



GOSHAWK

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GOS SPRING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 28, 1990
VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

Treasurer, Richard Yow, sent notice of resignation. He will continue his duties until a replacement is found. John Swiderski will help during the transition. The Financial Committee will seek a new treasurer.

The financial report is in good order. GOS holds \$35,949.93 in current assets. Current membership is 400 people.

Georgia DNR's Terry Johnson would like birders and birding organizations to help DNR compile State Park bird sightings.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute sent a letter of thanks for our contribution of \$1,785.00 and a subscription plus back issues of THE ORIOLE.

Details on the Fall 1990 Eufaula Meeting and the Spring, 1991 Amicolola Falls meeting were provided. John Swiderski will call John Wise of Columbus, GA as a possible local Eufaula contact. Ken Clark will chair the Spring 1991 meeting registration committee, aided by Frank McCamey, Tess Cumbie, and Susan Richmond.

Contributions are needed for the GOSHAWK and the ORIOLE.

Anne Wyand won a \$500.00 award from her employer, U S WEST Financial Services for her years of volunteerism involving ornithology. She specified that the grant go to GOS.

A loan of Occasional Publications, numbers 1,2, and 3 are requested from members as we need to photocopy them.

Patrick Brisse and Don Cohrs were requested to formalize proposals concerning the Rare Bird Alert and an annual study grant, respectively, in writing, for presentation to the Executive Board.

GOS members have been asked to donate money for tree plantings. This will be coordinated with other organizations such as Trees Atlanta.

It was suggested that long-time member George Dorsey's book collection on birds be donated to an appropriate institution in the University System.

The next board meeting will be held in or around Atlanta on Saturday, August 18, 1990. Attendance by regular GOS members is desirable.

SPRING MEETING REPORT

How many times have you attended a weekend meeting and concluded that the highlight was the principal speaker? Dr. Frances James, our banquet speaker, definitely deserves this honor. Her talk, Geographic Variations of Birds Within Species, was a clear and concise summary of her conclusions resulting from years of ornithological research. Among Dr. James' most impressive accomplishments was that she is a past president of the prestigious American Ornithologists' Union. It was also interesting to pick up the May issue of AUDUBON magazine and notice that she is quoted along with other "heavyweights" such as Chandler Robbins in an article entitled "Mystery of the Missing Migrants".

Thanks to Ken George and Valdosta members for planning a great meeting. Also, thanks to Barbara Passmore for arranging a "special" field trip for Saturday morning and especially for her entertaining Friday evening description of where we were going and what we were to see. Despite rain on Saturday, we managed to count 99 species which are listed below.

GEORGIA FIELD CHECKLIST

(Species recorded at least 4 times in the last 10 years)

OBSERVERS GOS MEMBERS

Apr-28-90
 Total Species
 99

LOON, Red-throated		IBIS, White	
Common		Oleary	X
GAUPE, Pied-billed		SPOONBILL, Roseate	
Horned		STORK, Wood	X
Red-necked		WHISTLING-DUCK, Fulvous	
Eared		SWAN, Tundra	
PETREL, Black-capped		GOOSE, G. White-t.	
SHEARWATER, Cory's		Snow	
Greater		Canada	
Manx		DUCK, Wood	X
Audubon's		TEAL, Green-winged	
STORM PETREL, Wilson's		DUCK, American Black	
Band-rumped		MALLARD	X
TROPICBIRD, White-tailed		PINTAIL, Northern	
BOOBY, Masked		TEAL, Blue-winged	
GANNET, Northern		SHOVELER, Northern	
PELICAN, American White		GADWALL	
Brown		WIGEON, American	
CORMORANT, Dbl-crested	X	CANASBACK	
ANHINGA	X	REDHEAD	
BITTERN, American		DUCK, Ring-necked	
Least	X	SCALP, Greater	
HERON, Great Blue	X	Lesser	
EGRET, Great	X	OLDSQUAW	
Snowy	X	SCOTER, Black	
HERON, Little Blue		Surf	
Bicolored		White-winged	
EGRET, Reddish		GOLDENEYE, Common	
Cattle	X	BUFFLEHEAD	
HERON, Green-backed	X	MERGAUSER, Hooded	
NIGHT-HERON, Bl. or		Common	
Yellow-crowned	X	Red-breasted	
DUCK, Ruddy	X	SANDPIPER, Upland	
VULTURE, Black	X	WHEATEAR	
Turkey	X	CURLER, Long-billed	
OSPREY	X	GODWIT, Marbled	
KITE, Am. Swallow-t.		TURNSTONE, Ruddy	
Mississippi	X	KNOT, Red	
EAGLE, Bald	X	SANDERLING	
HARRIER, Northern	X	SANDPIPER, Semipalmated	
HAWK, Sharp-shinned	X	Western	
Cooper's	X	Least	
Red-shouldered	X	White-rumped	
Broad-winged	X	Bald's	
Red-tailed	X	Pectoral	
Rough-legged	X	Purple	
EAGLE, Golden		DURLIN	
KESTREL, American		SANDPIPER, Str.	
MERLIN		Buff-breasted	
FALCON, Peregrine		DOWITCHER, Short-billed	
CHACHALACA, Plain		Long-billed	
GROUSE, Ruffed		SNIPE, Common	X
TURKEY, Wild	X	WOODCOCK, American	
BOBWHITE, Northern	X	PHALAROPE, Wilson's	
RAIL, Black		Red-necked	
Clapper		Red	
King		JAEGER, Pomarine	
Virginia		Parasitic	
SORA		GULL, Laughing	X
GALLINULE, Purple	X	Bonaparte's	
MOORHEN, Common	X	Ring-billed	X
COOT, American		Herring	
CRANE, Sandhill		Lesser Blk-b.	
PLOVER, Black-bellied		Great Blk-b.	
GOLDEN-PLOVER, Lesser		KITTAWAKE, Black-t.	
PLOVER, Wilson's		TERN, Gull-billed	
Semipalmated		Caspian	
Piping		Royal	
KILLDEER	X	Sandwich	
OYSTERCATCHER, Am.		Common	
STILT, Black-necked		Arctic	
AVOCET, American		Forster's	
YELLOWLEGS, Greater		Least	
Lesser		Bridled	
SANDPIPER, Solitary		Sooty	
WILLET		Black	

DOVE, Rock		CROW, American	
White-winged	X	Fish	X
Mourning	X	RAVEN, Common	
GROUND-DOVE, Common	X	CHICKADEE, Carolina	X
CUCKOO, Black-billed	X	TITMOUSE, Turke	X
Yellow-billed	X	NUTHATCH, Red-breasted	
BARN-OWL, Common		White-breasted	
SCREECH-OWL, Eastern		Brown-headed	X
OWL, Great Horned		CREEPER, Brown	
Barred	X	WREN, Carolina	X
Short-eared	X	Belted's	
NIGHTHAWK, Common	X	House	
CHUCKWILL'S-WIDOW	X	Winter	
WHIP-POOR-WILL	X	Sedge	
SWIFT, Chimney	X	Marsh	
MUMMICHOD, Ruby-th	X	KINGLET, Golden-cr	
Rufous	X	Ruby-crowned	
KINGFISHER, Belted	X	GNATCATCHER, Blue-gray	X
WOODPECKER, Red-h	X	BLUEBIRD, Eastern	X
Red-bellied	X	VEERY	
SAPSUCKER, Yellow-b.	X	THRUSH, Gray-checked	
WOODPECKER, Downy	X	Swainson's	
Hairy	X	Hermit	
Red-cockaded	X	Wood	X
FLICKER, Northern	X	ROBIN, American	
WOODPECKER, Pileated	X	CATBIRD, Gray	X
FLYCATCHER, Olive-b.	X	MOCKINGBIRD, Northern	
WOOD-PEWEE, Eastern	X	THRASHER, Brown	
FLYCATCHER, Yellow-b.	X	PIPT, Water	
Acadian	X	WAXWING, Cedar	
Willow	X	SHRIKE, Loggerhead	X
Least	X	STARLING, European	X
PHOEBE, Eastern	X	VIREO, White-eyed	X
FLYCATCHER, Great Cr.	X	Solitary	X
KINGBIRD, Western	X	Yellow-throated	X
Eastern	X	Warbling	X
Gray	X	Philadelphia	X
LARK, Horned	X	Red-eyed	X
MARTIN, Purple	X	WARBLER, Blue-winged	
SWALLOW, Tree	X	Golden-winged	
N. Rough-winged	X	Tennessee	
Belted	X	Orange-crowned	
Car	X	Nashville	
Barn	X	PARULA, Northern	
JAY, Blue	X	WARBLER, Yellow	
WARBLER, Chestnut-b.	X	SPARROW, Chipping	
Magnolia	X	Clay-colored	
Cape May	X	Field	X
Black-throated Blue	X	Vesper	
Yellow-rumped	X	Lark	
Black-throated Green	X	Savannah	
Blackburnian	X	Grasshopper	
Yellow-throated	X	Henslow's	
Pine	X	LoCorte's	
Prairie	X	Sharp-tailed	
Palm	X	Seaside	
Bay-breasted	X	Fox	
Blackpoll	X	Song	
Cerulean	X	Lincoln's	
Black-and-white	X	Swamp	
REDSTART, American	X	White-throated	
WARBLER, Prothonotary	X	White-crowned	
Worm-eating	X	JUNCQ, Dark-eyed	
Swainson's	X	LONGSPUR, Lapland	
OVENBIRD	X	BUNTING, Snow	
WATERTHRUSH, Northern	X	BOBOLINK	
Louisiana	X	BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	X
WARBLER, Kentucky	X	MEADOWLARK, Eastern	
Connecticut	X	BLACKBIRD, Yellow-headed	
Mourning	X	Rusty	
YELLOWTHROAT, Common	X	Brewer's	
WARBLER, Hooded	X	GRACKLE, Boat-tailed	X
Wilson's	X	Common	X
Canada	X	COWBIRD, Brown-headed	X
CHAT, Yellow-breasted	X	ORIOLE, Orchard	X
TANAGER, Summer	X	Northern	
Scarlet	X	FINCH, Purple	
CARDINAL, Northern	X	House	
GROSBEAK, Rose-breasted	X	CROSSBILL, Red	
Blue	X	SISKIN, Pine	X
BUNTING, Indigo	X	GOLDFINCH, American	
Painted	X	GROSBEAK, Evening	
DICKCISSEL	X	SPARROW, House	X
TOWHEE, Rufous-sided	X		

BIRDING NORTHWEST GEORGIA, PART I

The Northwest corner of Georgia (where I live), comprises, in part, both the Appalachian Valley and the Lookout Plateau. It is part of what is more generally referred to as the Ridge and Valley Province. Largely rural and relatively undeveloped, it consists of long limestone ridges with broad, flat valleys interceding. Although it appears mountainous, the valleys lie at about 750 feet and the ridges seldom exceed 1,500 feet above sea level. Once undersea, the creeks and roadcuts are full of fossils.

During migration, birding is usually very productive here. Woodcocks begin the cycle, followed in February or early March by large formations of the beautiful Sandhill Crane. Our field is regularly visited by flocks of Bobolinks, and then the warblers commence. On May 7th of this year, I made a brief excursion to the top of Taylor Ridge. In less than an hour I sighted 13 warbler species including: Tennessee, Kentucky, Hooded, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, Blackburnian, Palm, Prairie, Ovenbird, and Blue-winged.

By now, however, most of these have gone their merry ways. Prairies, Ovenbirds, Black-and-whites, and Common Yellowthroats are now nesting. It is also possible to locate Blue-wings, and Blackburnians with a little effort and also perhaps Swainson's and Worm-eating. The hills also hold both Summer and Scarlet Tanagers. Phoebes, Pewees, and Acadian Flycatchers inhabit the lower woods. In the more open valleys, you'll find an abundance of Bluebirds, Indigo Buntings, and Blue Grosbeaks. While far from rare, these tribes are always a welcome sight.

Our open, weedy field is home for Bobwhites, Grasshopper Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Field Sparrows, and one lonely male Dickcissel. Two years ago we had several breeding pairs of Dickcissels but I'm sorry to say that this phenomenon has not repeated itself.

A beautiful road trip through this area begins at the Arrowhead Fish Hatchery near Armuchee. From Hwy. 27 N., turn right onto Ga. 156. Proceed about four miles and turn left on Floyd Springs Road. You'll soon come to the hatchery. Bird the fish ponds for waders. There are always Great Blue Herons, and in late summer I have found Great Common Audubon's Bicentennial Egrets, Little Blues, and (once) immature Ibis.

Continue northward out of the hatchery and you will be driving through beautiful Haywood Valley. Eventually you'll come into the area known as The Pocket, recently purchased by the State of Georgia from Berry College at a cool rate of about \$1,300.00 per acre. The Pocket includes the Johns Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Johns Creek trout fishery, and Keown Falls. Leaving The Pocket in the same direction, you'll soon come to Villanow. If you drive straight past the general store, you'll cross Taylor Ridge and pass Naomi, eventually reaching Summerville. If you turn left at the store, you'll reach Subligna within ten miles, and you can drive through our valley and visit us. If you turn right, you'll run into Hwy. 41 and I-75 near Tunnel Hill. If you turn right out of The Pocket, you'll soon intercept Ga. 136 which works its way back toward Canton. No matter where you happen to end up, well, there you are.

To get to the Lookout Plateau, from Summerville take Ga. 48 to Cloudland and turn right onto 157. There's a good little restaurant at Cloudland, the only one for miles. If you go to Alabama, you went the wrong way. If you went the right way, you'll eventually fall off the mountain at Rock City. For directions along the dirt roads of Taylor Ridge to secret places such as "devil worshippers" (ooh!) call me or my lovely wife Kristin Poulsen, 857-4424. If it rings 20 times and we don't answer, we're either not there or we took the phone off the hook.

DAVID BROWN

FIELD NOTES

A lone PIE-BILLED GREBE lingered at Merry Ponds (Augusta) until 5/31 (A&VW), and DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS continue to increase in the Augusta area with 108 in Merry Ponds on 3/24 and 142 on 3/26. Also, LEAST BITTERNS and KING RAILS nest there.

On 5/30, after the previous day of extremely high winds, DF, a Florida resident who is presently finishing work there on the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas (a 5 year project), reports an immature ANHINGA at Brasstown Bald Mountain in Union Co. which is near her second home in Blairsville. She observed the bird at close range circling above the Forest Service building. Underparts were light brown; neck was very long, and tail was long and square.

A&VW saw 6 COMMON LOONS on 3/31 with some in breeding plumage. Anne says LOONS and GREBES are not usually seen at Merry Brickyard Ponds because the ponds aren't very large or deep, but this season was the exception, with 9 HORNED GREBES appearing on 4/5, - 7 in winter plumage, and 2 in almost full summer plumage. TI, K&AC report that 10 STILT SANDPIPERS and 4 CASPIAN TERNS were spotted at the brickyards 4/14, and a flock of VESPER SPARROWS on 4/7. A RED PHALAROPE on 3/3 at Clayton County Water Treatment Plant seen by CH&PG was an exceptionally good find since it is the second record for the Atlanta area.

E&RP had two BLUE-PHASE SNOW GEESSE take up residence at their Monroe Co. farm during the week of 2/18, and were seen regularly through March.

A SURF SCOTER appeared at Lake Spivey on 2/4, 11, and 18 (PB) and WHITE-WINGED SCOTER on 2/3, 17, and 24 (PR). HG counted 40 GREEN-WINGED TEAL at Roger's Bridge (North Atlanta) on 3/4. Four COMMON MERGANSERS were spotted by GS at the Georgia Regional Hospital (Atlanta) on 3/17. PR saw one immature and two adult MUTE SWANS in Carrolton 3/17. These birds have nested there since 1968.

TI's backyard MISSISSIPPI KITES are back again this year; two were at Waycross 5/5 (SW) and two at Altamaha River building a nest 5/7 (A&EB).

A&EB saw a SWALLOW-TAILED KITE 4/7 at Okefenokee Swamp Park.

An immature SHARP-SHINNED HAWK appeared to be building a nest in the yard of AA in Atlanta during March. PR observed a BROAD-WINGED HAWK in Rockdale County on 3/21. Nesting BALD EAGLES at Rum Creek continued during the month of Feb. to successfully raise a single chick. By the end of the month the bird appeared half grown and would perch on the edge of the nest and gaze out across Lake Juliette (TJ). On 5/28, DF, WF, & SF saw a GOLDEN EAGLE at Big Cedar Mountain on the Appalachian Trail, one mile east of Woody Gap (elev. 3,737 ft.), soaring above a kettle of TURKEY VULTURES. K&AC's yard BARRED OWL fledged three owlets in mid-April.

Seven LESSER GOLDEN PLOVERS were seen at Roger's Bridge by BP and HG on 3/24, and two LESSER YELLOWLEGS on 3/4. JP had 500 KILDEER at Pendergrass on 3/4. A real surprise was a BLACK TERN in breeding plumage on Merry Ponds on 5/26 (A&VW).

WILD TURKEY were seen a lot more along the Augusta Levee this year with the largest flock being 1 male and 5 females on 3/24 (A&VW). BP reported a small group of SHORT-EARED OWLS wintering in some overgrown fields east of Athens in late January and were there through February.

A WHIP-POOR-WILL in Roswell on 3/13 may be Atlanta's earliest record (TM), and one was heard in Jones Co. just north of Macon 3/22 (VH). TJ heard one 3/27 at his home.

JS states that the SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER did not return to Cartersville this year.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS reached Elko, GA 3/18 (D&PG) and Jones Co. 3/20 (J&MA), and D&DC saw one on 3/29 at Darlen.

A RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER showed up across the road from the Amerson's home in Jones Co. May 3, and SW reports that those at Laura Walker State Park were busy getting their nest cavity tree ready, but were evicted from other cavity trees by RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS, however, they still had good trees to use this year.

AW&BD discovered a singing HORNED LARK while doing a Breeding Bird Survey on 6/9 near Sandersville, in Washington Co. DS reported a PURPLE MARTIN sighting in Eastman on 2/12, and TJ saw his first PURPLE MARTIN for the season in Monroe Co. on 2/20.

CC saw a SOLITARY VIREO 3/19 in Gordon and an INDIGO BUNTING 3/30.

DF reports two singing male BLACKBURNIAN WARBLERS 5/31 on the Appalachian Trail, 1/4 mile east of Neel's Gap. Two BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLERS were seen in Marletta on 3/23 (AM). D&DC, at Darlen, report arrivals of YELLOW-THROATED VIREO on 3/17, NORTHERN PARULA on 3/5, and a HOODED WARBLER on 3/26.

DH had a NORTHERN ORIOLE at his bird feeder on 2/21 & 22 in Milledgeville. On 5/12, AW&BM found a singing male DICKCISSEL on Mission Road (I-20 to 129 & 441), but it only remained about two weeks. JG saw a LECONTE'S SPARROW in Green County on 3/3.

JP found a flock of 13 RED CROSSBILLS near Lake Commerce on 1/20. PINE SISKINS were common at many Atlanta feeders during the month of March, and 300+ PINE SISKINS were sighted in Union County by DF, NT, VF, MJ, & EC on 5/15 through 5/22.

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CONSERVATION ISSUES

1990 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SUCCESSSES

The Environmental successes in the Georgia Assembly were numerous enough that the Georgia Environmental Council, to which GOS belongs, celebrated with Legislative Victory Party on March 31st.

The Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Bill (S.B. 533) requires a 25% reduction in garbage by 1996, thus encouraging recycling and the development of recycling markets. The bill sets up a process for the siting of waste disposal areas, and it allows communities to refuse to take grass clippings and certain other kinds of waste. (As for hazardous waste, the only new development is that university scientists have been added to the Hazardous Waste Authority.)

These water bills set higher standards for protecting lakes and watersheds, with stricter fines for polluters; they set new plumbing fixture standards; they ban combined sewer overflow systems; and they ban phosphates.

FAILURES

Unfortunately, the General Assembly did nothing to protect the mountains; it failed to require Environmental Impact Statements for state projects (to conform with the requirement of an EIS for each federal project); and it did not force the Department of Transportation, the state's largest earth mover, to comply with the erosion standards others must meet (to which DOT responds that it has its own high standards).

ONE LESS WORRY

At the time of our Fall Meeting in Valdosta, many of us were distressed that the DNR had announced the closing of several state parks and historical sites, including Reed Bingham in south Georgia and Providence Canyon in west Georgia. The newspapers announced within a week that money had been found to keep them open.

NEW MEMBERS

Donna M. Burel	Lilburn, GA
Dr. & Mrs. Robert E. Gordon	LaGrange, GA
Mr. & Mrs. John Walter James	Pearson, GA
M. C. Kaiser	Valdosta, GA
Kristen K. Korn	Marietta, GA
Dr. Carol Meyer	Augusta, GA
Evelyn Poindexter	Valdosta, GA
Betty & Earle Smith	Valdosta, GA
Mary Beth Watkins	Valdosta, GA
Harold & Anna Weatherholt	Suwanee, GA
John Winn	Gainesville, FL (Life Membership)

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Long time GOS member, Larry Thompson of Atlanta, died in early April. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Pat.

George Dorsey, a founding member of GOS, had a recent fall and is still recovering from head injuries. George taught natural history to young people in Atlanta and Rome for 60 years. He recently donated his entire library, related to ornithology, to Marshall Forest which is a project of the Nature Conservancy, near Rome. His herbarium collection was donated to the University of Georgia during the last two years. This collection is extremely valuable because it includes plant specimens from various parts of Georgia which no longer exist, being covered by pavement and housing.

Sheila Willis of Waycross is presently working in the Grand Teton National Park and will be there through the summer, which quite a contrast with Okefenokee Swamp.

Sara Robertson, a GOS member and graduate student at Cornell University who has been on field trips since she was 13 years old, is employed as a bird bander on Appledore Island off the coast of Maine. Sara is a master bander and now has a sub-permittee working under her. She states that she has banded about 2/3 of the possible warbler species thus far, including Wilson's, Mourning, Parula, and Canada warblers. She has also had good numbers of Sparrows, Flycatchers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and even one Evening Grosbeak.

One of her most interesting bits of news was that of "Yerick, the attack gull". Two Herring Gulls were trying to nest in one of the net lanes and also using the nets as a buffet line. An expert who happened to be on the island helped rig up a dead Black-backed Gull in an aggressive posture, and they haven't had trouble with the Herring Gulls since.

4TH EDITION, BIRDERS' GUIDE TO GEORGIA

Have you ever thought about editing a book that will be in print with your name on the cover? GOS needs a member to edit the 4th edition of BIRDERS' GUIDE TO GEORGIA.

Does the job take some work? Yes, some. Much of the material in the 3rd edition can be updated with help from local birders in the area. You will want to solicit write-ups from areas of the state not now covered. You may want to add a new feature of two such as bargraphs or more maps. Each of the previous editors has put their own mark on the birders' guide.

What's the pay like? The simple satisfaction of bringing your own book to print, one that has been the most popular book for GOS, by the way. GOS will pay for most expenses such as postage, phone, and of course, keydisk and printing costs.

Contact the Business Manager, John Swiderski, P. O. Box 1278, Cartersville, GA 30120 (404) 382-5188, if you want to take on this project which is not really very time consuming or difficult. We need to get started soon as the 3rd edition will soon be sold out.

FORESTS ARE OXYGEN FACTORIES

To grow a pound of wood, a tree uses 1.47 pounds of carbon dioxide and gives off 1.07 pounds of oxygen. An acre of trees might grow 4,000 pounds of wood in a year, using 5,880 pounds of carbon dioxide and giving off 4,280 pounds of oxygen in the process. Scientists calculate that an acre of growing trees can remove about 13 tons of dust and gasses from the environment each year, according to the American Forest Council.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE GOS TREES PROGRAM:

Dr. & Mrs. Fred Ware, Jr.
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Cherokee Audubon Society
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Sybil Perkins Kerr
Larry Thompson
Frank Ennis

Mr. & Mrs. F. J. Spencer
Milton N. Hopkins, Jr.

In Honor of:
Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Ostberg
Mary M. Hopkins

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE PLEDGED TO PLANT TREES OR GIVE THEM TO OTHERS AS GIFTS:

Doug and Betsy Phillips
Georgine Pindar

MAKING EARTH DAY 1990 LAST

At our fall meeting in Savannah, we advocated that we celebrate Earth Day 1990 by planting trees for the birds.

This can be a longtime commitment, a pledge to "MAKE EARTH DAY LAST". Won't you join us in promising to either 1) plant trees yourself, 2) give trees as gifts for others to plant, or 3) give a gift of money to the GOS to plant trees in honor of or in memory of someone of your choosing or our choosing?

EARTH DAY PLEDGE

As a part of the Georgia Ornithological Society program to MAKE EARTH DAY LAST through planting trees for the birds, I will promise to:

- _____ 1. Plant a tree or trees.
- _____ 2. Give a tree or trees to friends, neighbors, or relatives or to some program of my choosing.
- _____ 3. Make a donation to GOS to plant a tree or trees
_____ In honor of _____
_____ In memory of _____
_____ In honor of or memory of someone the GOS chooses.

Your Name : _____

Address : _____

City/State : _____

Name and address of person in honor of or family of person in memory of, so that they may be notified of your gift:

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____

Please mail this form (with Contribution, if that is your wish) directly to the Treasurer of GOS:

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Georgine Pindar, Conservation Chairman

THE GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ** SALES LIST

ANNOTATED CHECKLIST OF GEORGIA BIRDS

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PRICE

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"

Compiled by Robert W. Loftin. 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

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