



GOSHAWK

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Harriett G. DiGioia, Editor

AAS PLANS OVERNIGHT PELAGIC TO JEKYLL ISLAND

ATLANTA, GA - The Atlanta Audubon Society is sponsoring an overnight pelagic trip September 3-4. Limited to 40 birders, the group will depart from the Jekyll Island Marina and spend as much time around the Gulf Stream Continental Shelf as possible in order to observe Georgia's difficult-to-see, deep water pelagic species.

The overnight trip will be on the same 72' boat used on the March trip, the Island Queen. Scopes are not necessary, however, be sure to bring your binoculars, sleeping and rain gear, sun protection, coolers and refreshments. No food or drinks will be sold on board. Check page 7 for all the details on how to make your reservations now.

GOS Summer Field Trip Scheduled for August 20

The **Georgia Ornithological Society** summer field trip is scheduled for August 20. Led by Clarence Belger and Vernon and Anne Waters, the day will be divided into two trips.

In the morning, the group will explore Merry Ponds for waders such as **Least Bittern** and **Yellow-crowned Night Herons** and for migrating shorebirds such as **Yellowlegs**, **Spotted**, **Pecoral** and **Solitary Sandpipers**. This will be followed by a trip to the levee or airport for **Mississippi Kites**.

After checking a few areas at Merry Ponds again in the evening, the group will head for Roost Pond to watch waders stream in from all directions. Expect to see over a thousand **Cattle Egrets**, hundreds of **White Ibis**, at least 50 **Little Blue Herons**, along with a few **Great** and **Snowy Egrets**, **Tri-colored Herons**, **Double-crested Cormorants** and **Glossy Ibis**.

Anhinga are also possible. Last year a **Great White Heron** stayed behind the roost for months and in 1981, a **Roseate Spoonbill** came in with the other birds.

Additional details and a direction map are on page 8.



**DO
SOMETHING
WILD**

**GEORGIA PROGRESS—
FORWARD
OR BACKWARD?**

Turn to page 7.

Editorial Comment:

This past late fall/winter season was a great season for bird sightings. Four birds not on the official or hypothetical lists and two birds that are on the hypothetical list for Georgia were reported.

The four birds not on either lists are **Manx Shearwater** seen 50 miles off Skidaway Island; **Northern Goshawk** reported from Union County; **Short-tailed Hawk** spotted on the Georgia side of the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge and a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** sighted on Jekyll

Island. The two that are on the hypothetical list are: **Black-legged Kittiwake** offshore from Skidaway Island and a **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Sweetwater Creek State Park. Some of the above sightings are October and November dates and are, therefore, not true winter sightings.

Noteworthy birds reported in this issue include: **Surf Scoter** at Lake Oconee and **Rough-legged Hawks** from the Lookout Mountain Plateau and Atlanta. Two **Golden Eagles** turned up on the Lookout Mountain Plateau and, as is getting to be expected, **Bald Eagles** were sighted in various areas of our state.

An **American Avocet** was seen around Atlanta. **Pomarine** and **Parasitic Jaegers** were watched offshore of Skidaway Island. From Ellijay came a report of a **Saw-whet Owl**; a **Bewick's Wren** was found in Pendergrass. **House Finches** continue to be reported from different places; a **Lark Sparrow** was described from Darien, with a **Lincoln's Sparrow** sighted at Pendergrass. All in all, a good season for the more unusual birds.

This past winter was not particularly good for migration or winter birds, according to the re-

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ports crossing my desk. Very few **Evening Grosbeak**, **Pine Siskin**; **Red-breasted Nuthatch** reports came in. Both species of kinglets seemed depressed in numbers. **Purple Finches** were seen at Valdosta; but, the numbers reported from over the state seemed low. This same holds true for **White-throated Sparrows** and **Dark-eyed Juncos**. The one bright Junco spot was the Cohutta Ranger District of the Chattahoochee National Forest where numbers were normal.

SPRING FIELD TRIP

By Barbara Brigham

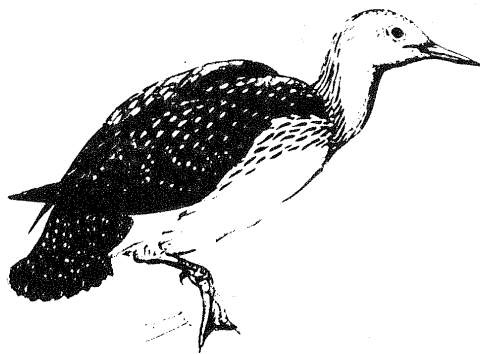
To the handful of dedicated birders, March 26 in Dublin, GA was far better than any St. Paddy's celebration in that town.

Tommy Patterson led us over hill and dale, through fields and marshes that had become ponds and into the woods for a very successful day.

Our most unusual sightings were **Sandhill Cranes** and a **Golden Plover**. We had just started for our first scheduled site, when one of the cars took a wrong turn to discover 14 **Sandhill Cranes** feeding in a field. We were able to watch them at length, and saw them take off to head north to their summer breeding grounds. Then, late in the afternoon, we stopped along a dirt road beside a large mud flat. One sharp-eyed observer spotted a single **Golden Plover**, a life bird for some of us.

The Dublin area is very interesting. It's inland, but has many "shore" birds. In a marsh area, next to a main road, we saw both
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GEORGIA BIRDS AT A GLANCE



Waterbirds

Loon, Common*: Good number, L Lanier, Nov. 13 & 14, Atlanta AS; 17, Sweetwater Cr SP, Dec. 3-12, D&PB

Loon, Red-throated*: Atlanta-Waterworks L on Howell Mill Rd, Nov. 16, PB-third Atlanta record.

Grebe, Horned*: 7, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 25, PB&HG

Shearwater, Manx*: 50 miles off Skidaway Is, Nov. 14 & 15, CH
- (Ed Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists for Georgia.)

Comorant, Double-crested*: 9, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec. 14, CB; Sweetwater Cr SP, 1 on Dec. 3 and 3 on Dec. 12, D&PB; 2, Dublin-Ben Hall L, to Jan. 8, TP

Anhinga, American: 3, Dublin-Ben Hall L, winter, TP

Heron, Little Blue: Dublin, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8, TP

Egret, Cattle*: Dublin, Jan. 16, TP - not previously recorded as late as Jan.; Augusta-levee, Feb. 8 & 9, BG

Duck Fulvous Whistling: 14, Savannah R NWR, Oct. 19, MJ with 4 on Oct. 31, JG; 16, Altamaha Waterfowl Area-Darien, Nov. 28, D&PB

Teal, Green-winged*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec. 14, CB; 5, Atlanta-Emory University President's Estate, Oct. 17, B&LM

Redhead*: 2, Columbus-Cooper Cr, winter, SP; 11, Sweetwater Cr SP, Dec. 25, PB & HG, Peachtree City L, Dec. 12, PB

Canvasback*: Columbus-Cooper Cr, winter, SP; 2, Atlanta-Sam's L, Dec. 12, PB

Goldeneye, Common*: m, Sweetwater Cr SP, Dec. 30, D&PB; Atlanta-Waterworks, Dec. 31, B&DM; f, Pendergrass, Dec. 23 & 24, JP; 3, Rome-Garden L, Dec. 10, BS

Bufflehead*: Columbus-Cooper Cr, winter, SP; 3, Peachtree City L, Nov. 7, D&PB

Scoter, Surf*: f or im, L Oconee, Oct. 17, RD

Scoter, Black*: 1000 plus, Jekyll Is, Nov. 28 & 29, D&PMc


Duck, Ruddy*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec. 14, CB; 50, Peachtree City L, Oct. 24, PB

Merganser, Hooded: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec. 11, Augusta AS

Merganser, Red-breasted*: 10, Sweetwater Cr SP & Peachtree City L, Nov. 25, PB & HG

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. Dates are 1982 and 1983.



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The GOSHAWK newsletter is published quarterly by the Georgia Ornithological Society. Founded in 1936, the GOS is a nonprofit corporation with membership open to anyone interested in birds.

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Birders are encouraged to submit items of interest to GOSHAWK, Harriett G. DiGioia, Editor, 1309 Lakemont Drive, Dalton, GA 30720.

GEORGIA BIRDS AT A GLANCE Cont'd.

Hawks

Goshawk, Northern*: Union Co-Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery, Jan. 23, JF-also seen by his wife and two neighbors. It killed and ate a common crow and was well seen and described. Unfortunately the photographs taken do not show all field marks (Ed Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists.)

Hawk, Sharp-shinned*: Augusta-feeder, winter, PM; Whitfield Co-feeder, winter, HW

Hawk, Cooper's*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Alaculay Valley on GA 2, March 24-HD

Hawk, Red-tailed: 92 in two groups, Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Oct. 24, FMc

Hawk, Red-shouldered: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Oct. 17, Atlanta AS

Hawk, Short-tailed*: Eufaula NWR-GA side, no date, BS-in letter to editor dated March 3 (Ed Note: not on official or hypothetical lists for state.)

Hawk, Broad-winged: Rome, March 3, BS

Hawk, Rough-legged*: Lookout Mtn Plateau-McLemore's Cove, Jan. 30, Atlanta AS; light phase, Atlanta-McGinnis Ferry Rd, Jan. 9, PB, HG & TM; North Atlanta-between Atkinson Rd & I-85, Feb. 19, BM

Eagle, Golden*: 2, im, Lookout Mtn Plateau, Jan. 30, Atlanta AS

Eagle, Bald*: L Oconee, winter, Ocmulgee AS; 2, Columbus-Chattahoochee R, Jan. 8, SP; Brunswick, Nov. 30, D&PMc

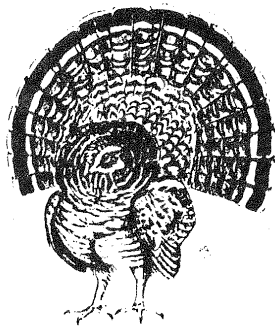
Harrier, Northern: Whitfield Co., Jan. 27, DC

Falcon, Peregrine*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Nov. 2, JG; Schley Co, Dec. 31, PR

Krestrel, American: pair, Murray Co-intersection of GA 286 & GA 225, winter, HG; Valdosta Mall, March, VC



Grouse thru Owls



Grouse, Ruffed: m courting f, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Forest Service Rd 630-C, March 9, HD

Crane, Sandhill*: 6 reports totaling 170 birds, Atlanta area, Nov. & Dec., fide TM; 30, Dalton-West Hill Cemetery, Feb. 26, HD; 3, Valdosta-Cat Cr Rd, spent winter, VC; 25, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Barnes Cr Picnic Area, March 22, HD; 15, same forest and district-Lake Conasauga, March 23, HD

Sora*: Peachtree City L, Oct. 2, PB

Moorhen, Common (Gallinule, Common)*: Atlanta-John Ward Swamp, Oct. 24, D&PB; Forsyth Co, Oct. 2 & 3, JP

Avocet, American*: Atlanta-Murphey Candley L, Nov. 13-22, JB-1st record for Atlanta

Godwit, Marbled*: 4, St Simons Is., Nov. 26, D&PMc

Whimbrel: 3, Jekyll Is Causeway, Nov. 25, D&PMc

Yellowlegs, Lesser*: Dublin, Feb. 26, TP

Sandpiper Spotted*: Peachtree City L, Nov. 27, TM; Augusta, Feb. 7, CB&AW

Jaeger, Pomarine*: Skidaway Is-offshore, Nov. 14 & 15, CH

Jaeger, Parasitic*: Skidaway Is-offshore, Nov. 14 & 15, CH; Jekyll Is, Nov. 28, DMc

Kittiwake, Black-legged*: Skidaway Is-offshore, Nov. 14 & 15 CH (Ed Note: On hypothetical list for state.)

Gull, Great Black-backed*: ad, Cumberland Is, Oct. 3, JPc; im, Jekyll Is Oct. 8, P & TM

REPORT SHOREBIRD SITINGS

By Harriett G. DiGioia

Sanderlings, Red Knots, Black-bellied Plover and other shore birds are being color-marked to study their migration. It is important to have these color-coded shore birds reported. If you observe one, please note the following:

Dye	Color and location on body
Leg Flag	color and leg (left or right)
Leg Band	Color and leg (left or right)

Even incomplete color-marking will be useful. Send information to:

Dr. Marshall A. Howe
Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Laurel, MD 20811

GROUSE THROUGH OWLS Cont'd.

Black-backed*: Jekyll Is, Oct. 1, DP & AWy; St Simons Is, Oct. 9, MV & LF; Cumberland Is, Oct. 9, JPc (Ed Note: Not on official or hypothetical list for Georgia)

Gull, Bonaparte's*: ad, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 15, D & PM

Tern, Forster's*: L Lanier, Nov. 14

Owl, Barn*: 2, Augusta, 300 block of Greene St, Dec. 21, BF

Owl, Common

Screech: Murray Co-part known as Little Murray, Jan. 8, CS-roosting in empty beehive

Owl, Saw-whet*: Smyrna, Oct. 30, CK-found injured in parking lot-7th apparent Atlanta record; report of one from near Ellijay, Fide JP-area searched but nothing found



GEORGIA BIRDS AT A GLANCE Cont'd.

Kingbird, Western*: 2, Jekyll Is Causeway, Oct. 30, JG; Nov. 7, LT
Martin, Purple: L Oconee, Jan, Ocmulgee AS; Augusta, Feb. 7, CB & AW; Murray Co-GA 225, March 17, HD
Red-breasted: Hollywood, Oct. 17, FMc; Marietta, Nov. 1 & 2 and Dec., NI
Wren, Bewick's*: Forsyth Co, Oct. 27, JP
Wren, Marsh*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Oct. 17, Atlanta AS
Wren, Sedge*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Oct. 3 & 10, Atlanta AS
Thrush, Hermit: Harris Co, Jan. 18, FL
Pipit, Water: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Nov. 6, CA
Vireo, White-eyed*: Augusta, Feb. 7, CB & AW (March 8, 1942)
Vireo, Solitary*: Forston, Jan. 30, SP; Augusta-Feb. 12, CB & AW; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Tearbritches Trail, March 23, HD-singing
Vireo, Philadelphia*: 2, Atlanta-Chattahoochee Nature Center, Oct. 2, JS; Conyers, Oct. 13 & 14, FM
Warbler, Orange-crowned*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec. 11, Augusta AS; Columbus-feeder, Jan., PS; Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 15, PB
Warbler, Nashville*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Oct. 17, Atlanta AS; Marietta, Oct. 24, NI
Warbler, Palm: 2, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan. 29, AW
Warbler, Wilson's*: Marietta, Oct. 6, NI; Atlanta-Bobby Jones Golf Course, Oct. 17, PB
Oriole, Northern: Macon, Jan., DL; Augusta-feeder, Dec. 14, CB; L Lanier, Dec. 17, JG & BM Sharpburg, Dec. 18, FC; Valdosta-Grassy Pond, Feb. 19, Withlacoochee Watchers; L Macon, March, JA
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted: 2, Atlanta-Piedmont Park, Oct. 31, DP (Oct. 30, 1943-casual in winter at Atlanta)
Grosbeak, Evening: Atlanta, Dec. 17, JS
Finch, Purple: Valdosta, winter, VC
Finch, House*: Augusta-feeder, winter, AW; pair, Macon, Feb., JA; m & 2f, Whitfield Co-feeder, Feb. 4, HW; Rome-feeder, winter, BS
Siskin, Pine: Dalton-feeder, week of Jan. 9, MN
Sparrow, Henslow's*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Oct. 17, Atlanta AS
Sparrow, Vesper: 30, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan. 29, AW
Sparrow, Lark*: Darien, Nov. 7, PB
Sparrow, Clay-colored*: Sweetwater Cr SP, Oct. 17, PR-this is a probable-all field marks noted except brown rump mark (Ed Note: On hypothetical list for Georgia)
Sparrow, White-crowned*: im, Atlanta-Rogers Bridge, Oct. 30, PB; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Nov. 11, JS; Conyers, Nov. 20, FM; few, Pendergrass, Dec. 14, JG & BM
Sparrow, Fox*: Harris Co, Jan. 18, FL; 50, Pendergrass, Dec. 14, JG & BM; Valdosta-yard, Feb. 19, CA
Sparrow, Lincoln's*: Pendergrass, Oct. 17, JP; Pendergrass, Dec. 14, JG & BM



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VC	Culpepper, Virginia		
FC	Cumming, Fairman		
RD	Doxsey, Rodger		
HD	DiGioia, Harriett		
LF	Fletcher, Laurie		
BF	Frank, Bill		
JF	Fulton, John		
HG	Garrett, Hugh		
BG	Gibbs, Bill		
MG	Gray, Maxie		
JG	Greenberg, Joe		
CH	Haney, Chris		
NI	Iha, Nancy		
MJ	Jones, Mike		
CK	Kevill, Cliff		
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REPORT
MARKED KESTRELS

By Harriett G. DiGioia

American Kestrels are being colored and leg banded. If you see a marked kestrel, please note sex, location, relation of colors to each other, leg band and number. Send to:

Bird Banding Section
 Canadian Wildlife Service,
 Ottawa, Ontario
 Canada K1A 0E7

ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in the newsletter:

ad	Adult
AS	Audubon Society
Co	County
Cr	Creek
f	female
FSRd	Forest Service Road
Ft	Fort
im	Immature
Is	Island
L	Lake
m	male
Mtn	Mountain
NF	National Forest
NRA	National Recreation Area
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
R	River
RD	Ranger District
SP	State Park
WMA	Wildlife Management Area

EXOTICS

Goose, Egyptian: L Jackson, MG-photographed; Laurens Co, fall, TM

President's Page...

High costs of overnight accommodations are certainly a deterrent to attendance at our semi-annual meetings. Would you like to try something new in an effort to improve this situation?

For the Spring 1984 meeting in Atlanta, accommodations of the usual motel or hotel type would be high priced. But friendly members of the Society might help. Spare bedrooms or living room sofas in the homes of Atlanta members could be offered to out-of-town birders for the weekend.

Will this new idea work? Visiting birders will find comfortable quarters with a congenial host who knows the Atlanta area and its birding possibilities. It could be a great opportunity for GOS'ers in scattered parts of the state to make new friends and develop new birding interests. Members could meet new people and become involved in new features of GOS activities.

Visitors might expect to pay a reasonable charge, perhaps \$10 per night, \$15 for a couple. This is less than the cost of a motel room anywhere, but enough to compensate for the minor inconvenience of having a house guest. The hostess might even provide an early breakfast before the bird walks!

Let's have your reaction to this plan. If you live in Atlanta, will you offer a weekend bedroom? If you live outside Atlanta, would you like to stay in a private home instead of a motel?

Please respond with a note or call to the 1984 arrangements coordinator: Barbara Brigham, 600 Northern Ave., B-201, Clarkston, GA 30021, Phone (404) 296-3298.

New Plummage for the Georgia Goshawk

With this issue, we have access to a word processor and a skilled artist in graphic layout. We hope you will like the new look.

Rearrangement of the usual newsletter material should bring Society news to your attention, where a quick glance can give you the essential information. Then you can search at greater length for details of bird sightings, conservation problems and meeting reports. Paragraph headings will break up the type blocks for easier reading, and illustrations can be used.

We are indebted to Loretta Glass, of Dunwoody, and her supporting team for this opportunity to try something new.

I urge the members to evaluate this change and express your thoughts. Tell us if you'd like to see other changes and suggest what we might do. Please comment to the editor, to any member of the executive committee, or to the secretary - Betsy Phillips, 220 Hillside Drive, Atlanta, GA 30342.

Franklin McCamey

Our sympathy is extended to **Delano Crowe** in the death of his mother on Jan. 4.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Clarence Belger** who had surgery early in the winter.

NEW DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Looking for environment information? Try the ... **GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORY - 1982**

Energy Groups, Environmental Education, Audubon Societies, Sierra Club, Environmental, GASP and GANE: You can find them all in this new directory. It includes every Georgia organization known to be concerned about the environment and doing something about it.

Each listing gives the organization's address, purpose, area of involvement and scope of activities. Most valuable is the address of a contact person. This is someone who will answer questions about the organization and help you to use available services efficiently.

Priced at \$3.50, plus postage of 63¢. Order from: Bill Gibbs, Business Manager, 816 Hammond Drive, No. Augusta, SC 29841 or Allison Winter, 3553 Cochise Drive, Atlanta, GA 30339.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES

By Betsy Phillips, Secretary

Abstract of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and Business Meeting of the GOS, April 29-30, 1983

Future Meetings. The Fall 1983 meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn on Jekyll Island the weekend of October 7-9, 1983. The Spring 1984 meeting will be held in Atlanta, May 4-6.

Nominating Committee. The nominating committee is composed of Lee Gibbs (Chairman), Teena Carrne, and Patrick Brisse.

A Birder's Guide to Georgia. The new revision of A Birder's Guide to Georgia is expected to be available in the fall.

The Oriole. The March/June 1981 issue of The Oriole should be received by members within the next two to three weeks. The September/December 1981 issue should be published in the fall. The combination of issues and the accelerated publication schedule are expected to eliminate the backlog within two years. Terry Moore, editor, says material is desperately needed in order to meet this goal.

Membership. Many members have not yet paid their 1983 dues. These need to be collected. Plans for a state-wide membership drive mailing are being made.

Budget. A provision to reimburse officers' expenses incurred in their performance of official duties directly related to the GOS was added to the budget.

Treasurer's Report. The balance on hand as of April 15, 1983, was \$16,865.61. There will be large expenditures in the near future for publication of The Oriole (several issues), A Birder's Guide to Georgia and the membership drive.

50th Anniversary. **The GOS will be fifty in 1986.** Special plans should be made to celebrate this anniversary.

Miscellaneous. The costs of meetings (hotels, banquets, etc.) were discussed. Any comments or suggestions on reducing these costs would be appreciated. Elmer Butler, Conservation Chairman, stated he's optimistic about the prospects of the "Georgia Nongame Tax Checkoff Bill" which should be introduced in the legislature in January.

Christmas Counts Around the State

Augusta - 87 species; 6000 individuals; 13 counters; Horned Grebe, Great Blue Heron, American Bittern-8, Great Horned Owl, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, Gray-cheeked Thrust-9, Orange-crowned Warbler, House Finch; Chattahoochee NF Songbird Management Area - 48 species, 2376 individuals, 10 counters; Dalton - 70 species, 4220 individuals; House Finch-5; Columbus - 88 species; Bald Eagle-m; Callaway Gardens - 70 species; Bald Eagle; Dublin - Solitary Sandpiper-2, Cattle Egret, Sedge Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-2, Fish Crow, White-crowned Sparrow; Atlanta - 86 species, 18,092 individuals; Peachtree City - 85 species, 10,686 individuals; Jekyll Island - 150 species; Macon - 72 species, 20 counters; Sapelo Island - Grasshopper Sparrow

EARL GREENE AWARD

This memorial award is made each year by the Georgia Ornithological Society to an individual or organization that has made the most outstanding contribution to the field of ornithology or to the Georgia Ornithological Society within the state of Georgia.

The award was established in 1975 in the memory of Earl R. Greene and to commemorate the contributions that he made to ornithology through his efforts on behalf of this science in Georgia. The award is presented at the general meeting of the Society in the fall, to the recipient who is selected by a panel appointed by the president for the express purpose of making this selection.

The **Earle R. Greene Award** panel welcomes recommendations from the Society's membership for this important recognition. Persons or organizations nominated should be those of significant achievements, or that have made outstanding contributions of work to ornithology or the Society, within Georgia.

Please send nominations to: Richard A. Parks, 2636 Warwick Circle, Atlanta, GA 30329.

GOS SPRING MEETING

By the time you read this, the spring meeting at Dalton will be a memory. In case you didn't get there, we'll have a write-up in the next issue.

FALL MEETING AT JEKYLL

Place Jekyll Island
Headquarters Ramada Inn
Date October 7,8,9

You all know how excellent the Golden Islands can be for fall birding. So, come on down to Jekyll. Put that date on your calendar for the birds!

Conservation Committee - Georgia Progress

By Elmer Butler, Conservation Chairman

The 1983 Georgia Legislature may have covered a lot of ground for many Georgians, but for lovers of plants and wildlife - a dismal failure. Our non-game tax checkoff bill simply bogged down and became lost in the legislative process. After being assigned to the Game and Fish Committee, it received little notice. It even failed to reach a committee vote, and, of course, could not come before the House of Representatives for a vote.

Governor Harris supported this program during his campaign for election and has not withdrawn his interest. He has, however, pointed out problems of cost to incorporate the checkoff system into the computer program and also the cost to revise the income tax forms. Another problem he sees is the legality of earmarking funds specifically for the Department of Natural Resources. Our comment here is apparently these problems were not insurmountable at all in 20 other states, including Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia, where the tax checkoff for nongame is in operation.

Our special thanks to all Georgia members who took the time to contact your state senator and representative during the past few months. I have entered your names, all 16 who reported by postcard, on the **GOS Honor Roll for 1983**. You represented 10 different Georgia Counties from the coast to the mountain and in between. We can make a difference. Definitely, we will make another try in 1984.



Spring Field Trip cont'd. from p.2

Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, fields with flocks of **Water Pipits**, ponds with **Blue-wing** and **Green-wing Teal**. We also had sightings of **Bluebirds, Cedar Waxwings, Red-tail Hawks, White-throat Sparrows**.

We ended a great day at a private lake to watch two **Osprey** fishing, a pair of **Anhinga** in a tree drying their wings, a flock of domesticated **Canada geese** and more **Teal**.

As the sun set in the west tired birders bid adieu and thanks to Tommy for an exhilarating day.

DETAILS: AAS Pelagic

Date & Time Depart: Sunday, September 3, at 10:30 p.m.
Return: Sunday, September 4, at 10:30 p.m.

Meeting Place Jekyll Island marina; please meet at the dock 1/2 hour before departure

Boat The Island Queen; 72' boat (same one we used on the March trip)

Cost \$70, based on the participation of 50 people
Checks payable to the Atlanta Audubon Society

Birds ** Likely ** **Cory's and Audubon Shearwaters, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Bridled Tern, Parasitic Jaeger and Northern Phalarope.**

** Probable ** **Black-capped Petrel, White-tailed Tropic Bird and Red Phalarope.**

** Possible ** **Greater Shearwater, Boobies, Noddy and Scoty Terns**

We will use 300 pounds of chum

Reservations Limited to 40!! Clip and mail reservation form below by August 15 to: Patrick Brisse, 634 1/2 Wilson Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

RESERVATION

AAS PELAGIC TRIP

Name	_____	Amount enclosed \$	_____
Address	_____	Home phone	_____
	_____	Business phone	_____

Please make checks payable to the **Atlanta Audubon Society**

August Field Trip to Augusta

MORNING FIELD TRIP:

Date and time Saturday, August 20, 1983
7:00 a.m.

Meeting Place Corner of Laney Walker Boulevard and 4th St. (about a mile from downtown Augusta)

Destination Merry Ponds followed by a trip to the levee or airport

EVENING FIELD TRIP:

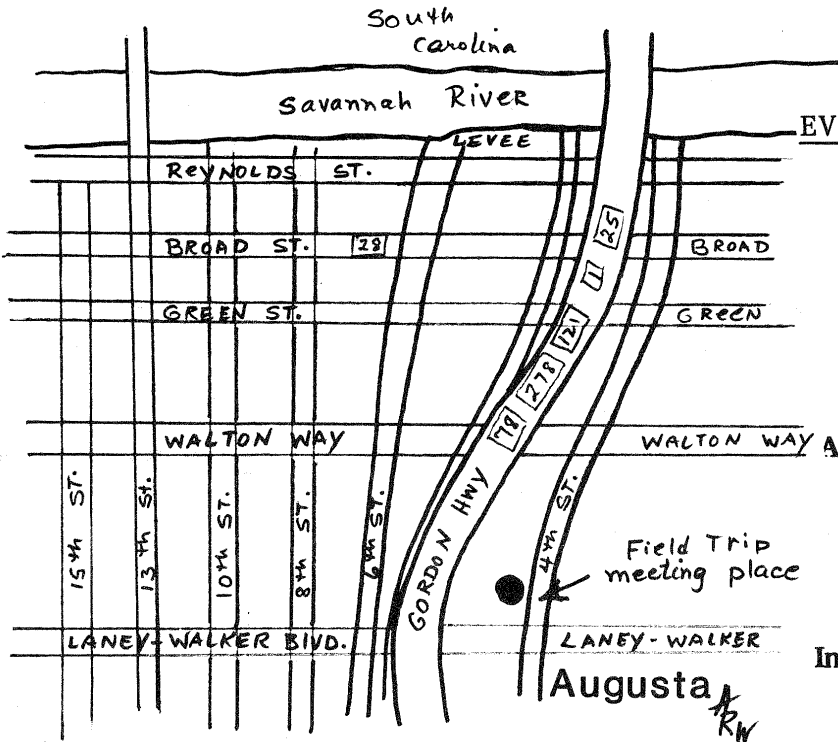
Date and time Saturday, August 20, 1983
6:00 p.m.

Meeting Place Corner of Laney Walker Boulevard and 4th St. (about a mile from downtown Augusta)

Destination Merry Ponds to check a few areas then to Roost Pond

Accommodations Recommend staying at motels near downtown Augusta or along the Gordon Highway. There are no close campgrounds (closest is Clark Hill, 25-30 miles north of Augusta)

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