



# THE SPOONBILL

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR AND  
DON'T FORGET CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT  
JANUARY 2, 1971!!!!

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF ORNITHOLOGY GROUP HELD DECEMBER 3, 1970

The December 3, 1970 meeting of the Ornithology Group was called to order by Chairman Sarah Gordon at 7:40 at the Downtown Recreation Center.

Minutes of the October 1 meeting were read and approved.

Melba Drake read the Treasurer's Report of September 30-November 30, 1970 with Sept. 30 balance of \$117.37, receipts \$47.26, disbursements of \$35.71, balance as of November 30, \$128.92.

Avis Brister, Vice Chairman, announced 44 members and 5 guests present. The guests were introduced and were asked to visit with us again. Sarah Gordon extended a warm welcome to all. The next OG meeting will be February 4, 1971.

Marilyn Crane announced field trip to Palmetto Park, meeting at the entrance at 7:00 A.M. Location on Highway 183, 6 miles from Luling, 12 miles from Gonzales. Many Sparrows are expected to be sighted. Leader-Fred Webster.

Marilyn Krog announced program of February will consist of three movies; Dirk Hagmeyer on the Sialas Canyon in Wyoming, Margaret Anderson on Black Hills, North Dakota and Marilyn Crane, Big Bend, Texas.

Wally Mebane announced the January 2 Bird Count with the following comments: Last event supper and countdown at J. Moore Restaurant, Intersection Highway 146 (Alexander Drive) and Texas Avenue, Baytown. Sign up tonight or contact Marilyn Crane. Birding from midnight Friday until midnight Saturday or come to supper when you have and "OWL". Clothes should be adaptable to cold, water and/or mosquitoes. Bring your lunch, etc., water, bug spray, also bird books. We bird a 15 mile area at Baytown which is specified by Audubon; same is divided into 10 sections with a Leader for each section. Please sign up, be assigned, and either recognize birds or deep records. Cost \$1.00.

Jerry Baker gave an interesting account of TOS meeting during Thanksgiving Holidays. They were not only entertained but had good birding which included Rufous-Crowned Sparrows, Golden Eagle, Harris, Fox, Lincoln, White-throated and White-crowned Sparrow, McCown's and Chestnut Collared Longspurs, a Loon, Red-breasted Merganser, 4 Horned Grebe (these 3 not usually here) and Meadow Larks, one singing Eastern, the other Western. Last but not least viewed Dinosaur tracks about 150 millions year old.

Sarah Gordon made a report on Cleveland County Bird Bulletin, giving details on endangered species; another interest of note was suggestion that owners of animals destroyed by Eagles be paid instead of killing Eagles. Also letter from Ernest P. Edwards regarding bird prints by John Sutton.

John Tveten announced bird of Guatemala books are now available.

The OG has been presented the book "Birds Of North America", a very early issue, by the family of Dr. Charles Phillips in November 1970 which is deeply appreciated.

New business was the election of Chairman. Avis Brister, Chairman of Nominating Committee, announced the members were Jerry Baker, Norma Oates and Ewell Bradley, and presented the following candidates:

Chairman	Sarah Gordon
Vice Chairman	Avis Brister
Secretary	Louise Rogers
Treasurer	Melba Drake

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Recommendations were requested from the Floor. Mr. Clayton Gilman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pat Sullivan, that the Officers as recommended be accepted. Carried.

Wally Mebane introduced the speaker, Dr. Steve Williams, who has a PhD from the University of Houston in Psychology, has a private practice and teaches at Houston Baptist College. We are indebted to him for our check list of birds. He had an early start in birding under his father, George Williams, who is our guest tonight, as well as his wife, Maria. Steve is an authority on Sparrows and where to find them which should be of much benefit to those participating in the Christmas count. Mr. Williams' movies of Sparrows together with his discussions was most enjoyable.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Thereafter Sarah collected CANS!

Gladys Galbreath, Secretary

A NOTE CONCERNING RAIL TRIPS FROM RUSSEL W. CLAPPER

Due to poor return for effort expended, apparently due to dry weather and lack of birds, we are discouraging wagon tours to look for yellow and other rails until conditions improve.

We expect to resume weekend trips around March 1. A shortage of birds requires too much travel with the marsh buggy to make trips worthwhile. Extensive travel damages the habitat and increases the risk of running over birds that have become accustomed to equipment and fail to flush. There are other factors: priority of work requirements, serious trespass problems along Oyster Bayou and economy of operation that are steering a course toward consolidating rail tours during the spring season peak of March and April. We regret that this will be disappointment to visitors from out of state, who do not have flexible travel opportunities.

Yellow rails have never been readily found during the winter months. Records support the occurrence of migration peaks in the fall and spring.

Special permission will be granted for walk-in exploration to try out various methods of locating rails, including ropes and bells and sound tapes, preferably in units not grazed by cattle at the time.

ARMAND BAYOU AND PRESERVE from Frank Kokesh

Remarks to the Board of Directors, Clear Lake City Community Association, at their regular monthly meeting, November 9, 1970:

"I take this opportunity to report on the affair that took place in the County Park on Bay Area Boulevard last Saturday morning. While only one of you was specifically invited, any of you might have had notice of the affair in the Saturday Spaceland Star, Harv Boughton's column in Friday's Post, or heard of it on KIKK or KTRK-TV.

I am referring to the unrehearsed event misnamed a "ceremony", in the Park at Middle Bayou. It was in fact a gathering of people to promote the concepts of preserving Middle Bayou and of renaming it Armand Bayou in memory of Armand Yramategui, the well known and widely loved naturalist and conservationist who observed Middle Bayou, and who was struck with the beauty and diversity of the Bayou and its surroundings.

As you may recall, Armand was robbed and murdered last January on the Southwest Freeway. The idea of renaming the Bayou for him developed immediately after that.

The gathering in the park was small, but ardent. Present were representatives of Friendswood Development Co., and of the City of Pasadena which claims a mile-wide strip over the length of the Bayou.

Mr. Roy Pezoldt generously voiced Friendswood's desire to preserve natural areas. Mr. Prentice Jackson offered the support of Pasadena's Mayor Clyde Doyal and City Council for the project.

The principal address was by Vic Emanuel, a very close friend of Armand's and an eloquent naturalist. Vic made a strong appeal for preserving Armand Bayou as a necessary natural enclave in a rapidly urbanizing region; as a recreation area; and as a flood-way in accordance with modern concepts of flood area management.

The master of ceremonies was Cadet Don Davis on whose KTRK-TV morning show Armand often appeared on nature topics. Armand was thus known to many, both young and old. Don strummed and sang an environment song which moves one greatly whenever it is played back from the tape recording made of the "ceremony". The invocation was given by Scott Leslie, Life Scout of Clear Lake City.

Because most Board members of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce were out of town or on their way, I was commissioned by member Dick Allen to represent the Chamber, a pleasant assignment. County Commissioner Kyle Chapman had also sent his regrets that he would be out of the city.

I am reporting all this to you here because of the remarkable lack of attention given to the affair by the news media, with the exception of KPRC-TV and KHOU-TV which carried brief but effective stories on the Saturday night news. Cadet Don mentioned it briefly, but appealingly on his Monday morning show.

I would like to add that some temporary signs were put up designating "Armand Bayou". The signs were snatched shortly after the affair was over, presumably by a souvenir hunter.

I believe that the preservation of the Bayou is of vital importance to the residents of this community for the longer pull. I am not suggesting you do anything about it here tonight, but I do hope you will seek further details and consider the matter at a future meeting."

Board president M.L. Glazner responded with a remark to the effect that although the Bayou is outside the present territory of the Clear Lake City Community Association, moral support by the Board of the Bayou project may well be in order. The channels and procedure for official renaming have been determined. Substantiating background is being generated.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES PERTAINING TO NOVEMBER SPOONBILL ITEMS by Noel Pettingell

Lesser Black-backed Gull (P. 1) - Date of first appearance at Texas City Dike in fall of 1970 was actually Oct. 28 (not Oct. 27)

September Field Trip (P. 2):

Hepatic Tanager was confirmed by Steve Williams and Margaret Anderson. Both male and female were seen by Steve (male only by Margaret) and each bird matched plate and description in Peterson's Texas Guide - including diagnostic dark bill and ear patches of male. Site of observation was along the first road to the left after leaving the ferry landing at the western tip of Bolivar Peninsula. There is one previous Upper Texas Coast record of this species - April 29, 1934 at Strang (near Baytown Tunnel) by George G. Williams and Emmett Bronson. Yellow-headed Blackbird had been recorded in Upper Texas Coast area only twice previously in Sept. (9/23/67, Galveston & 9/29/67, Anahuac Refuge). Another bird was seen the same day as the High Island individual (Sept 27) in N. Fort Bend County.

October Field Trip (P. 2)

"Connecticut Warbler" exhibited too many questionable characteristics in plumage, size, and mannerisms (actively feeding in treetops) to be considered a valid observation.

Report on Reeve and Ruff (P. 2)

First Upper Texas Coast record of this species was a Ruff (male) seen on Galveston I. April 28 & 29, 1968. Other Texas records are as follows:

- Dec. 12, 1902 - Padre I. (collected)
- Apr. 7-18, 1960 - Rockport (Ruff & Beeve)
- Oct. 19, 1968 to Jan. 11, 1969 and Oct. 26 - c. Nov. 30, 1969 - Corpus Christi

Clearing House Notes (P. 5)

Masked Duck - 7 were seen - all in "female" plumage - on Oct. 20 by Ben Feltner and Dennis Shepler.

Surf Scoter - There were 4 Upper Texas Coast records of this species prior to publication of the UTC Field Check-list in March 1966 (1st Nove. 11, 1950 and 4th April 27, 1965) and 3 since it was published, prior to Oct. 1970 (1/22/66 - not included in Check-list as cut-off date 12/31/65 - 4/8/67 and 11/26/67).

Black-headed Grosbeak - Earliest prior to Oct. 12, 1970 was Nov. 10, 1965 at High Island.

MORE ON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS by Noel Pettingell

(I) All-time Top Ten Christmas Count Areas 1900-1969

Rank	Species	Locality	Observers/ Parties	Date	Total Individuals
1	224	San Diego, Calif.	55/24	Dec. 20, 1969	91,948
2	206	Cocoa, Fla.	53/21	Dec. 26, 1966	91,747
3	194	Tomales Bay, Calif.	88/34	Jan. 1, 1968	109,133
4	193	FREEPORT, TEXAS	33/16	Dec. 26, 1965	570,016
5	192	HOUSTON, TEXAS	62/19	Dec. 28, 1963	795,065
6	189	Monterey Pen., Calif.	38/13	Dec. 29, 1969	35,876
7	183	Drake's Bay, Calif.	45/16	Dec. 27, 1967	104,069

Rank	Species	Locality	Observers/		Date	Total Individuals
			Parties			
8(tie)	180	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	16/5		Dec. 26, 1969	20,722
9(tie)	180	Coot Bay, Fla.	89/18		Jan. 2, 1966	72,058
10	178	Santa Barbara, Calif.	61/25		Dec. 31, 1966	50,074
	178	" "	55/23		Dec. 27, 1969	44,860

Note: Corpus Christi listed ahead of Coot Bay because there were fewer observers on the Texas count than on the Calif. one.

(II) 1969 Christmas Count Statistics (Source: Audubon Field Notes, April 1970)

Total Counts: 877 (Inc. 1 Hawaiian)/Total Species: 573 (Incl. 19 Hawaiian)  
 U.S./Can. Locality with Highest Species List: San Diego - 224 (55 observers)  
 Texas " " " " " ; FREEPORT - 188 (32 observers)  
 Total Texas Counts: 54 (More than any other state/ Cal. & NY tied for 2nd-47)  
 Upper Texas Coast Counts with Highest Individual Totals in U.S./Canada

Species	Locality	Individuals
White Pelican	Houston	2,251
Black-crowned Night Heron	"	246
Blue Goose	Freeport	17,790
Yellow Rail	Bolivar Peninsula	1
Long-billed Dowitcher	Houston	800
Franklin's Gull	"	4
Least Tern	"	1
Rufous Hummingbird	"	3*
Brown Thrasher	"	153
Wood Thrush	"	4*
Sprague's Pipit	Freeport	17
Red-eyed Vireo	Houston (tied with Sanibel, Fla)	1*
Philadelphia Vireo	Freeport (tied with Bentsen, Texas)	1
Worm-eating Warbler	" ( " " " " )	1
Tennessee Warbler	" (tie/St. Petersburg, Fla./Cape May, NJ)	1
Magnolia Warbler	Bolivar P. (tie/Vero Beach, Fla./Venice, La)	1
Hooded Warbler	Freeport	1*
Wilson's Warbler	"	4
Henslow's Sparrow	Houston	4
Seaside Sparrow	Bolivar Peninsula	100

\*Equals or exceeds all-time high Christmas Count total

CLEARING HOUSE November 1970

Grebe, Eared: (20)28, Trinity Bay, NB  
 Pied-billed: (1)14, Cove, AKM.  
 Pelican, White: 4 days, (125+)30, Cove, AKM.  
 Cormorant, Double-crested: (3 to 18)14, 21, 30, Cove, AKM.  
 Olivaceous: (5+)14, (50+)30, Cove, AKM.  
 Nightheron, Black-crowned: (3 to 33)4 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Ibis, White-faced: (20)2, (11)4, (20)13, Cove, AKM.  
 Spoonbill, Roseate: (1 to 10)7 days, Cove, AKM.  
 Goose, White-fronted: (35)4, (18)21, Cove, AKM.  
 Snow & Blue: 13 days (2500+)1, Cove, AKM.  
 GOOSE, ROSS: (5)22, Anahuac Refuge, BF.  
 Duck, Mottled: (7)2, 14, (1)21, Cove, AKM.  
 Gadwall: (10)21, Cove, AKM.  
 Pintail: (18 to 150)8 days, (35,000 to 40,000)19, Cove, AKM.  
 Teal, Green-winged: (20)14, (100+)21, (5+)30, Cove, AKM.  
 Blue-winged: (1 crippled)4, (1)25, Cove, AKM.  
 CINNAMON: (2)15, Anahuac Refuge, NB; (3)22, Galena Park, (10)22, Anahuac Refuge, BF.  
 Shoveler: (1)4, (15)21, (5)30, Cove, AKM.  
 Canvasback: (2)15, Anahuac Refuge, NB.  
 Scaup, Lesser: (2)14, (18)17, (3)18, 30, Cove, AKM.  
 Goldeneye, Common: (2)27, Warren Ranch Lake, DHH.  
 Bufflehead: (1)25, Cove, AKM; (5)15, Warren Ranch Lake, DHH; (1)1, Texas City Dike, BF.  
 MASKED: (2)1, Anahuac Refuge, BF.  
 Merganser, Hooded: (1)25, Cove, AKM.  
 Vulture, Turkey: (1 to 3)7 days, (11)8, (8)21, Cove, AKM.  
 Black: (3)17, Cove, AKM.  
 Hawk, Sharp-shinned: (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
 Cooper's: (1)14, Cove, AKM.  
 Red-tailed: (1 to 10)16 days, (23)14, (14)18, (15)20, (33)24, (46)30, (two black ones)

CLEARING HOUSE, Cont'd.

- 23,30, (no sure identification, immatures; (1 adult with auburn red breast)24, very unusual here, Cove, AKM.  
Hawk, Red-shouldered: (1)21, Cove, AKM.  
Marsh: (1 to 7)18 days, (17)30, Cove, AKM.  
Sparrow: (1 to 5)20 days, (11)14, (8)27, (15)30, Cove, AKM.  
PHEASANT, RING-NECKED: (1 female)15, Anahuac Refuge, NB.  
Crane, Sandhill: A small flock late in November, Cove, AKM. (Reported to him by the Pettings)  
Rail, King: (1+)7, Cove, AKM.  
Coot, American: (1)21, Cove, AKM.  
Plover, Black-bellied: (1)14, (3)21, Cove, AKM.  
Turnstone, Ruddy: (6)14, Cove, AKM.  
Snipe, Common: (7)10, (12)16, (1 - 2)18, 25, Cove, AKM.  
Curlew, Long-billed: (11)27, Clay Road., DHH.  
Whimbrel: (1)1, Texas City High School grounds, BF.  
Sandpiper, Spotted: (3)4, (2)30, Cove, AKM.  
Willet: (4)14, (8)21, Cove, AKM.  
Yellowlegs, Greater: (5)k3, 14, (1)21, Cove, AKM.  
Lesser: (1+)21, Cove, AKM.  
Dunlin: (150+)21, 30, Cove, AKM.  
Dowitcher: (4)4, (200+)21, (6+)36, Cove, AKM.  
Sanderling: (5)14, (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
Avocet, American: (1)2, (3)14, (70)21, (125+)30, Cove, AKM.  
Gull, Herring: (1)24, 31, Cove, AKM.  
Franklin's: (6)6, Cove, AKM; (2)27, Warren Ranch Lake, DHH.  
OWL, SHORT-EARED: (3)1, Anahuac Refuge, BF.  
Nighthawk, Common: (5)11, (4)28, Burkett & N. MacGregor Way (1 mi. E. of Hermann Park), NP.  
Swift, Chimney: (1)14, Latest ever by 13 days, not sure it was not a Vaux, Cove, AKM.  
Hummingbird Sp.: (2)1, (1)2, 10, 12, Cove, AKM.  
Ruby-throated: (1 - 2)Every day after 12th, Baytown, NB.  
Rufous: (1)2, Anahuac, AKM; (1)26, Baytown, NB; (2)every day, Baytown, D&DL.  
Kingfisher, Belted: (1)2, 4, 17, 21, 25, Cove, AKM.  
Flicker, Yellow-shafted: (1 to 6)15 days, Cove, AKM.  
Woodpecker, Red-bellied: (1)14, Cove, AKM.  
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied: (1)14, 30, Cove, AKM.  
Phoebe, Eastern: (1)7 days, (2)4, 17, Cove, AKM.  
Swallow, Tree: (NC)4, 14, 16, 24, Cove, AKM.  
Chickadee, Carolina: (2)4, Cove, AKM.  
Titmouse, Tufted: (1)4, Cove, AKM.  
Wren, House: (1)4, (2)30, Cove, AKM.  
Catbird: (4)30, Cove, AKM.  
Robin: (6)16, (1)23, 24, Cove, AKM.  
Thrush, Hermit: (1+)4, Cove, AKM.  
Bluebird, Eastern: (6)18, Cove, AKM.  
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray: (40+)4, (2)14, Cove, AKM.  
Kinglet, Golden-crowned: (NC)5, 6, Baytown, D&DL.  
Pipit, Water: (175+)24, (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
Sprague's: (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
Vireo, White-eyed: (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
Solitary: (1)21, 30, Cove, AKM; (NC)26, 28, 29, Baytown, D&DL.  
Warbler, Orange-crowned: (2)4, (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
Nashville: (1)12, Cove, AKM.  
Myrtle: (2)30, Cove, AKM.  
Pine: (1)30, Cove, AKM.  
Yellowthroat: (3)4, (1)21, Cove, AKM.  
Blackbird, Brewer's: (12)16, (NC)23, 30, Cove, AKM.  
Goldfinch, American: (NC)29, 30, Baytown, D&DL.  
Towhee, Rufous-sided: (1)14, 10215 Chatterton, DHH.  
Sparrow, Seaside: (1)14, 30, Cove, AKM.  
Vesper: (12+)27, Clay Rd., DHH.  
White-crowned: (3)24, Cove, AKM.; (40+)27, Clay Rd., DHH; (1)6, 28, Baytown, D&DL.  
Fox: (1)27, Clay Rd., DHH.  
Lincoln's: (1)4, Cove, AKM.  
Swamp: (6+)4, (1)21, Cove, AKM.  
Song: (1)4, Cove, AKM.; (1)27, Clay Rd., DHH.

CLEARING HOUSE CONTRIBUTORS

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D&DL David & Dorothy Lefkovits

CLEARING HOUSE NOTES

Cove Area: Mr. McKay didn't see any Mallards or Baldpates for sure identification during the month of November. On November 25, 1 Blue-winged Teal, 1 Hooded Merganser and 1 Bufflehead, all three females, were skinned for mounting by "Chuck" Petting and his nephew. The Pettings told Mr. McKay about 8 or 10 other Blue-wings, Redheads, fewer Buffleheads and Hooded Mergansers. Mr. McKay went into Lawrence's Marsh on the 4th to watch the ducks on the opening day of the duck season, he saw from 6000 to 12,000 several miles away, a few hundred within two miles, largely, if not all, pintails, and one within a mile, a crippled teal. He then went into the marsh between Old River and the Trinity and saw only one duck, a shoveler, over a half a mile away. Towards the last of the month the Pettings saw about 50 Marsh Hawks at once over Lawrence's Island.

Noel Pettingell: Common Nighthawks in the Houston area apparently occur regularly during November and December only in the immediate vicinity of Burkett and N. MacGregor Way. They usually appear at dusk (5:15-5:45, Nov./Dec.), silently pursuing insects near the tops of loblolly pines, which predominate in this quiet residential area just north of Brays Bayou. Although the temperature went up to 77° on both Nov. 11 and 28 in downtown Houston it went down to 38° on Nov. 16 and 32° on Nov. 24 - suggesting that perhaps this species has the ability to "hibernate" during cold spells. At any rate, Nighthawks remained in this area until almost the end of January in 1957 - 3 birds up to Jan. 8, 2 from the 9th to the 12th, and one from the 13th to the 25th. Lowest downtown Houston temperatures that month were 30° on the 16th, 34° on the 18th, and 35° on Jan. 23, 1957. Anyone interested in checking this locality for wintering Nighthawks should park on Burkett (south of Binz) and watch the sky in the direction of Sampson (i.e., westward) just after sunset on a moderately warm day (although the maximum temperature was only 58° on Jan. 25, 1957). Last year I saw 3 Nighthawks at this site on Dec. 21 with the temperature at 69°.

Gwen Smith: Mrs. Gwen Smith called from Pasadena about a Henslow's Sparrow feeding in her back yard which is adjacent to a large section of prairie. She observed this sparrow from fairly close range for several minutes and from its eye stripe, eye ring, reddish wing patch and yellowish throat with stripes identified it as a Henslow's.

ADDITIONS TO OCTOBER CLEARING HOUSE

38 Fulvous Tree-ducks Oct. 17 - Aransas Refuge, BF.  
1 GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER Oct. 13 - High Island, BF.  
1 male BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER Oct. 9 & 17 - High Island, BF.  
(Present here from about Oct. 3 to 24)  
--BF Ben Feltner

COMING EVENTS

December 27 Freeport area Christmas Bird Count.  
Sunday

January 2 Houston area Christmas Bird Count.  
Saturday

January 14 Audubon Wildlife Film, 8P.M., Greater Houston Builders Association Auditorium,  
Thursday 2710 W. Alabama. Meet for supper at 6 PM at Suzanne's Cafeteria. The film:  
"Mule Deer Country". The mule deer is as much at home in the dry desert with  
the jack rabbit as he is on the alpine tundra with the marmot and pika, and so  
his range stretches from Canada to Mexico, from the Sierras to the Rockies and  
beyond. Here is the fascinating life history of the mule deer, filmed in  
some of the most beautiful country in the world, and presented with an inspiring  
narration by Buzz Moss of Murray, Utah.

January 23 Field trip to Cinco Ranch in West Harris County to look for sparrows and other  
wintering birds. Leader - Dr. Hardin Craig. Sponsor - Houston Audubon Society.

COMING EVENTS, Cont'd.

January 30 Field trip to Brazoria Wildlife Refuge. Assemble at 7:30 A.M. at Angleton.  
Saturday Bring lunch. Leader - David Marrack.

ALUMINUM RETURNS!

Sarah Gordon turned in the aluminum that was brought to the last OG meeting and was paid \$16.41! She is willing to continue this so please save all aluminum!!!  
Editors Note: Every time we go out birding we throw a sack in the car and combine "aluminum gathering" with "bird watching". We have found several returnable bottles that we are going to turn in and the proceeds will go to the OG fund. This aluminum gathering can be profitable in other ways, too. We stopped for a nice cache of aluminum cans and discovered a hawk on the ground by the side of the road not 25 feet from us. For several minutes there were no moving on either side then the hawk casually flew up into a tree. We have found sever other unexpected little groups of birds the same way.

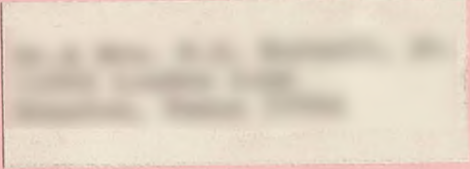
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