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From the Editor's Desk

Our batting average was low for birds not on the official/hypothetical lists for our state. Only two such birds were seen: Eared Grebe at Plant Scherer and Lesser Black-backed Gull on Jekyll Island.

Many interesting birds were noted: Red-throated Loon off Jekyll Island and Red-necked Grebe from Augusta. A Roseate Spoonbill and Wood Stork reports came in from Laurens County. Tundra Swans swam in the waters on Jekyll Island and Augusta. A Greater White-fronted Goose showed up on Commerce Lake. Bald Eagles were seen at Plant Scherer, Lake Chatuge, Macon, Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, Jekyll Island, Lake Lanier, Chattahoochee National Forest. A Golden Eagle soared over this national forest, also.

Peregrine Falcons cleaved the skies over Peachtree City, Jekyll and Sapelo Islands. Black-necked Stilts were noticed on Jekyll Island, with Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers offshore. A White-winged Dove was reported from Jekyll Island. An Olive-sided Flycatcher was in Laurens County.

Bewick's Wrens continue to be seen in Whitfield County; a Brewster's Warbler was at Augusta. Nashville Warblers were viewed at Atlanta and Jekyll Island. A Connecticut Warbler was at Jekyll Island; while a Wilson's Warbler turned up at Augusta. Sapelo Island gave us Henslow's and LeConte's Sparrows. A Lincoln's Sparrow was found at Abbeville and Red Crossbills were still on the Chattahoochee National Forest.

GOS News:

You did a good job, Dublin; a great time was enjoyed by all those attending. Eighty registered birders listed 118 species. We had a little bit different type of program for Friday night. Not the usual bird program; but one about the local Indian history, accompanied by slides and artifacts was given by Dr. Eddie Smith. The banquet program, presented by Ron Odum of the Department of Natural Resources, was about the non-game checkoff. Both programs were most interesting and enjoyable. Birding was great!

The Fall Meeting - our 50th Anniversary meeting - will be held in Macon. We wanted a central location so traveling would be easy from all points of the state. Dates: November 7, 8, 9. Banquet speaker: Roger Tory Peterson! Don't miss this biggie! Come help us celebrate our anniversary. A special mailing will be made for your accommodations, registration, etc. Put a large red circle around that weekend.

Welcome New Members

James Cottingham, Douglas; Jerry & Helen Freilick, Athens; Lynn Hill, Athens; Dan & Pamela Guynn, Elko; Julia Smith, Eastman; Carol Beardman, Lithia Springs; Vernon Gordon, Dalton; James Hicks, Eatonton; Lucie Ruzicka, North Augusta, SC; Gary Braddy, Dublin; Roger Folsom; Robin Rudd, Chattanooga, TN; Jerry & Rosalyn Payne, Musella; Nannette Johnson, Smyrna; Dr. John Gorecki, Albany; Joseph DeLorme, Savannah; Mr. & Mrs. Davis Bulluck, Toccoa

Abstract of the Minutes of the Executive Committee and Business Meetings of the GOS, April 12, 1986

Upcoming Meetings. Fall 1986 which is our 50th anniversary celebration will be held in Macon, Georgia, at the Ramada Inn the weekend of November 7-9, 1986. Roger Tory Peterson, one of the founders of GOS, will be the main Saturday night speaker. It is highly recommended that, as soon as registration materials are received, reservations be made as space may be limited. The Spring 1987 meeting will be held in Augusta, Georgia; the date will be announced later.

Membership. A Membership Committee consisting of Lee Gibbs, Chairman, Jonny Howell, and Phyl Reynolds has been appointed and have some great ideas for increasing membership. We currently have 300 members, not including the library memberships.

Life Memberships. A motion was made and passed by the membership to increase the life membership fee to \$150.00 per person to be effective January 1, 1987. Anyone who had paid the first installment for a life membership in 1986 will only pay the second \$50.00 installment in 1987 under the old fee structure.

Annotated Checklist. Look for a new one at the Anniversary Meeting!

Bird Atlasing. Leonard Ledbetter, Director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, is in favor of creating bird lists and atlasing the state parks. We are reviewing the work Tennessee Ornithological Society is doing along similar lines.

Resolution. The membership unanimously passed a resolution to the U. S. Corps of Engineers to protect the wetland habitat of the Wood Stork at Kiokee Creek in northwestern Dougherty County, Georgia.

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News of People

Our congratulations go to Dan Waters, son of Vernon and Anne Waters, on being chosen Star Student from the A. R. Johnson Health Professions Magnet School in Augusta.

Travelers: Eugenia Thompson went up Nova Scotia way in August and listed several birds. She saw a Puffin: "I've been wanting to see one since I was 3 years old!"

The Arthur Greens went to Missouri, Kansas, Colorado. On their trip they noted Stellar's Jays, Magpies, flocks of Snow Geese, blue morph, Rough-legged Hawks.

Dennie and Pam McClure journeyed out to the Rio Grande Valley. They saw Hook-billed Kite, Whooping Crane, Gray Hawk among the birds enjoyed.

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

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 and 1986.

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

- Red-throated Loon: off Sapelo Is, Dec. 29, EU
- Common Loon*: reports from Plant Scherer, L Tobesofkee, L Chatuge, Clark Hill Reservoir, Sweetwater Cr SP, Stone Mtn, L Lanier, off Jekyll Is, Laurens Co, from Nov. 3 - Dec. 13, total: 55
- Horned Grebe*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 17, TJ; Macon-Huber Koalin Pits, Feb. 9, TI; Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 2 & 3 on Nov. 3, PR; Atlanta-I-575, Dec. 14, NJ; grounded; Clark Hill Reservoir, Feb, CB
- Eared Grebe*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 19, TJ & Nov. 20, TJ, TH (Ed's Note: Not on official or hypothetical lists for GA)
- Red-necked Grebe*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 14 JAN
- Northern Gannett: 15, offshore Jekyll Is, Nov. 16, Atlanta AS; ad, off Sapelo Is, Dec. 19, AW
- Double-crested Cormorant*: 2-3, Rum Cr WMA & Plant Scherer, end of Dec., TJ; Peachtree City L, Oct. 5-12, PB, CL; Atlanta-Chattahoochee NC, Oct. 22, NJ; 2, Piedmont NWR, Oct. 26, DH; Clayton Co WTP, Nov. 2, PB; 18, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec. 7 and 21 on Dec. 14, AW; NE Laurens Co, Aug.-Nov., TP

- American Anhinga: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Feb. 15, Ocmulgee AS; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 2 & 9 on Nov. 23, V&AW, Feb. 22, AW
- Great Blue Heron*: Dalton-Thread Mill L, Feb. 16 & pond on Dug Gap Rd, & Murray Co-Holly Cr Rd, Feb. 25, HD; 3, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Oct. 5 & 7 on Nov. 15, AW & 13 on Nov. 26, CB
- Great Egret: 33, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Oct. 5 & 13 on Dec. 7, AW; Commerce L, Oct. 20, fide JP; Pendergrass, Nov. 16, JP; Dalton-Thread Mill L, April 10, fide HD
- Snowy Egret: 2, Augusta-levee, Sept. 14, AW
- Little Blue Heron: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Oct. 5, AW; Callaway Gardens, Oct. 20, P&DB
- Tricolored Heron*: 2, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Aug. 6, & 1 on Sept. 28, CB
- Cattle Egret*: 322, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Oct. 5, AW; 2, Tyrone, Nov. 3, PB; Sapelo Is, Dec. 28, LD
- Green-backed Heron*: Sapelo Is, Dec. 29
- Black-crowned Night Heron*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Oct. 5, AW
- White Ibis*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Aug. 3, CB; 4 ad, 3 im, Millen, Oct. 11, V&AW; 177, Sapelo Is, Dec. 28
- Glossy Ibis*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 28, CB; 11, Jekyll Is, Apr. 16, JSw
- Roseate Spoonbill*: Laurens Co-Cadwell, Aug. 28, S&SR (fide TP)
- Wood Stork*: 9, Jekyll Is-South end, no date, V&AW, CB; Laurens Co-roost near Montrose, Aug.-Oct., TP
- Tundra Swan*: Jekyll Is, Dec. 23, LT; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Feb. 22, JC
- Greater White-fronted Goose*: Commerce L, Oct. 18, JP
- Snow Goose*: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Dec. 14, K&AC, TI & 1 blue morph & 1 white, Dec. 21; im, Crawford Co, Dec. 14, MC; Athens-Sandy Cr Park, Dec. 21, B&BD; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec. 14, V&AW; Peachtree City L, Dec. 28, PB
- Canada Goose: small form - hutchinseii/minima, farm pond near L Tobesofkee, Jan. 19-21, K&AC
- Green-winged Teal*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 19, Ocmulgee AS; 3, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 9, AW; 2, Clayton Co WTP, Nov. 2, PB; Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 3, PR; 2 m, Peachtree City L, Dec. 14, PB; f, L Chatuge, Dec. 28, PB
- Black Duck*: 24, Rum Cr WMA, Dec. 24, TJ; Augusta, Dec. 7, AW & 2 on Dec. 21, EU & 4 on Jan. 10, AW
- Northern Pintail*: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Dec. 14; 2, Peachtree City L, Nov. 9, PB, DH, EM, JS
- Blue-winged Teal*: 5, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan. 11, AW & 6 on Jan. 20 & 3 f on Feb. 8, V&AW
- Northern Shoveler*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 23, TJ, D&JD, K&AC; m, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 9, AW; Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 2, PR; Peachtree City L, Nov. 2 & 3 f Dec. 14 & 21, PB; Laurens Co, Aug. 11, TP (22 Aug. 1965)
- Gadwall*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 17, Ocmulgee AS; m, L Oconee-Waterfowl Area, Dec. 25, B&BD; Laurens Co, Nov. 23, TP
- American Wigeon*: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Dec. 14; 2, Atlanta-Chattahoochee NC, Dec. 28, KB
- Canvasback*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 23, TJ, D&JD, K&AC; & Macon-Industrial Ponds, Dec. 14; m, Athens-Sandy Cr Park, Dec. 21, & 3, Commerce Waterworks, Jan. 1, B&BD
- Redhead*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 23, TJ, D&JD, K&AC & Macon-Industrial Ponds, Dec. 14; 10 m, 7 f, Peachtree City L, PB; 10, Augusta, Feb. 15, Augusta AS & Feb. 8, AW

- Greater Scaup*: m, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan. 10, AW; Stone Mtn, Dec. 8-14, PB;
m, Clayton Co WTP, Dec. 14, PB
- Black Scoter: 1, Jekyll Is, Oct. 24, LT & 200, Nov. 16, pelagic trip
- White-winged Scoter*: 3, Jekyll Is, Oct. 30, LT
- Common Goldeneye*: m & f, Rum Cr WMA, Dec. 18, TJ
- Bufflehead*: Plant Scherer-Ash Ponds, Nov. 17, Ocmulgee AS; f, early Dec., SD;
52, Piedmont NWR-Rum Cr WMA, Dec. 18, TJ; 40, Rock Eagle L, Dec. 1, B&BD;
"common", Plant Scherer, Dec., TJ; f, Nov. 9, Augusta-Merry Ponds & Dec.
14 & 5 on Jan. 1 & 4 on Jan. 11 & 3 on Jan. 20, V&AW; Laurens Co, Nov. 23,
TP
- Hooded Merganser: 40-50, Macon-Industrial Ponds, Dec. 8 & 14, TI; 48, L
Juliette, Dec. 18; m, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 26, CB; 138, Marietta,
Dec. 22
- Common Merganser*: Rum Cr WMA, Jan. 19, D&JD
- Red-breasted Merganser*: 342, Rum Cr WMA & Plant Scherer, & 217, L Juliette,
Dec. 9, TJ; Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 12, PR; Laurens Co, Nov. 23, TP
- Ruddy Duck*: Athens-Sandy Cr Park, Dec. 21, B&BD; "common", Rum Cr WMA & Plant
Scherer, Dec. TJ
- Osprey*: Plant Scherer, Nov. 17, Ocmulgee AS; Macon, Feb. 17, J&MA; Augusta-
Merry Ponds, Nov. 23, Augusta AS; Commerce L, Nov. 15, JP; im, Laurens Co,
Aug. 18, TP
- Bald Eagle*: im, Plant Scherer, Nov. 17, Ocmulgee AS; ad, L Chatuge, Dec. 13 &
14, AG; Macon-Industrial Ponds, Feb. 15, Ocmulgee AS; Piedmont NWR, Oct.
26, DH; ad, Jekyll Is, Nov. 5, LT; L. Lanier, Nov. 19, GV (fide JP); ad,
Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 68, Jan. 6, LC (fide HD)
- Northern Harrier: Hiawassee, Dec., AG
- Sharp-shinned Hawk*: Dalton-yard, Dec. 27, HD; Hiawassee-feeder, Dec., AG
- Cooper's Hawk*: Macon, Dec. 7, J&MA; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 17,
Feb. 5, HD; Hiawassee-feeder, Dec. & on Nov. 23 caught a blue jay, AG
- Broad-winged Hawk*: Whitfield Co, Feb. 11 & 12, DC; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta
RD-FSRd 68, Apr. 1, HD
- Red-tailed Hawk: Murray Co-Conasauga R Bottoms, Mar. 2, F&HD
- Golden Eagle*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-FSRd 68, Mar. 28, HD
- Merlin*: L Oconee-Waterfowl Area, Dec. 25, B&BD; Peachtree City L, Dec. 21;
Laurens Co, Oct. 5, TP
- Peregrine Falcon*: Peachtree City L, Nov. 5, P&DB; 25, Jekyll Is, Oct. 6-20,
TM & Nov. 2, JG & Nov. 13, LT; Sapelo Is, Dec. 29, JC, EU
- Sandhill Crane*: Reports from - L Tobesofkee; Kathleen; Douglasville;
Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD; Murray Co; Whitfield Co; S. Fulton Co; N.
Fulton Co; Marietta; North Atlanta; Pendergrass; Atlanta; Clarkston;
Tucker; Woodstock; Dalton. Total: 1,546. Interesting sighting: 110,
Murray Co-Conasauga R Bottoms, March 10, HD - these birds were feeding on
the ground in a pasture. Quite a few of these birds did a courtship dance
- jumping 3 feet into air, bowing heads, flapping wings, circling one
another
- Lesser Golden Plover*: 3, Peachtree City L, Nov. 3, PB; 2, Clayton Co WTP,
Nov. 5, PB & Nov. 13, PR
- Semipalmated Plover*: 2, Peachtree City L, Oct. 12, PB
- American Oystercatcher*: "more common than usual", Jekyll Is, Oct. 6-20, TM
- Black-necked Stilt*: 12, Jekyll Is, Apr. 16, JSw
- Greater Yellowlegs: L Oconee-Waterfowl Area, Dec. 25, B&BD; 2, Clayton Co WTP,
Oct. 26, PB; Peachtree City L, PB; Forsyth Co, Nov. 2, JP, JCa, SM

- Willet*: Laurens Co, Sept. 1, TP, 3rd county record
Spotted Sandpiper*: Peachtree City L, Dec. 21 & 28, PB; Sapelo Is, Dec. 27, AW
Upland Sandpiper*: Laurens Co., Aug. 2, TP
Marbled Godwit*: Jekyll Is, Oct. 4, JT
Ruddy Turnstone*: Bibb Co, Sept. 2, TP
Least Sandpiper: Clayton Co WTP, Dec. 7, PB
Dunlin*: 3, Augusta, Dec. 7, CB, V&AW; Clayton Co WTP, Nov. 9; 3, Peachtree City L, Nov. 30, PB; Laurens Co, Oct. 13-Nov. 23, TP
Stilt Sandpiper*: Laurens Co, Aug. 25, TP
Short-billed Dowitcher*: 22, Laurens Co, Aug. 25, TP
Wilson's Phalarope*: Laurens Co, Aug. 25 & Sept. 8, TP (accidental in interior...)
Red Phalarope*: 8, off Jekyll Is, Nov. 16 & 4, Oct. 12, pelagic trip. (Ed's Note: Accidental...)
Pomarine Jaeger*: 2, offshore Jekyll Is, Nov. 16 & Oct. 12, pelagic trip
Parasitic Jaeger*: Offshore Jekyll Is, Nov. 16, pelagic trip
Bonaparte's Gull*: 6, Sweetwater Cr SP, Dec. 25, KP, DB; 2, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Feb. 1, Augusta AS
Herring Gull*: "scattering", L Juliette, Nov.-Jan., TJ; 12, Augusta-landfill, winter, AW
Great Black-backed Gull*: Jekyll Is, Oct. 1, LT; St. Simon's Is, Nov. 29, LH; 3, Sapelo Is, Dec. 27, V&AW & 1 on Dec. 28 (Dec.-March)
Lesser Black-backed Gull*: Jekyll Is-South Beach, Oct. 8, TM (Ed's Note: Not on official/hypothetical lists for state.)
Sandwich Tern*: Jekyll Is, Nov. 11, V&AW, CB & Nov. 13, LT (14 Apr. 1902-27 Sept. 1892)
Forster's Tern*: Commerce L, Oct. 6, JP; Laurens Co, Nov. 16 & 23, TP
Bridled Tern*: 2-3, offshore, Jekyll Is, Nov. 16 - 1 perched on wooden crate
White-winged Dove*: Jekyll Is-dunes behind beach, Nov. 7, PB & Nov. 17, JT (Accidental in coastal plain...)
Common Ground Dove*: Augusta, Dec. 21, JAn
Black-billed Cuckoo*: Jekyll Is, Oct. 7 & 17, TM - banded
Common Barn Owl*: Peachtree City L, Dec. 21
Great Horned Owl*: Elko, Jan. 27, D&PG; Ocmulgee National Monument, Dec. 1 & Feb. 17, J&MA; L Tobesofkee, Dec. 19, K&AC
Short-eared Owl*: Gainesville-airport, Nov. 9, JP, GV
Common Nighthawk: Decatur, Nov. 8, MO & Nov. 22, AA (3 Nov. 1961)
Whip-poor-will: 6, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-GA Hwy 2, Apr. 3, HD - heard at 4:20 a.m. on the fire line
Red-headed Woodpecker: Augusta-Continental Can Settling Pond, Jan. 11, AW
Olive-sided Flycatcher*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Sept. 1, Atlanta AS; Laurens Co, Sept. 29, TP - 1st county record
Western Kingbird*: Jekyll Is-south end, Nov. 16, Atlanta AS & 4 on Nov. 2, JG & 3 on Nov. 5, LT; 2, Darien, Nov. 2, JG
Gray Kingbird*: Jekyll Is, Nov. 2, JG
Tree Swallow*: 12, Clayton Co WTP, Nov. 2, PB, MO; 2, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov. 3, PR
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: Whitfield Co-GA Hwy 286, Mar. 22, HD
Fish Crow: L. Juliette, Dec. 24, TJ; Clayton Co WTP, Nov. 9, PB, DH
Red-breasted Nuthatch: Macon, Oct. 24, J&MA; Rome-feeder, Oct. 20-Apr. 5, GD; 4, Athens-feeder, early Sept., ET; Jekyll Is-south end, Oct. 13, & Augusta-feeder, Oct. 25, AW; 8, L Lanier, Nov. 10, TM

- White-breasted Nuthatch: Sapelo Is, Dec. 28, V&AW; Laurens Co, early Oct., TP
Bewick's Wren*: Whitfield Co, Dec. 21, J&KS
House Wren*: Macon-Junior College, Dec. 21; Plant Scherer, Nov. 17, TJ;
Augusta-Merry Ponds, Feb. 8, AW; Dalton-feeder, Feb. 23, MF
Sedge Wren*: 9, Sapelo Is, Dec. 28
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Work Center, Mar. 24, HD
Wood Thrush: Dalton-yard, Apr. 11, AH
Gray Catbird*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan. 1 & Feb. 8, AW
Cedar Waxwing: Hiwassee, Nov. 18, AG
Loggerhead Shrike: Murray Co-US Hwy 282, Dec. 5, HD
White-eyed Vireo*: Kathleen-farm, Jan. 6, D&JD; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA,
Oct. 27, Atlanta AS; 7, Sapelo Is, Dec. 28; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Feb. 22,
AW (24 Oct. 1941)
Solitary Vireo*: Ocmulgee Nat'l. Monument, Dec. 1, J&MA; L Tobesofkee, Jan. 11,
Ocmulgee AS; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan. 1, AW
Philadelphia Vireo*: Jekyll Is, Oct. 6, TM - banded
Red-eyed Vireo: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Muskrat Rd, Apr. 11, HD
Blue-winged Warbler*: Augusta, Sept. 2, 7, 11, AW
Brewster's Warbler*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Sept. 3, AW
Orange-crowned Warbler*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. & Feb. 1, Augusta AS &
Dec. 14 & 3 on Feb. 8, AW; Stone Mtn, Nov. 10 & 22, PB
Nashville Warbler*: Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA, Oct. 6, Atlanta AS; Jekyll
Is, Oct. 7, TM - banded
Northern Parula Warbler: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Cottonwood Patch
Dispersed Camping Area, Mar. 31, HD
Magnolia Warbler: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 9, V&AW, CB (7 Nov. 1954)
Black-throated Green Warbler*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Nov. 23, Augusta AS (19
Nov. 1970); Sapelo Is, Dec. 28, V&AW; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-GA Hwy
2, Mar. 24, HD
Yellow-throated Warbler*: 7, Sapelo Is, Dec. 28, CBC; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta
RD-Work Center, Mar. 28, HD
Prairie Warbler: Jekyll Is, Nov. 26, LT; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Doogan
Mtn; Apr. 4, HD
Palm Warbler: Whitfield Co, Dec. 21, CBC; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan. 1 & 2 on
Jan. 11, AW
Bay-breasted Warbler*: Athens, Dec. 21, CH (Accidental in winter...)
Black & White Warbler*: L Tobesofkee, Jan. 11, Ocmulgee AS; Augusta, Dec. 21;
5, Sapelo Is, Dec. 28
Louisiana Waterthrush: 3, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Hickey Gap Dispersed
Camping Area, Apr. 5, HD
Connecticut Warbler*: Jekyll Is, Oct. 8 & 11, TM - banded
Common Yellowthroat: Murray Co-Holly Cr Rd, Apr. 14, HD
Wilson's Warbler*: Augusta, Dec. 21, JAn (Accidental in winter...)
Indigo Bunting*: Macon, Dec. 6, E&LG; Forsyth Co, Nov. 10, JP, JC (Occasional
in winter in Coastal Plain.); Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Work Center,
Apr. 3, HD
Painted Bunting*: Jekyll Is-feeder, Dec. 23, LT (Occasional in winter in
Coastal Plain.)
Grasshopper Sparrow*: Commerce L, Nov. 16 & 24, GV, JP (21 Nov. 1936)
Henslow's Sparrow*: Sapelo Is, Dec. 28, V&AW & Dec. 29, AW, JC, HK
LeConte's Sparrow*: Sapelo Is, Dec. 29, JC HK

- Fox Sparrow: Whitfield Co-farm, Dec. 21 & Feb. 9, HD & 4, Prater's Mill, Feb. 23, JD; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Potato Patch Mtn Wildlife Opening, Dec. 19 & 28, HD & Murray Co-Conasauga R Bottoms, Mar. 2, F&HD; Elko, Feb. 17, D&PG; "bumper crop", Augusta-Merry Ponds, Feb. 15, Augusta AS & 2, Feb. 8, AW
- Lincoln's Sparrow*: Abbeville, Jan. 25, D&JD
- White-crowned Sparrow*: Hiawasse-feeder, Nov. 27, AG; Clayton Co WTP, Oct. 26, PB; 3, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Feb. 15, AW
- Dark-eyed Junco: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-L Conasauga, Mar. 11, HD - singing from top of tree - may indicate new nesting area
- Bobolink*: Pendergrass, Oct. 24, JP (21 Oct. 1910)
- Brewer's Blackbird*: 11, Augusta-levee, Sept. 7 & 50-60 on Sept. 14, AW, CB
- Northern Oriole: Macon, Jan. 19, J&MA; Pendergrass, Oct. 24, JP
- House Finch: pair, Plant Scherer, Nov. 17, Ocmulgee AS; Kathleen, Nov. 21, D&JD; L Tobesofkee, Nov. 29, K&AC; "up to 20", Macon, winter, J&MA; Dalton, Dec.-Mar., HD & Feb. 23, MF; Hiawasse, Dec., AG; Augusta, Nov. 23, Augusta AS & young fledged; Martinez, Jan & Feb., SG; 13-15, Augusta, Feb., AW
- Red Crossbill*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD-Work Center, Feb. 13 & L Conasauga, Mar. 5, HD
- Pine Siskin: Macon, Feb., many observers; Whitfield Co, Feb. 23, HW; Dalton, Jan. & Feb., HD; Hiawasse, Dec. 16, AG; Martinez, Jan. 11 & Feb, SG
- Evening Grosbeak: 1, Martinez, Jan. 8 & 18 & Feb., SG; 3, NE GA, Oct. 26, BP; small flock, N Fulton Co, Nov. 14, TM & Dec. 15, T&PM

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Miscellaneous

Anyone can help Georgia conservation rangers protect wildlife from illegal hunting. Game and Fish law violations should be reported to the Department of Natural Resources' Emergency Operations Center: 1-800-241-4113 (please note, this is toll free - ed.) If possible, callers should report vehicle tag number, make and color of vehicles, description of violator(s), description of what is happening. The rangers can't be everywhere; but YOU can make a difference! Please report any illegal hunting/fishing.

The first state migratory waterfowl stamp is being issued. Money raised through this stamp will be used to buy and protect wildlife habitat. A pair of Wood Ducks, painted by David Smith, graces the stamp. Cost? \$5.50 at any place where hunting/fishing licenses are sold. Support our wildlife by purchasing a stamp. Purchase an extra one to give to a stamp collector!

Look for tagged Turkey Vultures. Green wing tag sightings should be sent to: Madison Audubon Society, Rt. 1, Box 128A, Arlington, WI 53911 and give your name and other pertinent information. Those with yellow wing tags should be sent to: Michael Tenny, Dept. Biological Sciences, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Marked Piping Plover; FWS bands and green flag on right leg were put on chicks. Adults were marked with FWS band, black band, green flag on right leg. 3-color bands on left leg - black, white, light green, yellow, red/orange. Colors are read from top to bottom. Contact: Eleanor Prindiville, 112 Stephens Hall, UMC, Columbia, MO 65211.

Survey of nesting owls underway until 1990. Findings will be submitted to federal and state agencies and conservation agencies. Survey guidelines and inventory data supplied by writing to: Douglas Trapp, President, Midwest Raptor Rehabilitation Society, P. O. Box 1812, Sioux City, IA 51102.

Least Terns: Adults - 3 color bands and FWS band. Chicks - single striped band and FWS band. Contact: Seatuck Research Program, Box 31, Islip, NY 11751.

Report on Environmental Legislation (mainly bird habitat)
In the 1986 Georgia General Assembly - Georgine Pindar, Conservation Chairman

The Non-Game Wildlife Habitat Fund fared reasonably well in the 1986 General Assembly. Of the \$50,000 requested by the Governor in the Supplemental budget for promotion and advertising, \$25,000 was passed; \$150,000 was voted for the 1987 budget. We hope that you voluntarily contributed to the fund this year and will continue to do so until the check-off system is operative in 1989 or 1990. (The money will pay for protection and study of non-game species, to correct the disproportionate amount spent in past years for game species alone.)

Act 1565, signed by the Governor on April 7, allows the condemnation of public lands, including parklands, by a state commission. This is the Assembly's unfortunate answer to the argument in the court case concerning the Presidential Parkway that the state could not take for roadways any parklands already dedicated to public use. Environmentalists will need to be vigilant against attempts arbitrarily to destroy parks and wildlife areas for any and all purposes without consideration for the public welfare.

SB 450, abolishing the Coastal Marshlands and Shore Assistance Committees and transferring their powers to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, did not pass. While the Assembly apparently trusts the present Commissioner, it may have been afraid to establish a precedent by placing all coastal protection in the hands of one public official. (Could it also have felt that decisions are better made down on the coast rather than in the big city?)

The Chattahoochee River came in for added protection in Act 1250, signed by the Governor on March 26. The Act requires a finding by the Environmental Protection Division that the application is in substantial compliance before a local government can override the recommendation of the Atlanta Regional Commission. The Act fails to address, however, the issue of lack of standing for citizen groups (that is, that citizen groups cannot bring suit to challenge alleged violations of the Metropolitan Rivers Protection Act.)

Act 1634 (signed into law on April 11) was passed to correct the lack of legal sanction for fireworks displays in public areas on special occasions. Instead, if prior written permission is given by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, a person may "use or possess in any park, historic site, or recreational area any fireworks, explosives, or firecrackers...firearms, bows and arrows, spring guns, air rifles, slingshots, or any other device which discharges projectiles by any means..." We hope the Commissioner uses all possible restraint when these requests cross his desk.

Act 1634 (April 11), addresses a strange problem that has not yet been met in Georgia but apparently has been met in some neighboring state. The bill provides in part that it "shall be unlawful to interfere with the lawful taking of wildlife or to disturb wildlife for the purpose of preventing or attempting to prevent the lawful taking of wildlife." !!!

A worthwhile, though limited bill, Act 1332, signed March 18, authorizes "a commission to establish and maintain a reforestation incentives program." The General Assembly found that 433,000 acres of trees were planted in Georgia in 1984, while 640,000 were harvested during the year, resulting in a net loss of over 200,000 planted acres. Now, seedlings and equipment will be provided to landowners who qualify for the program. We hope that the seedlings will include some hardwoods to begin to get away from the pine monoculture so long favored.

When it is also realized that the Assembly failed to pass adequate laws regarding hazardous waste, it must be concluded that on balance, the environmental successes in 1986 are modest. We are glad, at least, for further protection for the Chattahoochee River, for financial support for the Non-Game Species checkoff program, and for incentives for reforestation in Georgia.

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