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“CALL NOTES”
by Shannon Knight
M.O.S. President

A big THANKS! to Dianne and Jim Patterson, Mildred Stennis, and Keith Kimmerle for introducing those of us attending the Fall Meeting to the Plymouth Bluff Environmental Center. The facility was very comfortable, the food was excellent and the staff was friendly and helpful. We all delighted in the beautiful flowers that enticed so many gorgeous butterflies and hummingbirds. We kept a watchful eye on one large hummingbird feeder hanging outside the main office which attracted at least a dozen hummers at once, vying for a position at the “watering hole.”

Of course, best of all was hearing and seeing Bob and Martha Sargent talking about their passion—hummingbirds—and demonstrating how they catch, band, and obtain scientific data about each hummer. Many of us were lucky enough to hold and release a hummer after it had been banded. Sargents, we are all grateful for what you do for birds and I personally admire and respect you both for what you are doing to make children more aware of birds and nature. Keep up the good work!

Allen Mueller has just completed two terms as MOS President. We appreciate all his time, efforts, and accomplishments on behalf of our organization.

In looking over our updated membership list, I noted a significant number of folks who have never (or infrequently) attended our meetings. No matter what your level of birding, beginner or experienced, we all enjoy seeing birds, being out in nature, and being with other good folks who enjoy the same things. As your new president, I want to invite you all to “come on and join the fun!” WE WANT YOU—WE NEED YOU! Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or information.

NOTICE! *Save for reference*—the enclosed updated **Membership List** (with phone nos).

LOOKING AHEAD:

WINTER BIRDING--Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Season Coming Soon! (18 Dec.-3 Jan.)

Bird Count Schedule for Mississippi, 1998-99:

Date uncertain, **Sidon**--call Philip Barbour, 455-4166, or barbourpj@microsped.com

Saturday 19 Dec., **Noxubee NWR**, Terry Schiefer, 324-3748/tschiefer@entomology.msstate.edu

Saturday, 19 Dec., **Sardis Lake**--call Marvin Davis, 234-1773 (eve.); marvdavs@olemiss.edu

Saturday, 19 Dec., **Jackson County**--call Larry Gates, 268-6411, or trogon@netdoor.com

Sunday, 20 Dec., **Vicksburg**--call David King, 638-4429.

Monday, 21 Dec., **Church Hill**, call Genevieve Tharp, 601-442-4622; or getharp@telapex.com

Wednesday, 23 Dec., **Grenada**--Marvin Davis, 232-5151 day/234-1773 ; marvdavs@olemiss.edu

Saturday, 26 Dec., **Sumner**--call Genevieve Tharp, 442-4622; getharp@telapex.com

Sunday, 27 Dec., **Arkabutla Lake**--call Rob Peebles, 901/755-8671.

Monday, 28 Dec., **S. Hancock Co.**-- Jerry Bird (228)452-3676 evngs.; bird_dj@worldnet.att.net)

Saturday, 2 Jan., **Hattiesburg**--call Larry Gates, 268-6411, or trogon@netdoor.com

Sat., 2 Jan. 1998, **Lauderdale Co.**, Van McWhorter, 626-7224; dmcwhorte@emced.msstate.edu

Saturday, 2 Jan. 1998, **Jackson**, call Mary Stevens: 956-7444(H) or 354-7303(W)

Sunday, 3 Jan., **S. Washington Co.**--call Ed Alexander, 332-7895

Sunday, 3 Jan., **Tupelo**--David Parker, 566-7812 or Norma Hamilton normah@netdoor.com

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.

MOS SPRING MEETING--April 30-May 1, 1999 at Ocean Springs, the Gulf Coast

Initial Announcement; more details in the 1 March newsletter (e.g., Friday night matters).

RESERVE THE WEEKEND! We also suggest making housing reservations early. Area motels:

Days Inn	228-872-8255	\$89 + tax
Holiday Inn Express	228-875-7555	\$109 + tax (less 10%, AARP or AAA)
Super 8 Motel	228-875-2288	\$59 + tax
Sleep Inn	228-872-0440	\$69 + tax (\$62.10 + tax, AARP or AAA)

Camping: Gulf Islands National Seashore \$16 - no reservations needed, 228-875-0074

Commercial Campgrounds: KOA 228-875-2100 or Mazalea 228-392-8575

There will be a \$5 Registration Fee; the Saturday night banquet will be held at "Aunt Jenny's" restaurant, with menu choices--fried fish, shrimp, chicken or combination for \$13-17 with tax and tip (includes drink).

WINTER SPARROW WORKSHOP: OXFORD, MS -- FEBRUARY 5-6, 1999

Enjoy this frustrating group of birds instead of just labeling them as hard-to-see, sneaky little streaky sparrows. We will combine habitat, field marks, and a special emphasis on call notes to ease your identification problems; 10 plus species are expected.

Feb. 5, 1999 (FRIDAY) 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.--Snacks and I.D. discussion

Feb. 6., 1999 (SATURDAY) 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.--Applying the Friday night workshop in the field, visiting various habitats, seeing lots of sparrows. (continued)

The Friday night workshop will be held at the home of Prentiss and Louise Hooper, 410 South 9th Street, Oxford, MS. The Saturday field trips will start at Sardis Lake and end in the Mississippi Delta. There will be a \$10.00 fee per person, and the workshop will be limited to the first 15 registrants. **Registration by phone only to Gene Knight, (601) 236-2413, 6-10:00 p.m.**

"ORNITHOLOGICAL EXPEDITIONS TO SOUTH AMERICA," JAN. 5, 1999 *from* Mary Stevens, MMNS, Museum Librarian--Tuesday Noon Speaker: **John P. O'Neill**, Ornithologist and Internationally Known Artist of Birds, Louisiana State University, Museum of Natural History, Baton Rouge, LA. John has explored the most remote corners of South America, especially Amazonian Peru, and has discovered and named 13 new species of birds, a record that cannot be matched by any other living person. John's paintings and illustrations will be on display during the lecture. There will be purchase opportunities. [I have his Blue-headed Parrots hanging in my living room, and they look great. --*Mary S.*]

NOTE: This is one of the "Naturalist Lecture Series," noon-time brown-bag lecture programs--*First Tuesday of each month* at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, 111 N. Jefferson St., Jackson, MS 39202 *Call Mary Stevens for more information (601/354-7303)*

WHY DO WE PAY \$5 TO PARTICIPATE IN A CBC? -- Geoffrey S. LeBaron

The answer below to that question appeared on BirdChat, 22 Oct 1998, and is reproduced here by permission of the writer, CBC Director for Natl. Audubon Soc., for the information of all past or potential CBCers [*Ed.-we acknowledge that some view the justification of fees to be inadequate.*]

The participant fee isn't just paid "to get your name in print." It is required of all field participants as the most equitable way, on a count by count basis, to ensure the continued value of the Christmas Bird Count. The participant fee has never been a particularly popular thing, but it is an unfortunate necessity. The National Audubon Society must raise every penny it spends each fiscal year, and those fees are the way we can continue to coordinate, publish, and polish the CBC results. None of the services of data entry contractors, typesetters, printing houses, phone companies, or others are donated. Equally important, we have finished electronic conversion of the entire 98-year CBC database. We are now in the process of correcting errors in the historical database, and once that process is complete it will be available on line through the BirdSource website to CBC compilers, participants, conservationists, birders, and anyone with curiosity re. early-winter birds. The CBC participant fees also help ensure that the Count will continue, and that its value as a tool to monitor early-winter bird populations will keep increasing with time.

I fully know every aspect of the physical and mental challenges of going on CBCs; I've been participating on several counts each year for far longer than I have been employed in this job (I've been with Audubon over ten years, by the way). I know it can be frustrating on the surface to have to shell out the participant fee. It *seems* that participants are being *required to pay to donate their services*. Unfortunately, some compilers only have incorrect "hand-me-down" information about what the fees are truly for--they may think that participants only pay if they want their names in print, that it's a "birding tax," or that the fees only go to run the Audubon office in New York. In reality, CBC participants are paying to ensure that their efforts are not wasted; that they

are included in the best and cleanest possible manner in the largest and longest-running database available to ornithologists and conservationists anywhere. Data only published in local journals, not within the context of (or under the same review process as) the overall Count are lost. CBC data are used for critical studies on early-winter bird distributions and population trends, and in studies on habitat quality within the regions where Counts are conducted. Participants should be proud of their efforts, and be understanding that they are contributing to making those efforts worthwhile by paying their participant fee. Most are.

Audubon's Ornithology Department and Development Department are constantly working together pursuing funding for the CBC. Over the years, for some reason, very little has been forthcoming. Perhaps the CBC isn't quirky and new, or glamorous enough to catch the eye of major donors or corporations. It's also an in-between amount of money--too much for a person to be willing or able to donate annually, but not enough to be of interest as a tax write-off for a major corporation. We continue to pursue these avenues, and you can rest assured that if it ever becomes financially feasible to reduce or eliminate the participant fee we will do it.

[Ed.: *Any reader needing a "small" tax writeoff??*]

I hope this addresses some of your questions. Do not hesitate to circulate this message to anybody who shares those concerns. As a compiler, if you want to print this out and share it with your participants that's fine with me. I am proud of the work I do here at Audubon, and intensely loyal to the CBC and its conservation use. I am not independently wealthy, and certainly not over-paid; I don't enjoy paying my participant fees each year, but I understand the necessity and feel it is a worthwhile project. If you wish to correspond with me directly, I would welcome that.

My email address is: glebaron@javanet.com

LOOKING BACK:

"Reports from Field and Yard"

ANOTHER NEW HUMMER FOR MISSISSIPPI!

— by Tish Galbraith, Waveland, MS

"You have to be at the right place at the right time," and so it was with the discovery of the Broad-billed Hummingbird. I was lunching with my friend Leslie Wilder outdoors in her yard in Ocean Springs on Tuesday, November 2. While we were eating, a hummingbird joined us at a nearby feeder. He was in silhouette, but I noticed that the bird had a slightly decurved bill and was "wagging his tail". This reminded me of a Black-chinned that I had to winter at my house several years ago, so I suggested that Leslie call Bennett Carver to come trap and band it.

Suddenly the sun shifted, and I saw the bird's bill. It looked red! Furthermore this hummingbird looked dark all over except for a little white behind the eye. The bird flew overhead and sat above me on a branch just long enough for me to confirm my first impression. Finally, I remembered the National Geographic Guide, which I had happened to bring in my car. The only species that fit the description of the one at the Wilder's feeder was the male **Broad-billed Hummingbird** -- even down to its kinglet-like chatter. However, being one who still confuses the Sharp-shinned Hawk with a Mourning Dove, and knowing that I had only my naked eye to trust, I sought for some reinforcements. But no near-at-hand birders were available.

Leslie called Bennett, who then called me. Knowing the value of the sighting, he put me through a

kindly third degree. I told him what I saw, but enjoyed little sleep that night as I lay awake thinking of all the birds it might be, and how awful I would feel when it proved to be one of them! I could not be at the banding the next day. Both Leslie and Bennett left the good news on my answering machine. We had a state record!

Leslie reported that Bennett arrived at 10:00 a.m. to set up his equipment. Shortly thereafter, the hummingbird flew right into the trap. As he handled him, Bennett said that the brilliance of the bird's blue and green feathers in the sunshine was incredible. All features--colors, measurements, and weight--were consistent with those of a nearly full-grown male Broad-billed Hummingbird.

According to Bennett, the bird tolerated being banded and photographed quite well. Afterwards, he flew from Leslie's hand, landed in a nearby tree and proceeded to groom himself. He stayed around Leslie's feeder the rest of the day, but was not at her feeder the next morning. The weather had changed for the worst with a strong North wind and falling temperature. Those of us who were there that morning feared that the bird had flown. However, that afternoon Leslie called to say that the bird was feeding next door. Both Leslie and the next door neighbor, Millie Schofner, had kept their feeders up for the past two or three weeks, because they had seen a hummingbird hanging around. Little did they guess who would prove to be their guest!

Ever since the banding the little bird has stayed at Millie's feeders, but is also sometimes seen at Leslie's fire-cracker plant. At last report, he seems to be quite at home on Evelyn Drive in Ocean Springs, and seems to thrive on the considerable attention he is attracting. It almost seems as if he manipulated the coincidences leading to his identification, and good fortune is smiling on all who enjoy him.

[*Addendum*: the hummer had switched to a yard ca. 0.5 mi. away, but was yet present on 11/21]

A FEW OTHER OUTSTANDING FALL '98 BIRDS

Honor as the "masthead species" on page 1 is bestowed upon the **Magnificent Frigatebird** because of their heavy showing on the Coast and slightly inland at/after Hurricane Georges, but especially because of the one spotted later near and over the Columbus Lake on the Tombigbee Waterway at Columbus on 7 October (Keith Kimmerle found, showed to Terence Schiefer). At Sardis Lake, a long-awaited 1st inland record for the species was an imm. **Sabine's Gull** found by Gene and Shannon Knight on September (shown to Marvin Davis and Jeff Wilson). Both of these were "1-day wonders." At this writing other hummers in the State include Rufous, Buff-bellied and Black-chinned at Gulfport or Ocean Springs, plus a suspected Anna's at Greenville.

MINUTES OF 1998 FALL MEETING OF MOS--Carolyn Jarnagin, Secretary

The Fall MOS Meeting was held at Plymouth Bluff Environmental Center out of Columbus on Sept. 25-27, 1998. Diane Patterson, Mildred Stennis and Keith Kimmerle were local committee/hosts.

On Friday evening MOS members met for the usual social gathering, evening program and slide show presented by individual members. Tim Brooks of the Army Corps of Engineers spoke briefly about their eagle hacking program. Saturday trips were planned.

Bob and Martha Sargent were the special guests for the week-end programs. Bob showed some bird slides Friday evening. He and Martha gave a Saturday afternoon hummingbird program that was open to the public, and was attended by over 100 people. They presented the same slides and an appropriately

modified program for MOS members on Saturday evening.

After the Saturday evening dinner Allan Mueller called the MOS business meeting to order. Jan Dubuisson gave the treasurer's report. Gene Knight announced that he had MS Checklists for sale and that they would soon also be available through ABA Sales. Gene also announced that he will be repeating a sparrow workshop this winter. MOS Spring Meeting for 1999 will be held the first week-end in May on the Gulf Coast with headquarters to be in Ocean Springs. The bird tally for Friday and Saturday totaled 124 species. [See p. 12 for Fall Mtg. Birdlist, and p. 13 for Treasurer's Financial Report.-Ed.]

The Nominating Committee presented their list of nominees for new officers: President, Shannon Knight; Vice President, Mary Stevens; Secretary, Diane Patterson; Treasurer, Jan Dubuisson. The floor was opened for further nominations. A motion was made to accept the nominations and elect the nominees by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Diane Patterson and Keith Kimmerle prepared very nice name tags for everyone and suggested that they be returned at the end of each meeting to be reused at each future meeting. When the tags were returned they were (will be) used in a drawing for a door prize. Meeting Adjourned.

1997-98 MISSISSIPPI CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

by David King

I first need to apologize for taking so long to compile this report. I'm was suppose to have this produced for the spring newsletter. The Christmas count issue of *American Birds* has now been out for several months. However, the MOS newsletter editor still felt this report would be useful if for no other reason than to inspire all of us for the upcoming CBC's.

Last year two new counts were added in Mississippi (Lauderdale Co and Tupelo) raising the number of counts to seventeen. The table below gives the edited data for these 1997-98 Christmas Bird Counts (CBC's) held in the state of Mississippi this past winter. The data are the same as in the Christmas Count Issue of *American Birds* (with the exceptions noted below); however they are in tabular form for easier comparison of the counts. The counts are arranged in the table from south to north (by latitude). Numbers that are **boldfaced** and underlined indicate unusual species. Numbers that are only underlined indicate unusually high numbers. CW means that the species was found during the count week, but not on the count day. The count name abbreviations in the table and the dates held are:

Sym	Name	Date	Sym	Name	Date
HAN	S Hancock County CBC	29 Dec 97	NOX	Noxubee N.W.R. CBC	20 Dec 97
JC	Jackson County CBC	20 Dec 97	SID	Sidon CBC	20 Dec 97
HAT	Hattiesburg CBC	27 Dec 97	GRE	Grenada CBC	23 Dec 97
NAT	Natchez CBC	27 Dec 97	SUM	Sumner CBC	26 Dec 97
CH	Church Hill CBC	19 Dec 97	TUP	Tupelo CBC	3 Jan 98
VIC	Vicksburg CBC	21 Dec 97	SAR	Sardis Lake CBC	20 Dec 97
JAC	Jackson CBC	3 Jan 98	ML	Moon Lake CBC	22 Dec 97
LAU	Lauderdale County CBC	3 Jan 98	ARK	Arkabutla Lake CBC	27 Dec 97
WAS	Washington County CBC	28 Dec 97			

A total of 199 species were found on all the counts. This is 11 more species than found in either of the last two years. There were two more species seen as count week birds. As expected the two coastal counts had the biggest species totals with Jackson County breaking the magic one hundred fifty mark with 159 and beating out Southern Hancock County, which came in at 146. Of the inland counts, the same seven as last year broke the 100 mark for number of total species with Sardis being the highest at 113. The geese and blackbirds were plentiful enough at Sumner for that count to have the highest number of total birds (78,641) just edging out Washington County. That's particularly impressive since Sumner only had only 1-2 parties in the field for only 18.75 party hours.

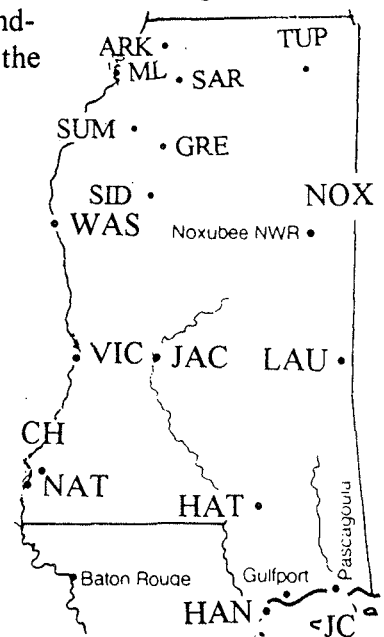
Several impressive species were found. The coastal counts both found good loons with Hancock County having a Red-throated and Jackson County having 32 Pacific. The two coastal counts also each had single Gannets. Sumner had 12 Ross' Geese and another was found at Grenada. Many counts reported high numbers of the common ducks. In addition, Hancock County had 7 Black and 18 Surf Scoters. Jackson County had a single Oldsquaw and Arktabula Lake had three. Twelve Common Goldeneyes were reported on six counts. A total of 74 Bald Eagles were found on 11 counts, with most coming from Grenada and Sardis. This is a noticeable (and pleasant) increase over recent years. An excellent find was the Northern Goshawk on the Jackson County count. Washington County had two Harlan's (Red-tailed) Hawks. Falcons showed up in good numbers with 5 Merlins on four counts and 4 Peregrines on three counts.

Sumner had a **Yellow Rail**. A **Pectoral Sandpiper** was found at Tupelo, and Jackson County had a **Sandwich Tern**. Eurasian Collared-Doves continued their spread across the state, being reported on six counts, several for the first time. Hancock County found a White-winged Dove. As usual, the coast turned up a few Hummers. Jackson County had a Ruby-throated, and Rufous, and a *Selasphorus*, sp., plus a count week Buff-bellied. Hancock County had a Rufous.

Both coastal counts reported single Vermilion Flycatchers, and Jackson County also had a Barn Swallow. While the coastal counts usually get Gray Catbirds, they were more widespread, with 16 reported on five inland counts. Vireos were also widespread with 11 White-eyed found on five counts and 47 Blue-headed on 10 counts. Several good Warblers were found, including a Yellow-throated at Hancock Co., a Northern Waterthrush at Sidon, a Black-and-White at Jackson Co., and a Yellow-breasted Chat at Tupelo. A Dickcissel on the Vicksburg count was the first reported on a Mississippi CBC in several years. An impressive 73 LeConte's Sparrows were found on six counts. Finally, a Red-Crossbill lingered long enough to be found on the count at Sardis Lake.

There were three **errors** in the data as published in the *American Birds* report: the 263 Crested Mynas on the Natchez count should have been 263 Starlings, the 30 Sage Thrashers on the Sardis count should have been 30 Brown Thrashers, and the 30 Lark Buntings on the Sumner Count should have been 30 Savannah Sparrows.

In all, it was another exciting year. Congratulations to all who participated. *Let's all get ready to go out and do it again.*



NAME	HAN	JC	HAT	NAT	CH	VIC	JAC	LAU	WAS	NOX	SID	GRE	SUM	TUP	SAR	ML	ARK
	30.08	30.20	31.21	31.35	31.45	32.19	32.27	32.28	33.07	33.17	33.22	33.51	33.58	34.13	34.27	34.30	34.46
Red-throated Loon	<u>1</u>																
Pacific Loon		32															
Common Loon	20						14					4			<u>36</u>	1	
Pied-billed Grebe	94	80	55	43		30	183	10	29	89	3	13	40	26	36	54	36
Horned Grebe	250	16	3				17	CW				1			<u>164</u>	13	
Eared Grebe			6									1					
Northern Gannet	1	1															
Amer White Pelican	1	184		11			191		150			440			<u>544</u>		87
Brown Pelican	136	240															
Double-cr Cormorant	119	310	39	<u>7335</u>		595	128	5	8908	381	1000	13	880	1	112	6	81
Anhinga			4						<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>							
American Bittern										<u>1</u>		1					
Great Blue Heron	62	88	41	31	1	89	102	29	247	52	250	181	81	19	<u>347</u>	8	241
Great Egret	58	90	51	63		176	161		1015	5	55		2				<u>10</u>
Snowy Egret	28	113															
Little Blue Heron	10	24															
Tricolored Heron	11	13															
Reddish Egret		1															
Cattle Egret	2			11		1											
Black-cr Night-Heron		9															
White Ibis	38	9		6		<u>17</u>											
Plegadis sp.		2															
Gr White-front Goose		<u>1</u>					12		4382	<u>33</u>			<u>67</u>		39		<u>1145</u>
Snow Goose (blue)	28								5900				<u>19392</u>	14	12		<u>8338</u>
Snow Goose	100			100			CW		16382	2	<u>4500</u>	14	<u>29088</u>		43	1	<u>9872</u>
Ross' Goose												<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>				
Canada Goose	11	179				168	237	55	208	1009	27	5	200	4	1958	35	108
Goose sp.												15					
Wood Duck	13	27	26	19	12	117	19	20	29	130	50	18	52		3	7	7
Green-winged Teal	408	255	1			12	92		10	137	2	77		3	34		25
American Black Duck											CW	30			22		
Mottled Duck	185	9															
Mallard	139	43	8	205	15	1920	216	8	6654	544	3000	399	1410	97	528	517	570
Mallard hybrid											1						
Northern Pintail			3				13		155	30	100	1	2	1	3		30
Blue-winged Teal	25	93	4							1							
Northern Shoveler	49	463	800			10	201		286	54	<u>10000</u>	572	508	395	56		330
Gadwall	115	41	17			468	87		1426	159	50	104	114	35	59	58	86
American Wigeon	25					6	13		1070	82	10	3	6	1	393		
Canvasback		5	1				22				100		32		11		37
Redhead		10	1				5				1				<u>40</u>		1
Ring-necked Duck	78	331	900			56	93	167	40	232		6	7	191	20		196
Greater Scaup	2	4	2				3										
Lesser Scaup	1766	1469	1200	451		68	91	196	111	41	575	50	608	34	2	6	255
scaup sp.		204															
Black Scoter	<u>7</u>																
Surf Scoter	<u>18</u>																
Oldsquaw		1															<u>3</u>
Common Goldeneye	2	3	2								<u>4</u>				1		1
Bufflehead	451	109	4	3			76	16	105	17	2	40	1	27	15		235
Hooded Merganser	21	31	240	20		58	676	26	79	2355	4	219	50	CW	<u>1909</u>	9	70
Red-breast Merganser	40	99				<u>3</u>	1					CW					<u>8</u>
Ruddy Duck	205	330	1601	500		10			222	<u>71</u>	<u>5000</u>	31	252	166	113	39	<u>340</u>
duck sp.						13					2000		3000				
Black Vulture	5	10	64	17	7	8	329	81		19	CW			3	9		
Turkey Vulture	85	11	88	19	15	6	91	61		33				11	47		14
Vulture sp.											6						
Osprey	7	8		1		1									2		

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Northern Waterthrush											1						
Black-&-Whi Warbler		1															
Comm Yellowthroat	13	18	4			7	9		2	9		1	2		1		2
Yellow-breasted Chat														1			
Northern Cardinal	153	149	208	192	69	399	193	210	253	149	45	124	86	81	186	28	225
Dickcissel						1											
Eastern Towhee	48	63	63	10	2	38	38	78	2	44	8	23	6	46	73		27
Chipping Sparrow	281	92	251	38	52	255	195	102	111	29		5		28	83		5
Field Sparrow	39	2	12	14		23	44		30	8	7	64	7	26	100	10	57
Vesper Sparrow		4	4			16			2	CW	3			2	8		
Savannah Sparrow	318	133	30	10		371	31	29	121	72	33	76	94	35	202		92
Grasshopper Sparrow	1																
Henslow's Sparrow		10															
Leconte's Sparrow	1	5								10		6	24		27		
Nelson's sh-tl Sparrow	1																
Sharp-tailed Spar, sp.		3															
Seaside Sparrow		10															
Fox Sparrow			2	1		1	3		5	2		2	2	2	10		7
Song Sparrow	79	118	40	115	1	120	107	79	179	233	8	164	38	80	348	9	244
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	3															1
Swamp Sparrow	67	415	11	21		119	106	39	33	385	4	186	97	59	209	3	59
White-throat Sparrow	165	121	124	445	42	924	268	82	341	194	45	140	33	195	425	51	651
White-crown Sparrow			4	15		13	1	2	18		5		114		5	23	90
Dark-eyed Junco	15	3	13	20	58	74	51	10	55	28	2	194	36	87	462	65	608
Lapland Longspur											25						102
Red-wingd Blackbird	2455	21813	746	740		2250	1251	98	6923	414	70	148	11513	3120	327	15	3346
Eastern Meadowlark		92	72	37		381	144	62	71	113	18	153	54	85	172	32	199
meadowlark sp.													2				
Rusty Blackbird						20	77			1		8	1	114	95		1
Brewer's Blackbird	12	8							2	11	3	6	125	14			
Boat-tailed Grackle	50	97															
Common Grackle	92	371	701	45	4	375	3972	44	10405	496	15	630	5603	1938	712	122	1092
Brown-head Cowbird	6	5	28		20	611	30	60	56	123	1	5	1527	2	18	458	22
blackbird sp.		925						1686			400		1500				
Purple Finch	4	2	13					6	6	3		2		14	9		9
House Finch	3	5	39	68		57	32	7		1	CW	6	4	11	35	3	107
Red Crossbill															1		
Pine Siskin	1											11			7		1
American Goldfinch	136	65	171	12	48	52	36	121	48	57	75	47		41	148	10	63
House Sparrow	4	33	24	75		388	16	12	150	31	30	2	78	20	40	43	26
TOTAL SPECIES	146	159	101	80	39	93	107	78	100	104	84	109	83	88	113	61	103
TOTAL BIRDS	24730	38169	11938	13260	654	15860	22525	6019	76101	11479	28889	11446	78641	12737	15583	2161	34283
# of OBSERVERS	23	21	15	4	1	21	32	20	15	21	12	13	3	8	18	2	14
# of PARTIES	8	8	7	4	1	9	9	9	8	8	2	4-5	1-2	5	6-7	1	5-6
PARTY HOURS	77.5	68	58	37.5	9.5	76	82.5	66	58	69.5	20	42	18.75	62.75	62	10	44.5
DATE	12/29	12/20	12/27	12/27	12/19	12/21	1/3	1/3	12/28	12/20	12/20	12/23	12/26	1/3	12/20	12/22	12/27
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MOS FALL 1998 MEETING BIRD LIST – prepared by Keith Kimmerle (Groups that have shown upward mobility in the latest revised AOU phylogenetic list-order are **highlighted**)

Pied-billed Grebe
 Double-crested Cormorant
 American Bittern
 Great Blue Heron
 Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
 Little Blue Heron
 Cattle Egret
 Green Heron
 Black-crowned Night-Heron
 White Ibis
 Roseate Spoonbill
 Wood Stork
AMERICAN VULTURES:
 Black Vulture
 Turkey Vulture

Canada Goose
 Wood Duck
 Mallard
 Blue-winged Teal
 Green-winged Teal
 Osprey
 Bald Eagle
 Northern Harrier
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Cooper's Hawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 Broad-winged Hawk
 Red-tailed Hawk
 American Kestrel
 Northern Bobwhite
 American Coot
 Killdeer
 Western Sandpiper
 Least Sandpiper
 Forster's Tern
 Rock Dove
 Mourning Dove
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Great Horned Owl
 Barred Owl
 Common Nighthawk
 Chimney Swift
 Ruby-thr. Hummingbird
 Belted Kingfisher
 Red-headed Woodpecker
 Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker
 Pileated Woodpecker
 Eastern Wood-Pewee
 Least Flycatcher
 (Willow or Alder Flycatcher =
Empidonax sp.)
 Eastern Phoebe
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 Eastern Kingbird
SHRIKES:
 Loggerhead Shrike
VIREOS:
 White-eyed Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Red-eyed Vireo
JAYS & CROWS:
 Blue Jay
 American Crow
 Fish Crow

Tree Swallow
 N. Rough-winged Swallow
 Cliff Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 Carolina Chickadee
 Tufted Titmouse
 White-breasted Nuthatch
 Brown-headed Nuthatch
 Carolina Wren
 House Wren
 Marsh Wren
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 Eastern Bluebird
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 American Robin
 Gray Catbird
 N. Mockingbird
 Brown Thrasher
STARLINGS:
 European Starling

Cedar Waxwing

Blue-winged Warbler
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler

Nashville Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Yellow Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Magnolia Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Bay-breasted Warbler
 Black-and-white Warbler
 American Redstart
 Worm-eating Warbler
 Ovenbird
 waterthrush (*Seiurus* sp.)
 Kentucky Warbler
 Mourning Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 Hooded Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 Yellow-breasted Chat
 Summer Tanager
 Scarlet Tanager
 Eastern Towhee
 Chipping Sparrow
 Swamp Sparrow
 Northern Cardinal
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 Blue Grosbeak
 Indigo Bunting
 Red-winged Blackbird
 E. Meadowlark
 Common Grackle
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Orchard Oriole
 House Finch
 American Goldfinch
 House Sparrow

TOTAL SPECIES: 132*

*seen mainly Lauderdale County,
 but some were only seen at the
 Noxubee NWR and in Oktibbeha
 County

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Dues	\$605.00	
Interest	\$359.93	
Sales		
T shirts	\$0.00	
Patches	\$0.00	
Publications	\$43.50	
Checklists	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,008.43

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	\$0.00	
Donations	\$0.00	
Newsletters-1 Issue		
Printing	\$119.20	
Postage	\$64.00	
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Postage	\$0.00	
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Meetings	(\$110.00)	
Supplies & Postage	\$11.76	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$84.96

NET PROFIT **\$923.47**

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