

# GOSHAWK

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FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 27-29, 1989  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The fall meeting of GOS will be held at the Days Inn, 201 West Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia (912) 236-1024. The Friday evening program will begin at 8:00. Mr. Jack L. Cooper, GOS member and Attorney, will present an "update on the Merry Brothers Brickyard Ponds environmental controversy. How to resolve an environmental problem." Field trip information will be presented after Jack's program. Information on field trips and the weekend agenda will be left at the hotel registration desk for late arrivals. Social hour Saturday night will begin at 6:00PM, banquet at 7:00PM, followed by Mr. Scott M. Pearson, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Zoology, University of Georgia. Mr. Pearson will speak on "Winter Birds in Georgia Piedmont Landscapes - the Effects of Large Scale Habitat Patterns". during the weekend, there will also be an Executive Committee meeting and elections. The final weekend agenda will be available at the meeting.

Hotel check in time is 2:00PM; check out time is 12:00 noon. Please mail the hotel reservation form directly to the hotel. They must receive it no later than October 13. They are more restrictive on banquet reservations than most of our past hotels; accordingly, preregistration for the banquet is strongly recommended. Please mail the GOS registration form to Betsy Phillips by October 18. Betsy will be leaving town on October 25, and must have all preregistrations prior to that date. You will note that both the motel and date have changed since the last newsletter.

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NEW MEMBERS

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| David E. Bullard | - Decatur, GA        |
| James P. Drake   | - Duluth, GA         |
| Theresa Irion    | - Riverdale, GA      |
| Mary C. McKay    | - St. Augustine, FL  |
| Terry Miller     | - Stone Mountain, GA |
| David Thibodeau  | - Waverly Hall, GA   |

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FIELD NOTES

Since birding tends to slow down considerably around Georgia during the summer months, one of our best contributors, Anne Waters, has understandably been unable to compile notes, and because of other lengthy information being included in this issue, the usual format for field notes is being omitted from this issue.

Donny Screws had an interesting report of a COMMON LOON spending the summer in a small pond in South Georgia. He was called on August 19, to identify a "strange bird" which was in a cow pasture pond. The bird had reportedly been there for two months and during the summer had exhibited a "checkerboard pattern" on its back. Since the pond is too small to afford the bird ample takeoff space, it is stuck for now in Milan, GA.

UGA CONSERVATIONISTS

A petition containing 3,666 student signatures brought about the use of paper plates and cups instead of styrofoam. Gas given off by expiring styrofoam products, along with automobile air-conditioning coolant is a major source of ozone destruction. Congratulations UGA conservationists!

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10/27-29/89 GOS REGISTRATION FOR FALL MEETING (Please mail by 10/18) - Savannah, Ga.

Name(s) for name tags (and city) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrations for meeting @ \$5.00 per person for members and their immediate family (Children under 16 do not pay, but list names and ages above.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrations for nonmembers @ \$8.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservations for banquet @ \$12.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Make checks payable to GOS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check and registration form by 10/18 to Betsy Phillips, 5110 Marbury Circle, Atlanta, Ga. 30327. (Home phone: (404) 255-8017)

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ROOM RESERVATIONS AT DAYS INN, GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 10/27-29/89

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms desired Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ for Fri., Oct. 27 \_\_\_\_\_ Sat., Oct. 28 \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: All rooms are \$49.00 plus \$5.39 sales tax = \$54.39 per night.) Please enclose check payable to Days Inn and mail to Days Inn, 201 West Bay Street, Savannah, Ga. 31401. If guaranteeing by credit card:

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Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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| Common                     |
| GREBE, Pied-billed         |
| Horned                     |
| Red-necked *               |
| Eared *                    |
| PETREL, Black-capped *     |
| SHEARWATER, Cory's         |
| Greater *                  |
| Manx *                     |
| Audubon's                  |
| STORM PETREL, Wilson's     |
| Band-rumped *              |
| TROPICBIRD, White-tailed * |
| BOOBY, Masked *            |
| GANNET, Northern           |
| PELICAN, American White *  |
| Brown                      |
| CORMORANT, Double-crested  |
| ANHINGA                    |
| BITTERN, American          |
| Least                      |
| HERON, Great Blue          |
| EGRET, Great               |
| Snowy                      |
| HERON, Little Blue         |
| Tricolored                 |
| EGRET, Reddish *           |
| Cattle                     |
| HERON, Green-backed        |
| NIGHT-HERON, Black-cr.     |
| Yellow-crowned             |
| IBIS, White                |
| Glossy                     |
| SPOONBILL, Roseate         |
| STORK, Wood                |
| WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous *  |
| SWAN, Tundra               |
| GOOSE, Gr. White-tr. *     |
| Snow                       |
| Canada                     |
| DUCK, Wood                 |
| TEAL, Green-winged         |
| DUCK, American Black       |
| MALLARD                    |
| PINTAIL, Northern          |
| TEAL, Blue-winged          |
| SHOVELER, Northern         |
| GADWALL                    |
| WIGEON, American           |
| CANVASBACK                 |
| REDHEAD                    |
| DUCK, Ring-necked          |
| SCALP, Greater             |
| Lesser                     |
| OLDSQUAW                   |
| SCOTER, Black              |
| Surf                       |
| White-winged               |
| GOLDENEYE, Common          |
| BUFFLEHEAD                 |
| MERGAUSER, Hooded          |
| Common *                   |
| Red-breasted               |
| DUCK, Ruddy                |
| VULTURE, Black             |
| Turkey                     |
| OSPREY                     |
| KITE, Am. Swallow-t.       |
| Mississippi                |
| EAGLE, Bald                |
| HARRIER, Northern          |
| HAWK, Sharp-shinned        |
| Cooper's                   |
| Red-shouldered             |
| Broad-winged               |
| Red-tailed                 |
| Rough-legged *             |
| EAGLE, Golden *            |
| KESTREL, American          |
| MERLIN                     |
| FALCON, Peregrine          |
| CHACHALACA, Plain *        |
| GROUSE, Ruffed             |
| TURKEY, Wild               |
| BOBWHITE, Northern         |
| RAIL, Black *              |
| Clapper                    |
| King                       |
| Virginia                   |
| SORA                       |
| GALLINULE, Purple          |
| MOORMEN, Common            |
| COOT, American             |

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|-------------------------|
| PLOVER, Wilson's        |
| Semipalmated            |
| Piping                  |
| KILLDEER                |
| OYSTERCATCHER, Am       |
| STILT, Black-necked     |
| AVOCET, American *      |
| YELLOWLEGS, Greater     |
| Lesser                  |
| SANDPIPER, Solitary     |
| WILLET                  |
| SANDPIPER, Spotted      |
| SANDPIPER, Upland       |
| WHIMBREL                |
| CURLEW, Long-billed *   |
| GODWIT, Marbled         |
| TURNSTONE, Ruddy        |
| KNOT, Red               |
| SANDERLING              |
| SANDPIPER, Semipalmated |
| Western                 |
| Least                   |
| White-rumped            |
| Baird's *               |
| Pectoral                |
| Purple                  |
| DUNLIN                  |
| SANDPIPER, SMT          |
| Buff-breasted *         |
| DOWITCHER, Short-billed |
| Long-billed             |
| SNIBE, Common           |
| WOODCOCK, American      |
| PHALAROPE, Wilson's     |
| Red-necked *            |
| Red *                   |
| JAeger, Pomarine *      |
| Parasitic               |
| GULL, Laughing          |
| Bonaparte's             |
| Ring-billed             |
| Herring                 |
| Lesser Blk-b *          |
| Great Blk-b             |
| KITTIWAKE, Black-l *    |
| TERN, Gull-billed       |
| Caspian                 |
| Royal                   |
| Sandwich                |
| Common                  |
| Arctic *                |
| Forster's               |
| Least                   |
| Bridled *               |
| Sooty *                 |
| Black                   |
| SKIMMER, Black          |
| DOVE, Rock              |
| White-winged *          |
| Mourning                |
| GROUND-DOVE, Common     |
| CUCKOO, Black-billed    |
| Yellow-billed           |
| BARN-OWL, Common        |
| SCREECH-OWL, Eastern    |
| OWL, Great Horned       |
| Barred                  |
| Short-eared *           |
| NIGHT-HAWK, Common      |
| CHUCKWILL'S-WIDOW       |
| WHIP-POOR-WILL          |
| SWIFT, Chimney          |
| HUMMINGBIRD, Ruby-th    |
| Rufous *                |
| KINGFISHER, Belted      |
| WOODPECKER, Red-h       |
| Red-bellied             |
| SAPSUCKER, Yellow-b     |
| WOODPECKER, Downy       |
| Hairy                   |
| Red-cockaded            |
| FLICKER, Northern       |
| WOODPECKER, Pileated    |
| FLYCATCHER, Olive-s     |
| WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern     |
| FLYCATCHER, Yellow-b *  |
| Acadian                 |
| Willow                  |
| Least *                 |
| PHOEBE, Eastern         |
| FLYCATCHER, Great Cr    |
| KINGBIRD, Western *     |
| Eastern                 |

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|-------------------------|
| LARK, Horned            |
| MARTIN, Purple          |
| SWALLOW, Tree           |
| N. Rough-winged         |
| Bank                    |
| Cliff                   |
| Barn                    |
| JAY, Blue               |
| CROW, American          |
| Fish                    |
| RAVEN, Common           |
| CHICKADEE, Carolina     |
| TITMOUSE, Tufted        |
| NUTHATCH, Red-breasted  |
| White-breasted          |
| Brown-headed            |
| CREEPER, Brown          |
| WREN, Carolina          |
| Bewick's *              |
| House                   |
| Winter                  |
| Sedge                   |
| Marsh                   |
| KINGLET, Golden-cr      |
| Ruby-crowned            |
| GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray  |
| BLUEBIRD, Eastern       |
| VEERY                   |
| THRUSH, Gray-cheeked    |
| Swainson's              |
| Hermit                  |
| Wood                    |
| ROBIN, American         |
| CATBIRD, Gray           |
| MOCKINGBIRD, Northern   |
| THRASHER, Brown         |
| PIPIT, Water            |
| WAXWING, Cedar          |
| SHRIKE, Loggerhead      |
| STARLING, European      |
| VIREO, White-eyed       |
| Solitary                |
| Yellow-throated         |
| Warbling *              |
| Philadelphia            |
| Red-eyed                |
| WARBLER, Blue-winged    |
| Golden-winged           |
| Tennessee               |
| Orange-crowned          |
| Nashville *             |
| PARULA, Northern        |
| WARBLER, Yellow         |
| WARBLER, Chestnut-s     |
| Magnolia                |
| Cape May                |
| Black-throated Blue     |
| Yellow-rumped           |
| Black-throated Green    |
| Blackburnian            |
| Yellow-throated         |
| Pine                    |
| Prairie                 |
| Palm                    |
| Bay-breasted            |
| Blackpoll               |
| Carolinian              |
| Black-and-white         |
| REDSTART, American      |
| WARBLER, Prothonotary   |
| Worm-eating             |
| Swainson's              |
| OVENBIRD                |
| WATERTHRUSH, Northern   |
| Louisiana               |
| WARBLER, Kentucky       |
| Connecticut *           |
| Mourning *              |
| YELLOWTHROAT, Common    |
| WARBLER, Hooded         |
| Wilson's *              |
| Canada                  |
| CHAT, Yellow-breasted   |
| TANAGER, Summer         |
| Scarlet                 |
| CARDINAL, Northern      |
| GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted |
| Blue                    |
| BUNTING, Indigo         |
| Painted                 |
| DICKCISSEL *            |
| TOWHEE, Rufous-sided    |
| SPARROW, Bachman's      |
| SPARROW, Chipping       |

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| Field                      |
| Vesper                     |
| Lark *                     |
| Savannah                   |
| Grasshopper                |
| Henslow's *                |
| LeConte's *                |
| Sharp-tailed               |
| Seaside                    |
| Fox                        |
| Song                       |
| Lincoln's *                |
| Swamp                      |
| White-throated             |
| White-crowned              |
| JUNCO, Dark-eyed           |
| LONGSPUR, Lapland *        |
| BUNTING, Snow *            |
| BOBOLINK                   |
| BLACKBIRD, Red-winged      |
| MEADOWLARK, Eastern        |
| BLACKBIRD, Yellow-headed * |
| Rusty                      |
| Brewer's                   |
| GRACKLE, Boat-tailed       |
| Common                     |
| COWBIRD, Brown-headed      |
| ORIOLE, Orchard            |
| Northern                   |
| FINCH, Purple              |
| House                      |
| CROSSBILL, Red *           |
| SISKIN, Pine               |
| GOLDFINCH, American        |
| GROSBEAK, Evening          |
| SPARROW, House             |

STATE LIST TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# GEORGIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

Observer writing this account and date \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER, AGE, SEX \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from bird(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Relative size of bird \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD AND NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring; stripe, color, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES \_\_\_\_\_

LEGS & FEET \_\_\_\_\_

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outertail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

VOCALIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

BEHAVIOR \_\_\_\_\_

Date of observation \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Weather \_\_\_\_\_ Sky cover \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of observation \_\_\_\_\_ Bird - Sun orientation \_\_\_\_\_

Exact location \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Other observers \_\_\_\_\_

Optical equipment \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

(An accompanying sketch or photograph can be an excellent further documentation)

## NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Vernon Waters, a long time active member of GOS, fell while riding a bicycle on vacation in Illinois and suffered head injuries. He is in the Walton Rehabilitation Center, 1355 Independence Drive, Augusta, GA and will apparently be there for a while. Cards and letters would be appreciated. His home address is 1621 Apple Valley Drive, Augusta, GA 30906.

GOS member, Sara Robertson, is now at Cornell pursuing graduate studies in the Departments of Zoology and Ecology. Sara worked as a Research Assistant with the Department of Zoology at Cornell, an affiliate of the New York Department of Resources, New York state and in conjunction with the Fish and Wildlife Department. Her permanent location while she is at Cornell is 327 N. Albany, Ithaca, NY 14850.

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### IN MEMORY OF JEANNINE ANGERMAN

A newspaper in Jeannine's home town, Aiken, SC, published a beautiful tribute to her. Some excerpts follow:

After joining the Augusta Bird Club, Jeannine helped found the Aiken-Augusta chapter of the National Audubon Society (NAS). She served as a consultant for the National Fish and Wildlife Department at the Savannah River Laboratory, and findings from her research project were published in AMERICAN BIRDS, an NAS publication.

In addition to organizing the Savannah River Plant Christmas Count each year, doing numerous yearly Breeding Bird Surveys, and assisting with the banding of birds at Jekyll Island Banding Station, she was past vice-president of GOS and past regional representative of the Carolina Bird Club.

Finding time in her busy life to give bird talks to local groups, and since squeamishness was not an appropriate characteristic for a naturalist like Jeannine, she surprised local garden club members by passing out, from a paper bag, frozen samples of various bird species.

Determining to further her knowledge of botany, she enrolled in classes at the University of South Carolina at Aiken (USCA). She quickly became Dr. Shealy's star pupil, and was often called on to assist in field trips. Later, she collaborated with Dr. Batson, USC professor and wildflower author, in updating a botanical survey of the Savannah River Plant site. Herbariums collected by Jeannine are now part of the collections at USCA and at the Savannah River Ecology Lab.

Had Jeannine lived longer, she might well have mastered another field of natural science. "As soon as I get these plants down pat, she once told Dr. Shealy, "I'm going to take up insects."

In her memory, Jeannine's husband has funded a scholarship at the university to be awarded to a junior student who demonstrates academic excellence in botany or ornithology. All donations should be made to the attention of Harry E. Shealy, University of South Carolina at Aiken, 171 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801. What a fitting tribute to one whose thirst for knowledge was so constant.

## PRESIDENTIAL BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

Absentee GOS member (soon to return after two years in Washington State), Mark Oberle, sent former President, Jimmy Carter, a copy of analyzed data which he had collected since his Breeding Bird Survey's beginning in 1973. Since this route ends in Plains, and Mr. Carter had been interested in outdoors issues, he wrote back saying the he and Roslyn would enjoy discussing the local birdlife. Mark wrote explaining that he and Joel Volpi would be doing the route Saturday, June 10, but the nature of a BBS is not to spend a lot of time at each stop. Undaunted, the Carters agreed to accompany them, Secret Service in tow, with back up guards in a van which trailing a mile behind.

Mark says he was impressed with how quickly the Carters learned bird calls, learned field marks, and spotted birds. Male and female SUMMER TANAGER, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO, and ANHINGA were particularly prized sightings. The toughest of Carter's 10 total "lifers" was a WHITE-EYED VIREO that he and Joel pursued in the thicket despite an odoriferous dead calf.

Mark and Joel learned a lot from the Carters about local and national farming issues and local lore about birds. Although they were apprehensive at first about taking an ex-President and First Lady birding, the experience turned out to be, "like birding with an eloquent farmer who happened to be well versed on national issues".

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### FOR THE LISTER

Some of you play the "listing game," some don't. If you are one of the first group, then we are interested in hearing from you so we can publish a list of listers! We would like to receive your Georgia life list as of July 1, 1989 and also your 1988 year list. This could become a yearly feature if the response is encouraging. A list is enclosed for your use. The first column is for your Georgia life list and the second for your 1988 Georgia year list. the list must only include wild birds you have identified in Georgia and Georgia waters. For the species with an asterisk or not on the list at all, please provide information on the date seen, location and the names of other observers. The deadline for submitting these lists for publication in the December newsletter is November 1st. I hope to hear from many of you!

### RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS

Just a reminder that if you see a bird accidental to Georgia or not on the State list, documentation should be submitted to the Checklist Committee or the ORIOLE editor for our permanent record. This is the only way we can update the Georgia Checklist. A form is enclosed in this newsletter, or you may submit a written description of your sighting. If photographs have been taken, they should be submitted with the form or report. These records will be permanently preserved so that anyone researching Georgia birds in the future can consult these records.

The Checklist Committee members are John Paget, Dan Jacobson, Ty Ivey, Emil Urban and Patrick Brisse.

Patrick Brisse  
4960 Gatehouse Way  
Stone Mountain, GA 30088

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We are a diverse group as far as our approach to keeping birding records. Some of us enjoy the listing aspect of the sport, while others choose to observe without making a list of any kind. Whether you are a lister or non-lister, many eyes and ears in the field enhance records and contribute to scientific knowledge.

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ANNOTATED CHECKLIST OF GEORGIA BIRDS

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Prepared by the GOS Checklist Committee, J. Christopher Haney (chair), Patrick Brisse, Daniel R. Jacobson, Mark W. Oberle and John Paget. Lists 410 species with range, status, dates of occurrence, in Georgia. 55 pages, 6 x 9, 1986.

\$5.00

AN INDEX OF GEORGIA BIRD RECORDS IN "AMERICAN BIRDS" AND "AUDUBON FIELD NOTES"

Species listing (6th AOU Checklist order) of all Georgia bird records in the "Seasonal Reports", "Changing Seasons" and articles in "American Birds" and its predecessor "Audubon Field Notes" through 1983. 28 pages, 6 x 9, 1985

\$4.00

A BIRDER'S GUIDE TO GEORGIA (Third Edition)

Editor - Terry Chesser. Guide to birding locations throughout Georgia. Also lists bird clubs. 76 pages, 6 x 9, 1988

\$7.00

THE BIRDLIFE OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GA. AND ADJACENT AREAS

Author - Milton N. Hopkins. Habitats, observations by the author and others from about 1939. 93 pages, 6 x 9, 1975

\$4.00

THE BIRD OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER DELTA

Author - Ivan R. Tompkins. Gaviiformes through Charadriiformes. Habitats, observations, emergent theory. 68 pages, 6 x 9, 1958.

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