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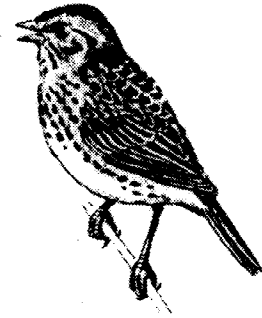
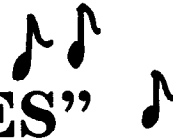
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“CALL NOTES”



BY SHANNON KNIGHT
M.O.S. PRESIDENT

I am so happy to announce that we will be meeting in Hattiesburg on April 19-21! We have not met in this area of the state in the fifteen or more years since we have been in M.O.S. I am urging all of our members to make a special effort to attend this meeting. This is a very significant opportunity for us to make friendships and contacts with Hattiesburg birders. Exciting as well is our after-dinner speaker, Dr. Frank Moore, Professor of Biological Sciences and Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Southern Mississippi. We look forward to his presentation.

Congratulations to some new birders to our state who have found some really notable birds over the last few months. In November Carl Smith found three Inca Dove near Arcola. This is the first fully documented record of Inca Dove in the state I am told. They have been observed by numerous birders, but latest reports are that only one bird is being seen. Stephen Dinsmore discovered an adult Black-headed Gull at Grenada Lake in early January that was seen by a handful of birders only on that one day. Also in January, Joyce Ellis of Clinton had an adult male Lesser Goldfinch coming to her backyard feeders, which represents a first state record. This is an absolutely breathtakingly beautiful little finch! We had better looks at Joyce's bird than on any trips out west. Paul Hamel and Carl Smith found three young Tundra Swans at catfish ponds off Hwy. 61 near the Washington/Bolivar Co. line in January. Thanks to all of you for finding these birds and for sharing them with all of us!

This winter we have delighted in the seven Red-breasted Nuthatches that frequent our feeders, along with a pair of White-breasted Nuthatches, and many, many more Pine Siskins than we have had in previous years! Of course, I'm partial to Pine Siskins since we took care of and housed one for eight years after our cat damaged its wing and it couldn't fly.

Again, let me encourage all of you to please write articles for our newsletter about birding trips, birding adventures, backyard birds, bird behavior, etc. It's so much fun to read about everyone's encounters with birdlife. The editors have been assured on more than several occasions that articles would be sent by the deadline. Everyone has good intentions, but not many have come through with articles that were promised. I might add that M.O.S. does not have a very good track record for participating in documenting birdlife (which is the MAIN FOCUS of our organization), or for contributing to (or even reading) the Newsletter or the Kite. I'm sure that this is not unique in organizations, but all of the work should not be done by four or five members. It should be a group effort. This is your newsletter, your journal, and your organization, so please contribute a little of your time to make it better.

Since the publishing of our August newsletter, two of our members have passed away—Jackie Porter of Dauphin Island, AL and Gilbert “Buddy” Beaver of Hernando, MS. We extend our love and sympathy to their families. They will be greatly missed.

We hope to see all of you in Hattiesburg on April 19 for this very special meeting. See details for the Spring Meeting on page 6.

For those wanting to contribute articles for the August Newsletter and committee chairs who want dates published for upcoming Fall events such as migration counts or meeting dates, we are asking that you send this information to the editors by JULY 15, 2002.

MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2001

The Mississippi Ornithological Society held its fall meeting at the Great River Road State Park in Rosedale on September 28-30, 2001. Members met in the Visitor Center on Friday evening for an informal social gathering, refreshments, and announcements concerning field trips. The planned field trip to look for rails in the rice fields had to be canceled due to dry weather. It was suggested that a special trip be organized next fall when conditions are right. Board members met immediately afterward.

Bruce Reid, director of bird conservation for the Mississippi state office of the National Audubon Society, reported on the Important Bird Areas program. Bruce announced a combined grant of \$80,000 to support the project and thanked MOS for its \$2,500 contribution. Bruce will be directing the state IBA program with the help of Tommy Shropshire, assistant director of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

On Saturday evening the banquet and business meeting was also held at the Visitor Center. After the banquet, MOS President Shannon Knight called the business meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and gave a special thanks to Nona and J.C. Herbert, Gene Knight, and Ronald Yarborough for organizing the weekend. Park Manager Calvin Robinson, who had just been selected Park Manager of the Year, and his staff were applauded for being so gracious during our visit and providing the delicious meals on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Jan Dubuisson gave the Treasurer's Report.

The president read to the membership an e-mail from Mark Woodrey, Editor of the Mississippi Kite, in regards to matters concerning the publication of the journal. It was announced that our Spring 2002 Meeting would be in Hattiesburg and the Fall 2002 Meeting would be held in Starkville. Then Gene Knight conducted the species tally, recording a total of 84 species.

Shannon introduced the evening's speaker, Paul Hamel, of the Forest Service Lab in Stoneville, who discussed the important work that he and his associates are doing to restore winter bird habitat in the Mississippi Delta.

The field trips were announced for Sunday. Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Knight, Acting Secretary

CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 20-22, 2001

The paragraph about Bruce Reid's report on Saturday night should read as follows:

Bruce Reid, director of bird conservation for the Mississippi state office of the National Audubon Society, reported that Mark Goodman would be taking over the Breeding Bird Atlas. He also distributed handouts on the important Bird Areas program in Mississippi, an effort to identify and protect sites essential for the survival of birds in the state. Bruce concluded by mentioning plans for an anniversary celebration for the Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area in the fall.

2002 MOS Directory

- This information will update your listing in the 2002 MOS Directory.
- The 2002 MOS Directory will be included in the Fall 2002 Newsletter.
- We need to receive your form by 1 May 2002 to be included in the 2002 edition.

Instructions:

Your personal listing will be the same as it appears on the mailing label on your MOS Newsletter and in the past some of you made telephone numbers available for a source of contact. If you do not want to be contacted about birding do not enter any telephone numbers. In the new 2002 Directory we will make available space for e-mail addresses if desired. Just simply fill out the form below and mail to Gene Knight, 79 HWY 9W, Oxford, MS 38655 no later than 1 May 2002. Special Note- check your address on the newsletter to see if it is correct and if any changes need to be made, such as zip-code, use the form below. Please check the correct slot. Some of you may live three months here and six months in another state. In this case use the primary address for the mailing address for the news letter. If you live at one address twelve months out of the year, then use the primary address only. If you live at more than one address during the year, use both primary and secondary addresses. After the type of address fill in the dates effective that you are at that specific address. For example if you live at the same address twelve months out of the year, the dates should read 1/1/02 thru 12/31/02. And if you live in Wyoming in the summer and in Mississippi the rest of the year the dates should read 1/1/02 thru 5/31/02 and 9/1/02 thru 12/31/02 at the primary address (MS) and 6/1/02 thru 8/31/02 at the secondary address in Wyoming.

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PRIMARY ADDRESS Dates Effective (m/d/y) / / thru / /
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CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

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E-MAIL HOME _____ WORK _____

SECONDARY ADDRESS Dates Effective (m/d/y) thru (m/d/y)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

PHONE HOME _____ WORK _____

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For use of Primary Addresses only: if you like to guide visiting birders or answer questions about birding in your area and you would like everyone to know then check the slot that you prefer. If you choose to guide or aid fellow birders, then after your name and address in the 2002 directory will be followed by a symbol of contact.

___ I will guide visiting birders in my area with advanced notice

___ I will not guide visiting birders but will give out birding info about birds in my area

I will answer questions about birding in my area

___ A. By Phone

___ B. By Letter

___ C. By e-mail

REMEMBER: IF YOU WANT THIS INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEW 2002 MOS DIRECTORY THIS FALL FILL IN THE FORM NOW AND MAIL TO: Gene Knight, 79 HWY 9W, Oxford, MS 38655, NO LATER THAN 1 May, 2002 !!!!!

Species List
M.O.S. Fall Meeting
The Great River Road State Park
September 28-30, 2001

Pied-billed Grebe
A. White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Cattle Egret
Wood Stork
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Ruddy Duck
N. Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
A. Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
A. Coot
Killdeer
Least Sandpiper
Forster's Tern
Rock Dove
E. Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
C. Nighthawk
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
N. Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
E. Wood Pewee
E. Phoebe
Empid sp.
Great Crested Flycatcher
Loggerhead Shrike

White-eyed Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Horned Lark
Tree Swallow
N. Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow
Blue Jay
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
E. Bluebird
Swainson's Thrush
Wood Thrush
A. Robin
Gray Catbird
N. Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
E. Starling
Blue-winged Warbler
Golden-winged Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Nashville Warbler
N. Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Black-and white Warbler
A. Redstart
C. Yellowthroat
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
E. Towhee
Song Sparrow
N. Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
E. Meadowlark
C. Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Sparrow

Total Species: 90

SPRING MEETING APRIL 19-21, 2002
HOLIDAY INN UNIVERSITY
HATTIESBURG

LOCATION:

Holiday Inn University is located in Hattiesburg on 6563 Highway 49.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Holiday Inn University (Hwy. 49)	601-268-2850
Comfort Inn (Hwy. 49)	601-268-2170
Cabot Lodge (Hwy. 49)	601-264-1881
Hampton Inn (4301 Hardy St.)	601-264-8080
Baymont Inn and Suites (123 Plaza Dr.)	601-264-8380
Best Western Inn (2 Churchill Dr.)	601-264-7668

FRIDAY EVENING - APRIL 19

6:00-7:30	Holiday Inn University Banquet Room B/C - Social Hour - light snacks, discuss field trips
7:30-8:00	Board Meeting

SATURDAY EVENING - APRIL 20

7:00 am	Field trips - All field trips will meet at the Holiday Inn parking lot
12:00 am	Lunch - Numerous fast food restaurants - you're on your own!
6:30 pm	Banquet - Roast Beef Au Jus, vegetables, salad, dessert Holiday Inn University Banquet Room B/C
7:30 pm	Business Meeting Species Tally Speaker - Dr. Frank Moore, Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Southern Mississippi, will speak on the subject, "No Place to Land: Conservation of Intercontinental Migratory Birds."

SUNDAY - APRIL 21

7:30	Field trips to be announced
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MISSISSIPPI BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

Positions on the current committee will soon become vacant and new members are needed to fill these positions. If you are interested in serving on the committee or have questions about the responsibilities involved, please contact Terry Schiefer (P.O. Box 9775, Mississippi State, MS 39762; 662-324-3748; tschiefer@entomology.msstate.edu).

SPRING 2002 MEETING – REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Registration: \$10.00 per person _____ \$

Banquet: \$20.00 per person \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to M.O.S. Mail check and registration form to:

Jan Dubuisson, MOS Treasurer
22410 Glad Acres
Pass Christian, MS 39571

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Mississippi Ornithological Society

Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Renewal: _____

New Member: _____

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Life, \$300

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