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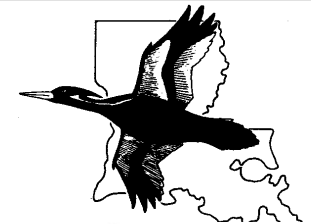
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2006 LOS Spring Meeting

Grand Isle, Louisiana

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 28-30, 2006

Grand Isle Community Center

Join us in Grand Isle for the LOS 2006 Spring Meeting April 28-30, 2006. With the enormous destruction to coastal Louisiana caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we are so fortunate to find a little slice of viable coastline to visit. You can now enjoy the newly acquired Louisiana Nature Conservancy and Orleans Audubon Society 18 acre Landry/LeBlanc Tract behind the Sureway Supermarket (known to local birders as Sureway Woods). What a tremendous accomplishment following many years of hard work!

Grand Isle State Park is open and campers are welcome (no tent camping). Restaurants will be open and motel owners tell us they will be able to accommodate visitors.

Friday Evening, April 28

6 PM Registration will be at the Grand Isle Community Center located on Hwy.1 about 1/4 mile past the water tower on your left (bay side). Snacks will be provided.

7PM The Evening Program will be presented by **Jack Isaacs and Yeong-Nain Chi**, research economists with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Their talk will be **"Economic Study of the Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration."** A lot of us participated in this study during the 2005 Celebration. It will be fun to find out the results!

A video presentation will follow titled **"The Miracle of Reproduction"** by **Bill Wayman**. You might remember Bill's remarkable video on Loggerhead Shrikes, which was shown at the Winter LOS Meeting. Bill is a retired endodontist who loves to share his incredible videos.

Saturday, April 29

8:00 A.M. President Bill Fontenot will lead a field trip around the Grand Isle area. Meet in the parking lot of the Sureway Supermarket in Grand Isle located on Hwy.1 at Post Lane.

5:30 PM Registration in the Grand Isle Community Center

6:30 PM Banquet will be provided by the Grand Isle Community Development Team. Dinner will be a buffet of exciting "Grand Isle type food!"

Please make your reservation before April 23. The cost of the banquet will be \$15.

7:30 PM Meeting and Evening Program

The keynote speaker is **Margo Zdravkovic**. Margo is the field director of the Coastal Bird Conservation Program sponsored by the National Audubon Society. Her Power Point presentation will tell us about the exciting research that she did in 2005, counting plovers and other nesters along the Louisiana Gulf Coast including Grand Isle! Margo's research is the first comprehensive breeding census of beach nesting birds and identification of their habitats in Louisiana.

Small Boat Tours to Queen Bess Island will be offered to view nesting Brown Pelicans. See Small Boat Tour box for trip information on page 3.

Grand Isle Restaurants and Accommodations, Check the Grand Isle website at www.grandisle.com or call or email the Tourist Commission at 985-787-2997 or tourism@grand-isle.com.

Submitted by Joelle Finley, LOS Secretary

www.birdlouisiana.com
Festivals and Bird Club information

— PRE-REGISTRATION FORM —

2006 SPRING MEETING – GRAND ISLE, LA

APRIL 28 - 30 • Grand Isle Community Center

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number registering for meeting _____ at \$10.00/person = \$ _____

Number attending buffet _____ at \$15.00/person = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Complete form and send with check payable to LOS by April 23 to:

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Minutes of the Winter LOS Meeting

January 27, 2006
Shreveport, Louisiana

Ron Martin welcomed all participants on behalf of the Bird Study Group and turned the meeting over to LOS President Karen Fay at 7:15 P.M. Karen welcomed all new members, guests and out of town visitors. She welcomed those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and pledged that LOS would help in any way. Karen thanked the BSG Planning Committee:

- Nancy Menasco..... Committee chair and field trips
- Linda Adrion..... Registration, gift bags and door prizes
- Jerry Bertrand..... Field trips
- Amanda Crnkovic..... Hospitality and speakers
- Nan Franks..... Gift bags
- Hubert Hervey..... Field trip
- Silviera Hunt..... Hospitality
- Mac Hardy..... Registration and sales tables
- Jim Ingold..... Speakers, banquet and field trips
- Ron Martin..... Hotel
- Susan Martin..... Hotel and door prizes
- Barney Poole..... Bird Study Group webguy
- Jean Trahan..... Hospitality
- LSUS Biology Club

Judith O'Neale and Elouise Mullen were also thanked for their help with the sales table. Karen introduced the current officers and board members: Vice-president Bill Fontenot, Treasurer Judith O'Neale, Secretary Joelle Finley, Board members Joan Brown, David Booth (absent) and Lee Ellis (absent). Also introduced were JLO Editor Jim Ingold and LOS News Editors Kay Radlauer and Dennis Demcheck (absent).

The new slate of officers and one board member were presented as follows:

- Bill Fontenot..... President
- Nancy Menasco..... Vice President
- Judith O'Neale..... Treasurer
- Joelle Finley..... Secretary
- Ed Wallace..... South-east board member

Karen asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Rosemary Seidler moved to accept the slate of candidates, seconded by Mary Joe Krieger. A voice vote of the membership unanimously elected the candidates.

President Bill Fontenot thanked everyone for coming and thanked Karen for her outstanding job as President.

Jim Ingold introduced Carol Dwyer from Austin, Texas, who works with Fermata, Inc. Carol's presentation was entitled "Developing and Marketing the America's Wetland Birding Trail, Red River and Mississippi River Trails." For information, check the following websites: www.greatamericantrails.com and www.fermatainc.com/la_north_central/index.html

Bill Fontenot introduced Richard Gibbons who is the coordinator for the Louisiana Bird Resource Center at LSU and is working on the Louisiana Winter Bird Atlas Project. The mission is to facilitate the development of Louisiana bird tourism, research and conservation. He is looking for volunteers perform bird surveys with one compiler per quad. The format will be similar to the Christmas Bird Count format. There will be online maps, forms,

data entry and the surveys will take place the winters of 2007-08 (10 January-17 February). The results will be printed in 2009. A website will be set up at www.lsu.edu/birdcenter

Susan Martin awarded door prizes. Nancy Menasco discussed the field trips for Saturday morning and afternoon.

A striking video shot by Bill Wayman was shown depicting the life of a pair of Loggerhead Shrikes as they tended a nest and raised several baby shrikes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by Joelle Finley, LOS Secretary

January 28, 2006
Shreveport, Louisiana

At 8:17 P.M. Ron Martin welcomed guests and members on behalf of the Bird Study Group. President Bill Fontenot thanked the BSG and welcomed new members and out-of-state guests. He thanked the BSG Planning Committee:

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Nancy Menasco asked the field trip leaders to stand and be recognized.

- Linda Adrion
- Michele Andrews
- Jim Andrews
- Jerry Bertrand
- Vic Bogosian
- Colleen Cookson
- Amanda Crnkovic
- Terry Davis
- Paul Dickson
- Margaret Fontaine
- Mac Hardy
- Hubert Hervey
- Jim Ingold
- Charlie Lyon
- Ron Martin
- Paul Miliotis
- Lily Poole
- Larry Raymond
- Gayle Schreiner
- Rosemary Seidler
- Jean Trahan
- Jeff Trahan

Susan Martin presented door prizes. Joelle Finley introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Mike Braun, who is a research scientist at the Smithsonian Institute. Mike received his PhD at LSU Medical Center in New Orleans studying the speciation of towhees in Mexico. The title of Mike's presentation was "Evolving Species and Species Concepts (or why the AOU just won't leave your life list alone)."

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Bill introduced Richard Gibbons from LSUBR who spoke about his upcoming Louisiana Winter Bird Atlas Project. He is soliciting volunteers for the bird survey. For more information check out the website at www.lsu.edu/birdcenter

Bill introduced the LOS officers and board members: President Bill Fontenot, Vice-president Nancy Menasco, Treasurer Judith O'Neale, Secretary Joelle Finley, Past-president Karen Fay, board members Joan Brown, Ed Wallace and David Booth (absent). Also introduced were JLO editor Jim Ingold and LOS News Editors Dennis Demcheck and Kay Radlauer (absent).

A special gift was presented to Past-president Karen Fay for her contribution to LOS above and beyond the call of duty. Her term was extended due to the cancellation of the fall meeting. The Spring LOS meeting will be held in Grand Isle on April 28-30, 2006.

Bill read the checklist and a total of 124 birds were seen. Susan Martin presented door prizes. Nancy Menasco announced the Sunday field trips.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Submitted by Joelle Finley, LOS Secretary

Make a note ... Upcoming Meetings 2006

Spring Meeting – Grand Isle	April 28-30, 2006
Fall Meeting – Location TBA	October 27-29, 2006

Book Announcement

The Nature of Things at Lake Martin is a lively pictorial and written documentary about the birds, the environment and the people of Cypress Island Preserve, an important natural heritage area in the lower Mississippi Valley.

Lake Martin is the "heartbeat" of Cypress Island Preserve and Rookery, a 9,300-acre urban wetland owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, located east of Lafayette and south of Breaux Bridge, La.

Cypress Island Preserve hosts one of the most accessible and impressive wading bird rookeries in North America. The preserve features a diverse habitat of bottomland hardwood forest and virgin cypress-tupelo trees that provide a haven for more than 200 species of resident, migratory and wintering birds; 1,200-1,800 alligators and other wildlife; and a variety of wildflowers.

Written and photographed by Nancy Camel of Baton Rouge, the book features some 130 color photographs that tell the story of Lake Martin and Cypress Island Preserve and describes the personalities and mating rituals of the wading birds.

Published by Acadian House Publishing of Lafayette, La., the 128-page, 9 1/2 x 11 1/2 inch hardcover book will be available April 12, 2006, through bookstores nationwide. It can be obtained via the internet at www.acadianhouse.com or by mail order from Acadian House, P.O. Box 52247, Lafayette, LA, 70505, (800) 850-8851. It retails for \$44.95, plus \$4 for shipping.

Submitted by Nancy Camel

LOS New Members January-March 2006

- Benjamin and Melissa Bratton, Shreveport LA
- Julie Hayes, Shreveport LA
- Sybil McDonald, Baton Rouge LA
- Al Rees, Lafayette LA
- Charlotte Uli, Shreveport LA
- Ramona Viguerie, Lafayette LA

Small Boat Tours to Queen Bess Island

Captain Alice E. Langlois will offer small boat trips to Queen Bess Island to see nesting Brown Pelicans. Other possible sightings: Black Skimmers, Magnificent Frigatebirds, American Oystercatchers, dolphins, gull, and terns. **Pre-Registration required.** Cost is \$20 per person for 1 1/2 hour tour in six person boat. Contact Captain Langlois directly after 6:00 pm by phone or email. Cell 225.241.2540 Voice 225.698-6139 Email: speckle2trout@yahoo.com

2006 LOS Membership Renewal Time

Thank you for renewing your LOS membership.

2006 LOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please join today!

Dues are payable January 1st of each year;
Please check your mailing label for expiration date.

Renewal New Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

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DUES STRUCTURE:

- ___ Regular: \$20.00/yr
- ___ Family: \$25.00/yr
- ___ Junior (under 14): \$7.50/yr
- ___ Student: \$10.00/yr
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- ___ Library \$15.00/yr* *Please add \$2.00 for foreign subscriptions
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- ___ Life: \$300.00** **Installments may be arranged for Life memberships
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