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2012 MOS SPRING MEETING

May 4-6

**J.P. Coleman State Park
Tishomingo County, MS**

LOCATION: Perched on a rocky bluff overlooking the Tennessee River J. P. Coleman State Park offers the finest in all types of water sports. Visitors experience unmatched sailing, swimming, skiing and fishing for Smallmouth bass in the sparkling waters of Pickwick Lake and enjoy camping and exploring in the untamed wilderness along the banks of the Tennessee River. J.P. Coleman State park is located on Pickwick Lake and the Tennessee River 13 miles North of Iuka off Hwy 25. Turn off Hwy. 25 onto CR 989 until it intersects CR 321. Turn right. Entrance to the park is approximately one mile.

DIRECTIONS TO THE HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT, IUKA: 1309 Battleground Dr. (old business Hwy 25)

ACCOMMODATIONS: J.P. Coleman State Park—Cabins as well as motel rooms are available. Call the park at 662-423-6515. The Hampton Inn, TN 20 miles away is available at 731-689-3031.

FRIDAY EVENING - MAY 4

6:30 -8:00 p.m. Homestead Restaurant, Iuka. A Seafood Buffet will be served for \$14.99 or you may order from the menu. Pay when ordering. Plans for field trips on Saturday and Sunday.

8.00 p.m. Board Meeting

SATURDAY - MAY 5

6:45 - 7:00 a.m. Gather at State Park Convention Center parking lot for field trips to depart promptly at 7:00 a.m.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Meet at the Homestead Restaurant, Iuka. A Country Buffet will be served for \$9.99 or you may order from the menu. Pay when ordering.

8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Species Tally

SUNDAY - MAY 6

7:00 a.m. Field trips - Meet at State Park Convention Center parking lot.

MOS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Nancy Madden
VICE-PRESIDENT: Jake Walker
SECRETARY: Martha Swan
TREASURER: Jan Dubuisson
PAST PRESIDENT: Sarajane Smith
MISSISSIPPI KITE EDITORS: Margaret Copeland, Marion Schiefer, and Nick Winstead
MOS NEWSLETTER EDITORS: Gene and Shannon Knight

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ATTENTION ALL MOS MEMBERS
ELECTRONIC MOS NEWSLETTER

In order to cut down on our printing and mailing costs of the Newsletter, we are asking any of you who would be willing to receive your Newsletter by email to please contact us at: gsknight@hughes.net
Thanks for your help

The President's Corner
By Nancy Madden
MOS President

Spring migration greetings! As always it is interesting to see the progress of migration through the postings on birding listservs. Spring seems to have come early to our state or maybe it was the lack of any real winter. Looking back over my lists from years gone by, it always amazes me how true to its own time table nature really is. There is a time and season for everything. Sure enough orchard orioles arrived with the blooming of my yellow poplars, though I thought the orioles were going to be so disappointed because the trees bloomed early. Many of you have had similar thoughts as spring arrives. This past winter also provided for a few rarities that kept us all working our schedules for quick dashes to the Coast for the Painted Redstart or visiting Mr. Briscoe's Spotted Towhee in Oxford. Western hummers too made our hearts beat faster.

Not only has birding been good, MOS has gotten more involved on the science/research side. Teams are surveying islands, beaches, sewage treatment facilities, parks and refuges. MOS has partially funded research on Yellow Rails here on the Coast. One of our own, Margaret Copeland, was awarded with the Conservationist of the Year by the MS Wildlife Federation. An honor we can all agree was justified by her tireless efforts on many conservation fronts. Margaret is a go-to-woman who somehow continues to smile, greet, and educate young birders while keeping up with her family. This is one of the aspects of MOS that I hope you don't miss the people who are members. So please come bird with us May 4, 5 and 6 at J.P. Coleman State Park and Pickwick Lake. I have been promised trees dripping with warblers. (Most likely all of those that are flying over us here on the Coast with these great southern tailwinds.)

MOS MEMBERSHIP FORM	
Name _____	
Address _____	
City, State, Zip: _____	
RENEWAL _____	NEW MEMBER _____
DUES:	
___ Individual	\$15 yr.
___ Family	\$25 yr.
___ Student/Senior Citizen	\$10 yr.
___ Subscribing (Libraries)	\$15 yr.
___ Sustaining	\$30 yr.
___ Life	\$300 yr.
<u>DUES ARE DUE</u>	
And payable in January of each year. Send check to: Jan Dubuisson, 22481 Glad Acres, Pass Christian, MS 39571	

MINUTES OF THE MOS BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS
October 8, 2011

The MOS Board met on Friday, Oct. 8, from 5 - 6 pm. Present were Nancy Madden, Sarajane Smith, Margaret Copeland, and Martha Swan.

Margaret Copeland reported that the logging of bottomland hardwoods in Noxubee NWR is continuing, despite the MOS petition which was delivered and efforts of Audubon and other environmental groups. Therefore, a lawsuit is being planned by a group of organizations, including the Center for Biological Diversity, Wild South. The logging plan being carried out at Noxubee is slated to become a regional plan for the Southeast, if something is not done to stop it. At present, there is nothing more that MOS can do.

The MOS website was the next topic of discussion. Nancy has learned that it could be moved away from MSU and maintained on an independent domain for \$125.00 per year. She has consulted with Claire English and believes that Claire is willing to move and manage the site. The board agreed that this would be a good idea and would allow improvements to the website. Nancy will continue working with Claire on this project.

The Missbird listserv was then discussed. Martha is planning to move it to Freelists, which would solve the issues of a lack of archives, small file size allowance, and restriction of ownership to Ole Miss email users. The footer will include a link to the MOS website. When this is accomplished, we will discuss the relationship between Missbird and MOS, which technically does not exist at this point.

Nancy reported that she has been unable to find a replacement for Gene and Shannon as newsletter editors. She will make an appeal to the membership at the Saturday meeting.

J.P. Coleman State Park, May 4-6, was agreed to as the first choice for the Spring 2012 meeting. Other suggestions were Tishomingo State Park, Leroy Percy State Park/Yazoo NWR, and Tunica Co.

After the Board meeting during the social hour Nancy announced plans for the Saturday field trips. Gene will lead a group to Ross Barnett Reservoir in the morning, and Margaret and Dianne will lead a group to Harrell's Prairie in Bienville National Forest in the afternoon.

The Friday Night speaker was Adam Rohnke, who is currently the Wildlife Extension Associate based out of the Central Mississippi Research Center in Raymond, MS. He spoke about his projects working for the Natural Resource Enterprises program which assists private landowners in MS and the southeast with sustainably managing their lands.

Following the banquet, Nancy called the business meeting to order. She appealed for volunteers to edit the newsletter. There were no volunteers so Gene stated that he and Shannon would continue editing the newsletter. Jan Dubuisson gave the treasurer's report. This was followed by a discussion of how MOS could attract new members and become more visible. Tom Pullen will contact the MPB. Marion Schiefer distributed the July 2010 issue of the Mississippi Kite. The tentative dates and sites for the 2012 meetings were announced: Spring - J.P. Coleman the first weekend in May, and Fall - Leroy Percy the first weekend in October.

The evening closed with a drawing for door prizes: three copies of Turcotte's Birds of Mississippi and one copy of Inland Fishes published by Univ. Press of Mississippi, generously donated by Mary Stevens/MMNS.

Submitted by Martha Swan
MOS Secretary

WELCOME NEW MOS MEMBERS

Claude and Sandra Falls

Marsha Kazal

Shuana Lynne

Submitting Articles For the MOS Newsletter

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

* Life bird experiences

*Bird locales

* Special birding events

*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 mail or e-mail your articles to: Gene and Shannon Knight, 79 Hwy 9W, Oxford, MS 38655

662-236-2413 or gsknight@hughes.net

Species List

Roosevelt State Park, Ross Barnett Reservoir, and Harrell Prairie MOS Fall Meeting 8-10 October 2011

Canada Goose	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Brown Thrasher
Wood Duck	Downy Woodpecker	European Starling
Mallard	Hairy Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Northern Flicker	Tennessee Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Pileated Woodpecker	Common Yellowthroat
Double-crested Cormorant	*Western Wood-Pewee	Hooded Warbler
Anhinga	Eastern Wood-Pewee	American Redstart
Great Blue Heron	Eastern Phoebe	Cape May Warbler
Great Egret	Loggerhead Shrike	Northern Parula
Cattle Egret	White-eyed Vireo	Magnolia Warbler
Black Vulture	Yellow-throated Vireo	Palm Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Philadelphia Vireo	Pine Warbler
Bald Eagle	Blue Jay	Yellow-throated Warbler
Northern Harrier	American Crow	Blk-thrted Green Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Fish Crow	Eastern Towhee
Cooper's Hawk	Tree Swallow	Chipping Sparrow
Red-shouldered Hawk	N.Rough-winged Swallow	Swamp Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Barn Swallow	Summer Tanager
American Kestrel	Carolina Chickadee	Scarlet Tanager
Purple Gallinule	Tufted Titmouse	Northern Cardinal
Common Gallinule	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Indigo Bunting
American Coot	White-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Eastern Meadowlark
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Brown Creeper	Common Grackle
Mourning Dove	Carolina Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Eastern Screech-Owl	House Wren	House Finch
Great Horned Owl	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	House Sparrow
Chimney Swift	Eastern Bluebird	Species Total: 137
Ruby-throated Hummer	Gray-cheeked Thrush	*Bold print-accidental
Belted Kingfisher	Wood Thrush	
Red-headed Woodpecker	Gray Catbird	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird	

SAD NEWS

We were all deeply saddened by the recent deaths this past year of two of our longtime MOS members, Nona Herbert and Ed Alexander.

Nona became an MOS member in 1974. In May of 1987 she was nominated by Judy Toups to be the MOS historian. In 1980 she was elected Vice-President and later served as President in 1982. Nona was well known for her handwritten letters reporting her experiences with birds and nature. She loved to tell about the birds she was seeing at the "lake home" on Donaldson Point where she and her husband, J. C., spent many relaxing times fishing and birding.

Writing articles for the MISSISSIPPI KITE and the MOS NEWSLETTER were special to Nona and were enjoyed by all. She also monitored Mississippi Kite and Bald Eagle nests in Bolivar County. On October 1, 2006 the Friends of Dahomey NWR honored Nona and J.C.'s conservation and birding efforts by naming one of their trails the "Nona and J. C. Herbert Trail."

Ed Alexander became an MOS member in 1972. Ed was a diligent leader through the years serving as MOS President in 1975, Vice-President in 1974, and Treasurer in 1982. Ed also served as a member of the MOS Bird Record's Committee in the 1980's. He was the Compiler for the Southern Washington Co. CBC from 1972-1998. Ed was also known as the Delta backyard bird bander. He loved sharing his banding setup in his backyard in Greenville. He banded only birds that visited his backyard in order to make comparative studies from year to year. His banding reports and studies have been published in the MISSISSIPPI KITE and the MOS Newsletter.

Without the dedication and service of these two wonderful pioneer birders MOS might not be in existence today. We appreciate their efforts. They will be greatly missed.

New MOS Checklist of Birds of Mississippi Gene Knight, MBRC Chair

The Mississippi Bird Records Committee has updated the Checklist of Birds of Mississippi. All the latest taxonomic changes follow the A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds, Seventh Edition, 1998, as amended in the Fifty-Second Supplement (Auk, July, 2011). The list now includes 411 species after the MBRC recently accepted Jabiru, Arctic Tern, and Hooded Oriole. The new checklist will be available at the Spring MOS Meeting at JP Coleman State Park or by contacting Gene Knight.

Most changes have been made in the order and names of groups of birds. For example Quail moved in front of Turkeys; a lot of moving between Storm-Petrels and Bitterns and Herons; Osprey is a group all by itself, not in the Hawks anymore; several gulls have moved around in their group; and the new group Longspurs and Allies moved in front of Wood Warblers; Sparrows changed to New World Sparrows; Tanager group is no longer and has joined Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies. A few name changes took place. Common Moorhen changed to Common Gallinule and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow is now Nelson's Sparrow.

The Review Species List has also been overhauled. Arctic Tern and Hooded Oriole have been added because they are new additions to the state list. Bewick's Wren and Evening Grosbeak are also included due to very few sightings over the past ten years. Pacific Loon, Sooty Tern, Yellow Rail and Cave Swallow were taken off the Review Species List and moved down to the Other Rare and Uncommon Species List. As in the past all the species listed on the Review Species List will require full written details. Documentation forms can be obtained from MBRC Chair Gene Knight. Documentations and photos will be stored in archival albums and the record will be reviewed in the near future. Species on the Rare or Uncommon Species List should be reported to Terry Schiefer on a MOS Bird Card or equivalent (which can be obtained from Terry) with the pertinent data included. These species are uncommon/rare in MS. They may be very local or occur in small numbers in the state or even in a certain area. Gene and Terry's mailing addresses are below their respective lists below.

Below are the latest lists in which to use as a guide for your reporting and addresses to be used when reporting your sightings. Birds are reported by the season so please use this seasonal guide also. Spring (March-May); Summer (June-July); Fall (August- November); Winter (December-February).

REVIEW SPECIES LIST: All sightings of the following species require full details that will be reviewed by the MOS Bird Records Committee (please complete the Rare Bird Documentation Form). Compiled by MOS Birds Records Committee-February 2012

Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Ruff	Broad-billed Hummingbird	Bachman's Warbler
Brant	Red Phalarope	White-eared Hummingbird	Tropical Parula
Trumpeter Swan	Black-legged Kittiwake	Anna's Hummingbird	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Eurasian Wigeon	Sabine's Gull	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Townsend's Warbler
Cinnamon Teal	Black-headed Gull	Allen's Hummingbird	Connecticut Warbler
King Eider	Little Gull	Ivory-billed Woodpecker	Painted Redstart
Red-necked Grebe	California Gull	Western Wood-Pewee	Green-tailed Towhee
Western Grebe	Thayer's Gull	Alder Flycatcher	Spotted Towhee
Sooty Shearwater	Slaty-backed Gull	Willow Flycatcher	American Tree Sparrow
Audubon's Shearwater	Glaucous Gull	Say's Phoebe	Clay-colored Sparrow
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Great Black-backed Gull	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Lark Bunting
Jabiru	Brown Noddy	Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	Harris's Sparrow
Masked Booby	Bridled Tern	Cassin's Kingbird	Western Tanager
Great Cormorant	Roseate Tern	Gray Kingbird	Black-headed Grosbeak
White-tailed Kite	Arctic Tern	Bell's Vireo	Lazuli Bunting
Northern Goshawk	Pomarine Jaeger	Black-capped Vireo	Great-tailed Grackle
Harris's Hawk	Parasitic Jaeger	Black-whiskered Vireo	Shiny Cowbird
Swainson's Hawk	Long-tailed Jaeger	Rock Wren	Hooded Oriole
Ferruginous Hawk	White-Crowned Pigeon	Bewick's Wren	Bullock's Oriole
Rough-legged Hawk	Band-tailed Pigeon	Mountain Bluebird	Lesser Goldfinch
Crested Caracara	Ruddy Ground-Dove	Townsend's Solitaire	Evening Grosbeak
Prairie Falcon	Snowy Owl	Citrine Wagtail	
Black Rail	Burrowing Owl	Sprague's Pipit	Any species new to
Limpkin	Long-eared Owl	McCown's Longspur	Mississippi
Mountain Plover	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Smith's Longspur	
Hudsonian Godwit	Lesser Nighthawk	Chestnut-collared Longspur	
Purple Sandpiper	Green Violetear	Snow Bunting	

PLEASE SEND ALL REVIEW SPECIES RECORDS TO GENE KNIGHT, 79 HWY 9W, OXFORD, MS 38655

OTHER RARE OR UNCOMMON SPECIES: MOS solicits reports of all sightings of the following species whose status in Mississippi is poorly documented (Please use the MOS 3 X 5 Bird Card or equivalent). These species will be included in Birds Around the State and possibly North American Birds. Distinguishing features seen should be noted for species that are easily misidentified.

STATEWIDE

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Cackling Goose
Tundra Swan
Black Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Common Merganser
Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
Neotropic Cormorant
Golden Eagle
Yellow Rail
Snowy Plover
Upland Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Red-necked Phalarope
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Sooty Tern
Common Tern
Inca Dove
Black-billed Cuckoo
Groove-billed Ani
Short-eared Owl

Buff-bellied Hummingbird
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Traill's complex
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Vermilion Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Cave Swallow
Golden-winged Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Mourning Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Lark Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Le Conte's Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Bronzed Cowbird
Red Crossbill

INLAND ONLY

Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
American Bittern
Least Bittern
Swallow-tailed Kite
King Rail
Virginia Rail
Sora
Purple Gallinule
Piping Plover
Marbled Godwit
Willet
Whimbrel
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Wilson's Phalarope
Laughing Gull
Least Tern
White-winged Dove
Common Ground-Dove
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Calliope Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird
Henslow's Sparrow
Nelson's Sparrow

COAST ONLY

Ross's Goose
American Black Duck
Horned Lark
White-breasted Nuthatch
Lapland Longspur

AWAY FROM DELTA AND COAST

Glossy Ibis
White-faced Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
Wood Stork
Common Gallinule
Sandhill Crane
Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet

PLEASE SEND ALL RARE AND UNCOMMON RECORDS TO TERENCE SCHIEFER, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, P. O. BOX 9775, MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS 39762-9775

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

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MARGARET COPELAND, *Starkville*

In Mississippi and across the country, few people have put as much heart and soul into the Audubon Society cause as Margaret Copeland. For over 30 years she has served as educator, chapter member, board member, citizen scientist, conservationist, newsletter editor and Strawberry Plains Audubon Center Stewardship Board Member. Her personal goal is to educate as many people as possible about environmental issues and to explain the importance of habitat preservation and enjoying the natural world. To this end, Margaret leads field trips, teaches bird identification classes to 4th and 5th graders, and helps youth participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. She can also be found at garden club meetings, public hearings, scout



camp, and leading field trips. A dedicated volunteer, she often helps operate the Strawberry Plains Audubon Center on Saturdays, even though she lives over 100 miles away. She is a key to the success of the Center's annual Hummingbird Migration Celebration, where she teaches youngsters and adults how to protect our natural resources. Margaret is widely known for her efforts on Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge where she has logged over 11,000 hours monitoring and censusing Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. Seeing a need for additional support, she was a major force in organizing the Friends of Noxubee Refuge to help with conservation and education programming on the refuge. Margaret is also a role model for stewardship through her financial support as well being the quintessential "doer."

For her passion and devotion to conservation, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation proudly honors Margaret Copeland 2011 MWF Conservationist of the year.

2010 TUCKER AWARD

By Tucker Award Committee

At the March 2011 Spring meeting MOS President Nancy Madden presented the 2010 Tucker Award to Gene and Shannon Knight. The Tucker Award is given to a deserving member/members for outstanding field work, conservation efforts, bird-study projects, or for contributing significant service to MOS. The recipients are most worthy and were a unanimous choice of the committee. They have diligently served MOS and the birding community since becoming MOS members in 1984. It is extremely hard to separate their individual efforts. Together they make MOS proud to have them as members.

Back in the 80's the "birding bug" bit them. They were fortunate to have an outstanding birder, Marvin Davis, to mentor them in their birding identification. They soon surpassed him to become the experts they have been for over 25-plus years.

Shannon led the way in serving as MOS Vice-President in 1996-1998 and MOS President for two terms in 1998-2002. They both joined forces as editors of the MOS Newsletter and continue to do so some 11 years later.

Gene has served in various "record keeping" roles for many years. From 2002-2010 he diligently prepared "Birds Around the State" (BATS) which appears in the MS KITE. He served as a member of the MOS Bird records Committee from 1996-2008 and soon after became the Bird Records Committee Chairman from 2008 to the present.

Together they hosted their famous Sparrow Workshops in Oxford for several years. Gene gave pointers on how to identify those "troublesome" sparrows. Then birders were taken out in the field to apply what they had learned.

While birding on an MOS field trip at a farm near Oktoc, everyone was looking upward at some 30 vultures soaring overhead. Most of us dismissed the vultures until Gene excitedly called out "That one is a Golden Eagle!" We all scrambled to look. Gene said, "You've gotta always look carefully at all the birds—don't just assume. IMPORTANT LESSON LEARNED!"

When Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in August, 2005, Gene and Shannon ran a computerized "Lost and Found" list of displaced coastal birders on the MSBIRD listserve for several months until all had been located. They also ran a project called "Birding Group-to-Birder Katrina Relief", soliciting 8 groups from 4 states, along with MOS, to adopt 14 MS birders and supplying them with their birding needs. Many books, birding vests, software, shrubs, trees, two dozen Wood Duck boxes, and one dozen Bluebird houses were supplied by these groups.

Gene and Shannon have identified and documented the following first state records:

First State Records: Gene and Shannon

Lazuli Bunting - March 28, 1988
Prairie Falcon - December 17, 1991
Long-tailed Jaeger - September 9, 2000
Rock Wren - October 15, 2006

First State Record: Gene and Marvin Davis

Mountain Plover - December 17, 1988

It is with heartfelt thanks for your many years of service to MOS and Mississippi birding that the 2010 J.W. Tucker Award is presented to Gene and Shannon Knight.

FROM THE FIELD (WINTER 2011-2012)

Bob and Martha Sargent got late Fall and early Winter buzzing with the banding of two different **Calliope Hummingbirds** in N MS. One banded in Marshall Co on 17 Nov. and the other on 11 Dec.(still present 31 Mar. 2012) in Pontotoc Co. These sightings represent the most northern record of this species in MS. A **Prairie Falcon** was photographed in Tunica Co. on 27 Nov. The Hancock Co. CBC (20 Dec. 2011) turned up a single **Purple Sandpiper** and a 1st for the State—2 adult **Saltmarsh Sparrows**. Ending up 2011 a male **Shiny Cowbird** was seen on 31 Dec. and then on 1 Jan in Hancock Co. Also on 1 Jan. a female **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was spotted at a feeder while searching for the Shiny Cowbird. The Jackson Co. CBC (5 Jan 2012) located the 2nd State Record of a **Painted Redstart** which was still present on 16 March and seen and photographed by dozens of birders. Bay Springs Lake in Tishomingo Co. is the spot to see the **Pacific Loon** in MS as a single was seen on 1 Jan. A potential 1st State Record of the **Altamira Oriole** was seen and photographed on 14 Jan on Horn Island. At a feeder in Ocean Springs on 6 & 14 Jan. a female **Bullock's Oriole** was photographed at a feeder. January proved to be the month for **Great Black-backed Gulls** this year as a 1st year bird was photographed at Arkabutla Dam (DeSoto/Tate Counties) on 10 Jan., another 1st year bird was seen at the same time at the Tunica Co. Landfill., and finally an adult was spotted at the Singing River Causeway (Jackson Co.) on 15 Jan. On 18 Jan. a **Lark Bunting** was discovered in Marshall Co. in N MS. Also from the Tunica Co. Landfill in Jan/Feb **Thayer's Gull**, **California Gull**, several **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** and **Franklin's Gull** were seen. A 1st year **Lesser Black-backed Gull** was seen from Dec/Jan in Hancock Co. At Grand Bay NERR through a MOS supported project several **Yellow Rails** were caught and banded in Jan/Feb. On 4 Feb. in Tunica Co. a rarity was photographed- a **Blue Morph Ross's Goose**. A single **A. Tree Sparrow** was seen in Hancock Co. on 9 Feb. A male **Spotted Towhee** was found and photographed in Lafayette Co. on 22 Feb.-31 Mar. An **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was photographed on 26 Feb and seen through 6 Mar in Hancock Co. And finally another **Calliope Hummingbird** was seen on 26 Mar. in Henleyfield, Hancock Co.

MISSISSIPPI ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL REPORTS
MARCH 2011- SEPTEMBER 2011
SUBMITTED BY JAN DUBUISSON, MOS TREASURER

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT

INCOME

Dues	\$565.00
Interest	\$ 16.78
Donations	<u>\$111.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 692.78**

EXPENSES

Newsletter Expenses	\$ 77.02
Spring Meeting Expenses	\$ 26.00
Mississippi Kites- Mailing 2 Issues	\$ 57.73
Records Committee Supplies	\$320.85
MWF Dues	<u>\$100.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 581.60**

NET PROFIT **\$111.18**

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$2,934.51
Savings Account	\$9,024.38
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,529.37
Coffey Endowment (Restricted)	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$30,488.26**

NET WORTH **\$30,488.26**

