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LOS WINTER MEETING**27-29 January 2017****Baton Rouge**

The LSU Museum of Natural Science will be our host for the LOS Winter Meeting. Co-sponsored by Baton Rouge Audubon Society and Avian Events Support Team. For area lodging see: <https://www.visitbatonrouge.com>.

Please pre-register by 16 January 2017Online registration link: <http://losbird.org/meetings.htm>**Friday, January 27th**

6:00-7:00 PM. Registration. LSU Museum of Natural Science public exhibit area located in Foster Hall on the LSU campus. Desserts & coffee/BYOB.

6:45-7:00 PM. Welcome Members and Field Trips.

7:00-9:00 PM. Guided tours of the Ornithology Collection. Explore the World famous bird research collection behind-the-scenes with museum faculty, staff, and students.

Saturday, January 28th

Join LSUMNS personnel, LOS, LBRC, and BRAS members on Guided Field Trips. Trips are limited to 15 participants unless otherwise noted. See p. 13 for additional details.

•**6:15 AM-3:00 PM.** Morganza Spillway and False River.

•**6:45 AM-noon.** Local hotspots Baton Rouge (includes CBC stakeouts); potentially multiple trips based on popularity.

•**7:30 AM-3:00 PM.** Local hummingbird gardens. Location/trip TBA depending on species/conditions.

Two bird banding demonstrations:

•**7:00 AM-noon.** Baton Rouge Audubon Banding Station at Bluebonnet Swamp Education Center located at 10533 N. Glenstone in Baton Rouge; BREC entry fee: \$3.00 adults; \$2.50 seniors and students. Take the opportunity to bird Bluebonnet Swamp.

•**TBD.** Join LBRC member Nancy L. Newfield for hummingbird banding; limit 10. Details and sign-up at Friday's registration.

LOS PUBLICATIONS*LOS News*

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The LOS website currently has space for photographs, field notes, identification discussions, and general messages regarding the birding activities of LOS members. Fine quality photographs are solicited for the BIRDS OF LOUISIANA webpage. For information regarding graphical submissions, please send an e-mail.

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LOS WINTER MEETING- **Saturday, January 28th** continued

7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Self-Guided Tour route to visit open yards for winter hummingbirds and area birding sites.

6:30-7:00 PM. Registration. The Club at Louisiana State University at Highland X Raphael Semmes roads, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Cash bar. Parking garage and street parking nearby on East Campus Drive.

7:00-8:00 PM. Dinner, catered by The Club:

Entrée options: \$23.00/person. Choose from the following:

~**Herb crusted chicken breast** with parmesan polenta, sautéed broccoli rabe with roasted garlic, and a red pepper sauce.

~**Apricot and ginger glazed salmon** with brown rice pilaf and roasted brussels sprouts with balsamic reduction.

~**Vegetarian bean cassoulet** with great northern beans, carrots, celery, onions, rosemary, thyme, garlic, and parmesan croutons.

Meal served with mixed green salad with romaine, red onions, tomatoes, croutons, and creamy ranch dressing, dinner roll; coffee and Apple Crisp for dessert.

Deadline for dinner registration is Monday, 16 January 2017

8:00-9:00 PM. Meeting and Program.

Program: 'LSU Museum of Natural Science: World leader in discovery of new bird species' by Dr. J. V. Remsen.

Dr. J. V. Remsen is a Professor and Curator of Birds at LSUMNS since 1978. For more information: <http://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/mns/about-us/staff-directory/j-v-remsen/> or <http://www.museum.lsu.edu/RemsenLab.html>.

Sunday, January 29th

Join LSUMNS personnel, LOS, LBRC, and BRAS members on Guided Field Trips.

•**7:00 AM-noon.** 1/2 Day Local Baton Rouge Mop-up.

Destination TBD depending on results of Saturday's field trips.

•**8:00 AM-noon.** Lake Martin area (for Ringed Kingfisher).

•**9:00-10:00 AM.** Behind-the-scenes tour of the LSUMNS bird research collection. Limit 10. Park on the LSU campus, meet at museum.

•**2:00-5:00 PM. BROWN BOOBY BOAT TRIP:** Look for Brown Boobies on Lake Pontchartrain. Trip departs 2 PM (weather permitting) from Madisonville Harbor aboard the CIV with Captain Noel Brumfield; \$37.50/person based on twelve passengers (\$450/3 hour trip). See p. 6 for a report on this boat trip. Please email Nancy L. Newfield at nancy@casacolibri.net after 30 December to reserve your space.

President's Message

Fall 2016 LOS Meeting

I wish to thank everyone for making my term as President a very enjoyable two years. I will continue to help on the Board for the next couple of years as Past President and in other ways to benefit LOS. I would like to thank outgoing Past President Ed Wallace, who before becoming President also served on the LOS Board. Let us welcome Steve Cardiff as LOS President and Delaina LeBlanc as Vice President. Donna Dittmann stepped aside as Vice President to take the reigns of the LOS News. Our other officers and Board Members return.

Sixty-three members attended the LOS Fall Meeting. We enjoyed two excellent presentations. On Friday evening, Delaina (our new VP) updated us on one of Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program's ongoing projects to survey Piping Plovers on the Caminada Headlands during beach and dune restoration (photo right, BTNEP.org). On Saturday evening, Autumn-Lynn Harrison of the Smithsonian Institution introduced the Migratory Connectivity Project. Both were very informative talks and we hope to hear more about results of these monitoring projects in the future. As an aside, we learned that Autumn-Lynn had 'connectivity' with the town of Cameron. Years ago, she was presented the key to the city during a Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival as Festival Queen of Cameron's sister festival: Maryland National Outdoor Festival. Small World!



Saturday's birding trips consisted of a Western Group led by myself, and an Eastern Group led by Donna Dittmann and Steve Cardiff. A stagnant air mass did not bode well for diversity of land bird migrants in the woods and the weekend list totaling only about 150 species definitely reflected that, e.g. only eight species of warblers! Saturday's highlights included: Surf Scoter, American Oystercatcher, White-tailed Kite, Bald Eagle, Franklin's and Lesser Black-backed gulls, and Cave Swallow. On the east side, the one to two Black Rails heard were probably the most interesting species found during the weekend, even if they were only heard. These birds had been discovered by Erik Johnson just prior to the weekend. Links to Saturday Trip lists: Eastern Group: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32445416> and Western Group: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/m9qv1brdh8y1ilr/LOS%20western%20list%20Fall%202016.pdf?dl=0> An additional seven species seen on Friday or Sunday brought the three-day Cameron Parish weekend list to 157. During the Western Group field trip, we encountered problems accessing the Lighthouse Road because the combination lock had been changed. The armed security guards for Chenier Co. only allowed us to enter after taking down all our names and told us that the road will probably be closed to further access *before* the Spring meeting. The East Jetty observation tower will eventually be accessible only by water taxi but that change is still in the future because the EIS on Venture Global has not yet been issued. A meeting at the Cameron Parish School Board Conference Center on November 16 did not shed more light on future development plans (see p. 16). The wooded chenier where Apache Oil has let us plant trees for migrating birds, etc. has provided a 'new' birding area but we will need to search the Johnsons Bayou/Cameron areas for more new sites for our field trips.

Hope everyone enjoys the winter season. Lots of Christmas Birds Counts to be done. Please contact the compiler (see p. 15) of any count(s) in which you can participate and thanks for all your help in gathering information on Louisiana birds. Thanks again.

—Marty Floyd

Summary of project results benefiting from an LOS Grant research award:

Gut Microbiota in migratory birds

The Louisiana Ornithological Society awarded me a research grant in 2014 to help finance my research examining the gut microbiota of migratory passerines, which stop along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico. I obtained my Master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in December 2015 and wanted to report on the major findings of my research. The gastrointestinal tracts of vertebrates host a very large and diverse community of microorganisms (the gut microbiota), which has been found to provide many beneficial functions to the hosts such as aiding in digestion and fat metabolism, competitively excluding pathogens, and stimulating the immune system. Very little is known about the gut microbiota of birds, and my research provides the most in-depth characterization of the microbiota of migratory passerines during stopover to date.

I utilized next-generation sequencing to analyze the bacterial communities present in 45 fecal samples (representative of the gut microbiota) collected from Swainson's Thrush (19), Wood Thrush (4), and Gray Catbird (22). These birds were sampled after crossing the Gulf of Mexico in the spring at a site in Johnsons Bayou in coastal Louisiana and before crossing in the fall at Fort Morgan in coastal Alabama. In general bacterial communities were dominated by two phyla, Proteobacteria and Firmicutes. Bacteria with known beneficial functions, largely *Lactobacillus*, as well as potentially pathogenic bacteria such as *Escherichia* and *Pseudomonas* were identified in all birds sampled. Migrants showed a high degree of inter-individual variation in terms of microbiota composition; this is likely attributable to the fact that birds were sampled mid-way through migration and so likely utilized widely varying habitats and foods before arriving at the sites. No clear differences in microbiota were observed between these bird species or based on the energetic condition in which migrants arrived at the stopover sites, however fall migrants showed very different microbiota composition compared to spring migrants. This is likely attributable to the differing environments and conditions that migrants face in each season such as broadly different foods available or the influence of crossing the Gulf of Mexico in spring. Eight birds were re-caught and resampled 1-2 days later during stopover and the microbiota of many of these birds, which initially was highly variable, became more similar to each other.

Migrants at the same stopover site are likely exposed to the same habitat and food resources, and it seems that these similar experiences amongst birds caused their microbiota to become more similar throughout stopover. Overall, the results of this research imply that environmental factors are very important to determine the composition of passerine gut microbiota. The first chapter of my thesis, "Characterization of the gut microbiota of migratory passerines during stopover along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico" is published in *Journal of Avian Biology* 47: 659–668, 2016. The second chapter, "Changes in the microbiota of migratory passerines during stopover after crossing an ecological barrier" has been accepted and will appear in the *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*.

—*William Lewis*



BIRDING NEWS

LOS Survey Monkey Survey results

Thanks to all who took the time to respond to this survey. Thirty-eight respondents provided input. Regarding LOS Meetings in Cameron, 50% said they attended meetings regularly and irregular attendants cited scheduling conflicts; one indicated that lodging was not adequate. As for location, most wanted spring and fall meetings to remain on the Cameron coast, although there was some support for rotating meeting sites with Grand Isle cited as the primary alternate location. Most respondents were satisfied with past speakers, but encouraged greater participation from university graduate students and faculty, as well as including a mix of travelogues from members and presentations by professional speakers from out of state. As for our banquets, most were satisfied and also complimented recent improvements including choice of an entrée. As for venue, suggestions ranged from meeting at a hotel and/or a site with better parking, and 50% preferred a venue that allowed alcohol consumption. On the topic of field trips, there were recommendations to have pre-determined routes and destinations. The majority of respondents agreed birding news, species profiles, and short identification articles would be of interest in the LOS News. One encouraged profiling WMAs, which would be a great contribution for a member essay. A color version of the LOS News will be available at the LOS website beginning with this issue and depending on submissions, an expanded content version may be added in the future. Fifty percent of survey respondents did desire more LOS interaction on social media (please join LOS's Facebook page, and the LBRC also has a Facebook page). I am always happy to receive suggestions for improvement, which I will pass along to the LOS Officers and Board for consideration. The next two LOS Meetings will try to incorporate some of these survey suggestions. Please let us know how we are doing!

Our Whooper family

The Jefferson Davis Parish family is still doing well as of late November. The photo (right) was taken on 1 November during a chance encounter by Steve Cardiff and myself. There was also another pair near the same location. Hopefully all of our cranes will make it safely through the winter. For updates and to follow the new cohort, which arrived in early November to Rockefeller Refuge, check: <https://www.facebook.com/lawhoopingcranes/>. The 2016 release (four chicks) was moved to Rockefeller Refuge following flooding damage at White Lake Wetland Conservation Area.



LOS Spring Meeting

Save the date for our 70th Anniversary Celebration. The Spring Meeting will be 28-30 April 2017, and this spring (due to uncertainty of status of LNG development in the town of Cameron) will be moved to the Lake Charles area. More information to come. See also Marty Floyd's President's Message (p. 3) and update on Jetty Park (p. 14) about Cameron parish access.

Wishing all LOS Members a wonderful holiday season. —Donna L. Dittmann

MEMBER ESSAY

Our Fabulous Lake Pontchartrain boobies: an inland pelagic opportunity.

The quarry: Brown Booby, *Sula leucogaster*, a widespread seabird of tropical oceans, in the US found most regularly at the Dry Tortugas. In Louisiana, it is on the LBRC Review List with relatively few accepted records and the majority of which are from offshore waters - at least until they turned up on Lake Pontchartrain beginning December 2013. That's why twelve birders boarded the steel-hulled motor vessel called the CIV (also known as Sieve) at the Madisonville Harbor on 12 October



2016. Against a moderate chop, we headed SE to intersect the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway between mile markers 16 and 17. As we approached the Causeway, everyone was straining their eyes to be the first to yell Brown Booby. Instead, the boobies found us. Three soared overhead to a myriad of clicking cameras. As we got closer to the Causeway we marveled at their sheer numbers. Perched two by two on Causeway supports, we counted eighteen supports with either roosting boobies or white wash draping the concrete pillars

and counted 36 to 38. We saw the boobies only roosting on the western side of the southbound span (see photo at right). Three or four more boobies observed on our return trip may have been additional individuals off on feeding forays. So why are there 40 boobies there? How did they find this place? Why do they like it? Are they breeding on sandy beaches somewhere in the area or do they think the Causeway is a cliff face where they could breed? Will they stay forever? What will happen when the work begins to raise the



railings on their span? These are many unanswered questions. Our trip was a great experience and highly recommended. The cost of the boat for a three hour inland pelagic with Captain Noel Brumfield is \$450 and the boat can take up to twelve passengers, which can cut down individual cost. To arrange a trip contact the Captain's wife Judy at judydarby@charter.net.

—Joelle Finley

Revision of LOS Constitution and Articles

As per the LOS Constitution and Articles, proposed amendments to those documents must be sent to each member at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote to change occurs. We will vote to approve these changes at the Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge on 29 January 2017. Please review original Constitution and Articles (left) and proposed changes aligned on the right. Proposed changes are *italicized (in red font on online color version/paler color on printed version)*. Revisions are necessary to be in compliance with legally allowed activities for non-profit 501(3)(c) status and our annual State report, as well as update changes to meetings and officers, update addresses, and amend wording to improve on clarity of the original documents.

*Proposed Amendments
to the*

**Louisiana Ornithological Society
Constitution**

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Louisiana Ornithological Society

Article II - Objects

Section 1. *The society shall be organized and operated exclusively for such educational, scientific, literary, and charitable purposes as follows:*

- A. To gather and disseminate accurate information concerning the bird life of the western hemisphere and of Louisiana.*
- B. To promote interest in and appreciation of the value of birds, both aesthetic and economic, which will ensure wiser conservation of our bird life.*
- C. To provide opportunity for acquaintance and fellowship among those interested in nature.*
- D. To issue, at such times as possible or practicable, publications as a means of furthering these ends.*
- E. Any other lawful purpose.*

Section 2. *This Society is not organized, nor shall it be operated for pecuniary gain or profit; and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to the members thereof, or to any private individual. The property, assets, profits, and income of this Society are irrevocably dedicated to charitable (educational, scientific) purposes, and no part of the property assets, profits, or net income of this Society shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director, Officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual, except that the Society shall be empowered and authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of purposes set forth in these Articles.*

Upon the dissolution or upon abandonment of the Society, the assets of the Society shall be donated to the Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science (LSUMNS) or its successor, or if unwilling or unable to accept such a donation, to such corporation(s), association(s), fund(s), foundation(s), having similar objects and purposes as this Society, as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate and may designate, subject to the order of a Court as provided by law; provided that none of such assets shall be donated to any organization other than one organized and operated exclusively for charitable (educational and scientific) purposes as presently set forth in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

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

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City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

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Section 3. To stimulate and unite public sentiment toward legislative enactment for bird protection.

Section 4. To provide opportunity for acquaintance and fellowship among those interested in nature.

Section 5. To issue, at such times as possible or practicable, publications as a means of furthering these ends.

Article III – Members

The membership of this Society shall consist of (1) Active Members; (2) Sustaining Member; (3) Life Members; and (4) Patrons, all as defined hereafter. (1) Active Members: Any person interested in birds and who desires to promote the objects and aims of the Society and who pays his dues annually shall be considered an Active Member. (2) Sustaining Member: Any Active Member who annually contributes the sum of three dollars (\$3) or more in addition to payment of annual dues shall be considered a Sustaining Member. (3) Life Member: On payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25), the total amount being payable in one year, any Active Member in good standing shall be declared a Life Member and thereafter shall not be required to pay annual dues. (4) Patron: On payment of one hundred dollars (\$100) the total amount being paying in one year, any Active Member in good standing shall be declared a Patron and thereafter shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The elective officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer and three Directors. These Directors shall be selected, insofar as is possible, from different sections of the state. These officers shall be elected at the annual fall meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual fall

Section 3. This Society shall be organized on a non-stock basis.

Section 4. No substantial part of the Society's activities shall consist of attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Society participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the Society participate in or support organizations or coalitions whose activities are contrary to this section, except within limits allowed by law.

Section 5. In order to achieve the above purposes and objectives, the Society may at any and all times borrow money, accept donations, own and encumber real estate as well as movable property, sue and be sued, contract, and in general do each and everything necessary that a nonprofit organization may do under the statutes of the State of Louisiana.

Article III – Members

The membership of this Society shall consist of *the following categories: Regular, Family, Junior, Student, Senior, Senior Family, Contributing, Sustaining, Life and Family Life. Membership dues will be established by the Executive Committee and approved by 2/3 of the membership at any regular meeting.*

Call for Nominations for LOS Awards

Please send your nominations for the George H. Lowery, Jr. Award and LOS President's Award to the selections committee chair, Marty Guidry: guidrymartin@gmail.com.

For more information about the criteria for these awards see: <http://losbird.org/awards.htm>.

Awards are presented at the Spring Meeting.

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meeting and extend until successors have been chosen.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of (1) the six Executive Officers and (2) the retiring President.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. The Society shall hold regular meeting twice annually, one in the spring and one in the fall. The exact time and place of each shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the action of the Executive Committee or upon written petition of ten members to the President, who shall then call the meeting. In either case, two weeks' notice of such a meeting shall be mailed to the members by the Secretary.

Article VI – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any legal meeting or by a two-thirds vote of members responding within ten days to a mail ballot submitted to the entire membership. In the case of changes made at a legal meeting, notice of the proposed changes must be sent to each member by the Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

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Article V – Meetings

Section 1. The Society shall hold regular meeting *three annually, one in the spring and one in the fall and one in winter*. The exact time and place of each shall be decided by the Executive Committee. *The winter meeting will be held at different areas around the state to be decided by the Executive Committee. Recommended dates to be the last full weekend of April, October and January.*

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*The proposed amendments to the Constitutions (above) will be voted on at the LOS Winter Meeting, January 28, 2017. Submitted for publication December 1, 2016 for Member review, **Joelle J. Finley**, Secretary.*

LOS GRANT DEADLINE

The deadline for applying for an LOS grant is 15 January 2017. All proposals must be based on Louisiana Birds and the study should be a situation unique to Louisiana. Priority is given to studies addressing current problems and issues in Louisiana ornithology or bird conservation in Louisiana habitats. The researcher must be a member of the Louisiana Ornithological Society. Further details can be found on the LOS website: Email your grant proposal to Joelle Finley, LOS Secretary: joellefinley@bellsouth.net.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

PREAMBLE

The undersigned member of the Louisiana Ornithological Society (LOS) declares that the Society wishes to avail itself of the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Law (L.R.S. 12:201 et seq.) And appropriate federal laws and he is acting on behalf of the Society.

ARTICLE I - NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the nonprofit organization shall be the LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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ARTICLE III - DURATION

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Section 1. The legal domicile of this Society shall be located at the Museum of Zoology, Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Section 2.The post office address of this nonprofit corporation is:
Louisiana Ornithological Society
c/o LSU Museum of Zoology, P O Drawer MU,
University Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70893.

ARTICLE V - AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

The full names and post office addresses of the Society's agents are: (1) David B. Crider, 4644 Floyndell Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (2) J.V. Remsen, Jr., LSU Museum of Zoology, P O Drawer MU, University, Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70893

Section 3.This Society shall be organized on a non-stock basis.

Section 4.No substantial part of the Society's activities shall consist of attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Society participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the Society participate in or support organizations or coalitions whose activities are contrary to this section, except within limits allowed by law.

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(1) Judith O'Neale, 504 Whitebark Dr., Lafayette LA 70508
(2) Joelle Finley, 6654 Argonne Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70124.



ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person interested in the objects and purposes of the Society is eligible for membership upon payment of dues as outlined in the Bylaws.
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ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

Section 1. The direction, control and conduct of business of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors, which shall determine the policies of the Society. The Board shall include (a) the three (3) elective offices as provided for in the Bylaws; (b) three(3) members-at-large, who shall be selected, insofar as is possible and practical, from different regions of the state; and the immediate past-president.
Section 2. The Board may establish such Standing Committees as it deems appropriate and provided for in the Bylaws.
Section 3. Selection of the Board shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporator are:
David B. Crider, 4644 Floyndell Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

ARTICLE IX - DIRECTORS

The initial directors of the Society are as follows: J.V. Remsen, Jr. (Oct. 81 - Oct. 84), Lynn R. Hamilton (Oct. 82 - Oct. 85), Vera Lee Grubbs (Oct. 83 - Oct. 86). Their mailing address is c/o LSU Museum of Zoology, P O Drawer MU, University Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70893.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any legal meeting, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members responding within ten (10) days to a mail ballot submitted to the entire membership. In the case of changes made at a legal meeting, notice of proposed changes must be sent to each member by the Secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote is to take place. **THUS DONE AND PASSED** before me, the undersigned authority, and the two undersigned witnesses, on this 23rd day of April 1984.
WITNESSES: INCORPORATOR: Robin Mentzer & David B. Crider; DORIS FALKENHEINER (Notary Public)

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*The proposed amendments to the Articles (above) will be voted on at the LOS Winter Meeting, January 28, 2017. Submitted for publication on December 1, 2016 for Member review, **Joelle J. Finley**, Secretary*



Winter Meeting Field Trips

(continued from page 2)

January	27	28	29
Baton Rouge	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SUNRISE	6:59 AM	6:58 AM	6:58 AM
SUNSET	5:36 PM	5:37 PM	5:38 PM

To pre-register for Winter Meeting field trips email: donnaldittmann@gmail.com after 30 December 2016 and no later than 16 January 2017 or (pending space available) at the LOS Registration on Friday evening at LSUMNS. Depending on interest, additional trips may be added (or some deleted). Leaders TBA; check for updates at the LOS Website (losbird.org).

Field trips depart from Coffee Call/Walmart parking lots vicinity of 3132 College Drive. A wide assortment of morning food options are available in the area from sit down breakfasts, fast food, and, of course, beignets (Coffee Call opens 6 AM). Please be 15 minutes early to check in with coordinator and possibly arrange carpooling. Personal transportation required; carpooling possible but is not guaranteed.

LOS Financial Report	10/27/2016
Bank & Cash Account Balances:	
Iberia LOS	\$16,338.13
Petty Cash	\$99.33
Postmaster Bulk Mail Account	\$135.22
Postmaster Returns	\$0.00
Ted Parker Youth Scholorahip	\$1,500.00
Asset, Credit Card & Investment Accounts:	
ENSI	\$103.46
Iberia Bank CD	\$10,881.23
LOS Credit Card	\$0.00
LOS CD Investment	\$10,855.46
Overall Total	\$39,912.73
<i>—Judith O'Neale, Treasurer</i>	

SATURDAY:

- **6:15 AM-3:00 PM.** False River and Morganza Spillway. This trip will focus primarily on water birds at these two sites. Lunch in False River area: bring your own or eat at Satterfield's Restaurant (New Roads) .
- **6:45 AM-noon.** Local Baton Rouge (includes CBC stakeouts). Destination TBD based on CBC rarities. Lunch on your own.
- **7:15 AM-noon.** Local hummingbird gardens. Location TBA depending on species.

There will be two bird banding demonstrations (see p. 1).

- **7:00 AM-noon.** Baton Rouge Audubon Banding Station at Bluebonnet Swamp Education Center located at 10533 N. Glenstone in Baton Rouge.
- **TBD.** Join LBRC member Nancy L. Newfield for hummingbird banding at Baton Rouge hummer havens (see p. 1).

Self-guided Saturday open houses and area map available Friday evening at registration.



Welcome New LOS Members

Rebecca Altobelli & Jim Black

Covington, LA

Shannon Cangelosi

Baton Rouge, LA

Annette Daughdrill

Baton Rouge, LA

Kristine Dewey

Lafayette, LA

Lance Runion

Little Rock, AR

SUNDAY:

•7:00 AM-noon. *1/2 Day Local Baton Rouge Mop-up.*

Destination TBD depending on results of Saturday's field trips. Meet at Coffee Call (see previous page).

•8:00 AM-noon. *Lake Martin area (for Ringed Kingfisher).*

Meet at Ruth Canal parking area at Lake Martin at northern end of Rookery Road.

•9:00-10:00 AM. *In case you missed it on Friday evening.... Behind-the-scenes of the LSUMNS bird research collection. Limit 10. Park on the LSU campus.*

•2:00-5:00 PM. *Brown Booby Boat; departs from Madisonville; limit 12. Pre-registration required; see p. 2.*

A report from Calcasieu Pass LNG Export – Open House

Cameron School Board Convention Center, 5 PM, 16 November 2016

At this Open House, Venture Global LNG explained the latest modifications to their proposed 1000 acre LNG export facility planned for the east side of the Calcasieu River. The FERC was filed in September and final EIS is expected in first quarter of 2017. There will be a road that bisects the facility to provide emergency access to the jetty pier facility but will not be open to the public (emergency access only: ambulance or fire). Public access to Jetty Park will still be via a water taxi. The Davis Road closure is expected before the new boat ramp (for water taxi) is completed so there will be some period of time when Jetty Park will not be accessible effective once project construction begins (anticipated as early as the middle of next year). I discussed the need for handicap access to both water taxi and sidewalk to observation tower. Mitigation is still being determined. Proposals include: 1) shoreline expansion into the Gulf west of the west jetty (likely not feasible because earlier attempts eroded quickly), or 2) add a westernmost control structure of the Cameron-Creole watershed within the Sabine NWR, which would involve band construction with marsh creation behind it. I talked with Cameron Prairie NWR personnel prior to this meeting and was told that although they have been approached a few times with different proposals nothing has been agreed upon. Therefore mitigation is a long way off.

Construction of a boat ramp, an RV park and a restaurant are proposed north of the project site. No time line is set for those.

I have asked Venture Global's Public Affairs representative for a digital map of the facility and she said she would send me a copy. Email me if you would like a copy. Completion of this project is anticipated in 2020.

—Marty Floyd
progne99@aol.com

*Joseph P. Kleiman
 Memorial Fund*

**Initiated by the donation of Joe's
 birding library to LOS, a fund has
 been created to support LOS
 projects.**

**Please consider a donation to
 LOS in Joe's name.**

Thank you.

December 2016-January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Audubon's 117th Christmas Counts: Louisiana CBCs			14	15	16	17
			White Lake (LAWL) Claiborne (LACB) Johnsons Bayou (LAJB)	Crowley (LACW)	Lacassine NWR- Thornwell (LALT) Red River NWR (LARR)	Creole (LACR) Shreveport (LASH) D'Arbonne (LADA) Natchez* (MSNZ)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sabine NWR (LASA)	Sweet Lake-Cameron Prairie NWR (LASC)		Grand Isle (LAGI) Nachitoches (LANA)			Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Reserve-Bonnet Carre Spillway (LARB)	Northshore-Slidell (LANS)	New Orleans (LANO) New Iberia (LANI)	Lafayette (LALA) Sea Rim SP* (TXSR)	Lake Charles (LALC) St. Tammany Parish (LAST)	Baton Rouge (LABR) Cheneyville-Lecompte (LACL) New Year's Eve
1	2	3	4	5	Official count period days are shaded: 14 December 2016 - 5 January 2017	
New Year's Day	Thibodaux (LATH)	Catahoula NWR (LACA)	Palmetto Island (LAPI)	Pine Prairie (LAPP)		
Notes: The following counts have not set a date as of this writing: Fort Polk (LAFP; restricted access), Venice (LAVE), and Vicksburg* (MSV). *Count circle straddles two states.						

Louisiana Christmas Bird Counts

31 Counts to choose from:

Mark your calendars. Compiler contact email for upcoming CBCs are listed below. Four letter code abbreviations (used above) are those used by National Audubon to identify the CBC. Please consider participating in one or more counts this season!

DATE	CBC	COMPILER	EMAIL
31 Dec	Baton Rouge	Katie Percy	kpercy@audubon.org
03 Jan	Catahoula NWR	Marty Floyd	Progne99@aol.com
14 Dec	Claiborne	John Dillon	kisforkryptonite@gmail.com
17 Dec	Creole	Erik Johnson	ejohnson@audubon.org
15 Dec	Crowley	Marty Floyd	progne99@aol.com
03 Jan	Cheneyville Lecompte	Marty Floyd	Progne99@aol.com
17 Dec	D'Arbonne	Joan Brown	bljnbr@att.net
TBD	Fort Polk (restricted access)	Jim Johnson	jimejohnsonphoto@msn.com
21 Dec	Grand Isle	Chris Brantley	chrisbrantley@charter.net
14 Dec	Johnsons Bayou	John Whittle	johnawhittle@aol.com
16 Dec	Lacassine NWR-Thornwell	Rob Dobbs	rcdobbs@gmail.com
29 Dec	Lafayette	Erik Johnson	ejohnson@audubon.org
30 Dec	Lake Charles	Irvin Louque	irvinlouque@gmail.com
21 Dec	Nachitoches	Charlie Lyons	lyon5516@bellsouth.net
17 Dec	Natchez*	Stratton Bull	strattonbull@earthlink.net
28 Dec	New Iberia	Erik Johnson	ejohnson@audubon.org
28 Dec	New Orleans	Glenn Oussett	goussett@bellsouth.net
27 Dec	Northshore-Slidell	Thomas Trenchard	trench19@hotmail.com
04 Jan	Palmetto Island (NEW CBC)	Toddy Guidry	guidrys@cox.net
05 Jan	Pine Prairie	Marty Floyd	Progne99@aol.com
16 Dec	Red River NWR	Terri Jacobson	Terri_Jacobson@fws.gov
26 Dec	Reserve-Bonnet Carre Spillway	Melvin Weber	mweber@rtconline.com
18 Dec	Sabine NWR	Jeanie Pousson	jeanie.pousson@gmail.com
29 Dec	Sea Rim SP *	John Whittle	johnawhittle@aol.com
17 Dec	Shreveport	Charlie Lyons	lyon5516@bellsouth.net
30 Dec	St Tammany Parish	Chris Brantley	chrisbrantley@charter.net
19 Dec	Sweet Lake-Cameron Prairie NWR	Samatha Collins	Scollins@wlf.la.gov
02 Jan	Thibodaux	Delaina LeBlanc	delaina@btnep.org
TBD	Venice	Robert Purrington	danny@tulane.edu
TBA	Vicksburg*	Allyson Wooley	ally6765@yahoo.com
14 Dec	White Lake	Michael Seymour	mseymour@wlf.la.gov



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LOS WINTER MEETING, 27-29 JANUARY 2017, BATON ROUGE

REGISTER BY **16 JANUARY 2017** at losbird.org or return PRE-REGISTRATION FORM below



LOS 2017 WINTER MEETING, LSU MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE, BATON ROUGE

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Number registering for meeting _____ @ \$15.00/person = \$ _____

Student registration only _____ @ \$ 5.00/person = \$ _____

RSVP Friday Evening Social at LSUMNS: YES _____ NO _____

Number meals at banquet at The Club on LSU Campus (please choose entrée below):

_____ Chicken @ \$23.00/person

_____ Salmon @ \$23.00/person

_____ Vegetarian @ \$23.00/person = \$ _____

Membership dues enclosed (see p. 7) = \$ _____

Donation = \$ _____

Total enclosed: = \$ _____

To pre-register for field trips (see pp. 1-2 or pp. 13-14), email: donnaldittmann@gmail.com

Please complete form and mail with check payable to LOS to:

Judith O'Neale, 504 Whitebark Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508

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