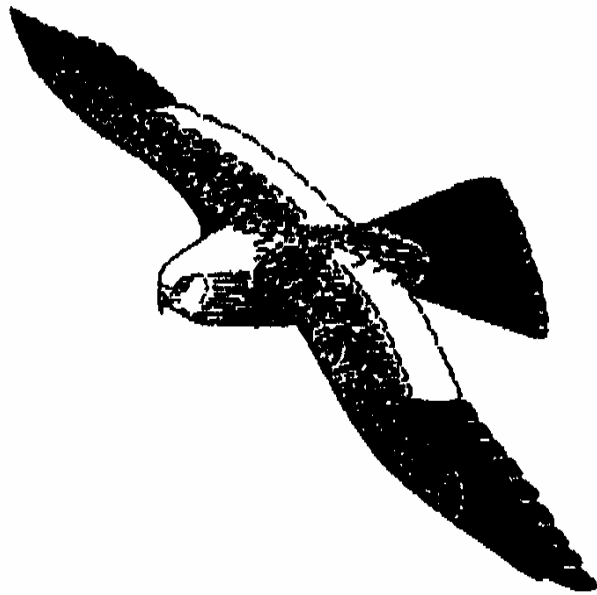


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Ruddy Ground-Dove found by Carl Smith, Don Roby, and Jim Norris on 14 December, 2004

President's Corner
By Carl Smith
MOS President

December 14, 2004 was the first Bolivar County Christmas Bird Count. Don Roby, Jim Norris, and I trekked the south half of Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge and its surroundings. Our pursuit of birds was producing the usuals including Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, American Wigeon, Lesser Yellowlegs, the list goes on. We're all familiar with this list.

However, the day held something in store for us that we could never have anticipated. It was while on South Bogue Creek Road. We had just finished counting hordes of Killdeer, Horned Larks, and American Pipits on an agricultural field. We were in Jim's vehicle beginning our drive back to Highway 446. Jim pointed out a dove whose head and neck were just visible from behind a clod of mud. He thought it peculiar that our close proximity did not cause it to flush. I soon saw that it had an unusually narrow bill and told Jim that we had better take a closer look at this one. Hoping for an Inca Dove, it was soon revealed that this little dove was reddish brown and had a short tail. I tried to write it off as a Common Ground-Dove but this attempt proved futile, as I could not for the life of me, find any scaling on the bird's nape, crown, or breast. Eventually we lost sight of the bird, and with hopes of finding what we had just seen in my Sibley Guide, I cracked it open... I like it when the bird is in the book. We were in quick agreement at my suggestion that it was a Ruddy Ground-Dove. Now began the problem of proving it. Fortunately Don McKee and Gene Knight were also able to locate the Ruddy Ground-Dove and take invaluable photographs to document Mississippi's first state record of the species.

RECAP OF THE FALL 2004 MEETING
by Frances Henne, Secretary

The 2004 MOS fall meeting was held September 24-26 in Holly Springs with approximately 40 people in attendance. Friday evening's gathering was held at Annie's Restaurant, where hor d'oeuvres were served to the group.

After everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the food and visit some together, Marion Schiefer, Co-President, began the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing Jenny Thompson, who had a presentation that she wanted to share with the group. Nancy Madden volunteered to read the text of the presentation as Jenny went through the pictures. It was entitled "Baby Roseate Spoonbill" and featured Mary Stevens and Don McKee, and included pictures of the first nesting record for Roseate Spoonbill.

After this presentation, Co-President Margaret Copeland introduced Brad Garret, an intern at Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, and Kristin Lamerson, the native plant specialist at the sanctuary, and explained the field trips planned for Saturday. Four different tours were offered that covered different parts of Strawberry Plains. The leaders were Dianne Patterson, Lauren Thead, Gene Knight,

and Philip Barbour. Birds were to be counted only in the local areas, and birders were given forms to keep separate lists for Strawberry Plains and Wall Doxey State Park. Margaret suggested that everyone pay attention to what birds were doing and what habitat they were using as we observed them the next day, and she also asked everyone to note all the different butterflies in the yard and fields. Tours of the house and yard were to be available after noon for those who were interested.

The speaker for Friday evening was Brad Pope, the land manager at Strawberry Plains. He gave an introduction to what we would see on our tours of the fields and woodland areas the next day and reviewed the changes that were occurring at the sanctuary. He described the efforts in restoration of the land to return it to native grasses, shrubs and trees as well as wildlife.

On Saturday evening the group returned to Annie's Restaurant for a buffet dinner and the MOS annual business meeting. Before the formal meeting began, Gene Knight offered the new Mississippi bird checklist for sale. Marion introduced Madge Lindsay, the director of Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, who welcomed us to the sanctuary. There were four new members present who were also introduced: Suzi Dawson, Lauren Thead, Mark Dolan, and Allen Sticklely.

The annual business meeting was called to order by Co-President Marion Schiefer. The minutes of the Spring 2004 meeting were accepted as published in the fall newsletter. The treasurer's report was given by Jan Dubuisson, and the report was accepted as read.

Tish Galbraith, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced their nominees for new officers: President, Carl Smith; Vice President, Bill McGehee; Secretary, Jenny Thompson; Treasurer, Jan Dubuisson. There were no nominations from the floor. Ruth Pullen moved that nominations be closed. This was seconded by Marvin Davis, and the nominated officers were accepted by acclamation.

Gene Knight conducted the species count for Friday and Saturday. Members were asked to count only birds seen in Marshall or Lafayette County.

It was announced that Jerry Jackson, a noted author and birder, will be the speaker for the Spring 2005 meeting. No specific time or place had been determined at the time.

Mary Stevens introduced the speaker for the evening, Heather Smith. She is a young biologist, an award-winning student, and experienced speaker. She reported on her experiences with alligators, aquatic snakes, Wood Storks, and the Alligator Gar in flood plain pools. A question and answer period followed, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Species List
MOS Meeting - Holly Springs, MS - September 24-26, 2004

Canada Goose	Caspian Tern	Gray Catbird
Wood Duck	Forster's Tern	N. Mockingbird
Gadwall	Black Tern	Brown Thrasher
Mallard	Black Skimmer	E. Starling
Blue-winged Teal	Rock Pigeon	A. Pipit
N. Shoveler	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Tennessee Warbler
Green-winged Teal	Mourning Dove	Nashville Warbler
Wild Turkey	Black-billed Cuckoo	N. Parula
N. Bobwhite	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Yellow Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	E. Screech-Owl	Magnolia Warbler
A. White Pelican	Great Horned Owl	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Brown Pelican	Barred Owl	Black-throated Green Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Chimney Swift	Blackburnian Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Yellow-throated Warbler
Great Egret	Belted Kingfisher	Pine Warbler
Snowy Egret	Red-headed Woodpecker	Prairie Warbler
Cattle Egret	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Black-and white Warbler
Green Heron	Downy Woodpecker	A. Redstart
Black Vulture	Hairy Woodpecker	C. Yellowthroat
Turkey Vulture	N. Flicker	Canada Warbler
Osprey	Pileated Woodpecker	Summer Tanager
Bald Eagle	E. Wood-Pewee	Scarlet Tanager
Sharp-shinned Hawk	E. Phoebe	E. Towhee
Cooper's Hawk	Loggerhead Shrike	Chipping Sparrow
Red-shouldered Hawk	White-eyed Vireo	Field Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Yellow-throated Vireo	N. Cardinal
A. Kestrel	Blue-headed Vireo	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-bellied Plover	Warbling Vireo	Blue Grosbeak
A. Golden Plover	Philadelphia Vireo	Indigo Bunting
Semipalmated Plover	Red-eyed Vireo	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Blue Jay	E. Meadowlark
Lesser Yellowlegs	A. Crow	C. Grackle
Spotted Sandpiper	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Baltimore Oriole
Sanderling	Barn Swallow	House Finch
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Carolina Chickadee	A. Goldfinch
Western Sandpiper	Tufted Titmouse	House Sparrow
Least Sandpiper	White-breasted Nuthatch	
Baird's Sandpiper	Carolina Wren	
Short-billed Dowitcher	House Wren	
Long-billed Dowitcher	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Total species: 124
Jaeger sp.	E. Bluebird	
Laughing Gull	Swainson's Thrush	
Ring-billed Gull	Wood Thrush	
Gull-billed Tern	A. Robin	

Bird Banding at the Great Delta Bear Affair

by Carl Smith and Paul Hamel

The Great Delta Bear Affair is a festival that celebrates the rich natural resources and cultural heritage of the Mississippi Delta. Each October for three consecutive years, Rolling Fork, Mississippi, has hosted this celebration of Theodore Roosevelt's historic 1902 encounter with the "Teddy Bear". Associated activities take place at several other locations in the South Delta. One of these associated activities for the public is a bird walk that leads to an active bird banding station where we record fall migrant and winter arrivals for the USDA Forest Service. We have been fortunate to receive necessary logistical help establishing the stations and clearing net lanes from our colleagues at the Delta National Forest, especially Stephanie Allison; and at the Yazoo NWR, particularly David Linden. However, without the help of others representing MS Chapter of the National Audubon Society, MS Museum of Natural Science, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, and US Geological Survey, the activity would be impossible.

Keynote speaker at the first annual GDBA in 2002 was Theodore Roosevelt IV. Mr. Roosevelt is also a birder. Before his talk he visited the banding station at Delta National Forest where we had staked out warblers for him to see, much as Holt Collier had scouted locations for his grandfather to hunt bears not far away so many years earlier. The 2003 GDBA celebrated the 100th anniversary of the NWR System with the dedication of the Theodore Roosevelt Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Banding Stations have been operated during the GDBA at Delta National Forest in 2002 and at Yazoo NWR in 2003 and 2004, but not at both locations in the same year. In the future we would like to operate banding stations simultaneously at Delta National Forest and at Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge. To do so, we would need more public involvement. We extend an invitation to those interested in helping to run a banding station for the 2005 Great Delta Bear Affair. For more information about the banding stations, please contact Carl Smith, 662-686-3173, or Paul Hamel, 662-686-3167, at the Center for Bottomland Hardwoods Research, P. O. Box 227, 432 Stoneville Rd., Stoneville, MS 38776. For more information about the Great Delta Bear Affair, including the date for next year's celebration, please contact Anne Weissinger at The Great Delta Bear Affair, 662-873-6258, or cweissinger@bellsouth.net.

Birds Captured during the Great Delta Bear Affair, 2002-2004

<u>Species</u>	Delta	Yazoo National		Total
	National Forest	Wildlife Refuge		
	2002	2003	2004	
Philadelphia Vireo	1	-	-	1
Carolina Chickadee	7	-	-	7
Tufted Titmouse	2	-	2	4
Carolina Wren	6	2	6	14
House Wren	-	1	-	1
Winter Wren	3	-	-	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	-	-	6
Hermit Thrush	1	1	-	2
Gray Catbird	1	1	-	2
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	-	-	1
Nashville Warbler	2	-	-	2
Magnolia Warbler	3	-	-	3
C. Yellowthroat	1	5	2	8
Song Sparrow	-	-	1	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	-	4	-	4
Swamp Sparrow	-	37	8	45
White-throated Sparrow	4	5	-	9
N. Cardinal	4	2	7	13
Indigo Bunting	-	5	13	18
Total Species	14	10	7	19
Total Birds	42	63	39	144

MOS SPRING MEETING FEBRUARY 11-13, 2005
TARA WILDLIFE, INC. – EAGLE LAKE, WARREN COUNTY

MOS spring meeting will be held at Tara Wildlife in west central Mississippi. From I-20 in Vicksburg go North on Hwy 61 for 11.5 miles, go West (left) on Hwy 465 for 14 miles. At Cotton Gin on left turn onto Eagle Lake Shore Rd. and follow 5 miles of paved and 2 miles of gravel roads. (See Tara's webpage at www.tarawildlife.com). Tara is located near Eagle Lake, 30 minutes northwest of Vicksburg, MS and boasts 12 miles of Mississippi River frontage and 17,200 acres of oxbow lakes and bottomland hardwood forests. All 17,200 acres have been placed under conservation easements which will protect these acres from clearing and development, and cleared sites are being reforested for future generations. Maggie Bryant, Tara's Founder, is a past-two term Chairperson of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. She is active in conservation measures around the world. Tara Wildlife's mission is to manage its natural resources in an ecologically and economically sustainable manner while promoting conservation awareness and the wise use of those natural resources within a framework of both consumptive and non-consumptive opportunities. Through its partnerships with numerous conservation groups, Tara is active in black bear restoration, management of neotropical

bird habitats, protection of nesting bald eagles, Mississippi River ecosystem issues, wildlife and wetlands habitat management and the preservation and restoration of bottomland hardwood resources. Conservation-related education activities (youth groups) are held at Tara and groups that influence conservation management in the state meet at Tara's Conference Center which include the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture, the regional Black Bear Conservation Committee, MOS, Sierra Club, Ducks Unlimited, and the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Project Wet and Wild.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tara has wonderful accommodations including cozy rustic cabins with private double rooms (some with private bath and some with a shared bath between 2 rooms) with full kitchen and living areas or for those who prefer a quieter atmosphere there is the new lodge with single and double rooms with private baths. The food is absolutely fabulous and lots of it. You will not go hungry. The staff is friendly and extremely accommodating.

In 2003 Tara was selected as an Important Bird Area and is the largest private IBA in the state. Tara harbors significant concentrations of birds during all seasons of the year. Large numbers of waterfowl, including Mallard, Northern Pintail, and Ring-necked Duck winter on managed impoundments, oxbow lakes, and borrow pits along the river levees. One Bald Eagle pair has nested on and around Tara since the early 1980's, making it one of the most consistently used nesting territories for this species in Mississippi since the ban of the pesticide DDT in the early 1970's. In addition, small numbers of osprey nest at Tara. We will be able to bird the all the properties of Tara, including the Mississippi River batture, Halpino Lake (oxbow), and roads and trails around the Tara Lodge (providing they are not too wet to travel on). We will have a special field trip to the active Bald Eagle nest located on private property adjacent to Tara. Good birding areas near Tara include the river levee system, borrow pits, Lake Chotard, Eagle Lake, Australia Island (located in the middle of Eagle Lake, a property that has never been birded to my knowledge because of private ownership-we will try to obtain access) and many acres of fields. The surrounding area is also home to several of Mississippi's designated Important Bird Areas: Delta National Forest (3,000 waterfowl), Eagle Lake, Mahannah Wildlife Management Area (4,000 wintering waterfowl/Sedge Wrens/Le Conte's Sparrow), Vicksburg National Military Park, Shipland Wildlife Management Area, and Jones Lake (private). All are located within easy driving distance of Tara.

BANQUET/DINNER: The \$15.00 registration fee covers MOS expenses and travel for our special Saturday evening speaker: Dr. Jerome (Jerry) Jackson, formerly Professor, Department of Biological Science at Mississippi State University. The program will feature Jerry's new book: IN SEARCH OF THE IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER, Smithsonian Press Books, 2004. Jerry will lecture and there will be books available for purchase and a book signing. Dr. Jackson has searched for the Ivory-billed for 30 years in all of its known habitats from North Carolina to Mississippi to Cuba. From 1970 to 1999 Dr. Jackson was Professor, Department of Biological Sciences at Mississippi State University. In 1999, Dr. Jackson took a position in Florida as the Whitaker Eminent Scholar in Science; Program Director, Whitaker Center for Science, Math, and Technology Education at Florida Gulf Coast University. It will be nice to have Jerry back in Mississippi to bird with us on Saturday.

MOS WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY EVENING - February 11, 2005

- 6:30pm Social and Supper - Tara Lodge Dining Hall
- 7:00pm Field Trip Plans
- 8:00pm Board meeting

SATURDAY - February 12

- 6:00am Breakfast - Tara Lodge Dining Hall
- 7:00am Field Trip Options: Eagle Lake, Chotard Lake, Halpino Lake, Mississippi River levees, forests and fields around Tara Lodge, Australia Island, Bald Eagle Nest, Mahannah Wildlife Management Area and the Lower Mississippi River batture.
- All field trips leave from Tara Lodge parking lot.
- 12:00noon Lunch - Tara Lodge Dining Hall
- 1:00pm Field Trip to Bald Eagle Nest
- 6:30pm Banquet/Dinner at Tara Lodge Dining Hall
- 7:15pm Business Meeting and Program
- Speaker: Dr. Jerry Jackson, In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.
- Lecture and book signing. Books will be available to purchase.

SUNDAY - February 13

- 6:30am Breakfast - Tara Lodge Dining Hall
- 7:30am Field trips continued. Ross Barnett Reservoir. All field trips leave from Tara Lodge.
- 12:00noon Lunch - Tara Lodge Dining Hall

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LODGING AND FOOD COSTS FOR TARA WILDLIFE

Call Tara for reservations for food and lodging

Phone: 601/279-4261 Fax: 601/279-4227

Payment can be by Check, Cash or Credit Card
(Tara can fax you a map with driving directions)

DEADLINE FOR CALLING TARA TO BOOK FOOD AND LODGING IS JANUARY 28, 2005!!!

CALL EARLY SO TARA CAN PLAN FOR OUR WEEKEND.

Supper/Friday Evening:	\$15.00 per person	_____
Breakfast/Saturday:	\$ 8.00 per person	_____
Lunch/Saturday:	\$10.00 per person	_____
Banquet/Saturday Evening:	\$15.00 per person	_____
Breakfast/Sunday:	\$ 8.00 per person	_____
Lunch/Sunday:	\$10.00 per person	_____
Single Room per night	\$80.00 per person	_____
Double Room per night	\$90.00 two people	_____

Prices do not include sales tax.

Information below for Those Who Want to Stay in one of the two Cabins with Living Room and Kitchen:

CABIN No. 1: Camp House Floor Plan: (6 bedrooms and 3 baths)

- a: 2 rooms with 2 twin beds in each and a shared bath #1;
- b: 2 rooms with 2 twin beds in each and a shared bath #2;
- c: 1 room with double bed; 1 room with 2 twin beds (shared bath #3;)
- d: 1 room with double bed (shared bath #3).

CABIN No. 2: Tara 3 Floor Plan: (4 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths)

- a: 1 room with double bed (shared bath #1)
- b: 1 room with double bed (shared bath #1)
- c: 1 room with double bed (shared bath #1)
- d: 1 room with king bed with private bath.
- e: Utility room with toilet and sink.

MOTEL/LODGE:

Tara also has a new lodge attached to the main lodge and dining hall. Each room has two queen beds and private baths—very nice.

MOS SPRING 2005 MEETING - REGISTRATION FORM
TARA WILDLIFE, EAGLE LAKE, WARREN COUNTY
Friday - Sunday
Feb 11 - 13, 2005

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Telephone _____

Registration: \$15.00 per person **_____ Person (s) X \$15.00 = \$ _____**

Additional Person (s):

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

2005 MOS DIRECTORY

- This information will update your listing in the 2005 MOS Directory.
- The 2005 MOS Directory will be included in the Fall 2005 Newsletter.
- We need to receive your form by 1 May 2005 to be included in the 2005 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 2005 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 2005. Special Note- check your address on the newsletter to see if it is correct and if changes need to be made, such as zip code, use the form below. Please check the correct slot below. 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 newsletter. 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 1/1/05 thru 12/31/05. And if you live in Wyoming in the summer and in Mississippi the rest of the year the dates should read 1/1/05 thru 5/31/05 and 9/1/05 thru 12/31/05 at the primary address (MS) and 6/1/05 thru 8/31/05 at the secondary address in (WY).

This is a change of address Home address Work Address

Primary Address Dates Effective (m/d/y) / / thru / /
(m/d/y) / / thru / /

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone/Home _____

Work _____

Fax/Home _____ Work _____

E-Mail/Home _____ Work _____

Secondary Address **Dates Effective** (m/d/y) / / **thru** (m/d/y) / /

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Address _____

City _____ **State/Prov.** _____ **Zip** _____ **Country** _____

Phone/Home _____

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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 2005 Directory will be followed by a symbol (letter A, B, C) of contact.

___ I will guide birders in my area with advanced notice

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

I will answer questions about birding in my area

___ A. By Phone

___ B. By Letter

___ C. By E-mail

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SUBMITTING NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The MOS Newsletter is published biannually to inform members of upcoming meetings and birding events. The editors invite you to participate by submitting articles for possible publication in the newsletter. Some suggestions for articles might be:

- *Birding trips--in-state, out-of-state, or out-of-country
- *Bird locales
- *Life bird experiences
- *Any interesting story about birds or bird behavior

Please submit neatly handwritten or typed articles, not to exceed two single-spaced typed pages. You may contribute as many articles as you would like. Articles may be sent in any time of the year, but if you would like it to appear in a specific issue then it must be sent in on the following deadline dates.

Summer issue	June 30
Spring issue	December 31

Please e-mail or mail your articles to:

Gene and Shannon Knight
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Oxford, MS 38655
gsknight@dixie-net.com

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TUCKER AWARD NOMINATIONS

In the past, the Tucker Award Committee has chosen the award recipient. We would like to change that process by opening up the award selection to the entire MOS membership. The award is named in honor of J. W. Tucker, an early conservationist with a keen interest in nature, birds, rocks, and minerals. Mr. Tucker presented the Tucker medallion to MOS in 1956. The award is given to a deserving MOS member who has done outstanding field work, encouraged conservation, has participated in a worthwhile bird study project, or who has contributed significant service to MOS.

If you would like to recommend an MOS member for the Tucker Award, please write a descriptive paragraph or two about the person's accomplishments and reasons why you think this person should receive the award. All recommendations must be in by **June 30, 2005**. Please mail to Gene Knight, 79 Hwy. 9 W, Oxford, MS 38655. The Tucker Award Selection Committee will review all recommendations and choose the best qualified.

Mississippi Ornithological Society

Membership Form

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Renewal: _____

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___ Subscribing (libraries), \$15 yr.

___ Family, \$25 yr.

___ Sustaining, \$30 yr.

___ Student/Senior, \$10 yr.

___ Life, \$300

Make check payable to: MOS
Send to: Jan Dubuisson, MOS Treasurer
22410 Glad Acres
Pass Christian, MS 39571

Dues are payable in January of each year. Check mailing label for your dues status.

**Mississippi Ornithological Society
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Check your expiration date >>>>>>