

THE GEORGIA GOSHAWK

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Editorial Comment

I got into trouble with the September issue of this newsletter. They say trouble comes in twos and it did this time! I stated that "Rufous-sided Hummingbirds" had been spotted in Columbus and Hiawassee. Well, there is no such critter as a Rufous-sided Hummingbird! Mind you, there is a Rufous Hummingbird. One was seen in Columbus; but, Arthur Green wrote and said he had NOT seen one in Hiawassee. On a trip out west they mentioned seeing a Rufous Hummingbird and evidently this is where the mix-up came from.

Bird sightings from across our state for late fall and early winter contained some good finds. Included in these interesting sightings are: Eared Grebe on Lake Chatuge, along with a Horned Grebe. A Roseate Spoonbill turned up on Jekyll Island, with Snow Geese at the Rum Creek Wildlife Management Area and Sapelo Island.

Common Mergansers were reported from Rum Creek and there was a report of a Rough-legged Hawk at Macon. Bald Eagles and Osprey were sprinkled over the state; Peregrine Falcons were noted at Beckley County, Murray Co., Cumberland and St. Simon's Islands. Sandhill Cranes were seen flying over various points in the state.

A Limpkin was seen in the Altamaha Swamp last May; Black-necked Stilts were on Jekyll Island and at the GOS meeting, while Lesser Golden Plovers were at Forsyth and Laurens Counties. A Baird's Sandpiper was found at Pendergrass. Flycatchers - a Yellow-bellied at Sweetwater Creek State Park and an Olive-sided in Atlanta; plus a Bewick's Wren from Waycross and Red Crossbills in Murray and Fannin Counties complete the interesting sightings for this issue.

ROUND-UP OF GOS NEWS

The Fall Meeting at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simon's Island was, from all viewpoints, a great success. One hundred and three birders registered and approximately 140 species were listed. For those of you keeping lists for GOS meetings, please add Black-necked Stilt and Peregrine Falcon seen on Sunday.

Elaine Young gave a most informative and interesting Friday night slide preview of birds we would be likely to see on the field trips. The banquet program, ably given by Tommy and Ann Barber was about our own state of Georgia. They showed the delightful, interesting and beautiful spots from North Georgia to South Georgia - the mountains to the sea. They graphically showed us the many faces of Georgia.

The Earle R. Green Award, given to the person or organization contributing the most to ornithology in the state was awarded to Anne Hamilton of Dalton. Her plaque read: "For outstanding service to GOS as President, Active Member Promoting GOS, Accomplished Field Worker, Charter Member."

We welcome these new members: Krista Avera, Lake Park; Katharine Carter, Valdosta; Ramond Damian, Athens; James Feeley, Norcross; Peter Lloyd, Dunwoody; Paige Harvey, Atlanta; Lorraine Dusenbury, Jekyll Island; Mercedes Mondecar, Atlanta; W. F. Carmichael, Jr., Atlanta; Peter Stangel, Athens; Dale Johnson, Atlanta; Sam & Carolyn Latimer McDonough; Pat & Dot Donahoo, St. Simon's Island; Sheila Willis, Waycross; Ingeborg Gronhagen, Dalton; Ellery McClintock, Atlanta and the Kennesaw College Library.

How would you like to spend a week-end with the birds in the mountains of Northwest Georgia? Dalton will be hosting the Spring meeting April 29, 30, and May 1. Make your plans to come to the Cohutta Mountains and enjoy a week-end of scenic beauty, good birding and good fellowship with fellow birders. Host - the Cherokee Audubon Society. Details later. Circle that week-end in red and reserve it for a bang-up time!

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 one of the locations where it was seen according to 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; National Forest - NF; Ranger District - RD; Forest Service Road - FS Rd; National Recreation Area - NRA; Wildlife Management Area - WMA; 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 1982.

Loon, Common*: L. Chatuge, Nov. 18 & Dec. 6, Arthur Green; pair, Laurens Co - Thundering Springs L, Nov. 20, Tommy Patterson.

Grebe, Horned*: L. Chatuge, Dec. 21, Bob Loftin.

Grebe, Eared*: Pendergrass, Sept. 20 & 21, John Paget - 4th Ga. record (Editor's note: Not on official or hypothetical lists for state).

Pelican, Brown*: Augusta - Gracewood Hospital, Nov. 5, fide Clarence Belger; Jekyll Is., Oct. 11 & Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club.

Comorant, Double-crested*: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Oct. 16, Augusta AS; Columbus - Goat Rock Dam, Sept. 18, Columbus AS; Rum Cr. WMA - L. Juliette, Oct. 20, and in Nov., Terry Johnson & James Hicks; Laurens Co. - Ben Hall L., Sept. 21 & 24 and 2, Oct. 23 - Nov. 30, Tommy Patterson.

Anhinga, American: 7-11, Laurens Co. - Ben Hall L., late summer, Tommy Patterson.

Heron, Great Blue*: Hiawassee, Oct. 18 - Dec. 19, Arthur Green.

Heron, Little Blue: in good numbers, Atlanta, August, Terry Moore.

Egret, Cattle*: 70 - felt to be Cattle Egrets, Atlanta - Peachtree & Johnson Ferry Rds., Aug. 16, Hugh Garrett; 68, Greenville, Sept. 25, Donna & Patrick Brisse; Laurens Co., Nov. 30, Tommy Patterson.

Heron, Black-crowned Night*: Laurens Co., Sept. 4, Tommy Patterson.

Heron, Yellow-crowned Night: im, Atlanta - Regional Hospital, Aug. 7, Patrick Brisse.

Bittern, American: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 27, Augusta AS; Laurens Co. - Buckeye Marsh, Oct. 19, Tommy Patterson.
 Stork, Wood: 1, Laurens Co., August 8 - pair, Aug. 29, Tommy Patterson.
 Ibis, White: 2, im., Gay, Aug. 11 & 28, Donna & Patrick Brisse.
 Spoonbill, Roseate*: Jekyll Is - Causeway, June 26 & July 31, Sheila Willis.
 Goose, Snow*: im., Rum Cr. WMA, Sept. 25, Terry Johnson; blue morph, Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club.
 Mallard: 45, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 25, Terry Johnson.
 Duck, American Black*: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 7, Clarence Belger; L. Chatuge, Dec. 22, Bob Loftin; 2, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 27, Terry Johnson.
 Gadwall*: 19, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 17, Terry Johnson.
 Teal, Blue-winged: small flock, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 4, Augusta AS; Atlanta - Sam's L., Aug. 8, Patrick Brisse - record early arrival; Whitfield Co. - Cohutta Fish Hatchery, Sept. 9, Frank Paruka; Rum Cr. WMA, Aug. 26, Terry Johnson.
 Wigeon, American: 2, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 25, Terry Johnson.
 Shoveler, Northern*: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 7, Clarence Belger; 6, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 25, Terry Johnson; Laurens Co., Nov. 7 & 12, Tommy Patterson.
 Redhead*: 4, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 25, Terry Johnson.
 Duck, Ring-necked: 100, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Oct. 30, Augusta AS; 2, Peachtree City L., Aug. 8, Peggy & Terry Moore; 4, L. Chatuge, Dec. 20, Arthur Green; 326, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 9, Terry Johnson.
 Canvasback*: 1 f., L. Chatuge, Nov. 5, Arthur Green; 2, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 17, Terry Johnson.
 Scaup, Lesser: Clark Hill, Oct. 7, Clarence Belger.
 Bufflehead*: 3, L. Chatuge, Dec. 22, Bob Loftin.
 Duck, Ruddy: 32, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 25, Terry Johnson; Laurens Co., Nov. 7, Tommy Patterson.
 Merganser, Common*: 10, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 17, Terry Johnson.
 Vulture, Turkey: 48, Hamilton, Oct. 21, Bill Birkhead.
 Vulture, Black*: ad with young in yard - Whitfield Co., Aug. 6, Jane Parrott; 8, Chattahoochee NF - Cohutta RD - Tibbs Trail, Harriett DiGioia - perched on dead snag - more are being seen on the district in the mountains.
 Kite, Swallow-Tailed*: Santee, Aug. 6, Frank McCamey with 3 sightings on Aug. 7, Patrick Brisse & Bob Manns. (Editor's Note: One bird or two? Only other sighting in N. Ga. at Brasstown Bald in 1975).
 Kite, Mississippi: family group, Macon, fall, Don & Joyce Duncan; frequent during summer, Tommy Patterson.
 Hawk, Sharp-shinned*: Columbus, Oct. 10, Sam Pate: Lamar Co., Oct. 15, Terry Johnson.
 Hawk, Cooper's*: Atlanta, Aug. 14 & Chattahoochee RNRA, Aug. 18, Patrick Brisse; Atlanta, Aug. 28, Lydia Thompson; Hiawassee, Dec. 18, Arthur Green; Crawford Co., Oct. 19, Terry Johnson; Butts Co. - Jackson, Nov. 15, Terry Johnson; Cumberland Is., Oct. 9 & 25, Sheila Willis.
 Hawk, Red-Tailed: 3, Columbus, Sept., Chris Taylor; 2, Hiawassee, Oct. 29 & Nov. 8, Arthur Green; common - Rum Cr. WMA, Nov., Terry Johnson.
 Hawk, Broad-winged: 20, Atlanta - NW, Sept. 22, Patrick Brisse; Hiawassee-ketteling - 9 on Sept. 28, 3 on Sept. 29, Arthur Green; Dublin, Aug.-Sept., Tommy Patterson.
 Hawk, Rough-legged*: Macon, fall, Arline Clark.
 Eagle, Bald*: Cumberland Is., Jerry & Marie Amerson; Chattahoochee R - Florence Marina, Sept. 4, Charles Parker & Shawn Harris; L. Jackson - Butts Co. and L. Sinclair - Baldwin Co., summer, Chris Martin; Monroe Co. - entrance to Scherer Power Plant, Sept. 14 or 15, Leon Burns; im., Rum Cr. WMA, Oct. 14, Terry Johnson & Jack Scott.

- Harrier, Northern: Sasser, Aug. 28, Chris Taylor; Conyers, Sept. 18, Francis Michael; Hiawassee, Oct. 29 & Nov. 10, Arthur Green; 5, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 17, Terry Johnson; Jekyll Is., Oct. 11 & Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club; Laurens Co., Aug. 28, Tommy Patterson.
- Osprey*: Fury's Ferry Bridge, July, Barron Holsenback; Hiawassee, Sept. 10 & 12 and 2 on Sept. 13 and 27, Arthur Green; Jekyll Is., Oct. 11, Okefenokee Bird Club; Cumberland Is., Oct. 25, Sheila Willis; Laurens Co., Aug. 1, Sept. 7, 23, 24, & Nov. 20, Tommy Patterson.
- Falcon, Peregrine*: Bleckley Co., Sept. 15, Clay Lisenby & Art Barry; Murray Co. - Carter's L., summer, Corps of Engineers Personnel; Cumberland Is., Oct. 9, Sheila Willis; GOS Meeting, Oct. 3, Tommy Patterson.
- Merlin*: Jekyll Is., Oct. 11, Okefenokee Bird Club; Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, twice in Nov., Tommy Patterson.
- Kestrel, American: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 4, Augusta AS; 3, Thompsonville, Oct. 22, Jim Shirah; Hiawassee, Oct. 25 & 26, Arthur Green.
- Grouse, Ruffed: 6, Chattahoochee NF - Cohutta RD - FS Rd. 64, Oct. 19, Harriett DiGioia.
- Crane, Sandhill*: 9, Chattahoochee NF - Cohutta RD - Horseshoe Bend, Oct. 29, Frank Findley; 60, Whitfield Co., Nov. 29, Doris Crowe & Harry White; 40, Whitfield Co. - Lower Kingsbridge Rd., Delano Crowe; 35, Murray Co - Ga. 225 at Sumac Cr., Dec. 8, Delano Crowe; 48, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 6, Terry Johnson; hatching below normal in Okefenokee NWR due to drought, summer, Sheila Willis; 30, Dublin, Nov. 30, Tommy Patterson; 1, Laurens Co. - Buckeye Marsh - Nov. 30, Tommy Patterson.
- Limpkin*: Altamaha Swamp, May, Buzzy Pickren.
- Coot, American: 2, Peachtree City L., Aug., Patrick Brisse; 495, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 9, Terry Johnson; few, Laurens Co., Oct. 23, Tommy Patterson.
- Stilt, Black-necked*: 1, June 26; 6, July 31, Jekyll Is., Sheila Willis; GOS meeting, Oct. 3, John Swiderski.
- Plover, Wilson's*: Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club.
- Killdeer: Hiawassee, 3 on Oct. 17, 8 on Dec. 10, Arthur Green.
- Plover, Lesser Golden*: Forsyth Co. - N. Ga. Rendering Plant, Sept. 25 - 29, John Paget; Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture; pair, Sept. 1, 15, 29, single Sept. 21 - 24, Tommy Patterson.
- Plover, Black-bellied: Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, Sept. 21-24, Tommy Patterson.
- Sandpiper, Upland*: Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, 1 on Aug. 21 & 22, 4 on Aug. 28, Tommy Patterson.
- Willet*: 8, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 7, Clarence Belger - 2nd reported Augusta sighting.
- Turnstone, Ruddy*: Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, Aug. 1, Tommy Patterson.
- Snipe, Common: Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, Aug. 29, Tommy Patterson.
- Dowitcher, sp*: 2, Atlanta - Regional Hospital, Aug. 18, Patrick Brisse.
- Sanderling*: Augusta, Nov. 12, Clarence Belger.
- Sandpiper, Semipalmated*: 2, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 7, Clarence Belger; Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, 2 on Aug. 28, 3 on Sept. 4, Tommy Patterson.
- Sandpiper, Least: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Oct. 30, Augusta AS.
- Sandpiper, Baird's*: Pendergrass, Dec. 26, John Paget & many observers. (Editor's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists for state).
- Dunlin*: Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, 4 on Oct. 23, 1 on Nov. 7 & 27, Tommy Patterson.
- Sandpiper, Stilt*: Forsyth Co. - N. Ga. Rendering Plant, Sept. 25-29, John Paget; Laurens Co. - Jackson's Pasture, 6 on Sept. 21 and 1 on Sept. 22, Tommy Patterson.

- Gull, Ring-billed: Augusta-Merry Ponds, mid Oct., Clarence Belger - yellow tag on wing; Whitfield Co., Nov. 18, Doris Crowe; 50, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 25, Terry Johnson.
- Tern, Forster's*: Peachtree City L., Aug. 8, Mark Oberle, etal - apparent 1st record for Atlanta area; 3, L. Lanier, Aug. 2, Wally Dreyfoos; Laurens Co., Nov. 30, Tommy Patterson.
- Tern, Little*: Jekyll Is., Oct. 11, Okefenokee Bird Club.
- Tern, Caspian*: 5, L. Lanier, Aug. 25, Frank McCamey; Commerce L, Sept. 4, Jack Carusos.
- Tern, Black: 6, L. Lanier, Aug. 26, Frank McCamey.
- Cuckoo, Yellow-billed: Dalton-yard, Sept. 27, Harriett DiGioia.
- Cuckoo, Black-billed*: Atlanta, Aug. 22, Mary Ann Vernocy.
- Owl, Common Screech: Hiawassee, Oct. 9, Arthur Green.
- Owl, Great Horned*: Whitfield Co., Sept. 18, Jane Parrott; Chattahoochee NF - COHUTTA RD - L. Conasauga, Oct. 16, Harriett DiGioia; Hiawassee, Sept. 19, 20, 22 & Nov. 5, Arthur Green.
- Owl, Barred: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L. Conasauga, Oct. 16, Harriett DiGioia; Whitfield Co.-near Prater's Mill, Dec. 5, Doris & Delano Crowe.
- Woodpecker, Pileated: Columbus-yard, Sept. 29, Brian Liebl.
- Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied: Augusta-levee, Oct. 16, Augusta AS; Harris Co., Oct. 10, Florence Lynn.
- Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied*: Sweetwater Cr. SP, Sept. 25, Patrick Brisse.
- Flycatcher, Olive-sided*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 6, Vince & Trina Jackson; Sept. 6, Dennis Lacoss.
- Crow, Fish*: West Point WMA, Oct. 28, Terry Johnson-heard.
- Nuthatch, Red-breasted: Columbus, Oct. 24, Chris Taylor; Dalton, Oct. 18, Anne Hamilton; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Work Center, Oct. 10, Harriett DiGioia.
- Nuthatch, Brown-headed: pair, Hiawassee, Dec. 21, Bob Loftin & Arthur Green-excavating cavity in dead pine.
- Creeper, Brown*: Harris Co, Oct. 22, Florence Lynn; Dalton, Oct. 25, Anne Hamilton.
- Wren, House*: Waycross, Oct. 9, & Homeland, Oct. 11, Sheila Willis; found in concentrations, Laurens Co., mid to late Oct., Tommy Patterson.
- Wren, Winter: Harris Co., Nov. 10, Florence Lynn; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FS Rd. 18-Dec. 18, Harriett DiGioia.
- Wren, Bewick's*: Waycross, Nov. 9, Sheila Willis.
- Wren, Marsh*: Conyers, Sept. 27, Francis Michael; Laurens Co.-Buckeye Marsh, Sept. 17, Tommy Patterson.
- Wren, Sedge*: Pendergrass, Sept. 22, John Paget - this is a probable sighting.
- Thrush, Hermit: Harris Co., Oct. 24, Florence Lynn; Hiawassee, Dec. 22, Bob Loftin; Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club.
- Veery*: Columbus, Sept., Robert Potts; Decatur, Aug. 29, Mark Oberle; Dalton, Oct. 17, Harriett DiGioia-crashed into window and was killed.
- Kinglet, Golden-crowned: Clark Hill, Oct. 17, Clarence Belger; Columbus, Oct. 9, Danny Hisaw; Dalton, Oct. 17, Anne Hamilton; Hiawassee, Dec. 2, Arthur Green; Laurens Co., Oct. 20, Tommy Patterson.
- Kinglet, Ruby-crowned: Augusta-levee, Oct. 16, Augusta AS; Harris Co., Oct. 6, Florence Lynn; Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 19, Atlanta AS; Whitfield Co., Sept. 28, Harriett DiGioia; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Songbird MA, Sept. 19, Daniel Jacobson; Hiawassee, Oct. 5, Arthur Green; Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club; Laurens Co, Oct.20, Tommy Patterson.
- Pipit, Water: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 27, Augusta AS; flock, Thompsonville, Oct. 22, Jim Shirah; 32, Rum Cr. WMA, Nov. 25, Terry Johnson.

- Waxwing, Cedar: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 13, Augusta AS; 20, Harris Co., Nov. 17, Florence Lynn.
- Shrike, Loggerhead: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 4, Augusta AS-singing; several, Thompsonville, Oct. 22, Jim Shirah; Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club.
- Starling, European: Forston, Sam Pate - came down chimney into wood burning stove, panicked in the ashes.
- Vireo, Solitary*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 13, Augusta AS.
- Vireo, Philadelphia*: Columbus-yard, fall, Peggy Spencer; Atlanta-NW, Sept. 10, Nancy Iha, and Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 26, Mark Oberle; Sweet-water Cr. SP, Sept. 30, Patrick Brisse.
- Warbler, Black & White: Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club.
- Warbler, Golden-winged: Columbus, Sept. 6, Robert Potts.
- Warbler, Blue-winged*: Macon, fall, Dick Lux.
- Warbler, Orange-crowned: Harris Co., Nov. 15, Florence Lynn.
- Warbler, Nashville*: Macon, fall, Ray Mangham; Atlanta-NW, Sept. 25, Nancy Iha & Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 19, Atlanta AS; 2, Forsyth Co., Sept. 25, and Gainesville, Sept. 27, John Paget; Chattahoochee NF, Cohutta RD- Wilderness, Sept. 19, Mark Oberle.
- Warbler, Northern Parula: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 13, Augusta AS.
- Warbler, Cape May*: Augusta-Merry Pond, Sept. 18, Augusta AS.
- Warbler, Yellow-rumped: Augusta-levee, Oct. 16, Augusta AS; Harris Co., Oct. 10, Florence Lynn.
- Warbler, Palm: Columbus, Oct. 18, Jim Shirah; Pendergrass, Sept. 4, John Paget (Sept. 4, 1910).
- Warbler, Connecticut*: Atlanta - NW, Sept. 13 & 15, Nancy Iha and Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 5, Atlanta AS.
- Warbler, Wilson's*: Harris Co., Sept. 9, Florence Lynn; m., Marietta, Aug. 25, Nancy Iha (Sept. 2, 1939); Atlanta - NW, Sept. 12 & 22, Nancy Iha & Bobby Jones Golf Course, Sept. 22, Patrick Brisse & midtown, Sept. 25, Terrill Soules.
- Meadowlark, Eastern: Sapelo Is., Nov. 4, Okefenokee Bird Club.
- Oriole, Northern*: Columbus, Goat Rock Dam, Sept. 17, Jack Stutts; Atlanta-Chattahoochee RNRA, Aug. 24, Peggy Moore.
- Blackbird, Rusty*: Conyers, Sept. 29, Francis Michael; Jekyll Is., Oct. 11, Okefenokee Bird Club.
- Grosbeak, Evening: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FS Rd. 18, Nov. 26, Harriett DiGioia.
- Finch, Purple: 4, Waverly-feeder, Oct. 28, Randy Randalls, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-clear cut on Upper Jacks R, Oct. 26, Harriett DiGioia; Dublin-feeder, Nov. 5, Tommy Patterson.
- Finch, House: Augusta-feeder, Nov. 25, Clarence Belger; Atlanta-downtown, Sept. 21, Patrick Brisse; m., Whitfield Co.-feeder, Nov. 25, Doris & Delano Crowe; ads.feeding young, Rome, June, Robert Sachs.
- Crossbill, Red*: Murray Co.-Ft. Mtn. Craft Village at Cohutta Lodge, Dec. 18 and 3 pair week of Dec. 23, Virginia Keese; Blue Ridge, Dec. 21, James Jones & Tony Mashburn; Fannin Co.-Ga. 2 same date & observers; all fide Harriett DiGioia.
- Sparrow, Sharp-Tailed*: Macon, fall, Dick Lux.
- Junco, Northern: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 13, Augusta AS; Harris Co., Oct. 22, Florence Lynn.
- Sparrow, White-crowned*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 13, Augusta AS; Hiawassee, Nov. 10, Arthur Green; ad. & juvenile, Laurens Co., Nov. 7, Tommy Patterson.
- Sparrow, White-Throated: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 13, Clarence Belger; Columbus, Sept., Peggy Spencer; Dalton, Sept. 23, Anne Hamilton.
- Escapes/Exotics: Goose, Egyptian-L. Jackson, Maxie Gray-photographed; Laurens Co., fall, Tommy Patterson.

NEWS OF PEOPLE

Joe Greenberg is once again teaching his winter bird course at the "Evening at Emory" series at Emory University.

Anne and Vernon Waters traveled out to Washington and Oregon last summer. This was a camping/exploring trip for the family. Twenty-three new birds were added to their Life List, including Hermit Warbler; Wrentit, White-headed Woodpecker.

Bob Sachs of Rome, wrote in a good report of the birds he has been observing in "Alabama 9" Cove on Lake Weiss in Cherokee County, Al. Sounds like good birding. For further information about the area and the sightings, contact him at 30 Rockridge Rd., Rome Ga., 30161. He got in on the fall migration at Hawk Mtn., Pa., and birded out in Mississippi and Louisiana. Also, he's gotten in a lot of birding at Dauphine Is. and Ft. Morgan, Al.

Nominations for the 1983 Earle Greene Award

This memorial award is given annually to individuals or organizations making outstanding contributions to ornithology in Georgia, or to the Georgia Ornithological Society.

Recipients of the award in the past have been:

Harriett G. DiGioia	Richard Parks	Dr. J. Fred Denton
Milton Hopkins	Anne Hamilton	Dr. L. B. Davenport, Jr.

Send nominations to:

Richard Parks
3636 Warwick Circle
Atlanta, GA 30329

WANTED -- Information on Great White Herons

Watch for Great White Herons with wing tags! They have been marked in Florida and are being reported from numerous points in the southeastern states. One was seen August 7, 1982 at Augusta.

Report sightings to:

Dr. George V. N. Powell
National Audubon Society Research Department
115 Indian Mound Trail
Tavernier, Florida 33070

Include tag number, color, presence of black bar under the number, right or left wing, plus the location and date of the sighting.

Harriett G. DiGioia, Editor
U.S. Forest Service
401 Old Ellijay Rd.
Chatsworth, Georgia 30705

CONSERVATION REPORT

TAX CHECKOFF BILL NOW ENDANGERED!

Following an unfortunate turn of events in the state legislature, the Department of Natural Resources has withdrawn its support of the nongame tax checkoff bill. This was the loss of a strong sponsor. Other state departments are involved, and the net result is weak administrative support of the nongame tax checkoff bill.

All is not lost, however. Our Governor, as chief administrative officer of the state, can reverse this trend. We must bring to his attention that five southern states have a similar tax checkoff plan already, and Georgia needs to join this list.

Remember, it is a voluntary contribution plan, not a tax at all, and it is working successfully in twenty states. Money raised will be used to protect nongame and endangered species, for all Georgians in the years to come.

Representatives of environmental organizations will be meeting with Governor Harris and legislative leaders during coming weeks to press for action on this concept in the next session of the legislature. Meanwhile, everyone who believes that nongame wildlife needs help can use every opportunity to express their concerns to their own representative in the legislature. Then we will need your active support as we plan for another effort in 1984.

For further information, call or write the GOS Conservation Chairman:

Elmer Butler
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Decatur, GA 30033 Tel. 634-1859



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SPRING MEETING of the Society will be at Dalton, hosted by the Cherokee Audubon Society. These dates should hit the peak of the spring migration through the mountains and offer some great birding. Plan for a sociable weekend with other birders and bring a friend. (See Special Rate offer on the pink sheet).

Saturday is the big day, with field trips departing at dawn, social hour in the late afternoon and banquet in the evening. Featured speaker will be Ken Dubke, naturalist with the National Park Service. He will entertain us with his account of birding around Chattanooga, Tennessee, an area he has been studying for 20 years. Lil Dubke will be with him to help, and you will love her enthusiasm for hawk watching on the Appalachian ridges.

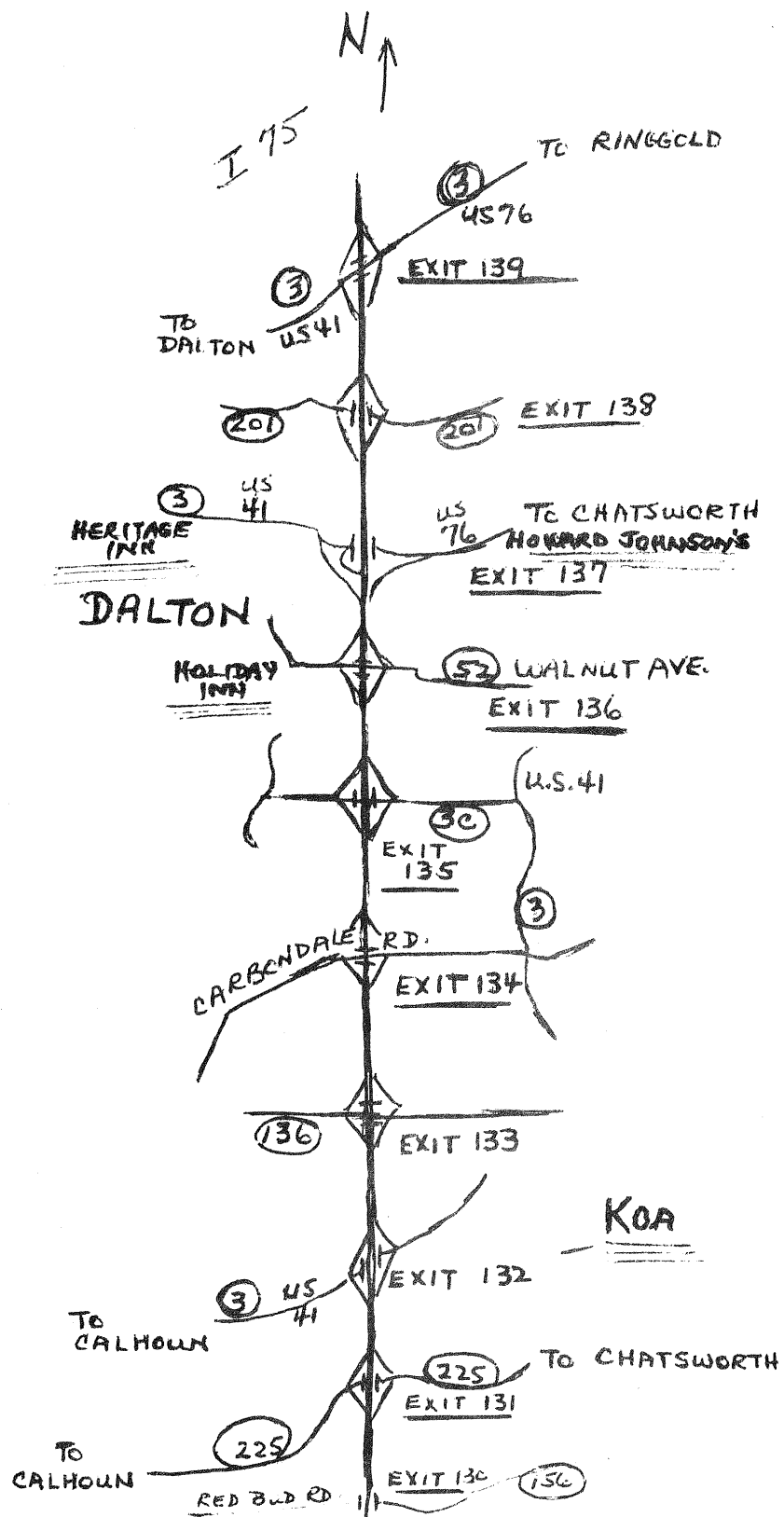
Friday night's program begins at 8 p.m. with a presentation on birding in the Dalton area by members of the Cherokee Audubon Society. Information on field trips and sign-up sheets will be available, followed by refreshments and a chance to relax with GOS members and visitors. Renew your friendships and learn what other birders are doing.

For those able to attend only a part of the weekend, a reduced daily registration fee will be available. Inquire for details at the registration desk.

Please mail the pre-registration form before April 18. When you get to Dalton, stop at the registration desk in the lobby of the Holiday Inn to pick up your name tag, program and field trip information. The registration desk will be open 3-10 p.m., Saturday morning before the field trips, and again on Saturday afternoon 3 to 8 p.m.

Make your reservation for the accommodations of your choice:

<u>Hotels</u>	Holiday Inn (Meeting Headquarters) 515 Holiday Drive, Dalton 30720	278-0500
	Single	\$32.00
	Double	\$38.00
	Extra person in room - no charge	
	Howard Johnson's	278-4300
	Heritage Inn	278-7115
<u>Camping</u>	Pa-Paw's Park, 154 Carbondale Rd., Dalton	277-9912
	Fort Mountain State Park, Chatsworth (12 miles from Dalton)	695-2621 30705
	KOA, Route 3, Red Bud Rd., Calhoun (18 miles from Dalton)	629-7511 30701



SPRING MEETING - DALTON - April 29-30, May 1, 1983

GOS MEMBERS - - - - - SPECIAL RATE REGISTRATION

This year, introduce a friend to birding in North Georgia. Bring an adult non-member guest to the spring meeting and register yourself for only \$2.00! Your guest may also register for \$2.00 instead of the regular \$3.00 fee.

To qualify for this saving, registrations for the GOS member and guest must be submitted together on one form with accompanying fees. Members of the immediate family do not qualify for this reduction, as GOS memberships are already family memberships.

USE YOUR CHECKLIST

The new GEORGIA FIELD CHECKLIST meets a long-standing need. Now you have a complete card for listing everything on every field trip. There is no longer an excuse for not making notes of your observations. We're grateful to Editor Terry Moore for developing this card and getting it printed.

Every GOShawk has one card included this time. Buy more at the spring meeting, or on any GOS field trip. Price is \$1.00 for 10, plus 60¢ postage. Send orders to:

Terry Moore 3086 River Oaks Drive
 Atlanta, GA 30339

Bill Gibbs 816 Hammond Drive
 North Augusta, SC 29841

Frank McCamey 4676 Andover Court
 Atlanta, GA 30360

HELP! HELP! for the Breeding Bird Survey

Georgia needs help on this important research project. Designed to monitor the wild bird population of the nation, the program depends on volunteers. Experienced birders and interested beginners alike can participate -- there is something anyone can do, in any part of the state.

The program has been run for 20 years by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the records are now in computer banks for fast retrieval and analysis. Numerical evaluation of bird populations along the survey routes provide a base line of information against which changes can be measured. These changes in bird life may precede development of problems in the natural environment, problems that can affect human existence in our world of poison and pollution.

Volunteering for this important project requires only a few early morning hours in June. It can be fun, and you'll meet other knowledgeable and concerned birders. If you can help, contact:

Dr. Joe Greenberg, Coordinator
5675 Roswell Road, Apt. 64 E
Atlanta, GA 30342 Tel. 256-1083

DUES FOR 1983

GOS membership dues can be paid now, for the next year. Our memberships run for a calendar year, and the treasurer normally sends dues notices early in the year. Most people respond promptly. But some always procrastinate, and we know you will want to get your Oriole and GOShawk mailings. Please send your check now and save us the cost of another mailing to you alone - First Class postage is required for that!

Life Membership for individuals continues to be a bargain at \$100.00, but it is sure to increase next year. Substitute a Life Membership for your current dues, and you never again need to remember annual dues payments. We will accept two \$50.00 installments, in 1983 and 1984, if that helps you!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ----- 1983

REGULAR	\$12	SUSTAINING	\$20	PATRON	\$50
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These annual memberships are for individuals or families.

LIFE	\$100	STUDENT	\$8
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These memberships are for individuals only.

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION \$10

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Mail to: John Swiderski, Treasurer
P. O. Box 1278
Cartersville, GA 30120

GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ----- April 29, 30, May 1, 1983

DALTON, GEORGIA

Pre-registration for Meeting and Banquet

MEMBER

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

GUEST

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

_____ Registrations for meeting at \$3.00 per person _____

_____ Special Rate registrations at \$2.00 per person _____
(See pink sheet for Special Rate requirements)

Children under 16 with parents do not register

_____ Reservations for banquet at \$10.00 per person _____

_____ Reservations for Saturday box lunches at
\$3.50 per person _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GOS

TOTAL _____

BEFORE APRIL 18, mail check and registration form to:

Betsy Phillips, 220 Hillside Dr., NW, Atlanta, GA 30342

Details Inside

SUNDAY

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FRIDAY

migration, plus evening programs.

Field trips into the mountains for spring

April 29-30, May 1

DALTON, with the Cherokee Audubon Society

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