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MOS 1987 Spring Meeting: Oxford

The 1987 Spring Meeting of MOS will be hosted by the Oxford Bird Club and the Department of Biology of the University of Mississippi on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1-3. A Friday evening (7:00 p.m.) reception for guests from elsewhere in Mississippi will be held by the Oxford Bird Club in Room 404 of the Ole Miss Student Union Building. Besides buffet supper and good fellowship, this occasion will provide opportunity to view two displays of interest to birders. One will feature the bird and nature photography of several Mississippians. The second will be composed of a display of bird prints and books authored and/or illustrated by a noted bird painter and ornithologist, the late Dr. George M. Sutton.

On Saturday morning field trips will leave at 7:30 a.m. from an eastside shopping center parking lot (see map) by the now-defunct TG&Y store. At least four trips will be arranged (more details at Friday evening reception), but it will be possible (and preferable) to divide into as many parties as necessary to keep the size of parties small enough (e.g., 2 carloads maximum) for most optimal birding. Destinations will likely include: (1) Wall Doxey State Park (Marshall Co.) and points on east end of Sardis Lake; (2S) University of Mississippi Biol. Field Station northeast of Oxford, consisting of two creek valleys in which there are scores of fish ponds (formerly "Minnows, Inc.") with woodland along the adjacent hillsides; (3) Clear Creek Recreational Area, Sardis Waterfowl Refuge, and other federal easement lands on south side of Sardis Lake; (4) Sardis and Lower Lake area plus nearby bottomland woods and Phalarope Slough.

Box lunches for Saturday only will be based on advance reservations (see meal reservation form). The Saturday evening dinner meeting will be held at the Oxford Holiday Inn, \$9.00 per plate (including gratuities). Besides Society business, there will be a presentation by Marvin Davis on North Mississippi birds.

A Saturday afternoon (ca. 3:30 p.m.) tentative feature, if interest dictates, will be an opportunity to view the skins in the M.G. Vaiden Bird Collection, mostly from the Rosedale, Miss. area. Please indicate on the meal reservation form if you have a particular desire to view this collection at the Biology Museum. Arrangements can be made if advance responses warrant. Further information on this will be available at the Friday night session. Maps will be available to facilitate "self-guided" field trips on Sunday morning.

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Motel phone numbers are repeated below as per the earlier Newsletter. Note that Holiday Inn has offered a 10% discount to MOS. Primitive camping facilities are available at Puskus Lake in the National Forest about 10 miles northeast on Hwy. 30. Not-so primitive camping (including RV facilities) is available at the Corps of Engineers Clear Creek Recreational Area about 12 miles northwest of Oxford (see map).

Holiday Inn: 234-3031
Alumni House: 234-2331

Best Western Oxford Inn: 234-9500
University Inn: 234-9112

MINUTES OF THE FALL 1986 MEETING

The 1986 Fall Meeting of the MOS was held in Jackson, Mississippi on October 18, 1986. President Bette Jackson presided. Mrs. Jackson thanked the members of Jackson Audubon Society, who hosted the meeting, especially Vic Duvic, Bob and Gail Boling, and Sally Hathorn, who were responsible for the Friday night reception.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Jerome Jackson, editor of the Miss. Kite, announced that all the back issues have been completed and mailed to members. The next issue will be in December of 1986. Dr. Jackson then reported on the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held at Mississippi State University in August, which was hosted by MOS. There were 317 attendants from 40 states and 8 other countries. Dr. Jackson thanked MOS and Audubon Society members from around the state for the tremendous amount of help they provided in making the meeting a great success. A copy of the current kite was included in the AOU registration packets and AOU paid for publication of that entire issue, including those sent to MOS members. There are Walter Anderson tote bags and scarves left from the meeting still for sale, along with new MOS T-shirts.

Dr. Jackson then presented the Tucker Award to Bill Turcotte of Jackson in recognition of his recordings of Mississippi bird songs which were published by the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. The original tapes sold quickly, but a new set will be available soon.

Malcolm Hodges, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the new slate of officers for the next two years. They were: Judith Toups, president; Mike McGraw, vice president; John Battalio, secretary; and Jan Dubuissou, treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

Vic Duvic thanked Evelyn Tackett and Bill Turcotte for leading the Saturday field trips and Tom and Mary Stokes for making arrangements for the box lunches. He also announced that

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a Chapter of WRANPS was being formed in Jackson.

Gerry Morgan, president of Miss. Coast Audubon, announced that their chapter was selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser.

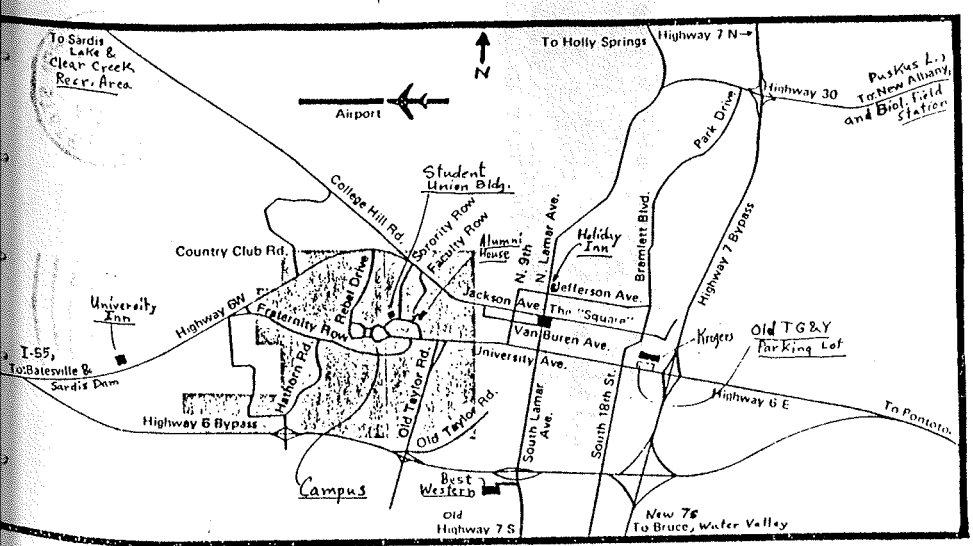
Bette Jackson announced that MOS has had 1000 new checklists printed. She also announced that Alabama Ornithological Society will be meeting in January of 1987 at Pickwick Reservoir and MOS members are welcome. Also, the Sholes Audubon Society has offered to host a joint meeting between ADS and MOS sometime in the future. Larry Gates of Pinewoods Audubon in Hattiesburg offered for his chapter to host an MOS meeting there in 1987, preferably in the fall.

Jerome Jackson then discussed plans for starting a breeding bird atlas for Mississippi. He stated that the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission is interested in the atlas project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Janet T. Dubuisson

Map for 1987 Spring Meeting locations, Oxford, Mississippi



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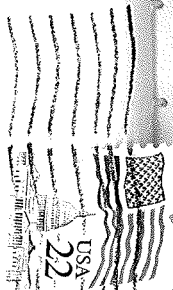
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