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GOS 1992 FALL MEETING

The GOS 1992 fall meeting will be in St. Marys, Georgia, October 9-11 at The Charter House Inn on Highway 40 just west of town. Rooms are \$39.96 single or double, tax included, and the three-entre buffet Saturday evening is \$12.70, including tax and gratuity. For reservations call 1-800-768-6250 or write P.O. Box 407, St. Marys, GA 31558. Be sure to mention GOS. Camping is available at Crooked River State Park which has sixty tent and trailer sites just 7 miles up the road. Call (912) 882-5256 for reservations.

Friday night's program begins at 7:30PM and will feature Joe Kurz who is DNR's Chief of Game Management. He has spent twenty-one years as a Field Biologist, twelve years as an Assistant Chief of Game Management, and has held his current title for three years. Mr. Kurz will speak on Forestry Practices on Sapelo Island. (Note: Terry Johnson was announced as speaking on this topic in last issue.)

Saturday, October 10th, the banquet speakers will be Cindy Mosling and Andy Liliskis, a husband-wife team who began a care and rehabilitation facility for birds called BEAKS, years ago. From their location, between Jacksonville, FL and the Georgia state line, they have treated, to date, over 27,000 birds. Most of these were shore birds affected by oil spills. They conduct mock disaster drills for bird emergency care and have completed a similar plan of action for Cumberland Island. Their presentation is entitled "The Care and Rehabilitation of Birds in Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida."

Members, Mike and Cathy Chapman of Brunswick, are helping with field trips along with St. Marys' premier birder, Bert Rhyne. A description of the exciting field trips they have planned for us follows along with a form for registering prior to the meeting if you so choose. GOS has reserved (and paid in advance for) 35 seats on the 11:45AM trip to Cumberland Island, Saturday, October 10. They will be assigned to the first 35 individuals who send checks for \$7.95 per person, payable to GOS, to Ken Clark, 8247 Lower Thomaston Rd., Macon, GA 31210. Cancellations received prior to September 19, can be refunded. Seats not claimed by that date will be canceled. Anyone desiring the early boat over (9:30AM) can call (912) 882-4335 and make their own arrangements. The registration desk opens at 3:30PM Friday, October 9th.

1992 FALL MEETING FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, October 10

1. CUMBERLAND ISLAND - Leader: Bert Rhyne, Museum Curator, Cumberland Island National Seashore and premier birder. Check in at the *Cumberland Queen* Dock in St. Marys not later than 11:15AM for your reserved seat on the 11:45 boat. Take food and drink to sustain you until you return to St. Marys around 5:45PM. GOS has reserved and paid for a block of seats to be assigned first-come-first-served as applications are received. Cancellations received prior to September 19, can be refunded. You will be notified if seats have been sold out before your application is received, and your name will be placed on the stand-by list in the order received. Cumberland Island trip folks may want to fill their early morning hours with short trips to nearby Crooked River State Park or King's Bay Submarine Base.

2. JEKYLL ISLAND - Always a popular fall experience for GOS'ers, Jekyll is 45 miles up I-95 from St. Marys. A 7:00AM departure will have you shore birding on the beach or watching the action at Jekyll Island Bird Banding Station (JIBS) by around 8:00AM. If you get back in time, you can participate in the Crooked River State Park trip in the late afternoon.

3. PAULK'S PASTURE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - Leader Mike Chapman. This recently established WMA has turned out to be one of Glynn County's birding hotspots. A mix of wet prairie and young pine stands attracts migrant warblers, hawks, wading birds and inland shorebirds. It's a 45 minute drive up I-95 to exit 7B, U.S. 341. Go west toward Jessup to the second traffic light (Crispen Road). Meet Mike at 8:00AM in the Wynn Dixie parking lot and bring a picnic lunch. You'll be back in St. Marys mid afternoon, or you may want to swing by Jekyll on the way back.

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4. **FT. CLINCH & LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARKS (Florida).** Beachfront, coastal grasslands and hammocks attract the usual shorebirds plus hawks, waders, and passerines - especially Painted Buntings. Located 45 minutes from St. Marys through Fernandina Beach (see map). Little Talbot Island is 15 miles farther down the coast and is much the same habitat, but more of it.

5. **OKEFENOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE -** Located 39 miles from the motel. Good for a half-day of birding, or longer if you take a canoe or swamp boat trip. Good chance to see Sandhill Cranes on the ground. Combine with an early morning at Crooked River State Park (trip 6) or swing by there on the way home Sunday.

6. **CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK -** Located 7 miles up Spur 40 from the motel. Good for warblers, shore and wading birds. Early arrivals Friday might slip up there that afternoon. Or you may want to do this trip if you get back early from some other trip on Saturday.

7. **KING'S BAY SUBMARINE BASE -** Not especially good for birding, but we may obtain permission for a group to visit the base just to see how the submariners live and work. It is probably best to combine this with an early morning swing by Crooked River State Park and be through in time for lunch and a free afternoon for birding elsewhere such as Jekyll or Fort Clinch.

Sunday, October 11 - Trips 2, 3, 5 and 6 can be repeated. Jekyll and Paulk's Pasture leaders have agreed to do both days. No organized Sunday trip to Cumberland Island - because of the 4:45PM return time. Individuals desiring to go to Cumberland Sunday may call (912) 882-4335 for reservations.

FIELD TRIP FORM (Mail With Registration)

Location	Time	Saturday	Sunday
1. Cumberland Island	11:15AM	_____	_____
2. Jekyll Island	7:00AM	_____	_____
3. Paulk's Pasture WMA	8:00AM	_____	_____
4. Ft. Clinch & Little Talbot Island State Parks (Florida)		_____	_____
5. Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge		_____	_____
6. Crooked River State Park		_____	_____
7. King's Bay Submarine Base		_____	_____

NAME(S) _____

May - 1992 - COAST: Highlights were Whimbrel, Black-necked Stilt, Least Tern, Piping Plover, Wilson's Plover, Merlin, Bald Eagle, Bobolink, Red Knot, Wood Stork, Gray Kingbird, Greater Black-backed Gull and Mississippi Kite. **GEORGIA MOUNTAINS:** Least Flycatcher and Willow Flycatcher. **PIEDMONT:** Two sightings of Red Crossbills - Putnam and Rockdale Counties (both reports were fly-bys), Olive-sided Flycatcher and Bobolink at the Chattahoochee River, White-rumped Sandpiper and Red-necked Phalarope were the highlights from the E. L. Huie Land Application Facility.

June - 1992 - COAST: The first sighting for the year of Roseate Spoonbill on Jekyll Island and four from Kings Bay. Least Bitterns and Purple Gallinules were seen at the Altamaha Wildlife Management Area. **MOUNTAINS:** Blue-winged and Gold-winged Warblers, Black-billed Cuckoo, Winter Wren, Veery, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green Warblers, Redstart, Blackburnian Warbler, Ruffed Grouse, and Common Raven. **PIEDMONT:** Dickcissels were seen in Jefferson Co., Bald Eagle, Willow Flycatcher, Cattle Egret, Cliff Swallows and Black Rails were seen in Greene Co.

July - 1992 - COAST: A good number of reports came in from the coast. The highlights were Swallow-tailed Kite, Mississippi Kite, Whimbrel, Piping Plover, Red Knot, Roseate Spoonbill, Reddish Egret, Gull-billed Tern, Gray Kingbird, Least Tern and Black Tern. **MOUNTAINS:** Ruffed Grouse, Veery, Canada Warbler, Redstart, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green Warblers, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Gold and Blue-winged Warblers. The first sighting of a Swallow-tailed Kite for Stephens Co. in N.E. GA was reported and another was seen at Carters Lake, both probably post-breeding wanderers. **PIEDMONT:** No exciting numbers of shore birds at ELHLAF until late July when nine species were present: Short-billed Dowitcher, Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral, Solitary, Spitted, Least, Western, and Semipalmated Sandpipers, and Kildeer. The highlight at ELHLAF was a Least Tern that was resting on the ground. One Black Tern and an immature Bald Eagle were also seen there. A female Green-winged Teal remained throughout the month. Black Rails were still present in Greene Co. South of Macon on U.S. 96 at the Turf Farm where adult and immature Horned Larks and a Pectoral Sandpiper were seen feeding in the grass.

Also, GOS wishes to thank Atlanta Audubon Society and the Ocmulgee Audubon Society for their recent contributions toward the Rare Bird Alert maintenance expenses.

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 Guide to birding locations throughout Georgia.
 Also lists bird clubs, state parks.
 138 pages, 14 maps, 5 1/2 x 8 1/4, 1992.

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ANNOTATED CHECKLIST OF GEORGIA BIRDS
 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.

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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.

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

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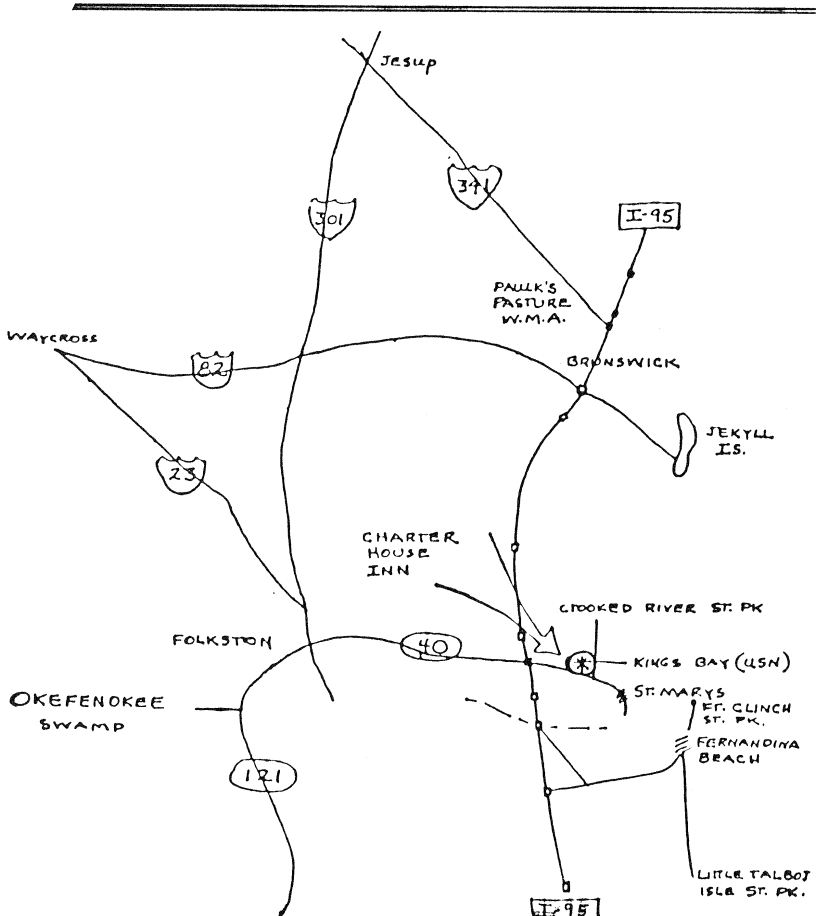
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REPORT COLOR MARKED SHOREBIRDS - PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH PROJECT

Shorebirds are being color banded and color marked as part of a study of migration ecology and population biology at the Chincoteague NWR in Virginia. Each bird will be given three plumage color marks on the breast, flank, and under tail coverts using six colors: Red, yellow, green, blue, purple, and black. Each bird will also receive a Fish and Wildlife Service band on one leg and a color band on the other. If you see such a color-marked bird, please record: (1) Species (2) The color band and which leg it was on (3) The colors on the three plumage regions, front to back (breast, flanks, under-tail coverts), and (4) The date, time, and place where the bird was seen. Please report to Jeff Spendelo, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD 20708. (301) 498-0373.

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia's quarterly publication states that the garden, located in Athens, has particularly benefitted from Georgia Ornithological Society's contributions to the Orange Nature Trail. GOS adopted the Orange Trail in June, 1991, and has since provided funds to improve and maintain the trail. An attractive and sturdy bridge spans the ravine where the flood plain drains into the river, and stone causeways make easier the crossing of smaller branches. Where the trail was badly washed or worn, it has either been relocated or built up substantially with earthworks buttressed by large stones and logs. Another project underway on the Orange Trail is to provide taxonomic labeling of wildflowers and ferns, enhancing even more the pleasure and benefit of this Garden experience.

FIELD NOTES

A COMMON LOON visited Lake Wildwood, Macon area, in mid-May (PJ); one was first seen on 6/28 by JS&CL and again on 7/4. On 3/15, PR found an EARED GREBE among several HORNED GREBES at Lake Lanier. MAV,P&TM were surprised by a LEAST BITTERN being flushed from the ivy covering the side of a house on Jekyll Island 3/20. JS saw three LEAST BITTERNS 5/9 at Altamaha N.W.R. and one GLOSSY IBIS. JS&CL found two ROSEATE SPOONBILLS on 7/25 on the Jekyll Island Causeway. A WOOD STORK was seen going down into a remote swamp of Merry Brick Ponds at dusk on 5/22 (A&VW). AW says they are nesting at the usual site near Millen, GA., approximately 40 miles south, but cannot explain this ones presence.

One of the rarest waterfowl species coming through Atlanta, the RED-THROATED LOON, was seen at Lake Lanier on 3/15 (PR). Record early for the state was a SWALLOW-TAILED KITE in the Okefenokee Swamp on 3/8, (L&HG). One SWALLOW-TAILED KITE was observed on 7/26 at Altamaha Fish Camp, Glynn Co. (JS&CL). JS found one MISSISSIPPI KITE on 5/9, at Viking Fish Camp (Liberty Co.). The earliest BROAD-WINGED HAWK report was from Roswell on 4/5 (TM). Two, maybe three BLACK RAILS were in Greene Co. on 6/28 (JS&CL). Two VIRGINIA RAILS were in the same marsh they frequented last year near Woodstock-3/12 & 3/21, and a SORA 4/4-4/10 (GB). M&JA found a RED-NECKED PHALAROPE in Clayton County 5/31.

A LAUGHING GULL was a rare find at the E.L. Huie Land Application Facility on 4/11 (RR). CB had 32 HERRING GULLS in Merry Ponds on 3/8, an unusual bird inland in Augusta. BONAPARTE'S GULL, an uncommon spring transient in the interior, appeared at Clark's Hill Dam with 3 on 4/4 and 7 on 4/26 (A&VW). One adult SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER appeared at Merry Ponds 5/2-5/9. It had orange and black two-toned bill, pale orange legs and black single neck band. CB saw one WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER there on 4/24. One PECTORAL SANDPIPER at Sod Farm, Houston County on 7/4, was an early find as the annotated checklist shows early date to be July 7 (JS&BD).

DW saw and heard a BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO one mile above Neel's Gap on the way to the top of Blood Mountain. JS&CL report two BANK SWALLOWS on 5/30 at E. L. Huie Land Application Facility. COMMON RAVENS were observed 5-9, 14 & 22, by DF,EC,et.al. on Brasstown Bald, and JS counted four on 5/23 at Rabun Bald. FISH CROWS show up at many areas within Atlanta and surrounding areas. Terry Moore wishes someone would find a nest and document it in *The Oriole*.

Brasstown Bald yielded one WINTER WREN on 5/31. A RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET in an Atlanta yard on 5/7 was a late find (JS&CL). One VEERY on 5/20 in Union County, elev. 2,500' and two on 5/22 Brasstown Bald, elev. 4,500' were reported by DF&EC. A&VW saw a PHILADELPHIA VIREO at Yuchi WMA, GA on 4/6. WORM-EATING WARBLERS were in various parts of Union County, one on 5/12,18,30, and 6/1 (DF-AW). BLUE-WINGED and GOLD-WINGED WARBLERS were seen several times through early and late spring near Mulkey Gap Road in Union County (DW,AW,&DF et.al.) Two singing BLACKBURNIAN WARBLERS on 4/22 and one 4/27 were observed by DF,MK,&RS in Union County. An OAS field trip 5/17, produced close to 60 species, one life bird for many was a CONNECTICUT WARBLER at the water treatment plant on Lower Poplar St. (Macon).

D&PG, who keep a watch on Oak Woods near Macon, saw a BACHMAN'S SPARROW there in April. A LARK SPARROW on Peach County 5/14, was a good find for PJ, and a LINCOLN'S SPARROW, another good find, was at Blalock Lake in south Atlanta on 4/30 (PB). Nine WHITE-THROATED SPARROWS on 5/3 at Kennesaw Mountain were observed by JS&CL. A SMITH'S LONGSPUR was reported from Dawson County on 3/14, by DW&JW. At Altamaha N.W.R. on 5/9, JS estimated having seen 1,000+ BOBOLINKS. Two RUSTY BLACKBIRDS were seen near the Augusta levee on 4/1 and 3 were there on 4/11 (A&VW). A female plumaged NORTHERN ORIOLE frequented the feeder of D&JL in north Atlanta from 3/14-3/25. DF had 150 PINE SISKINS 3/14, dwindling down to two on 6/18. DF&AW saw 10 ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAKS on Brasstown Bald 5/4, and at least 35 JUNCOS.

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Phyllis Bowen, of St. Simons Island and coordinator of GOS Fall 1991 meeting field trips, received a Special Achievement award at the annual awards ceremony of the Georgia Environmental Council. In an effort to protect Georgia's wildlife, Phyllis received the award for her efforts to restore a Wood Stork rookery on St. Simons Island.

Georgine Pindar, also at the annual GEC awards ceremony held in Atlanta on June 7, was given a Special Achievement award for her many contributions to the Georgia Environmental Council.

Didi Manns has been recognized with the award for Special Achievement: Environmental Action by the Georgia Wildlife Federation, sponsors of the prestigious Georgia Conservation Achievement Awards. Since 1963 the awards have recognized outstanding contributions by Georgia individuals and organizations. Dr. Manns has served during the past year as president of the Georgia Environmental council, an organization which has as its mission to promote and facilitate communication among various member organizations of the environmental community. Dedicating her time to fostering communication among various special interest groups, she successfully united unlikely allies to focus attention on specific environmental issues, showing that a team effort can produce results far greater than the groups could produce working separately.

SMOG POLLUTION THREATENS THE SOUTHEAST

An article in *The Atlanta Journal/Constitution* on Sunday, July 5, featured GOS member, Harriett DiGioia, a long time National Park Service employee who expressed alarm over the smog pollution in North Georgia and the Southeast. A smoggy haze from the west and south often rises out of the valley to blur the secluded peaks of Cohutta which she says creeps closer and closer every year. As the Southeast has boomed, not even the region's most pristine wilderness areas and parks have remained immune from air pollution drifting in from the growing number of factories, power plants and cars.

After a decade of research, the National Park Service and the Forest Service say they now have the scientific data they need to show that the southern Appalachians can stand no more air pollution. At a recent meeting in Atlanta with regulators from six states, officials proposed that no new smokestacks be allowed near parks or wilderness areas without equal reductions of emissions from existing industry, however, state agencies are reluctant to go along, contending that new controls are beyond what is required by federal law and that to comply would stymie economic growth. Seven national forests and two national parks in the Southeast are threatened:

- Plants in the Cohutta Wilderness are being damaged by ozone, a prime ingredient in smog.
- More than 50% of the summertime haze surrounding the Great Smokey Mountains National Park is pollution, greatly reducing visibility.
- Streams in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains are suffering acid overload, killing aquatic life, a result of acid rain and other pollutants.
- On the crests of North Carolina's and Tennessee's highest ridges, spruce and fir are dying. Air pollution is at least partly to blame.

Adverse impact from air pollution, because of research, is now documented; however, new plants known to emit harmful pollutants, are being permitted to locate dangerously near parks and forests. The proposal to set geographical limits restricting how close businesses could encroach on parks and forests touched off a storm of protest from industries and state environmental agencies who believe that the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act will produce significant reductions in emissions and should be given a chance before taking further steps to curb smog pollution.

PELAGIC TRIPS

Explore the ocean waters off the Savannah, GA coast on September 13, or November 8. in search of pelagic birds. Possibilities include sea ducks, Gannets, Red and Northern Phalaropes, Jaegers, and perhaps Black-legged Kittiwakes. Minimum sign up per trip is required. Due to the limited number of spaces, we must ask for full payment in advance. Refunds can be made only if a replacement can be found. For more information, call Bill Blakeslee, pelagic trips chairman.

PELAGIC TRIPS RESERVATION FORM

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 2. *The birds of Georgia - A Preliminary Check-List and Bibliography* - Earle Greene, et. al.
 3. *Distribution and Populations of Summer Birds in Southwestern Georgia, 1951* - Robert Norris
- We will also accept any copies of *The Oriole* that are offered to us. Contact John Swiderski, P. O. Box 1278 Cartersville, GA 30120 or call (404) 382-5188.

CONSERVATION NEWS
Georgine Pindar, Conservation Chairman

At the July 25th GOS Board Meeting, the members of the board voted to make the Georgia Ornithological Society an Affiliate Member of the Environmental Fund for Georgia. We were invited to join because we are financially sound, and we are a tax-exempt organization with a 501(C)(3).

The Environmental Fund for Georgia will do for the member environmental organizations in Georgia what the United Way does for social service organizations, that is, arrange for payroll deductions at the workplace.

We will be paying a one-time fee, and then after that our obligation is a contribution of 100 hours of work per year. With our large membership, that should not be impossible. We will have to visit employers and get their cooperation, and then we have to make known to employees that they will have this fine way to make a contribution to the environment.

We will not see a return on our initial investment immediately because it will take time to make all the contacts with employers and to advertize the project. However, in a year or two we should be realizing a substantial sum of money from the venture. The program is underway and succeeding in New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, and Minnesota, and is on its way, as we are, in several other states, including Florida.

The Environmental Fund for Georgia is already incorporated and has bylaws. We are now working on the 501 (C)(3) so that your payroll deductions will be tax deductible. We will be joined in the Environmental Fund for Georgia by some fifteen other environmental organizations in Georgia, including Audubon and the Sierra Club. The monies that come in will be divided equally among the member organizations. This is a big step forward for GOS!

GEORGIA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ABSTRACT (April 25, 1992)

- **Rare Bird Alert** - It was approved that Billy Dunbar (Woody Duck) use the RBA phone number on his radio programs with the request that Adrienne Myles, who is in charge of the phone calls and taped messages, add at the end of the tape, information on how to join GOS. RBA finances remain okay after 18 months, and it was decided that GOS continue to support/coordinate funding and maintain the Hotline.
 - **Conservation** - An organization is being planned named Workplace Giving for the Environment. Two classes of participants are being proposed: Affiliate Organizations (with representation on the Board of Directors) and Associate Organizations (without such representation). Exploration was requested and further information would be presented at next meeting.
- Terry Johnson reports that there are two bills being proposed to increase the number of agencies receiving money from the state income tax checkoff: (1) early childhood and elderly services and (2) delivered meals and transportation for the elderly.
- **Meetings** - Ken Clark reported that the Spring 1993 meeting will be held at Fieldstone Inn in Hiawassee, GA with alternate accommodations nearby. May 15th weekend was the chosen date.
 - **Liability** - Branch Howe reported that in 1991, the AOU asked everyone attending the annual meeting to sign a "release" for their field trips. Regarding GOS requirements, it was decided that this issue be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
 - **Editorial** - The GOSHAWK extract of a story regarding timber cutting on Sapelo Island was discussed. Branch wants to develop a GOS publication policy on controversial issues, perhaps using editorial comment or credit to the original writer in order to report issues in an unbiased manner.
 - **Roger Tory Peterson Painting** - John Swiderski reported that the original Peterson painting, after a further protection process, is now hanging in Fernbank Science Center.
 - **Treasurer** - Doug Phillips stated we are about even on finances year-to-date, remaining in a strong financial position.

NEW MEMBERS

Dorothy E. Adams	Blairsville, GA	Carol Pascal	Jesup, GA
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Barbara and Julian Gray	Decatur, GA	David Weiss	Duluth, GA
Jan Overton	Cartersville, GA		

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(Children under 16 must be registered _____
but are charged no registration fee)

Address _____ Phone(____) _____

_____ Registration(s) @ \$8.00 per person \$ _____
_____ Reservations for banquet @ \$12.70 per person \$ _____
_____ Cumberland Island seats @ 7.95 each \$ _____

Make checks payable to GOS and mail with this form to Ken Clark, 8247 Lower Thomaston, Macon, GA 31210. Early registration makes planning easier. Cancellations received by September 19, (boat seats) or October 8, (registration & banquet) will be refunded.

The GOS requires registration for participation in the meeting and also requires all registrants to sign the following release. If the participant is a minor, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must sign this release.

RELEASE

Each registrant named, both adult and minor, desires to participate in the field trips and other activities at this meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society (GOS). Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily grants to the GOS and its officers, committee members, and any other persons engaged in activities in connection with this meeting, a full release from any claim, liability, or cost of any nature on account of personal illness or bodily injury, loss of life, or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly arising out of the registrant's participation in this meeting.

NAME (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____
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