



THE SPOONBILL

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 * From the Newark Sunday News, June 12, 1960 *
 * OUTDOORS by Roger Barton *
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 * 'Why Lawrence's Warbler?' *
 * 'She (Miss Dickinson) showed me a cer- *
 * tificate from the American Museum of Natural *
 * History. It stated that in 1941 Miss Dick- *
 * inson gave to the museum a mounted Lawrence's *
 * warbler that was discovered by her father *
 * beside the Passaic River in 1874. In other *
 * words, this was the type specimen of the *
 * Lawrence's warbler. *
 * Miss Dickinson explained: "My father *
 * discovered the bird by the Passaic River *
 * in 1874. With him at the time was a Mr. *
 * Harold Herrick, who was connected with the *
 * museum. Mr. Herrick was in love with the *
 * daughter of a man named George Lawrence, *
 * and in order to gain her favor, named the *
 * bird after her father when he wrote a des- *
 * cription of it that year. He should have *
 * named it after my father. *
 * "However, it was also somewhat fashion- *
 * able to name birds after women about that *
 * time. Take Lucy's warbler and Virginia's *
 * warbler, for instance." *
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F O R T H C O M I N G A C T I V I T I E S

Through April 22 - Esquimaux Curlew Watch, Galveston. Call Jerry Strickling to report both negative and positive observations.

April 29 (Sunday) - The biggest and best of all possible spring counts will be held in the regular Christmas Count Circle. The count chairman is Mr. Jerry Strickling.

As has been the practice, since time began, in this best of all possible bird clubs, the section leaders will be the same as for the Christmas count.

- Area 1A - Trever Ben (Eskimo Curlew) Feltner
- Area 1B - Lam (Prexy) Barnette and Joe (Thicket) Heiser
- Area 2 - Clayton (The Ill-tempered) Gilman
- Area 3A - Jim (Surly Jim) Ellis
- Area 3B - Katrina (Pin-up) Thompson
- Area 4 - Vic (Lazy-bones) Emanuel
- Area 5 - Steve (El Tigre) Williams
- Area 6 - Jerry (J. Bird) Strickling
- Area 7 - Linda (Exclusive) Snyder

Party organizations will be the same as for the Christmas Count (consult your February 1962 Spoonbill). Persons who did not make the Christmas Count (referred to in hushed voices as Mexico traitors) will be assigned by the spring count leader unless they have been previously proselyted by some energetic section-leader.

The Tower Restaurant (payola and vicuna coats to Bob and Mabel Deshayes please) on Decker Drive at Airhart Drive in Baytown will be the gathering place for (1) eating, (2) enthusiastic greetings, (3) mild bragging, (4) milder complaining, and (5) tremendous lying. (Bring small amounts of money for paying cash for your dinner.)

Time 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Choice of dinner: Filet, \$2.75; Seafood, \$1.75;
Chicken, \$1.75. Includes cocktail,
salad, drink, and dessert.

May 12 (Saturday) - Linda Snyder will lead a trip to High Island: Remember that fall trip? Meet at the Baytown Tunnel as early as you like. The caravan will leave there at 8:00 p.m. Bring something to eat and your binoculars.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed:

I submit an interesting observation. Whip-poor-wills (2) 26, (1) 27 Taylor Lake, MBK, FPK.

We heard the first one early Monday morning. Frank, in his excitement, awakened our guests to come listen but after the first series of calls we didn't hear it again. At dusk I had everyone sit quietly on the steps on the lake side of the house and I put on our recording of whip-poor-will. We not only had them answer but two flew up toward the house from the woods at the edge of the lake. One was only a few feet over Frank's brother's head - such excitement! The following morning we heard one again, then did not hear it again until April 5 when we also had Chuck-wills Widow calling.

Mary Belle Kokesh

Dear Mabel and Bob:

I have not had the chance to bird much in February and March. I did not report for February, but the high spots were:

Red-breasted Merganser	(41) 17
Redhead	(6) 1
Canvasback	(400) 17
Lesser Scaup	(50,000) 17
Ring-necked Duck	(7) 1, (3) 10, 15
Goldeneye	(15) 17
Ruddy Duck	(20) 17
Bonaparte's Gull	(28) 6
Cattle Egret	(1) daily from 1 to 21
Ruddy Turnstone	(5) 1
Catbird	(1) 1
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	(1) 17

I saw an adult Eagle carrying what appeared to be a large snake during the month. The Eagle nest reported January 8 is abandoned though Mr. Joe Lagow reports to me that he has an active Eagle nest.

Arlie K. McKay

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I. If you have an injured wild bird and wish to obtain medical attention for same, call Jim Ellis. He has contacted a veterinarian who is interested in this work.

II. Though many members and friends of the Houston Ornithology Group may not desire to collect specimens of birds, they may still do their part in securing specimen records for the Upper Coast of Texas, or anywhere in the state for that matter. Each year hundreds and thousands of birds meet their death in one way or another and the coming spring season will be no exception. I plead with and urge each and everyone of you to please save all dead birds you find which are in a salvageable state. It makes me very sad to think of the number of perfect specimens of such species as Sooty and Noddy Terns which were

Redhead - (1) 3 High Island LS, CS, PC
 Ring-necked - (1) 2 Galv LS, MBK
 Canvasback - (1) 2, 27, (2) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 12, (2) 24 Cove AKM
 Lesser Scaup - (1) 16, 24 Cove AKM
 Bufflehead - (1) 4, 26, 28, 29 31 Galv. LS et al; (1) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 R.-breasted Merganser - (1) 31 Tex City, SW et al.
 Swallow-tailed Kite - (1) 21, 22 Bayshore LS, JAS; (1) 29 Cove AKM
 Red-tailed Hawk - (2) 31 Ellington Field, SW et al; (1) 18 Galv. "A"
 Swainson's Hawk - (1) 29 Bayshore, LS, HN; (1) 31 Dickinson SW et al.
 Harris' Hawk - (1) 29 Bayshore LS, HN
 Marsh Hawk - (1) 31 La Marque SW et al; (1) 18 Galv "A"
 Osprey - (1) 29 Galv. LS, HN
 Peregrine Falcon - (1) 28 Galv. LS HN
 Sparrow Hawk - (2) 31 Galv SW NS; (1) 18 Galv "A"
 Prairie Chicken (10) 11 Fondren Road LS CS
 King Rail (1) 27 Cove AKM
 Virginia Rail - (1) 10 Galv. MD BD
 Sora - (2) 2, 28 Galv LS et al; (1) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Common Gallinule - (1) 10 Galv. MD, BD
 Semipalmated Plover - (4) 31 Galv. SW et al;
 Piping Plover - (2) 29 Galv. LS HN; (1) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Snowy Plover - (1) 18 Galv. "A"
 Wilson's Plover - (1) 26 Galv. LS, MBK
 Golden Plover - (25) 2 Galv. LS, MBK; (50) 2, (150) 27, (100) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 18
 Black-bellied Plover - (1) 18 Galv. "A". Galv. "A"
 Ruddy Turnstone - (10) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 18 Galv. "A"
 Common Snipe - (6) 10, (1) 18 Galv. MD BD; (2) 2, (5) 31, (1) 27 Galv. SW et al; (11) 13,
 (1) 16, (3) 31 Cove AKM
 Eskimo Curlew - (1) 24 Galv. NS, JS, et al; (1) 31 Galv. MD, BD, et al. Both birds were
 kept under nearly daily surveillance from the day sighted through current date 4-11-62.
 Whimbrel - (3) 28 Galv. LS, HN; (3) 27, (5) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Solitary Sandpiper - (1) 3 High Is. LS, CS; (2) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 22, (2) 23,
 (4) 31 Cove AKM.
 Greater Yellowlegs - (1) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 18 Galv. "A"; (10) 2, (7) 23, 24,
 (100) 29, (20) 31 Cove AKM.
 Lesser Yellowlegs - (23) 2, (30) 23, (100) 24, (75) 27 Cove AKM.
 Knot - (5) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Pectoral Sandpiper - (3) 27, (15) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 18 Galv. "A", (1) 13, (50) 23,
 (100) 24, (40) 31 Cove AKM.
 Dunlin - (10) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Stilt Sandpiper - (5) 15 Galv. LS, MBK
 Marbled Godwit - (6) 31, (3) 2 Galv. SW et al.
 Black-necked Stilt - (2) 15 Galv. LS, MBK; (3) 27 Galv. SW, MEW.
 Bonaparte's Gull - (1) 31 Tex. City, SW et al.
 Gull-billed Tern - (2) 26, 28, 29 Galv. LS, et al; (1) 29, (2) 30 Cove AKM.
 Common Tern - (15) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Least Tern - (4) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo - (1) 29 Galv. LS HN.
 Chuck-will's-widow - (1) 5 Taylor Lake, MBK, FK.
 Whip-poor-will - (1) 13 Cove, AKM; (1) 5 Taylor Lake, MBK, FK.
 Chimney Swift - (8) 22 Bayshore LS; (35) 31 Tex. City, (1) 27 Hou. SW et al; (20) 31
 Cove AKM; (NC) 5 Hou. JS.
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird - (1) 9, (1-4) 21-31 Bayshore LS; (1) 23, Hou. SW.
 Yellow shafted Flicker - (1) 22 Bayshore, LS; (1) 27 Galv., SW, MEW; (1) 18 Galv. "A";
 (2) 7, 12, (1) 13, 15, 16 Cove AKM.
 Pileated Woodpecker - (1) 30 Cove, AKM.
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - (1) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 18 Galv. "A".
 Downy Woodpecker - (1) 13, 27 Cove AKM;
 Eastern Kingbird - (1) 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 22 Baytown, AKM.
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - (3) 27, 31 Galv. SW et al; (1) 21 Cove AKM; (1) 21
 Webster, MBK, FK.
 Great Crested Flycatcher - (1) 9, 20, 26, 27, 31 Bayshore LS; (3) 31 Galv. SW et al;
 (2) 25, 31 Cove AKM.
 Eastern Phoebe - (1) 8 hou. SW.
 Horned Lark - (1) 18 Galv. "A".
 Rough-winged Swallow - (1) 12, 15, (2) 22 & others, Cove, AKM.
 Barn Swallow - (1) 24, (2) 25, 27, (4) 29, (15) 31 Cove AKM.
 Brown Creeper - (2) 1 Bayshore LS.
 House Wren - (1) 25 Cove AKM.
 Winter Wren - (1) 10 Galv. MD, BD.

Bewick's Wren - (1) 30 Cove AKM.
 Cactus Wren - (1) 24 Little Thicket, JH.
 Long-billed Marsh Wren - (3) 27 Cove, AKM.
 Catbird - (1) 27 Galv. SW, MEW; (1) 18 Galv. "A"
 Wood Thrush - (1) 21 Bayshore, LS
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - (6) 13, (1) 15 Cove AKM
 Golden-cr. Kinglet - (1) 13 Cove AKM
 Ruby-cr. Kinglet - (5) 13, 31 Cove, AKM
 Sprague's Pipit - (1) 27 Galv. SW, MEW
 White-eyed Vireo - (1-5) most days, Bayshore LS; (1) 18 Galv. "A"; (1) 24, (3) 31 Cove AKM.
 Yellow-throated Vireo - (1) 16 High Is., LS MBK
 Black-and-w. Warbler - (1) 9-16 Bayshore, LS; (1) 24 Hou. SW; (1) 13, 27, (2) 31 Cove
 AKM; (1) 9 Hou. NS.
 Prothonotary Warbler - (1) 16 Bayshore, LS; (1) 18 Galv. "A"; (1) 31 Cove AKM.
 Tennessee - (1) 31 Cove AKM.
 Parula - (1-2) 1 + 6 days, Bayshore, LS.
 Audubon's Warbler - (1) 27 Bayshore, LS.
 Palm - (1) 28 Galv. LS, HN.
 Northern Waterthrush - (1) 23 Cove, AKM
 Louisiana Waterthrush - (2) 23 Cove, AKM.
 Hooded Warbler - (2) 27 Bayshore, LS; (1) 31 Cove, AKM; (1) 9 Hou. NS.
 Western Meadowlark - (1) 2 Galv. LS, MBK; (1) 2 Galv. SW, NS.
 Orchard Oriole - (2) 29 Galv. LS, HN; (3) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Baltimore Oriole - (1) 9 Hou. NS.
 Summer Tanager - (1) 16 Hwy. 61, LS, MBK; (1) 31 Galv. SW et al.
 Purple Finch (8) 3, (1) 8 Hou. SW.
 American Goldfinch - (25) 24 Hous. SW.
 Field Sparrow - (5) 5, 15 Bayshore, LS.
 White-crowned Sparrow - (3) 31 Cove AKM.
 Song Sparrow - (1) 27 Galv. SW, MEW; (1) 18 Galv. "A"

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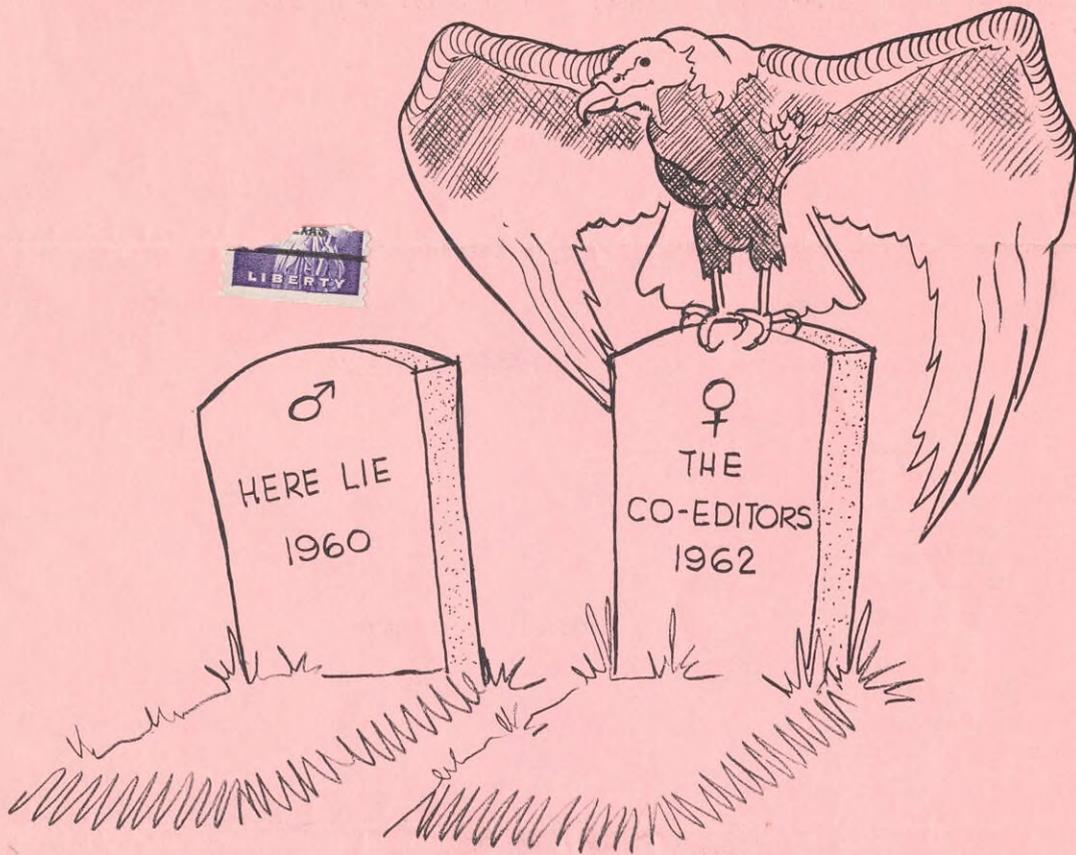
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