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## NONGAME BILL - HANGING IN

by Elmer Butter

Early in January 1984, for the third consecutive legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly will consider a special funding to protect Georgia's nongame species including those which are endangered.

In the past the Georgia Ornithological Society has fought strongly for passage for a Nongame Tax Check-off Bill. This plan is not a tax, but a voluntary arrangement using the state income tax form as a mechanism for gathering funds.

Mr. Joe Frank Harris supported this plan in his campaign as a candidate for governor and now says he has encountered some problems with its passage in the State Legislature, involving cost to implement and legality under Georgia law.

While problems may appear in Georgia, 28 other states have managed to collect voluntary funds for nongame wildlife, including Louisiana, Alabama, and South Carolina. The State of Colorado, received \$552,000 in contributions during 1983, from over 10% of its taxpayers.

Up until 1980, funds for nongame species were provided by the Federal Government, under

the Endangered Species Act of 1973. There is a possibility that Georgia's new 1984 budget will contain funds for this program.

Regardless of how the funds are provided we all need to advise our Governor and key state officials of our concern for nongame species.



The nongame Tax Check-off now appears the best plan in the majority of states being less subject to political whims and philosophy.

Georgia's nongame fate seems to rest with us. We must speak up!

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This past quarter brings us two birds not on the official/hypothetical lists for the state. A Baird's Sandpiper was watched in Laurens County and a Lesser Black-backed Gull was seen on Jekyll Island. These birds have been reported before in Georgia.

Two accidental birds - Audubon's and Cory's Shearwaters - appeared off Jekyll Island.

A Great Cormorant was found in Lee County for the first interior sighting to my knowledge. A Nashville Warbler was listed in December from Augusta for the first winter record to my knowledge.

Common Loons appeared off Buford Dam, Lakes Lanier and Chatuge, Sweetwater Creek State Park. Horned Grebes showed up

at Sweetwater Creek State Park and Lakes Juliette and Chatuge.

February brought a sighting of a Green-backed Heron in Augusta. Glossy Ibis and Tundra Swans were also there. Greater Scaup and a White-winged Scoter came in from the Rum Creek Wildlife Management Area.

Bald Eagles were reported from Commerce Lake, Sweetwater Creek State Park, Jekyll Island, Lakes Juliette and Chatuge. A Golden Eagle sailed the sky over Crawford County. Peregrine Falcons were viewed at Buford Dam, Atlanta, Dublin, Augusta, Lamar County, Jekyll Island.

Sandhill Cranes flew over Lake Tobesofkee, Atlanta, Piedmont National Wildlife (Continued on page 3)

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## CHRISTMAS COUNTS AROUND THE STATE

<u>Location/Date/Count</u>	<u>Best Birds</u>
<b>Columbus: December 17</b> 12 counters - 90 species.	Bewick's Wren, Green-backed Heron, Bonaparte's Gull, Northern Oriole, Barred Owl, Sandhill Cranes, Green-winged Teal, 3 Bald Eagles, Evening Grosbeak.
<b>Albany: December 31</b> 10 counters - 99 species.	6 Sandhill Cranes, Common Goldeneye, Western Meadowlark (Ed.'s Note: Recorded on tape), 2 Ring-billed Gulls.
<b>Macon: December 17</b> 18 counters - 76 species.	Common Loon, Bonaparte's Gull, American Woodcock, Black and White Warbler.
<b>Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge: December 19</b> 82 species.	Red-cockaded Woodpecker.
<b>Dalton: December 17</b> 18 counters - 75 species.	19 Sandhill Crane, 3 Gadwall, 12 Black Vulture, 2 Bewick's Wren, 15 Evening Grosbeak, 5 House Finch, 4 Loggerhead Shrike, 1 Gray Catbird.
<b>Chattahoochee National Forest Songbird Management Area: December 18</b> - 15 counters - 62 species - 4,867 individuals.	Great Horned Owl, 11 Sandhill Crane, Great Blue Heron, Red Crossbill, Evening Grosbeak, Loggerhead Shrike, 4 Wild Turkey.
<b>Sapelo Island:</b>	Wilson's Plover. (Ed.'s Note: Common summer resident on coast Feb. 26-Oct. 17).
<b>Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge: December 30</b> 62 species - 4,539 individuals.	Yellow-crowned Night Heron, 79 White Ibis, 4 Blue-winged Teal, 5 Redhead, 188 Sandhill Crane, 1 Red-cockaded Woodpecker, 2 Eastern Pewee, 337 Tree Swallow.
<b>Peachtree City: December 17</b> 22 counters - 90 species - 9,762 individuals	3 Horned Grebe, 4 American Black Duck, 1 Common Pintail, 1 Common Goldeneye, 13 Bufflehead, 32 Ruddy Duck, 1 Bonaparte's Gull, 4 House Wren, 18 Loggerhead Shrike, 7 Common Yellowthroat.
<b>Atlanta: December 18</b> 45 counters - 89 species - 18,837 individuals.	2 Green-winged Teal, 5 American Black Duck, 7 Common Goldeneye, 7 Bufflehead, 3 Red-breasted Merganser, 144 Sandhill Crane, 2 House Wren, 4 Loggerhead Shrike, 2 Orange-crowned Warbler, 1 Common Yellowthroat.
<b>Augusta: December 24</b> 90 species - 6,753 individuals.	Red-breasted Merganser, 4 Tundra Swan.

**Interesting Note:** Please note that **Sandhill Cranes** appeared on five counts, excluding the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge where they are expected. This is interesting as these birds are usually not recorded on these counts.

The above birds are not included in the "Georgia Birds at a Glance" section or in the "From the Editor's Desk" column.

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**Philadelphia Vireo\*:** Roswell, Sept. 3, LGi; Atlanta - Piedmont Park, Sept. 22, DP, & Chattahoochee RNRA, 1 on Sept. 24, PB, HG, P&TM; 3 on Sept. 29, P&TM, & 1-3, Oct. 2, Atlanta AS; Forsyth Co, Oct. 1, JP.

**Orange-crowned Warbler\*:** 2, Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 16, Atlanta AS, & Bobby Jones GC, Oct. 17, PB; Conyers, Oct. 16, FMi; Macon, Feb., GK.

**Nashville Warbler\*:** Augusta, Dec. A&VW (Ed.'s Note: No winter record to my knowledge); Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 22 & Nov. 19 PR (Nov. 8, 1975); & Bobby Jones GC, Sept. 28, R&DM, & Oct. 6, PB, & South Fulton Co, Oct. 2, D&PM, & 2, Piedmont Park, Oct. 14, DP, PR; Forsyth Co, Nov. 6, JP; Hiawasse, Oct. 1, AG.

**Blackpoll Warbler\*:** im, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Oct. 15, AW.

**Cerulean Warbler\*:** Atlanta - Piedmont Park, Sept. 22, DP; Augusta - levee, Aug. 28, AW.

**Black and White Warbler\*:** Macon - Cherokee Ponds, Jan. 14, Ocmulgee AS.

**Connecticut Warbler\*:** 2, Atlanta - Sope Cr, Oct. 16, JSt, EH.

**Wilson's Warbler\*:** Atlanta - Bobby Jones GC, Sept. 16, D&PB, R&DM; Laurens Co, Oct. 22 & 23, TP.

**Dickcissel\*:** Jekyll Is, Oct. 8, DF.

**Lark Sparrow\*:** im, Jekyll Is, Sept. 3, HG.

**Henslow's Sparrow\*:** Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 30, Atlanta AS, & Nov. 2, PR, & Bobby Jones GC, Oct. 26, PB.

**Lincoln's Sparrow\*:** Gainesville, Oct. 17, JP.

**White-crowned Sparrow\*:** Kathleen, Dec. 10, D&JD; Atlanta - Bobby Jones GC, Oct. 26, PB; Jekyll Is, Oct. 24, P&TM - band put on; Pendergrass, Nov. 13, PB, P&TM, HG, PR.

**Lapland Longspur\*:** 5, Gainesville - airport, Nov. 16, JP.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird:** Desser, Nov. 13, BP.

**Brewer's Blackbird\*:** 100, Augusta - levee, Sept. 24, AW.

**Northern Oriole:** Bullock's type - levee, Aug. 11, AW.

**House Finch:** Augusta - Merry Ponds, Dec. 10, Augusta AS, & feeder, 2nd week Nov., GS; ms & fs, Dalton - feeder, Jan-Feb., HD; Hiawasse, m, Nov. 26 & 30, f on Dec. 7, AG.

**Red Crossbill\*:** 2, Chattahoochee NF - Cohutta RD, Sept. 5, SA & PN, & 1, Hickory Cr Trailhead, Feb. 1 & 20, Coon Branch Wildlife Opening #2, Feb. 15, HD.

**Pine Siskin:** Dalton - feeder, Jan. & Feb. with 50 on Jan. 15, HD; Macon -feeder, Feb., GK; many, Hiawasse, from Dec. 7, AG.

**American Goldfinch:** Augusta - levee, Sept. 5, AW.

**Evening Grosbeak:** Dalton, Jan. 3, A&JSa; Jan. & Feb. HW, D&DC, S&HD, OM; 15, Murray Count--Crandall, Jan 20, HD; Macon Dec. 31, DL; Martinez, Jan 3.; Sylvania, week of Jan. 16, EL (reported from Statesboro also); Harris Co, Jan. 14, FL; Atlanta, Nov. 20, MH; Banks Co, Nov. 5, JP; Forsyth, Dec. 26, TJ.

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# GEORGIA BIRDS AT A GLANCE

## ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in this newsletter:

ad	Adult
AS	Audubon Society
Co	County
Cr	Creek
f	Female
FSRd	Forest Service Road
Ft	Fort
GC	Golf Course
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

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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 and 1984.

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Nomenclature and order following the 6th AOU Checklist, 1984.

**Common Loon\***: Buford Dam, Sept. 25, R&DM; L Lanier, Oct. 7, JP; Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 5, PB, HG, P&TM, & 11 on Nov. 14, D&PM; 5 L Chatuge, Dec. BL.

**Horned Grebe\***: 2, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 1, D&PM; 50-100 - largest number ever, L Juliette, winter, TJ; 8, L Chatuge, Dec. 22, BL.

**Cory's Shearwater\***: 10, off Jekyll Is, Sept. 4, Atlanta AS (Ed.'s Note: Accidental).

**Audubon's Shearwater\***: 4, off Jekyll Is, Sept. 4, Atlanta AS (Ed.'s Note: Accidental).

**Wilson's Storm Petrel\***: 5, off Jekyll Is, Sept. 4, Atlanta AS.

**Great Cormorant\***: Im, Lee Co, Nov. 13, C&GV, and Jan. MO'H, PB, RM, JG, MO (Ed.'s Note: Rare winter visitor on coast - no interior sightings to my knowledge. First record for GA since 1981.)

**Double-crested Cormorant\***: Sweetwater Cr SP, Oct. 25, PB & D&PM; Peachtree City L, Sept. 29 & 30, PB, PR, MO'H, & 19, Nov. 15 JH & CA; L Juliette, Dec., TJ; 26 Laurens Co, Nov. 6, TP; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Nov. 26, AW.

**American Anhinga\***: 12, Laurens Co, Sept. 7, TP; Augusta, Sept. 17, AW.

**Snowy Egret\***: Augusta, 2 on Aug. 6, 1 on Aug. 20, 1 on Oct. 15, AW.

**Tricolored Heron\***: 6, Augusta - Merry Ponds roose, Aug. 5, AW.

**Cattle Egret\***: 1,894, Augusta - Merry Ponds roost, Aug. 19 & some recorded Nov. 12, AW.

**Green-backed Heron\***: Augusta, Feb. 21, Augusta AS.

**Black-crowned Night Heron\***: im, Atlanta - Bobby Jones GC, Sept. 19.

**White Ibis\***: 39 im, Augusta - Merry Ponds roost, Aug. 19, & 50, north of Savannah, Nov. 25, A&VW.

**Glossy Ibis\***: 2, Augusta - Merry Ponds roost, Aug. 19, AW.

**Tundra Swan\***: 8 im, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Jan. 7, Augusta AS.

**Snow Goose\***: 12 (9 blue morph), Atlanta - I-85 near Old Peachtree Rd Exit, Nov. 25, P&TM; Eufaula NWR, Nov. 19 & 20, JG & CA.

**Green-winged Teal\***: Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 23, VJ, PB, P&TM, & 4, Nov. 16, PB; 10, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 13, PB & D&PM; 2, Peachtree City L, Nov. 16, PB; Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**American Black Duck\***: 5, Peachtree City L, Nov. 27, PB; Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Northern Pintail\***: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Dec. 10, & m, Nov. 12, AW; 7-8, Murray Co - US 76, Feb. 24, HD.

**Blue-winged Teal\***: Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Northern Shoveler\***: 3, Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 21, RM; Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Gadwall\***: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Dec. 10, Augusta AS; Peachtree City L, Oct. 29, PB; Macon - Cherokee Ponds, Jan. 14, Ocumulgee AS; 2, L Chatuge, Dec. 21-23, BL.

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**American Wigeon\***: Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Canvasback\***: 3, Peachtree City L, Oct. 29 & 30, P&TM, PR, PB; f, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 13, PB & D&PM; Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Redhead\***: 2, Peachtree City L, Oct. 23, VJ, PB, P&TM, PR; 5 Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 13, PB & D&PM; Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ; 15, L Chatuge, Dec. 22 & 23, BL.

**Greater Scaup\***: Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Black Scoter\***: Jekyll Is, Oct. 15, P&TM, HG (Nov. 9, 1974).

**White-winged Scoter\***: 5, Jekyll Is, Nov. 20, PB; m ad seen under excellent field conditions, Rum Cr WMA, Feb. 1, TJ.

**Common Goldeneye\***: f, L Chatuge, Dec. 21, BL.

**Bufflehead\***: Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ; f, L Chatuge, Dec. 21, & m, Dec. 22, BL.

**Red-breasted Merganser\***: 51, Peachtree City L, Nov. 27, PB; Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Ruddy Duck\***: largest number ever, Rum Cr WMA, winter, TJ.

**Osprey\***: Augusta - Merry Ponds, Dec. 10, Augusta AS; Sweetwater Cr SP, Sept. 22, D&PM.

**Mississippi Kite\***: Augusta, Oct. 1, AW (Sept. 4, 1905).

**Bald Eagle\***: im, Commerce L, Sept. 17, JP; im, Sweetwater Cr SP, Oct. 30, D&PM, im, Jekyll Is, Oct. 8, D&AF; ad, L Juliette, Dec. 20, TJ; ad, L Chatuge, Dec. 26, BL & AG.

**Northern Harrier\***: L Lanier, Sept. 23, FM; f, Augusta - Merry Ponds, Oct. 15, & 2 f, Nov. 26, & McBean, Nov. 26, AW.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk\***: Whitfield Co - yard, Jan. D&DCr; 3, L Lanier, Sept. 23, FM.

**Cooper's Hawk\***: Murray Co - Dennis Mill Rd & Chattahoochee NF - Cohutta RD - FSRd 3, Jan. 20, HD.

**Broad-winged Hawk\***: 100, Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 24, PB, HG, P&TM; 1,100, L Lanier, Sept. 23, FM.

**Golden Eagle\***: im, Crawford Co, Jan. 28, RW.

**Merlin\***: L Tobesofkee, Dec. 7-11, K&AC; Laurens Co., Nov. 12, TP.

**Peregrine Falcon\***: Buford Dam, Sept. 17, R&DM; Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 8, PR; Dublin, Oct. 16, P&TM; Augusta - Gracewood, Jan. 2, CB - 2nd Augusta record; Lamar Co, Nov. 23, Fmi, NH, PW; Jekyll Is, Oct. 8&9, A&VW.

**Ruffed Grouse\***: Atlanta - Roswell, Oct. 26, NH - 1st Atlanta record.

**Common Moorhen\***: Clayton Co WTP, Sept. 7, PB.

**Sandhill Crane\***: 75-80, L Tobesofkee, Nov. 19, & 30-35 on Nov. 20, K&AC; 200, Atlanta, Nov. 5, D, & PRe; Piedmont NWR, Dec. 19, RL, JHi, WG; Whitfield Co, Feb. 12, Cherokee AS.

**Lesser Golden Plover\***: Gainesville - Airport, Sept. 29&30, & Oct. 5, JP; Laurens Co, Sept. 7 & 25 with 5 on Sept. 11 & 17, TP.

**Lesser Yellowleg\***: 12, Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 23, PB, VJ, P&TM.

**Upland Sandpiper\***: Laurens Co, Aug. 6, TP.

**Long-billed Curlew\***: 3, Jekyll Is, Oct. 28&29, H&LG.

**Marbled Godwit\***: between St. Simon's & Sea Is, Sept. 5, D&PB, P&TM, & Oct. 5, HG, P&TM, PB; 60, Jekyll Is, Nov. 28&29, H&LG.

**Ruddy Turnstone\***: Cartersville, Sept. 11, H&LG, PR, BP, PB.

**Baird's Sandpiper\***: Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 8, PB & HG - 2nd Atlanta record, 6th record for state (Ed.'s Note: Not on official/hypothetical list).

**Dunlin\***: Laurens Co, Nov. 19, TP.

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**Stilt Sandpiper\***: Clayton Co WTP, Sept. 11, P&TM, & Oct. 2, BP, RT, H&LG, P&TM, PR, PB -4th straight month to be recorded in Atlanta area; Laurens Co, Aug. 27, Sept. 11, Nov. 5, and pair, Oct. 16, TP.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper\***: Laurens Co, 4 on Aug. 27&28, 5 on Sept. 11, 6 on Sept. 17, TP.

**Long-billed Dowitcher\***: Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 21-23, RM, PB, VJ, P&TM - 1st Atlanta area record.

**Dowitcher, sp\***: Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 8&9, PB, HG, PR; Houston Co, Feb, D&JD; Laurens Co, Sept. 11, TP.

**Red-necked Phalarope\***: Chattooga R, Sept. 4, MM (Ed.'s Note: Accidental in interior); 3, off Jekyll Is, Sept. 4, Atlanta AS.

**Pomarine Jaeger\***: Off Jekyll Is, Sept. 4, Atlanta AS.

**Parasitic Jaeger\***: Off Jekyll Is, Sept. 4, Atlanta AS.

**Laughing Gull\***: 2, Peachtree City L, VJ, PB, P&TM - 5th Atlanta area record.

**Bonaparte's Gull\***: 15, L Chatuge, Dec., BL.

**Greater Black-backed Gull\***: im, Jekyll Is - South Beach, Oct. 8, P&TM (Ed.'s Note: ...Dec.-March).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull\***: ad, Jekyll Is - South Beach, Sept. 3, HG, D&PB, P&TM, & Oct. 8-16 (Ed.'s Note: not on official/hypothetical lists).

**Caspian Tern\***: Buford Dam, Sept. 15, R&DM; Augusta - Merry Ponds, Sept. 3, AW.

**Sandwich Tern\***: Jekyll Is - South Beach, Oct. 8&9, GOS (Sept. 27, 1892).

**Common Tern\***: Sweetwater Cr SP, Sept. 15, D&PM - 2nd Atlanta record.

**Forster's Tern\***: L Allatoona, Sept. 25, HWO; Sweetwater Cr SP, Oct. 20-23, D&PM; Macon -Cherokee Ponds, Jan. 14, Ocmulgee AS; 4, Laurens Co, Nov. 5, TP.

**Bridled Tern\***: 50, off Jekyll Is, Sept. 4, Atlanta AS.

**Common Barn Owl\***: 2, Panola Mtn, Sept. 24, EH; pair with 4 young, Eufaula, NWR, Nov. 19&20, JG & CA.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher\***: South Fulton Co, Sept. 3, D&PM; Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 25, Atlanta AS.

**Western Kingbird\***: Jekyll Is, Oct. 9, P&TM.

**Purple Martin**: Murray Co - GA 286, Feb. 10, HD - early for this part of state.

**Tree Swallow\***: Peachtree City L, Oct. 23, VJ, PB, P&TM, & 1 on Nov. 15, D&PM.

**Cliff Swallow\***: Jekyll Is, Sept. 3&5, HG, D&PM, P&TM.

**Bewick's Wren\***: Pendergrass, Nov. 24, JP.

**Sedge Wren\***: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Oct. 8, HG & PB.

**Marsh Wren\***: Atlanta - Chattahoochee RNRA, Sept. 24, PB &HG, & Bobby Jones GC, Sept. 28, R&DM.

**Veery\***: Conyers, Sept. 5, FMi; Atlanta - Piedmont Park, Sept. 22, DP.

**American Robin**: egg found, Dalton - Country Club, Feb. 26, HD - early for this area of state.

**Water Pipit**: 6, Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 1, PB (October 3, 1945); Macon - city dump, winter, D&JD, RMa.

**Loggerhead Shrike**: Columbus - St. Francis Hospital, Jan., JS.

**White-eyed Vireo**: Conyers, Nov. 5, FMi (Oct. 24, 1941).

**Solitary Vireo\***: 2, Piedmont NWR, Dec. 19, RL, JHi, WG.

**Warbling Vireo\***: Atlanta - Bobby Jones GC, Oct. 6, PB - 5th Atlanta record.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Refuge, Whitfield County. A Lesser Golden Plover was at Gainesville; a Ruddy Turnstone turned up at Cartersville.

From Laurens County, we have a Buff-breasted Sandpiper and from Clayton County a Long-billed Dowitcher. Both Jaegers were watched off Jekyll Island and a Northern Phalarope was spotted on the Chattooga River and at Jekyll Island.

A Bewick's Wren report comes from Pendergrass and a Warbling Vireo from Atlanta. Red Crossbills were present on the Cohutta Ranger District of the Chattahoochee National Forest. Evening Grosbeak sightings came in from Dalton, Murray County, Macon, Martinez, Sylvania, Statesboro, Harris County, Atlanta, Banks County, Forsyth.

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### NEWS OF PEOPLE

#### Bill Lovejoy

Bill Lovejoy is teaching an ornithology course, open to the public, at Georgia Southern College.

#### Milton Hopkins

Our congratulations to Milton Hopkins! A marvelous two-page article about him and his birding/environmental interest appeared in the Sunday Atlanta Journal/Constitution on January 15. The article started on the front page of the Dixie Living Section. The headline? "Something Worth Fighting For." Sub-headline? "The Wood Stork Has a Friend in Milton Hopkins." GOS was mentioned in the article. If you haven't read it, try to get your hands on a copy. Interesting reading about Milton's life, how he got interested in birds, his farming and his thoughts on the environment.

#### Byrd Fraker

Those of you who attended the last GOS meeting in Dalton - Spring of '83 - will remember an honored member of the Cherokee Audubon Society, Byrd Fraker was introduced. She had recently celebrated her 101st birthday. It pleases me to tell you that Byrd has now celebrated her **102nd birthday**. And where did I last see her? At the most recent Audubon meeting! Thought those of you who had the opportunity to meet her would want to know about her 102nd birthday.

#### Bill & Virginia Culpepper

Bill and Virginia Culpepper dropped a line to the editor, telling about a recent field trip the Withlacoochee Watchers took to Paynes Prairie, FL. Fifty species were listed, including Sandhill Crane.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Peter Lloyd, Atlanta; Gregory Weis, Athens; Libby Sellers, Hazelhurst; Billy Dunbar, Watkinsville; Daniel Bello, Atlanta.

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### SIGHTINGS REQUESTED

Please be on the lookout this winter for **turkey vultures with green wing tags**. The Madison Audubon Society has tagged a number of adults and nestlings in Wisconsin as part of the study of breeding biology, mortality and migration. Tags are encoded with a small "u" and large white numerals, 1-99. If marked vultures are sighted, please report date, exact location, tag number, whether tag is on the right or left wing, and other pertinent observations to **Madison Audubon Society**; Rt. 1, Box 128A, Arlington, WI 53911. Their study will continue for two more years and they will be interested in future observations from any season.

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