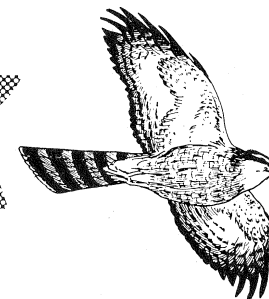


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FALL 1995 MEETING

Despite Hurricane Opal pounding parts of west and north Georgia, the Fall 1995 GOS meeting was held under sunny skies October 6-8 at the Ramada Inn-Savannah Conference Center in Pooler, GA. Pat Metz coordinated field trips locally and did an outstanding job with boat trips to both Blackbeard and Wassau Islands, as well as trips to the Savannah and Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuges, Tybee Island and the Ft. Pulaski area. Some members even managed to participate in a Corps of Engineers bird survey with Steve Calver at the Savannah River spoils site where they were treated to good looks at Hudsonian Godwit, 3 Wilson's Phalarope, 221 American Avocet and hundreds of other shorebirds and waterfowl. Other best birds for the weekend were Magnificent Frigatebird on Tybee, Parasitic Jaeger on Wassau, Reddish Egret on Wassau, and great looks at Peregrine Falcon on Wassau. We came up with a total weekend species count of 151!

John Sill, illustrator and co-author of *A Field Guide to Little-Known and Seldom-Seen Birds of North America*, *Another Field Guide to Little Known and Seldom-Seen Birds of North America*, and *Beyond Birdwatching...More than there is to know about birding*, narrated a slide show of species from his books after Saturday night's banquet. John, his wife, Cathy, and brother, Ben have authored these books. If you are not familiar with them, they are extremely entertaining volumes and we urge you to visit your favorite bookstore soon.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Plans are underway for the **Spring, 1996** meeting to be held in the mountains, based in Dalton, GA April 26-28. Agenda, registration form and lodging information will be published in the March *GOS*hawk. As previously announced, our **Fall 1996** meeting will be held jointly with the **Association of Field Ornithologists**. The meeting will be based at the Holiday Inn Beach Resort on Jekyll Island October 18-20, 1996. Mark your calendars now and look for more information in the *GOS*hawk as the details and agenda are planned.



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Environmental Fund for Georgia

The Environmental Fund for Georgia (EFG), of which GOS is a member, is in good financial standing, as an independent auditor's report by Carmichael Brasher Tuvell & Savage, CPA will attest.

Our check for 2/1/95 through 9/5/95 was \$1,122.66 in addition to smaller checks which our Treasurer receives from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the fund to which federal employees contribute.

We need your help in this effort to expand payroll deduction giving to the environment. Please call Alice Rolls at the EFG office (now located at 1447 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309, 404/873-3173, to volunteer a bit of your time. It's almost the end of the year, and GOS is short a good many volunteer hours to meet its pledge. We will be penalized financially if we fail to meet the 100 hour requirement.

The Georgia Conservancy

It's not too early to put the 29th Annual Conference of The Georgia Conservancy to be held March 1-3, 1996 at Callaway Gardens, on your calendar. The emphasis this year will be on "Blueprints for Successful Communities." Your children will enjoy the special environmental education programs planned for them. Call 404/876-2900 or 912/897-6470 for details and registration information.



ORANGE TRAIL - STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA

Thank you for your many memorial contributions to the State Botanical Garden in Athens toward the upkeep of the Orange Trail. Our total contributions so far come to well over \$2,000. Please keep this worthwhile project in mind for gifts in honor of or in memory of friends and family. Please make contributions payable to Georgia Ornithological Society and send to: Georgine Pindar, 2633 Ridgemore Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318.

RECENT MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Donor: Georgine Pindar

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AMERICAN WOODCOCK - Although it is a breeder over much of the state, it is rarely reported during the summer and then generally from the more northern areas. Brad Winn saw one near Darien on 6/29 for a rare coastal summer report.

PARASITIC JAEGER - One bird at St. Simons Island on 6/17 was a rare summer sighting (Brad Berstrom fide Doris Cohrs).

LITTLE GULL - What was possibly the same bird which was seen back in May, was found at Gould's Inlet on 6/6 by Malcolm Hodges and last seen there on 6/10 by Paul Raney.

CASPIAN TERN - One bird was seen along the Chattahoochee River north of Atlanta on 7/30 by Eran Tomer, a rare sighting inland.

COMMON TERN - Unusual for the period was one seen at Jekyll Island on 6/10 (Paul Raney) and 5 on St. Simons Island on 6/14 (Jeff Sewell and Pierre Howard).

FORSTER'S TERN - One bird was seen at the ELHLAF on 7/13 by Brock Hutchins.

BLACK TERN - Surprisingly, the only report was of ten in the Altamaha Estuary on 6/29 by Brad Winn.

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER - The only report was of one on St. Catherines Island on 7/23, seen by Hunter Patterson.

STILT SANDPIPER - An early migrating Stilt was seen in Laurens County on 7/30 by Tommy Patterson.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE - This species continues to increase in the Brunswick area and several other areas around the state. A new location was Americus where two were seen by Mark Oberle on 6/4. Hunter Patterson saw one at Sapelo Island on 7/2, the first reported from this island.

BURROWING OWL - At least one bird was still in the Bainbridge area on 6/3 (Kevin Danchisen).

WHIP-POOR-WILL - One bird was heard calling in McIntosh County on 6/11 for a very unusual summer report (Brad Winn). Tommy Patterson had three birds calling in Laurens County on 7/17.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER - One bird was at the marsh in Greene County on 6/17 (Jeff Sewell, Carol Lambert, Billy and Brenda Dunbar and George Griffeth) and again on 7/5 (Giff Beaton and Kevin Danchisen).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - A bird was seen on one day only, on 6/15 in the Valdosta area by Kristi Avera.

SOLITARY VIREO - Jerry and Marie Amerson had a very high count of five SOLITARIES at Piedmont NWR on 6/11. This is an amazing number since the bird is very rare as a summer resident even in the Atlanta area. Speaking of the Atlanta area, a bird at Kennesaw Mt. on 7/16 was certainly rare for the area (fide Bruce Dralle).

BLUE-WINGED X GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - One of these "hybrids" was reported from the Augusta area on the odd date of 6/29 by Richard Lux. I recently read in the Yellowthroat (MOS publication) that there is so much natural variation in Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers that identification as to Brewster's or Lawrence's type hybrids is very problematical.

NORTHERN PARULA - More than the usual number of reports came from the Atlanta area during June with singing males near Stockbridge on 6/3 (Terry Moore and Patrick Brisse), near Stone Mountain from 6/15 through the end of July (Patrick Brisse) and near Marietta on 6/18 (Giff Beaton). This species is a rare breeder in the Atlanta area.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - One bird in the Darien area on 6/2 was quite late (Doris Cohrs).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - The first migrants were two birds seen at KMT on 7/6 by Giff Beaton. A total of 59 birds were reported from Kennesaw during the month of July with the high count of 8 on 7/30 (fide Bruce Dralle).

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - Single birds were seen at KMT on 7/19 and 7/28 (Giff Beaton).

CERULEAN WARBLER - The first migrants were three birds seen at KMT on 7/9 (fide Bruce Dralle). A total of 20 birds were reported from KMT during the month with the high count of 5 on 7/28 (fide Bruce Dralle).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - Tom Patterson had three birds in Laurens County on 7/12.

AMERICAN REDSTART - The first fall migrant was a bird seen in SE Cherokee County on 7/16 by Terry Moore.

WORM-EATING WARBLER - Single birds at the Oaky Woods WMA (Houston County) on 6/10 (Dan Guynn and Larry Ross) and another bird at the Piedmont NWR on 6/11 (Jerry and Marie Amerson) were unusual but may represent isolated breeding populations.

SWAINSON'S WARBLER - Single birds were found at Darien (June and July by Doris Cohrs), at the Athens Botanical Garden on 6/7 (Pierre Howard) and at Oaky Woods WMA on 6/10 (Dan Guynn and Larry Ross).

SCARLET TANAGER - An adult male was seen feeding a fledgling at FDR State Park near Warm Springs on 7/1 by Lisa Hurt. This has to be close to the southern fringe of their breeding range.

SCARLET/WESTERN TANAGER - A female plumaged tanager with wingbars was seen at KMT on 7/27 by Giff Beaton and Kevin Danchisen.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - A very rare summer sighting was a male and female at a Union City (SW of Atlanta) feeder on 6/28 (J.W. Lipscomb fide Jeff Sewell).

DICKCISSEL - Two singles were seen: one in Floyd County in mid-June (Bill Harbin), and one on 6/7 in Greene County (Pierre Howard).

NORTHERN ORIOLE - The isolated breeding population at Central City Park in Macon continues to do well with four singing males on 6/1 including a pair feeding young (Pierre Howard). One male was seen at the CRNRA on 7/4 by Mark Davis for a very unusual summer record for this species in the Atlanta area.

MOTTLED DUCK - Thirty-five were reported from the Altamaha WMA on 6/14 by Jeff Sewell and Pierre Howard. Other observers have described these birds as American Black/Mottled Ducks without specifying their belief as to the identification. However, until just the past few years I don't remember any reports of "Black" ducks from the coastal areas so I'm sure all these sightings emanate from the South Carolina releases. What we don't know and would appreciate some information on, is the extent of interbreeding between this population and whatever population of nesting American Black Ducks there is in North and South Carolina.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL - Two males were seen on 6/14 at the Altamaha WMA by Jeff Sewell, Pierre Howard and Doris Cohrs.

RING-NECKED DUCK - A male spent the entire months of June and July at the ELHLAF (m.ob.).

HOODED MERGANSER - A surprising number of sightings of this species were received. One female was at the DeKalb Reservoir on 6/2 (Jeff Sewell). Two birds were seen in Floyd County on 6/4 (Gordon Hight). Another immature was seen at the ELHLAF on 6/20-21 by Carol Lambert.

OSPREY - Two birds remained at Blalock Lake (part of the ELHLAF) through the summer and rebuilt their nest after the first nest with chicks was blown down in May, but this nest site did not produce young (Carol Lambert, Patrick Brisse).

MISSISSIPPI KITE - One bird was seen in the Athens area on 6/3 by Paul Sykes. Another bird was seen in north Atlanta (along I-285) on 7/5 by Giff Beaton and Kevin Danchisen. This species is seen almost annually in the Atlanta area now.

BALD EAGLE - One bird was seen in the Duluth area, NE of Atlanta, on 6/1 by Margaret Hatfield, another was seen several times in the vicinity of the ELHLAF during June and July (Carol Lambert) and an adult was seen at Little Cumberland Island on 6/19 by Brad Winn.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK - One bird was seen at the Piedmont NWR on 6/11 by Jerry and Marie Amerson. Other single birds were seen in NE Atlanta on 6/13 by Mark Oberle, at a marsh in the Kennesaw Mt. National Battlefield Park on 6/17 (Giff Beaton), at the CRNRA in north Atlanta on 7/22 (Mark Davis) and at KMT on 7/12 (Giff Beaton), 7/23 (Mark Davis) and 7/30 (fide Bruce Dralle).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK - One of the two birds seen in Greene County on 6/17 by Jeff Sewell, Carol Lambert and George Griffeth was a very rare dark morph.

AMERICAN KESTREL - This species is now a rare breeder in Georgia so a pair at Berry College in Rome on 6/5 (Nelson Dobbs) and four birds (2 adults and 2 immatures together) in Newton County on 6/16 where they bred last year (Billy Dunbar) were both noteworthy sightings.

MERLIN - Extremely unusual for this time of year was a bird seen at the ELHLAF on 6/18 by Jeff Sewell and Carol Lambert. This would appear to be the first summer record of this species in Georgia.

PEREGRINE FALCON - One bird was seen in downtown Atlanta on 6/15 by Russell Wigh. Paul Raney saw another on 6/17 in Rabun County.

WILD TURKEY - Unusual for such an urban area was a bird heard near the marsh at the KMT on 6/17 by Giff Beaton.

BLACK RAIL - Two birds were heard at the Greene County marsh on 6/17 by Jeff Sewell, Carol Lambert, Billy and Brenda Dunbar and George Griffeth. Four birds were heard (two were seen flying) there on 7/5 (Giff Beaton and Kevin Danchisen).

KING RAIL - One bird was heard at the Greene County marsh on 7/5 by Giff Beaton and Kevin Danchisen.

VIRGINIA RAIL - One bird was heard at the CRNRA on 6/3 by Jeff Sewell. Two others were heard on 6/17 at the Kennesaw Mt. marsh by Giff Beaton and three were heard the same day at the Greene County marsh by Jeff Sewell, Carol Lambert, Billy and Brenda Dunbar and George Griffeth. At the Greene County marsh, six were heard on 7/5 by Giff Beaton and Kevin Danchisen.

AMERICAN COOT - One bird was seen throughout the period at the DeKalb Reservoir by Jeff Sewell. Another spent the period at the ELHLAF with two birds being seen there early in June (Carol Lambert). Doris Cohrs reported one from Harris Neck NWR on 6/12.

BLACK-NECKED STILT - Three birds were seen near Valdosta on 6/3 by Kevin Danchisen for an unusual inland sighting.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS - A very early bird for the Atlanta area was one at the ELHLAF on 7/15 by Jeff Sewell.

YELLOWLEGS (sp.) - Rare for the time of year was a Yellowlegs of unknown species seen at the ELHLAF on 6/10 by Billy and Brenda Dunbar. Carol Lambert saw four Yellowlegs species there on 7/6.

WILLET - This species is rare inland, so one seen at Lake Juliette, Monroe County on 7/26 was noteworthy (Terry Johnson).

WHIMBREL - June sightings along the coast included three at Jekyll Island on 6/4 (Kevin Danchisen), one again at Jekyll Island on 6/10 (Jeff Sewell and Carol Lambert), one at Gould's Inlet on 6/14 (Jeff Sewell and Pierre Howard) and one at Ossabaw Island on 6/18 (Brad Winn).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW - Very rare for the summer was a bird seen in the Altamaha Estuary on 6/29 by Brad Winn.

MARBLED GODWIT - Nine birds were seen in the Altamaha Estuary on 6/29 by Brad Winn for a rare summer sighting.

RUDDY TURNSTONE - Four birds were seen at Jekyll Island on 6/10 by Jeff Sewell and Carol Lambert.

RED KNOT - Two birds were seen at Jekyll Island on 6/10 by Jeff Sewell and Carol Lambert and 300 were seen in the Altamaha Estuary on 6/14 by Brad Winn.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER - Unusual for the Atlanta area were two birds at the ELHLAF on 6/13 (Carol Lambert) and one there on 6/18 (Jeff Sewell and Carol Lambert).

LEAST SANDPIPER - Also unusual for Atlanta was a bird at the ELHLAF on 6/24 (Patrick Brisse).

DUNLIN - One bird was seen at Jekyll Island on 6/10 by Jeff Sewell and Carol Lambert.

DOWITCHER (sp.) - A rather surprising count of 450 of unknown species, but probably Short-billed, was made in the Altamaha Estuary on 6/14 by Brad Winn.

1995 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT CALENDAR

With December upon us, many Georgia birders will be participating in the annual Christmas Bird Count ritual sponsored by the National Audubon Society. Following is a listing of the CBC's scheduled for Georgia and a few in South Carolina that might be of interest. If you wish to participate in a count, please let the compiler know as soon as possible. Several counts can accept a limited number of participants due to lodging capabilities (coastal islands), and will fill their roster first from previous year participants. Compilers on all counts are anxious to organize their groups and routes, and it may be difficult to work in late-comers. If the count of your choice is filled, you might ask to be listed as an alternate for late cancellations.

1995 Christmas Bird Counts & Compilers

December 16, Saturday

Athens, GA	Branch Howe	706/543-1577
Cumberland Island, GA	Sheila Willis	912/285-0419
Dalton, GA	Harriett DiGioia	706/278-3858
Macon, GA	Marie Amerson	912/746-5697
Peachtree City, GA	Chris Lambrecht	770/487-2265
St. Catherines Island, GA	Emil Urban	706/733-5740

December 17, Sunday

Atlanta, GA	Giff Beaton	770/509-1482
Calloway Gardens, GA	LuAnn Craighton	706/633-5192
Chattahoochee Nat. Forest S.M.A., GA	Harriett DiGioia	706/278-3858

December 18, Monday

Piedmont NWR/Rum Creek NWR, GA	Terry Johnson	912/994-1438
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December 19, Tuesday

Savannah River Site, SC	Carole Eldridge	803/725-8198 or 803/471-2821
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December 22, Friday

Dublin, GA	Tommy Patterson	912/272-1987
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December 23, Saturday

Aiken, SC	Calvin Zippler	803/642-2264
Albany, GA	Alan Ashley	912/439-8232

December 26, Tuesday

Augusta, GA	Anne Waters	706/793-2788
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December 28, Thursday

Bainbridge-Lake Seminole, GA	Oscar Dewberry	912/246-1890
Okefenokee N.W.R., GA	Sheila Willis	912/285-0419

December 29, Friday

Harris Neck N.W.R., GA	Pat Metz	912/925-9463
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December 30, Saturday

Blairsville, GA	Louis Laux	706/745-8824
Glynn County, GA	Mike Chapman	912/262-6370
Sapelo Island, GA	William Dopson	912/868-5127

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FIELD NOTES
Jeff Sewell and Terry Moore

We are trying to build up our reporting network to bring in the growing number of birders around our large state. June and July evidence the payoff. In June 195 species statewide were reported to Terry, the highest for June ever by 25 species! 200 was within reach, but several local species, which GOS members undoubtedly saw, were not reported. The answer...send Jeff a copy of your field trip checklists, rather than just sending your "best birds." **The deadline for the next reporting period - Fall 1995 (August through November) is January 6, 1996.**

Send reports to: Jeff Sewell, 4608 Westhampton Drive, Tucker, GA 30084

Abbreviations include: **Altamaha Estuary** - Altamaha River estuary which straddles the Glynn Co. and McIntosh Co. line; **ASWMA** - Altamaha State Waterfowl Management Area near Darien, McIntosh County; **CRNRA** - Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, north of Atlanta; **ELHLAF** - E.L. Huie Land Application Facility in Clayton County; **KMT** - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Cobb County; **MOS** - Maryland Ornithological Society; **NWR** - National Wildlife Refuge; **WMA** - Wildlife Management Area..

June & July 1995

COMMON LOON - One bird was found at the ELHLAF on 6/2 by Carol Lambert and was last seen on 6/4 by Patrick Brisse and Terry Moore. At least one and sometimes two were seen near Sapelo Island up through 6/10 by Brad Winn and Doris Cohrs. One bird in basic plumage was seen at the DeKalb Reservoir on 7/8 and 7/31 by Jeff Sewell.

PIED-BILLED GREBE - Rare for the Atlanta area was a bird which remained through the month of June at the ELHLAF (m.ob.). Other sightings came from Oconee County on 6/3 by Paul Sykes, Dooly County on 6/4 (adult and 3 young by Dan Guynn) and one at ASWMA on 6/14 by Jeff Sewell, Pierre Howard and Malcolm Hodges.

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL - One bird was seen on the inshore side of Cumberland Island, in the St. Mary's River, on 6/24 by Mark Welford. Details have been submitted to The Oriole. This apparently is the first inshore sighting of this species for Georgia.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN - Paul Sykes had an excellent count of 60-70 in early June at the Kings Bay Naval Base, Camden County, where the flock has spent a year now.

ANHINGA - Inland sightings included a bird in Clarke County on 6/3 (Eugenia Thompson) and two birds in Dooly County on 6/4 (Dan Guynn), and 6 on 7/22 in Macon (Paul Johnson et al).

LEAST BITTERN - Any nesting away from the coast is noteworthy so a sighting of two adults with three young at the Greene County marsh on 6/25 was exciting (Billy Dunbar and Paul Sykes).

GREAT WHITE HERON - Most of the birds which appear in Georgia are immatures but the bird which Paul Raney saw at the ASWMA near Darien on 6/10 appeared to be an adult (yellow legs and bill).

GREAT EGRET - A few birds were reported around the Atlanta area during the period but the greatest number was 80-100 white herons, mostly Great Egrets along with some Little Blues and Snowies at a new reservoir being built at the ELHLAF on 7/7 (Carol Lambert).

REDDISH EGRET - This species was reported twice in June with a very rare white phase bird being reported from Gould's Inlet between St. Simons and Sea Islands on 6/14 by Jeff Sewell and another bird seen in the Altamaha Estuary on 6/29 by Brad Winn. In July two were seen at Ossabaw Island on 7/2 by Brad Winn, three on St. Catherines Island on 7/22 by Emil Urban and Royce Hayes and eight at Ossabaw Island on 7/28 by Brad Winn and Jim Ozier. This last number is probably the highest count ever for Georgia in one day.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - Very unusual for the Atlanta area was an immature at the ELHLAF on 7/20 and 7/21 (Carol Lambert, Kevin Danchisen).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - Two birds including an immature, were seen in Floyd County on 7/2 by Gordon Hight, and 2 were seen during June at the CRNRA, Cobb County (Jeff Sewell).

WHITE IBIS - Unusual for the Atlanta area was a bird in the Dunwoody area in late June seen by Jack Carusos and an immature in NE Atlanta on 7/6 by Jerry Brunner.

ROSEATE SPOONBILL - Various numbers, up to three, were reported in the marshes near the Jekyll Island Causeway during the first half of June (Jeff Sewell, Carol Lambert, Pierre Howard, Paul Raney). One bird was seen at Ossabaw Island on 7/2 by Brad Winn.

WOOD STORK - Jeff Sewell received news from Charles Seabrook at Harris Neck NWR that there were 117 nests with about three young apiece.

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - Carol Lambert had a rare sighting of a female plumaged bird at the ELHLAF on 6/13.

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK - Two surprising reports from Atlanta: one seen on 6/18 at ELHLAF by Jeff Sewell and Carol Lambert, and then another was seen in the place on 7/29 by Patrick Brisse and Jeff Sewell.

CALL FOR 1995 GEORGIA LIST DATA

Okay you listers, the year is almost over and it's time again to count them up (as though we haven't been counting them up for months), and send in your 1995 totals. The second annual publication of GOS members' Georgia life and Georgia year species totals will appear in the March *GOShawk*. Please send your name, hometown, phone number and total species seen during 1995 in Georgia and the total species seen in your Georgia birding lifetime. Please do not send your entire list - just the totals. If you don't keep an annual list, please send in your life list. You can use the form below, scribble it on a paper napkin or whatever. For those of you/us who are just a little competitive about this, the top ten listers from 1994 are recapped below. For those of you who can't stand listing and consider it "the ugly side of birding," that's fine too, and you might want to move along to the field notes (about 95% of which are contributed by *listers*). Anyway, call it a hobby, a passion, an illness or whatever...it's a large, some think very important, part of birding, it's here to stay, and will be recognized annually in this column.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>GEORGIA LIFE</u>	<u>GEORGIA 1994</u>
Bob Manns	Atlanta, GA	358	-
Terry Moore	Roswell, GA	338	243
Joe Greenberg	Atlanta, GA	333	-
Patrick Brisse	Stone Mountain, GA	328	242
Paul Raney	Conyers, GA	319	252
Bill Blakeslee	Atlanta, GA	317	-
Paul Sykes	Watkinsville, GA	317	-
Jeff Sewell	Tucker, GA	313	291
Peggy Moore	Roswell, GA	309	-
Giff Beaton	Marietta, GA	308	266

SECOND RARE BIRD ALERT LINE IN GEORGIA

A second RBA number has been set up in Georgia: (912) 244-9190. GOS member Gena Dwyer is now operating the South Georgia line in Valdosta. This service, which is toll-free to callers in the 912 area code within Lowndes County and other nearby locales, was established by GOS with funding from an anonymous Valdosta donor who specified that it be used for that purpose. Sightings from nearby north Florida are also sometimes available on this line. Thanks to Gena for her efforts in providing this service; and, as always, to Jeff Sewell for all his time and effort in keeping Georgia birders up to date on statewide sightings. GOS will continue to investigate the feasibility of establishing some other form of toll-free calling system that would enhance bird sightings communication statewide.

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new GOS Membership Directory has been completed and is being sent to all members this month. As previously announced, it has a new format which we feel is easier to read and more useful since phone numbers have now been included. Thanks to Carol Lambert and John Swiderski for their work on compiling this listing. If your phone number does not appear on the list, it is only because we couldn't find it in the directory for your area. Please direct any questions or corrections to: Carol Lambert, 4608 Westhampton Drive, Tucker, GA 30084, 770/939-7668.