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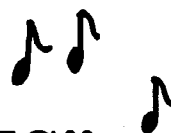
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“CALL NOTES”



BY SHANNON KNIGHT
M.O.S. PRESIDENT

As most of you know, I retired at the end of May after thirty years of teaching. Of course I plan to get in a lot more birding now! This also is my last “Call Notes” since we will be electing a new slate of officers at the Fall Meeting. Marion Schiefer and her Nominating Committee have worked diligently to find nominees to present for election.

This past April our Vice-President, Terri Jacobson, and our Secretary, Elsie Croft, had to resign their posts due to other commitments. We appreciate their service to MOS.

Several MOS'ers jumped at the opportunity to visit Strawberry Plains on April 29 to meet and bird with David Sibley. We all were so thrilled and honored just to be in his presence.

On our way to Glacier National Park in June we stopped in Phillips Co., eastern Montana, to meet with Stephen Dinsmore and his intern to observe his work with the Mountain Plovers and to try for a Sprague's Pipit, which would be a life bird for me. The weather was very uncooperative but we did manage to see a Plover, nest, and eggs. The territory and the work that they do with the Mountain Plovers is both challenging and rewarding. Thanks to Stephen I not only got to hear the Sprague's Pipit's cascading whistles, but also had a great view of one on the ground despite rain on my eyeglasses and my binoculars and wading in sloshy mud!

We look forward to hopefully seeing many of you in Starkville for the Fall Meeting.

STEPHEN J. DINSMORE TO SPEAK AT FALL MEETING

Stephen Dinsmore, who is presently an Avian Population Ecologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Mississippi State University, will be speaking at the banquet of the Fall Meeting to be held at Starkville. His subject will be "Shorebirds: Their Natural History and Conservation in North America." His talk will focus on two of the species he has worked with extensively, Sanderling and Mountain Plover. He will also be showing slides of many other shorebirds that he has photographed over the past several years and discussing the recent North American Shorebird Conservation Plan.

Stephen came to Mississippi last fall after having spent four years in Montana working as Wildlife/Range Technician for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where he continued his study of the demography of Mountain Plovers. He received his Ph.D. in Fishery and Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University in December, 2001, after writing his dissertation on "Population biology of Mountain Plovers in southern Phillips County, Montana."

Stephen has been interested in birds since he was about 8 years old when his father, who was then an ornithologist at the University of Tampa in Florida, enlisted him to help survey and band colonial waterbirds in and around Tampa Bay. He says he still has a particular fondness for waterbirds, especially shorebirds, gulls, and terns. He has traveled widely throughout the United States and abroad, mainly out of a desire to learn more about bird identification and distribution. Mississippi was one of the states that he had not spent much time in before he moved here last fall. He has been spending much of his free time since he arrived getting familiar with different birding areas and is consistently adding to the bird records for the state. We welcome him to Mississippi and to MOS and look forward to hearing his presentation at the fall meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Matt Collins and Stephen J. Dinsmore

RECAP OF THE APRIL 19-21 SPRING MEETING HATTIESBURG, MS

On behalf of MOS I want to thank Larry and Linda Smith, Jean Freeman, Cile Waite, Dr. Tom Rhea Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Saucier, and Mrs. C. Bufkin McSwain for making our trip to Hattiesburg so pleasant. As MOS President I was very disappointed in the turnout of our membership. Dr. Frank Moore was to be our speaker but was called away at the last minute because of his mother's illness. He has assured me that he "owes us one" and that his mother is doing better now.

The wonderful field trips made up for the other disappointments. The hospitality and homes/properties of the Hattiesburg folks listed above provided not only beautiful scenery but yielded a nice list of birds for the weekend.

Species List M.O.S. Spring Meeting Hattiesburg, Ms April 19-21, 2002

Eared Grebe	Chimney Swift	Cedar Waxwing
Double-crested Cormorant	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	N. Parula
Anhinga	Belted Kingfisher	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Red-headed Woodpecker	Yellow-throated Warbler
Great Egret	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Pine Warbler
Snowy Egret	Downy Woodpecker	Prairie Warbler
Cattle Egret	N. Flicker	A. Redstart
Green Heron	Pileated Woodpecker	Prothonotary Warbler
Black Vulture	Acadian Flycatcher	Swainson's Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Great Crested Flycatcher	Louisiana Waterthrush
Canada Goose	E. Kingbird	Kentucky Warbler
Wood Duck	White-eyed Vireo	C. Yellowthroat
Blue-winged Teal	Yellow-throated Vireo	Hooded Warbler
Ring-necked Duck	Red-eyed Vireo	Yellow-breasted Chat
Lesser Scaup	Purple Martin	Summer Tanager
Ruddy Duck	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Scarlet Tanager
Osprey	Barn Swallow	E. Towhee
Swallow-tailed Kite	Blue Jay	Chipping Sparrow
Mississippi Kite	A. Crow	White-throated Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Fish Crow	N. Cardinal
Red-shouldered Hawk	Carolina Chickadee	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Broad-winged Hawk	Tufted Titmouse	Blue Grosbeak
Red-tailed Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Indigo Bunting
Wild Turkey	Carolina Wren	Painted Bunting
N. Bobwhite	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Red-winged Blackbird
A. Coot	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	E. Meadowlark
Killdeer	E. Bluebird	C. Grackle
Spotted Sandpiper	Swainson's Thrush	Brown-headed Cowbird
Rock Dove	Wood Thrush	Orchard Oriole
E. Collared-Dove	A. Robin	House Finch
Mourning Dove	Gray Catbird	A. Goldfinch
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	N. Mockingbird	House Sparrow
E. Screech-Owl	Brown Thrasher	
Barred Owl	E. Starling	
		Total species: 100

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In the Spring 2002 Newsletter MOS members were asked to indicate if they were willing to guide birders visiting their area, or whether or not they were willing to respond to written, telephone, or email queries. For members choosing not to return the up-date address flyer in the previous newsletter, your address will remain the same as your mailing address and we will assume you don't want to be contacted for birding information. For those of you who returned the up-date address flyer, your address will be followed by a number/letter that will indicate the type of help you're willing to provide.

Legend:

1. I am willing to guide visiting birders with advance notice by first making arrangements by the following means (A, B, or C).
2. I am not willing to guide visiting birders but will answer inquiries.

- A. I am willing to answer telephone inquiries.
- B. I am willing to answer written inquiries.
- C. I am willing to answer email inquiries.

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**MISSISSIPPI ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2001 - MARCH 2002**

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

INCOME

Dues	\$1,180.00	
Interest	526.01	
Sales:		
Checklists	2.50	
T-Shirts	<u>34.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,742.51

EXPENSES

Newsletter - Two Issues	\$732.61	
Meeting Expenses	<u>130.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$863.36

NET PROFIT **\$879.15**

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$ 1,141.17	
Savings Account	6,039.09	
Certificate of Deposit	2,235.28	
Coffey Endowment	15,000.00	
Records Storage Files	440.60	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(177.06)</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$24,679.08
NET WORTH		\$24,679.08

Submitted by Jan Dubuisson, MOS Treasurer

FALL MEETING - OCTOBER 4-6, 2002
STARKVILLE/NOXUBEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The fall meeting is being hosted by the Oktibbeha Audubon Society and MOS members in the Starkville-Columbus area. The Friday night meeting will be held at the Greensboro Center at 401 Greensboro Street in Starkville. Directions: From the intersection of Hwys. 25 and 12, go north (Hwy. 25 becomes Louisville Street) through the traffic light at intersection with Gillespie Street and to a 3-way stop at the intersection with Greensboro Street. Take a left at the stop sign and then a left into the gravel parking lot of the Greensboro Center, which will be on your left. Enter the building from that side. The meeting will be in Room 22 on the bottom floor.

The Saturday evening banquet will be held at the Noxubee Conservation Center at the refuge. Directions will be given at the Friday night meeting. Advance reservations will be required, because the banquet will be catered and we'll need to know the number attending about 2 weeks ahead of time. Please fill out the registration form on the last page and mail it, along with your registration and banquet fees, to Jan Dubuisson in time to reach her no later than September 18.

ACCOMMODATIONS - Blocks of rooms under the name of MOS have been reserved at the following hotels, but will be held only until September 16 (advance reservations are recommended because of limited availability and better rates):

Holiday Inn Express - 110-B Hwy. 12 West (behind Ruby Tuesday Restaurant) - 662-324-0076
Rooms available: Double - \$69; King - \$69; Queen Suite - \$79; King Suite - \$79
Ramada Inn - 403 Hwy. 12 East - 662-323-6161
Rooms available: Double - \$57 (only smoking rooms available); Queen - \$57

FRIDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 4

6:30-8:00 p.m. Greensboro Center, Starkville (see directions above) - Social Hour - light refreshments - discussion of Saturday and Sunday field trips
8:00 p.m. Board meeting

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 5

7:00 a.m. Field trips - All field trips will meet in the back parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express (there are no places to eat near the refuge, so bring your lunch or snacks)
6:30 p.m. Banquet - Noxubee Conservation Center - Environmental Education Center operated by Starkville School District
7:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Species Tally
Speaker - Stephen J. Dinsmore - "Shorebirds: Their Natural History and Conservation in North America"

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6

7:30 a.m. Field trips - meet in the back parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express

FALL 2002 MEETING – REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Additional Person(s):

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Registration: \$5.00 per person ___ Person(s) X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Banquet: \$15.00 per person ___ Person(s) X \$15.00 = \$ _____

(Registration must be received by September 18)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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___ Subscribing (libraries), \$10 yr.

___ Family, \$25 yr.

___ Sustaining, \$30 yr.

___ Student/Senior, \$10 yr.

___ Life, \$300

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