

Flicker Flashes

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President's Message *Louise Ayer Tommie*

This is the start of a new year for the **Birmingham Audubon Society**, and a fine time for you to learn more about the many bird species which either live in Alabama or migrate through our state. Knowledgeable birders love to teach others. Birmingham Audubon has many members who can tell you and your family about the flowers and butterflies as well as the avian population. It is rewarding to follow those who love nature.

Bring your family and venture out on one of our many **field trips**. On the first and third Saturdays of the month we hit the bush, binoculars in hand, expecting nature to provide an exciting day. Also come to the **Birmingham Zoo Auditorium to a Monthly Meeting** for tasty snacks, fine hospitality, and an interesting program. Here is your invitation to join in the fun! Everyone is welcome; bring a friend with you.

Through the hard work of our enthusiastic committees, **Flicker Flashes** has itemized the events of our entire year in this issue so that you can mark your calendar. As you read this newsletter notice our accent on youth. Nothing is more rewarding than to open the eyes and ears of a young person to the wonders of our world. We reach children through many special programs, which teach children or educate their teachers. A great place to start with your small child is "**Audubon Teaches Nature**" at Oak Mountain State Park, at 2:00 on select Sunday afternoons. Next month's issue of the newsletter will have the full schedule.

Another program, "**On the Wing**", is presented in the classroom, and we provide a number of teachers with a subscription to "**Audubon Adventures**," a quarterly newspaper published by the National Audubon

Society to be used in the classroom.

We collaborate with **McWane Science Center** to offer programs about birds. In fact, Spring of 2009, we expect to have our office in a wonderful birding "tree," part of McWane Center's new natural history display. How exciting that is going to be!

The Christmas Banquet on Tuesday, December 2 at Vestavia Country Club will feature noted artist, writer and **National Public Radio commentator, Julie Zickefoose**, who will come from Ohio to be our speaker. Be sure to join us for this wonderful holiday occasion. In the Spring we all look forward to "**Audubon Mountain Workshop**" at Camp Alpine near Mentone, Alabama. Families may learn from noted naturalist educators who give neat programs during the long weekend.

Serious **environmental issues** are taken up by our **Conservation Committee** and statements concerning our stand are made public. Good work over the years has given the Birmingham Audubon Society the respect of the people of Jefferson County and the State.

In closing, you are invited to take advantage of the opportunities that BAS offers and perhaps you can help us by contributing your originality and imagination to our activities. We will plan on seeing you soon.

Stay informed of the many BAS activities by regularly visiting our web site at <http://www.birminghamaudubon.org/> I hope to see you at a BAS activity soon.



SoSo for the Record

Sightings April 15, 2008 through July 19, 2008

In early July Eric Soehren and John Trent (State Lands Division) performed a three-day biological assessment at the State Cattle Ranch located in Hale County. This area is a recent acquisition of the Forever Wild Program. Their observations included **20 American White Pelicans** and numerous **Great Egrets** and **Wood Storks**. These birds were feeding mostly in catfish ponds. Eric noted that this was the first time he had ever seen **Wood Storks** and **White Pelicans** feeding together. Additionally, he is unaware of any records of **White Pelicans** in this region in July.

Other birds seen were **Blue-winged Teal (7, in eclipse plumage, a surprise)**, **Pied-billed Grebe (breeding)**, **Anhinga**, **Black-Crowned Night-Heron**, **Mississippi Kite**, **Bald Eagle**, many **Dickcissels** and **Eastern Meadowlarks**.

The Cattle Ranch is still managed by the Department of Correction's inmates and is closed to the public. However, once it is transferred to the Department of Conservation it is a birding destination we look forward to visiting in the Black Belt Region.

Other birds seen were:

4/7 **American Woodcock**; Meadowbrook (JI).

4/26 **Eastern Wood Pewee; White-eyed and Red-eyed Vireos; House Wren; Wood Thrush; Warblers- Tennessee, Orange-crowned, Chestnut-sided, Cape May, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, Pine, Palm, Blackpoll, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, and Hooded; Summer and Scarlet Tanagers; Rose-breasted Grosbeak; Indigo Bunting; Baltimore Oriole**; A fine morning of birding at Ruffner Mountain and South Roebuck (SD, AD, Scot's son, 8 years old).

Baltimore Oriole; Logan Martin Lake (RCo).

4/27 **Cape May Warbler**; Logan Martin Lake (RCo).

Lesser Yellowlegs; Sandpipers- Solitary, Spotted, and Least; Wilson's Snipe; Sunbelt Turf Farm (GJ,DJ).

4/28 **Eastern Kingbirds (everywhere); Dickcissel (a surprise, feeding with Cedar Waxwings)**; Birmingham Airport (GJ,DJ).

5/3 **Shorebirds, 6 species; Bobolink (7)**; Sunbelt Turf Farm
American White Pelican; Bonaparte's Gull (unusually late); Logan Martin Dam (GJ,DJ).

5/10 **Swainson's Warbler**; After fighting through a badly overgrown trail, Upper Cahaba Birding Trail (GJ).

5/14 **Anhinga (Two flyovers); Great Blue Heron (An estimated 20 back and forth flyovers carrying nesting material); Hooded Merganser (imm. drake possibly second year)**; Saginaw Swamp (MS,HK,AM,SH).

6/1 **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (12+ juveniles with several adults)**; Found nesting in Central Park, reported by Carolyn Roberson a retired teacher (AM,MS).

7/19 **"Black Belt birding" American White Pelican 50+; Wood Stork 250/130 (two locations); Mississippi Kite (2); Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (2)**; Autaugaville, Faunsdale, and Uniontown. Also many swallows at Lakeland Farms and a large number **Cliff Swallows** nesting at the Henry Lock and Dam. Question, could these pelicans and storks be the same ones seen earlier at the Cattle Ranch? (GH,RC,JG).

Contributors: Ron Cogen (RC), Ross Cohen (RCo), Scot Duncan, Ashlin Duncan, Jessica Germany, Greg Harber, Susan Hutchison, John Imhof, Greg and Debi Jackson, Helen Kittinger, Anne Miller, Eric Soehren, Maureen Shaffer, and John Trent

Please submit sightings for October FF at least five days before September 1st deadline to Ann Miller, 520 Yorkshire Drive, Birmingham, Al. 35209.

September Monthly Meeting
Alabama's 1901 Constitution: It's a Thick Book
and a Big Impact on our Environment
Presented by Mark Berte
Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Birmingham Zoo Auditorium

We have all heard about Alabama's antiquated constitution. What remains unclear for many is how constitutional reform will benefit Alabama's environment. This program is a must for anyone interested in conserving our environment for future generations.

Mark Berte is the Grassroots Education Director for the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform (ACCR) Foundation, a non-partisan organization dedicated to educating Alabamians about our 1901 Constitution and the need and opportunities to reform it. Mark will let us know how Alabama's current constitution stymies increased environmental safeguards and how a new constitution will help Alabama's environment.

Prior to serving at the ACCR Foundation, Mark was the Director of the statewide Constitutional Reform Education Campaign at Greater Birmingham Ministries, which is an interfaith organization that not only provides direct services to the low income community in the Birmingham area, but also works to address the systemic causes of poverty.

Mark received his Bachelor's degree at Birmingham Southern College and his Master's degree from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. Currently, he is a member of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama Roundtable, is a graduate of the 2006 class of Leadership Mobile and 2007 class of Leadership Alabama.

Mark and his wife, Leigh Ann, who is an English professor at Spring Hill College, attend Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile. They have a six year old daughter named Julianne and a two year old daughter named Linden Elizabeth.

Attend and enjoy this program

Invite a friend and come early at 6:45 to socialize and enjoy some refreshments. Guests are welcome.

Hans Paul, VP Programs

SHADES CREEK CLEANUP
Sponsored by Friends of Shades Creek
Saturday, September 27, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Samford University on Lakeshore Drive, West Gate Entrance

PURPOSE: To clean trash from this largest tributary of the Cahaba River and to educate yourself about the creek as a valuable community resource.

HOW CAN YOU HELP: Participate!

HOW CAN YOU HELP MORE: Take a leadership role and oversee the participation of a group of which you are a member. Make this an outing for your civic club, social club, neighborhood association, church group, school class, garden club, friends, book club, coworkers, scout troop, etc. Everyone is welcome!

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE: Shades Creek is a wonderful resource. If protected it will enhance your life and add value to the community. By participating you take an ownership interest in this resource.

Do you have a favorite section of creek? Contact us and we can help you clean it.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Hans Paul at 807-7357 or Michelle Blackwood at 879-6866



September Field Trips

Memorial Russell Bailey Labor Day Field Trip Monday, September 1, 2008, 8:00 a.m. Lake Purdy

The end of summer is soon upon us, and that means it is time once again for our annual Labor Day field trip to Lake Purdy. Russell Bailey led this trip for many years and we remember him fondly as we continue this fine tradition in his memory. Please plan to join us at 8:00 a.m. at the Coxe Creek bridge on

AL 119, approximately 2.25 miles east of the US 280 intersection. After birding the Lake Purdy vicinity the group will continue looking for migrating songbirds and shorebirds at nearby birding destinations to be selected.

Monte Sano State Park and Hays Nature Preserve, Huntsville September 20, 2008

Monte Sano State Park is located in north Alabama near Huntsville. Harry Dean from Madison has kindly agreed to host us during our visit. Plans are to arrive about 8:00 am at Monte Sano to start the day. Monte Sano is wooded and should be good for typical woodland birds such as woodpeckers, the nuthatches, chickadees and wrens. Bring a lawn chair so that at lunch we can picnic at an overlook that provides a dramatic view of the valley and look for migrating raptors. We will visit Hays Nature Preserve after lunch, time and weather permitting.

Depart: Arrive READY TO LEAVE at 6:30 a.m. from the parking lot of North Gate Village Shopping Center. Directions: Take I-65 north to Exit 271, Fieldstown Road. Turn right, go one block and the shopping center will be on the right. A Hardees and other places for breakfast are just past the shopping center.

To meet us at Monte Sano State Park about 8:00 am take I-65 North to I-565 into Huntsville. Turn south off I-565, Exit 17, onto Memorial Parkway/US 231 and take second exit to Governors Drive (US 431 follows

Memorial Parkway to the North and Governors Drive to the East). Drive east. Turn left off Governors at the Monte Sano State Park sign onto Monte Sano Blvd. Continue to another Monte Sano State Park sign and turn right onto Nolan Avenue, which goes into the park. Drive past the Picnic area to the Park Office and Store. Upon entering the park our first stop will be the Office and Store restrooms. Bring scopes, binoculars, water, drinks, lunch, a full tank of gas, insect repellent, and sunscreen.

Entrance fee: There is a \$3.00 per person entrance fee on the weekend (\$2.00 weekday). There is an honor box at the park entrance (the gatehouse is only manned for special events).

Trip Leader: Jessica Germany

Please contact the trip leader if you plan to join us. The phone number is 595-0814 or jhgermany@bellsouth.net. Plans could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

5th Annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest is Oct. 16-19, 2008

The Alabama Coastal BirdFest celebrates five years of birding this fall, with more than 20 planned events, including guided birding tours, dinners and speakers, and the free, daylong Bird and Conservation Expo. Set to greet the fall migration, when millions of birds make their annual trip from all over North America to winter homes in Central and South America, the 2008 BirdFest is planned for Oct. 16-19. As last year, all of the trips will depart from the Five Rivers Delta Resource Center on the causeway, conveniently located half way between Mobile and the Eastern Shore.

For more information or to register please visit: <http://www.alabamacoastalbirdfest.com/>

- The Birmingham Audubon Society would like to thank the following for their recent memorial gifts:
- In memory of Dr. Charles P. Dagg from Elberta Reid
 - In memory of Robert R. Reid, Jr. from Mary E. Woodrow

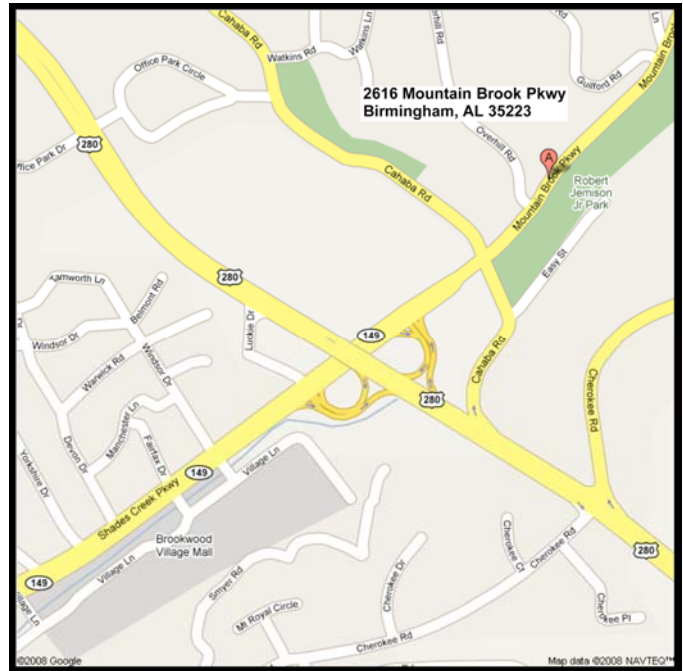
44th Annual BAS Fall Bird Count

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Saturday, September 27th will be the date for our 44th annual BAS Fall Bird Count. We will cover as much of Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair counties as possible, with as many count parties as we can place in the field. Thus far, the summer rainfall levels have been normal and the effects of last summer's drought appear to have abated somewhat. A cool front has passed through our area even as I write, so we'll see if an early fall is in store for us and what effect this might have on the birds. Are you unable to assist us in the field, but still want to contribute to the count? No problem, simply count all the birds at your feeders and water features, keep track of the time spent counting and report your data to us after the count.

If you have participated in a count previously or know the name of the party leader for the area where you would like to help, contact them to be sure that you are included! If you are interested in joining a count party but don't know any leaders, please call me at 251-2133 and I will put you in touch with a party leader. Or you may consult the spring count report in this issue and check with a party leader listed there. Be sure to pack a lunch, your binoculars and field guides and plenty of water. These counts can be quite fun but do remember that spending an entire day in the field can be demanding.

At the end of the day we will gather to compile our results, swap stories and share our adventures of the day. Real rarities will need a good story and appropriate documentation. Greg Harber will serve as the count compiler and Elberta Reid will host the compilation at her home at 2616 Mountain Brook Parkway, located just east of Colonial Brookwood Village. Be sure to grab a bite to eat before we get started around 7:00 PM. If you need detailed directions call Elberta at 879-1935. See accompanying map.



Information on other Counts

73rd Birmingham Christmas Bird Count

Date: Saturday, December 27, 2008

Host: TBA

Compiler: TBA

44th Spring Bird Count

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Host: Ty and Kenny Keith

Compiler: TBA

Make plans now to attend any or all of these counts.

2008 HUMMINGBIRD MIGRATION CELEBRATION

Strawberry Plains Audubon Center

September 5-7, 2008 — Gates are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

STRAWBERRY PLAINS AUDUBON CENTER

285 Plains Road, Holly Springs MS 38635

Strawberry Plains Audubon Center is one of Mississippi's finest natural and historic treasures with more than 200 species of birds, extensive native plant gardens and the antebellum Davis House. The Center encompasses 2,500 acres of diverse wildlife habitat and has 15 miles of walking trails for exploring our forests, fields and wetlands. Among the invited speakers will be the Hummer/Bird Study Group! Renowned hummingbird experts Bob and Martha Sargent are real showstoppers. Get a closeup view of how they band hummingbirds and watch as some visitors are allowed to release the tiny birds back into the wild.

Admission: Adults and children over 12: \$10; seniors: \$7; children under 12: \$5; children under 3: \$3. 12-passenger vans and buses: \$7 per passenger (driver admitted free). Free parking is included in all admission prices. Please, no pets allowed.

For tickets and reservations call the Holly Springs Tourism Office 662-252-2515 or the Strawberry Plains Audubon Center at 662-252-1155.

DIRECTIONS: Strawberry Plains Audubon Center is on Hwy 311, 3.2 miles north of the intersection of Hwy 7 and Hwy 311 at Holly Springs, and 9.5 miles south of the intersection of Hwy 72 and Hwy 311

BIRMINGHAM AUDUBON SOCIETY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2008-2009

September 2008		General Meeting, BZA,	21	BAS Field Trip, Camp Kanawahala
1	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, October issue	7:00 p.m.		
	Russell Bailey, Jr. Memorial Bird Walk, Lake Purdy	Chris Oberholster, Executive Director, The Nature Conservancy of Alabama	22	Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.
12-14	BAS trip, Whigg Meadow, Tennessee/North Carolina	Program on Ecuador plus an update on TNC activities in Alabama	1	March 2009
18	Board Meeting, Birmingham Zoo Auditorium (BZA), 5:45 p.m.	BAS Field Trip, Wheeler NWR, Decatur, AL	7	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, April issue
	General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.			BAS 1/2 day Field Trip, Ruffner Mountain Nature Center
	Mark Berte, Executive Director, Alabama Constitutional Reform Coalition	December 2008	19	Board Meeting, BZA, 5:45 p.m.
	How constitutional reform and a better environment go hand in hand	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, January 2009 issue		General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.
20	BAS Field Trip, Monte Sano S. P., Huntsville	Christmas Banquet – Vestavia Country Club,		Pat Byington, The Wilderness Society, Topic TBA
27	44 th Annual BAS Fall Bird Count	Julie Zickefoose, speaker	21	BAS Sessions Sanctuary workday (1/2 day)
		Christmas Bird Count – Wheeler NWR	28	BAS Field Trip, Perry Lakes Park
		Christmas Bird Count – Guntersville	29	Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.
		Christmas Bird Count - Birmingham (73 rd)		
October 2008		January 2009		April 2009
1	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, November/December issue	Christmas Bird Count - Gulf Shores	1	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, May/June issue
4	Family Bird Walk - Birmingham Zoo, 7:30 a.m.	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, February issue	4	Family Bird Walk - Birmingham Zoo 7:30 a.m.
10-12	Alabama Ornithological Society meeting, Dauphin Island, AL	BAS 1/2 day Field Trip, Red Mountain Park (Tentative)	17-19	Alabama Ornithological Society meeting - Dauphin Island, AL
16	Board Meeting, BZA, 5:45 p.m.	Board Meeting, BZA, 5:45 p.m.	23	Board Meeting, BZA, 5:45 p.m.
	General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.	General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.		General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.
	Adam Snyder, Executive Director, Conservation Alabama	Dr. Jim McClintock, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Impact of Climate Change on Antarctic Marine Life	25	"Members Favorite Slides"
16-19	Alabama Coastal Birdfest, Fairhope, AL	BAS Field Trip, Lake Guntersville SP	26	BAS Field Trip, Greenebriar Treasure Forest, Eutaw
18	BAS Field Trip, Watercress Darter NWR, McAdory House & Tannehill S. P.	Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.		Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.
19	Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.	Alabama Ornithological Society meeting, 5 Rivers – Alabama's Delta Resource Center	2	May 2009
25	BAS Fall Campout, Bankhead National Forest, Houston Campground		7-10	44 th Annual BAS Spring Bird Count
		February 2009		32 nd Annual Audubon Mountain Workshop – Mentone, AL
		<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, March issue	6	June 2009
1	BAS 1/2 day Field Trip, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve	BAS 1/2 day Field Trip, Downtown/McWane Science Center		BAS Field Trip, Cheaha State Park
15	BAS Sessions Sanctuary workday (1/2 day)	Board Meeting, BZA, 5:45 p.m.	1	August 2009
16	Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.	General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m.	8	BAS Field Trip, Black Belt Birding
20	Board Meeting, BZA, 5:45 p.m.	Dr. James Lamb, McWane Science Center, Fossil Birds		BAS Field Trip, Black Belt Birding



Kid's Corner

Activities for Fledgling Naturalists

Have you heard the BUZZ in your yard? The Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are migrating south to Central America. These little birds actually fly across the Gulf of Mexico. This is our smallest bird that breeds east of the Mississippi River. They are iridescent green. Males have the iridescent ruby throat. These feathers look black until the light hits them and reflects that beautiful red color. Females and young male birds have white throats.

Have you seen these birds fight over the feeders and flowers? They do not share well! These hummingbirds are very territorial. They claim an area and they do not like any other hummingbirds moving in. Nectar is a food source for hummers but did you know they eat insects? I have seen a Ruby-throated Hummingbird pick insects out of a spider's web to eat. That was easy hunting! Hummingbirds will even catch insects in the air. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird beats its wings 53 times per minute. How fast can you flap your arms? That fast wing beating creates the humming noise when they fly!

Do you have a hummingbird feeder hanging outside? It's not too late to put one out and watch these little flying speedsters. You do not have to buy hummingbird food. All you need is sugar and water. First, you need to ask a parent to help you boil the water.

HUMMINGBIRD FOOD RECIPE

1 small cooking pot

water

white sugar (no artificial sweetener or brown sugar)

measuring cup

Fill a small cooking pot halfway with water. After the water boils, have the adult measure one cup of water. Add ¼ cup of sugar to the hot water and stir slowly and carefully. When the sugar has dissolved place the hummingbird food in the refrigerator to cool. You do not need to add red food color to the sugar water. After 30 minutes, take out the sugar water and place into a clean hummingbird feeder. Hang the feeder outside. You might want to have your parents buy an ant cup. This will hang between the hummingbird feeder and the branch. You add water to it and it keeps the ants out of the hummingbird feeder. If the sugar water looks cloudy, empty and clean the feeder and add new food. If you wanted to make extra food, how much sugar would you add to 4 cups of water? (Answer at bottom of page).

Keep your hummingbird feeder out during the winter. Did you know that keeping feeders out will **NOT** make the hummingbirds stay here. When the days get shorter, the daylight

time is shorter. That tells the hummingbird it's time to fly south.

Then why did I tell you to keep feeders out when the Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are gone? There are nine other hummingbirds that may be found in Alabama during the winter. If you have a hummingbird after the first of November, you may have one of the wintering hummers. See if you can find the hummingbirds in the word search below.

HUMMINGBIRDS

Word search created at Discovery Education
<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/>

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Answer to the hummingbird food question: 1 cup sugar is added to 4 cups of water.

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2008 BAS Spring Count Report Saturday, April 26, 2008

Participants in the BAS Spring Count recorded 133 species in Jefferson, St. Clair and Shelby Counties on the day of the count. Veery, Dickcissel and Pine Siskin were count week birds. Thirty-three observers in 13 parties traveled 680.6 miles while spending 98 hours in the field. The weather was partly cloudy to cloudy on count day, with a temperature range of 68 to 80 degrees. Many thanks are due to our compilation host, Maureen Shaffer, and to all the party leaders and participants. Compiler: Greg Harber.

Observers (party leaders in boldface): **Greg Harber**, BJ Allen, Jessica Germany, Edith Hunt, **Helen Kittinger**, Rick Kittinger, Jo Kittinger, Ty Keith, Kenny Keith, **Frank Farrell**, Shirley Farrell, Harriett Wright, **Louise Ayer Tommie**, Susan Patton, Jean Folsom, **Mary Lou Miller**, Elberta Reid, Lida Hill, Cindy Pinger, Larry Wright, Ken Archambault, **Pelham Rowan**, **Sharon Hudgins**, **David George**, **Andrew Haffenden**, Suzanne Elder, **Cheryl Horncastle**, Jerry Horncastle, Maureen Shaffer, **Scot Duncan**, Ashlin Duncan, **Greg D. Jackson**, **Linda Cicero** (Orr Park festival).

Snow Goose	1	Belted Kingfisher	14	Northern Parula	12
Canada Goose	191	Red-headed Woodpecker	18	Yellow Warbler	5
Wood Duck	13	Red-bellied Woodpecker	87	Chestnut-sided Warbler	6
Mallard	38	Downy Woodpecker	37	Cape May Warbler	1
Blue-winged Teal	8	Hairy Woodpecker	3	Yellow-rumped Warbler	30
Wild Turkey	14	Northern Flicker	4	Black-throated Green Warbler	9
Double-crested Cormorant	101	Pileated Woodpecker	14	Yellow-throated Warbler	13
Anhinga	1	Eastern Wood-Pewee	10	Pine Warbler	57
Least Bittern	1	Acadian Flycatcher	11	Prairie Warbler	33
Great Blue Heron	54	Eastern Phoebe	84	Palm Warbler	21
Great Egret	5	Great Crested Flycatcher	85	Blackpoll Warbler	10
Snowy Egret	2	Eastern Kingbird	66	Black-and-white Warbler	2
Little Blue Heron	1	Loggerhead Shrike	4	American Redstart	1
Cattle Egret	2	White-eyed Vireo	108	Prothonotary Warbler	7
Green Heron	24	Yellow-throated Vireo	28	Worm-eating Warbler	2
Black-crowned Night Heron	2	Blue-headed Vireo	2	Swainson's Warbler	2
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	15	Red-eyed Vireo	88	Louisiana Waterthrush	9
Black Vulture	8	Blue Jay	113	Kentucky Warbler	24
Turkey Vulture	33	American Crow	211	Common Yellowthroat	39
Mississippi Kite	2	Fish Crow	5	Hooded Warbler	57
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	Purple Martin	107	Yellow-breasted Chat	65
Cooper's Hawk	4	Tree Swallow	14	Summer Tanager	41
Red-shouldered Hawk	18	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	94	Scarlet Tanager	34
Broad-winged Hawk	7	Cliff Swallow	143	Eastern Towhee	142
Red-tailed Hawk	18	Barn Swallow	243	Chipping Sparrow	49
American Kestrel	1	Carolina Chickadee	143	Field Sparrow	3
Sora	6	Tufted Titmouse	180	Savannah Sparrow	41
American Coot	7	White-breasted Nuthatch	22	Swamp Sparrow	1
Killdeer	33	Brown-headed Nuthatch	30	White-throated Sparrow	29
Lesser Yellowlegs	14	Carolina Wren	109	Northern Cardinal	283
Solitary Sandpiper	8	House Wren	4	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	23
Spotted Sandpiper	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	Blue Grosbeak	25
Least Sandpiper	9	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	130	Indigo Bunting	174
Peep Sandpiper	4	Eastern Bluebird	137	Dickcissel	1-CW
Wilson's Snipe	3	Veery	1-CW	Bobolink	4
Rock Pigeon	140	Swainson's Thrush	5	Red-winged Blackbird	295
Eurasian Collared-Dove	8	Wood Thrush	41	Eastern Meadowlark	41
Mourning Dove	274	American Robin	160	Common Grackle	150
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5	Gray Catbird	31	Brown-headed Cowbird	88
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	Northern Mockingbird	224	Orchard Oriole	34
Great Horned Owl	3	Brown Thrasher	76	Baltimore Oriole	8
Barred Owl	4	European Starling	180	House Finch	85
Chuck-will's-widow	14	Cedar Waxwing	200	Pine Siskin	3-CW
Whip-poor-will	6	Tennessee Warbler	3	American Goldfinch	128
Chimney Swift	166	Orange-crowned Warbler	3	House Sparrow	60
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	14				

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1	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, October issue Russell Bailey, Jr. Memorial Bird Walk, Lake Purdy	1	<i>Flicker Flashes</i> articles due, November/December issue
12-14	BAS trip, Whigg Meadow, Tennessee/North Carolina	4	Family Bird Walk - Birmingham Zoo, 7:30 a.m.
18	Board Meeting, Birmingham Zoo Auditorium (BZA), 5:45 p.m. General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m. Mark Berte, Executive Director, Alabama Constitutional Reform Coalition How constitutional reform and a better environment go hand in hand	10-12	Alabama Ornithological Society meeting, Dauphin Island, AL
20	BAS Field Trip, Monte Sano S. P., Huntsville	16	Board Meeting, BZA, 5:45 p.m. General Meeting, BZA, 7:00 p.m. Adam Snyder, Executive Director, Conservation Alabama
27	44 th Annual BAS Fall Bird Count	16-19	Alabama Coastal Birdfest, Fairhope, AL
		18	BAS Field Trip, Watercross Darter NWR, McAdory House & Tannehill S. P.
		19	Audubon Teaches Nature, The Wildlife Center, 2:00 p.m.
		25	BAS Fall Campout, Bankhead National Forest, Houston Campground

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