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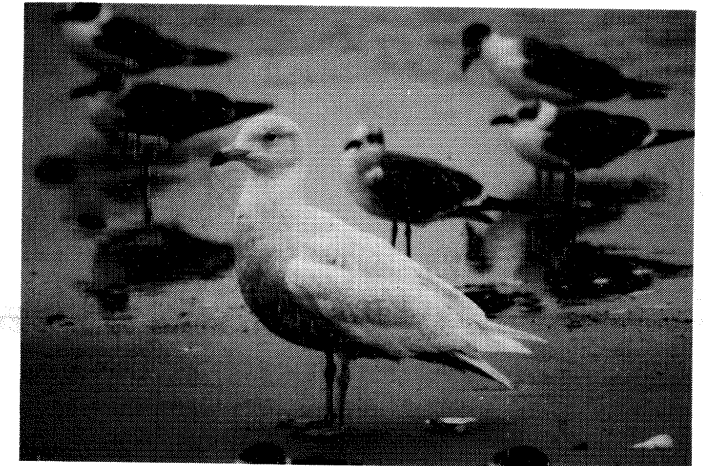
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## Winter Meeting—Feb. 4-6 Eufaula Lakepoint Resort

Cloudless skies and cold winds emphasized the "winter" aspect of the GOS meeting at Lake Point Lodge, Eufaula, Alabama, 4-6 February 2000, but failed to deter the 88 members and friends who assembled there to bird the Eufala NWR. Walt Chambers, our man in Ellerslie, assembled a team of heavy hitters besides himself as field trip leaders: Bill Birkhead, Giff Beaton, Jeff Sewell and NWR ranger Ted Roever. They led us to 118 species of birds, including the amazing Vermillion Flycatcher; 18 species of water fowl such as Canvasbacks, Black Ducks, Redheads and Greater White-fronted Geese; Black-crowned and Yellow-crowned Night Herons, 11 sparrow species including LeConte's; Rusty and Brewer's Blackbirds, early Purple Martins; Barn, Great-Horned and Barred Owls,

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*Glaucous Gull, Jekyll Island, GA  
Photo by Pierre Howard, January 2000*

## Lorraine Dusenbury

Lorraine Dusenbury was "The Grand Dame" of birding on Jekyll Island. She not only counted birds, but she made birds count. She took up birding soon after she moved to Jekyll Island in the early 70's. Lorraine went on bird walks with Ruth and Jo Brent who were active birders at that time. The Brent's inspired her to become an active birder. She joined the fledgling Coastal Georgia Audubon Society and was almost immediately put on the board. She was on the board more than she was off the board. She worked very actively to save habitat for the birds and for us.

In 1972, she became the first woman elected to the Glynn County Commission. She served two terms. She was a progressive thinker, working for sustainable development in the 70's. She was on the Coastal Zone Management committee and the Re-

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the month prior to publication.  
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is appreciated.

### Welcome New Members!

Dorothy Bambach & Matthew Ryan	Savannah, GA
Deb Barreiro	Tybee Island, GA
Polly Bass	Americus, GA
Shannon Knox	Powder Springs, GA
Jerry Johnson	Newnan, GA
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#### Dusenbury (Continued from page 1)

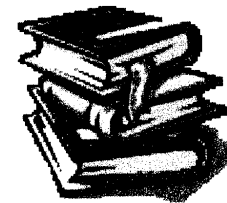
gional Development Center. In 1985, she was recognized in a special publication as one of 15 women of distinction in the county. Not only did she work for the environment, she was active in the Mental Health Association of South Coastal Ga. Just last year, she was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) and Georgia Power always talked to Lorraine before working on projects in the area. She worked closely with the DOT and Fish and Wildlife to help restore the marsh at the mitigation area on US 17 south of Brunswick. She worked to change the location of the movie "Glory" from the highly unstable south end of Jekyll to the south east side of the island.

Besides her activism, Lorraine was a fun loving birder. It was a joy to go out with her. She had keen eyes which helped her find those small birds deep in the bush. She was witty, gracious and patient which made her an excellent elderhostal instructor. She touched many people who were interested in birds through this program. She could be counted on to lead a field trip for GOS in the fall on Jekyll. She was the coordinator for Jekyll Island's part of the Glynn County Christmas Bird Count. For years she and her husband, Dusie, would go out in the boat for that count. Even though she had broken her hip in the Fall, she still counted birds at her feeder for this year's CBC.

Lorraine was born in Succasunna, N.J. She was married for 58 years to Millard Resse "Dusie" Dusenbury. They had 2 sons, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She died from a heart blockage on January 21, 2000, and will be missed by us all.

...Lydia C. Thompson



### Archivist needed

GOS quietly observed its 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday last fall. From time to time during all of those years we have had a member or two who was interested in preserving items relating to our history. We are fortunate to have a complete collection of all of the GOS Occasional Publications, the newsletters and *The Oriole*. In addition, our past president, Ken Clark, has pulled together other files and items.

This month we received an anonymous donation of a pristine copy of Thomas A. Burleigh's *Birds of Georgia* published in 1958 to add to the GOS collection. We have a few other publications written by GOS members over the years in our collection.

We are very much in need of one of you who has an interest in our history and would like to help us to preserve it to serve as the GOS historian or archivist. The materials we have collected so far can be stored in 5 or 6 boxes so they don't require a large storage area. If you would like to volunteer to help GOS in this way please contact Ken Clark at 912-474-1924 or <gosclark@juno.com>

### GOS Committee Appointments 1999-2001

#### Earle R. Greene Memorial Award

Harriett DiGioia, Chair  
Milton Hopkins, Terry Moore

#### H. Branch Howe, Jr. Graduate Student Research Grant

Bill Van Eseltine, Chair  
Les Davenport, Bill Lovejoy

#### Conservation

Stephen Stewart, Chair  
Todd Plummer, Carol McClelland

#### Environmental Fund for Georgia

Georgine Pindar, Chair  
Vacant

#### Checklist & Records

Committee determines membership based on the committee rules. Currently, the committee membership will not change until the Annotated Checklist is published.

Chuck Hunter, Chair  
Bill Blakeslee, Giff Beaton, Bruce Hallett,  
John Parrish, Paul Sykes

Committee Appointments (continued)

#### Membership

Kristi Avera, Chair  
Anne Bennett

#### Editorial (members serve 6-year terms)

Georgann Schmalz, Chair (2003)  
Andy Kinsey, Brad Winn (2001)  
Brad Bergstrom (2003),  
Mary Elfner, Marion Dobbs (2005)

#### Finance

Vacant

### Minutes - General Business Meeting February 5, 2000 Eufaula, Alabama

Following the Saturday evening dinner at Lake Point State Park, Alabama, the President opened a general business meeting at 7:50 p.m.

A proposed change to the GOS bylaws was presented to the members assembled. John Swiderski, President, explained that the proposed change was being requested to add the Chairperson of the Environmental Fund for Georgia Committee to the GOS Executive Committee as a voting member. In addition, the quorum required for conducting Executive Committee business would be increased from five to seven. Notice of this proposal had been mailed to the members in December of 1999.

A motion to adopt the bylaws changes was made by Ken Clark and seconded by Eugenia Thompson. The change was then approved by voice vote.

John Swiderski reported to the membership on the current status of the new edition of the *Annotated Checklist* and field checklist cards. He also reported that there were six applicants for the H. Branch Howe, Jr., Graduate Student Research Grants this year.

There being no further business or questions, the general business meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

### Correction...

On the Regular Species List of Georgia bird species that was published in the December 1999 issue of GOShawk, the order of Sabine's Gull and Black-legged Kittiwake was reversed. Please note that Sabine's Gull should appear first.



*"How many of you have a duck stamp in your wallet right now?"*

When Pete Stangel posed this question to the GOS membership gathered at Eufaula in February, about three people raised their hands. Hopefully, this just meant that most of us keep it somewhere other than in our wallet. Birders benefit from the sale of these stamps as the proceeds go directly into habitat conservation. The cost is only \$15 and can be bought at any post office. If habitat preservation isn't enough reason, holders of the federal duck stamp are entitled to free admission to the National Wildlife Refuges. *The print you may not be able to read above states that "98% of federal duck stamp dollars purchase wetlands and other wildlife areas for the National Wildlife System, saving habitat for many different kinds of birds and animals."*

**Future GOS Events**

May 13-14      Spring migration birding in the Georgia mountains (details in special mailing)

October 6-8      Fall Meeting in Statesboro, GA  
Banquet Speaker: Chandler S. Robbins

Greene Award nominations...please

Since 1975 GOS has recognized outstanding contributions to ornithology or to GOS with the Earle R. Greene Memorial Award. Richard A. Parks, for a number of years, served as chairman of the award committee until he stepped down last year.

Harriett DiGioia of Dalton will now chair the committee with Milton Hopkins of Fitzgerald, and Terry Moore of Roswell serving as committee members. As you can see from the listing below all three of these long time GOS members have received this award.

The committee needs your nominations for consideration for future awards. The award can be given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to ornithology and who also has a Georgia connection in his or her background. (GOS membership is not a requirement). The award can also be given for outstanding service to GOS either for a specific project or for effective service over a longer period of time.

Nominations for this award should be sent to: Harriett DiGioia, 1309 Lakemont Drive, Dalton, GA 30720.

Earle R. Greene Memorial Award Recipients

- 1975 Harriett DiGioia
- 1976 Richard A. Parks
- 1977 J. Fred Denton
- 1978 Milton N. Hopkins
- 1980 Leslie B. Davenport, Jr.
- 1982 Anne P. Hamilton
- 1983 George A. Dorsey
- 1984 Eugene P. Odum
- 1985 William W. Griffin
- 1986 Norman H. Giles
- 1986 Roger Tory Peterson
- 1987 T. McRae Williams
- 1988 Franklin McCamey
- 1989 Joseph Greenberg
- 1990 Don & Doris Cohrs
- 1992 Terry S. Moore
- 1993 H. Branch Howe, Jr.
- 1994 John C. Avise
- 1995 H. Ronald Pulliam
- 1996 I. Lehr Brisbin
- 1997 Emil K. Urban
- 1998 John M. Swiderski
- 1999 David W. Johnston

Volunteers...

GOS is all about volunteers. We have many activities and programs going on within GOS which only happen because volunteers step forward to make them happen. If you enjoy this newsletter or our first class web site they are there because of Carol Lambert and Jim Flynn. If you are proud of our H. Branch Howe, Jr., Graduate Student Research Grant program thank Bill Van Eseltine and his committee. Because of the work being done by the Checklist and Records committee members we going to be able to publish a new Annotated Checklist before too long. Those are just a few examples of what we are doing and doing well because the volunteers make it possible.

Recently, I was thinking about other volunteer opportunities that would make GOS even better. In no particular order they are:

- Someone to provide a design for a new GOS t-shirt
- Someone to write a new edition of *Birds of Georgia*
- Someone to put together a GOS display board that can be used at meetings, exhibits and events such as Earth Day
- Manuscripts for possible Occasional Publications
- New editor(s) for a sixth edition of *Birder's Guide to Georgia*
- Someone to serve as GOS archivist (see p. 11)

Let me hear from you if you have an interest in one of these volunteer opportunities.

John Swiderski, 912-242-8382 or <katejohn@surfsouth.com>

## GEORGIA BIRDERS AND THEIR LISTS

December 31, 1999

	NAME	HOME	GA LIFE LIST—1999	GA LIFE LIST—1998	GA YEAR LIST—1999	GA YEAR LIST—1998
1	Bob Manns	Atlanta, GA	371	369	-	-
2	Terry Moore	Roswell, GA	349	345	-	-
3	Giff Beaton	Marietta, GA	345	340	300	317
3	Jeff Sewell	Tucker, GA	345	339	271	280
4	Bruce Dralle	Marietta, GA	342	337	-	240
4	Pierre Howard	Atlanta, GA	342	334	272	288
5	Bill Blakeslee	Atlanta, GA	340	337	-	-
5	Billy Dunbar	Watkinsville, GA	340	335	-	-
6	Joe Greenberg	Atlanta, GA	339	339	-	-
7	Patrick Brisse	Tucker, GA	337	334	-	-
7	Paul Raney	Stockbridge, GA	337	-	-	-
8	Paul Sykes	Watkinsville, GA	336	330	-	-
9	Brenda Dunbar	Watkinsville, GA	332	326	-	-
10	Carol Lambert	Tucker, GA	330	327	242	252
11	Jim Flynn	Cumming, GA	327	319	274	290
12	Bob Zaremba	Marietta, GA	321	312	299	296
13	Jerry Amerson	Macon, GA	317	311	230	223
14	Aubrey Scott	College Park, GA	313	306	-	285
15	Marie Amerson	Macon, GA	312	306	224	218
15	Karen Theodorou	Lawrenceville, GA	312	300	-	270
16	Mike Chapman	Brunswick, GA	311	303	-	-
16	Deb Zaremba	Marietta, GA	311	289	-	277
17	Michael Bell	Bremen, GA	310	299	257	280
17	Kevin Danchisen	Marietta, GA	310	303	-	248
18	Earl Horn	Lawrenceville, GA	304	252	291	252
18	Johnny Parks	Ringgold, GA	304	301	-	-
19	Joel Hitt	Lawrenceville, GA	293	289	-	-
20	Brad Bergstrom	Valdosta, GA	287	282	-	-
21	Gene Keferl	Brunswick, GA	281	269	244	233
22	Rusty Trump	Suwanee, GA	271	227	239	223
23	Becky Beaton	Marietta, GA	253	-	-	-
24	Mark Beebe	Atlanta, GA	251	-	-	-
25	Tom Egan	Atlanta, GA	233	-	-	-
26	Dennis Forsythe	Charleston, SC	205	201	-	-
27	Ted Reissing	Dunwoody, GA	199	-	-	-

## Environmental Fund for Georgia

## Pledge Card Giving

The most recent check from EFG was for \$2,083.67. Of that amount, \$1,719.90 was our 1/22nd share of the undesignated funds from pledge card giving, and \$715.37 was pledge money specifically earmarked for our organization. GOS does have some name recognition. If you were one of the people who pledged this past year — thank you!

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, citizens in only four counties can currently give through payroll deductions: Bibb, Clayton, Fulton and Newton. If you live in one of these counties, you may want to encourage county employees to give. If you live in one of the 155 other counties, you may want to stimulate your county board to include EFG and its (now) 24 member organizations on the pledge card this fall.

## Earth Day

GOS will again take part in the EFG-sponsored *Down to Earth Day* in April. We will contribute a Peterson print, a Dick Parks print, two field guides and check lists to the Silent Auction. The *Down to Earth Day* reception will again be held at Magnolia Hall in Piedmont Park, Atlanta this year on Saturday evening, April 22.

Last year members of GOS sponsored a birdwalk at the Fernbank Forest in Atlanta and at Brown's Mount in Macon. Board members distributed GOS materials at the State Botanical Garden in Athens, Underground Atlanta and the Big Trees Preserve in Atlanta. Thank you!

We would like to have birdwalks sponsored throughout Georgia this year — Augusta, Columbus, Valdosta, Milledgeville, Dalton — wherever you live. If you are willing to announce a GOS Earth Day birding field trip in your area, please let either John Swiderski (912-242-8382 email: katejohn@surfsouth.com) or Georgine Pindar (404-355-8454 email: gpindar@aol.com) know of your event.



*The State Botanical Garden  
of Georgia*

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

GOS has an ongoing program of accepting gifts in honor or memory of friends and family and sending them on to the State Botanical Garden of Georgia for upkeep of its Orange Trail. A special plaque at the entrance to the trail gives the names of those in whose memory \$250 or more has been contributed, and all donations are recorded in the Garden office.

Contributions to the GOS Orange Trail poured in as memorial gifts for our esteemed former President, Branch Howe. We do not have the donors' names to publish here because contributions were sent directly to the Garden, where they are recorded, but we sincerely thank you. The State Botanical Garden announced that it has built a covered shelter with an interpretive sign at the entrance to the Orange Trail and has dedicated it to the memory of Branch Howe. Jeff Lewis, Director, says the trail is well-used and our support is much appreciated.

We do have one recent, generous gift to acknowledge. An anonymous gift was made in memory of Vernon and Betty Kyle.

If you would like to make a memorial gift to the Orange Trail, contact Georgine Pindar, 2633 Ridgemore Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318 (404-355-8454, email: gpindar@aol.com)



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Forsyth/Hall Co.

-GA 53 over Lake Lanier. 10 birds. 5/17/98. [JFlynn]

Greene Co.

-US 278 over Lake Oconee (old bridge) 5/9/99. [DDavis]

-GA 15 over Oconee River 2 nests. 6/99 [BDunbar]

Greene/Morgan Co.

-US 278 over Lake Oconee. 24 birds. 6/15/97. [JFlynn]

Hancock/Putnam Co.

-GA 16 over Oconee River. 31 nests. 6/16/99 [GBeaton]

Hart Co.

-GA 51 over Lake Hartwell. The 2 southernmost/largest bridges. "Many nests" 6/12/99 [MHodges]

Heard Co.

-US 27 over Chattahoochee River. 30 nests. 5/24/99. [C/SSaleeby]

Jasper/Monroe Co.

-GA 83 over Ocmulgee River. 20-30 nests. 5/10/99. [JOzier]

Jasper/Newton Co.

-GA 212 over Alcovy River arm of Lake Jackson. Unk # nests. 7/2/99 [GBeaton]

Jones/Monroe Co.

-GA 18 over Ocmulgee River. 15 birds. 5/18/97. [JFlynn]

-Juliette Road over Ocmulgee River. 20 nests. 6/25/97. [AScott]

Lincoln Co.

-US 378 over Soap Creek arm of J Strom Thurmond Lake. Unk # nests. 6/7/99. [HWood]

-US 378 over Savannah River arm of J. Strom Thurmond Lake. 2-3 nests. 4/28/93 [AWaters]

Murray Co.

-Carter's Lake Rereg. Dam. 40 birds. 4/25/98. [JFlynn]

-along Old US 411 in a small barn. 3 nests. 6/27/96. [GBeaton]

-GA 136 over Talking Rock Creek arm of Carter's Lake. 10 nests. 8/2/97. 20+ nests 4/17/99. [AScott]

Muscogee Co.

-14<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over Chattahoochee River. 1 nest. 7/22/99 [WChambers]

Stephens/Oconee (SC) Co.

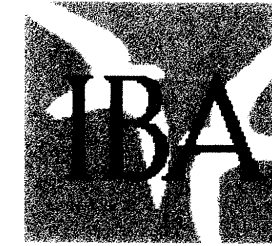
-GA 184 over Tugaloo River. 8 birds. 5/8/99. [JFlynn]

Troup Co.

-GA 109 over West Point Lake. 30 birds. 5/28/99. [HWood]

## Important Bird Areas of Georgia

As our population grows, the habitat for our birds is decreasing at a rapid rate. In order to preserve and protect areas of Georgia that are most important for each bird species that might be affected by habitat loss, the Atlanta Audubon Society has decided to pursue a program started by the National Audubon Society, and carried out already in many states, to determine the Important Bird Areas of Georgia. IBAs are sites that provide essential habitat for one or more species of birds. The IBA program aims to reduce habitat loss by setting science-based priorities for conservation and promoting positive action to safeguard vital bird areas. This program in Georgia is headed by Jim Wilson who has been hired to make sure that it is done in a timely manner and in coordination with all other organizations concerned with bird habitat loss, including GOS. Obviously, Jim needs the help of our best birders who also know the areas of the state that harbor our bird species. He will be contacting many of you for your help and we hope you will chip in as much time and effort as you can spare.



## HORSESHOE CRAB UPDATE

Many of you know the key role the horseshoe crab plays in the life cycle of a number of migrating shorebirds in the spring, particularly the Red Knot. The ancient creatures lay millions of eggs along the shoreline providing food for the shorebirds in April and May.

You may not know that there is a commercial fishery for horseshoe crabs. They are taken along the Atlantic coast to be cut up and used as bait in the eel and conch traps. In the past few years the landings of crabs have increased so much that the Horseshoe Crab Board, a part of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, has proposed an addendum to the existing fisheries management plan for the horseshoe crab.

Several GOS members took the time to join me at the Georgia hearing on the proposed changes held in January in Brunswick. I submitted a letter on behalf of GOS supporting significant reductions in the harvest (50%) and other measures to reduce the toll on the crabs.



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This is critically important for the shorebirds, but the horseshoe crab also serves a medical purpose very beneficial to humans as well. Crabs are captured and bled and the blood is used in a number of ways in medicine. Most of the crabs captured for this purpose are returned to the ocean alive and well.

We will keep you informed about this issue and what measures were adopted.

... John Swiderski

## Eufaula Meeting...continued from page 1

and showy Bald Eagles.

Gail Russell, our hard-working 2nd VP-Meeting Arranger, was grateful that nearly everyone pre-registered for this meeting, which made her job ever so much easier. We found Lake Point Lodge as charming and inexpensive as ever, and even though fully booked, able to meet our needs quite satisfactorily. Friday evening J. D. Bricken, Assistant Manager of the refuge, told us how they manage the impoundments to attract and sustain water fowl, following which we were treated to a surprising and very enjoyable look at highly artistic bird photographs by a young manufacturing engineer from Eufaula, Quincy Banks. I hope we'll be seeing more of his work in the future.

Saturday's program was preceded by a short business meeting (see p. 11). GOS and Atlanta Audubon member, Jim Wilson, briefed us on the Important Bird Areas project he and Atlanta Audubon are undertaking for Georgia. GOS members will learn more of this effort in the near future and be asked to help (see p. 11). Rick West alerted us to the fact that this will be the final year of the Georgia Breeding Bird Atlas project and GOS members will be receiving a personal letter from him describing how they can contribute to this vital undertaking (see p. 6). Rick was roundly applauded for his untiring efforts on the Atlas project.

When we came to the announced program, Peter Stangel, Director of the Southeast Partnership for the Fish and Wildlife Federation, gave an inspiring talk on the need for birders to speak up and be heard on environmental issues affecting avian well-being. Birding is the fastest growing form of outdoor recreation in America, with 60 million adherents, and significant economic impact, yet we are sitting on the sidelines as more and more species are declining, some as much as 70% in the last decade. We shall have more of Peter's appeal in future GOShawk issues, along with steps you can take to join the fray. It was a splendid meeting!

...Ken Clark

### GA Breeding Bird Atlas

**STATUS**

This project is on track for completion this year, thanks to the efforts of all you many cooperators. Almost every Priority Block has had some survey effort, but 230 remain to be brought to the minimum threshold of 40 species. Many have 60, 70 or more species.

This states our progress conservatively because

- data are still coming in and being posted;
- the mass of data from non-priority blocks will supplement these results;
- observations of wide-ranging vultures, herons, etc., are not in these totals.

Meaningful breeding distribution maps can now be constructed (see accompanying maps for Eastern Phoebe and Black-throated Green Warbler).

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Experienced Atlasers should hang in and contribute for one more year. Those who have data should turn them in now. Those who have made survey commitments should honor them without fail. All can add one or more species to areas already surveyed -- particularly important for the Priority Blocks. All GOS members living in Georgia should send in local survey data. To prepare you for this, each of you will receive an individualized status report for your home block giving the bounds of the block, those species already located, a field card, and abbreviated instructions on how to proceed. This

is a sterling opportunity to publish a record of those species breeding locally at the beginning of the century so that later changes can be recognized. Please, everyone, help locally.

**DON'T DELAY.**

Memorial Day weekend is the best time to locate most species. By June 1 many Belted Kingfishers will have young strong enough to fly away from the nest site, so June and July observations of them cannot be related to local breeding. Following are some species that may leave their breeding territory by the early dates of:

- 1 May Bald Eagle
- 1 June Canada Goose
- 1 June Belted Kingfisher
- 15 June Fish Crow
- 15 June White-breasted Nuthatch
- 20 June Purple Martin

All observations must be dated and their locations noted.

**Key to maps:**

- Two letter codes = Confirmed Breeding;
  - X = Possible Breeding;
  - O = Migrant?
  - Other one-letter codes = Probable Breeding.
- Data taken only from Priority Blocks (about 11% of the state's area).

*Rick West  
Georgia Breeding Bird Atlas*

### Cliff Swallows in Georgia

An effort is currently underway to determine exactly where in Georgia Cliff Swallows currently nest for several reasons:

- to ensure the Breeding Bird Atlas project has a complete picture of this species in Georgia
- to ensure that the new GOS Annotated Checklist also has an accurate picture
- to keep up with this species as it quickly increases its range to the south and east

Several months ago I asked for reports on GABO (Georgia Birders Online). These reports have been compiled into the table below. Note that locations along county borders are listed by the county which is first alphabetically. Also, the name listed is the first one to report that particular site to me, and in many cases several observers reported the same sites. Please take a moment to check this list and send me any other colonies you are aware of, with the following information:

- County
- Body of water (usually a river), and road or other structure over it. If not water, an exact description of the location. I only know of two current non-overwater sites in Georgia
- Number of nests observed, if known
- Number of years they have been here, if known
- Last time you physically checked this site



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**GEORGIA CLIFF SWALLOWS**

**Bartow Co.**

- GA 133 over Etowah River. 2 pairs with mud, nests not visible. 5/14/99. [BBlakeslee]
- US 41 over Etowah River. 15 nests. 5/14/99. [BBlakeslee]
- Old Alabama Road over Pumpkinvine Creek. 1 bird, no nest. 5/14/99. [BBlakeslee]
- US 41 over Pumpkinvine Creek. 16 nests. 5/15/99. [AScott]
- GA 113 over Etowah River. 4 nests. 5/9/99. [GBeaton]

**Butts/Newton Co.**

- GA 36 over South River arm of Lake Jackson. Unk # nests. 7/2/99 [GBeaton]

**Carroll/Coweta Co.**

- US Alt 27 over Chattahoochee River. 5 nests. 6/16/99. [GBeaton]

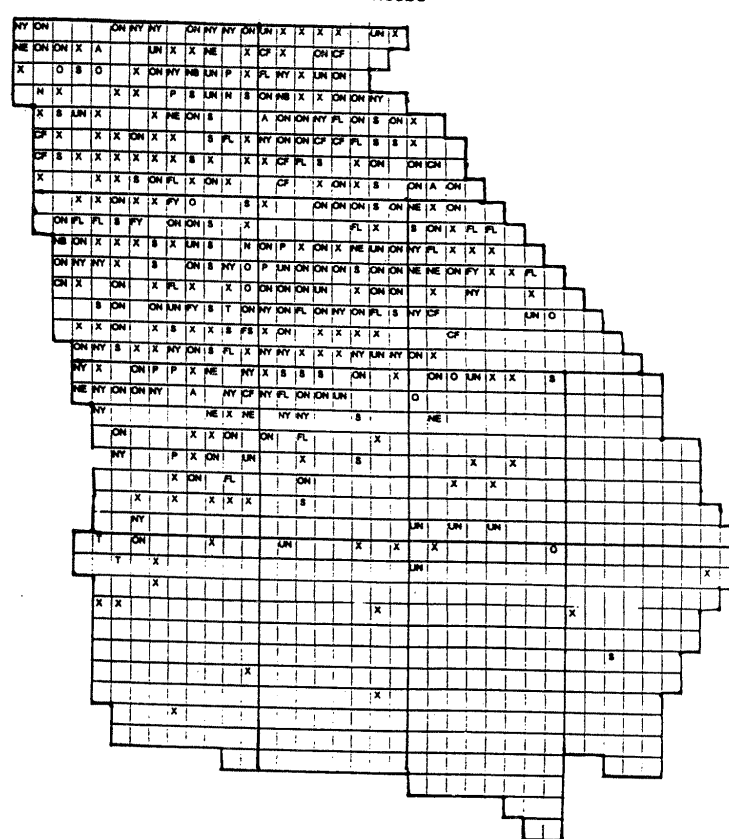
**Elbert Co.**

- GA 72 over Russell Lake at GA/SC line, under road bridge. 6/12/99 [MHodges]
- Pearl Mill Road over Beaver Dam Creek/ Russell Lake (south of Pearl). 25+ nests. 6/12/99 [MHodges]

**Floyd Co.**

- GA 100 over Coosa River. 3-4 nests. 5/14/99 [BBlakeslee]
- Loop 1 (Veteran's Mem. Hwy) over Etowah River, just north of US 411, se of Rome. 31 nests. 6/19/99. [SStewart]
- GA 20 over Etowah River in Rome. [MDobbs]
- Forster's Bend section of Coosa River in dairy barn. 50 nests. 1997. [MHodges]
- US 27 over Oostanula River. 80 nests. 4/25/99. [JFlyn/MDobbs]

Eastern Phoebe



Black-throated Green Warbler

