

THE GEORGIA GOSHAWK

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Editorial Comment

Interesting birds sighted in Georgia this past quarter of the year included Red-throated Loons at Lake Lanier and Greater White-fronted Geese at the West Point Wildlife Management area. A Common Goldeneye turned up at Bartlett's Ferry; and Bufflehead were at Peachtree City Lake and Atlanta.

A Black Scoter made news at Jekyll Island as did a possible Rough-legged Hawk sighting in Atlanta. Bald Eagles continue to be seen at Clark Hill, Blakely, Bartlett's Ferry, Goat Rock Dam and Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge. Sandhill Cranes were spotted flying over Atlanta, Naylor, the Cohutta Ranger District on the Chattahoochee National Forest, Eatonton and Forsyth. A Greater Black-backed Gull sighting was turned in from Jekyll Island.

Evening Grosbeaks were reported from the Cohutta Ranger District, Whitfield County, Harris County, Martinez and Clark Hill. Pine Siskins were in abundance in Northwest Georgia.

Overall, there did not seem to be a big winter bird population in the state. After an initial rush of sightings, Red-breasted Nuthatches were not reported often. Both Kinglets were reported in fair numbers; Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were average to low. Dark-eyed Juncos seemed abundant in some places and almost absent in other spots. Brown Creepers crept into the news, but not in any numbers. White-throated Sparrows seemed to be holding their own.

Round-up of GOS News

Spring meeting - April 23, 24, 25 at Augusta. See you there!

Between meetings field trip: Birds and wildflowers of the spring woodland will be featured on a camping/day hike field trip in the Cohutta Mountains of Northwest Georgia. U. S. Forest Service Forestry Technician Harriett DiGioia will be camping out at the Lake Conasauga Recreation Area on the Chattahoochee National Forest, May 21, 22, 23. This is the highest lake in Georgia and is situated on the Appalachian Flyway for thrushes, vireos, warblers, and tanagers. Here is an opportunity to see and learn the spring birds and wildflowers and to see a non-game management area; the Songbird Management Area.

Accommodations - Lake Conasauga Campground; tent or vehicle camping: no electricity, no showers, no hook-up; \$4.00 per night. A Group Camping Area - no water - is available at no cost. Fort Mountain State Park - cabins and camping with electricity and hook-up. For more information, phone 404/695-2621. Cohutta Lodge - phone 404/695-9601. Fort View Motel, Chatsworth - phone 404/695-2934. For more information call Harriett at home - evenings - 404/278-3858; work - 404/695-6736. Day birders are welcome and will be met in the Picnicking-Swimming Parking Lot at Lake Conasauga Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M.

We welcome the following new members - Gene Singletary, Atlanta; Stephen Swinburne, Fernindina Beach, Fl; Charles Murphy, Atlanta; Bill Killian, Brunswick; Logan and Elaine Wright, Atlanta; Mrs. C. W. Hancock, Valdosta; Elaine Young, St. Simons Island; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Leach, Lawrenceville; Dorothy Brock, Dahlonga; Elmer & Betty Butler, Decatur; Albert Jenkins, Hixson, Tn; Dot Freeman, Orlando, Fl; Bobbie Bynum, Albany; John Lyndon, Athens; Benjamin Harrison, Decatur.

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.

Dates are 1981 and 82.

Christmas Bird Count Results: Coastal Georgia, Brunswick: Jan 2, 152 species, 25,639 individuals, 63 counters. Best Birds: White Pelican,* White-winged Scoter,* Prairie Warbler,* Broad-winged Hawk,* Surf Scoter,* Black-throated Blue Warbler.*

Harris Neck NWR, Savannah: Jan 2, 103 species, 2,300 individuals, 11 counters. Best Birds: Bald Eagle,* Wood Stork.

Columbus - 92 species; 12 counters.

Callaway Gardens - 75 species, 31 counters.

Atlanta - Dec. 20, 82 species, 18,059 individuals, 55 counters. Best Birds: House Wren,* House Finch*, Clay-colored Sparrow*.

Peachtree City - Dec. 27, 77 species, 23,056 individuals, 19 counters. Best Birds: House Wren.*

Dalton - Dec. 19, 67 species, 3,649 individual (plus an estimated 1,000,000 blackbirds at a roost), 19 counters. Best Birds: Barred Owl, Solitary Vireo, House Finch.*

Chattahoochee NF Songbird Management Area - Dec. 26, 48 species, 1,148 individuals, 6 counters. Best Bird: Black Vulture, Immature eagle.*

These sightings are not listed below.

Loon, Common*: 12, Clay Co.-L Eufaula-Gopher Ridge, Dec, 26, Bill Birkhead; Atlanta-Sweetwater Cr., Nov. 1-6, Patrick Brisse, etal; Peachtree City L, Nov. 1, Peggy & Terry Moore; 19, West Point L., Nov. 8, Pam & Dennie

- McClure; 16, L. Lanier, Nov. 14, Patrick Brisse; 3, Clark Hill, Ann & Vernon Waters; L. Lanier, Feb. 6, Stacy Caudwell.
- Loon, Red-Throated*: L. Lanier, Nov. 13, John Paget.
- Grebe, Horned*: Atlanta - Sweetwater Cr., Nov. 1, 4, 5, 28, Dennie & Pam McClure; L. Lanier, Feb. 21, Stacy Caudwell.
- Pelican, Brown: im., Georgia Hwy. 286-Murray Co., Jan. 8, Harriett DiGioia -right wing clipped. Taken to Cohutta Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, then taken to St. Catherine's Is. This bird was obviously transported into North Georgia.
- Comorant, Double-crested*: 2, Augusta, Jan. 23, Clarence Belger; few, L. Juliette, Feb., Terry Johnson.
- Anhinga, American*: Savannah RNWR, Dec. 5, Briar Cr. Wildlife Group; near Eufaula, Nov. 28, Patrick Brisse.
- Heron, Great Blue: Augusta - L. Aumond, early Jan., Ann Taylor.
- Egret, Great: Screven Co., Jan., Grace Boddiford.
- Heron, Black-crowned*: Augusta, Feb. 20, Augusta AS.
- Bittern, American: Atlanta-John Ward Swamp, Nov. 17, Patrick Brisse.
- Goose, Canada: Reed Bingham SP, Feb. 1, Margaret Jossey; 4, Augusta, Feb. 6, Augusta AS - determined to be the Lesser race.
- Goose, Greater White-fronted*: Small flock, West Point Wildlife Management Area, Jan. 25, Jim Hackley.
- Goose, Snow*: 18, Eufaula NWR, Nov. 27, fide Terry Moore; Blue Morph, Pendergrass, Feb. 21, Stacy Caudwell.
- Gadwall*: Savannah RNWR, Dec. 5, Briar Creek Wildlife Group.
- Teal, Blue-winged: Savannah RNWR, Dec. 5, Briar Creek Wildlife Group.
- Wigeon, American*: Forsyth Co., Feb. 21, Stacy Caudwell; 7, L. Juliette, Feb. 14, Terry Johnson.
- Shoveler, Northern: Savannah RNWR, Dec. 5, Briar Creek Wildlife Group.
- Duck, Wood: 10, Harris Co.-I-185, Dec. 25, Sam Pate.
- Redhead*: Peachtree City L., Nov. 1, Patrick Brisse, etal (Nov. 4, 1924).
- Duck, Ring-Necked: Savannah RNWR, Dec. 5, Briar Cr. Wildlife Group; Forston, Dec. 26, Sam Pate; 150, Peachtree City L., Nov. 26, Patrick Brisse; 300, Piedmont NWR, Nov. 14, GOS Field Trip; Rum Cr. Wildlife Management Area, Dec. & Jan., Terry Johnson.
- Scaup, Lesser: 20, Atlanta-Sweetwater Cr.; 12, Peachtree City L., Nov. 1, Peggy & Terry Moore.
- Goldeneye, Common*: 4, Bartlett's Ferry, Jan. 9, Sam Pate.
- Bufflehead*: f, Peachtree City L., Nov. 8, Patrick Brisse; Atlanta - Murphy Candler L., Nov. 10, Ben & Ellen Iannuzzi; 4, Atlanta-Sweetwater Cr., Nov. 22, Patrick Brisse.
- Scoter, Black*: Jekyll Is., Nov. 7, Joe Greenberg (Nov. 9, 1974).
- Duck, Ruddy*: 50, Peachtree City L., Nov. 26, Patrick Brisse; 2, Rum Cr. Wildlife Management Area, Dec.-early Jan., fide Terry Johnson.
- Merganser, Hooded: Screven Co., Jan, Grace Boddiford; 5, Bartlett's Ferry, Jan. 9, Sam Pate; Peachtree City L., Nov. 18, Patrick Brisse; Atlanta-Murphy Candler L., Nov. 10, Ben & Ellen Iannuzzi.
- Merganser, Red-breasted*: Banks Co., Mar. 1, Stacy Caudwell.
- Hawk, Sharp-shinned*: Augusta, Jan., Clarence Belger; Harris Co., Jan. 6, Bill Birkhead; pair, Columbus, Jan. 11, Sam Pate; several, East Atlanta, late Nov., Vince Jackson; Atlanta-DeKalb Ave., Nov. 23, Vince Jackson.
- Hawk, Cooper's*: Decatur, Vince Jackson; Screven Co., Feb., Grace Boddiford
- Hawk, Red-Tailed: im., Augusta, Feb. 8, Jean Cockran; Screven Co., Feb., Grace Boddiford.
- Hawk, Red-shouldered: Columbus, Jan. 21, Richard Illeges.
- Hawk, Rough-legged*: East Atlanta, Nov. 25, Vince Jackson & Hugh Garrett - this is a possible sighting.
- Eagle, Bald*: 2, Bussey Point-Clark Hill, Jan., Bill Babb; Blakely, Nov. 26, Robert Smith; 4, Bartlett's Ferry/Goat Rock Dam, Jan. 9, Sam Pate; 1-ad., 1-im., Eufaula NWR, Nov. 27, fide Terry Moore; 2, Clark Hill,

- Feb. 6, Ray Hill.
- Merlin*: Atlanta-John Ward Swamp, Nov. 7, Patrick Brisse; Cumming, Nov. 14, Carole Anderson & Joe Greenberg; Eufaula NWR, Nov. 28, Donna & Patrick Brisse.
- Kestrel, American: Screven Co., Feb., Grace Boddiford.
- Turkey, Wild: Echols Co., Jan. 17, Gloria Price.
- Crane, Sandhill*: 160, North Atlanta, Nov. 7, Ben & Ellen Iannuzzi; 40-50, Atlanta, Nov. 10, Carole Anderson; 40-50, Atlanta, Nov. 10, Peggy Moore; 3 flocks containing 90-100 each, Naylor, March 2, Clyde Connell; 100, Cohutta RD, Chattahoochee NF, L. Conasauga, Mar. 3, Harriett DiGioia; 20-30 same place, Mar. 4, Harriett DiGioia; 100, Eatonton-Cedar Cr. Wildlife Management Area, Mar. 3, Andy Denman; Forsyth, Mar. 8, Terry Johnson.
- Coot, American: Savannah RNWR, Dec. 5, Briar Cr. Wildlife Group.
- Oystercatcher, American*: 25, Jekyll Is.-South Beach, Nov. 7, Joe Greenberg.
- Killdeer: Screven Co., Jan., Grace Boddiford.
- Godwit, Marbled*: 8, St. Simons Is.-North Beach, Nov. 7, Joe Greenberg.
- Yellowlegs, Lesser*: Pond near Valdosta, Jan. 16, Tenney Griffin, Clyde Connell, Ken George; Pendergrass, Nov. 17, John Paget.
- Woodcock, American*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Nov. 21, Jay Stohler.
- Snipe, Common: Screven Co., Jan., Grace Boddiford; 12, Moody Air Force Base-Northside, Feb. 20, Albany AS.
- Sandpiper, Least*: 5, Augusta, Feb. 6, Augusta AS.
- Dunlin*: 2, Pendergrass, Nov. 17, John Paget.
- Gull, Greater Black-backed*: Jekyll Is.-South Beach, Nov. 17, Joe Greenberg.
- Gull, Herring*: 3, Augusta, Jan. 23, Clarence Belger; Bartlett's Ferry, Jan. 9, Sam Pate.
- Gull, Ring-billed: flock, Long Pond, Albany, early Jan., John Youmans; Albany-Lowden High School, Jan. 21, hundreds on parking lot and at Ocean Pond and mall under construction; 2,000 Augusta-L. Olmstead, Jan. 26, Kenneth Houck - (Dept. of Natural Resources was doing fish eradication program to improve lake for fishing. Selective chemical put in to kill gizzard shad population); Bartlett's Ferry, Jan. 9, Sam Pate; Atlanta-Sweetwater Cr. & Peachtree City L., Nov. 8, Patrick Brisse; im., Carter's Lake, Jan. 4, Harriett DiGioia - shot through wing, taken to Cohutta Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, then taken to St. Catherine's Is.; 7, Dalton-Thread Mill L., Feb. 28, Harriett DiGioia.
- Gull, Bonaparte's*: Bartlett's Ferry, Jan. 9, Sam Pate.
- Tern, Gull-billed*: Jekyll Is.-South Beach, Nov. 7, Joe Greenberg.
- Tern, Caspian*: Eufaula NWR, Nov. 28, fide Terry Moore.
- Dove, Common Ground*: 2, Rum Cr. Wildlife Management Area, fide Terry Johnson.
- Owl, Barn*: Columbus, Dec. 1, Jim Shirah; Washington, Laurie Jones.
- Owl, Great Horned*: Screven Co., Feb., Grace Boddiford; 2, Cohutta RD, Chattahoochee NF-L. Conasauga, Mar. 3, Harriett DiGioia.
- Swallow, Tree: Savannah RNWR, Dec. 5, Briar Cr. Wildlife Group.
- Martin, Purple: Forston, Feb. 14, Sam Pate; Columbus-L. Oliver, week of Feb. 7, Minnie Lawrence; Columbus, Feb. 18, Jim Shirah; 5 m, Augusta-Gracewood Hospital, Feb. 15, Clarence Belger.
- Nuthatch, Red-breasted: Northeast Atlanta, Nov. 29, Dennis Lacoss; Pineisle, Nov. 14, Patrick Brisse; Hollywood, Nov. 26, Frank McCamey; Martinez, Feb. 15, R. C. Couch.

- Nuthatch, Brown-headed: small flock, Augusta, Jan. 10, Delma Knipp.
Creeper, Brown*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Nov. 19, Peggy Moore.
Wren, Winter: Harris Co., Dec. 2, Florence Lynn.
Thrush, Hermit: Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Nov. 7, Peggy & Terry Moore.
Thrush, Swainson's: Northeast Atlanta, Nov. 15, Dennis Lacoss (Nov. 10, 1928)
Waxwing, Cedar: Columbus, Dec. 3, Jim Shirah; Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA,
Nov. 8, Fall Migration Walk; 180, Hollywood, Nov. 27, Frank McCamey; 75,
Screven Co., Feb., Grace Boddiford.
Vireo, White-eyed*: Valdosta, Feb. 20, Field Trip.
Vireo, Solitary: Dalton, Mar. 14, Anne Hamilton; Cohutta RD-Chattahoochee
NF-L. Conasauga, Mar. 16, Harriett DiGioia-singing.
Warbler, Black & White*: Augusta, Jan. 27, Clarence Belger; Northeast
Atlanta, Nov. 26 & 28, Dennis Lacoss; Ga. Hwy. 52, Ft. Mtn., Mar. 18,
Harriett DiGioia - singing.
Warbler, Orange-crowned*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Nov. 8, 15, 28, 29,
Fall Migration Walk, Dennis Lacoss, Patrick Brisse.
Oriole, Northern: Sylvania, week of Jan. 17, Mary Blackburn; Augusta,
Jan. 27 & Feb. 18, Clarence Belger; Sylvania, Feb., Elizabeth & Lucy
Lee.
Cowbird, Brown-headed: 50, Screven Co., Feb., Grace Boddiford.
Grosbeak, Evening: Harris Co., Jan. 9, Florence Lynn; Clark Hill, Feb. 23,
Clarence Belger; 2 m., Martinez, Feb. 17, R.C. Couch; 20, Cohutta RD,
Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta Work Center, Jan. 15, Harriett DiGioia; 3 m.,
2 f., Whitfield Co., Feb. 21, Harry White.
Finch, Purple: 2 pairs, Martinez, Jan. 10, R. C. Couch; Harris Co.,
Jan. 23, Florence Lynn; Northwest Atlanta, Nov. 17, Terry & Peggy
Moore; Sylvania, Feb., Elizabeth & Lucy Lee.
Finch, House*: 3 m., 2 f., Martinez, Jan 10, R. C. Couch; 6, Augusta, Jan.
27, Clarence Belger; Cumming, Nov. 28, Jeff Petit ; Banks Co.,
Jan. & Feb., Stacy Caudwell; 2, Whitfield Co., Jan. 18 and 8 on Feb. 6,
Doris & Delano Crowe; 5-6, Dalton, Feb., Bud & Margaret Newman; 6,
Dalton, week of Feb. 7, Betty Kennemer; 3 m., 2 f., Dalton, week of
Feb. 7, Janice Kreisler.
Siskin, Pine: large flock, Jan. 27, Martinez, I. A. & Anna Salley;
Martinez, Jan. 29, R. C. Couch; 6, Augusta, Jan. 27, Clarence Belger;
Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Nov. 8, Fall Migration Walk; North Atlanta,
Nov. 22, Ben & Ellen Iannuzzi, Columbus, Feb. 4, Brian Liebl; Banks
Co., Jan. & Feb., Stacy Caudwell; Dalton, Jan. 18, Harriett DiGioia.
Goldfinch, American: Sylvania, Feb., Elizabeth & Lucy Lee.
Junco, Northern: Sylvania, Feb., Elizabeth & Lucy Lee.
Sparrow, Chipping: 40, Martinez, Jan. 10, R. C. Couch.
Sparrow, White-crowned*: 2 flocks, Augusta, Feb. 6, Augusta AS; Pendergrass,
Feb. 6, Stacy Caudwell.
Sparrow, Fox: Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Nov. 29, Patrick Brisse.

NEWS OF PEOPLE

GOSer , Dr. Philip Dow of Augusta, passed away on December 17, 1981. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

Former member, Dr. Tully Pennington, passed away on Feb. 21. His family may be addressed at Route 6, 1210 Fair Road, Statesboro, Georgia 30458.

Milton Hopkins went down to Valdosta to present a program to the Withlacoochee Watchers in January. Hugh and Elizabeth Garrett were mentioned in article about birding in the Atlanta Weekly Magazine, Jan. 17. GOS got a

good mention in this article. Georgann Schmalz was able to see Puffins on a trip to Maine last August.

Miscellaneous

In July of 1980 and '81, Snow Geese were marked with blue neck collars. If you spot one of these geese, please notify Declan Troy, 2 G L Alaska Research Associates, Inc., P. O. Box 80607, Fairbanks, Ak., 99708.

Juvenile White Ibis were tagged with orange wing tags near Georgetown, S.C. If you see one of these birds, please send date, location, tag number to Peter Frederick, C/O Zoology Dept., Wilson Hall 046-A, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514.

Joe Greenberg needs your help in covering all the Breeding Bird routes. He is the state coordinator and needs volunteers to run routes. If you're interested, please contact him at 5675 Roswell Rd., Apt. 64-E, Atlanta, Ga., 30342 or phone 404/256-1083.

If you're interested in receiving the Red-cockaded News, write to Anne Shapiro, Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Fl., 32301.

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FIELD TRIPS

The interim field trip at Eufaula NWR Feb. 20-21 was great with 74 species noted. The list included 13 species of ducks, 8 of raptors, and 8 of the plover-sandpiper group, plus a White Pelican and a Golden Eagle. Birding there is so good, and so dependable, that we should plan a trip every winter. Tell us if you would like a trip scheduled for early in 1983.

On Mar. 20 a small group met at Athens and enjoyed early migrants with the fellowship of other birders.

The next field trip will be May 22-23 in the Cohutta Mountains (see page 1). Following that will be an ocean boat trip for pelagic birds Sept. 4-5, leaving from somewhere on the Georgia coast. It will probably cost \$60.00 for a full day, and it will include deep sea fishing. You should get full details in the mid-summer newsletter.

Between-meeting field trips seem to be desired, and they are interesting, but planning and running them should not be left to the few people who have been doing it. This program can be continued if you will help with suggestions. It is easy for members to plan and lead field trips in their home areas -- just make a suggestion to Tommy Patterson (P. O. Box 4103, Dublin 31021).

Note Oct. 1-2-3 for the regular fall meeting at St. Simons Island. Birding on the coast is always great and the area attracts more members than any other meetings. See you there!

At the Augusta meeting important changes took place among the officers of the Society. Because I wanted to report these changes to the membership at once, it was necessary to add this insert to the newsletter which had been prepared for mailing before the meeting.

Upon returning to Georgia from a teaching assignment in Oregon, Bill Lovejoy resigned from his responsibility for The Oriole. Bill has a heavy teaching load and editing The Oriole is a demanding, time-consuming labor. We are grateful to Bill for two years of devoted service to the Society, and we are proud of the Orioles he has published. We hope he will continue to help with our bulletins.

The editorial committee, under chairman Branch Howe, searched widely for a new editor and was fortunate to find him among our working officers. Terry Moore will start immediately to pull together material for the next Oriole and counts on all of us to support his efforts. Terry is already well known to us because of his active participation in Society affairs for several years and we welcome him to this new position. His extensive knowledge of Georgia birdlife provides the background for accurate evaluation of Oriole material and encouragement of new writing.

Don Cohrs will be moving into the First Vice-president position vacated by Terry. Here he will plan programs for the semi-annual meetings and help with many aspects of Society business. We welcome Don to the executive committee, and we appreciate his ready consent to filling the position on short notice.

Because of an unfortunate accident and long-standing prior commitments, Virginia Culpepper offered her resignation as secretary in mid-April. Jonny Howell kindly filled this need at the Augusta meeting, and Betsy Phillips has been appointed to fill out Virginia's remaining term. You will remember Betsy as that hard-working lady who handled registration so efficiently at Savannah last fall.

I am pleased to add that Virginia is recovering from her fall and we should see her out birding on our next field trip.

New to the executive committee will be Phyllis Reynolds as member-at-large. Phyllis is an experienced birder and bander, recently arrived in Georgia from New York. She has experience in other birding societies and will be contributing to our activities in many ways.

GOS is a society for the members, and it requires membership participation to function. Please contact any of the officers, at any time, with ideas and suggestions for your Society.

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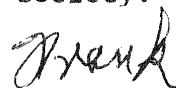
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IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY

Can anyone work on the newsletter to get it out more promptly? We need someone in the Atlanta area to help with printing and mailing, and it is only 4 times a year!

How about a suggestion for member-at-large of the executive committee? Yourself, or someone you know who has lots of ideas for the Society? We welcome your thoughts.



Franklin McCamey
President

THE RED-TAILED SISKIN

A Pine Siskin with its tail dyed fluorescent red-orange visited a Stone Mountain feeder several times in April, and a brief article in Wingbars (May 1982) called attention to the observation. Since then, the bird has been reported from other feeders on the east side of Atlanta, and there seem to be more than one bird marked with the same color. Can anyone around the state add to our information?

The siskin's tail was completely dyed a bright orange-red, and the bird was conspicuously different from the other siskins as it fluttered beside a feeder. The dye was translucent, and the feather pattern shows through it when the bird is observed with binoculars from a short distance. The peculiar tail does not seem to bother the other siskins competing for perches at the feeder, and the behavior of the marked bird is normal.

If anyone knows why the bird was color-marked for individual recognition in this manner, or if you have seen similar Pine Siskins, please let me know.

Franklin McCamey

DUES FOR 1982

Dues for the calendar year 1982 should be paid by now if we are to keep you on the mailing list for future issues of The Oriole and The GOShawk. With new developments in the Society and our plans for meetings and field trips, you surely want to keep up. Check your address label on the reverse side, correct it if necessary, and forward this full sheet to the treasurer.

Life Members enjoy freedom from interruption of their membership, and the fee is invested to yield income that supports the Society indefinitely. Wouldn't this be a good time for you to consider Life Membership while it is still a bargain at \$100.00? If you are planning to pay for 1982 now, a Life Membership will cost you only \$88.00!!!!!!

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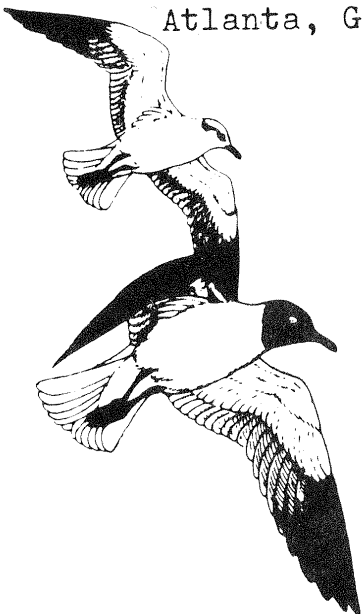
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