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Programs "Establishing Municipal Sanctuaries for Bird Protection" and Appreciation John M. Frazier "How Municipal Sanctuaries Contribute to Life History and Habit Study" (with special reference to the Jackson Nature Trail) John H. Phares

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It was voted that, prior to the publication of each Newsletter, the secretary mail cards to members requesting that they send items of bird interest to the editor for consideration. interest to the editor for consideration.

As there was not a quorum present, it was necessary to ballot by mail.

Members present: Miss Fannye A. Cook, Mrs. W. H. Pullen, Jr., John M. Frazier, Mrs. W. G. Wills, Jr., John H. Phares, Miss Carol Webb, Miss Mary E. Hobson, Miss Vivian Cook, Wm. H. Turcotte, Dr. H. J. Jacob and Mrs. Mayo Tolman. - - Mrs. Mayo Tolman.

#### Lapland Longspurs in Pearl River County CLEOSONTINES ISSUERIERIM

On the morning of January 9, as I entered the southwesterly corner of a four-acre open pasture. I noted two brownish birds feeding in the grass. As they were walking, I thought them to be pipits, which have been absent for several years, but closer watching showed them to have sparrow-like ANS . H WESS bills. They seemed quite unafraid and allowed me to approach to within about twenty feet so I was able to see the distinguishing markings. one even dealers flying into a nearby bush thus showing the peculiar white outer tail feather markings. As I backed away the bird flew back to the ground and I left my watched for sometime; January 17 two were at the same spot but they were not seen again. -- Mrs. Mayo Tolman. deale i Area industration of the control of the con

# Swallow-tailed Kites

atolee. Miseisesisse Friday, May 16, 1958 I was driving alone from New Orleans to Gulfport. About two miles from Pearlington I saw large birds flying across the road ahead. When I came up to them, I observed 3 swallow-tailed kites. This was an unforgettable experience and the birds were truly magnificent. They are probably nesting in this area. -- Cora L. Evans.

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#### Golden Plovers

88 golden plovers in winter plumage were observed March 17, 1958 on Hwy. 61 just North of the Issaquena-Warren County line (Issaquena County) in a newly levelled field with water standing over it. The birds were observed at close range. There were no white wing or tail markings and they were the control of slightly smaller than the black-bellied plover which they resembled. The birds made distinctive plover-like calls. They appeared to have been forced down immediately ahead of heavy rain and low-hanging clouds ahead of a cold front. Also, there were 5 ring-billed gulls at the same time in the same field. -- W. H. Turcotte and H. L. Tackett. autona? Isque had wort" and Mabit Study? (with special reference to the Jackson Nature Textl) John W. Fhares .

The response of members in sending in notes for this newsletter has been gratifying. Every contribution, however small, helps to stimulate interest and adds to our total knowledge of birds. The secretary will send out cards asking for your notes about a month before each issue comes out, so that each member will have an opportunity to contribute something. Saports of the Tressurer and the decrepany were read and accepted.

The editor's and some other members' general observations indicate a decline in the blue bird population and robins also appear to be down in numbers. The editor has observed dickcissells this season at several points north and south of Jackson along Highway 51 where they have never been checked before.

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Mr. Andrew Allison reports from Ellisville, Miss. his observations of the following spring migrants: Chimney Swift, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Wood Thrush and Summer Tanager . The red last country is the last country to the last country and summer tanager. The red last country is the last country in the last country is the last country in the last country in the last country is the last country in the last country in the last country is the last country in the last country in the last country is the last country in the last country in the last country is the last country in the last country in the last country in the last country is the last country in the last coun

Mrs. George R. Smith, 1102 West Beach, Gulfport, Miss. reports the following observations in her garden: "April 11-20 indigo buntings staying until April 28. 5 painted buntings arrived April 22 and left with the indigo buntings. April 10, 3 blue grosbeaks arrived and left April 29. May 9, 3 rose-breasted grosbeaks arrived and left May 12."

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Mrs. Mayo Tolman reports on a Carolina when nesting in the government weather station at her home near Picayune: "Started building April 13; first egg April 16 and one each day thereafter through the 20th. May 4 the eggs were hatching but we never could make out how many nestlings there were (the nest was too deep to see all and they were not always hanging out with their beaks open). May 19 as I was in the garden I noted the two adult birds calling in a nearby bush and noted a faint answer from the weather station so I opened it and there were the five lined up on the floor and one whizzed out. A little thinking sent me back to leave the side open so the birds could get out more easily (the parents had come and gone thru the opening in the floor). In less than five minutes all the young birds were in the trees and bushes and we have seen them no more.

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Mrs. Blanche E. Dean, 1228 South 29th St., Birmingham, Ala. sends information on her Outdoor Nature Camp which she is directing at Camp Glory on the Alabama Gulf Coast and on Dauphin Island, June 16-25, 1958 Also, a motice about her bird booklet for beginners, Let's Learn the Birds, which is just off the press at \$1.25 per copy. Mrs. Dean sends her good wishes and promises to attend one our of MOS meetings.

in. H. M. Callaway and the Editor. Louisiana Ornithological Society members making the trip were: 'Vilas Mary Beris, Diretto Howering the Folly Melson. New Orleans, Mrs. Mary Nelson. New Orleans, and Miss Ava Tabor, Thibodeaux.

Mrs. Dorothy R. Harper, 4203 W. Capitol, Jackson, describes an unusual experience with a mockingbird singing in a neighbor's chicken yard. It seems the mockingbird picked up and included in his repertoire of songs the sound of a choking hen much to the bafflement of Mrs. Harper and even other birds that appeared to be attracted by the unusual performance.

Acartfelt thanks go to Dr. and Mrs. Floyd who made all arrangements for the boat and the executer food and also to the -1.0 Hes- who he helped prepare and serve it.

Ben B. Coffey, Jr., 672 N. Belvedere, Memphis 7, Tenn. reports first arrival of chimney swifts on March 28, 1958 (7-10 days later than usual). The He also reports seeing quite a few pine siskins and redbreasted nuthatches days east and southeast of Memphis during the winter months.

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John Phares and the editor observed a female redstart nest-building in an elm tree in the Pearl River bottom near the Meek's Ferry bridge crossing in Madison County on May 10, 1958. On a return visit to the site on June 1 the nest was completed but abandoned. The redstart is not an uncommon summer resident but this is the editor's first redstart nest after years of searching. I have seen young birds out of the nest but never before found an active nest.

Unusual Nest Site of Chimney Swift: On July 1, 1958 the editor and John
Phares observed a chimney swift nest with four large young on the concrete wall
in the basement of the main headquarters building of the Henneberry Game Management Area near Barlow in southwest Copiah county. The nest was situated
about four feet from the floor in a dark corner. The birds entered and left
through an open door to the basement. The remains of two older nests were on
the same wall but about 7 feet from the floor. The active nest was located
by the Area Manager, Ed Givens, Barlow, Mississippi and reported by Mr. St.
Clair Thompson, Biologist with the Game and Fish Commission. Pictures were
made of the nest by Mr. Thompson.

June Trip to the Chandeleur Islands: An MOS field trip by boat to North and Free Mason Islands arranged by Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Floyd made on June 7-8. The boat trip was made in the 75-ft. yacht "Pinafore". Accommodations on the boat for our overnight stay off the islands were excellent. The weather behaved perfectly except for a slight rain squall at night. Visits were made to the pelican and heron rookeries on North Island and to Free Mason Island where we found laughing gulls, black skimmers, willets and several species of terns nesting.

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An article with pictures for "Game and Fish", the monthly magazine of the Game and Fish Commission, has been written about this trip by your editor and arrangements have been made to send all members a copy of the July issue containing the article. Commission is a send all members a copy of the July issue containing the article. Commission is a send and are desired and article of the send and are desired and article of the send and are desired and are desired and article of the send are desired and article of the send are desired and are desired as desired and are desired and are desired and are desired as desired and are desired as desired are desired and are desired as desired and are desired as desired and are desired as desired are desired as desired and are desired as desired as desired as desired as desired as desired and are desired as des

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Evans, Miss Christine Berry, Raymond, Miss Vivian Cook, Miss Fannye A. Cook,
Mr. R. M. Callaway and the Editor. Louisiana Ornithological Society members
making the trip were: Miss Mary Lewis, Dorothy Howerton, and Polly Nelson,
New Orleans, Mrs. Mary Nelson, New Orleans, and Miss Ava Tabor, Thibodeaux,
Louisiana. Mrs. Thase Daniel, Eldorado, Arkkansas and Dr. Hans Haberyan,
Gulfport were invited guests of the Floyds.

Those members who did not make the trip missed out on a most enjoyable trip. The only disappointment was that so few MOS members made the trip. Our heartfelt thanks go to Dr. and Mrs. Floyd who made all arrangements for the boat and the excellent food and also to the ladies who helped prepare and serve it.

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Pay Your Annual Dues: Mrs. W. G. Wills, Secretary, is mailing out statements to members for annual dues for 1958. A sizeable number of members (including the editor) are delinquent so let's all take care of this detail promptly.

#### SPRING FIELD TRIPS - by John H. Phares

Local MOS members in the Jackson area, accompanied on several occasions by visiting members from other parts of the state, had a number of very pleasant spring bird trips. The highlight of the spring trips was the outing of April 26 following the annual meeting of the society April 25 at Millsaps College in Jackson. Several out-of-town members were present and enjoyed the Riverside Park - Old Canton Road - Natchez Trace trip in spite of several rain

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showers falling intermittently throughout most of the day. Ninety-five species. more than on any other count during the spring, were recorded on this trip.

It has been the feeling of Editor Turcotte and several others of the society that records of the seasonal occurrence of birds in the state should be maintained by the membership and submitted periodically for publication in the M. O. S. Newsletter. Available records would be combined for the several seasons and presented in a manner similar to that employed in Audubon Field Notes. With this idea in mind, Mrs. Tolman, secretary of the society, was directed at the annual meeting to contact all members by mail requesting that local bird notes be submitted to the editor. A number of interesting observations were reported following this request: however, few complete field trip reports were received from the membership at large. Mellow-long, Peatorel and Semi-palmated

The use of Daily Field Check List cards while engaged in birding can materially lessen the task of keeping records of the species one sees. A supply of 100 cards costs about \$3.00 and should be adequate for an individual or group of individuals observing in a party to maintain complete site records for at least a year and provide the editor with duplicates. A copy of the check list is included with the Newsletter for the convenience of those members who may not be familiar with it. If you do not have cards, you are urged to obtain a supply from the treasurer and send in your observations. Many of you, no doubt, observed at least one or more species that do not appear in the following account, most observations of which were made in the Jackson area (Hinds. Madison, and Rankin Counties) with a few reports from scattered locations elsewhere in the state. The list is compiled from individual and group observations on 26 different days between March 17 and May 18 inclusive. rejuired in the Jackson ares Arril 2

Loons through Herons: One Common Loon, a Horned Grebe and small numbers c. Pied Billed Grebes. Brown Pelicans and Double-Crested Cormorants were observed at Gulfport March 27. Great Blue Herons, Snowy Egrets, Louisiana and Little Blue Herons were seen at Gulfport and west along the beach in Hancock County March 27. With the exception of the Louisiana Heron, observed in Hancock County, which was not again reported, all were recorded on subsequent check lists in the Jackson area, the Great Blue on March 29 and May 15, the American Egret, April 5 and May 3, and the Little Blue, April 3. Green Herons were first reported at Jackson April 5. and yellow-browned Night Herons (in consider-es thereafter in the same general area. Mangifalers, Elimbers, Red-

Waterfowl: Blue-winged Teal were reported in small flocks on open water marsh areas in Hancock County March 27 and were still present in the state in the Jackson area May 6. Wood ducks, although numerous, were recorded on only two occasions, both in the Jackson area, April 5 and 26. They nest in considerable numbers in many river bottom areas of the state.

ted Flycatebara word seen on most engine tribes. Vultures through Hawks: Vultures, both Turkey and Black were seen frequently throughout the period of the spring field trips. Three Swallow-tailed Kites were seen at Pearlington, Hancock County May 18. Only one Cooper's Hawk, seen March 26 between Jackson and Gulfport, was reported. Red-tailed, Redshouldered, and Sparrow Hawks, as for the vultures, were frequently seen throughout the spring. One Broad-winged Hawk was recorded on Leaf River Refuge, Perry County April 4, one in the Jackson area April 26, and another near Eagle Lake, Warren County May 3. Marsh Hawks seen slong the coast in Jackson County Warren County May 3. Marsh Hawks, seen along the coast in Jackson County those were seen haddled together on tences and power lines between Mareland and

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Gallinaceous Birds: Bob-white Quail were either seen or heard on most bird trips during the spring. Small numbers of Wild Turkeys (2 to 5) were seen on three different occasions in Pearl River bottom off the Trace in Madison County April 26, 29, and May 10.

Rails through Sandpipers: Numerous marsh, water, and shore birds were observed in the marshes and along the coast in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties March 27. They are, without regard to number, as follows: Clapper and Sora Rails, Purple and Florida Gallinules, American Coot, Piping, Semi-palmated, and Wilson's Plovers, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, Turnstone, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, Greater Yellow-legs, Pectoral and Semi-palmated Sandpipers and Sanderling. Purple Gallinules, Coots, and Least Sandpipers were reported in the Jackson area April 19. Killdeers are widespread and were seen on most spring trips. Several Spotted Sandpipers and a small flock of Sanderlings (9 or 10) were recorded in the upper Jackson area May 10, as were Solitary Sandpipers, two each date, April 26 and May 10. Spotted Sandpipers were also seen in the Eagle Lake area May 3.

Gulls through Skimmers: All gulls, terms, and skimmers listed, with the exceptation of Ring-bills that were also seen in Issaquena County March 17, were recorded along the coast March 27 as follows: Herring, Ring-bill; and Laughing Gulls, Forster's (probably), Royal, and Caspian Terms and Black Skimmers.

Doves through Swallows: Mourning doves were reported on almost every field trip. Yellow-billed cuckoos were first reported in the Jackson area April 26 and five times thereafter in the same area on April 29, May 3, 6, 10, and 15. One red phase Screech Owl was at Twelve Mile Lake, Yazoo County April 10. Barred Owls were either seen or heard in the Jackson area March 29, April 26, and May 10. Chuck-will's-widows were reported in the Jackson area April 13, 26, and May 15.

Nighthawks were first reported at Jackson April 26 and seen almost daily thereafter. One Chimney Swift was reported at Bay St. Louis March 27 and first arrival at Memphis, Tenn. on March 28. Another was seen at Prairie, Monroe County, on the 31st. They were common after this date. Two Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, the first for the season, were seen in the Jackson area April 5 and on six occasions thereafter in the same general area. Kingfishers, Flickers, Redbellied, Red-headed, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers were seen on most trips. Pileated Woodpeckers were reported in the Jackson area May 3 and 15. Yellow 18 1811 bellied Sapsuckers, common during the winter, were last seen at Jackson April 19. A Red-cockaded Woodpecker was observed near the coast in Hancock County March 27 and another was heard on the Natchez Trace Parkway in the upper Jackson area May 10. Kingbirds and Crested Flycatchers were seen on most spring trips. No Phoebes were reported after March 26 when one was seen near Gulfport. Acadian Flycatchers and Wood Pewees were seen on most trips from April through May, the first peewee April 12 and the first Acadian flycatcher April 26, both in the Jackson area. Tree Swallows were reported twice. March 26 along U.S. Highway 49 below Jackson, and April 26 in the upper Jackson area. Rough-wings were common in many parts of the state on most trips. Barn Swallows were seen at Gulfport March 27 and in the Jackson area April 26, May 3, 6, and 10. Seventeen Purple Martins were recorded in the Jackson area March 25. Great numbers of them were seen huddled together on fences and power lines between Waveland and Clermont Harbour, Hancock County, March 27, a cold, overcast and windy day. They were frequently seen throughout the state after this date.

Jays through Starlings: Blue Jays, Crows and Tufted Titmice were frequently seen on most trips. Fish Crows were observed and heard along the coast March 27, and on four occasions near Jackson April 4, 26 and 29, and May 3. Chickadees, White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches were reported in several different locations between March 26 and the end of the spring trips May 18. Brown-heads, not found everywhere in the state, are so numerous in the southern longleaf pine section they can, on occasion, be seen and heard calling in all directions at once. One Brown Creeper was reported at Jackson March 25. Commonly seen throughout the spring were Carolina Wrens, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, and Robins. Wood Thrushes were frequently seen after April 10. No Catbirds were reported until April 26, after which time they were reported on five different occasions. One Hermit Thrush was reported at Gulfport March 27. Olive-backed and Gray-cheeked Thrushes were both seen on the Natchez Trace above Jackson April 26. Bluebirds, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Shrikes and Starlings were seen almost everywhere. Cedar Waxwings were unusual ly abundant in Jackson this spring. Golden-crowned Kinglets were reported in the Jackson area only once, March 29. Ruby-crowns were common.

<u>Vireos</u>: White-eyed and Red-eyed Vireos were recorded on almost every trip this spring. Yellow-throated Vireos were seen in various parts of the state on six occasions between March 26 and May 10.

Warblers: Twenty-six species of warblers were recorded during the spring migration. The greatest number of species for any one day was twenty-two seen in the Jackson area April 26, the official trip following the annual meeting. The first Black and White Warbler was seen at Jackson March 25. They were frequently seen on various trips thereafter. Prothonotary Warblers were common on most spring trips. Swainsons were reported only twice, April 16 at Carthage in Leake County and April 26 on the Natchez Trace in the Jackson Area. One Wormeating Warbler was observed at Ariel, Amite County, April 19. More than 20 Tennessee Warblers were recorded in the Jackson area April 26. Fswer numbers were seen in the same area May 1, 3, and 10. One Nashville Warbler was seen in Jackson April 19. Parulas, first seen near the coast March 27 and in the Jackson area the 29th, and Myrtle Warblers were frequently seen on various trips. No Myrtles were reported after April 26. Two Yellow Warblers were seen in the Jackson area April 26 and one at Eagle Lake, Warren County, May 3. Three reports of Magnolia Warblers near Jackson were April 26, May 1 and 10. Blackthroated Green Warblers, one each time, were seen near Jackson March 29 and April 26. Blackburnians (1) first seen at Waveland, Hancock County, March 27 were also seen in the Jackson area April 12, 26, and May 10. One was also seen at Eagle Lake May 3. Maryland Yellow-throats were seen at frequent intervals throughout the spring being first observed along the coast March 27. Chestnutsided Warblers were first seen in the Jackson area April 26. Bay breasted Warblers were seen in the Jackson area April 26 and May 10, and in the Vicksburg area, Warren County, May 3. Pine Warblers, not uncommon, were reported on eight different occasions between March 25 and May 10. A Prairie Warbler was seen on Tallahala Management Area, Jasper County, April 3 and another April 10 on Leaf River Management Area, Perry County. M. O. S. members checked one Ovenbird at Jackson on the Trace April 26 and another on April 27. Louisiana Water Thrushes, usually singles, were reported in the Jackson area March 28, April 4, 5, 26 and May 10. One was also reported North of Vicksburg May 3. Kentucky Warblers, first reported April 26 at Jackson, were later seen in the same area April 29 (2), May 1 (1), May 6, 10, and 15 (2). One was seen in the Vicksburg area May 3. Yellow-throated Warblers were reported twice, April 5 and 26, and Yellow-breasted Chats April 26 and May 6 and 10 all in the Jackson area. One Hooded Warbler was reported on Leaf River Management Area, Perry County April 4, and in the Jackson area April 5 (1), 26 (10), and May 6 and 10

(number not recorded). Canada Warblers (2 or 3) were seen May 10 on the Natchez Trace in the Jackson area. None were reported elsewhere. Redstarts were seen in the Jackson area three times, April 26 (2), 29 (1), and May 10 (1) a female building a nest on the Meek's Ferry Road near Pearl River.

House Sparrows through Tanagers: English Sparrows, Meadowlarks, and Redwinged blackbirds were common in most areas. Bobolinks (small flock) between Jackson and the Natchez Trace, May 10, were the only ones reported. Orchard Orioles were first reported in the Jackson area April 4 and Baltimore Orioles April 26. Both species were frequently seen during the spring. Boat-tailed Grackles were reported once, March 27, in Jackson County. Purple Grackles were recorded on the coast the same date and at Jackson March 29. Bronzed Grackles (usually in large numbers) were seen on almost every trip beginning. April 4. Cowbirds were also fairly common throughout the spring. Summer Tanagers were seen much more frequently than were Scarlets, Scarlets having been recorded only three times, April 12 and 26 (3) in the Jackson area and May 3 (1) between Vicksburg and Eagle Lake. Summer Tanagers were first reported April 10 at both Gulfport, Harrison County, and Leaf River Management Area, Perry County, and were seen frequently thereafter.

Grosbeaks through Sparrows: Of this group, Cardinals and Townees were the most frequently seen, being fairly common almost everywhere. The Rosebreasted Grosbeak was reported only from Gulfport where three were observed May 9 through 12. Blue Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings were both seen on many occasions in several parts of the state after April 10. Painted Buntings were less frequently seen but never-the-less were present in some numbers, five being observed daily at Gulfport between April 22 and 28. Others were seen in the Jackson area, Eagle Lake, and Port Gibson. Although reported only twice, May 3 in the Jackson-Vicksburg-Eagle Lake area and May 10 on the Natchez Trace in the upper Jackson area, Dickcissels apparently are on the increase in Mississippi, being found in great numbers in areas where they were formally not found. Goldfinches were seen occasionally at Jackson throughout the spring, once or twice in rather large flocks. Very little time was devoted to sparrows this spring and as a result only the more common ones were detected. Savannahs were recorded only once, March 27 in Hancock County. Bachman's appeared on the check list in the Jackson area April 4 (1) and again in the same area May 6 and 10. Slate-colored Junco, a common winter bird, was not seen at Jackson after April 12. Chipping and Field Sparrows were frequently seen throughout the spring and, in the case of the chippies, occasionally in great numbers. Whitethroated Sparrows, present in great numbers throughout the early spring, were last seen at Jackson April 29. Swamp and Song Sparrows were each reported only twice. Both in the Jackson area April 12 and later, Swamp Sparrows April 26, in the same area, and one Song Sparrow near Eagle Lake May 3.

The foregoing account of 160 species includes all records available to the writer. I'm sure we can do much better than this, so why don't you plan now to submit records of all your bird observation to the editor.

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