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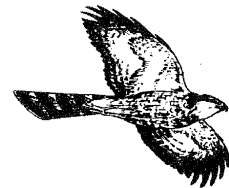
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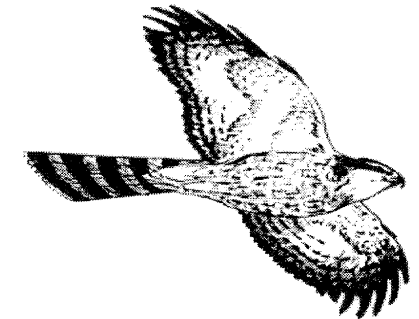
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Fall Meeting

**Holiday Inn Beach Resort - Jekyll Island, GA
October 1-3, 1999**

We will be returning to the Georgia coast for our Fall 1999 GOS meeting. We guarantee a fabulous weekend of birding as we again visit Jekyll Island and the surrounding areas. Meeting information and reservation packets are being mailed to all GOS members. The phone number for the Holiday Inn is (800)753-5955 or (912)635-3311.

In addition to our usual activities of field trips, programs and banquet, this year we are sponsoring an art show for GOS artists who would like to exhibit and/or sell their work. For exhibitors' information, call either Helen Ogren (770)516-2762 or Lydia Thompson (912)634-1322 by 9/15/99.

Field trips are being coordinated by Lydia Thompson and will be previewed during the Friday night program. The speaker for that evening, Maria Whitehead, a recipient of the GOS Graduate Student Research Grant, will discuss her research on "The Effects of Cowbird Parasitism." The Saturday evening program will feature a program on the warblers of eastern North America by Giff Beaton, an accomplished birder, photographer and author of the soon to be released guide to the best birding areas in our state, *Birding Georgia*.



This female Red Crossbill was photographed by E.J. Sadler at his feeder in Dunwoody (Atlanta suburb). He observed the bird on June 8-9, 1999.

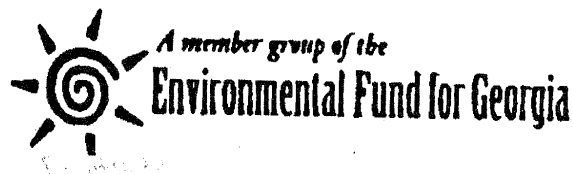
Future Meetings

Planning ahead? Mark your calendar for the first GOS meeting of the new century...and we're changing gears. Instead of our normal spring date, we will meet in late winter at Eufaula, Alabama.

- February 4-6, 2000. Eufaula Lake Point Resort. We hope to have some great waterfowl birding that time of year, and have even planned it not to coincide with the hunting season on the refuge.
- May 6-7, 2000. GOS Birding Weekend in the Georgia mountains. Jim Flynn will coordinate an array of field trips, based out of Blairsville.
- Fall 2000. Statesboro, GA

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GOS Officers Proposed

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dick Parks, has selected a recommended slate of GOS officers for the 1999-2001 term. The nominees are:

President	John Swiderski, Valdosta
1st Vice President	Eugenia Thompson, Athens
2nd Vice President	Gail Russell, Atlanta
Treasurer	Jeannie Wright, Atlanta
Secretary	Marie Amerson, Macon

The election of officers will be held at the General Membership Business Meeting on October 2, 1999 during the Fall Meeting on Jekyll Island.

Welcome New Members!

Jerry Brown	Lithonia, GA
Jimmy Huff	Albany, GA
Joan Johnson	Cleveland, GA
Jo Knight	Folkston, GA
Ruth McMullin	Savannah, GA
Kelly Spratt	Darien, GA
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Lula C. Coffey, GOS Life Member

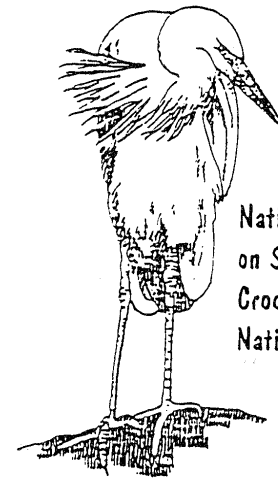
We are sad to announce the death of long-time GOS member, Lula Coffey of Memphis, TN on May 13 at the age of 90. Lula and her late husband, Ben, were active bird banders and contributed greatly to documenting migration patterns of herons, egrets and anhingas to the Caribbean and chimney swifts to the Andes. Through their travels, they recorded the calls of more than 1100 species of birds in Mexico, Nepal, Peru and Columbia. The Coffeys were the featured speakers at the GOS Spring Meeting in Atlanta in 1984.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

GOS has an ongoing program of accepting gifts in honor or memory of friends and family. These donations are sent to the State Botanical Garden of Georgia for upkeep of its beautiful Orange Trail. Any amount is appropriate, and all donations are recorded at the Garden office. A special plaque at the trail entrance lists the names of those who contribute \$250 or more. For information on this program, call Georgine Pindar (404) 355-8454.

Georgia's Colonial Coast Birding Trail

Georgia's Colonial Coast Birding Trail is an opportunity for family fun -- an adventure route through seven counties along the I-95 roadway. The 18 official birding trail sites include forts and other historic properties, state and federal lands, city and county properties as well as private recreation areas. From secluded places such as the historic Savannah-Ogeechee Canal and Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge to busy beaches of Jekyll Island, the Colonial Coast Birding Trail offers a unique wildlife experience for everyone.



View some of the Peach State's most fascinating birds when visiting the Colonial Coast Birding Trail. Trail sites include: Fort Pulaski National Monument, Savannah-Ogeechee Canal, Skidaway Island State Park and Tybee Island in Chatham County; Fort McAllister State Park and J. F. Gregory Park in Bryan County; Fort Morris State Historic Site and Malon Bluff Nature Preserve in Liberty County; Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and Altamaha Wildlife Management Area in McIntosh County; Gould's Inlet/East Beach on St. Simons Island, Hofwyl-Broadfield State Historic Site and three sites on Jekyll Island in Glynn County; Crooked River State Park and Cumberland Island National Seashore in Camden County; and the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Charlton County.

- The Georgia Coast supports more than 300 different bird species.
- At least 54 bird species nest and raise their young in Georgia habitats.
- More than 90 species of neotropical migrants depend on Georgia's forests, thickets and fields to rest and refuel during their long migrations.
- Bird watching is one of the fastest-growing recreational activities, ranking second only to gardening in popularity.
- Approximately 63 million people in the U.S. watch and feed birds at home.

Birding is big business! Birding tourists spend \$100-130 per day on average, not including travel to and from a site. Birding events and festivals are popular events for rural communities that see a positive economic impact from these visitors. In 1991, birders spent \$5.2 billion on goods and services related to bird feeding and watching.

For more information about Georgia's Colonial Coast Birding Trail contact:
Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division
Nongame Wildlife Natural Heritage Section
116 Rum Creek Drive
Forsyth, Georgia 31029
(912) 994-1438

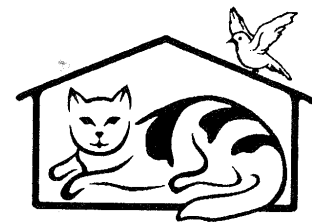
Non-Native Invasive Species Facts

- Invasive species are the second largest threat to biodiversity behind habitat destruction.
- Approximately 42% of the species on the Endangered Species List are there due to competition with invasive species.
- Non-native, invasive species cover 700,000 hectares of U.S. wild areas each year.
- Environmental damage, public health problems and loss of agriculture productivity because of all invasive species (plants & animals) cost the U.S. more than \$122 billion each year.

Source: "Georgia News," Summer 1999, *The Nature Conservancy of Georgia*. www.tnc.org

Resident Canada Goose Overpopulation

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the greatest overabundance of Canada Geese are in the Atlantic and Mississippi flyways. Of 11 recognized subspecies, two races nest and reside in the lower 48 states, the Giant race and residents descended from former decoys released when live decoys became illegal. Over 1 million birds reside in each flyway, with a 16% annual increase in the Atlantic and 6% increase in the Mississippi flyway, producing increasing conflicts with human interests. There has been no evidence of any recruitment of migratory birds to the resident flocks. State agencies are attempting to control Canada Goose population in different ways, including translocation, increased harvest and other options.



CATS INDOORS!

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SAFER BIRDS & CATS

THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND BIRDS

We all know that cats don't have nine lives. But here are three other myths to dispel.

- "Belled" cats do kill wildlife. Cats with bells on their collars can silently stalk their prey. Even if the bell rings, birds and other wildlife do not necessarily associate the sound with danger.
- Even well-fed cats kill wildlife. The urge to hunt and the urge to eat are controlled by different portions of a cat's brain.
- Cat-injured wildlife seldom survive, even if they appear to have escaped. Infection from a cat's teeth or claws results in death unless antibiotics are given immediately.

PROTECT CATS, BIRDS AND OTHER WILDLIFE BY KEEPING CATS INDOORS!

For more information, contact:

AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY
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Washington, DC 20037
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E-mail: abc@abcbirds.org

Georgine Pindar Honored

Georgine Pindar has been honored as one of the 1999 Super17 "Super Citizens" for her environmental volunteerism. These awards are made each year by TBS Superstation 17 in Atlanta. Nominees are solicited by the Turner organization in six areas of volunteer achievement and community service including: Poverty, Health, Family and Children, Public Safety and the Environment. The panel of judges includes Turner employees, former Super17 winners and community leaders.

Georgine was nominated by the Environmental Fund for Georgia, an organization she has worked closely with as Chair of the GOS Environmental Fund for Georgia Committee. Georgine has been a member of GOS since 1964 and has been an active volunteer from the beginning. She served as President for the 1977/1979 term and, more recently, has chaired both the Conservation and the EFG committees.

The 17 honorees received their award and recognition at the Super17 Banquet on May 19, 1999 which was held at Zoo Atlanta. Congratulations Georgine!

Environmental Fund for Georgia

The most recent check from EFG was for \$1,774.81, the 1/22nd share of the undesignated funds from pledge card giving (minus the 15% that goes to EFG for administrative expenses). GOS earlier this year received \$710.15 in funds that were specifically earmarked for our organization.

All federal and state employees can contribute to environmental organizations through pledge card giving each year (State employees have been the most generous of all givers). However, employees in only four county government systems currently can give through payroll deductions (Bibb, Clayton, Fulton and Newton). If you live in one of the other 155 counties, you may want to stimulate the county board or commission to include EFG and its 22 member organizations on the pledge card this fall.

GOS took part in the EFG-sponsored "Down to Earth Day" event in April in several ways. We contributed a Peterson print and several books to the EFG silent auction held April 22 at Magnolia Hall in Piedmont Park in Atlanta. In addition, our esteemed member, Dick Parks, contributed two of his beautiful prints which sold at a good price. Members of GOS sponsored a bird walk at Fernbank Forest in Atlanta and at Brown's Mount in Macon. A Board Member distributed materials at the State Botanical Garden in Athens and contributed \$50 for the upkeep of the Orange Trail. Frank McCamey and John Swiderski had an EFG/GOS display at Underground Atlanta, and Frank McCamey distributed materials at the Big Trees Forest Preserve in Atlanta. A great team effort!

Georgia Environmental Council

GEC held its annual Awards Picnic at the Pendergrast home in Atlanta on June 6. This year's Award winners are:

Volunteer of the Year
Gwen McKee

Legislators of the Year
Reps. Anne Mueller, Terry Barnard
Senator Eric Johnson

Environmental Professional of the Year
Dennis Creech (Southface Energy Institute)

Special Achievement Award:
Joan King

Lifetime Achievement Award
Hillrie Quin

Thank you and congratulations to all.

Events

ECO-TALK: Environmental Strategies for the 21st Century.

Sept. 16th 10a.m.-7p.m.
Oglethorpe University - Emerson Student Center, Atlanta

Sponsored by the Turner Foundation, the Benwood Foundation and Oglethorpe University. An environmental career/involvement fair with demonstrations, hands-on activities, environmental artists.
Information: Roby Hill (404) 364-8447 or www.oglethorpe.edu/ecotalk

Georgia Forest Watch Annual Retreat
Sept. 24th-26th

Camp Wahsega near Dahlonega, GA
Annual Activists Retreat offering a wide range of opportunities from activities for kids to hikes with naturalists and other forest-folk. Informative panel discussions.
Information: (706) 635-8733 or www.Wildgeorgia.org

Wings Over Water
Nov. 5th-7th

Manteo, NC (Outer Banks)
Annual event with field trips, workshops, programs.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jerome Jackson
Information: (252) 441-8144 or www.northeast-nc.com/wings

Keep hearing about shade-grown coffee and wondering what it's about?

Drink Shade-Grown Coffee... for the Birds



(Back of shirt)

One reason for the recent destruction of tropical rainforest in the Americas is the establishment of high-yielding coffee plantations. The downside of growing coffee in the sun as a monoculture includes large-scale use of pesticides, fertilizers and water. Another cost is the destruction of habitats of hundreds of species of birds, some native to the tropics, others winter migrants from North America, including Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole and many warblers.

When grown in the traditional manner, under the shade of tall trees, habitat is preserved. Shade-grown coffee is good for the birds and good for tropical rainforests. Since Americans consume 1/3 of the world's coffee, how we spend our coffee dollars can make a difference.



(Front of shirt, pocket-size)

To help spread the word, the Atlanta chapter of the Audubon Society is selling an attractive 5-color t-shirt. For \$12 plus \$3 shipping & handling (payable to Atlanta Audubon Society), you will receive a shirt (indicate size: M,L,XL), further information on shade-grown coffee and a list of local sources. Mail orders with payment to: Coffee T-Shirt, P.O. Box 2189, Atlanta, GA 30345.

Critical Wood Stork Habitat Protected

The Georgia Field Office of The Nature Conservancy recently purchased 63 acres of property adjacent to the Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge in an effort to expand the refuge. This tract, consisting of upland hammocks, salt marsh and freshwater lake is considered critical to the habitat protection program at Harris Neck because it provides foraging and nesting habitat for the federally protected Wood Stork and numerous other wildlife species.

This purchase not only expanded the refuge, but also saved the land from development as a subdivision.

Although Harris Neck is one of the smallest of Georgia's coastal refuges, it attracts over 230 bird species annually and provides nesting habitat for at least 72 of those species.

Source: "Georgia News," Summer 1999, The Nature Conservancy of Georgia. www.tnc.org

President's Budget = Bird Conservation \$

President Clinton's budget for fiscal-year 2000 includes over two million new dollars to benefit the migratory bird program under the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This represents an opportunity to pursue multiple management activities that are essential to long-term migratory bird conservation. Goals include the establishment of a network of long-term monitoring programs to document population trends of species of concern. There are also plans to document the environmental impact of overabundant species on crucial habitat; and the development of educational materials and outreach strategies to the inform the conservation community and private citizens about species whose numbers have changed dramatically in recent years. For more information, contact: Paul Schmidt, FWS, 703-358-1769 or <Paul_R_Schmidt@fws.gov>.

JIBS - 1999

For the 22nd year, Don and Doris Cohrs will be banding birds during the fall migration on the Georgia Coast. The Jekyll Island Banding Station operation will run from September 18 - October 17. The Butler Island Altamaha Station (BIAS) will operate August 28 - October 31. Call 912-437-3333 if you can help out this year.

Also, be aware that Don and Doris are looking for some folks to take over the JIBS operation in the "not-too-distant future." Give them a call if that's something you might consider.

Georgia Bird Organizations

Georgia, in addition to having an impressive bird species list, has a great array of bird organizations scattered throughout the state. These groups sponsor field trips, educational opportunities, interesting programs and publications, and are a good way to get involved in birding and conservation issues in your area. Several also have excellent websites.

If your organization's information listed below has changed or if you've added a website that isn't listed, please forward changes to the GOShawk editor.

Albany Audubon Society	Allan Rhodes, President	1113 Valley Road, Albany, GA 31707 912-878-6676 home
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Withlacoochee Watchers	Kristi Avera (contact)	5406 Moss Oak Trail, Lake Park, GA 31636 912-559-6008 home