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WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE FROM ARLIE McKAY:

Our OLD RIVER CHRISTMAS COUNT will be, or is now planned to be, Tuesday, December 18. We hope to have some help. Please sound the S.O.S. for us... For information other than the date, call or write:

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Route 2
Dayton, Texas

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

New Members:

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MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, ORNITHOLOGY GROUP, DECEMBER 6, 1973

Marilyn Crane, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Motion was properly made, seconded and carried that there being no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the October Meeting they be accepted as printed in THE SPOONBILL and their reading be dispensed with.

Accepted as read was the Treasurer's Report for the period October 1, 1973 through November 30, 1973 which showed receipts of \$110.79, disbursements of \$173.56 and balance on hand of \$536.87.

Approximately 50 people were present for the meeting, three of whom were guests. The latter were introduced and extended a warm welcome.

Following announcements concerning future meetings and field trips (members were encouraged to sign up for the Christmas bird count and the week-long trip to southeast Arizona, hopefully in late spring) Dr. Frank Hsu reported that the slide library catalogue was practically complete and will probably be ready for publication next month.

Photographer-birders and birder-photographers were again invited to donate their extra slides to our library or, as Dr. Hsu put it: "If you are going to throw any bird slides away, throw them our way."

The Group was then treated to a three-part showing of slides on special subjects: Marilyn Crane's ten on North American birds, including Alaska; Frank Hsu's ten on birds of Hawaii; and ten by various persons which called for binoculars to identify the bird in the photograph. After much good-natured laughter, the Photography Group invited the latter photographers to attend their Group Meetings.

On behalf on the Nominating Committee, Margaret Anderson, Chairman, placed in nomination the following to serve as officers of the Ornithology Group for 1974-75:

Chairman	Harry Brister
Vice Chairman	Margaret Jones
Secretary	Louise Rogers
Treasurer	Melba Drake

There being no nominations from the floor, it was properly moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and the proposed slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Noel Pettingell reported that the new checklist was practically revised and that we should be looking for a printer and someone to do the artwork. It was suggested that possibly the Houston and Freeport Chambers of Commerce might be persuaded to co-sponsor the printing of the new checklist. Miss Crane confirmed that work had begun on this aspect and she asked for the help of other members on all phases of this project. In response to a question, Mr. Pettingell answered that the new AAU names, together with the old, would be used in the new checklist.

Friendswood has published a list of species and their frequency for Armand Bayou, which incorporated the material furnished to them by OG. Phyllis Nimmons, who made this announcement and organized our survey, said that she will ask Friendswood for a copy, which can then be published in THE SPOONBILL.

Marilyn Crane gave the dates for the following Christmas Bird Counts: Aransas, December 15; Welder, December 18; Falcon Dam, December 19.

Miss Crane also reported that the Group had received notes of appreciation from the family of Edna Fielding and from Allen Wenger for the Groups' contribution to the ONC Sanctuary in memory of Mrs. Fielding and Maxine Wenger.

Dr. John Tveten announced that he would repeat his course on nature photography next spring. More details will be given in THE SPOONBILL.

There being no further business Marilyn Crane at the slide projector and Melba Drake at the tape recorder presented their "Sights and Sounds of Colorado Through a Birder's Eye and Ear." A wide variety of terrain, life forms, and climate were depicted, with emphasis on the use of recorded bird calls to draw the birds within unusually close photographic range.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Louise Rogers.

CORRECTIONS - CHRISTMAS COUNT INDIVIDUAL TOTALS NOV. SPOONBILL, page 3

Groove-billed Ani/Freeport - change 42 to 46 under 1972/73
Ruby-crowned Kinglet/Freeport - add 969 under 1972/73
Kentucky Warbler/Galveston - add (65) after all-time record

Note: Ani total was incorrect in AM. BIRDS summary; Kinglet total in AM. BIRDS summary was 549 (Calif., Centerville Beach); Kentucky Warbler count no. was omitted in information sent into SPOONBILL.
---Noel Pettingell

CLEARING HOUSE, NOVEMBER, 1973

NOTE: Some of the following species have been adjusted according to the forthcoming revision of the UTC checklist.

- Loon, Common:
(2)10, Texas City, BF
- Grebe, Horned:
(1)27, Cove, AKM
- Grebe, Eared:
(1)30, Cove, AKM
- Grebe, Pied-billed:
(1)27, 30, Cove, AKM
- Pelican, White:
(1)21, (30p)27, 28, Cove, AKM
- Cormorant, Double-crested:
(1)1, 28, (30p)7, 30, (10p)10,
(100p)21, Cove, AKM
- Cormorant, Olivaceous:
(2p)21, 27, (1)30, Cove, AKM
- Heron, Green:
(1)4, Manor Lake, (1)16, Anahuac
Refuge, BF&KK
- Heron, Little Blue:
(1)28, Cove, AKM
- Egret, Reddish:
(1)7, Cove, AKM
- Bittern, Least:
(2)4, Manor Lake, BF-see notes
- Spoonbill, Roseate:
(10p)28, Cove, BF
- Goose, Snow (Snow & Blue):
(NC)10 days, Cove, AKM
- Mallard:
(2)27, Cove, AKM
- Duck, Mottled:
(3)21, (13)27, (2)30, Cove, AKM
- Gadwall:
(4)7, (100p)21, 27, (200p)30, Cove,
AKM
- Pintail:
(3p)27, 30, Cove, AKM
- Teal, Green-winged:
(2)27, 30, Cove, AKM
- Teal, Cinnamon:
(12)10, Anahuac Refuge, BF
- Wigeon, American:
(NC)21, (5p)30, Cove, AKM
- Shoveler, Northern:
(5)30, Cove, AKM
- Duck, Ring-necked:
(5p)30, Cove, AKM
- Canvasback:
(2)30, Cove, AKM
- Scaup, Lesser:
(10-50)7, 8, 10, (700p)20, (1500)21,
(2000)30, Cove, AKM
- Goldeneye, Common:
(1)27, (3)30, Cove, AKM; (1)18,
Galveston Bay, BF
- Bufflehead:
(7)27, (8)30, Cove, AKM; (1)18,
Galveston Bay, BF
- Duck, Ruddy:
(3)21, (6)27, (30p)30, Cove, AKM;
(150)4, Manor Lake, BF
- Merganser, Hooded:
(2)10, Sheldon, BF
- Merganser, Red-breasted:
(7)27, (3)30, Cove, AKM; (75)19,
Bolivar Jetty, A
- Vulture, Turkey:
(1)9, 21, Cove, AKM
- Hawk, Sharp-shinned:
(1)16, Cove, AKM; (2)19, Lake
Charlotte, A
- Hawk, Red-tailed:
(1)6 days, (3)30, Cove, AKM
- Hawk, Rough-legged:
(1)10, Galveston, BF-see notes
- Eagle, Bald:
(1)11, Spring Creek Park, HB&PJ
- Hawk, Marsh:
(1)6 days, Cove, AKM
- Kestrel, American:
(1)3, 29, (2)4 days, (3)5 days,
(5)30, Cove, AKM
- Bobwhite:
(1 covey)16, Cove, AKM
- Rail, King:
(3)10, 16, Anahuac Refuge, BF&KK
- Rail, Virginia:
(12)16, Anahuac Refuge, BF&KK
- Rail, Sora:
(2)16, Anahuac Refuge, BF&KK
- Rail, Yellow:
(2)16, Anahuac Refuge, BF&KK
- Jacana:
(3-1a., 2i)4, Manor Lake, BF (sic.)
- Oystercatcher, American:
(12)10, Bolivar, BF; (9)19, Bolivar
Flats, A
- Plover, Semipalmated:
(1)19, Bolivar Flats, A
- Plover, Piping:
(15)19, Bolivar Flats, A
- Plover, Snowy:
(2)19, Bolivar Flats, A; (2)4,
Surfside, BF
- Plover, Black-bellied:
(2)21, 30, (1)27, Cove, AKM
- Turnstone, Ruddy:
(35)19, Bolivar Flats, A
- Snipe, Common:
(1)30, Cove, AKM
- Curllew, Long-billed:
(1)16, Cove, AKM
- Sandpiper, Spotted:
(4)30, Cove, AKM
- Willet:
(1)11, Cove, AKM
- Yellowlegs, Greater:
(10)27, (1)30, Cove, AKM
- Knot, Red:
(10)16, Galveston Jetties, BF&KK
- Sandpiper, Least:
(2)21, (15p)27, Cove, AKM; (3)19,
Bolivar Flats, A
- Dunlin:
(10)30, Cove, AKM; (20)19, Bolivar
Flats, A
- Dowitcher sp.:
(150p)28, Cove, AKM
- Sandpiper, Semipalmated:
(3)19, Bolivar Flats, A
- Sandpiper, Western:
(1)27, 30, Cove, AKM; (35)19, Bolivar
Flats, A
- Godwit, Marbled:
(6)19, Bolivar Flats, A
- Sanderling:
(8)27, (1)30, Cove, AKM

- Avocet, American:
 (500)19, Bolivar Flats, A
 Gull, Bonaparte's:
 (1)30, Cove, AKM
 Tern, Forster's:
 (3)19, Bolivar Flats, A
 Tern, Common:
 (50)19, Bolivar Flats, A
Tern, Sandwich:
 (30)19, Bolivar Flats, A
 Tern, Caspian:
 (6)19, Bolivar Flats, A
 Skimmer, Black:
 (50)19, Bolivar Flats, A
 Dove, Ringed Turtle:
 (8)4, (11)22, Bellaire, P&MJ, R&MD
 Ani, Groove-billed:
 (1)23, Sheldon, VLE&CF;
 (1)8, 19 (same one), Cove, AKM
 Owl, Barn:
 (1)10, (2)16, Bolivar, BF&KK
 Owl, Screech:
 (1 or 2)13, Cove, AKM
 Owl, Great Horned:
 (1)7, 12, Cove, AKM
 Nighthawk, Common:
 (5)11, (1)25, about 1 mile east of
 Hermann Park (N. MacGregor Way
 at Burkett,) NP-see notes; (1)15,
 yard, MJ
 Hummingbird sp.:
 (1)1, Cove, AKM
 Kingfisher, Belted:
 (1)6, 30, (2)16, 21, Cove, AKM
 Flicker, Common:
 (1)5 days, Cove, AKM; (3)4, yard,
 P&MJ; (1)3, yard, L&IG
 Woodpecker, Red-bellied:
 (1)3, 16, 30, (3)11, Cove, AKM
 Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied:
 (1)16, Cove, AKM; (5-6)4, Bellaire,
 (1)17, yard, P&MJ; (1)25, yard, L&IG
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed:
 (2)8, (1)11, 15, Cove, AKM; (3)4,
 Manor Lake, (4)10, Galveston, BF
 Phoebe, Eastern:
 (5)16, Cove, AKM; (15)16, High
 Island, BF&KK
 Swallow, Barn:
 (NC)3, Cove, AKM; (12)4, Manor
 Lake, (1)10, Galveston, BF
 Crow, Fish:
 (2)19, Beaumont Dump, A-(outside
 UTC area)
 Nuthatch, Brown-headed:
 (45)19, Hardin County, A-(outside
 UTC area)
 Wren, Long-billed Marsh:
 (1)4, Manor Lake, BF
 Robin:
 (20p)27, Cove, AKM
 THRUSH, WOOD:
 (1)10, Galveston, BF-see notes
 Thrush, Hermit:
 (2)16, Cove, AKM; (31)10, High
 Island, BF
Thrush, Swainson's:
 (1)2, yard, P&MJ
 Bluebird, Eastern:
 (15)19, Lake Charlotte, A
 Kinglet, Ruby-crowned:
 (1)16, 19, 30, Cove, AKM; (1)25, yard,
 L&IG
 Pipit, Water:
 (5)27, Cove, AKM
Vireo, White-eyed:
 (2)19, Hardin County & High Island
 (singing at both sites,) A
 (Hardin Co. outside UTC)
Vireo, Solitary:
 (2)19, High Island, A
Warbler, Black-and-White:
 (3)16, High Island, BF&KK;
 (1)19, High Island, A
 WARBLER, TENNESSEE:
 (1)10, High Island, BF-see notes
 Warbler, Orange-crowned:
 (2)17, (1)22, yard, P&MJ
Warbler, Northern Parula:
 (1)10, High Island, BF
 Warbler, Yellow-rumped (Myrtle):
 (5)25, yard, L&IG
Warbler, Black-throated Green:
 (1)16, High Island, BF&KK; (2-male
 and female)19, High Island, A
Warbler, Yellow-throated:
 (1)10, Duessen Park, BF&KK
Chat, Yellow-breasted:
 (1)16, High Island, BF&KK
Redstart, American:
 (1)16, High Island, BF&KK
Oriole, Northern (Baltimore):
 (1)26, yard, MJ
Tanager, Summer:
 (1)10, High Island, BF-see notes;
 (1-female)19, High Island, A-see
 notes
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted:
 (1)10, 16, High Island, BF&KK-see
 notes
 GROSBEAK, BLUE:
 (1)10, High Island, BF-see notes
 DICKCISSEL:
 (1)16, High Island, BF&KK-see notes
Sparrow, LeConte's:
 (3)16, Anahuac Refuge, BF&KK
Sparrow, Henslow's:
 (1)18, SE Houston (same site as pre-
 ceeding months), NP; (1)24, Mykawa
 Rd., PJ; (2)24, Mykawa Rd., MJ (the
 3 birds sited on the 24th were
 3 different birds)
 Sparrow, Vesper:
 (1)4, Bellaire, P&MJ
 Sparrow, Bachman's:
 (1)19, Hardin Co. (near Smart School
 Fire Tower, NW of Silsbee), A
 (outside UTC area)
Junco, Dark-eyed (Slate-colored):
 (3)10, (15)16, High Island, BF&KK
 Sparrow, Chipping:
 (16)16, High Island, BF&KK
 Sparrow, White-crowned:
 (2)10, High Island, BF
 Sparrow, White-throated:
 (4p) all month, yard, P&MJ
 Sparrow, Swamp:
 (1)8, 19, Cove, AKM

CLEARING HOUSE CONTRIBUTORS

A	Ben Feltner & Noel Pettingell	CF	Charles Fuller
HB	Harry Brister	L&IG	Laura & Irv Greenbaum
R&MD	Richard & Maxine Davis	P&MJ	Paul & Margaret Jones
VLE	Victor L. Emanuel	KK	Kenn Kaufman
BF	Ben Feltner	AKM	Arlie K. McKay

CLEARING HOUSE NOTES

Least Bittern: Small, black, chestnut and ferruginous heron seen sitting and flying at 25'-60'. 8X40 glasses. BF

Rough-legged Hawk: Light phase: wheat colored head, black belly, light beige leggings. Black wrists on underside of whitish wings, light windows-tops of wings. 30 yards to infinity. 8X40's. BF

Common Nighthawk: Nov. 11 birds seen and heard between 5:29 and 5:45 PM (CST) with temp. at 64° (high was 71° and low 41°). Nov. 25 bird was seen at 5:31 PM (CST) with temp. at 74° (high 79°, low 55°). NP

WOOD THRUSH: Fox red-brown back of head, heavily spotted breast. 20'; Kempner Park. 8X40's. BF

TENNESSEE WARBLER: Gray-head, green back, light greenish wash on upper breast. White Undertail Coverts. Warbler beak and size. 40', 8X40's. BF

Summer Tanager: Thrush size, warm orange-yellow underparts, olive-yellow upperparts. Heard calling. At 60', 8X40's. BF

-----Leisurely study by both observers in good light; pale tanager bill and orange-yellow plumage without wingbars seen clearly. With 8X40 binoculars at about 40 feet. NP

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Seen Nov. 10 and Nov. 16 at High Island - probably same bird. Cardinal size - brown striped head, large beak, some black on back but mostly brown. Inside elbows of wings rose-pink. (Hand-held) BF

DICKCISSEL: English Sparrow size; mainly brown upperparts; rich chestnut wing elbow; light but prominent yellow wash on upper breast; yellow face. With English Sparrows at 40' with 8X40's. BF

BLUE GROSBEAK: Cardinal size, chocolate brown with blue tail, heavy beak, 25', 8X40's. BF

BACKYARD BUSHWHACKERS - by Dorthea Jackson, from Woods, Wings, Water, Dallas County Audubon Society

Those sudden sparrow silences, perhaps combined with persistent nearby Blue Jay alarms, may be providing a treat for local birdwatchers whose winter feeding program borders or includes wooded, overgrown areas.

The Sharp-shinned Hawk Accipiter striatus winters here in October - April. On wet, windy, cold days when the small birds aren't conspicuous elsewhere, they are active and noisy at feeders; this advertisement may draw a hungry Sharp-shin to the area, and then the observer will surely burn whatever meal is on the stove as the action begins outside.

If you get to the window after the silence begins, look for the hawk to be sitting upright on a horizontal perch not much smaller around than a child's arm; probably 5-10 feet from the ground and below any canopy, near a fairly open space. The hawk sits still except for the head, which moves constantly, and a frequent shaking out of the tail, which shows off the squared tip the books say to look for. If Jays are present, the hawk is easier to find, as the Jays will collect a few feet directly above it in a scolding, restless group; but the rest of the area will appear deserted of small birds and suspensefully silent.

Attempts at small birds are almost too quick to follow well, but a successful kill after the hawk takes it to the ground will give an observation of the hawk spreading its wings and tail while treading in

a rocking motion and often uttering a snarling sound. If not disturbed, the hawk will then take its meal to a nearby open place under a thicket or into a low branch, where it will pluck the abdomen and chest of its kill in a flurry of feathers and feed in a regular, see-saw motion (taking 45-60 minutes to finish a House Sparrow). At our house last winter, plucking and feeding "posts" were used repeatedly until piles of feathers were visible from the house. Look for this rocking motion in a low place if you have heard distress cries before attaining the window.

Birding literature I've read indicates that these beautiful little raptors are not as shy of people as might be, and this is so with the ones hunting at our place. Cars, visitors, children kicking gravel on their way home from school - will often reward the waiting hawk by flushing sparrows out of hedges and thickets, and the hawks are not at all above following up this opportunity after hours of patient waiting.

We've seen them fly right down the driveway to a successful kill. The action is so fast and quiet that no one notices what is going on, unless the visitors are birdwatchers, in which case you can serve them a burnt meal and share this fascinating winter birding experience.

She notes that she saw this year's first one Oct. 31 in her yard, ignoring a small squirrel with its intent red eyes and keeping one foot drawn up as it kept watch over a pyracantha stuffed with silent sparrows.

SANTA ANA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE -by Wayne A. Shifflett, Refuge Manager, from the Rio Grande Valley Audubon Society bulletin

There have been many outstanding "bird watchers" who have visited the Santa Ana Refuge since my arrival in the Valley more than four years ago. But perhaps none stand out more than a gentleman that came through the refuge several months ago. He is now Secretary of Defense (he was at the time of the writing of this article) but at the time of his visit, he was head of the Central Intelligence Agency. In case you don't keep up with politics, the person's name is Dr. James Schlessinger. It is quite ironical that a person who is charged with the responsibility of the defense of this country is interested not only in people but also wildlife and birds in particular. His visit to the refuge was made with his wife and family (as well as two cars of CIA Agents). Mr. Schlessinger is a very friendly person and knows his birds quite well. He informed me that he had been birding most of his life and his life list stood at 573 species when he visited the Valley. Primary objective of his visit to the Valley was in quest of the Mexican Crows which have been seen regularly when he visited there. So from now on when you see his tall figure on T.V., or his name on headlines, remember that he shares with many of us the thrills of seeing a flash of color as it flits through the brush and he, too, is forever seeking to add a new bird to his list.

HERE AND THERE

Texas Parks and Wildlife have released 500 Afghan white winged pheasants along Rio Grande near El Paso. Climate and farming practices approximate those of Afghanistan. It is part of a three year study.

An excellent suggestion for birding is using a tape recorder; a portable tape recorder with recordings of Screech Owl copied from a bird song record will generally produce a good showing of small birds from any appropriate habitat. The same is true of a bittern call in a marsh or from reeds. And at the meeting Marilyn and Melba showed us how to get a bird to come close to you: if you can't see him, but you hear him, record his call, then play it back; the pictures we saw are proof of how close this will draw a bird to you.

As this is the last issue of 1973, Irv and I would like to wish each and every one of you happy, safe holidays and a new year filled with health, happiness, a world at peace, and may you each find your ten-most-wanted-birds in 1974.

COMING EVENTS

- Saturday
December 29 Christmas Bird Count. See information in previous issues of THE SPOONBILL, or call Harry Brister, 681-6456, for information.
- Wednesday
January 9 Audubon Wildlife Film - 8 P.M., Music Hall. "Galapagos" will be presented by Martin Bruce, a career naturalist/photographer, who follows Darwin's footsteps, and coincidentally Darwin's five weeks time on the islands, to film a chronology of the Galapagos as seen by a modern naturalist.
- Saturday
January 12 Audubon Field Trip to Cinco Ranch, led by Marilyn Crane. Meet at 8:30 A.M. at Farm Road 1093 (Westheimer) and Highway 6 near Addicks Dam. Bring lunch. (Note time change due to Daylight Savings time going in effect.)
- Sunday
January 13 ONC Field Trip led by Flower Follett to San Luis Pass (West end of Galveston Island). Meet at 8 A.M. under the bridge at San Luis Pass. Bring insect repellent; rubber boots would be a help. Check time with her before going because of Daylight Savings Time going into effect.
- Monday
January 14 Regular Photography Group Meeting (note change in date for this meeting only) - 7:30 P.M., Bayou Manor Auditorium. Dr. John Tveten will present a slide show, "Getting Close to Nature," in which he will demonstrate techniques and tricks for nature photography.
- Wednesday
January 16 ONC Nature and Wildlife Film - 8 P.M., 3121 Buffalo Speedway. Edward M. Brigham, Jr., will present "Michigan Odyssey", with wonderful sequences of familiar birds.
- Sunday
January 20 OG Field Trip. Fred Collins will lead a trip to West Harris County. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the filling station at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Katy-Ft. Bend County Road (Katy-Hockley Road cut-off.) Bring lunch.
- Saturday
January 26 Audubon Field Trip to the Katy-Hockley Area, led by Sarah Gordon. Meet at 8:45 A.M. at the main entrance to Bear Creek Park/Clay Road. Bring lunch.
- Tuesday
February 5 Regular Photography Group meeting - 7:30 P.M., Bayou Manor Auditorium. Mr. Walter E. Forry will present a slide show entitled "Western National Parks."
- Thursday
February 7 Regular OG Meeting - 7:30 P.M., Downtown Recreation Center. Norma Oates will show her film on South Deer Island.
- Friday
February 8 ONC Nature and Wildlife Film - 8 P.M., 3121 Buffalo Speedway. Larry Linnard will show his film "Vacation to Alaska Wildlife", going from his home in Ohio to Alaska, stopping in Cheyenne, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and other places along the way.
- Saturday
February 9 Audubon Field Trip to the Texas City Dike, led by Bob Moore. Details in next SPOONBILL.
- Wednesday
February 13 Audubon Wildlife Film - 8 P.M., Music Hall. "A Naturalist Afield" will be presented by Karl Maslowski, showing birds and animals in the different seasons of the year.
- Saturday
February 16 OG Field Trip to Bolivar and area led by Victor Emanuel. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the ferry landing on the Bolivar side of the Ship Channel. Bring lunch and insect repellent.
- Saturday
February 23 Audubon Field Trip to Jones State Forest, led by Margaret Anderson. Details in next SPOONBILL.

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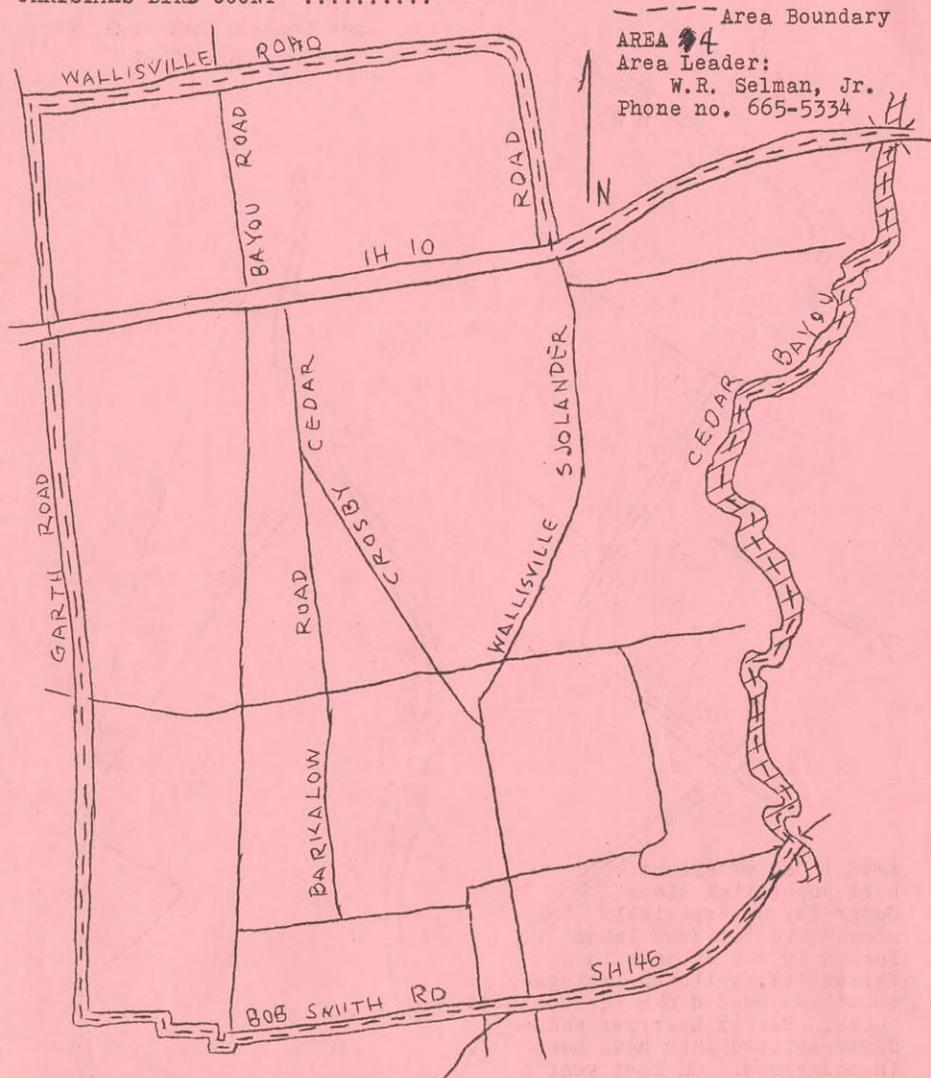
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HERE IS THE LAST IN THE SERIES OF MAPS ON THE AREA OF THE HOUSTON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



The time is now at hand to be a participant in the annual Houston Christmas Bird Count. The date is Saturday, December 29, and don't forget to bring lunch and mosquito repellent. Area Leaders can tell you about the meeting places for their area to begin the count in the morning. At the conclusion of the field work all groups will meet at the Holly Inn Cafe, 1002 Alexander Dr. Hwy 146), in Baytown for supper and to tally the count.

Those wishing assignment to an area or a group can contact Harry Brister, Christmas Bird Count Chairman, at 681-6456; or any of the area leaders.

Area Leaders:

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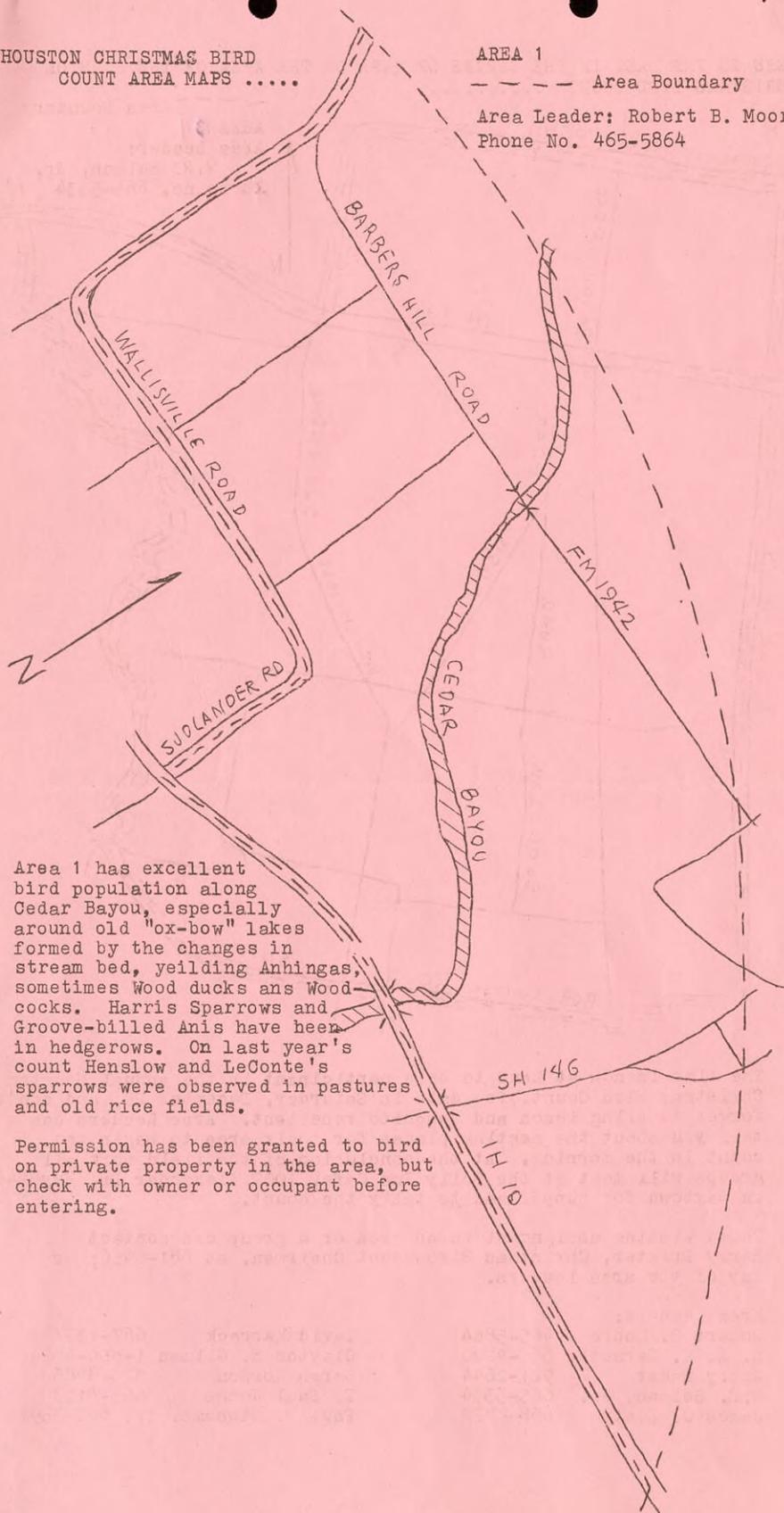
HOUSTON CHRISTMAS BIRD
COUNT AREA MAPS

AREA 1

----- Area Boundary

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Area 1 has excellent bird population along Cedar Bayou, especially around old "ox-bow" lakes formed by the changes in stream bed, yielding Anhingas, sometimes Wood ducks and Woodcocks. Harris Sparrows and Groove-billed Anis have been in hedgerows. On last year's count Henslow and LeConte's sparrows were observed in pastures and old rice fields.

Permission has been granted to bird on private property in the area, but check with owner or occupant before entering.