

# LOS NEWS



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## 2005 LOS Spring Meeting

**Town of Creole, Cameron Parish, Louisiana  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 22-24, 2005**

As I write it is mid March. The cherry laurels are in bloom, the trees are budding and the first ruby-throats have already been reported. Can the warblers be far behind? Hopefully, they will be streaming into Cameron Parish as the LOS holds its 2005 Spring Meeting on April 22-24. For a change of pace, Friday and Saturday evening activities will be held at the Creole Fire Station, which is located ¼ mile east of the one and only traffic light in Creole. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday and a hospitality table full of Ecuadorian "travel food" will be set up so you can come and enjoy a snack before the evening program begins at 7:00 pm. For an explanation of Ecuadorian "travel food," I refer you to the Friday night program description. Please complete the registration form on page 7 and return it, along with your registration fee, to Marianna Tanner-Primeaux at the address listed on the form.

**Note change of meeting location:** The Creole Fire Station is approximately 15-20 minutes from the Cameron Motel. Head east on LA 27 until to reach the Creole traffic light. At the intersection LA 27 goes north and LA 82 goes south. You should continue east through the traffic light 1/4 mile on Parish Rd. 1143 and the fire station will be on the right.

Registration for the Saturday evening meeting will also begin at 6:00 pm. This year we are very pleased to have the chef at the "new" restaurant, Stella's, to cater our Saturday buffet. The meal will feature delicious pork roast with mashed potatoes and spicy shrimp etouffee with rice and green beans, salad, rolls, dessert and tea all for the modest price of \$12. Please add that cost to your \$5 registration fee if you plan to take advantage of this great bargain. The buffet will open at 6:30 pm and food will be served until 8 pm. The program and business meeting will get started once we reach the dessert stage. Preregistration for this meal is critical, so don't wait until you get to Creole to decide you really are hungry after you spent all

those extra minutes trying to find that Cape May Warbler you thought you saw out of the corner of your eye just as you decided it was time to pack it in. You can be sure the pickings will be mighty slim (read not too darn likely) for those who do not plan in advance.

**Friday night presentation:** "Southern Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands" by Joelle Finley, of New Orleans, LA and Karen Fay, of Star Hill, LA

Last spring, our featured speaker was a tour operator and guide who specializes in birding trips to Ecuador. Joelle and I were part of a group that summer to join Juan Carlos and Paul Greenfield on a tour of the southern regions of Ecuador, from the arid scrubby habitat of Loja to the montane forests of Podocarpus National Park. One of the primary focuses of the trip was to see the recently discovered Jocotoco Antpitta at one of Ecuador's newest lodges, Tapichalaca Lodge, which was established to help protect the habitat of this wonderful antpitta. Did we see it? And just what is an antpitta feeder? Get the rest of the story after you taste the culinary treats inspired by Juan Carlos Calvachi's roadside recipes, and we take you on a trip through southern Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (now, is that a medium to large Small Ground-Finch or a small to medium Medium Ground-Finch? Where's Paul.....?)

**Saturday night presentation:** "Birds of New Zealand - species survival at the mercy of man." by Dr. Lee Ellis of New Orleans, LA

Keeping with our Southern Hemisphere theme, we will now travel across the Pacific to the land of Wandering Albatross, Kiwi and Yellow-eyed Penguin: the enchanting archipelago of New Zealand. Stunning scenery and lots of endemics make this a must-see birding destination. Lee will share his adventures on the islands and discuss the many problems facing New Zealand's endemic birds and other wildlife. Like most island ecosystems, New Zealand endemics and seabirds

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## Minutes of the LOS Winter Meeting

### Lafayette - February 18, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Fay at 7:00 P.M.

Karen welcomed new members, out of state members and guests. Doc and Matilde Smith, Elouise Mullen, Jeanette Robideaux, Joseph Vallee, Bob Jumonville, Joelle Finley, and Judith O'Neale were thanked for their work on organizing the meeting and for working at the registration table. Dave Patton was recognized for organizing the field trips and all of field trip leaders were asked to stand.

Karen introduced the evening speakers. Donata Roome Henry presented an update on her Swainson's Warbler research. Donata received a PhD from Tulane University. Clay Green, a Post-Doctoral Research Associate at ULL, presented his research on the Reddish Egret which was undertaken at Laguna Atascosa in Texas.

Seven door prizes were awarded to lucky members.

The LOS officers and Board Members were introduced: Karen Fay, President, Bill Fontenot, Vice President, Joelle Finley, Secretary, Judith O'Neale, Treasurer, Rosemary Seidler, Past President, and Board Members Joan Brown (NE) and Lee Ellis (SE). LOS news editors Dennis Demcheck and Kay Radlauer and JLO editor, Jim Ingold (not present) were introduced.

#### Announcements:

1. Those wishing to go on field trips need to sign up at the back of the room. Meet in the parking lot in front of the hotel at 6:45 A.M. Trip leaders will have signs designating their trip. Trips will leave at 7 A.M.; car pool if possible. For White Lake participants, a voluntary \$5 fee is recommended to compensate the boat drivers who are working on their day off. A release form must be signed for those going to Palmetto State Park.

2. Lacassine has restored a prairie and needs volunteers to do a breeding bird survey.

3. Kay Radlauer announced that maps for the America's Wetlands Birding Trail will be available at State Welcome Centers, 33 Resource Centers along the trail.

Karen introduced Alain Clavette from New Brunswick, Canada who will be the speaker Saturday night. Alain suggested that everyone bring their binoculars to his presentation.

The hotel restaurant will open at 6 A.M. for breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

*Submitted by Joelle Finley, LOS Secretary*

### Lafayette - February 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Fay at 7:40 P.M.

Karen welcomed new members, out of state members and guests. Doc and Matilde Smith, Elouise Mullen, Jeanette Robideaux, Joseph Vallee, Bob Jumonville, Joelle Finley and Judith O'Neale were thanked for their help with the meeting. Dave Patton was thanked for organizing the field trips and all field trip leaders were also thanked.

Five door prizes were given out to lucky winners.

Vice President Bill Fontenot and Zachery Richard introduced Alain Clavette from Canada. Alain's presentation was "The Natural World of New Brunswick."

LOS officers were introduced: Karen Fay, President, Bill Fontenot, Vice President, Joelle Finley, Secretary, Judith O'Neale, Treasurer, Rosemary Seidler, Past President and Board member Joan Brown. LOS News Editors Dennis Demcheck and Kay Radlauer were introduced.

#### Announcements:

2004 Parish List Contest- Rosemary Seidler was the top ticker with 4779 ticks. Jay Huner was second with 4044; Jean Trahan was third with 2054. Jean Trahan and Rosemary Seidler visited all 64 parishes, Jay Huner visited 62, Hubert Hervey visited 36.

Bill Fontenot called the check list. A total of 144 species were seen on Saturday!

Five door prizes were given out to more lucky winners.

Dave Patton announced the field trips for Sunday. Meet in the parking lot of the hotel at 6:45 A.M. Trips will depart at 7 A.M. Breakfast in the hotel beginning at 6 A.M.

The remaining door prizes were awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

*Submitted by Joelle Finley, LOS Secretary*

## New Members as of March 2005

Robert Dobbs, Fort Collins, CO  
 Pat Domingue, Scott, LA  
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# LOS WINTER MEETING FOLLOW-UP

by Judith O'Neale

The winter meeting in Lafayette was one of our largest winter meetings and was a great success with 117 people registered and 90 people enjoying the Saturday evening buffet. We had several out-of-state members and guests plus new members attending. It was nice to see several long-time members also. The speakers were very good. A big thanks goes to Donata Henry, Clay Green and Alain Clavette. The field trips were very popular and included White Lake and Avery Island, areas not generally open to the public. Everyone seemed to have a really good time and I want to thank the numerous folks who sent email. Although it was winter, we covered quite a bit a territory on the field trips and we had a respectable 144 species on our checklist.



Judith O'Neale with guest speaker Alain Clavette

Our Saturday night speaker Alain Clavette, who is from New Brunswick, was a delight and I hope many of you got to meet him personally. Alain would like to see a Cultural Birding Exchange started between New Brunswick and Lafayette. Now wouldn't that be a fun trip. If you would like to contact Alain, his email is Aclavette@rogers.com

Dave Patton and I would like to thank everyone involved with the planning of the meeting and also everyone who attended.



Hummingbird field trip with Gay Gomez holding hummer

## CONTRIBUTORS TO LOS WINTER MEETING

FEBRUARY 18-20, 2005

### SPONSORS:

J.D. Guillory  
Dave Patton  
Judith O'Neale

### DOOR PRIZES:

Blue Dog Café  
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
Konriko Rice  
Lafayette Convention & Visitor Commission  
Lafayette Public Library  
Lafayette Natural History Museum & Planetarium  
Louisiana Lottery  
North America Ornithological Society Meeting  
Wild Birds Unlimited – Jack & Rose Must  
New Brunswick Canada tourism ([www.tourismNewBrunswick.ca/dvd](http://www.tourismNewBrunswick.ca/dvd))  
Jay Huner  
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Judith O'Neale

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Dave Patton	Bob Jumonville	Bill Vermillion
Judith O'Neale	James Beck	Jim Whelan
Doc Smith	Paul Conover	Elias Landry – Avery Island
Matilde Smith	Bill Fontenot	Wayne Sweeney – White Lake
Joseph Vallee	Toddy Guidry	Nature Preserve
Jeanette Robideaux	Jay Huner	Hope I didn't miss anyone!
Elouise Mullen	Mike Musumeche	

## Make a note . . .

### Upcoming Meetings

April 22 - 24, 2005 • Cameron

October 28-30, 2005 • Cameron

### Deadline

Submission deadline date for Fall LOS Newsletter  
is September 16, 2005

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## LOUISIANA MALLARD TELEMETRY PROJECT

Information provided by Robert Helm, La. Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries

A two-year research project to track mallard hens in southwestern and northeastern areas of the state using radio telemetry was announced at the November 2004 meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. This is a cooperative effort involving the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), Ducks Unlimited (DU), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at LSU. Recently, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has become a project partner by donating airplane and pilot time to locate mallards. "Part of the incentive for this research was to address some of the recurring questions from duck hunters over the past few years about reduced numbers of ducks and poor hunting success," said Robert Helm, LDWF Waterfowl Program Manager.

The objectives of the study are to:

1. Document local and long-range movements of mallards
2. Determine the types of habitats used
3. Develop estimates of survival rates of mallard hens wintering in the south.

"Habitat use information gleaned from this study will improve habitat conservation efforts intended to benefit mallards and other dabblers," said Barry Wilson, Gulf Coast Joint Venture Coordinator (USFWS). This project will use mallards that have already migrated to Louisiana, so it will not address a common concern among waterfowlers--whether there have been large changes in migration patterns of ducks within the Mississippi Flyway and throughout the U.S. "We are all very interested in getting new information on mallard survival, movements, and habitat use. State and federal agencies, and Ducks Unlimited, all will be able to use this information to refine their habitat conservation programs in the Mississippi Valley and along the Gulf Coast," said Tom Moorman, Director of Conservation Planning for Ducks Unlimited.

Two graduate students and their assistants from LSU began efforts to locate mallards for trapping in late October at each of the study areas in southwest and northeast Louisiana. They surveyed wetland sites on private, state and federal areas on a regular basis to locate an adequate number of mallards. "This has turned out to be a very difficult fall and winter to trap mallards," reported Dr. Alan Afton with the USGS who is coordinating efforts among researchers. Few mallards appeared on study areas until mid-December. Mild weather delayed mallard migration into the state and heavy November and December rains flooded trap sites on several occasions and also caused wide distribution of ducks over large areas of habitat. "Without the persistence and hard work of each of the two student crews we would not have been able to reach this point in the study," reported Dr. Afton.

There was less movement than expected during the cold weather around Christmas with only some limited movements of mallards both to the east and south (60 miles). Most of these ducks are flying one to five miles from roost sites to apparently feed in rice fields and marshes.

Hunters that harvest ducks with radio transmitters and bands should report these to the appropriate agencies. A toll-free phone number is located on the underside of the transmitter. A reward will be provided to each caller who returns these transmitters.

For more information, contact Robert Helm at 225/765-2358 (rhelm@wlf.louisiana.gov)

### March 7, 2005 Update: SW LA

- 71 female mallards were radio-marked in SW LA. All were marked on Cameron Prairie NWR and White Lake Reserve.
- 39 females are alive and still within the core area (80 km radius of the trap sites).
- 11 females have left the core area and are known to be alive elsewhere in Louisiana (3 in the NE LA study area; 3 on Catahoula Lake; 1 near Henderson Lake in the Atchafalaya basin; 1 on Muddy Bayou SE of Catahoula Lake; 1 near Opelousas; 2 north of Alexandria).
- 16 females were confirmed dead (9 hunting related; 2 avian predator kills; 4 mammalian predator kills; 1 "unknown" was found fully intact and will be sent to health lab to assess possible disease, etc) - 2 of these mortalities are the only mortalities that occurred since the end of the hunting season.
- 5 females cannot be located - Some are probably radio failures or some have moved outside the airplane flight areas.
- Habitat use during day and night appear similar now, and all marked females are moving just after sunset and also at sunrise. All the birds are in the air about 0.5 hr after sunset, with most on the ground again by 1 to 1.5 hr after sunset. Similar flight patterns are observed at sunrise.
- One take-home message is that " these mallards came late and are staying late."

### March 6, 2005 Update: N E LA

- 91 mallards were radio-marked between 27 November 2004 and 15 December 2004. 61 were adults, 30 were juveniles. All were marked on Upper Ouachita NWR, NW of Bastrop.
- There have been 16 mortalities. Of these, 5 died during the post hunt period, all others died during the 2nd hunting period.
- 61 mallards are in the NE tracking area (91, -16 mortalities, -1 between here and the gulf coast, +3 from coast, -1 coastal bird moved on north, -15 NE LA marked birds are gone from core area).
- Of the 15 gone from the NE core area, 8 have been located further north in the Mississippi River Alluvial Valley. The predominant habitat used is bottomland hardwoods.

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are threatened by man, but also depend on man for their survival.

Dr. Ellis received his Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of Texas at Arlington and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of South Carolina. He has held teaching or research positions at the University of South Carolina, Iowa State University, The College of William and Mary, and the University of New Orleans. Dr. Ellis is currently an Associate Professor of Biology and Chemistry at Our Lady of Holy Cross College in New Orleans. Most of Dr. Ellis's research has been in the area of oyster cell biology, but he has also conducted research in a wide range of biological systems including birds, salamanders, crabs, protozoa, fungi, and bryophytes.

Last spring the birding around Cameron was extraordinary. Let's hope for a repeat performance! Come join the fun!

*Submitted by Karen Fay, President*

## Parish Lists Contest 2004

The beginning of 2004, David Muth proposed a Parish Year List Competition. The goal was to see as many species as possible in a given parish. In addition, the total statewide parish lister would be honored as a winner. Here are the results of the 2004 competition.

*Submitted by David Muth, New Orleans*

Acadia 83 Huner, Jay  
 Allen 51 Seidler, Rosemary  
 Ascension 131 Huner  
 Assumption 60 Huner  
 Avoyelles 92 Huner  
 Beauregard 65 Caillouet, Winston  
 Bienville 103 Seidler  
 Bossier 122 Seidler  
 Caddo Parish 207 Seidler  
 Calcasieu 93 Seidler  
 Caldwell 136 Quinn, John  
 Cameron 258 Conover, Paul  
 Catahoula 62 Willis, Beth  
 Claiborne 135 Lewis, Mary Ellen  
 Concordia 72 Huner, Jay  
 Desoto 168 Hervey, Hubert  
 East Baton Rouge 154 Caillouett  
 East Carroll 61 Overby, Roselie  
 East Feliciana 51 Seidler  
 Evangeline 69 Huner  
 Franklin 52 Seidler  
 Grant 94 Huner  
 Iberia 82 Huner  
 Iberville 123 Huner  
 Jackson 55 Seidler  
 Jefferson Davis 85 Seidler  
 Jefferson 178 Muth  
 Lafayette 176 Conover  
 Lafourche 163 Robichaux, Lisa  
 LaSalle 134 Willis  
 Lincoln 54 Seidler  
 Livingston 64 Brantley, Christopher  
 Madison 147 Somershoe, Scott  
 Morehouse 78 Overby  
 Natchitoches 137 Seidler  
 Orleans 283 Muth  
 Ouachita 112 Seidler  
 Plaquemines 153 Muth  
 Point Coupee 88 Huner  
 Rapides 168 Huner  
 Red River 128 Seidler  
 Richland 55 Seidler  
 Sabine 65 Seidler  
 St. Bernard 133 Muth  
 St. Charles 179 Touchard, Matt  
 St. Helena 50 Seidler  
 St. James 66 Huner  
 St. John the Baptist 78 Seidler  
 St. Landry 104 Huner  
 St. Martin 169 Huner  
 St. Mary 64 Huner

St. Tammany 178 Brantley  
 Tangipahoa 120 Mahoney, Rusty  
 Tensas 89 Somershoe  
 Terrebonne 172 Mendenhall, Warren  
 Union 79 Seidler  
 Vermilion 177 Huner  
 Vernon 77 Huner  
 Washington 62 Brantley

Webster 105 Seidler  
 West Baton Rouge 65 Huner  
 West Carroll 134 Overby  
 West Feliciana 51 Seidler  
 Winn 58 Seidler  
  
 State 318 Muth

### Total Ticks:

*First 4779 Rosemary Seidler, Second 4044 Jay Huner, Third Jean Trahan 2054*

**Most Parishes Visited:** (tie) *First Jean Trahan, Rosemary Seidler 64; Second Jay Huner 62; Third Hubert Hervey 36*

**Most Parishes Won:** *First 21 Rosemary Seidler, Second 18 Jay Huner*



*This beautiful pen-and-ink by Donna Dittmann of an adult male Calliope Hummingbird depicts a territorial dispute on Jan. 7th, 2005 with a newly arrived adult male Rufous Hummingbird. The Calliope is exhibiting an aggressive "starburst display". Adult male Calliopes can raise the gorget feathers, which stand out against the white background of the throat. The Calliope was first observed in Baton Rouge on November 8, 2004. He was unable to defend his preferred feeder and Sasanqua Camelia against the more aggressive Rufous, but continued to be present daily in the yard as of March 14th, 2005.*

# -BIRD CLUB- PROFILE

Third in a Series

## ORLEANS AUDUBON SOCIETY (OAS)

by Michael L. Crago, Past President

The Orleans Audubon Society was established in August 1949 and became one of the first chapters of the National Audubon Society. During the 1950's and early 1960's the major activities were birding field trips and the National Audubon Film Series. The Society became inactive for awhile but was reformed in 1967 by Phil Fischer, Christopher Freidrichs, Anthony Rotolo and Maury Midlo.

The Orleans Audubon Society fought to save hundreds of acres of wetlands by the construction of I-410, and we won. We joined forces with National Audubon in the battle to stop the dumping of the chemical Mirex on 200 million acres in southern states to eradicate fireants. We were an early supporter for the establishment of the first and only national park in Louisiana (Jean Lafitte National Park). We won a lawsuit that stopped the dredging of the West Pearl River in Louisiana, which protected the endangered Gulf Sturgeon. We received a donation of 86.5 acres of wetlands that we established into the Fischer-Orleans Audubon Sanctuary (a site partner of the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory). We also received a donation of 108 acres of brackish marsh and shallow estuarine wetlands in Terrebonne parish which we named the Marguerite Moffett Audubon Sanctuary. We also own two lots on Grand Isle. In the 1980's we tried to purchase land for a sanctuary in Grand Isle which we were unable to do. We did help TNC to acquire some land which is now the Lafitte Woods Preserve. We hope by the time you are reading this article the Sureway Woods will also be owned by TNC. We are the founding member of the Grand Isle Sanctuary Group. We are currently working with the Baton Rouge Audubon Society to initiate an Important Bird Area Program in Louisiana.

We have a web site at [www.jjaudubon.net](http://www.jjaudubon.net). Our favorite birding areas are noted in the SE Louisiana Birding Guide on our web site. Our main purpose is protecting Louisiana birds and their habitats. For additional information please call me at 504-831-9913 or email [mcrago@cox.net](mailto:mcrago@cox.net).



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Festivals and Birding Club Field Trips

## New Festival in Washington, La. Welcome Birders A Garden Affair

"A Garden Affair" presented by the Washington Garden Club, Inc. in Washington, LA on Saturday, April 30, 2005 features **Birding on Bayou Courtableau** or at Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area (WMA) after a 6:30 AM breakfast at the Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant. Departure is scheduled for 7:00 AM boarding of boats for bayou or bus for WMA. Return will be at approximately 10:30 - 11:00 AM. Mr. S. Sorensen of LDWF will give a presentation on birding in this area in the early afternoon. Other events of the day at historic St. John's Episcopal Church grounds are: Cajun food concession, authoritative speakers on gardens, landscaping, LA irises and historic plants brought over by steamboats; antique car display, vendors of gardening, birding, natural items and gifts; tours of the town and High Tea (by ticket only) at the Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant.

Prices: Bayou or WMA Bird Watching Tour (tickets) \$20.00  
Tour and Speaker on Birds (package) \$35.00  
Ask about fees for other events.

Many B & B's are available for accommodation in Washington.

For more information or tickets call: 337-826-5049,  
337-826-7362, 337-826-7516, 337-826-5677

## Audubon Coastal Bird Conservation Program seeks assistants.

**FIELD RESEARCH ASSISTANTS** – The National Audubon Society's Coastal Bird Conservation Program is seeking two field research assistants for census and monitoring work of beach-nesting birds on the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf coasts and islands. Work will begin the first week of April and continue until August 1. Housing, a weekly stipend of \$150- \$175 and all necessary field vehicles will be provided. The focus of the work will be locating beach-nesting bird species and nests, especially Snowy and Wilson's Plovers. Data will be collected on habitat selection, hatching success, breeding biology and behavior. Individuals must be comfortable riding in small boats in order to access islands. There will also be camping on some of the gulf islands. Surveys will be conducted on foot. Research assistants will work long hours, usually 6 days a week, weather permitting. Strong work ethic required. Individuals must be self-motivated, responsible, adventurous, in good physical condition, like working independently, enjoy walking many miles at remote locations, and be able to tolerate biting insects and hot summer temperatures on the Gulf of Mexico. Individuals will be required to keep organized field notes and complete various data forms. Research assistants will receive training in census and monitoring techniques, GPS use, digital photography and boating skills. Plover/tern/shorebird experience preferred. Must have binoculars and good bird identification skills. One research assistant will be assigned to each state. (MS or LA)

Send 1) letter of interest 2) a resume 3) the names, email addresses and phone numbers of 3 references to: [mzdravkovic@audubon.org](mailto:mzdravkovic@audubon.org).  
Deadline April 5 or until position is filled.

Submitted by Margo Zdravkovic

– REGISTRATION FORM –

**2005 Spring Meeting – Creole Fire Station**

**April 22 - 24, 2005 • Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

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Number registering for meeting \_\_\_\_\_ at \$5.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete form and send with check, payable to LOS, to:

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**Accommodations now available at Grosse Savanne Lodge**

Accommodations are now available at Grosse Savanne Lodge at a reduced rate for LOS members. The lodge is located at Big Lake about 25 miles west of Creole. The place is absolutely wonderful. The normal birding stay is \$150/night per person including three full meals. However, the management will offer a significantly reduced price for LOS participants, \$75/person for an overnight stay and a continental breakfast during the weekend of the LOS meeting. Karl Zimmerman is the marketing person for the company and Olan Menard is the lodge manager. For more information, go to [www.grossesavanne.com](http://www.grossesavanne.com).

*Submitted by Jay Huner*

**LOS Grant Committee**

*Thank you to Mac Myers for accepting an appointment to the LOS Grant Committee. Mac will join Jim Ingold and Paul Dickson in evaluating grant proposals.*

*– Karen Fay, President*

**America’s WETLAND Birding Trail Update**

The booklet for the America’s WETLAND Birding Trail on the Louisiana Great Gulf Coast will be available to the public by the end of March 2005 at 33 Resource Centers along the coast. The Resource Centers are tourist information centers and nature sites whose staff will distribute the booklets to the public. The booklets contain a coastal map showing all 12 birding trail loops, a list of 115 birding sites with contact information, and a list of 33 Resource Centers. The Resource Centers will distribute the booklets using new America’s WETLAND kiosks.

The location of the 33 Resource Centers will be listed on the Americas Wetland website: [www.americanswetland.com](http://www.americanswetland.com)

The La. State Office of Tourism will host the birding trail with detailed site descriptions on their official website: [www.LouisianaTravel.com/birding](http://www.LouisianaTravel.com/birding)

Both sites are currently under construction.

*Submitted by Kay Radlauer*

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**Louisiana's Birding Calendar 2005**

<b>Audubon Country BirdFest</b> St. Francisville 225.721.0476	April 1-3
<b>Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration</b> Grand Isle 877.693.6700	April 15-17
<b>Southwest Louisiana Migration Sensation</b> Lake Arthur 337.774.5923	April 14-16
<b>The Great Louisiana BirdFest</b> Mandeville 985.626.1238	April 14-17
<b>A Garden Affair</b> 337.826.5049	April 30
<b>Neotropical Songbird Tour</b> Atchafalaya Sherburne 337.394.7508	May 14
<b>Wood Stork Week</b> Sherburne South Farm 337.948.0255	July 23-24
<b>Feliciana Hummingbird Celebration</b> St. Francisville 225.721.0476	July 29-30
<b>Folsom Hummingbird Festival</b> Folsom 985.796.9309	Sept. 10
<b>Lafayette Hummingbird Day</b> Lafayette 337.993.2473	Sept. 17
<b>Wings Over the Wetlands</b> Jean Lafitte 800.689.4797	Oct. 1
<b>Experience Atchafalaya Days</b> <b>Atchafalaya Heritage Area</b> 225.342.2181	Month of Oct.

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