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President's Message

By Larry Carlile

Dear Birders,

This issue of the *GOShawk* is a double issue, combining the spring and summer editions. Due to contributors and editor being overloaded by a very busy spring field season, we just didn't get it out on time.

This past January, GOS held its winter meeting on Tybee Island. The weather for the winter meeting was relatively mild, and all of the field trips commenced as planned except for one boat trip to Little Tybee Island that had to be cancelled due to very high winds. A compilation of species seen during the winter meeting can be found on pages 14-15. Thanks to Ed Maioriello for securing our venue and for making arrangements for the banquet after he learned at the last minute that the hotel kitchen was not in service! Ellen Miller did another fantastic job of planning field trips, recruiting field trip leaders, attracting two wonderful speakers, and compiling the species list.

Malcolm Hodges spoke to us on Friday night and brought us up to date concerning several



Malcolm Hodges speaks at the winter meeting. Photo by Ed Maioriello.

grants that The Nature Conservancy has received from GOS over that past few years. As a long-time firebug, I was particularly gratified to hear that Malcolm and his crews have been reintroducing fire into landscapes that have not been burned in a very long time. By the way, Malcolm is our new "From the Field" editor and is doing a fantastic job. I don't think I've ever laughed out loud while reading a "From the Field" report, but with Malcolm at the helm, there is no shortage of belly laughs.

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Mark Your Calendars Now!

GOS FALL MEETING

October 11-14, 2019

Villas by the Sea Resort on Jekyll Island

Don't miss GOS' fall meeting at our long-time roost on Jekyll Island. In addition to the usual four days of fabulous birding led by some of Georgia's very best, we will have two captivating and remarkably accomplished speakers on the agenda. The Friday evening program will feature gifted writer, photographer, birder, and longtime GOS and Ogeechee Audubon Society member and supporter Diana Churchill. She will present "Birding the Georgia Coast: One Habitat at a Time." Saturday evening's program will feature noted author, artist, and legendary birder Kenn Kaufman speaking about "Inside the World of Bird Migration." Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more details about Diana and Kenn and their fall meeting programs.



Diana Churchill (left) and Kenn Kaufman (right).
Photos provided by speakers.

Meeting Hotel Details

Villas by the Sea Resort, 1175 N. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA. Call 912-635-2521, 800-841-6262, or visit www.villasbythesearesort.com. The cut-off date for the GOS room rate is September 11, 2019, and "GOS Conference" is the group code.

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Our keynote speaker was Dr. Kyle Horton from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Kyle studies bird migration using a combination of radar, acoustics, and citizen-science data to answer questions about avian migration strategies, population estimates, and how artificial light impacts bird migration. His presentation was fascinating and beautifully done. I've long been a fan of the Cornell Ornithology Lab's BirdCast website, and Kyle's work also informs these migration models. They are enthralling to follow on a daily basis during the spring and fall migrations.



Featured speaker Dr. Kyle Horton and retiring 1st Vice President Ellen Miller on banquet night at the winter meeting. Photo by Ed Maioriello.

The Executive Committee met in February to do the business of your society. Our finances are in great shape, and we will be donating tens of thousands dollars to fund graduate and undergraduate research projects and conservation projects that will improve habitats for Georgia birds, and to provide education opportunities for young birders. We learned that Ellen Miller will be stepping down as the 1st vice president. She has done a wonderful job in this role and will be greatly missed. I convened a Nominating Committee consisting of Bill Lotz and Dan Vickers, which has recommended a replacement for her, as well as provided a proposed full slate of officers. Steve Wagner, a long-time GOS member (and fellow Savannahian), has offered to serve as 1st vice president. All of the other officers have offered to serve another term, so the slate to be voted upon at the fall meeting will be:

Larry Carlile – President
Steve Wagner – 1st Vice President
Ed Maioriello – 2nd Vice President
Mike Weaver – Secretary
Jeannie Wright – Treasurer

The membership will also vote on some minor changes to the bylaws at the fall meeting (see pages 10-11). The revisions are necessary to reflect a change in our meeting schedule, which resulted from input you provided via a GOS membership survey. We also need to update some of the particulars of officer responsibilities contained in various appendices of the bylaws. I welcome any proposed amendments to the bylaws from the membership. You can review our existing bylaws at <https://www.gos.org/bylaws>.

Please plan to attend the 2019 fall meeting on Jekyll Island to vote on the new slate of officers, to vote on proposed changes to the bylaws, and, of course, to do some great birding! Our next spring meeting will be in May 2020, and our next winter meeting will be in January 2021 over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

Finally, thanks to each of you for your continued support of GOS. I hope to see you on Jekyll Island October 11-14, 2019. Until then, Good Birding!

Additional Details About the Fall Meeting Speakers *(continued from page 2)*

On Friday night Diana Churchill will present “Birding the Georgia Coast: One Habitat at a Time.” Diana grew up in Savannah but became hooked on birds while living in Massachusetts. For the past 18 years she has been writing bi-monthly articles about birds for the *Savannah Morning News*. In 2011, she published a book based on those articles called *Birder’s Eye View: Savannah and the Low Country*. She followed up the success of that book with the publication of *Birder’s Eye View II: The Low Country* in 2018. Diana has served several terms as president of Ogeechee Audubon Society and acted as a naturalist guide for field trips for Wilderness Southeast, Ogeechee Audubon Society, and the Georgia Ornithological Society. She is a sought after speaker at area garden clubs and birding organizations, including Sun City Bird Club, Hilton Head Audubon Society, and the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Refuges.

On Saturday night Kenn Kaufman will present “Inside the World of Bird Migration.” As Kenn explains, “Migration is a huge phenomenon—involving billions of birds, some traveling thousands of miles—but oddly enough, it’s often invisible. Even after years of research, some things about migration are still mysterious, and some of the best-known “facts” about it turn out to be wrong. This is an inside look at the science (and the magic) of this wonderful worldwide movement of birds.” Kenn is an author, artist, photographer, lecturer, world traveler, and naturalist, dedicated to the cause of bird conservation. He is a Fellow of the American Ornithological Society and has received the American Birding Association’s lifetime achievement award—twice. The most recent of his dozen books is *A Season on the Wind: Inside the World of Spring Migration*, published in April 2019.

2019 Bill Terrell Avian Conservation Grant Recipients

By Jim Ferrari

GOS awarded a total of \$69,932 to three habitat restoration projects on behalf of Georgia birds:

- 1) J.W. Jones Ecological Research Center at Ichauway: “Hurricane Michael response: Red-cockaded Woodpecker and sensitive bird areas.”
- 2) Atlanta Audubon Society proposes restoring an urban greenway (Big Creek Greenway in Fulton County) to support habitat for a variety of migratory and resident songbirds.
- 3) Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, Inc.: “Expansion of the Red Hills Red-cockaded Woodpecker Population: A Strategic Plan.”

2019 H. Branch Howe Graduate Student Grant Recipients

By Georgann Schmalz

GOS awarded \$15,000 to two graduate students in support of their ornithological research:

Kayla B. Allen, M.S. student, Georgia College and State University—\$12,900
Project: “Reproductive Success of Grassland Birds at Panola Mountain State Park and Jarrell Plantation State Historical Site, GA.”

James Christopher Leaphart, Ph.D. student, University of Georgia—\$2,100
Project: “Influence of Methylmercury on the Innate and Acquired Immune Function of Waterfowl Neonates Exposed *In Ovo*.”

EJ Williams Receives the 2019 Earle R. Greene Award

By Georgann Schmalz

The 2019 Earle R. Greene Memorial Award was presented to Emily Jo (EJ) Williams at the winter GOS meeting.

EJ holds bachelor and master of science degrees in wildlife biology from the University of Georgia, is a certified wildlife biologist, and is a graduate of the National Conservation Leadership Institute.

Currently, EJ is the Vice President of Migratory Birds and Habitats for the American Bird Conservancy (ABC), where she is guiding efforts to stop the decline of migratory birds and build constituencies and capacity to enable conservation throughout the full life cycle of migratory birds.

She provides leadership and guidance on key bird conservation issues as part of the North American Bird Conservation Initiative and is on boards of several Migratory Bird Habitat Joint Venture partnerships.

Previously, EJ served for 14 years with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, first as a Regional Biologist in northeast Georgia and then as the state Partners in Flight Coordinator.

Her career also includes 10 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Migratory Bird Chief/Assistant Regional Director, where she was responsible for programs including partnerships, migratory bird and eagle permits, implementing national and international bird conservation plans, including Partners in Flight and the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, harvest regulations, and outreach, such as International Migratory Bird Day and Junior Duck Stamp contests. EJ also served as the Executive Director of The Longleaf Alliance, where she focused on restoring the iconic longleaf pine ecosystem.



"Thelma and Louise": Georgann Schmalz (left) presents the Earle R. Greene Award to EJ Williams (right) at the winter meeting on January 19, 2019. Photo by Ed Maioriello.

We are now accepting submissions for future issues of *The Oriole*. Please consider sharing your observations of unusual behaviors or species occurrences with fellow GOS members by submitting a General Note. Book or birding app reviews are also welcome. Send your submission or questions about submitting an article to Reneé Carleton, Editor, by e-mail: rcarleton@berry.edu

Where Are They Now?

By DeeAnne Meliopoulos

(Editor's note: I contacted several past recipients of GOS's Youth Birder's Scholarships asking them to write articles describing what they have done with their careers since their camp experience.)

In 2007, I had the honor and excitement of receiving the GOS Young Birder's Scholarship. I still remember being tempted to pinch myself because I couldn't believe I had gotten such an incredible opportunity: traveling to Ecuador for an American Birding Association conference! The trip was a whirlwind of outings to mountains, forests, grasslands, and, of course, birds. I saw everything from the diminutive bananaquit to the colossal Andean condor, and more hummingbirds than I ever dreamed existed. Learning about the amazing biodiversity through field trips and presentations was a tremendously inspirational experience and reinforced my passion for conservation. In particular, realizing how many of Georgia's summer migrants use Ecuador in the winter helped broaden my perspective on the importance of conserving for all stages of bird life cycles. After my (reluctant) return, I wrote articles and gave presentations to GOS and my student wildlife society chapter on the migrant connection between Georgia and Ecuador, as well as bird conservation efforts in Ecuador, such as ecotourism and shade-grown coffee.



DeeAnne Meliopoulos studying oystercatchers on Cumberland Island in 2009. Photo provided by DeeAnne.

Following my visit to Ecuador, I began working on bird research projects during the summer while continuing to pursue my wildlife degree at the University of Georgia. In 2009, I developed and carried out a study on nest fate and chick behavior of American oystercatchers on Cumberland Island (also made possible with funds from GOS) for my senior project. I was able to identify management recommendations to benefit oystercatchers with this study and shared these through a publication in *The Oriole*, GOS's biannual journal.

After graduating, I traveled the country for four years, continuing to gain experience with bird research projects, working for organizations such as the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Institute, the Owl Research Institute, and various universities (to be exact, I've worked in 15 different states!). In 2013, I began a master's program at New Mexico State University, where I studied the effects of solar energy development on grassland bird populations. I continued the migratory wildlife biologist lifestyle for a year after earning my

degree, working with piping plovers for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as on the citizen science project, Neighborhood Nestwatch. Currently, I work for an environmental consulting firm and volunteer with the local Audubon Society.

I will always be grateful to GOS for an experience I'll never forget and that I credit with strengthening my commitment to birds and conservation. I'm so glad to see that this wonderful program is continuing to shape future conservationists.

Where Are They Now?

By Emma Bay Dickinson

Hello! My name is Emma Bay Dickinson, and I was one of the recipients of the 2017 Parks Scholarship for Young Birders to attend Camp Avocet in Lewes, Delaware.

My life was a beach, quite literally! I had never attended a birding camp outside of the Georgia Ornithological Society's Camp TALON, and I was so excited to travel to legendary birding spots like Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and Cape May. I love to bird in coastal areas. Something about the ebb and flow of plovers and sandpipers scurrying parallel to the waves is fun and familiar to me. With Bill Stewart's (the director of Camp Avocet) influence, I began to pay attention to the shape and behavior of the birds, rather than frantically try to flip through a field guide to identify them. I realized that when I stood still and took the time to look, the individual personalities and behaviors of the birds became clear.

While I was at the camp, I did a lot of sketches and drawings of the landscape and birds that I saw during the trips, and I enjoyed illustrating and visualizing my experiences. Richard Clifton, a well-known artist and winner of a Federal Duck Stamp art contest, whom campers had the opportunity to meet, was a huge inspiration for me. Like me, he started with no artistic training but practiced his sketches by observing ducks out in the field. I began to sketch and journal more while I was birding, and this habit stays with me today.

My experience at Camp Avocet came at a time of transition for me. I started college the next fall, and I was already planning to study ecology at the University of Georgia, but I was unsure what to research within ecology. I love to bird, but I fell in love with the places and habitats that birds depend on. To me, Cape May, New Jersey, is one of the most beautiful places in the world. The freshwater and estuarine wetland, beaches, and marshes of the New Jersey coast welcome migratory birds on their travels. Rather than focus on birds alone, I became interested in freshwater and marine ecology, and I wanted to know more about the systems that birds and other organisms rely on.

To this day, I am still heavily involved with the birding community. I am in the process of creating a club at the University of Georgia called "Field Ornithologists at UGA." While there are a lot of birders at UGA, there is not a dedicated club for bird conservation or appreciation, so I wanted to create that for the community. The club is still brand new, but we plan to start bird walks in the spring.



Emma Bay Dickinson birding on a coast (naturally). Photo provided by Emma.

I am happy for the opportunity that I was given through the Parks Scholarship for Young Birders. Georgia Ornithological Society's dedication to youth birding is inspiring. Birding is a hobby that has never left my life, and I hope to influence more young birders throughout my career.

Where Are They Now?

By Rosemary Kramer

Ever since I was a child, my love for birds has paved most of my roads through life. It has always been a passion, and it always will be. When my family moved to Georgia, I was able to participate in youth-centered birding events that I otherwise would never have had access too. I was always different for my love of birds and always had a hard time making friends because of it. The second I realized that the youth birding competition existed, that youth birding camps had scholarships, and that I wasn't alone for my love of birds, I broke down in tears. I remember it like yesterday, and it still pulls at my heart to remember the feeling of relief and love, and to see my loneliness wash away. I finally had the opportunity to chase what I loved and learn as much about it as I could have ever hoped. I started painting birds, photographing them, even learning how to mimic them. And this was after I learned how to identify all of the birds of North America by sight and sound at the age of 14.



Rosemary Kramer and irritated friend (nestling Bald Eagle). Photo provided by Rosemary.

I signed up for multiple scholarships helping young birders attend youth birding camps in Colorado and Maine. In 2012 I won a scholarship to Colorado and another to Hog Island Maine in 2013. I wouldn't have been able to attend these camps without the scholarships, and I learned so much at each of them. I made friends that I still talk to and think of often, I was able to travel across the country for the first time in my life, and I saw birds that only fueled the flame more. Eventually these camps during the summer helped me to learn about jobs related to birds. I fell in love with the idea of field jobs, and during my first summer away from home in 2015 I moved out to Texas to work for the American Bird Conservancy in the Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture area. I saw breeding grassland birds of Texas at distances and situations that most people only dream of. I was so thankful to be out there and knew that I would do jobs like this for as many summers as I could. Dickcissels, Northern Bobwhites, White-tailed Hawks, Crested Caracaras, Rufous-crowned Sparrows, Cassin's Sparrows, Vermilion Flycatchers, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, Pyrrhuloxia, Golden-crowned Warblers, Bell's Vireos, and Black-capped Vireos are just some of many birds that I was sometimes so close to that I had to put down the binoculars to brush them away from my lunch!

The year 2015 was also my first in college at Georgia Southern, and as a student athlete I knew I wouldn't have much time to go birding. Luckily, I was able to find a part-time job for a few semesters as a vertebrate surveyor. I was being paid to go birding to determine the biodiversity on campus. The next summer I found a job working for the Intermountain Bird Observatory in Idaho; it didn't take long to fall in love. When I wasn't surveying birds of incredible landscapes, I was hunting for morels and chanterelles, swimming in crystal-clear glacier lakes, and camping on snow-capped mountains. I was able to watch Long-billed Curlew and hummingbird banding, and even got to participate in banding at Lucky Peak out of Boise! A few summers later, I decided to work in Island Park, Idaho, with the U.S. Forest Service, searching for Northern Goshawk and woodpecker nesting areas. Again, I saw birds and landscapes fit for a birding dream, but being right outside of Yellowstone National Park wasn't anything to sneeze at either. Along with finding Northern Goshawk nests, I helped band Bald Eagles and fit locators to a Grizzly Bear that

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killed livestock just a few miles away from my house. I can't believe how lucky I have been to experience what I have at my age. I have no doubt in my mind that if I hadn't been offered the chance to go to youth birding camps, I would have never been able to work in the places or seen the incredible birds and landscapes I have. Thank you so, so, so much for supporting me and other young birders. I can't wait to give back.

PS—I participated in the air rifle competition at the NCAA National Championships, where I broke the NCAA record. I have been invited to join the U.S. Olympic team and am trying to earn a spot on the team that will participate in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

At left: Rosemary Kramer and sedated friend (Grizzly Bear). Photo provided by Rosemary.

Where Are They Now?

By John Mark Simmons

At the annual Georgia Youth Birding competition in 2011, I heard of a scholarship that GOS was offering to young birders to give them the birding experience of a lifetime. I eagerly applied for it and jumped up and down in joy when I found out that I'd be going to Colorado later that year. American Birding Association's Camp Colorado exposed me not only to different birds and ecosystems, but also to strangers who were fascinated by the same things I was. However, the amazing experiences I've had because of the generosity of the Georgia Ornithological Society did not end there. A few years down the road, in 2014, I once again received the scholarship to attend an ABA camp in Maine. Hog Island was so magnificently different than anything I had seen before. Mountains and beaches never mix where I'm from, but in Maine they certainly do! Some of the most charismatic bird species I've ever observed reside there, such as Atlantic Puffins, Razorbills, and massive colonies of nesting terns and gulls. Little did I know that these adventures would help me pursue a career studying birds unlike anything I thought possible.

During the summer of 2015, following closely on the heels of Hog Island, I was presented with my first opportunity to participate in field research. A graduate student from the University of Georgia hired me as an avian field technician to collect bird data in the mountains of North Carolina. As a field technician, I was able to use every skill I have ever acquired from being a birder and also learned more than I ever could have expected. I conducted avian point counts, collected vegetation data, and even surveyed caterpillars (an important food source). Doing field work is the best possible combination for someone who loves the outdoors and birds, and the opportunities to learn from professional researchers.

With that summer under my belt, I worked two more field jobs in the consecutive summers. Both of these other jobs continued to shape me as a biologist and exposed me to brand-new situations and, consequently, new bird species. Surveying Black-capped Vireo populations and conducting nest searching in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma was likely the hottest of the three

Where Are They Now? *(Simmons; continued from page 9)*

summers, but also was the most unique. The desert-like landscape of red rocks and vast grasslands was something I'd never forget, nor would I forget the ticks and rattlesnakes.

I spent the next summer conducting surveys for Black-backed Woodpeckers (BBWOs) in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. BBWOs are known as an MIS species, or management indicator species. This means that they are a model species for knowing certain details about a forest region depending on if it is inhabited by this species or not. My partner and I traveled throughout the backcountry looking for these woodpeckers, conducting point counts, and collecting vegetation data in burned forest areas.

Many, if not all of these experiences would not have been possible without the adventures I had with my fellow young birders in Colorado and Maine, which proved to be critical stepping stones toward my future. Many of the kids I got to know are now some of the most talented birders in the field today, while some simply participate in it as a small hobby. Sharing my stories with employers and professors about these life-changing experiences communicates to them how much I care about what I do and that I'm the most committed and passionate individual for the job. My love for birds has taken control of my plans for a career. Currently, I am studying Ecology at the College of Coastal Georgia, and I intend to continue into a graduate program somewhere else in a related field with birds as my focus. While I pursue my passion through work and in my free time, I will always be grateful to GOS for helping me along.

Proposed Changes to GOS' Bylaws

By Larry Carlile

The following bylaws revisions are proposed for approval at the fall meeting. Excerpts from the existing bylaws are shown in plain font. Deletions are shown as strikethrough text. Additions are shown in ***bold italics***. Revisions are followed by a short justification. To see the current bylaws, visit www.gos.org/bylaws.

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. Annual membership in the Society is available by payment of dues.... ~~Classes of annual membership and dues amounts shall be set from time to time by the Executive Committee.~~

Justification: Moves the struck line to Section 2 for the sake of continuity.

Section 2. ~~Life membership in the Society...is available by payment of life membership dues as set from time to time by the Executive Committee.~~ ***Categories of annual membership and dues amounts shall be set from time to time by the Executive Committee. The current categories of annual membership and corresponding dues amounts are listed at www.gos.org/join-us.***

Justification: GOS no longer offers a lifetime membership category.

Article VI. Meetings.

Section 1. General meetings of the Society shall be held at least semiannually...~~but normally spring and fall.~~ ***In odd-numbered years, the Society shall hold a winter meeting and a fall***

Proposed Bylaws Changes (continued from page 10)

meeting. In even-numbered years, the Society shall hold a spring meeting and a fall meeting.

Justification: These changes resulted from the 2018 survey (see the December 2018 GOShawk).

Article VIII. Committees.

Section 9. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three persons.... This committee shall be appointed by the president ~~prior to~~ **in the spring** ~~general meeting of the Society in~~ of odd-numbered years.

Justification: There will be no spring meetings in odd-numbered years.

Appendix 6. Meeting Planning Handbook for 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents

IV. SPEAKERS, PROGRAMS, AND FIELD TRIPS

The Executive Committee has authorized a \$250 honorarium for the Friday **night speakers** and **a \$750 honorarium for** Saturday night speakers.

Justification: Nationally-prominent speakers command much more than a \$250 honorarium.

The Man Who Loved Birds: In Memory of Tim Rose (1958-2018)

By Nico Arcilla

For an instant I can see the sun rising over the Delaware River as we rise above the clouds in the plane from Philadelphia. I have been here at a service to say goodbye to my old friend, Tim Rose, a fellow bird enthusiast and friend to the GOS community, who passed away on December 8, 2018. I first met Tim in December 2006 at the Christmas Bird Count on Cumberland Island. I was a Ph.D. student in Dr. Bob Cooper's lab at the University of Georgia, and every year a small group of us went down to spend the weekend birding on this magnificent barrier island. The coordinator liked to pair up participants with people they didn't already know, so it happened that I was paired with Tim. We had a fun, productive day counting birds and talking about life, and afterward we stayed in touch, getting together to go birding when opportunities arose. I introduced him to the State Botanical Garden and Sandy Creek Nature Center in Athens, and he showed me some of his many birding spots, including a place to watch American Woodcocks display in spring—an unforgettable sight! After coming with me to visit a Black-throated Blue Warbler research project in North Carolina, Tim produced the exquisite sculpture pictured here. This gift was one of a series of avian-inspired artworks Tim made and gave to his family and friends.



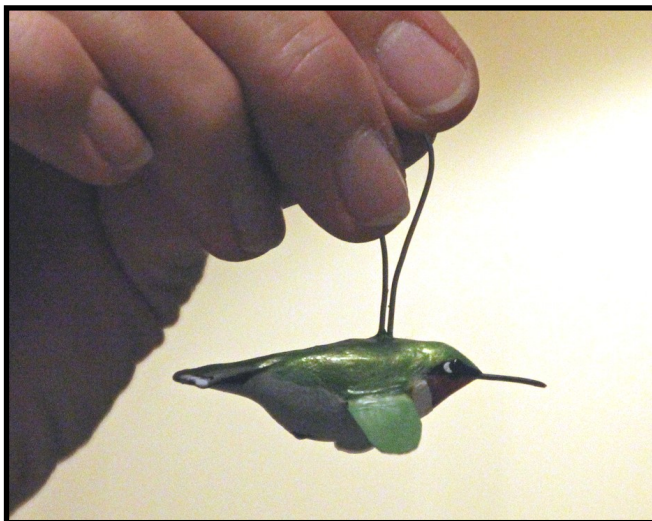
Black-throated Blue Warbler sculpture by Tim Rose. Photo by Nico Arcilla.

One of my favorite memories of Tim was a 10-hour drive through the night from Washington, D.C. to

In Memory of Tim Rose *(continued from page 11)*

Georgia, when we got a flat tire somewhere in the Carolinas sometime around 3 am. We made it to a gas station, identified our location and called for help. As if on cue, the sky then opened up into a torrential downpour. We pulled out camping chairs and sat outside under the roof over the gas pumps amidst the rain, thunder and lightning, laughing. You know you have a true friend when you can encounter such disasters and actually enjoy them!

In contrast to his lack of interest in material things aside from a camera and pair of binoculars, Tim had a keen and inquisitive mind and was one of the most gifted writers I have ever known. He loved birds with a passion that was exceptional, even among avid birders, and I think the birds knew it. Although not a biologist by profession, Tim made detailed observations of animals' lives in the manner of the most careful scientists. He once sent me an e-mail describing an experience he'd had in Fort Myers, Florida: "When a group of White Ibises is foraging, they make a collective low murmur that sounds for all the world like a group of people talking quietly.... The first time I heard it was in a vast marsh where the plants were no higher than three feet, and suddenly I'm hearing muffled conversation. There were movements in the reeds, and then one raised its head high enough to reveal its identity. It gave me the shivers."



Hummingbird ornament made by Tim Rose. Photo courtesy of Anne McCallum.

Tim showed extraordinary sensitivity to the precarious plight of wildlife in our modern world. When his children were young, he told me, someone found an aquatic turtle, a yellow-bellied slider, wandering in the suburbs. This was during the work week when he couldn't get away, so they kept it for a few days, and when the weekend came they took it to the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell to set it free. Tim explained, "By then it had been named Yaxi and was a beloved part of the family.... It was a bittersweet parting, but when I lowered Yaxi into the pond, she went crazy, diving down and zooming up again, circling around and around at ultra-turtle speeds and damn near leaping out of the water. If anyone ever saw a happy turtle that was it. I don't need any more evidence that critters love and value their lives and freedom."

I cherished knowing Tim and miss him, as I know many other members of GOS and the Georgia birding community do. He wrote, "God gives and takes away. Chaos creates and destroys. Nothing ever stays the same. Nothing. Meanwhile, you and I and all our friends have an important mission—to love these creatures." Birds will always remind me of him, his great love for them and this world, and his wisdom. I once asked Tim to remind me of his birthday, and he replied, "The really important day is today." To honor Tim's memory, we have created the Rose Fellowship to support early-career ornithologists working on research and conservation of the birds he loved so much.

(Editor's note: If you would like to contact Nico to learn about the Rose Fellowship, send an e-mail to me at bobsargent.ncs@gmail.com.)

Welcome, New Members!

Fledgling (Student)

Kayla Allen	Cleveland, GA
Elizabeth Borum	Tailors, SC
Chris Leaphart	Leesville, SC
Corina Newsome	Statesboro, GA
Isaiah Scott	Rincon, GA
Alex Stach	Decatur, GA

Brown Thrasher (Individual/Family)

Michael Bohannon	McDonough, GA
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Red-cockaded Woodpecker (Patron)

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Anne McCallum	Ellenwood, GA
Robert Meyer	Tallahassee, FL
Teresa Stickels	Milton, GA



GOS President Larry Carlile ponders a particularly vexing question at the winter meeting on Tybee Island. Photo by Ed Maioriello.

Yellow-throated Warbler. Photo by Dan Vickers.

Species Tally, GOS Winter Meeting, Tybee Island, Georgia, January 18-20, 2019*Compiled by Ellen Miller**161 species*

Wood Duck	Willet
Blue-winged Teal	Lesser Yellowlegs
Northern Shoveler	Bonaparte's Gull
Gadwall	Laughing Gull
Mottled Duck	Ring-billed Gull
Green-winged Teal	Herring Gull
Canvasback	Lesser Black-backed Gull
Ring-necked Duck	Great Black-backed Gull
Greater Scaup	Forster's Tern
Lesser Scaup	Royal Tern
Bufflehead	Black Skimmer
Hooded Merganser	Red-throated Loon
Ruddy Duck	Common Loon
Wild Turkey	Wood Stork
Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Gannet
Horned Grebe	Anhinga
Rock Pigeon	Double-crested Cormorant
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Brown Pelican
White-winged Dove	American Bittern
Mourning Dove	Great Blue Heron
King Rail	Great Egret
Clapper Rail	Snowy Egret
Virginia Rail	Little Blue Heron
Sora	Tricolored Heron
Common Gallinule	Reddish Egret
American Coot	Green Heron
American Avocet	Black-crowned Night-heron
American Oystercatcher	White Ibis
Black-bellied Plover	Glossy Ibis
Semipalmated Plover	Roseate Spoonbill
Piping Plover	Black Vulture
Killdeer	Turkey Vulture
Whimbrel	Osprey
Ruddy Turnstone	Northern Harrier
Red Knot	Sharp-shinned Hawk
Stilt Sandpiper	Cooper's Hawk
Sanderling	Bald Eagle
Dunlin	Red-shouldered Hawk
Purple Sandpiper	Red-tailed Hawk
Least Sandpiper	Great Horned Owl
Western Sandpiper	Belted Kingfisher
Short-billed Dowitcher	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Long-billed Dowitcher	Red-headed Woodpecker
American Woodcock	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Wilson's Snipe	Downy Woodpecker
Spotted Sandpiper	Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Greater Yellowlegs	Pileated Woodpecker

GOS Winter Meeting Species Tally *(continued from page 14)*

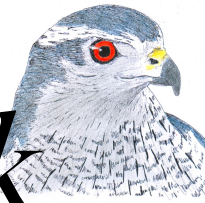
Northern Flicker
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 Merlin
 Eastern Phoebe
 Western Kingbird
 Loggerhead Shrike
 White-eyed Vireo
 Blue-headed Vireo
 Blue Jay
 American Crow
 Fish Crow
 Tree Swallow
 Carolina Chickadee
 Tufted Titmouse
 Red-breasted Nuthatch
 White-breasted Nuthatch
 Brown-headed Nuthatch
 Carolina Wren
 House Wren
 Marsh Wren
 Sedge Wren
 Winter Wren
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 Golden-crowned Kinglet
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Eastern Bluebird
 Hermit Thrush
 American Robin
 Gray Catbird
 Northern Mockingbird
 Brown Thrasher
 European Starling
 American Pipit
 Cedar Waxwing
 House Finch
 American Goldfinch
 Grasshopper Sparrow
 Chipping Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
 Saltmarsh Sparrow
 Savannah Sparrow
 Henslow's Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Swamp Sparrow
 Eastern Towhee
 Eastern Meadowlark

Baltimore Oriole
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Rusty Blackbird
 Brewer's Blackbird
 Common Grackle
 Boat-tailed Grackle
 Northern Waterthrush
 Black-and-white Warbler
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 American Redstart
 Palm Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 Northern Cardinal
 House Sparrow



A new yoga pose for birders? Ready to take the proverbial leap of faith? Nine people simultaneously lose their balance on level ground? None of the above. It was a bitterly cold morning at the Richmond Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility, which was one of the field trip destinations at the winter meeting, and so we thought to ourselves, "How would I warm up if I were a vulture?" Photo by Ed Maioriello.

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