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The annual fall meeting of the Mississippi Ornithological Society will be held on Friday, November 19, and Saturday, November 20 in Gulfport. The Mississippi Coast Audubon Society will host the meeting and arrange field trips. Judy Toups, president of the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society, has arranged with the Mississippi Fish and Game Commission for MOS members to obtain a very good view of the pair of Southern Bald Eagles which are making preparations to nest again near Gulfport. Because of the opening of deer season on the 20th, the trip to the eagle site will have to be on the afternoon of the 19th. For those who can arrive in Gulfport early enough on Friday to make the trip, Judy provides the following instructions:

"Meet on Friday afternoon, November 19, at 3 P.M. across from the Jack Watson Plant of the Mississippi Power Company on Lorraine Road in Gulfport. Those members who are coming down Highway 49 should pick up I-10 in Gulfport and go east to the Lorraine Road exit. Once having exited, it is just about 1/4 mile to our meeting place. We will meet with Walter Fowler of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission. He will provide us with an escort since viewing these birds means illegally stopping on I-10."

Friday evening we will meet at 7:30 P.M. in the meeting hall of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport for slides and a movie titled: "At The Crossroads. This film tells the story of many of America's endangered species. It was filmed by Mark and Marty Stouffer of Stouffer Productions, Ltd., Aspen, Colorado. Part of the film was made on Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, near Starkville. The film has received a number of producers' awards, including the following: Best Western Documentary Film of the Year, Cine Golden Eagle Award, awards at the Chicago International Film Festival and the Columbus Film Festival, the Three Star Award of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, and a Special CINDY Award for Outstanding Achievement in Ecology and Nature Films.

If you have recent slides that would be of interest to MOS members, please bring them along!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is located near the beach in Gulfport. It is best reached by following Highway 90, turning north to Courthouse Road, and taking the first right turn to 16th Street.

Field trips on Saturday will depart from the easternmost entrance of Buccaneer State Park at 7:30 A. M. on Saturday the 20th. This park is reached by going west on Highway 90, over the Bay St. Louis Bridge, and taking the first left turn at the light. The road follows the beach and Buccaneer is about 9 miles down the road. The field trip

Judy has planned has a wide variety of habitat: both fresh and salt water ponds, marshland, open fields, pine woods, and beaches. On her last trip to the area, Judy saw an immature Peregrine! Judy says that she can almost promise a Reddish Egret which has been hanging around the Waveland beach for a couple of months.

Judy sent the following list of motels which she feels will be best from the standpoint of availability, location, and rates:

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530 Beach Blvd. Miss. City

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