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## From the Editor's Desk

We have done all right for this past quarter. Five birds were observed that are not listed on either the official or hypothetical lists for Georgia.

Black-capped Petrel, Band-rumped Storm Petrel, Masked Booby were all seen offshore. A Lesser Black-backed Gull was spotted on Jekyll Island during the fall GOS meeting. Finally, a Roseate Tern was sighted on Tybee Island.

No hypothetical list birds were sent in. Two accidental birds were recorded, both offshore: Cory's and Audubon's Shearwaters.

A White Pelican sighting comes from Macon; Wood Storks were seen between Claxton and Statesboro, in Decatur and Wilcox Counties and Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge.

Bald Eagles were observed at Cabretta Island, Altamaha Wildlife Management Area, Lake Juliette. A Golden Eagle was spotted on the Chattahoochee National Forest and an Olive-sided Flycatcher was at Fort Mountain State Park.

Common Ravens were once again at Brasstown Bald; a Spragues's Pipit showed up on the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge at the spring GOS meeting. A Lawrence's Warbler and a summering Purple Finch were listed from Augusta.

## GOS News:

Spring Meeting! Dublin (home of president Tommy Patterson) - a first ever meeting here! Good birding in new and excellent areas! Good fellowship! Good programs! These are in store for you on April 11 and 12. Mark your calendar now! Details will come to you in the next issue.

GOS fall meeting. Excellent! As always, good birding on the coast. Good field trips - pelagic, to Cumberland Island and on Jekyll and St. Simon's Islands. 147 species listed for weekend! Over 100 registrants!

Joe Greenberg gave a most interesting Friday night program on Breeding Bird Surveys in our state. He can use your help for next June. If interested, please contact Dr. Joe Greenberg, 2460 Peachtree St., Apt. 1210, Atlanta, GA 30305.

The banquet program was given by one of our members, Chandler Robbins. He spoke about the Atlasing of Birds. Bird atlasing is a fairly new phase of birding. GOS could take on the project of making a Bird Atlas of Georgia. The Georgia Botanical Society has already published the "Atlas of The Vascular Flora of Georgia". Why not a Bird Atlas of Georgia?

The two projects listed above - Breeding Bird Survey and atlasing the birds - are two very worthwhile projects that we could do as a Society.

Officers were elected for the next two years: President, Tommy Patterson; First Vice-President, Don Duncan; Second Vice-President, Chris Haney; Secretary, Betsy Phillips; Treasurer, John Swiderski. We look forward to two excellent years with these officers!

The best GOS news has been saved till last! This year's Earle R. Greene Award to the person contributing most to ornithology in Geogia was awarded to Bill Griffin. His citation read: "Bill Griffin, author, past president, past editor of <a href="The Oriole">The Oriole</a>, contributor of bird information, charter member, student of birds." Congratulations, Bill!

#### From the President

I deeply appreciate the confidence which you have placed with me and the other officers in the election at the Jekyll meeting. We shall endeavor to meet your expectations.

The "aims" of the GOS are expressed in our By-Laws:

To obtain the cooperation of clubs and individuals in gathering and disseminating information about bird-life in Georgia;

To promote an interest in and an appreciation of the value of birds, both esthetic and economic;

To insure conservation of our bird-life, by developing an informed public opinion and promoting sound legislation;

To provide the opportunity for fellowship among all those interested in any aspect of our natural world.

GOS is a diverse organization. In addition to our objectives, the Society has its social aspects; it is a means of sharing an interest, and is a fellowship of great people.

As I have observed past presidents, it appears that their personality, interest, and leadership style "comes through" in the direction that the Society takes. We can appreciate our past leadership for what has been accomplished. If we can expect the future to be like the past, then I imagine that my own characteristics will be significant in these next two years. Briefly, our approach, as I see it, is as follows:

First, we do have "a lot going for us" in the fellowship and in sharing our interest in the avian species. Certainly, we would like to maintain that positive characteristic with all the harmony and unity (not necessarily "unanimity"

- there is health and progress to be found in our diversity) that we can muster.

Secondly, I would like for our executive committee to have a major part in charting our future. Each member is competent, is serious about the responsibility, and has a vision for our future.

And, last, acknowledging frankly that my interests as president will probably be significant, I would like to call us to a greater degree of recognition and fulfillment of our responsibility in "gathering and disseminating information about bird-life in Georgia." There is no group that can do this as effectively as we can. As a matter of fact, while other organizations are important toward this end, none is charged with this responsibility as are we. The GOS should acknowledge this aim.

There is only so much "energy" available to a volunteer society such as ours. That energy increases - or decreases - with our numbers, and our individual commitment, with the measure of participation of each member. And it is that energy which determines our progress toward our objectives. I urge you - wherever your particular interests lie in the GOS - to contribute to our avowed aims.

We have a noble purpose.

#### Tommy Patterson

## News of People

Bill Gibbs and Sarah Kaeiser had pacemakers put in recently. Billy Dunbar had surgery recently. We wish all three of you a speedy and complete recovery.

Ty Ivey made a successful Condor-spotting trip to California in October. Robert and Didi Manns journeyed to the United Kingdom for two weeks last May, seeing Skylarks, Green Woodpecker and Little Owl among the birds enjoyed. Anne and Vernon Waters and sons spent three weeks in Southeastern Arizona this past summer. They enjoyed 10 species of hummingbirds, plus Flammulated Owl and Buff-collared Nightjar.

<u>Welcome New Members</u>: Terry West, Jacksonville, FL; John Matlack, Lilburn; Fred & Peggy Spencer, Columbus; John Thompson & Lydia Thompson, Jekyll Island; W. K. George, Valdosta; Russell Wigh, Atlanta; Joel Hitt, Decatur; William Buntin, Albany.

# Abbreviations used in this newsletter:

ad	Adult	m	Male
AS	Audubon Society	Mtn	Mountain
Со	County	NC	Nature Center
Cr	Creek	NF	National Forest
f	Female	NRA	National Recreation Area
FSRd	Forest Service Road	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
Ft	Fort	R	River
GC	Golf Course	RD	Ranger District
im	Immature	SP	State Park
Is	Island	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
L	Lake	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 areas 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 1985.

## Deadlines for this Newsletter

To Editor	<b>,</b>	For Mailing on
11/15		2/1
2/15		5/1
5/15		8/1
8/15		11/1

## Georgia Birds at a Glance

Common Loon\*: Sweetwater Cr SP, Apr. 20-26 & May 2, D&PM

Pied-billed Grebe: Clayton Co WTP, July 21, PB

Cory's Shearwater\*: 100, offshore, June 29, Atlanta AS; 30, offshore Savannah, July 20, HG, DG, VJ, CT, TM (Accidental ...)

Greater Shearwater\*: 8, offshore, June 29, Atlanta AS

Audubon's Shearwater\*: 2, offshore, June 29, Atlanta AS; 12, offshore Savannah, July 20, HG, DG, VJ, CT, TM (Accidental ...)
Black-capped Petrel\*: 1, offshore, June 29, Atlanta AS (Ed's Note: Not on

official/hypothetical lists for GA.)

Wilson's Storm Petrel\*: 50, offshore, June 29, Atlanta AS; 12, offshore Savannah, July 20, HG, DG, VJ, CT, TM

Band-rumped Storm Petrel\*: 4, offshore, June 29, Atlanta AS (Ed's Note: Not on official/hypothetical lists for GA.)

American White Pelican\*: Macon, Aug. 31, TI, K&AC & Sept. 2, TI, TP, AR Masked Booby\*: 1 subad, offshore, Atlanta AS (Ed's Note: Not on official/ hypothetical lists for GA. Fifth record for state.)

Double-crested Cormorant\*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, June 1, V&AW, & Aug. 17, Augusta AS; Sweetwater Cr SP, May 6, D± 19, Hall Co, May 9, JP

American Anhinga: Midville Rookery, nest with 3 large young, June 8, CB, A&VW, DW, BW and Aug. 17, Augusta AS

Least Bittern: Atlanta-Norcross-K-Mart Parking Lot, June 8 & released June 9, Chattachoochee NC, NJ

Great Blue Heron\*: 2, Rum Cr WMA, Aug, TJ; Dalton-Thread Mill L, Sept. 11 & Murray Co-Grassy Mtn Rd, July 13, HD

Great Egret: 3, Augusta-Merry Ponds Roost, June 27, V&AW & 20, mid-July, CB; Whitfield Co-Cleveland Hwy, July 21, HW; good numbers, West Point L, Sept., TJ; Atlanta-flying over downtown, July 17, JP & Stone Mtn, July 28, PB; L. Lanier, July 4, JP

Snowy Egret\*: 10, Augusta-Merry Ponds Roost, mid-July, CB; Atlanta-Murphey Candler Park, May 11, JB

Little Blue Heron: 160-180, Augusta-Merry Ponds Roost, mid-July, CB; ad, Winder, April 9, JP; ad, Clayton Co WTP, June 15, & June 22, PB, P&TM

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Tricolored Heron*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 17, CB
               Midville Rookery, June 8, 2 active nests; 1 with recently
Cattle Egret:
      hatched young & 3 eggs; the other with 3 eggs, one in process of hatching;
      40-50 deserted nests, CB, V&AW, DW, BW
Black-crowned Night Heron*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R-Medlock Bridge, April 28,
      RD; Whitfield Co-Prater's Mill, late summer, DF
White Ibis*: im, L Tobesofkee, June 23, K∾ im, L Juliette, July 2, AJ; 12,
      Augusta-Merry Ponds Roost, mid-July, CB; im, Chattahoochee R NRA, July 23,
      PR
Glossy Ibis*:
               5, Altamaha WMA, April 6, JPe; Macon-Ocmulgee Mounds, July 9,
      M&JA; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 17, CB
Wood Stork*: 2, between Claxton & Statesboro, July 10, AAt; Decatur Co, July 6,
      PR; Wilcox Co, Aug. 30-Sept.4, SD; 7, Dodge Co, Sept. 1, Jⅅ 50+/-, Oct.
      D&DC, Harris Neck NWR
Green-winged Teal*: banded at L Juliette, Sept. 9, TJ
Northern Shoveler*: 3 m & 1 f, Sweetwater Cr SP, April 14, D&PM
Ring-necked Duck*: m & f, Plant Scherer-Ash Pond, July 23; TJ, FG & banded
      while undergoing wing moult; Aug. 10, TJ; 5, Peachtree City L, summer,
      June 1-July 27, PB
Lesser Scaup*: m, Augusta-Merry Ponds, June 1-27, V&AW; 2, Macon, Aug. 31, TI,
      K&AC & Sept. 2, TI, TP & 3 m, 1 im, Sept. 29, TI, K&AC, M&JA (Oct. 5, 1906
      - June 5, 1932)
Ruddy Duck*: 2, Peachtree City L, June 1 & 15 & July 27, PB
Black Vulture: nest, Winder, Apr. 9, JP
Osprey*: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Sept. 15, K&AC, TI
Bald Eagle*: ad, Cabretta Is, June 7-9, M&PH; ad, Altamaha WMA, Apr. 6 & 2 on
      Apr. 7, D± Albany-L Loretta, Aug. 29 RH; im, Rum Cr WMA, Aug. 11, TJ &
      ad, Aug. 7, KL; 1 ad, 2 im, L Juliette, Sept. 25, TJ
Northern Harrier: Monroe Co, Sept. 13, TJ; Dalton, Sept. 30, FD
Sharp-shinned Hawk*: Albany-Junior College, Sept. 29, AA
Cooper's Hawk*: North Fulton Co, June 14, P&TM
Broad-winged Hawk: with young, Macon, early Aug. TI
Golden Eagle*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 630, Sept. 23, HD
American Kestrel*: Whitfield Co, May 21-July 15, HW; Monroe Co, Sept. 26, TJ;
      Murray Co. Oct. 1, HD
Merlin*: Augusta, Sept. 14, Augusta AS
Ruffed Grouse: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 68, Sept. 25, HD
Wild Turkey: 25, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 78, Sept. 20, HD
Purple Gallinule: 12 ad, 20 im, Decatur Co, July 6, PR
Common Moorhen*: freshly dead, Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, May 5, MAV
American Coot*: Sweetwater Cr SP, June 5 & Peachtree City L. June & July 27, PB
Black-bellied Plover*: 3, Gainesville-airport, May 10, JP
Semipalmated Plover*: Clayton Co WTP, May 18-27 & 4 on May 19, PB
Black-necked Stilt*: 2, Altamaha WMA, Apr. 6, JPe
American Avocet: 42, Jekyll Is-marina, Apr. 4, D&PM
Lesser Yellowlegs*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, July 20 (July 23, 1929) & Sept. 14,
      Augusta AŠ; 9, Clayton Co WTP, July 27, PB
Willet*: Dublin-Jackson Pond, Sept. 1, J&DD (Aug. 29, 1969)
Spotted Sandpiper: Clayton Co WTP, July 11, PB (July 12, 1932)
Upland Sandpiper*: Fulton Co, May 2, D± Gainesville-airport, May 10, JP
Whimbrel: 6, Jekyll Is-Causeway, July 18, RM (July 27, 1917)
Marbled Godwit*: 5, St. Simon's Is, Apr. 6, D&PM
Ruddy Turnstone*: Macon, Sept. 2, TI, TP, AR; Clayton Co WTP, May 18 & 19, PB
      - second Atlanta area record
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Sanderling*: Norcross-parking lot, July 29, JB
Semipalmated Sandpiper*: Macon, Sept. 2, TI, TP, AR
Western Sandpiper*: Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 18, FM & 2 on Apr. 28, PB; Macon,
      Aug. 31, TI, K&AC & Sept. 2, TI, TP, AR; Augusta, Sept, 14, Augusta AS
White-rumped Sandpiper*: Clayton Co WTP, Apr. 27 & 28 & 18 on May 25 & 2 on
      May 27 & 1 on June 1, PB (May 7, 1945)
Dunlin*: Clayton Co WTP, winter-April, PR, PB
Stilt Sandpiper*: Clayton Co WTP, May 18 & 19, PB; Macon, Aug. 31, TI, K&AC
Short-billed Dowitcher*: 3, Macon, Aug. 31, TI, K&AC, M&JA (identified by
      sound)
Laughing Gull*: Augusta, Aug. 17, Augusta AS
Bonaparte's Gull*: Sweetwater Cr SP, Apr. 3, PR; Clayton Co WTP, Apr. 4, PB;
      2, Jackson Co, Apr. 21, BP
Lesser Black-backed Gull*: Jekyll Is, Oct. 12, GOSers. (Ed's Note:
      official/hypothetical lists for GA)
Caspian Tern*: Macon, Sept. 2, TI, TP, AR; 2, Plant Scherer-Ash Pond, Aug. 21,
      RS
Forster's Tern*: 4, Macon, Aug. 31, TI, K∾ L Allatoona, July 28, GG
Bridled Tern*: 12, offshore, June 29, Atlanta AS; 2, offshore Savannah,
      July 20, HG, DG, VJ, CT, TM
Black Tern*: 4, Clayton Co WTP, July 6, DH
Roseate Tern*: Tybee Is, May 28, RM (Ed's Note: Not on official/hypothetical
      lists for GA.)
Mourning Dove: nest with 2 eggs, Whitfield Co-yard, Sept. 16, VG
Black-billed Cuckoo*: South Fulton Co, May 12, D&PM
Great Horned Owl*: Kathleen-on ground at farm, Aug. 25, J&DD
Red-headed Woodpecker: Whitfield Co. July 25, HW
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Albany-Junior College, Sept. 28, AA
Red-cockaded Woodpecker*: Ft. Stewart, May 11, JG
Olive-sided Flycatcher*: Ft. Mtn SP, Aug. 21, M&JA
Western Flycatcher*; Jekyll Is, Oct. 12, GOSers
Gray Kingbird*: 2, Sea Island-The Cloisters, June 30, HG, PB, TM
Tree Swallow*: 100, Clayton Co WTP, Apr. 6, PB
Bank Swallow*: 50, Clayton Co WTP, May 18, PB; Pendergrass, May 27, JP
Cliff Swallow*: Clayton Co WTP, May 18, PB
Fish Crow*: Athens-UGA Campus, Apr., BP
Common Raven*: 2, Chattahoochee NF-Brasstown Bald, May 11, P&TM & 1 on Sept. 28
      B&BD
Red-breasted Nuthatch: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 27, HD;
      Carter's L, Oct. 13, K&DJa
Golden-crowned Kinglet: Carter's L. Oct. 13, K&DJa
Ruby-crowned Kinglet*: Stone Mtn, June 24, PB (May 18, 1938 - possible first
      June record for state.); Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga,
      Sept. 27, HD; Carter's L, Oct. 13, K&DJa
Veery*: 3, Atlanta, May, fide TM; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 64, Oct. 4,
     HD
Gray-cheeked Thrush*: 2, Atlanta, May, fide TM; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-
      FSRd 64, Oct. 4 & Dalton-yard, Oct 1, HD; Macon-found dead in yard,
      Sept. 10, TH; Carter's L, Oct. 13, K&DJa
Sprague's Pipit*: Eufaula NWR-GA side, Apr. 20 - GOS meeting, MH
Cedar Waxwing: Gainesville, July 17 & 21, JP; flock, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta
      RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 9, HD
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Loggerhead Shrike: family of 5, Stockbridge, June 22, P&TM

Philadelphia Vireo\*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 68, Sept. 28, HD; Augusta, Sept. 14, Augusta AS Blue-winged Warbler\*: Albany-Junior College, Aug. 29 & Worth Co-Camp Osborne. Sept. 21, AA; Augusta, Aug. 31, Augusta AS Golden-winged Warbler\*: Albany-Junior College, Aug. 29, AA Lawrence's Warbler\*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 3, AW 'Tennessee Warbler: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 8, HD; Albany-Junior College, Sept. 28, AA; Carter's L, Oct. 13, K&DJa Nashville Warbler\*: im, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 64, Oct. 4, HD Northern Parula Warbler: 3, Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, July 27, PR; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 8, HD Yellow Warbler: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Sept. 15, TI, K&AC Magnolia Warbler: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Aug. 6, CB (Aug. 27, 1937) Cape May Warbler\*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Aug. 31, HD (Sept. 3, 1966) Yellow-rumped Warbler: Carter's L, Oct. 13, K&Ja Black-throated Green Warbler\*: 7, St. Simon's Is., Apr. 4, D± Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, July 21, HD; Gainesville, July 24, JP Palm Warbler: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 630, Sept. 19, HD Cerulean Warbler\*: Stone Mtn, Apr. 28, PB; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, July 25 PR; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 25, HD Worm-eating Warbler\*: Albany-Junior College, Aug. 29, AA Kentucky Warbler: L Sinclair, Aug. 18, M&JA Mourning Warbler\*: Atlanta-Fernbank, May 18, GS Canada Warbler\*: No Fulton Co, May 25, P&TM (May 24, 1928); Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Sept. 8, HD Bachman's Sparrow\*: Clarke Co, Apr. 28, BP - believed to be nesting Vesper Sparrow\*: 2, Sky Valley, June 11, FMc (Fairly common winter resident...) Grasshopper Sparrow\*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, April 28, Atlanta AS; Americus, May 20, MO White-crowned Sparrow\*: Clarke Co, April 28, BP Northern Oriole\*: Douglas Co, April 26, D± Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 630, Sept. 14, HD Purple Finch\*: Augusta-yard, summer, LS (Fairly common winter resident...) House Finch\*: 5 im, Augusta-feeder, June 15, AW & 1 m feeding 5 im on June 17,

VW; nesting, Gainesville, Apr. 20, JP
Pine Siskin: 4, South Fulton Co, April 16, D± Cobb Co, April 21, KB
Waves of birds were noted on the following dates on the Cohutta Ranger District of the Chattahoochee National Forest: July 21, August 31, Sept. 8\*, 13\*, 14,

22\*, 23\*, 25\*, 27, 28\*, Oct. 19. \* = Targe wave.

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Conservation News: Support is needed for the Clean Air Act, the Superfund and Endangered Species Act. If you want more information on acid rain/clean air, contact Sam Collins at 404/522-4280. P. O. Box 1913, Altanta, GA 30301.

The Audubon Wildlife Report, 1985, is now available. To order, send \$16.50 (make check payable to National Audubon Society) to Audubon Wildlife Report, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022

<u>Miscellaneous</u>: Sixty-six Great Egrets were hacked near Guntersville Reservoir this past summer. These fledglings were marked with two-inch long red flags attached to regular U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service bands on the right leg. Please note number and location of these birds and send to: Burline Pullin, Wildlife Resources Development Program, Tennessee Valley Authority, Norris, TN 37828. Or phone 615/494-9800.

If you see Turkey Vultures marked with yellow or white plastic patagial tags with letter/number codes, please report dates and location of sightings and number/letter codes to: David A. Kirk, Department of Zoology, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12, Scotland.

Mallards, Northern Pintails, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon have been marked with plastic patagial tags in colors of white, orange, yellow, red with numbers. Please send date, location, tag color, tag number (if possible), species to: Alan Fedynich, Department of Range & Wildlife, Texas Tech. University, Lubbock, TX 79409.

# ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

OF THE GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (October 11-12, 1985)

<u>Elections</u>. The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee was elected. The current officers are:

President

Tommy Patterson

First Vice President

Don Duncan

Second Vice President

Chris Haney

Secretary

Betsy Phillips

Treasurer

John Swiderski

Earle R. Greene Memorial Award. This Award was presented to William W. Griffin for his "outstanding contribution to Georgia Ornithological Society as president, editor, author, and student of birds."

Spring Meeting. The next G.O.S. meeting will be held in Dublin, Georgia, April 11-13, 1986.

Fiftieth Anniversary. Plans for this meeting are being made, but have not been finalized. Any suggestions for special activities and/or programs should be sent to the chairman of this committee, Dick Parks, 2636 Warwick Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30329 or call him at (404) 636-0628. (This meeting will probably be held in the Macon area since the suggestion was made to try for the central part of the state.)

The Oriole. Terry Moore, editor, reported the March 1984 issue is being readied for mailing. The June/September 1984 issue is at the printer's and should be ready by early November, December 1984 is at the typesetter's and should be printed around December, and Terry is currently working on the March 1985 issue. He expects to have it ready for the typesetter by November. Bob Manns expressed our appreciation to Terry for the great job he has done of catching up on the backlog.

Miscellaneous. An interim treasurer's report was presented. Tommy Patter-50n expressed his hope that the Executive Committee would be able to meet on a quarterly basis and suggested January for the next meeting. The person in the Athens area who shot the Northern Goshawk was fined \$40.00.

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