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George Dorsey Honored

The Earle R. Greene Award for 1983 was presented to George A. Dorsey, following the banquet on October 5 at Jekyll Island, in recognition of his contributions for many years to Georgia birding and youth education.

George has been active in Georgia ornithology for more than 50 years. He is the only surviving charter member of the Atlanta Bird Club (now the Atlanta Audubon Society) from its origin in 1926, and he was a founder of the GOS in 1936.

As a nature counselor at the Boy Scout camp in Vinings, he started many boys in the study of nature, particularly birds. Some present members of the GOS came under this early influence. Later, he went to the Darlington School at Rome as a biology and science teacher. Now retired, he lives in Rome at the School where he is writing a history of that institution.

George always kept careful notes of his observations of birds and has made many contributions to *The Oriole* since its first year of publication. One of his special interests has been bird songs, and he became skilled at imitating birds. Many gatherings were enlivened with his imitations of bird songs and calls.

In making the presentation of an engraved plaque to George, Dr. McCamey noted George's accomplishments cited by the Earle R. Green Award committee. This committee (Doris Cohrs, Elbridge Freeborn, and Dick Parks, chairman) reviews recommendations for the GOS membership each year to select a person or organization that has made significant contributions to ornithology in Georgia.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JANUARY 21: Merry Ponds
- FEBRUARY 18: AAS Pelagic
- FEBRUARY 25-26: Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge
- APRIL: Okefenokee Swamp Canoe Trip
- MAY 4,5,6: Spring Meeting-Atlanta
- OCTOBER 5,6,7: Fall Meeting-Jekyll Island

!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW !!

From the Editor's Desk

Well, we hit the jackpot for birds not on the official or hypothetical lists for our state!

Five birds not on these lists were observed. These birds were **Black-capped Petrel**, **Leach's Storm Petrel**, **Masked Booby**, **Brown Booby**; all over offshore waters. A **Baird's Sandpiper** was seen in Clayton County.

The **Brown Booby** is listed under "Additional Species" in the Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds, J. Fred Denton. **Baird's Sandpipers** have been seen before in the state and most likely will be included on the official list in the next revision.

Two hypothetical birds were reported. A **White-tailed Tropicbird** was offshore and a **Clay-colored Sparrow** was at Atlanta. Here, again, the **Clay-colored Sparrow** will probably be given official status in the next revision.

In the accidental bird department, we had two seen offshore: **Audubon's Shearwater** and **Arctic Tern**.

Rare or uncommon birds included: **Wilson's Storm Petrel**, offshore and a **Roseate Spoonbill** at Jekyll Island. **Bald Eagle** sightings came in from Augusta, Lake Oconee and Mineral Bluff.

A **Common Moorhen** turned up in Banks County and a **Black-bellied Plover** was watched at Fort Gaines. A **Whimbrel** was listed from **Pendergrass** and a **Willet** at Dublin. Offshore, we had a **Northern Phalarope**, a **Western Sandpiper** was spotted at Clayton County; with a **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** from Dublin.

Jaegers, both **Pomarine** and **Parasitic** were seen offshore. A **Gray Kingbird** with young was observed on St. Simons Island. **Red Crossbills** were reported from the Chattahoochee National Forest.

GOS NEWS: Jekyll island Meeting a great success! 111 Birders registered; 150 species sighted. Interesting birds sighted included: **Bald Eagle**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (Ed's. Note: not on official or hypothetical list), **Gull-billed Tern**, **Yellow-headed Blackbird**. These birds were seen in October and are not included in the body of this newsletter.

The Earle R. Green Award was given to George Dorsey of Rome. His citation read: "Contributed to *The Oriole*, beginning with first issue, for 50 years. Teacher, student of birds, Charter member." This award is presented to the person/organization felt

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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

In the GOS we recognize the common thread of our interest in birds while we seek the joy of sharing experiences. It has been a pleasure, certainly, to serve the Society for four years, pulling together talent and effort to keep us going. I believe we have accomplished many things and I am happy to have had this opportunity. But I am not satisfied, for much yet remains to be done.

We have an experienced and capable person in our new president, Bob Manns, who can guide the GOS into a significant role of leadership in Georgia birding. Every member can take part in our achievements, and I know you will want to help Bob move forward. Let's start now!

Many thanks to all of you who have helped the Society and helped me in so many ways. The list of every name would be too long, but you know who you are - please accept our grateful thanks and continue your efforts with the new executive committee.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The business meeting of the society was held at the Ramada Inn on Jekyll Island following the Saturday evening banquet on October 8, 1983. Frank McCamey, president, opened the meeting by expressing appreciation to Don Cohrs, Grady Horne, and Betsy Phillips for their work in arranging the meeting. He thanked Tommy Patterson for the fine presentation Friday night on the marsh birds of Georgia, illustrated by Tommy's close-up photographs of some rare species.

Actions of the executive committee meeting on Friday evening were presented in abbreviated form. McCamey announced the spring meeting will be in Atlanta, May 4, 5 & 6, 1984, with a program emphasizing recording an interpreting bird songs and calls. The fall 1984 meeting will be on the coast, dates to be determined.

The treasury has a balance of \$506.00 in the operating fund, and this amount must be supplemented by membership dues in 1984. There are additional funds on hand in reserve for publications. Membership currently stands at 240 (including 6 life members), plus 43 library subscriptions. Jonny Howell has worked energetically as membership secretary for more than a year, and she has been successful in bringing in both new and delinquent members.

The executive committee reviewed the financing of our semi-annual meetings and determined that all meetings should be self-supporting. Accordingly, registration fees for future meetings were raised to \$5.00 per person. The GOShawk in its new format has met with approval, and the committee voted to continue the new appearance for at least two more issues, at a cost of about \$200 per issue which means an increase of about \$60 per issue over the former costs.

Action was taken to join the Georgia Environmental Council for \$20.00 and the Georgia Conservancy as a corporate member for \$35.00. Milton Hopkins asked for a few minutes to explain why he could not accept the nomination for president at this time, and his withdrawal was accepted by the executive committee.

The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee was presented as follows: Tommy Patterson, First vice-president; Dave Reynolds, Second vice-president; John Swiderski, Treasurer; Betsy Phillips, Secretary

McCamey then opened nominations from the floor, and Bob Manns was nominated for president. No additional nominations were received, and McCamey directed the secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as presented and amended. This was done with no dissenting votes from the Society members present.

The Earle R. Green Award was presented to George A. Dorsey for his contributions to birding. (See more detail in the president's notes.) The committee reviewing recommendations for this award consists of Doris Cohrs, Eldridge Freeborn, and Dick Parks, chairman.

Terry Moore reported briefly on the publication schedule for *The Oriole* as he brings it up to date. He urged members to get their articles and notes in soon to maintain the accelerated schedule.

John Swiderski thanked Frank McCamey for his work as president of the Society for the last four years, particularly his efforts to enlarge the life membership fund, to organize the regional field trips between regular meetings, and to promote the GOS throughout the state.

Don Cohrs conducted the bird countdown which came to 150 species, one of the highest counts ever for a single day on the coast. Don also announced that the banding station would be in operation and open to the public on the south beach of Jekyll Island on Sunday.

He then introduced Bob Manns for a brief presentation on binoculars. Bob reviewed some of the new types available to birders, discussed quality, had samples available for members to examine, and offered to check the alignment of anyone's glasses on Sunday.

Don then introduced our feature speaker, Dr. Sidney Gauthreaux, Jr., professor of ornithology at Clemson University. His program on "New Trends in Tracking Bird Migration with Radar" was splendid. He presented illustrations of the equipment used and explanations of the results being obtained. He continued the program outdoors to demonstrate his radar picking out the invisible birds moving overhead. He stated that a mile-wide band of sky might pass more than half a million birds on a single night of good migration. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
s/Betsy Phillips

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GEORGIA BIRDS AT A GLANCE

Loon, Common*: Sweetwater Cr SP, May 15 & two on May 19, D&PM.
 Shearwater, Audubon's*: 30, offshore, May 1-15, CH (Ed's Note: Accidental).
 Petrel, Black-capped*: 97, offshore, May 1-7; 20, May 13-15, CH (Ed's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists).
 Petrel, Leach's Storm*: 1, about 160 km east of St. Catherine's Is., CH (Ed's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists).
 Petrel, Wilson's Storm*: 22, offshore, May 1-15, CH (June 16, 1939).
 Tropicbird, White-tailed*: 1, about 225 km east of Sapelo Is., CH (Ed's Note: On hypothetical list).
 Booby, Masked*: 1, about 250 km east of St. Catherine's Is, CH (Ed's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists).
 Booby, Brown*: 1, about 12 km east of Wassau Is, CH (Ed's Note: Not on official/hypothetical lists; listed in "Additional Species" - stated by Audubon to occur off the GA coast 1840-1844).
 Comorant, Double-crested*: Augusta, Sept. 3, Augusta AS; 2, Aug. 20, GOS field trip.
 Heron, Great Blue*: Hiawassee, Sept. 4, AG.
 Egret, Cattle*: 8, Atlanta-Rogers Bridge, May 8, BP: approximately 1,000, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Aug. 5, A&VW.
 Egret, Great: 32, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Aug. 5, A&VW; 3, Peachtree City L, June 26, PB; 6, Murray Co farm ponds-GA 225, Aug. 9, HD.
 Egret, Snowy*: Augusta, July 9, Augusta AS.
 Heron, Louisiana*: 6, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Aug 5, A&VW; 4, Aug. 20, GOS field trip; Leesburg, July 1, MSH.
 Stork, Wood*: 6, feeding young, Jekyll Is-Causeway, summer, A&VW; Leesburg-Highway 19, July 6.
 Ibis, Glossy*: 2, Augusta, Aug. 20, GOS field trip; 2, Aug 9, CB; 19, Savannah R NWR, summer, A&VW.
 Ibis, White*: Augusta, July 9, Augusta AS; 16, Aug. 20, GOS field trip; 12, im, Merry Ponds, Aug. 5, A&VW.
 Spoonbill, Roseate*: 1, Jekyll Is-Causeway, June 17, H&LG; June 18, P&DB.
 Duck, Ring-necked*: 5, Sweetwater Cr SP and 4, Peachtree City L, May 30, RM; 6, Sweetwater Cr SP, June, D&PM.
 Merganser, Red-breasted*: 2 f, DeKalb Co Reservoir, May 1, PB.
 Kite, Swallow-tailed*: Okefenokee NWR, June 14, H&LG.
 Kite, Mississippi: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Aug. 20, GOS field trip; pair raised 1 young, Macon, last seen Aug. 20, TI.
 Hawk, Cooper's*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 68, July 14, ND.
 Hawk, Red-shouldered: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 18, July 4, HD.
 Eagle, Bald*: Augusta-Brown Rd, July 2, CB & National Hills Subdivision, July 9 & 18; ad, L Oconee, June 5, T&GS; ad, Mineral Bluff, June 11, D&JK.
 Osprey*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, May 18, GSc; Augusta, Aug 9, CB; Savannah R NWR, summer, A&VW; Hiawassee, Sept. 16, AG.
 Kestrel American*: f, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 68, July 22, HD-bird eating rodent in road-elevation 3400 ft; Augusta, Aug. 20, GOS field trip.
 Crane, Sandhill*: 1, Atlanta-Brookhaven, May 8, MH.
 Moorhen, Common*: Banks Co-Atlanta Dragway, May 7, JC.
 Stilt, Black-necked*: 1, Jekyll Is, summer, A&VW.
 Plover, Semipalmated*: Clayton Co WTP, 4 on May 9 & 30, PB and June 5, H&LG.
 Plover, Black-bellied*: Ft. Gaines, May 28, BH.
 Whimbrel*: Pendergrass, May 29, JP (Ed's Note: Accidental at Okefenokee NWR and Athens).
 Sandpiper, Upland*: 3, Atlanta-Rogers Bridge, May 1, PB.
 Yellowlegs, Greater: Clayton Co WTP, May 26, PB (May 24, 1937).
 Willet*: Dublin, Aug. 27, TP.
 Sandpiper, Spotted: Clayton Co WTP, June 5, H&LG (June 5, 1912).
 Turnstone, Ruddy*: Dawnville, May 15, NI.
 Phalarope, Northern*: Offshore, May 6 & 7, CH.
 Dowitcher, Short-billed*: 23, Jekyll Is, summer, A&VW.
 Dowitcher, Long-billed*: 5, Jekyll Is, summer, A&VW (Ed's Note: no record of summer sightings).
 Knot, Red*: 6, Jekyll Is, summer, A&VW.
 Sandpiper, Western*: 1, Clayton Co WTP, June 2, HG (Ed's Note: Rare fall transient in interior).
 Sandpiper, Baird's*: Clayton Co WTP, May 30, PB, RM, TM (Ed's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists; fifth record for state).
 Sandpiper, White-rumped*: Clayton Co WTP, May 6 & 15 to 20 on May 17, P&TM and 1, May 22 and 8, June 5, TM (May 7, 1945).
 Sandpiper, Buff-breasted*: 4, Dublin, Aug 27 & 28, TP.
 Jaeger, Pomarine*: 13, offshore, May 1-15, CH (Ed's Note: Rare winter visitor on coast).
 Jaeger, Parasitic*: 5, offshore, May 15, CH.
 Gull, Laughing*: L Lanier, May 2, JP; Commerce L, May 7, JC.
 Tern, Forster's*: Sweetwater Cr SP, May 29, D&PM.
 Tern, Arctic*: Offshore, May 15, CH (Ed's Note: Accidental; third sighting in two years).
 Tern, Sooty*: 415, about 230 km east of Ossabow Is, May, CH, Flocks of 225 & 120 & 35 seen (June 4, 1970).
 Tern, Little*: Clayton Co WTP, May 13, PB - first Atlanta record.
 Tern, Black*: Clayton Co WTP, May 9, PB - first Atlanta spring record.
 Cuckoo, Black-billed*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, June 27, A&VW and Work Center, Aug. 27, HD.
 Owl, Barn*: Agnes Scott College, June 1, - with 2 fledglings.
 Owl, Great Horned*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Aug. 14, HD; Augusta, Aug. 20, GOS field trip.
 Woodpecker, Red-cockaded*: Hania Co-I-85 near Exit 12 sign, Aug., SP.
 Kingbird, Gray*: 1 ad and 3 im, St. Simons Is, June 18, H&LG; Jekyll Is, June 19, P&DB.

Flycatcher, Willow*: extreme northeast GA, June 11, D&PM.
 Flycatcher, Least*: extreme northeast GA, June 11, D&PM.
 Flycatcher, Olive-sided*: Atlanta-NW, May 27, T&PM.
 Swallow-Tree*: successfully fledged 4 young. Nested again-1 young dead and 1 egg unhatched in nest. Second pair built nest; no eggs laid, Hiawassee, spring, AG.
 Swallow, Bank*: Clayton Co WTP, May 21, PB.
 Swallow, Barn: Between Warner Robins & Kathleen, June 12, D&JD.
 Wren, House*: Atlanta-Avondale Estates, June 13 & 16, JM-nested in yard.
 Thrush, Hermit: Atlanta, May 11, DP (May 4, 1944).
 Thrush, Gray-checked*: Conyers, May 14, FM.
 Veery*: Atlanta-Fernbank Forest, May 8, GSc; 2, Atlanta, May, DP.
 Shrike, Loggerhead: pair, Murray Co - U.S. Highway 76, July 20, HD.
 Vireo, Philadelphia*: 12-14, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 49 & L Conasauga, Sept. 24 & 25, PB, HD, TM, A&SR.
 Warbler, Worm-eating*: L Burton, June 17, JM.
 Warbler, Golden-winged: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 24 & 25, A&SR.
 Warbler, Brewster's*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, May 3, PR.
 Warbler, Orange-crowned*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 24 & 25, A&SR.
 Warbler, Northern Parula*: m, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, June 27, A&VW.
 Warbler, Blackpoll: L Burton, June 17, JM - singing (June 4, 1967).
 Warbler, Connecticut*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, May 7, TM and May 12, PR; 2, Fernbank Forest, May 8, GSc; Gainesville, May 14, JP.
 Warbler, Wilson's*: Atlanta-Reynolds Sanctuary, May 7, GSc.
 Redstart, American*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, late May, PW-singing on territory.
 Cowbird, Brown-headed*: 5 m, Atlanta-Avondale Estates, June 13-16, JM.
 Tanager, Scarlet*: m, Palmetto, June 6, D&PM.
 Dickcissel*: near Plains, June 25, MO.
 Finch, House*: pair, Columbus-near Channel 3-TV, June, JS; Augusta-feeder, Aug. 6, JKn and f, feeder, Aug. 17, CB; 2 im and 2 ad, Columbus-yard, July 18, MS; Harris Co-extreme SW below Goat Rock Dam, July 25, SP-singing; m, with 5 f plumaged, Macon-feeder, June 21, MC.
 Crossbill, Red*: 8, Chattahoochee NF-Fish Hatchery, July 26, JF; 12, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, July 16 & Aug. 14, HD.
 Junco, Northern: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, June 30, A&VW and FSRd 68, July 14, HD - elevation at lake, 3150 ft. and on road, 3400 ft. More juncos are being seen in this area during breeding season.
 Sparrow, Clay-colored*: 2, Atlanta, Sept. 8, PB (Ed's note: on hypothetical list).

ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in this 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
WTP	Water Treatment Plant

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 1983.

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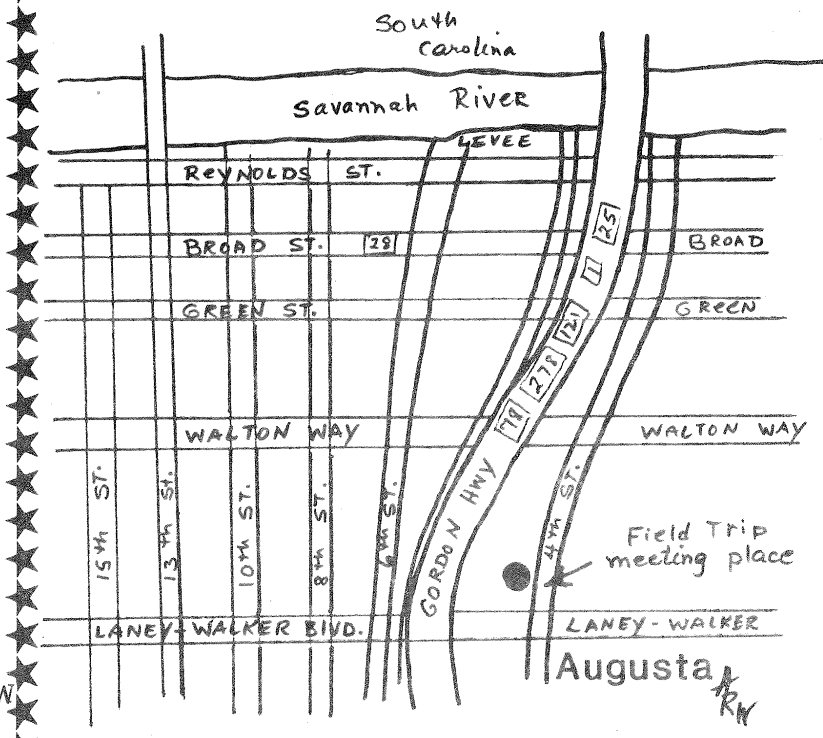
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Directions → Merry Ponds-Jan. 21



NEWS OF PEOPLE

GOSer **Bob Sachs** of Rome passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Bob was one of the few active birders in the Rome area and his input about birds in that area and in areas travelled for business will be missed. Our sympathy is extended to his family. Our sympathy is extended to **Tommy Patterson** on the death of his father last spring. **Frank and Ginny McCamey** had a great trip to Alaska last summer. **Al Jenkins** really wandered afield - to Tibet!

FOR ATLANTA MEMBERS -

A Special Request

With the Spring '84 meeting in Atlanta, friends from everywhere will be visiting for the weekend. Can you offer a spare bedroom or other sleeping space to an out-of-town birder? It is a great way to make new friends among GOS members and learn what birders do in other parts of Georgia.

Visitors should expect to pay a reasonable charge, about \$10.00 per night single, or \$15.00 for a couple. This would compensate the hostess for the minor inconvenience involved and perhaps she could arrange a do-it-yourself breakfast for the early morning trips.

Let me know that you plan to participate - it should be fun. Please fill out the form inserted in the newsletter to get your name on the host-hostess list. **Send to:** Barbara Brigham, 600 Northern Ave., B-201, Clarkston, GA 30021, Tel: (404) 296-3298.

January:

MERRY PONDS
January 21, 1984

A mid-winter trip for ducks will show you a great place to see them close by on small ponds. Anne and Vernon say they expect all of Georgia's inland ducks, plus geese and cormorants, **Ring-billed, Herring and Bonaparte's Gulls**. **White-crowned** and **Vesper Sparrows** are regular, as well as **House Finches**.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, at 4th Street and Laney Walker Blvd. in Augusta, for this pleasant trip with the Augusta birders. For more details, call Anne and Vernon Waters, 1621 Apple Valley Drive, Augusta, 30906, 404/793-2788.

April:

OKEFENOKEE SWAMP
CANOE TRIP

A weekend safari will set off into the Okefenokee Swamp in April, 1984. Paddling canoes and camping in the swamp for two nights, the party of 18 will experience the swamp as they search for the exciting bird life of this area. Egrets, herons, cranes and hawks will be nesting, while the spring migration builds to a peak.

Transportation from Atlanta, canoes and meals will be provided by the Chattahoochee Outdoor Center, with the cost for three days estimated at \$125.00. For further information, call Frank McCamey, 404/455-7533. He is coordinating birding plans with the Outdoor Center.

October:

We have reservations with the newly renovated Wanderer Lodge, right on the beach at Jekyll Island. All the attractions of south Georgia in the fall and the coastal migration will be enjoyed. Mark your calendar now and look for more information in future newsletters.

1984 FIELD TRIPS

February:

EUFALA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
(South of Columbus)

February 25-26, 1984

The lake at Eufaula provides a choice wintering ground for many species of birds, and in late February the shorebirds have started migrating northward. We can get a dozen species of ducks and geese, some herons, several kinds of hawks and gulls, plus yellowlegs, dowitchers, snipe and a **Barn Owl**. There are often surprises such as **Golden Eagle** or **White Pelican**.

The road system of the refuge makes it easy to reach the birding areas by car, from both the Alabama and Georgia sides of the lake. The state park offers fine accommodations in cabins, a motel-lodge, and a campground. It can be a great weekend.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. (Georgia time) at the Lodge in the Lakepoint State Park Resort, on February 25 and 26. Bring lunch to eat in your car. The resort is five miles north of Eufaula on U.S. 431; telephone 205/687-8011, or write to P.O. Box 267, Eufaula, AL 36027 to reserve cabins or rooms. There is a dining room at the Lodge, plus restaurants along U.S. 431 and in Eufaula. Call Frank McCamey at 404/455-7533 for further information.

May:

SPRING MEETING 1984
May 4-5-6 in Atlanta

Featured speakers for the weekend will be Ben and Lula Coffey, from Memphis, Tennessee, with impressive programs introducing us to the study of bird behavior through sound recordings. Ben's exclusive tapes have been recorded for sound archives at the Cornell Laboratory and the University of Florida. Lula will share with us their adventures in travels to South America seeking elusive nocturnal birds.

Members will gather at the Fernbank Science Center on Friday for registration followed by an illustrated program on nesting birds of Georgia. On Saturday, field trips will spread out to all the favorite birding areas around Atlanta to observe the spring migration, and a program on Georgia birding activities will be open to the public in the afternoon. The banquet and business meeting follow in the evening, with more field trips on Sunday morning.

Registration forms and further information will be carried in the next GOSHawk. Plan to be with us.

FALL MEETING 1984
October 5-6-7 at Jekyll Island

From the Editor's Desk (cont'd.)

to be contributing the most to ornithology in Georgia. This recognition of George's work is very well deserved! Our congratulations and best wishes to you, George!

New officers were elected for a two-year term. We look forward to two good years with these officers. Remember: They can't function without your support, your input, your ideas, your presence! You are the GOS!!

SPRING MEETING: Atlanta! May 4,5,6! Come and enjoy birding in our capital! City/urban birding can be exciting and rewarding. Try it; you'll like it.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Fall meeting of '84 will be on the coast, Nov. 8, 9, 10. This is later than usual and will give us different birds.

"In-between-meeting field trip" to Augusta was a success. On a hot day (100 plus temperature), 15 GOSers sallied forth to bird. 70-species were tallied. Very good for August and the heat.

U. S. Forest Service Forestry Technician Harriett DiGioia will be leading a field trip for the Cherokee Audubon Society, Dalton, on Sunday, May 13, 1984. The trip will go up Grassy Mountain to the Songbird Management Area at the Lake Conesauga Recreation Area and will feature the birds and wildflowers of the Cohutta Mountains. GOSers are cordially invited to participate. For further details as to time and meeting place, please call the number listed by editor's name during business hours or write to address listed.

POSSIBLE SIGHTING: A Little Shearwater was thought to have been seen 300 km east of Sapelo Is by Chris Haney. This is a possible sighting. (Ed's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists. On accidental seabird list in "A Field Guide to The Birds East of the Rockies," Roger Tory Peterson.)

HAWK WATCH RESULTS: Grassy Mountain Fire Tower, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, Sept. 25, Atlanta AS: Turkey Vulture-8; Sharp-shinned-8; Cooper's-1; Red-tailed-8; Broad-winged-133; Merlin-1. Total-159 hawks.

Environment Directory - \$3.50 A few copies are left!

The Georgia Environmental Directory is still available. This handy directory contains information about environmental organizations in the state. Each group's listing includes purposes and major issues of concern, a list of publications, plus membership information and a personal contact, with telephone number. It is a useful timesaver for concerned individuals, as well as state agencies and nature centers. Order from our Business Manager or Frank McCamey (addresses listed below): \$3.50, plus 63¢ postage.

MEMBERSHIP LIST From the Jekyll Meeting

A 1983 membership list was pulled together by John Swiderski and copies were provided for everyone at the recent Jekyll Island meeting. A few remain on hand, and they can be sent to you for 50¢ to cover mailing cost, if you'll let Frank McCamey know you want a copy. We're grateful to Mary Ann Vernocy for her fine typing job on the list, completed speedily in time for the meeting.

ORIOLE COPIES WANTED

Do you have any issues of The Oriole you no longer need? Calls come regularly to our business manager for back numbers of past issues needed by libraries and research ornithologists to complete their files. We fill orders when we can, charging a nominal fee, but our reserve supplies are low or exhausted for some years. If you do not keep your copies in a permanent file, you can help out by adding them to our reserve supply. Please send your extras to the business manager or to Frank McCamey.

Bill Gibbs, 816 Hammond Drive, No. Augusta, SC 29841 Frank McCamey, 4676 Andover Court, Atlanta, GA 30360

February 18, 1984 A.A.S. PELAGIC TRIP

Plan to join us for another exciting day trip off the Georgia coast. This year's one-day trip was so successful, we are going to do it again. On March 5, 1983, we saw Black-legged Kittiwake, Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers, Red Phalaropes and many Gannets. Other possibilities at that time of the year are Razorbills (found seven years ago on a February trip off the Georgia coast), Manx Shearwater (seen last winter by Chris Haney, still off Georgia) and possible Skuas. Birds are not the only things we sight on the ocean: Basking Sharks and other marine mammals have been seen too.

- Date Saturday, February 18, 1984 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday will be the rain day in case of bad weather Saturday
Boat The Island Queen (deja vu!)
Destination About 40 miles offshore of Jekyll Island
Meeting Place Jekyll Island marina at 7:30 a.m.
Cost \$25 before January 18, 1984 and \$30 after

Clip and mail to Atlanta Audubon Society, P. O. Box 38214, Atlanta, GA 30334

Name(s) _____ Phone _____
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TIME for DUES AGAIN

Annual memberships expire in December and we welcome your renewal now for 1984. Prompt payments help our cash flow and save the cost of additional notices in January.

Life Memberships for individuals continues to be a bargain at \$100.00, but it must be increased soon. 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 1984 and 1985, if that helps!

Please make your payment soon and get your newsletter regularly - it's the only way to keep up with our meetings and field trips.

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Circle Atlanta Location: North South East West

Space Available: ___ Rooms ___ Beds Can accommodate ___ people.

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Please add any other details that will help us match a visitor to your accommodations.

Send to: Barbara Brigham, 600 Northern Ave., B-201, Clarkston, GA 30021.