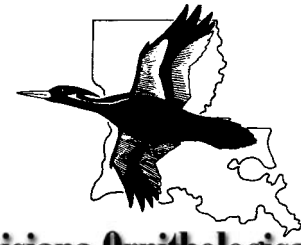


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2007 LOS FALL MEETING

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 26-28, 2007
Creole Community Center, Creole, Louisiana
We're Coming Home!

After being devastated by Hurricane Rita in September, 2005, Cameron Parish is once again beginning to thrive. The Cameron Motel is open, there are restaurants, gas stations and hospitality abounds. Come join LOS for our return to the great birding of Cameron Parish! Bird the BRAS Sanctuary, East Jetty, Behind the Courthouse, Secret Place, and all of the other great places that Cameron offers.

Friday Evening, October 26

6 P.M. Registration will be at the **Creole Community Center, Creole**. Snacks will be provided.

7 P.M. Meeting and Evening Program. "Great Observations: 700 Years of Ornithology Revealed by Bird Paintings."

This most interesting program will be presented by **Vanessa L. Hunt Ph.D.** Originally from England, Vanessa moved to the U.S. in 1978. She received Masters and Doctoral Degrees from LSU. She worked on marine invertebrates and fishes in Florida, the Caribbean and northern Gulf of Mexico. Her doctorate work focused on how ornithologists develop expertise in the field and also on using images of birds to teach ecology. Vanessa is currently an Assistant Professor of Vertebrate Zoology at McNeese and her current research interest includes looking at the effect of Hurricane Rita on the flora and fauna of the Louisiana cheniers.

Saturday, October 27

8:00 A.M. President Bill Fontenot will lead a field trip. Meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel.

6:00 P.M. Registration in the Creole Community Center in Creole

6:30 P.M. Chicken Gumbo, Potato Salad and a drink will be provided by David Trahan for \$5.00. What a deal! Thank you David!

7:30 P.M. Meeting and Evening Program. Following the election of officers for 2007-08, our program will feature **Donna Dittmann and Steve Cardiff** from the LSU Museum of Natural Science. Donna and Steve are both from California and began working at the museum in 1984. Donna is the Collection Manager of the Section of Genetics Resources and Museum Preparator. Steve is the Collections Manager of the Section of Ornithology and Mammalogy. They will talk on **"The Chandeleur Islands: An Overview of the Islands, Storm Impacts and Colonial Nesting Birds."**

Cameron Accomodations:

The phone number for the Cameron Motel is 337-775-5442. The Cameron Motel also has sites available for RV campers. Several eating places (in trailers) are open in Cameron.

Directions to the Creole Community Center:

The Creole Community Center/Fire Station is approximately 15-20 minutes from the Cameron Motel. It is ¼ mile east of the only traffic light in Creole (Parish Road 1143). It is on the right hand side of the road with a big fenced parking lot.

Submitted by Joelle Finley, Secretary

Minutes of the Board Meeting

February 2, 2007

Quality Inn, LaPlace

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Fontenot at 9:00 PM.

Present: Bill Fontenot, Nancy Menasco, Judith O'Neale, Joelle Finley, Karen Fay, Ed Wallace, Jackie Duncan, Bob Hamilton

Absent: Joan Brown, Jim Ingold

Judith O'Neale moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes; seconded by Nancy Menasco; accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer Judith O'Neale presented the treasurer's report (attached).

Old Business:

1. Karen Fay-The trip to Peru is scheduled for October 30-November 18, 2007. The cost is \$5250. So far only 3 people have signed up for the trip.
2. Judith-The registration for the April ABA meeting is about 50% of what was expected. There may be a coupon for LOS members to attend an evening function. Fewer trip leaders may be needed.
3. Judith-2007-60th Anniversary will be celebrated at the Fall Meeting. Judith is waiting on a price for the car decals. Bill knows an artist.
4. JLO. Suggestions were made about an internet journal or a CD journal. The cost of printing is still a factor.
5. CBC data should be put in the newsletter or on the website. Jackie will ask Marty Floyd if he will compile the state CBC data and put it on the LOS website.

New Business:

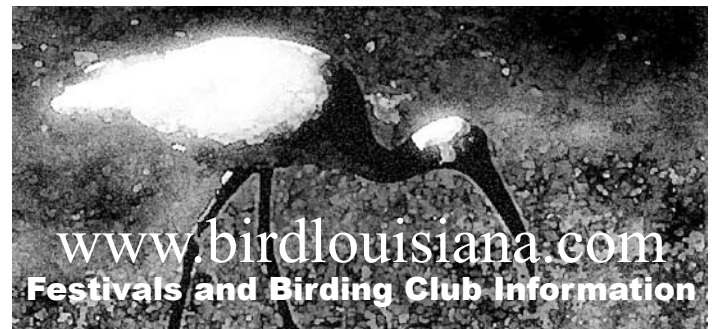
1. Location for 2008 winter meeting will be in Alexandria.
2. Location for 2007 fall meeting. Judith will talk with Judy Fruge about the status of Cameron. Sulphur could be a location as well as White Lake (check with Gay Gomez), although logistics would be a problem with White Lake. Grand Isle could be the back-up location.
3. Bob wanted some guidelines on what his job should be and what should go into the LOS News. There should be 3 newsletters/year published prior to the 3 meetings. March 1 is the deadline for the spring newsletter. Quiz LABIRD about what should go into the newsletter. There should be a 60th Anniversary edition. Mac Myers, Grace Eyster and Jim Stewart could provide some history.
4. Money to fund grants will come from the CD.

Judith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joelle. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOS

2007 marks the 60th anniversary of the Louisiana Ornithological Society! The core founders were Earle R. Greene, George H. Lowery, JR, Gladys King, Francis Eastman, Robert M. Lockwood and Buford M. Myers. They met on December 6, 1947 on the Tulane University campus in New Orleans. Here we are still going strong in 2007 with members in 26 states, as well as, Norway and Kuwait. Join us at our upcoming fall meeting in Cameron/Creole on October 26-28 or our winter meeting in Alexandria in January. Share the excitement and fun of birding in Louisiana!

Joelle Finley
LOS Secretary



Make a note ...

Upcoming Meetings

Fall Meeting – Creole (Cameron)	October 26-28, 2007
Winter Meeting – Alexandria	January 25-27, 2008

DEADLINE

Submission deadline date for Winter LOS News
is December 1, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ABA CONVENTION

April 2007, Lafayette LA



The convention was a great success, and we heard many wonderful comments about south Louisiana. Many people said they would definitely return to enjoy the good food and warm hospitality. We all enjoyed the speakers, workshops, and exhibitions. An array of binoculars, cameras and other birding equipment were on display.

Mild weather and a few storms produced the right conditions for wonderful birding during the convention. The breeding birds of south Louisiana were in full song, and some migrants were seen and/or heard on every trip. All of the trips into the woods and swamps of Louisiana were rich with songs and sightings of our breeding warbler species; there were

high densities of Prothonotary, Swainson's, Yellow-throated, Northern Parula, Kentucky, Hooded and Common Yellowthroats. Atchafalaya boat people were treated to a view of three young Bald Eagles on a nest with male and female watching from nearby trees, plus numerous good looks at Swainson's Warblers. The Lacassine/Ricefield trips were really off the charts with outstanding shorebirding. Area farmers granted special access to their fields; some were covered with thousands of birds. Up-close viewing of many different species was ideal for developing ID skills. Many participants enjoyed their first-time look at some of the twenty-one sandpiper species sighted; these included Buff-breasted, Upland, Pectoral, Western, Semipalmated, Least, White-rumped and Baird's. Plovers included Black-bellied, American Golden, Semipalmated, Wilson's, Snowy and Piping. The open countryside also provided treats such as Crested Caracaras, Swainson's Hawks, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers and singing Dickcissels. The Lacassine NWR freshwater marsh was spectacular with Purple Gallinule and American Bitterns. Although the hoped for coastal fall-out occurred on an afternoon with no scheduled field trips, many members made the run for the coast. The Migration Gamble produced the top one-day total of 138 species; rare sightings included Glaucous, Great Black-backed and Lesser Black-backed Gulls.

Mississippi Kites flying over the Hilton Hotel entertained people. With the aid of Swarovski scopes, guests on the 4th floor had an impressive "window list."

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this convention a lot of fun for all our visitors.

Dave Patton and Judith O'Neale, Field Trip Coordinators

You can view some of the photos from the convention at Dave's website:

http://www.pbase.com/pattonpix/aba_convention

Recent Happenings

Editors Comments – I plan to include a section on Recent Happenings in future Newsletters. In it I plan to briefly describe the activities of members who participate in activities or meetings that are relevant to Louisiana birds and their biology and conservation.

Please submit items to me as they occur and I will promulgate them in the next Newsletter.

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1. I, Bob Hamilton, presented a paper on the 6th of September at the 60th Annual United Nations DPI/NGO Conference Midday Workshops at the UN building in New York. The General subject was Climate Change and my paper was titled "How Climate Change Affects Wildlife and What We Can Do About It." If you know me well, you could guess that the paper was primarily theoretical, but I hope I did propose a few reasonable things. Most of the papers at the conference were concerned with man's effect on global warming. I took the view that change is normal and we should manage so that we can accomplish our goals in a changing environment. I thus showed concern no matter what the relationship between global warming and man's activities is. Man undoubtedly does affect the environment in many ways and we should try to minimize this as much as possible.

2 I received a notice about the site below and thought some of you might want to investigate it further: :

Jodi and Vance Benté are proprietors of the recently opened Casa del Caballo Blanco Eco-Lodge in Belize. They are also the founders and custodians of the not-for-profit Casa Avian Support Alliance (CASA) whose purpose is to address the needs of the avian community and the conservation of biodiversity in Belize that attracts and sustains over 530 species of migratory and resident birds spotted in a given year.

The Benté's six-cabana, eco-friendly accommodation shares 23 acres with the Casa Avian Support Alliance. Guests are encouraged to participate in its work as part of a vacation that combines adventure, relaxation and personal contribution. The CASA project works closely with the Government of Belize's efforts to protect critical habitat, the loss of which threatens the avian population. This is the first voluntourism program of its kind in Belize. It has been endorsed by the Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Tourism Program (www.rainforest-alliance.org), Belize Audubon Society, Friends for Conservation and Development and Birds Without Borders.

For information on year-round educational programs and vacation packages, please visit www.casacaballoblanco.com or call 707-974-4942.

3 I also received info about a nine day and eight night trip exploring Malaysia's most well-known birding sites. Information is available at www.endemicguides.com.

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LOS New Members

Matthew E. Brooks, Baton Rouge
 Lucy A. Gresham, Denham Springs
 Anitra E. Haupt, Kenner
 Judy Jones, St. Francisville
 Lainie LaHaye, Opelousas
 Bill and Ranetta Marshall, Folsom
 William W. Read, Covington
 Michael G. Rhodes, Thibodaux
 Juanita Rice, Fairmont, Nebraska
 J. Larry & Linda Smith, Hattiesburg MS
 Gina Stanton, Lafayette
 Mary Claire Wolfe, Chauvin
 New Life Member Andrea Mattison, Pineville

In Memoriam:

Life Member

Horace Jeter died January 6, 2007 in Shreveport

LOS Membership Renewal Time

Membership renewals are due January 2008 for the coming year. Please check your label. If it says Dec 2006 - you owe for both 2007 and 2008 (this will be your last newsletter if you do not renew this month). If it says Dec 2007, your 2008 membership is due.

Thank you for renewing your LOS membership.

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OCTOBER 26-28 • Creole Community Center, Creole
PLEASE SUBMIT BEFORE OCTOBER 15!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number registering for meeting _____ at \$10.00/person	=	\$ _____
Number for chicken gumbo dinner _____ at \$5.00/person	=	\$ _____
Total	=	\$ _____

Complete form and send with check payable to LOS by October 15 to:
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