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From the Editor's Desk

This past quarter was an off one for birds that are not listed on the official or hypothetical lists for Georgia. Only one such bird was reported; a Baird's Sandpiper at the Clayton County Water Treatment Plant. Only one accidental bird was found - a Red Phalarope was offshore.

We do make up for the above scarcity of birds in the interesting finds around our state. Horned Grebes swam the waters at Albany and Carter's Lake. American White Pelicans turned up again at Macon. A Magnificent Frigatebird was watched at St. Simon's Island; while Wood Storks were seen in Twiggs and Bleckley Counties.

Bald Eagle reports came in from the water treatment plant and the Savannah River. Peregrine Falcons flew over Perry, Augusta, Cartersville Dam and 10 miles offshore. Sandhill Crane sightings were sent in from the Chattahoochee National Forest, Augusta, Rising Fawn, as well as from the expected Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.

Long-billed Dowitchers were seen at Macon and the water treatment plant. Wilson's Phalaropes were reported offshore as was a Pomarine Jaeger.

An Olive-sided Flycatcher was at Atlanta; House Wrens were at Albany and the national forest. Philadelphia Vireos showed up on the national forest and Atlanta. House Finches came to Dalton. As is to be expected, Red Crossbills were noted on the national forest. Evening Grosbeaks were spotted in Murray and Whitfield Counties.

GOS News:

April 11, 12, 13 are the dates for the Spring meeting to be held in Dublin. This is a first ever meeting in Dublin. This means we have new areas to bird and explore. We will be working in the Upper Coastal Plain, an area not often visited by GOS meetings. Put a red circle around these important dates and come. Enjoy not only a new (to many of us) birding area; but also the good programs and the fellowship of other birders. Details of this meeting will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

An amendment to the by-laws of the Society will be voted on by the members at the business meeting to be held in Dublin, Georgia on April 12, 1986.

The by-laws would be amended to increase Life dues to \$150.00. If approved, the amendment would be effective January 1, 1987.

From the President

You are invited to our Spring 1986 meeting in Dublin on April 11, 12, and 13. We are looking forward to good programs, good fellowship, and good birding.

As to the birding, Dublin, in the upper coastal plain of central Georgia, does not have the migration of the hills of North Georgia, nor of the coastal regions. But we (usually) have something that makes the effort worthwhile.

And, unfortunately, we have little in the way of public birding areas. I have arranged for three Saturday field trips on private land -- and can arrange more if the attendance justifies it.

The Oconee River "splits" the county, and if the river is not too high, those of you who enjoy canoeing might want to "float" the river on Saturday. There are a number of "put in/take out" ramps that will provide a leisurely four hour trip. However, you should have a good ear for song, since you will hear far more than you will see!

For those who want to, on Sunday A.M., we will visit a fresh water marsh -- that is, if the water levels are acceptable. There is plenty of dry observation area, but those of you who want to get "wet" are invited to bring along wading gear and wade with me. Don't expect a "Eufaula" in Laurens County. The Bitterns and Rails can be seen on "flush" only.

We look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

Tommy Patterson

News of People

GOS extends its sympathy to the family of Kenneth Nance. Kenneth passed away in Columbus on November 15, 1985.

Welcome New Members

William Blakeslee, Stone Mountain; James Dawson, Marietta; Patricia Fincher, Decatur; Walter Borden, St. Simon's Island; Brian Brown, Fitzgerald; Barbara Dowd, Watkinsville; Phillip Northman, Atlanta; J. V. Bragg, Albany; Joel Brenner - Life Member - Atlanta.

Abbreviations used in this newsletter:

ad	Adult	m	Male
AS	Audubon Society	Mtn	Mountain
Co	County	NF	National Forest
Cr	Creek	NRA	National Recreation Area
f	Female	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
FSRd	Forest Service Road	NC	Nature Center
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

- Sharp-shinned Hawk*: 2, Albany-Jr College, Sept. 29 & 1 on Oct. 19, AA, RH; Ocmulgee National Monument, Oct. 19, Ocmulgee AS; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 17, Nov. 15, HD; Peachtree City L, Aug. 4, D&PB, L&HG, AWy
- Cooper's Hawk*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 78, Oct. 27, HD; Ocmulgee National Monument, Oct. 19, Ocmulgee AS
- Broad-winged Hawk: 2,100, Cartersville Dam, Sept. 14, L&HG
- American Kestrel: Crawford Co, Oct. 7, TJ; Murray Co-Ga. 225, Nov. 5, HD
- Merlin*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 90, Nov. 15, HD; North Fulton Co, Sept. 17, P&TM
- Peregrine Falcon*: Perry, Oct. 10, PH; 10 mi offshore, Oct. 12, GOSers; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Oct. 4, CB; Cartersville Dam, Sept. 14, L&HG
- American Coot*: Peachtree City L, summered, PB; in good numbers, L Juliette, Oct. 17, TJ; Murray Co, Nov. 23, H&FD
- Sandhill Crane*: 2, Okefenokee NWR, Oct. 9, TJ; flock, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, Nov. 19, HD; 5, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Oct. 4, CB; 3, Rising Fawn, Oct. 26, KB
- Semipalmated Plover*: 3, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 17 & 1 on Sept. 2, & 8 on Sept. 22, PB; 15, Atlanta-Chattahoochee NC, Sept., PR
- Willet*: 2, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 30, HG
- Western Sandpiper*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 29, CB; 7, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 10 & 1, Sept. 7-22, PB
- Baird's Sandpiper*: 2, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 17, PB (Ed's Note: Not on official/ hypothetical lists for GA)
- Dunlin*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 29, CB
- Stilt Sandpiper*: 3, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 28 & 31 & 4, Sept. 7 & 8, PB; Forsyth Co, Aug. 12-16, JP
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper*: Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 & 2, PB; Forsyth Co, Sept. 14 & 15, JP
- Short-billed Dowitcher*: 6, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 28 & 5 on Sept. 1 & 2, PB
- Long-billed Dowitcher*: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Oct 5, J&MA; Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 10, PB (accidental in interior...)
- Common Snipe: Whitfield Co-yard, Oct. 22, VG, SG
- American Woodcock*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Oct. 13, MO, ET & Oct. 20, HD
- Wilson's Phalarope*: 3, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 17, PB; 6-8, Savannah R, Sept. 29, CH, DJ (accidental in interior...)
- Red Phalarope*: Offshore, Oct. 12, GOSers (accidental...)
- Pomarine Jaeger*: Offshore, Oct. 12, GOSers (rare winter visitor...)
- Herring Gull*: Augusta, Oct. 25, Augusta AS
- Great Horned Owl*: 4, Martinez-yard, early Oct. SGu
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 78, HD; Ocmulgee National Monument, Oct. 13, J&MA; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Sept. 29, Atlanta AS
- Olive-sided Flycatcher*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Aug. 23, PR
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Sept. 15, P&TM & Sept. 27, PR
- Tree Swallow*: 20, Whitfield Co, Nov. 3, DC; 10, Clayton Co WTP, Sept. 14, PR (Oct. 30, 1976)
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow: Forsyth Co. Sept 28, JP
- Bank Swallow*: Robins Air Force Base, Sept. 14, J&MA; 8, Clayton Co WTP, Sept. 14, PR

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

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

Georgia Birds at a Glance

- Common Loon*: Whitfield Co-Beaverdale Rd, Oct. 30, FD; 4, Murray Co-Carter's L, Nov. 10, Cherokee AS; 3, Murray Co, Nov. 11, H&FD; Athens-L Chapman, Nov. 23, B&BD
- Pied-billed Grebe: 6, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Oct. 13, HD; 13, Peachtree City L, Sept. 29, PB
- Horned Grebe*: Albany-L Loretta, Nov. 3, RH; Murray Co-Carter's L, Nov. 10, HD
- American White Pelican*: 8, Macon-Industrial Ponds, Oct. 12 & 13, TI, J&MA
- Double-crested Cormorant*: Albany-Junior (Jr) College, Oct. 19, AA, RH; 2, Macon-Industrial Ponds, Oct. 12 & 13, TI, J&MA; Augusta, Oct. 25, Augusta AS; Peachtree City L, Sept. 29, PB
- Magnificent Frigatebird*: St. Simon's Is, Sept. 1, LH
- Great Blue Heron*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 90, Oct. 21, HD; 2, Murray Co, Nov. 11, H&FD
- Cattle Egret*: 2, Pine Mtn, Sept. 1, P&DM
- Wood Stork*: 3, Twiggs Co & 9, Bleckley Co, Sept. 20, BP
- Black Duck*: 2, Peachtree City L, Sept. 29, PB
- Northern Shoveler*: f, Clayton Co WTP, Sept. 28 & 29, PB
- Gadwall*: Murray Co, Nov. 11, H&FD
- Ring-necked Duck*: 5, Peachtree City L, summered to end of Sept. PB; 10, Murray Co, Nov. 11, H&FD; Augusta, Oct. 25, Augusta AS
- Bufflehead*: Murray Co-Carter's L, Nov. 10, Cherokee AS
- Red-breasted Merganser*: Murray Co-Carter's L, Nov. 10, HD; Murray Co, Nov. 23, H&FD
- Ruddy Duck*: Peachtree City L, summered to end of Aug., PB; m, John Tanner SP, Sept. 1 (Sept. 3, 1940)
- Osprey*: Athens-L Chapman, Nov. 9, B&BD; Ocmulgee National Monument, Oct. 7, J&MA; L Tobesofkee, Oct. 25, K&AC; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Aug. 2, PR
- Bald Eagle*: im, Clayton Co WTP, Sept. 14, PR; 2 ad, Savannah R, Sept. 29, CH, DJ
- Northern Harrier: Macon, Oct. 12 & 13, TI, J&MA; Augusta-levee, Sept. 28, Augusta AS

Red Crossbill*: 14, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Potato Patch Mtn, Nov. 12 & 20
on Nov. 14, Stillhouse Branch Hunt Camp & Rocky Flats Hunt Camp, Nov. 30 &
Potato Patch Mtn Wildlife Opening, Dec. 19, HD
Pine Siskin: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Overlook, Dec. 3, HD
American Goldfinch: many - highest number ever seen, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta
RD, Oct. - Nov., HD
Evening Grosbeak: 3, Whitfield Co, Nov. 3, HW; Murray Co, Ft Mtn Estates, Nov.
14, B&BH

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Conservation News

The Georgia General Assembly is almost upon us. Your input is needed on various
issues to come before this body. You might be interested in helping with the
following issues: Metropolitan Rivers Protection Act, budget increases for the
Georgia Department of Natural Resources, funding for non-game species and growth
management, including land use planning and zoning. Researchers and monitors
are needed. Please contact Linda DiSantis, Georgia Conservancy, 3110 Maple Dr.,
Suite 407, Atlanta, GA 30305. Phone 404/297-9621.

Cliff Swallow*: 4, Clayton Co WTP, Aug. 31, PB & Sept. 1, 2, 14, PR
Red-breasted Nuthatch: Dalton-yard, Oct. 18, AH; North Fulton Co, Sept. 16,
P&TM; North Atlanta, Sept. 20, J&JB
Brown Creeper*: Dalton-yard, Oct. 31, AH
House Wren*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 78, Oct. 27 & L Conasauga,
Oct. 29 & Stillhouse Branch Hunt Camp, Dec. 2, HD; Albany-Jr College, Oct.
6, AA
Winter Wren: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 78, Oct. 27 & Stillhouse Branch
Hunt Camp, Dec. 2, HD; Whitfield Co, Nov. 23, H&FD; Marietta, Sept. 25, NI
Sedge Wren*: 17 mi offshore, Oct. 12, GOSers
Marsh Wren*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Sept. 29, Atlanta AS
Golden-crowned Kinglet: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 630, Oct. 13, HD;
Augusta-Lover's Lane, Oct. 26, AW
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 630, Oct. 19, & Dalton-
West Hill Cemetery, Oct. 29, HD; 10, Albany-6th St., Oct. 19, RH; Atlanta-
Chattahoochee R NRA, Sept. 15, Atlanta AS
Hermit Thrush: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Oct. 29, HD
Cedar Waxwing: 22, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 78, Oct. 27, HD
Loggerhead Shrike: Murray Co-US 76, Dec. 5, HD
Philadelphia Vireo*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Oct. 13, MO, ET;
4-6, Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Sept. 22, PR & 1 on Sept. 29, Atlanta AS
Blue-winged Warbler*: Macon, Sept. 14 & Ocmulgee National Monument, Oct. 13,
J&MA; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Aug. 18, D&PB
Tennessee Warbler: 975, Albany, Oct. 19, AA
Orange-crowned Warbler: Albany-Jr College, Nov. 2, AA
Chestnut-sided Warbler: Gainesville, Aug. 6, JP (Aug. 8, 1901 - does nest in
mountains)
Yellow-rumped Warbler: Whitfield Co, Nov. 3, DC; Dalton-yard, Oct. 19 & 20, NB;
Albany-Jr College, Oct. 19, AA; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Sept. 22,
Atlanta AS; Gainesville, Sept. 14, JP (Sept. 22, 1930)
Palm Warbler: West Albany, Oct. 27, BB
Bay-breasted Warbler: 525, West Albany, Oct. 19, AA
Cerulean Warbler*: Atlanta, 4 reports - Aug. 12-29, PR & 3 reports, Sept. PB,
J&JB
Worm-eating Warbler*: Jekyll Is, Sept. 21, D&JD; Stone Mtn, Aug. 13, PB
Wilson's Warbler*: m, Marietta, Sept. 12, NI
Canada Warbler: Gainesville, Aug. 19, JP
Vesper Sparrow: Murray Co, Nov. 11, H&FD
Savannah Sparrow: Forsyth Co, Sept. 1, JP (Sept. 9, 1952)
Fox Sparrow: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 3, Nov. 21 & Stillhouse Branch
Hunt Camp, Dec. 2 & L Conasauga, Dec. 6 & Potato Patch Mtn Wildlife
Opening, Dec. 19, HD
Swamp Sparrow: Albany-Jr College, Nov. 2, AA; Carter's L, Nov. 10, Cherokee AS;
Murray Co, Nov. 23, H&FD
White-throated Sparrow: Albany-Jr College, Oct. 27, AA; Chattahoochee NF-
Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Oct. 29, HD
White-crowned Sparrow*: Whitfield Co-yard, Oct. 22, VG, SG
Dark-eyed Junco: Augusta-yard, Oct. 2, AW; Whitfield Co, Nov. 23, H&FD
Rusty Blackbird: Augusta, Oct. 25, Augusta AS
Purple Finch: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 78, Oct. 27, & Dalton-yard,
Nov. 6, HD
House Finch*: 5-6, Dalton-feeder, Nov., OM & feeder, Dec. 15, HD

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