

**Minutes LOS Winter Meeting  
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Metairie  
Friday, January 23, 2015**

President Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., welcomed members, guests and new members. Marty gave special thanks to the Orleans Audubon Society and the Crescent Bird Club for the snacks; Judith O'Neale, Joseph Vallee, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris working the registration/sales tables; Marianne Thompson, Jennifer Alexander and Kevin Colley for the special New Orleans treats and Ed Wallace and the host of field trip leaders for a great line-up of field trips.

Marty introduced the evening's speaker, Donata Henry. Donata received her PhD from Tulane University studying the breeding habits of Swainson's Warbler. For the past 10 years she has maintained a MAP station in the Honey Island Swamp where her study area has progressed from a partial clear cut to a closed canopy forest. Donata has been teaching a Natural History of Louisiana course for several years that she recently adapted to Denmark last. She spoke on "Ten Years Gone: Love and Change in the Honey Island Swamp".

Ed Wallace announced Saturday's field trips

Judith O'Neale drew for door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joelle Finley, Secretary  
May 2, 2015

**Minutes LOS Winter Meeting  
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Saturday, January 24, 2015**

President Marty Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., welcomed members, guests and new members. Marty thanked Joelle Finley for all of the meeting arrangements, Ed Wallace for organizing the field trips, Judith, Joseph, Joelle, Ken and Marianne Thompson for help at the registration and sales tables.

Marty introduced the officers and board of directors of LOS-Marty Floyd-President, Donna Dittmann-Vice-President, Judith O'Neale-Treasurer, Joelle Finley-Secretary, Ed Wallace-Past-President, Board Members: Larry Raymond-N LA, Jay Huner-SW/Central LA, Christine Kooi-SE LA, LOS NEWS Editor-Kimberly Lanka and JLO Editor- Jennifer Coulson.

Marty introduced LOS JLO Editor Jennifer Coulson. Jennifer updated us on her long-term population

ecology study of the Swallow-tailed Kite, a study which began 19 years ago. President and Conservation Chair of the Orleans Audubon Society, Jennifer holds a doctorate in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Tulane University. Her experiences working with birds of prey include: conducting research on several species of raptors, banding, rehabilitation, falconry, breeding raptors in captivity, and using non-releasable birds of prey for educational purposes. In addition, she and her husband Tom recently co-authored a 662-page book dedicated to the use of the Harris's Hawk in falconry. She spoke on "Swallow-tailed Kites versus Great Horned Owls: Are Suburbs a Dangerous Place for Kites?"

Steve Cardiff called the check list—148 species seen.

Ed Wallace announced Sunday's field trips.

Judith drew for door prizes.

Marty announced that the spring meeting will be held in Cameron on April 24-25, 2015 and the fall meeting will be in Cameron on October 23-24

Nominations for the 2015 LOS President's Award and the George H. Lowry, Jr. Award should be sent to Marty Guidry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joelle Finley, Secretary  
May 2, 2015