

# GOSHAWK

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## From the Editor's Desk

Three birds need to be lifted out of the bird sightings for your attention.

Two of these birds are not listed on the Regular Species, Provisional Species or Hypothetical Species lists for Georgia. A female Common Eider was seen on Tybee Island and a McGillivray's Warbler was spotted in Atlanta.

We have a first nesting record for the state. A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher nested and raised young in Bartow County.

## GOS News

Fall Meeting! Epworth-By-The-Sea, St. Simon's Island, October 7-9. You have your information in hand. Now all you have to do is to be there! See you on St. Simon's!

Spring Meeting. Fitzgerald! April 21-23. A lot of you will recall the great meeting we had there a few years back. Come and join us in Fitzgerald.

A Message from our President: Each person who becomes president of an organization establishes some goals that they would like to see accomplished during their term of office. One of mine is to see GOS increase in size. Increased membership has a twofold benefit; additional members dues allow the Society to do more and better things for all its members, and each new member becomes an ambassador for the Society and its aims.

Rather than a full blown membership drive, I would like to propose that, in addition to each member renewing their own membership, they recruit one new member. I'm sure all of us know at least one person who would benefit from GOS membership. Thank you, and good birding (and recruiting).

Don Duncan

A Message from our Secretary: Can you type? Do you have access to a copy machine? GOS urgently needs volunteers who would be willing to type minutes of the Executive Committee. Also needed are volunteers who have access to a copy machine. Please contact Helen Ogren, 12785 Birmingham Highway, Alpharetta, GA, 30201 or phone (404) 475-7218 if you can help out occasionally (or more often).

From our Treasurer: Does anyone have an address for Life Member Gregory P. Barnett. If so, please contact John Swiderski at the address on the outside of this newsletter.

GOS Meeting in Review: The Gainesville meeting was a great success. Sixty-one birders registered, 131 species were totaled and the programs were most informative and interesting. Common Loon, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Grasshopper Sparrow were among the birds counted.

Change of address: Dale Johnson, 1903 Park Colony Dr., Norcross, GA 30093.

If you have a change of address, please notify the treasurer at P. O. Box 1278, Cartersville, GA 30120.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF THE GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
JANUARY 30, 1988

Financial Report: Current funds are \$29,000+. Forty-seven Peterson prints have been sold, with \$5,180 in that account. Membership is 444, including library memberships and 370 individual and life members.

Activity, Responsibility, Status Report, Communications: The Spring meeting will be held at the Elachee Nature Center and the Holiday Inn, in Gainesville, GA on April 29, 30 and May 1, 1988. The Fall meeting will be held at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simon's Island, GA on October 7-9, 1988.

Volume 51, Nos. 2 and 3, covering June-September of 1986 should be out in a few weeks. There will be one or two printings of The Oriole during 1987.

The Checklist Committee will check on the status of the McGillivray's Warbler, the Common Eider, and the Brown Booby, all previously unrecorded in the state.

Conservation updates were presented on the Merry Ponds/Phinzy Swamp issue, possible draining and development of some Albany wetlands, Lake Alma, Alaskan oil exploration rights, the Non-game Tax Check-off, the National Heritage Protection Act, the Skidaway State Park land swap, a North Georgia mountains land use plan, and Stambaugh's Public Initiative Proposal.

The Jekyll Island Banding Station was allotted \$500, per Don Cohrs' request, to help build up a permanent operating capital fund to purchase nets and rent Tabby House in advance.

Dick Parks and committee will look into and report plans for appraisal, insuring, storing, and displaying the original R. T. Peterson painting. John Swiderski will look into insurance for the prints.

Tentative sites of Fitzgerald, GA for the Spring 1989 Meeting and Savannah, GA for the 1989 Fall Meeting were discussed. Ken George will investigate and report back.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Editorial Committee: Didi Manns and Terry Johnson to replace Les Davenport and Emil Urban, whose terms are completed.

Checklist Committee: Emil Urban and Ty Ivey (Chris Haney will be asked to join if he returns to Georgia).

Gold Eagle (Re)Introduction Investigating Committee: Frank McCamey and Nell Kirkland. One other member will be announced later.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, APRIL 30, 1988

Financial Report and Membership: John Swiderski reported a budget increase of \$6000 due to Peterson print sales. Of 240 members, 98 haven't renewed for 1988.

New Business: Harriett DiGioia needs items for the June GOShawk. She will include a Southeast Rare Bird Alert article.

Branch Howe discussed plans for the Fall meeting at Epworth-By-The-Sea, St. Simon's I., on October 9-11, 1988.

He also reported that the June-September 1986 issue of The Oriole was mailed in early April. The Editorial Committee will publish only 3 issues for 1987.

Standing Committees: Georgine Pindar reported that the GA legislature passed no amendment to the GA Coastline Marshlands Act and that the Mountain Protection Bill didn't pass. The 75 acres of Skidaway Island State Park won't be traded for other property. She also reported on Lake Alma, Albany land development, the Bobby Jones Freeway extension in Augusta, and some Alaska projects.

Ad Hoc Committees: Dick Parks will check on insurance coverage and possible sites for permanent loan of the RTP painting.

Old Business: A 10-year data report covering 10,000 birds banded by the Jekyll I. Banding Station was proposed.

Following the Spring GOS meeting, the RTP print will be made available to the general public.

There will be an interim Executive Board Meeting in Athens.

Helen Ogren, Secretary

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, AUGUST 13, 1988

Financial Report and Membership: John Swiderski reported \$31,800 in the budget to date. We have sold 62 Peterson prints. Fifty-nine members haven't renewed their 1988 memberships.

Appointments: Don Duncan has appointed Dale Johnson and David Brown to the Golden Eagle Committee. Terry Johnson was appointed to the Editorial Committee.

Publications: John reported that Terry Moore plans to have the next issue of The Oriole (No. 51, Vol. 4, Dec. 1986) out by September or October. Harriett DiGioia plans to have The GOShawk out to members in September.

Standing Committee Reports: Conservation issues covered included status reports on the Phinizy Swamp and Toa Swamp. Public hearings on these are coming up in the fall.

Dick Parks will continue to seek an appraisal and insurance coverage for the Peterson painting and prints. The new Fernbank science building, upon completion, would be a good site for a possible permanent loan.

Frank McCamey reported on the greater success this year of the Golden Eagle program. John reported on the success of the Bald Eagle and Peregrine programs in the state.

Old Business: Thanks were given to Georgine Pindar, in absentia, for her continuing prompt attention and follow-up on conservation issues. Credit is also due her for donating the cost of the Lake Alma mailing which all members received.

Ken George covered plans for the meeting at Epworth-By-The-Sea, on St. Simon's Island, October 7-9, 1988. Helen and Don C. will bring projectors. Members' meetings will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Executive Board will meet at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The spring meeting will be held April 21-23, 1989, at Shoney's Family Inn in Fitzgerald, GA. Frank suggested a combined meeting in Charleston, SC, with the Carolina Bird Club for fall 1989.

New Business: Don C. proposed using Peterson print profits to set up an ornithological scholarship fund. Further study will be made, as current funds are insufficient.

Dick proposed that our first donation be sent to the Peterson fund. An even \$1000 will be sent with a letter from Don D.

Terry Chesser will look into the number of copies of The Birders Guide to be printed.

Helen Ogren, Secretary

### News of People

Our sympathy is extended to Jonnie Howell in the death of her husband, Almonte, on May 31.

Anne Hamilton fell on March 14 and fractured her pelvic bone. She was hospitalized; but is now home and doing quite well. Delano Crowe continues to be on the sick list.

Terry and Peggy Moore became the proud parents of Mathieu Fletcher, born on February 3. He has already started watching birds from his mother's back at the Jekyll Island Bird Banding Station. Terry would hold the banded birds up for Mathieu to see.

Travellers: Jeannine Angerman enjoyed a trip to Nebraska where she was able to watch Greater Prairie Chicken males staging for the females. 112 species were seen and five lifers added.

Terry and Angela Johnson birded along the Texas Coast, down around Harlingen way. 184 species with 51 lifers were listed, including Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Lazuli Bunting, Whooping Crane. Eddie and Nina Arnold were also on this trip.

Don and Joyce Duncan journeyed to Attu Island, Anchorage, Kenai, Seward, Alaska. Good sightings included White-tailed Eagle, Mongolian Plover, Brambling. 104 species seen and 47 lifers.

Harriett DiGloia enjoyed a trip to Lorton, VA and Washington, DC. She went to the Mason Neck Bald Eagle Refuge and luckily saw an eagle.

Bob and Didi Manns journeyed out to Oregon and Washington in April. On a pelagic trip, Black-footed Albatrosses, Sooty Shearwaters, Rhinoceros Auklets were noted.

David Brown and Kris Poulsen went down Florida way, to the St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge. The usual good birds were found.

Back in June of '87, Sue Chambliss took her birding trip of a lifetime to Alaska. 167 birds were listed with 75 being Life List birds. Yellow-billed Loons, Emperor Geese, Ivory Gulls were among the birds seen.

The Clayton News/Daily featured Ron Lee in his quest to help the Eastern Bluebird.

Our congratulations go to Frank McCamey for receiving an award in recognition of 12 years of service to the environment of Georgia. This award was presented at the April meeting in Gainesville.

We welcome the following new members into the Society: Claud and Winette Almon, Valdosta; Barbara & Bill Passmore, Valdosta; Danny Gibbs, Cartersville; Elaine Wright, Gainesville; Bill & Elizabeth Rives, Gainesville; Maurice Crenshaw, Macon; Ben Iannuzzi, Duluth; Carol Ruckdeschel, St. Mary's; Douglas McNair, Rockingham, NC; Bud Jones, Tallapoosa; Ronald Lee, Jonesboro; Mrs. Sherwood Jones, Dalton; Jim & Venita Brewer, Dublin.

Abbreviations used in this newsletter:

ad	Adult	Mtn	Mountain
AS	Audubon Society	NC	Nature Center
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	NF	National Forest
Co	County	NM	National Monument
CR	Creek	NRA	National Recreation Area
f	Female	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
FSRd	Forest Service Road	R	River
FT	Fort	RD	Ranger District
GC	Golf Course	SP	State Park
im	Immature	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
Is	Island	WRP	Water Reclamation Plant
L	Lake	WTP	Water Treatment Plant
m	Male		

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. Chris Haney. Editor's notes and dates in parenthesis are taken from this checklist. Dates are 1987 and 1988.

#### Georgia Birds at a Glance

Common Loon\*: 5, Augusta-Strom Thurmond L, Mar, CB; Sapelo Is, Apr 8-10, Ocmulgee AS; Rum Cr WMA, Apr 23 & 2 on Apr 27 & 1 on May 5, TJ; Peachtree City L, Nov 14, CL & 2 on Mar 13, PB, HG & 1 on Mar 24, PR; 2, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov 27, HG, TM & 3 on Nov 28, PB

Horned Grebe\*: Piedmont NWR, Dec 21, CBC; 2, Sweetwater Cr SP, Nov 28, PB & Dec 15, PR; Strom Thurmond L, Mar, CB

Northern Gannett\*: Sapelo Is, Jan 2, EU

American Anhinga: Augusta, Jan 23 & 30, AW

American Bittern\*: Augusta, Dec 26, Jan; Okefenokee NWR, Nov 10, Atlanta AS; St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, VW

Great Blue Heron\*: Augusta, Dec 17, C&IS; 2 nesting pairs, Okefenokee NWR, Apr 7, SW; Great White Heron, Feb 29, TE; Whitfield/Murray Co, summer, HD

Great Egret\*: 20, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec 12 and 47 on Dec 26, AW; Whitfield Co, Mar 19, HD

Snowy Egret\*: 5, Macon-Industrial Ponds, Apr 2, TI, JA; Augusta-Merry Ponds, May 6, AW

Tricolored Heron\*: Augusta-levee, May 21, CB

Cattle Egret\*: Sunbury, Dec 18, V&AW

Black-crowned Night Heron\*: 12 im, 6 ad, Augusta-Roost Pond, Jan 21, AW & some, Mar 12, Augusta AS

White Ibis: Dodge Co, Jul 19, DS  
Glossy Ibis\*: 16, Savannah R NWR, May 7, RMA; Sapelo Is, Jun 3-6,  
Withlacoochee Watchers  
Wood Stork\*: 7, Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CBC; 14, St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC;  
8, Jekyll Is, May 7, Okefenokee Bird Club & 20, Jul 11-13, HD; Millen-  
Fish Hatchery, May 14 & 1 im, Magnolia Springs, Dec 18, AW; 101 nests,  
Big Duke Swamp, May, PK; Sapelo Is, Jun 3-6, Withlacoochee Watchers;  
Laurens Co, Jul 9, DS  
Tundra Swan\*: Augusta, Jan, AW  
Snow Goose\*: Piedmont NWR, early May, MCh; Blue phase, Hamilton, Dec 27,  
LH; Eastman, wintered, DS  
Northern Pintail\*: 1 m, 1 f, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Jan 21, AW  
Cinnamon Teal\*: Altamaha Waterfowl MA, Mar 15, RW  
Canvasback\*: Rum Cr WMA, Mar 19, TJ; Peachtree City L, Nov 8, PB  
Greater Scaup\*: 2, Sweetwater Cr SP, Dec 15 and 3 on Dec 27 & 7 on Jan 16,  
PR  
Common Eider\*: f, Tybee Is, Dec 24, JP (Editor's Note: Not on Regular  
Species, Provisional Species or Hypothetical Species Lists for Georgia)  
Common Goldeneye\*: Sweetwater Cr SP, Jan 2, PR; Shamrock L, Mar 13, HG, PB  
Osprey\*: Sightings from Carter's L, Augusta, Okefenokee NWR, Macon,  
L Juliette, Rum Cr WMA, Dodge Co by HD, AW, SW, J&MA, TI, T&AJ, DS  
American Swallow-tailed Kite\*: Glennville, Apr 8, RMA; Altamaha R, Jun 3,  
Withlacoochee Watchers; Dodge Co, Jul 19, DS  
Bald Eagle\*: Pair - Carter's L, St. Catherine's Is, Sapelo Is, Augusta,  
im-Wilkes Co, Macon, L Juliette, Jackson Co by MC, CB, DH, TI, J&MA,  
T&AJ, GV, K&AC, V&AW  
Northern Harrier\*: m, Macon, Feb K&AC; Decatur, Nov 14, TJ  
Sharp-shinned Hawk\*: Augusta-yard, Feb, CB; Crabapple-feeder, Jan 19 & 26,  
HO; Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, Jun-Jul, HD  
Cooper's Hawk\*: Waycross, Jan 30 & Feb 3, SW; Macon, Feb 9, J&MA;  
Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, Jun-Jul, HD  
Rough-legged Hawk\*: Lookout Mtn Plateau, Jan 30, Atlanta AS  
Merlin\*: Sapelo Is, Apr 8-10, Ocmulgee AS  
Peregrine Falcon\*: im, Cumberland Is, Jan 14, JB; Gainesville, Apr 30, GOS,  
Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, Jun 25, HD; St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19,  
CBC; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec 26, CB  
Ruffed Grouse: Hens & young seen, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, summer, HD  
- fairly good nesting year due to dry spring  
Wild Turkey: Hens & young seen, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, summer, HD -  
excellent nesting year due to dry spring  
Common Moorhen\*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Apr 16-22, V&AW  
Sandhill Crane\*: Whitfield Co, Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, St. Catherine's  
Is, Subigna, Bibb Co, Macon, Rum Cr WMA, Kathleen, Atlanta, Dawson Co,  
Augusta, H&JW, IG, MF, AV, HD, DB, KP, K&AC, WM, BHu, RMA, VH, TJ, D&JD,  
NJ, OK, HO, D&PB, HG, CL, JH, SF, FM, CB  
Black-bellied Plover\*: 4, Macon-Industrial Ponds, Apr 2&3, TI, JA  
Lesser Golden Plover\*: Macon-brickyards, Feb 28, TI; Dublin, Mar 13,  
TP, DS; Gainesville-airport, Mar 18, JPA; Whitfield Co, Mar 19, HD  
Piping Plover\*: 11, St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC; 9, Sapelo Is, Jan 1,  
CBC & Apr 8-10, Ocmulgee AS; 7, Jekyll Is-South Beach, Mar

Black-necked Stilt\*: 6, Savannah R NWR, May 7, RMa; Darien, Jun 3,  
Withlacoochee Watchers & Mar 21, RM  
American Avocet\*: 28, Jekyll Is-Causeway, Mar 20, P&DB  
Greater Yellowlegs\*: Eastman - wintered, DS  
Whimbrel\*: Jekyll Is-Causeway, May 7, Okefenokee Bird Club  
Marbled Godwit\*: 3, Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CBC; Gould's Inlet, Nov 27, LH;  
50, St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC  
Western Sandpiper\*: Augusta, Jan 16 & 30, Mar 26, V&AW, CB  
Least Sandpiper\*: Augusta, Jan 16 & 4 on Dec 5 & 17 on Feb 7, V&AW, CB;  
Clayton Co WTP, Dec 5 & 9, PB  
Stilt Sandpiper\*: Macon, Apr 3, TI  
Short-billed Dowitcher\*: Dublin-Shenk's Pond, Mar 26, TP  
Laughing Gull\*: Augusta-Merry Ponds, Dec 26, CB  
Bonaparte's Gull\*: Augusta-Strom Thurmond L, Mar, CB; Clayton Co WTP,  
Nov 26, PB; 18, Pendergrass, Nov 28, T&PM; Peachtree City L, Dec 12, PB  
& Feb 27 with TM  
Lesser Black-backed Gull\*: Sapelo Is, Dec 31, DPa, MH, BS  
Great Black-backed Gull\*: 7, Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CBC; 2, St. Catherine's Is,  
Dec 20, CBC; 2 St. Simon's Is, Mar 19, PB  
Gull-billed Tern\*: Sapelo Is, Apr 8-10, Ocmulgee AS  
Caspian Tern\*: 3, Augusta-Merry Ponds, Apr 16, V&AW  
Forster's Tern\*: Rum Cr WMA, Apr 23, TJ; Sweetwater Cr SP, Feb 27, PR  
White-winged Dove\*: Sapelo Is, Jan 1, V&AW (accidental in coastal plain ...)  
Black-billed Cuckoo\*: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, Jun, HD  
Common Barn-owl\*: St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC; Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CBC,  
6 eggs, Eufaula NWR, Jan 31, Atlanta AS; 3 young brought to Murray Co  
Veterinary Service, May 28 - transferred to Chattanooga NC, Jun 1, HD  
Long-eared Owl\*: Found dead, Atlanta-Windy Hill Exit & I-75, Nov 1, specimen  
now at Chattahoochee NC  
Short-eared Owl\*: Cordele, Dec 5, JG, DHa  
Rufous Hummingbird\*: im, Macon, Jan 9, J&MA; Albany, Dec 15, Atlanta AS;  
Atlanta, Dec 13, RM, NK, PR  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Not many reports - numbers seem low  
Red-headed Woodpecker: Murray Co-Dalton WRP, Apr 27, HD; Piedmont NWR,  
Dec 21, CBC; Blackshear, Mar 3 & May 8, SW; Augusta-Merry Ponds, Apr 22,  
V&AW  
Red-cockaded Woodpecker\*: Piedmont NWR, Dec 21, CBC; Okefenokee NWR-  
Suwannee Canal RA, Apr 9, SW; St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC  
Olive-sided Flycatcher\*: Ocmulgee NM, Apr 30, TI, MCh  
Vermillion Flycatcher\*: m & f, Okefenokee NWR-Chesser Prairie, many  
observers, fide SW  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher\*: nesting, 1 young raised, Bartow Co, summer -  
last seen Aug 29, M&KH, fide JSw  
Horned Lark: Cartersville, Dec 12, JSw  
Red-breasted Nuthatch: Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CBC  
Brown-headed Nuthatch: Dalton, summer, AH - more than she ever remembers  
Bewick's Wren\*: Macon-Industrial Ponds, May 1, TI, JA; Albany, Dec 26, DBa;  
4, St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC; Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CBC  
House Wren: St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC; nesting, Dalton, Jul, AH, HD  
Sedge Wren: St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC  
Marsh Wren: St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher\*: Piedmont NWR, Dec 21, CBC; 3, Augusta-levee, Dec 26,  
V&AW  
Veery\*: Okefenokee NWR-Suwannee Canal RA, Mar 16, BB; Ocmulgee NM, Apr 30,  
TI, MCh; Macon-Museum of Sciences, Apr 27, GL  
Swainson's Thrush: Dalton, Apr 29, HD  
Gray Catbird\*: Atlanta-downtown, Dec 10-22, PB & Groover's L, Dec 15, PR  
Cedar Waxwing: 250, Athens-UGA, Feb 25 & 40, east of UGA, Feb 26, SC;  
"several thousand", Macon, Feb 14, J&MA; 2000, Warner Robins, Feb 20,  
JSt  
Loggerhead Shrike\*: Piedmont NWR, Dec 21, CBC  
White-eyed Vireo: Augusta-levee, Mar 1, AW (Mar 8, 1942)  
Orange-crowned Warbler\*: Gainesville, Dec 3-8 & Pendergrass, Dec 5-6, JPa;  
Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CBC  
Yellow-rumped Warbler: Audubon's sp, Augusta-Lover's Lane, April 19,  
Augusta AS  
Blackpoll Warbler: Dalton, May 7, NB  
Worm-eating Warbler: Chattahoochee NF-Cohutta RD, Apr 24, HD  
Swainson's Warbler: Augusta-Stink Ditch, May 10, CB  
Ovenbird: Atlanta-Central City Park, Dec 24, PB (Nov 18, 1970)  
Northern Waterthrush\*: Sapelo Is, Jan 1, CB, NP  
MacGillivray's Warbler\*: Atlanta-Bobby Jones GC, Nov 4, RM (Editor's  
Note: Not on Regular, Provisional, Hypothetical Lists for state.)  
Common Yellowthroat\*: Peachtree City L, Jan 23, PB  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak\*: f, Gainesville, Jan 7, fide JPa  
Dickcissel\*: Macon-feeder, Feb 21, JA  
Bachman's Sparrow\*: Rum Cr WMA, Apr 23, TJ  
Henslow's Sparrow\*: St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC; Sapelo Is, Jan 1, EU  
LeConte's Sparrow\*: Cordele, Dec 5, Dha  
Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 6, St. Catherine's Is, Dec 19, CBC; 4, Sapelo Is,  
Jan 1, EU, JC  
Lincoln's Sparrow\*: Augusta, Dec 26, AW; Atlanta-Chattahoochee R NRA,  
Nov 9, KB & Dec 20 with TM  
White-crowned Sparrow\*: Macon-Industrial Ponds, Nov 28, T&PM; Augusta-Merry  
Ponds, Feb 7, AW; Ocmulgee NM, May 7, GL  
Lapland Longspur\*: Gainesville, Nov 25, JPa  
Snow Bunting\*: Allison L, Mar 25, MCh  
House Finch: Dalton, Jan, HD; nesting, Augusta, May, fide CB  
Evening Grosbeak: Covington, Appling, Martinez, Piedmont NWR, Forsyth,  
Marietta, Atlanta, Stone Mtn, FR, RMc, SA, B&SC, J&AS, TJ, NJ, KP, PB,  
DP, HO  
Escapes/Exotics: Black Swan: Augusta, Dec 26, CBC - still there as of  
May 10

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### THE 1988 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BIRD HABITAT

The best news from the 1988 General Assembly for GOS is that no one tried to weaken the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act. H.B. 268, an amendment proposed in 1987 but defeated by the environmental community would have permitted coastal wetlands once used for agriculture or aquaculture to be so used again. This amendment was recognized for what it was: special interest legislation and not a boon for farmers or the public at large.

The worst news is that the Mountain Protection Act (S.B. 393) that Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller wanted passed never reached the floor of the House and thus never became law. Admittedly, proponents of the bill had honest differences of opinion about the specific requirements as to elevation, degree of slope, etc. But in the end, economic interests and a public demand for vacation homesites apparently proved stronger than any true consideration of environmental quality. The House Natural Resources Committee will hold hearings on this subject this summer.

For the time being, at least, the land swap proposed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in which 75 acres of Skidaway Island State Park would be given up in an exchange with the Branigar Organization for 118 less valuable acres plus \$896,000 in cash, was blocked by environmentalists mobilized largely by the Sierra Club. Hans Neuhauser, coastal director of the Georgia Conservancy, helped immeasurably by discovering a plaque on one of the park buildings saying "Land and Water Conservation Fund," thus requiring federal, as well as state, approval for the swap. House Resolution 730 setting up a study commission did not pass. However, the House State Institutions and Property Committee, together with the Chatham delegation, will study this proposal over the summer.

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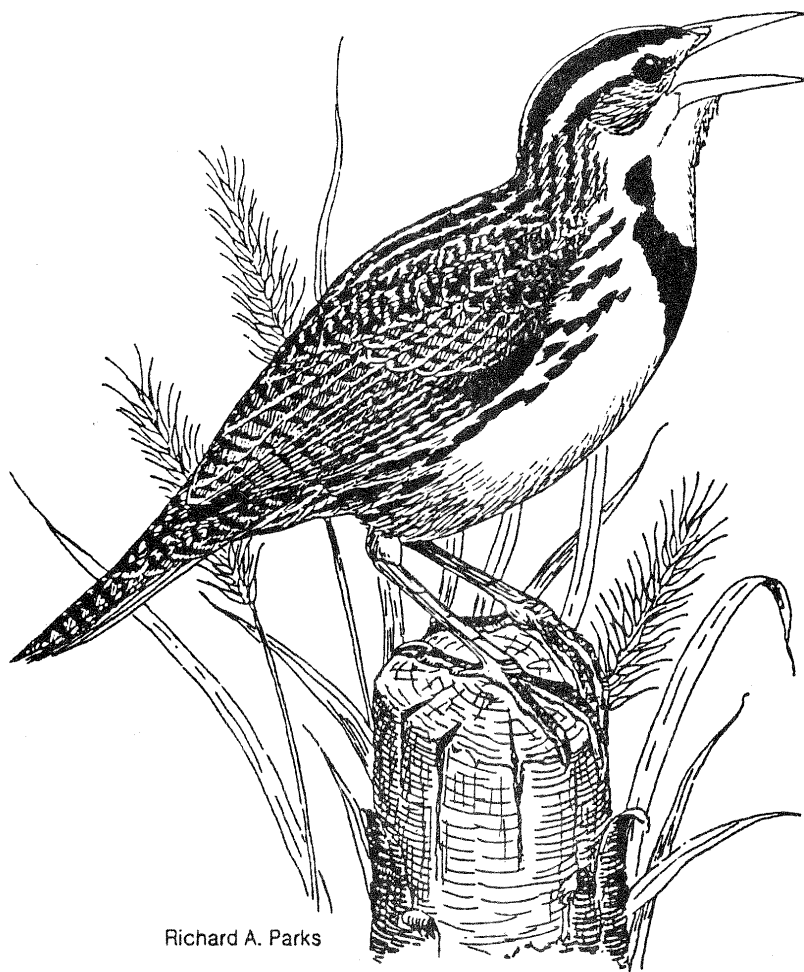
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