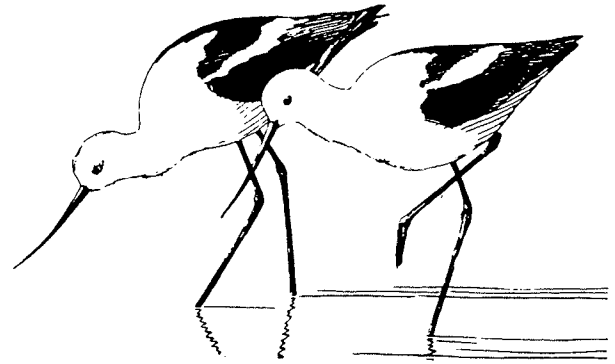

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LOOKING AHEAD:

WINTER BIRDING--Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs)

- Friday, 20 Dec., Sidon--call Philip Barbour, 455-4166.
- Saturday, 21 Dec., Noxubee NWR, call Terry Schiefer, 324-3748.
- Saturday, 21 Dec., Sardis Lake--call Marvin Davis, 234-1773 (eve.).
- Sunday, 22 Dec., Vicksburg--call David King, 638-4429.
- Monday, 23 Dec., Grenada--call Marvin Davis, 232-5151 day/234-1773.
- Thursday, 26 Dec., Sumner--call Genevieve Tharp, 442-4622.
- Saturday, 28 Dec., Crow's Neck/Tishomingo[**NEW**]*--call Mark Woodrey, 354-7303 (days; or Carolyn Jarnagin, 287-2579 day; 287-5553 eve.)*
- Saturday, 28 Dec., Jackson--call Mary Stevens, 354-7303 (day).
- Saturday, 28 Dec., Arkabutla--call Rob Peeples, 901/755-8671.
- Monday, 30 Dec., S. Hancock Co.--call Allison Henry, 896-1999.
- Wednesday, 1 Jan., Hattiesburg--call Larry Gates, 268-6411.
- Thursday, 2 Jan., Church Hill--call Genevieve Tharp, 442-4622.
- Saturday, 4 Jan., Jackson County--call Larry Gates, 268-6411.
- Sunday, 5 Jan., S. Washington Co.--call Ed Alexander, 332-7895

Members are encouraged to participate in CBCs as an exciting and challenging annual birding activity. If you don't have the habit, start now! The organizers whose names are indicated must have advance notice so as to arrange for you to have a proper assignment.

SPRING BIRDING--MOS Spring Meeting on the Gulf Coast, April 18-20, 1997

Best Western Beachview Inn, Gulfport will be the site designated for MOS's spring meeting, beginning with the customary Friday 7:00 p.m. get-together in a suite there. Saturday a.m. birding trips will be scheduled, likely to Hancock County, in addition to the special one available as described below--"A Dunne Deal." The MOS business meeting may be scheduled for mid-afternoon, because in late afternoon there is a Pete Dunne book signing and reception, and the evening will deviate from the usual to allow MOS members to attend the special "Dunne Deal Dinner." There will be the usual Sunday bird outings in the locality. Registration fee is \$5 to cover expenses of the local committee. The Best Western Beachview Inn, Gulfport is offering a special rate of \$55/night for MOS members on April 18, 19; their number is 800-748-8969--ask for Caroline and mention you're coming for MOS.

"A DUNNE DEAL"

Pete Dunne, noted birder, author of bird books and columns (in bird magazines and the NY Times) and bird raconteur extraordinary, will

visit the Miss. Coast, April 19. This visit, sponsored by Mississippi Coast Audubon Society, also is co-sponsored by the Chevron Pascagoula Refinery. This is a fund-raising event for the MCAS--to recoup their resources expended to assist in the purchase by The Nature Conservancy of 6500 acres of coastal chenier habitat at Ansley in Hancock County. Such habitat is vital for neotropical migrants that cross the Gulf in spring and fall. This highly commendable project is another great contribution of the Gulf Coasters, in addition to their longtime work to save breeding space on MS beaches for Least Terns. We who aren't MCAS members can contribute "after the fact" toward this fine cause by paying our fees to partake of this "Dunne Deal." GREAT IDEA!!

The Saturday a.m. program will comprise a "Bird Trip with Pete" to Jackson Co. (limited to 50 persons; \$50 fee includes a "sumptuous" special lunch at the Gulf Islands Natl. Seashore HQ). There will be an evening buffet-style banquet and another "serving" of Pete Dunne as birding's most engaging after-dinner speaker (limit 200; \$50). All MOS members will receive further details on "The Dunne Deal" from the co-chairs of the effort, Judith Toups and Alison Henry. *Watch your mail for directions on how to participate in "The Dunne Deal"!*

LOOKING BACK

LETTERS FROM AND TO--William "Mr. Bill" Turcotte

From Richland, Bill reports a bumper year for Brown Thrashers on his 5-acre property. However, for the latter part of the summer Bill was not checking bird nests, because he was "stove-up" and down in bed with his back. He says that it came from working in his garden--no in his collard patch! Fortunately, he had good help with the harvesting of his crops. Dot says that a big flock of Common Grackles came in and cleaned up what muscadines the N. Cardinals hadn't harvested, and some White-tailed Deer were taking good care of the field peas and okra. One of his many redneck friends sends this message of sympathy to Bill:

"DOWN IN YORE BACK AGIN!! Now I tole you and tole you, Mr. Bill--them there gardenin' and yard works are too dangerous for younger fellers lak you to be messin' wiff. Whenever you was laid up in bed with a broken coller bone after bein' attackt and bucked offen that ridin' lawnmore, a coupl' years ago, you should have learnt yore lesson and stayed out'en that there dangerous collard patch!"

FALL'S BEAUTIFUL BONUSES

In Fall 1995, North Mississippi had a great show of leaf colors, but for 1996 the leaf colors have been a *festival!* Sugar maples turned crimson, hickories and sycamores a glorious golden-yellow, dogwoods a fine russet and the sweet gums a delightful mixture of peachy-pink-yellow-red that was hardly describable! And the festival of colors lasted longer than sometimes, hard rains and winds not stopping the show even at mid-November. One hardly needed any impetus of birds to enjoy driving out through the countryside.

Judy Burkepile of Oxford was especially delighted by an avian bonus on October 30th: hearing two **Hermit Thrushes** singing in the woods back of her house. It wasn't full spring song, but it was a mighty fine and unusual "extra" for the fall season.

And on Thanksgiving Day both your editor and Gene & Shannon Knight had the special bonus of **Common Loons** on Sardis Lake singing solos and duets across the calm, still waters both a.m. and p.m. For the former viewer, this was on top of seeing a glorious sight--a rare **Red-throated Loon**--making a day for which to be really very thankful!

MORE MISSISSIPPI FIELD HIGHLIGHTS FOR FALL 1996

In addition to those reported in the past issue, highlights of "Fall" migration this year were mainly among the waterbirds. Lots of good, but not exceptional shorebirds began to pass through by early July. However, the star player in the Shorebird Show waited until the waning days of the fall migration season. On Wednesday October 27th a single **Mountain Plover** showed up on some of the exposed lake bottom of Sardis Lake, becoming only **#2 ever** of this species for Mississippi. It was spotted by Gene Knight in the early morning, near the end of the road at Hurricane Landing in Lafayette Co. W of Abbeville. The early morning sun forced a long walk through sticky mud to get a decent light angle for confirmation of Gene's suspicion on the ID. Then the bird moved nearly 200 yards to the W across the low-water graveled roadway, to be seen by Robert Briscoe, for whom it was a Lifer, and Shannon Knight. The bird stayed put for the arrival of your editor with camera (4 rolls exposed) and Oxford birder, Judy Burkepile. John Maul, Ole Miss grad student in Biology and MOS member, added his Lifer view in the late afternoon. Sad to say, some others did not succeed, which included--on Thurs. p.m. & Friday a.m.--three intrepid travelers from the south, Gulf Coast MOSers Toups, Pennell and McKee. It was one of those "One-Day Wonders"--when you had to have "been here yesterday"!

Some film was still being developed on that "ringer" when one nearly as good was spotted on 7 November by Fred Broerman, a USFWS biologist stationed in Grenada--only the 3rd **Red Phalarope** for most of inland Mississippi (north of Hattiesburg). It was at the same complex of former catfish ponds on the Black Bayou Unit of the new Tallahatchie NWR in NW-most Tallahatchie County where Fred found a **Ruff** last March. This unit is on the county line with Quitman Co., ca. 4 miles south of Crowder. Two Oxford birders, Gene Knight and Prentice Hooper, got to view this "accidental."

Then on November 9th, after checking unsuccessfully for the phalarope, Gene and Shannon Knight, driving south on the Tallahatchie levee ca. 5-6 miles, came upon a wet field that harbored, among other birds, three **Long-billed Curlews**. They were the first of this species found away from the Gulf Coast since the past era of M.G. Vaiden, who saw them on the Mississippi River around Rosedale in fall migration. Again, others (Fred B., Buddy Beavers) succeeded in locating this species the next day, but your editor still lacks that pleasurable experience. Lest we forget, it was an exceptional year in N MS for **Am. Avocets**, which in due time will show in detail in "Around the Stae" for 1996.

All of this shorebird stuff has shunted aside thoughts of two adult **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** simultaneously in N MS in October--one each at Arkabutla and Sardis Lakes (Rob Peeples+ & M.D.)--only the 3rd and 4th-ever inland records! On top of that, there was also in mid-October an adult **Little Gull** at Enid L.--earliest ever in Fall/Winter season! This is all over and above a best-ever flight of **Franklin's Gull** across

(North) Mississippi, day-tallies above 100 on Enid and Sardis Lakes!

Now for gulls the Gulf Coast gets to share some of the spotlight. Appearing there in September and late October, respectively, were two quite exciting species, **Sabine's Gull** and **Black-headed Gull**, found by Judy Toups. The former was on the beach in Hancock County, the latter "hanging around" a Harrison Co. beach. However "the North Country" came back with a 1st-winter **Great Black-backed Gull** (MD) at Sardis Dam on 27 Nov., a **Red-throated Loon** (MD) on Sardis Lake the 28th, among 19 Com. Loons, and 40 Pied-billed, 10 Eared and 375 Horned Grebes! Along with the 600-1000 Bonaparte's Gulls, 100s of Double-crested Cormorants and scores of Red-breasted and Hooded Mergansers, there were enough fish-eaters there to give the smaller fish a severe nervous breakdown!!

Don't stop reading, for on 12 November G.K. notched another casual irregular species for Mississippi, a small flock of **Red Crossbills** ca. 3 miles S of Oxford. And on 1 Dec. he and Shannon spotted a flock of 30 in pines at Sardis Lake. This erratic species that seems to have been erupting from the Mountain West and North Country for several months now (Jerry Jackson had some in NW Arkansas in September). Also, a rare northern raptor, an imm. **Goshawk**, was the top highlight species of the MOS/TOS Fall Meeting at Crows Neck on 13 October (G. & S. Knight).

What could the winter ahead hold for unusual birds, with such a beginning?! *Think about: Snowy Owl (a big eruption year shaping up in the Midwest; one already 110 mi S of the S end of Lake Michigan), Snow Bunting (2 already as close as Kentucky in Nov.), maybe Com. Redpoll, more Crossbill species, Evening Grosbeaks and surely Am. Tree Sparrows!* But where are the goldfinches, siskins and Red-breasted Nuthatches?

BALD EAGLE DEATHS RECUR IN ARKANSAS

After 29 Bald Eagles died during the winter of 1994-95 at DeGray's Lake, without the cause ever being elucidated, the problem is recurring already by late November '96. Six or more have already succumbed at that lake 65 miles SW of Little Rock, and one at Lake Ouachita 25 miles north of there. Both state and federal wildlife biologists have pursued the causative factor, failing so far to find evidence for a microbiological toxin or infection. There has been a recent suggestion that the sickness may be occurring in Am. Coots that could be transmitted to the Bald Eagles, which have a distinct liking for eating coots, and a sick one would be more easily caught.--[source: *Memphis Commercial-Appeal*] Sardis Lake by end of November seems to have 10-15 Bald Eagles already, and we're hoping nothing untoward happens to them.



REPORT ON THE FALL 1996 MOS/TOS MEETING, OCTOBER 11-13, 1996 AT CROWS NECK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, TISHOMINGO, MS
MOS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
ALLAN MUELLER, PRESIDENT WAS PRESIDING

THE TOTAL ATTENDERS FOR VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WEEK-END WAS 59 PERSONS, ABOUT 50% OF THE PARTICIPANTS STAYING AT THE CROWS NECK FACILITIES. SOME PARTICIPATED IN ALL ACTIVITIES, OTHERS ONLY ATTENDED THE FIELD TRIPS SATURDAY AND OTHERS CAME ONLY FOR THE PAPER SESSIONS. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

ON FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 11, WE HAD AN INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER IN THE CAFETORIUM AT CROWS NECK. THE FIELD TRIPS WERE PLANNED FOR SATURDAY MORNING. BREAKFAST WAS AT 6:30 ON SATURDAY MORNING. AFTER BREAKFAST GROUPS ORGANIZED IN THE PARKING AREA FOR THE MORNING TRIPS. LUNCH WAS AT 1:00 PM AND PAPER SESSIONS 2-4:00 PM. THOSE PRESENTING PAPERS WERE:

- (1) FRANCISCO VILELLA, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
TOPIC: POPULATION TRENDS FOR INTERIOR LEAST TERNS ON THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
- (2) JEROME JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY AND BETTE J.S. JACKSON, MARY HOLMES COLLEGE
TOPIC: BIZARRE BEHAVIOR OF KILLDEER
- (3) MARY P. STEVENS. MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE
TOPIC: STATUS OF BALD EAGLE NESTING IN MISSISSIPPI
- (4) BOB HATCHER, TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY
TOPIC: RETURN OF EAGLES TO TENNESSEE
- (5) ALLAN J. MUELLER, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
TOPIC: BREEDING COLONIAL WATERBIRDS IN THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY
- (6) DAN TWEDT, TOPIC: BIRD TERRITORIES AND REFORESTATION

FRED BAUMGARTEN, NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, NEW YORK, WAS AFTERNOON GUEST SPEAKER. HE SPOKE ON IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS, A WORLDWIDE PROGRAM TO SAVE BIRDS AND BIRD HABITATS. WE WERE ALL ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE AREAS OR TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP IBA'S.

AFTER THE PAPER SESSION MOS AND TOS HAD SEPARATE BUSINESS MEETINGS. ALLEN MUELLER BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AND IMMEDIATELY ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR SETTING UP IBA'S IN MISSISSIPPI AND CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERED: FRED BAUMGARTEN, JERRY JACKSON, CAROLYN JARNAGIN, ALLAN MUELLER, WILMA PICKETT, MARVIN DAVIS, GENE AND SHANNON KNIGHT, FRANCISCO VILELLA.

A CHAIRPERSON IS NEEDED. DUTIES ARE: GET THINGS STARTED; SET A COURSE OF ACTION; SELECT 10 SITES; EXPAND TO MORE AREAS
FRED BAUMGARTEN WILL SEND NECESSARY MATERIALS TO ALLAN MUELLER TO SET UP THE IBA'S.

MARK WOODREY, MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE IS LEADING THE PARTNERS IN FLIGHT MIGRATION MONITORING PROGRAM IN MISSISSIPPI. HE HAS ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP. IT REQUIRES EACH PERSON TO SELECT A PLACE THEY LIKE TO BIRD IN 4 HOURS OR LESS. GO TO THE SITE REPEATEDLY DURING MIGRATION AND SPEND 2-3 HOURS EACH DAY OUT AND RECORD FINDINGS. RESULTS ARE TO BE SENT TO MARK.

TERRY SCHIEFER REPORTED ON THE BIRDS RECORDS COMMITTEE: DATA ARE BEING GATHERED AND COMPILED. HE ASKED THAT EVERYONE TAKE THE CARDS THE COMMITTEE HAS SUPPLIED AND REPORT SIGHTINGS OF NEW BIRDS AND SEND THEM TO TERRY. HE BUNDLED CARDS IN 20'S AND ASKED EVERYONE TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE BUNDLE FOR SIGHTINGS. ASKED WHICH BIRDS SHOULD BE REPORTED THE PHRASE WAS "WHEN IN DOUBT- FILL IT OUT". THE GOAL FOR THE NEW CHECK LIST IS TO HAVE IT READY FOR '97 SPRING MEETING. GENE KNIGHT IS PREPARING A NEW DESIGN.

ALLAN ASKED FOR A REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP. JAN DUBUISSON SAID SHE IS GETTING A STEADY STREAM OF NEW MEMBERS. ALLAN SUGGESTED A MAILING TO ALL ABA MEMBERS IN MISSISSIPPI WHO ARE NOT MOS MEMBERS. HE ALSO SUGGEST A NOTICE BE PLACED IN ALL AUDUBON NEWSLETTERS WITHIN THE STATE. MARY STEVENS SAID WE ARE LOW ON MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES AND NEED REPRINTING. ALLAN SAID THAT MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER.

ALLAN ASKED WHAT COMMUNICATION WAS BEING MADE TO NEW MEMBERS. ALL THAT IS BEING DONE IS PUTTING THEM ON THE NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST. ALLAN ASKED THAT NEW NAMES AND ADDRESSES BE SENT TO HIM SO HE COULD SEND THEM A WELCOME LETTER.

THE WATER IS STILL BEING DRAWN DOWN IN THE PEARL RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA IN SPRING-SUMMER. ALLAN WROTE A LETTER TO DR. SAM POLLES ON BEHALF OF MOS. DR. POLLS REPLIED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO FORM AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ASKED THAT MOS PLACE A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMITTEE. ALLAN PLACED DR. DAVID KING ON THE COMMITTEE. TO DATE THEY HAVE HAD ONE MEETING.

THE DIVERSITY FUNDING BILL IS STILL PENDING. IT IS SCHEDULED TO BE DEBATED IN MARCH 1997.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION. MARGARET COPELAND MADE A MOTION THAT THEY BE APPROVED; MARVIN DAVIS SECONDED. MARION SCHIEFER MOVED THAT MEMBERSHIP BE AMENDED TO ADD A SUBSCRIBING CATEGORY GIVING US 7 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES. DAVIS SECONDED THE AMENDMENT. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MARION SCHIEFER, CHAIRPERSON OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTED A SLATE OF NOMINEES, WHICH INCLUDED ALL THE PRESENT OFFICERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARION. SHANNON KNIGHT WAS NOMINATED TO BE THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENT. THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR OTHER NOMINATIONS. NONE BEING HEARD, MARVIN DAVIS MOVED THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED AND THE SLATE BE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. J.C. HERBERT SECONDED, AND THE MOTION WAS APPROVED. NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

MARION IS WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THE PUBLICITY AND IS TRYING TO SET UP A STATE-WIDE NETWORK. ANYONE WHO HAS ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT NEED TO BE PUBLISHED NEEDS TO CONTACT MARION.

THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT REGULAR DUES BE \$15.00/YEAR, SENIORS \$10.00/YEAR. THE MATTER WAS LEFT PENDING.

THE SPRING 1997 MEETING WILL BE ON THE GULF COAST POSSIBLY THE FIRST WEEK-END IN MAY. THE GULF COAST AUDUBON IS SPONSORING A MEETING WITH PETE DUNNE IN LATE APRIL THAT WILL CONFLICT WITH THE MOS SPRING MEETING. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THEY COMBINE THE TWO MEETINGS. JANET DUBUISSON AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH JOREE PENNELL AND REPORT THE DECISION IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER.

MARION SCHIEFER SAID THE BETWEEN-MEETING FIELD TRIPS HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM CONTINUED. SHE ASKED THAT ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE ONE CALL OR WRITE MARION AND SHE WILL GET IT PUBLISHED. SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS WERE GIVEN. AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WILL

BE PUBLISHED IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

AFTER THE JOINT MOS/TOS BANQUET ALL WENT TO THE AUDITORIUM FOR THE EVENING GUEST SPEAKER: MATTHEW MILLER, EXEC. DIRECTOR OF CROWS NECK TALKED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CROWS NECK. THE ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES USED FOR THIS CENTER ARE NOW USED ON ALL NEW CORPS DEVELOPMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND RECREATION AREAS.

TOTAL BIRD COUNT SATURDAY WAS 95. SATURDAY NIGHT OWL CALLING AND SUNDAY MORNING OUTINGS ADDED AT LEAST 5 MORE TO THE LIST.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CAROLYN JARNAGIN, SECRETARY

NOTE: Please receive the editor's apologies for so strong a bias toward news from North Mississippi. There is an obvious need for more input from other parts of Mississippi. Will YOU help to provide it for future issues?? Three modes of input are listed on the outside back page; let me hear from YOU. -- M.D.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

WOW, what a nice list since March '96!

Ima Beam	Mantachie
Sally Beam	University
Cookie Blythe	Senatobia
Sylvia Bogart	Long Beach
Charles Brenke	Van Cleave
Dave and Cathy	Buck Laurel
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Angela Elder	Columbus
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Maggie Franks	Shannon
Bob Glasgow	Southaven
Bly Gray	Southaven
Norma Hamilton	Tupelo
Frances Henne	Goodman
Alison Henry	Gulfport
Rebecca Holberton	University
Kay James	Ridgeland
Gordon & Sharon	Jeffers Picayune
Seymour Johnson	Indianola
Richard Knight	Johnson City, TN
Sheri McCraw	Water Valley
Joseph & Joy Miller	Lauderdale
Cynthia Mitchell	Clarksdale

Mac Myers	Pass Christian
Reese & Louise	Partridge Shannon
Joseph Ravita	Biloxi
Bruce Reid family	Vicksburg
Randall & Marilyn	Ripley Raleigh
Sarah Scott	Pass Christian
Billy & Rae	Scruggs Jackson
Jack & Sarajane	Smith Saucier
Larry Smith	Hattiesburg
Ruby Nell	Stancill Pulaski
Harold & Penny	Sumner Columbia
Lynn Thompson	Ridgeland
Sarah & Clifford	Tillman Natchez
Robert Van Kirk	Nashville, TN
Linda Wallace	Ridgeland
T.O. Warren	Hattiesburg
Dawn Wilkins	Starkville
Douglas Wood	Starkville

WE'RE MIGHTY GLAD YOU HAVE "COME ON BOARD" -- WE HAVE BEEN MISSING YOU ALL! AND YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING SOME GREAT FUN WITH BIRDS AND BIRDING ACTIVITIES OF MOS!

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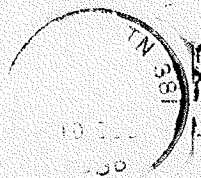
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