*: Pendergrass, July 26, Terry Moore; same place, Sept. 20, John Paget.
- Crow, Fish: Augusta - Heron Roost, Oct. 19, Clarence Belger.
- Nuthatch, Red-breasted: Harris Co., Sept. 12, Florence Lynn.
- Creeper, Brown*: Dalton, Oct. 16, Anne Hamilton.
- Wren, House*: Atlanta - Bobby Jones Golf Course, Aug. 8, Patrick Brisse; Macon Oct. 10, Dick Lux.
- Wren, Winter: Augusta - river banks off Broad St., Sept. 21, Clarence Belger.
- Wren, Marsh*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 11, Fall Migration Walk.
- Wren, Sedge*: 2, Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 11, Fall Migration Walk.
- Thrush, Hermit: Harris Co., Oct. 25, Florence Lynn.
- Veery*: Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF - Cowpen Mtn.-elevation to 4,149 ft., July 11, Bill Pulliam; Albany - Albany Jr. College, Sept. 13, Alan Ashley; Harris Co., Oct. 2, Florence Lynn - singing.
- Kinglet, Golden-crowned: Dalton, Oct. 10, Anne Hamilton.
- Kinglet, Ruby-crowned: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 13, Fall Migration Walk.
- Pipit, Water: Reynolds, Oct. 31, Jim Shirah.
- Waxwing, Cedar: 100, Hiawassee, Oct. 31, Arthur Green.
- Shrike, Loggerhead: possible sighting, Hiawassee, Sept. 5, Arthur Green.

- Vireo, Solitary: Hiawassee, Oct. 16, Arthur Green.
- Vireo, Philadelphia*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Aug. 30, Donna & Patrick Brisse; Norcross, Sept. 28, Jerry Brunner; Gainesville, Sept. 17 & 23, John Paget; Augusta, Sept. 19, Augusta AS; Albany, Albany Jr. College, Oct. 4, Alan Ashley.
- Vireo, Warbling*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 19, Jack Carusos & John Paget.
- Warbler, Golden-winged*: 2, Atlanta - NW, Aug. 1, Jack Carusos; Jekyll Is., Sept 20, J. I. Banding Group - banded; Augusta, Sept. 21, Clarence Belger; Albany - Albany Jr. College, Aug. 22, Alan Ashley.
- Warbler, Blue-winged*: many places in Atlanta in August; Harris Co., Sept. 26, Florence Lynn; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 5, Augusta AS; Albany - Albany Jr. College, Sept. 5, Alan Ashley.
- Warbler, Brewster's*: Augusta, Sept. 21, Clarence Belger.
- Warbler, Tennessee*: Albany - Albany Jr. College, Sept. 19, Alan Ashley.
- Warbler, Orange-crowned*: Hiawassee, Arthur Green.
- Warbler, Nashville*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 13, Fall Migration Walk; same place, Sept. 23, Dennis Lacoss; Gainesville, Oct. 8 & 19, John Paget.
- Warbler, Northern Parula: Atlanta - Chattahoochee Nature Center, July 25, Patrick Brisse.
- Warbler, Yellow*: Albany - Albany Jr. College, Aug. 22, Alan Ashley.
- Warbler, Cerulean*: 3, North Atlanta, July 18, Jack Carusos; 6, same place & person, Aug. 8; Albany - Albany Jr. College, Aug. 29, Alan Ashley.
- Warbler, Bay-breasted*: Albany - Albany Jr. College, Oct. 12, Alan Ashley.
- Warbler, Blackpoll*: Gainesville, Oct. 10, John Paget.
- Warbler, Kirtland's*: possible sighting - good description; but, quick look, Pendergrass, Sept. 7, John Paget. (Editor's Note: no record since 1909, except for a sighting at Athens May 12, 1969).
- Warbler, Palm: Hiawassee, Sept. 10, Arthur Green.
- Warbler, Connecticut*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 22, Hugh Garrett; Hiawassee, Arthur Green.
- Warbler, Wilson's*: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 20, Fall Migration Walk; same place, Sept. 22, Hugh Garrett; Atlanta - Chattahoochee Nature Center, Sept. 26, Joe Greenberg; Gainesville, Oct. 6 & 19, John Paget; Hiawassee, Arthur Green.
- Warbler, Canada*: Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF - Cowpen Mtn.-elevation to 4,149 feet, July 11, Bill Pulliam; Albany - Albany Jr. College, Aug. 9, Alan Ashley.
- Oriole, Northern*: 2, Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Aug. 2, Terry Moore.
- Bunting, Indigo: Atlanta - Bobby Jones Golf Course, Oct. 31, Patrick Brisse.

Grosbeak, Evening: 20, Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, Nov. 17, Harriet DiGioia.

Finch, Purple: Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, Nov. 5, Harriett DiGioia.

Siskin, Pine: 20-30, Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, Nov. 5, Harriett DiGioia.

Junco, Northern: Cohutta RD - Chattahoochee NF, July 11, Bill Pulliam - Cowpen Mtn.-elevation to 4,149 feet; 20, Cohutta RD - Chatta. NF, Oct. 9, Harriett DiGioia; East Atlanta, Oct. 17, Terrill Soules.

Sparrow, Clay-colored*: Jekyll Island, Sept. 19, J. I. Banding Group - banded - seventh record for state; second banded in 4 years; Fort Frederica, Oct. 3, Dan & Ann Forster - eighth record.

Sparrow, Field: Augusta, Oct. 31, Augusta AS.

Sparrow, White-crowned*: Atlanta - Regional Hospital, Oct. 20, Jean Bevis; Augusta - Heron Roost, Oct. 19, Clarence Belger; Augusta, Oct. 31, Augusta AS.

Sparrow, White-throated: Columbus - L. Bottom, Sept. 14, Jane Knight.

Sparrow, Swamp: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 4.

Escapes:

Swan, Black: Stone Mtn., July 23, Karen Usefion.

News of People

Our congratulations go to Milton Hopkins for being named 1981 National Tree Farmer of the Year by the American Forest Institute. He was named 1980 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year and later won the Southeastern Region Tree Farmer. He was written up in Georgia Forestry magazine and in the TWIGS section of American Forests.

Harriett DiGioia received the 1981 U.S. Forest Service Good Host Award for the Chattahoochee - Oconee National Forest. She was selected from 36 nominees. The selection committee based their selection on her helpfulness, courtesy, enthusiasm, and knowledge on the job.

Grace and Knapp Boddiford enjoyed a September to November western trip in their motor home, driving 9,000 miles. Among the points of interest visited were: Mount Rushmore, the Black Hills, Mount Ranier in the snow, San Francisco, and the Grand Canyon.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Dorothy E. Ickrigill in December, 1981. Living in Cumming, she had been a member of GOS for many years. Her family may be addressed at Sinclair Shores Road, Route 9, Box 213, Cumming, Ga. 30130.

Miscellaneous

Common Terns were color-marked last year to determine their year round distribution, migration route, and wintering grounds. Orange plastic tags were attached to both wings on adults. Immatures were marked with pink plastic wing tags. One standard metal leg band and one yellow colored plastic leg band with a black horizontal stripe were put on the birds. Please report any sighting, giving place, date, color of tag. Please record the combination of numbers/letters on the tags and note which legs the plastic and metal leg bands are on. Send to Bird Banding Office, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Canada.

Two requests from the Raptor Information Center, National Wildlife Federation, 1412 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20036. First request: "We need your help to ensure passage of Resolutions in both Houses of Congress designating 1982 as the Bicentennial Year of the Bald Eagle. (Commemorating the 200th year as the designation of the Bald Eagle as our National Symbol) and June 20, 1982, as 'National Bald Eagle Day'. Please write your congressman and senators now and urge sponsorship. If these resolutions do not get a sufficient number of co-sponsors they will die."

Second request: Population Status of North American Raptors. They want information on the status of raptors listed on the 1980 Blue List. For more information, please contact the Raptor Information Center at the above address.

Florida Audubon Society is offering a "Birds of the Barrier Islands" weekend at Amelia Island Plantation near Jacksonville, Feb. 19-21, 1982. For more information as to cost, activities, etc., write to Florida Audubon Society, 1101 Audubon Way, Maitland, Florida, 32751. Phone: 305-647-2615.

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FIELD TRIP PLANS

Between-meeting field trips continue to attract enthusiastic birders, and we have explored good birding areas.

On Nov. 14, there were 21 of us to explore the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge. We searched for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, investigated a flood-plain forest for Wild Turkeys, walked a nature trail and observed hundreds of Ring-necked Ducks on Allison Lake. All the usual land birds of winter were found, but the woodpeckers and turkeys kept out of sight. The trip was planned by Jan L. Joness, Recreation Planner for the Refuge, and she invites us to come back, saying "The Red-cockaded Woodpecker really can be seen any day at the nesting colonies."

In the afternoon, technicians of the Rum Creek Wildlife Management Area (Department of Natural Resources, Georgia

Area (Georgia Department of Natural Resources) showed us the new Lake Juliette, a Georgia Power Company reservoir to be managed for waterfowl. It promises great birding in the future.

The next field trip scheduled is Feb. 20, at Eufaula, Ala. This announcement may not reach all members in time for making plans, but we will report on the waterfowl and raptors in the next GOShawk.

For spring, count on March 20 at Athens. Grady Horne (548-2050) and Branch Howe (543-1577) promise to have spring migrants moving through by then. Call one of them if you plan to go, and meet at the Holiday Inn (549-4433) at Broad and Hull Streets at 7:30 a.m.

Tommy Patterson
Field Trip Director

DON'T FORGET THE BIG ONE!!! April 23-25, at Augusta, meeting at the Thunderbird Inn. Room reservations in by March 23, registration and banquet reservations in by April 10.

THINKING ABOUT 1982 DUES?

It is that time, again. The Georgia Ornithological Society operates on a calendar year, and your support is essential in 1982 as we are to continue our meetings, field trips and the publications.

If you return this renewal while you are thinking about it, I promise you that I will not ask you again and you will save the Society the considerable expense of sending out followup notices.

Thanks,
John Swiderski, Treasurer

Please return this entire form with your dues payment for 1982. Check the address label on the reverse side and correct it below if necessary.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - 1982

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Along with good birds and good people, the Savannah meeting included a meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday evening to work on Society business. Important matters were discussed, and action was taken on some items, as indicated in the abstract of minutes (see reverse of this page). Six members of the Executive Committee were present, and we were pleased to have three additional Society members there to participate in the discussions.

On this weekend, and subsequently, several changes occurred among the people on working committees of the Society. With the election of officers at the Business Meeting October 3, three people left the Executive Committee after serving for years in activities important to the functions of the Society. We recognize, with gratitude, the contributions made for us by:

- Lee Gibbs, 2 years as 1st Vice-president
- Jeannine Angerman, 4 years as 2nd Vice-president
- Jonny Howell, 4 years as Secretary.

We are happy to count on these experienced people continuing as GOS members and we intend to draw on their skills again.

I am also very pleased to acknowledge new people who have accepted responsibilities for various needs of the Society. We welcome Terry Moore, Grady Horne and Virginia Culpepper as new members of the Executive Committee, and they are getting busy already. The Business Manager, T. McRae Williams, will be assisted by W. A. Gibbs, Jr. of North Augusta, SC. Bill will help with publication sales and inventory of Oriole back issues as he learns the Society's routine business needs which have been in the capable hands of McRae for so many years.

For the first time in two years we will have a Conservation Committee functioning to keep us informed on legislative and environmental matters. This important post is being filled by Elmer W. Butler of Decatur, who has just completed several years of conservation advisory work for the Atlanta Audubon Society and the Georgia Botanical Society. Significant environmental issues need our attention continually - note the urgent need now for action on the income tax check-off for nongame species and other wildlife. Read about it in this newsletter and DO something!

A new committee on membership will be led by Jonny Howell, residing in Athens. We are delighted to have her starting this effort to tell more people about GOS programs for birders. She will need help, and she hopes to hear from some of you as she forms an active committee.

The Finance Committee is rounded out by Dennis H. Lacoss, of Atlanta. Dennis is Vice-president of Lionel O. Edie & Co., Inc., an investment counselling firm. His professional knowledge of financing and investments can now guide this committee as they seek sound management for the business of the Society.

Dr. L. B. Davenport of Savannah is reinforcing the Education Committee. From his experience as editor of The Oriole for thirteen years, Les brings back valuable knowledge after a brief respite. George Dorsey has left this committee upon completion of his six-year term on helping with publications. Thanks, George.

As chairman of the Earle R. Greene Award Committee, Richard A. Parks, of Atlanta, will be glad to receive nominations for 1982 anytime. Dick is assisted by Doris Cohrs of East Point and they would like another member to help with selection of this annual award. How about some of you who have been with us awhile and know the membership? We are grateful to Elbridge Freeborn for the years of service as chairman of this committee since its origin in 1975. We hope Elbridge will continue to help with his extensive knowledge of people and history.

The next newsletter will carry a list of all officers and committees, with addresses. We hope everyone will feel that the Society's business is the members' business and communicate with the various committees on appropriate matters.

A membership list, corrected to September 1981, was provided for members to pick up at the Savannah meeting. A few copies are still available, and one can be mailed to you if you ask. Write to me (4676 Andover Court, Atlanta 30360) and enclose 50 cents worth of stamps to cover costs.

Abstract of the Minutes of the Executive Committee
and Business Meeting of GOS, October 2-3, 1981

Officers. The following were elected to serve two-year terms: President, Frank McCamey; 1st Vice President, Terry Moore; 2nd Vice President, Grady Horne; Secretary, Virginia Culpepper; Treasurer, John Swiderski.

Location of Meetings. Spring, 1982, will be in Augusta, S.C. The fall meeting, 1982, is tentatively set for Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simon's Island, Ga., and spring meeting, 1983, is tentatively scheduled for Dalton.

By-Laws. The Executive Committee is seeking to redefine the following matters in the by-laws of the Society: The nature and function of The Goshawk, the composition of the Executive Board, the duties of the second vice president.

Membership. There is need for a program to boost membership in the Society. The Executive Committee is considering a special committee for this function. It also is interested in defining the status of spouses of life members to the Society, that is, whether they should be included in the \$100 life member dues.

The Oriole. The March 1980 issue of The Oriole is due out in early fall 1981. The Executive Committee voted to bill the University of Georgia Library a total of \$225 for 50 copies of each issue of the 1980 Oriole.

Fall Meeting for 1982

St. Simons Island

October 1-2-3

We will return to the comfortable and economical accommodations of Epworth-by-the-Sea. Suggestions for speakers and field trips would be welcomed by Terry Moore, and full details will be in the June newsletter. See you there!

Frank McCamey

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