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The Audubon Society of Missouri is a non-profit statewide society organized in 1901 and affiliated with The National Audubon Society. It is dedicated to the preservation and protection of birds and all wildlife forms and habitat, to the education of the citizenry toward appreciation of the natural world, and to working for wise conservation practices related to people and wildlife.

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FROM

THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

By Jim Rathert

CONSERVATION IS ALIVE AND WELL

Paul Bauer's editorial in the last issue of The Bluebird described his excitement over Department of Conservation's acquisition of the St. Charles County marsh known as Marais Claire. All Auduboners who shared their money, time and other resources during the Design Conservation campaign can rightly take credit for making this acquisition possible. Franklin Island, Marais Temps Claire, Howell Island and a host of other new public conservation areas will add to the quality of life for all Missourians. Public land acquisition, progressive game species management and broadening activities in the area of nongame species of birds, herps etc., are all symptoms of Missourians' enlightened attitues concerning natural resources.

The overwhelming defeat of the Meramec Park Lake project in the election last August also indicates that a healthy conservation ethic is "alive and well" in Missouri.

The successes of the past two years are certainly encouraging, but as individuals and as an organization, we must keep up our guard so as to prevent erosion of our progress.

There are many threats to Missouri's natural landscape such as the proposed enlargement of Locks and Dam 26 at Alton, channelization, snag

removal operations on many small streams throughout the state, and accelerated clearing of upland wildlife cover in agricultural regions.

Our goals for the next two years should be increased awareness of the problems confronting wildlife and a willingness to work to help solve them.

I know we will continue to be strong in the traditional areas of birding and other types of natural history study.

During the next two years, I'm looking forward to working with the other officers, Directors and members to maintain the high standards and traditions of this society.

President's Notes --

Dave Easterla and Dick Anderson have nearly completed the revision of the Checklist to the Birds of Missouri. It should be available in the next few months.

We will again provide one National Audubon campership for summer 1979 to a person engaged in the broad area of youth work-teaching of life sciences. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact me soon.

We're planning a spring meeting of the Society. The emphasis will be on field activities. Full details will be printed in the March issue of The Bluebird.

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CONSERVATION COMMENTS

by James P. Jackson

November Election -- Environmental battles must often æ settled in the voting booth these days; a case in point was the August nonbinding referendum that finally persuaded certain congressmen that issourians did not want a dam on the lovel reramec River. recently, the voters of Missouri have turned down a proposed constitutional amend ment which would have destroyed the financial autonomy of our fine Department of Conservation. The proposal stipulated that whateve r might be paid to counties in lieu of taxes on land purchased by the Department afterJuly 1 1977 would be determined -- and there fore controlled -- by the Legislature. This was in spite of the Department's avowed intentions to make these payments anyway, though without politicians to dictate just how would be done. There were no other real conservation issues on the statewide ballot, and the defeat of Amendment 21 by nearly 10,000 votes was a victory for us all.

The Legislature -- Referring again to the lissouri Legislature, in August the Conservation Federation called a special meeting on legislative priorities for the coming year. I any conservation organizations were represented, and it was decided by consensus to strive for the following priorities:

(1)defeat of any effort to repeal the 1/8¢ sales tax for conservation; (2) seek authority for the lissouri Department of Conservation to make payments to counties in lieu of taxes, without legislative control; (3) pass a state law to bring land reclamation regulations into compliance with those passed by the federal government; (4) pass a law to provide regulated protection of caves in lissouri; (5) institute a mandatory deposit on beverage containers.

There are, of course, other conservation-related issues to be expected when the Legislature goes into session. Nevertheless, a united effort on just a few key issues is more effective than a weak shotgun effort aimed at a multitude of issues. Let us keep a sharp focus on the five priorities listed above.

Wilderness -- While everyone awaits results from the RARE II potential wilderness evaluation process, there is good news from Congress regarding this important issue. One of the final acts of Congress in 1978 was to add add more lands to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Included were almost two million acres in 8 units within the National Parks System. Of regional interest to us was the setting aside of 10,529 acres in wilderness in the Buffalo Natl. River of Arkansas.

We still have much to do here in Nissouri before final wilderness protection is afforded our own outstanding area, the 17.562 acres which comprise the Irish Wilderness. Rep. Richard Ichord, in whose district this area is located, has stubbornly opposed all our effortsin behalf of wilderness, and has been re-elected once more. We need the kind of statewide pressure for preservation of the Irish Wilderness which convinced Ichord that we did not want a dam on the Peramec. It can be done.

Alaska Lands -- A good Alaska Lands bill, after overwhelming approval by the House, was sabotaged by various diversionary tactics in the Senate. Protection of the lands involved, under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act expires December 18. What must happen now, unless Congress can revive the entire process next year, is for President Carter to protect all of the Alaska National Interest Lands by using his authority underthe Antiquities Act of 1906 to declare them National onuments. The President needs to receive lots and lots of letters urging him to use his unique authority in this matter. Write to the White House, Washington, D. C. 20500.

CHRIST AS TIFT IDEAS !

Still the best bargain around is the \$5 individual membership in your Audubon Society of Missouri, up only \$1 after years at just setting by. The board at the autum meeting also raised the affiliate fee to \$3 and held all others in line.

It's time now to send along your 1979 dues to our treasurer, Katherine Wade. Now you can make "that certain someone" happy at Christmas with an Audubon membership!

Your editor has a supply of functional and handsome Audubon Society key rings with Audubon egret woven in. Treat gift at \$2.50.

Spend a little more? You can't go wrong with a good book, and just such is "Natural History In America," by Wayne Hanley of the Cassachusetts Audubon Society, formerly a Kansas City Star staffer and a member of Burroughs Audubon. It is a highly readable and authoritative account of the giants in the field, from Mark Catesby to Rachel Carson. A good gift for yourself or anyone. A Demeter Press book from Quadrangle, The New York Times, 3 Fark Ave, New York 10016.

HIGHLITHTS OF THE FALL VEETING

Election of Jim Rathert as president was a highlight of the fall meeting at Camp Rising Sun. Vickie cDonald is our new vice-president; JoAnn Carrett secretary and Ratherine Wade continues as our treasurer. Elected to the board of directors were Dr. Lyle Pursell of Rolla and our retiring president, Faul Bauer. Give these fine people your best support!

The 1979 fall meeting will be Oct. 6.

hark Robbins reported an encouraging 101 species, an all-time bird count high for a fall meeting. Tops without a doubt,

he said, were the four lerlins seen from the point by Dick Anderson. Others also saw some of them. Other noteworthy finds included cormorant, American bittern, at least three osprey, several Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks, both species of the cuckoo, large numbers of migrating blue jays, no Carolina Wrens but loth species of larsh Wrens, and 13 warbler species.

Resolutions adopted by the Conservation Committee, our link with National Audubon, were accepted by the membership. The new state herpetologist, Tom Johnson, drew support in his opposition to the annual snake hunt of the Chadwick 4-H Club. The Society voted support for acquisition by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service of Clarksville Island below Lock and Dam 24 on the ississippi River, a large bald eagle wintering roost being destroyed by timber cutting. Support also was voted for congressional approval of the 'issouri Heritage Riverway program for lands purchased for the nowdefunct Teramec Dam and Lake project. The society also voted, in response to a plea by Jerry Overton and Harry Cregory, to ask the defeat of Amendment 21, the attempted raid by the Legislature on Conservation funds. The People spoke and defeated it!

ROUND TRIP FOR GROOVE- ILLED ANI

They don't know how he got here, but the roove-billed Ani which showed up recently at Wanda Williams' garage in south Kansas City got a prompt, free ride by Braniff back to lexico. First, though, he had stops at Kansas City's Lakeside Nature Center in Swope Park, at the Lansas City Zoo, where Harry Gregory decided he wouldn't mix too well with all the other birds, and at Camp Towanyak nearby, where Jim and Tary Louise Tyers cared for it, fed it, banded and weighed it.

" It had a voracious appetite, " Mar Louise reported. "Jim and the Jamp Fire Firls caught

arout every grasshopper left on the place, and it was getting expensive buying crickets."

Sebastian Patti examined the bird, and thought maybe it was a juvenile which had lost some tail feathers but was otherwise O.K. David Hedges of Lake Quivira knew a graniff pilot. Case Vendel and Jack Downs of the Fish & Wildlife Service gave authorization for the trip, and Ani No. 1363-33301 caught Braniff Flight 239, with the 533 ticket waived. At Houston it was shifted to a Customs plane, which took it to where other Anis were congregating near McAllen.

Previous sightings date from 1903 at Emporia, one at Topeka a few years ago, and one shot at Greenwood in 1973.

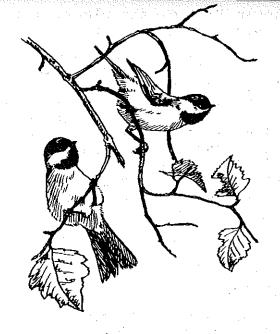
DOVES SURVIVED A TUBBLE

All's well that ends well, reports Lou Bottenbers of urroughs Audubon. Which was the case with two cabe doves he found in a nest on a lime he had sawed off a red leaf plum at his mansas City home last June. He carefully placed the limb and the nest on the porch while he finished trimming, with the parent circling and perching nearcy on the roof.

After a few minutes the nest was secured tack into the tree, and three hours after the incident began a parent was on the nest. From June 11 until June 25, Lou says, parents fed the young, and Lou and ar kay strengthed the nest with strings from time to time. On placing some feed near the chicks on June 26. Lou said, he caused ther to try their wings and fly to a nearby tree. That was the last seen of them until Sept. 1 and 3, when two apparently immature doves were seen perched on a neighbor's roof.

From Cleveland in Cass County Dr. Charles G. Stephens and his indefatigable wife, Millie, report sighting three owls, several hawks, a Mississippi Kite and a grey fox in one morning, plus a number of bluebirds. Their farm on Route D is a favorite stop for Burroughs Audubon members. The hospitality is true Southern style!

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AMONG THE BRANCHES

AUDUBON BRANCHES LOOKING UP

A raft of new officers are taking the helm in our Missouri chapters, and things starting to hum . . . Mary Lou Jenssen now directs affairs of the Mosage Audubon chapter at Sedalia, while Freeda Swope continues in her competent way to get out The Liaison the chapter's informative monthly. A welcome feature there is a "Get Acquainted With Members" section. Freeda has great help from Mark Belwood, Al and Charla Jording, Bill and Ellen Cole and Erica Baepler . . . D.E. Hamby heads up the Ozark Gateway chapter, and its sprightly publication, The Observer, bears the editorial stamp of Juanita R. Reineke . .The redoubtable Vickie McDonald, a lively addition to the Springfield scene, is both president and editor of the Greater Ozarks Audubon chapter at Springfield, where Ozark Gobbler is making a big impact. have put out a call for those willing assist in nature programs by leading them or by speaking, and Dona Key, education chairperson, is seeking volunteers. . . Alverta Loomis, president of River Bluffs Audubon at

Stanford's "Basics of Birding" programs this fall, to improve field skills. Rich George, River Bluffs editor, is seeking a name for his informative sheet...

Jerry Overton, Burroughs Audubon Conservation chairman, was awarded a trip last summer to the Audubon workshop-camp in Maine, and reported a great experience. Likewise by Vickie McDonald of Springfield, sent by the state society, and D. E. Hamby of Joplin, whose Gateway chapter sent him to the Regional Audubon conference at Rock Springs Ranch in Kansas, near the Konza Prairie. . . Tim Barksdale of Maryville is a busy and competent observer, as witness our Summer Birding Survey in this issue. Now he also heads up the Wildlife Club at Northwest Missouri State U.

COOPER COUNTY BIRD NOTES

In the third week of August residents of Boonville noticed a small flock of Purple Martins in the trees north of the fire station. This was puzzling, since martins that had nested in Boonville had left a good many days before. After a few days the birds had increased to number thousands. They would feed over the Missouri River, flying back to the trees in the evening. They evidently waited for more to come in preparation for the journey to their winter home.

Never before had anyone in Cooper County remembered seeing martins in such numbers. . . Fred Harris, who lives near Pisgah, reported seeing a Road Runner on the old Toler west of Pisgah. Mr. Harris is a fine hunter, and is considered by many to be an authority on birds and animals . . . Scissor-tailed flycatchers that nested east of Bunceton near Pisgah and west on Highway J near the J. Elliott farmfor the last three years have not been seen this year . . A Golden Eagle which stayed on the Roy Metzel farm north of Bell Airfor some years was joined last summer by a second one, but they have not been seen this year. . . An ornithology course is being taught at the Boonville Vo-Tech School by Uncas McGuire of Nelson. He taught it



Summer Survey

Compiled by Mark Robbins

June 1 through July 31, 1978

June had above-average temperature readings with slightly above normal rainfall. This was also true for July in the eastern half of the state, while the western section had a slightly cooler than normal July, with rainfall above average.

Most species appeared to have an average to above average nesting season. Cuckoos and most passerines had very good nesting success Exceptions to this included Wood Thrush and Bachman's Sparrow. Unusual finds included the White Ibis, Alder Flycatcher, territorial Chestnut-sided Warblers, the Savannah Sparrow and Dark-eyed Junco.

LOONS THROUGH WATERFOWL -- An Eared Grebe was found on a small lake just south of St. Joseph in Buchanan County June 13 (FL), providing one of the few records for the state during this season. Pied-billed Grebes were absent this summer at Squaw Creek N.W.R. in Holt County (hereafter S.C.R.).

The 138 White Pelicans at S.C.R. in early July is an unusually large concentration for this time of year (fide refuge personnel). . Single Double-crested Cormorants were found at Schell-Osage W.A. (hereafter S.O.), in Vernon County, July 23 (CH, kh et al) and on July 24 at Reed W.A. in Jackson County (BB).

Thirty Great Blue Herons were found at a heronry near Freeman, Cass County, June 10. (JG et al). Very few Cattle Egrets were reported, and observations of Snowy Egret were

nonexistent. Adult and immature Yellow-Crowned Night Herons were found at S.C.R. and S.O. in July. Least Bitterns were very scarce at S.C.R., where they normally are common breeders. This was possibly due to high water conditions that existed at the refuge for the entire period. A Dark Ibis (Plegadis sp.) was seen in eastern Kansas City June 27 (NJ). A second-year plumaged White Ibis appeared at S.C.R. from July 1-8. This was the second record for S.C.R. (FL, IG, TB, MR).

Two broods of Giant Canada geese were found on Howell Island, Mo. River near Busch W.A. in early June (David Jones). Eight CReenwinged Teal were found June 10 at the Bigelow Marsh, Holt Co., (DE, TB). The two Blue-Winged Teal found east of Charleston, in Mississippi Co. June 15 were unusual (BE). At least 3 broods of this species were seen near Bigelow in Holt County July 8 (MR, TB). Blue-winged Teal were observed through June in the Mo. R. bottoms west of Columbia (Jon Ellis). A female Redhead was present at Lake Jacomo, Jackson Co June 23-29 (NM). A total of six Lesser Scaup were found lingering in the state this period.

HAWKS THROUGH SHOREBIRDS - Forty Turkey vultures were recorded on the Cass Co. Summer Bird Count (hereafter SBC) (JG et al). On e Mississippi Kite was found at Duck Creek W.A. June 30 (Leigh Fredrickson et al), and another individual was seen several times during July at Mingo N.W.R. (Dean Rundle). The Swainson's Hawk seen near Springfield (Leonard Confer) on June 3 and 12 was probably nesting, as were 2 seen in Jackson County June 22 (NM). Three Marsh Harriers were observed June 23 at the Taberville Prairie, St. Clair Co. (CH, KH).

The second brood of Bobwhite fared far better than the first. Ring-necked Pheasants did quite well in the NW corner.

King Rails nested in small numbers at the Bigelow Marsh and S.O. A Virginia Rail was

flushed at Bigelow Marsh June 10 (DE) and another was seen on a small pond near Lowry City, St. Clair Co., June 29. The bird was believed injured (Steve Hilty). Two Sora were found at REED W.A.June 21 (nesting?), BB.

As expected, shorebirds began reappearing the first week in July. The early arrivals consisted primarily of Solitary Sandpipers, Lesser Yellowlegs and Short-billed Dowitchers An Am. Avocet appeared at Trimble W.A. Clinton Co. July 8 (Felicia Bart et al). July 8 at S.C.R. produced six Common and two Caspian Terns. Ten Caspians were noted at S.O. on July 23 (CH, KH et al). Single Least Terns were found at Lake Jacomo June 2 (NM) and on the Mo. River, Holt Co. June 8 (FL).

CUCKOOS THROUGH WARBLERS - Yellow-billed Cuckoos had a bumper season. In some areas they were the most numerous species. An indication of the success of this species was the number of young found killed by motor cars along the highways. Black-billed had an average to above average season.

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and Belted Kingfishers were reported down in numbers in the Springfield area (CB). A total of 11 hummers was recorded on the Cass Co. S.B.C. (JG et al).

Western Kingbirds were found more commonly in the KC area. Scattered pairs were found in Holt and Atchison Counties. Good numbers of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were noted from KC south to the Arkansas border. An Alder Flycatcher was seen and heard at Ritter Spr. Park, Springfield, July 30 (CB). Another was noted on the Stet Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) Ray Co. June 3 (Earl McHugh et al). Status of this species in the state is still very uncertain. A single very early Olive-sided Flycatcher was found at Honey Creek W.A. in Andrew County July 31 (FL). Lawhon had an individual this same date last year at S.C.R.

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ful season throughout the state. As many as 24 singing males were recorded at Mingo NWR in late June (BE. Mark Godwin).

Warblers seemed to fare about normal. Worm-eating, Blue-winged and Prairie Warblers continued to nest as far north as Columbia and St. Louis (BG, PS). Very interesting were the two male <u>Chestnut-sided Warblers</u> seen in Dent Co. throughout June. The birds were singing and appeared to be territorial! (FE). At least one pair of Louisiana Water-thrushes nested at Dobbins Woodland, Nodaway Co. The species is rare as a breeder in this section of the state (TB, MR).

BOBOLINKS THROUGH FRINGILLIDS - Bobolinks continue to nest in scattered colonies in the NW corner. They were recorded as far south as Clinton Co. (4 males) on June 25 (CH et al), and on the Madison BBS, Monroe Co. (8 males, BG). Fifty-eight and 51 Northern Orioles were recorded on the Cass Co. and Platte Co. SBC's respectively (JG, KH et al).

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were noted in good numbers in the KC area. Blue Grosbeaks seemed to be up throughout the state. Twenty-three and 13 were recorded on the Filley, Cedar Co., and St. Clair Co. BBS"s respectively. (SP). At least three pairs nested at S.C.R. (MR, TB).

Dickcissels had a bumper year. These numbers were recorded in counts: 668 June 10 Cass Co. (JG et al); 428 June 25, Clinton Co. (CH et al); 222 Ohio BBS, St. Clair Co. June 27 (SP). Above average numbers were noted in the NW section (MR, FL, TB). From one to three Pine Siskins were still lingering at St. Joseph until June 17 (FL).

The Savannah Sparrow at Springfield was well out of range (CB). Grasshopper Sparrows

Over 150 Tree Swallows were present July 29 at S.C.R. (MR, TB). Normally, concentrations of this size do not arrive until late August. The increase in Cliff Swallows is directly correlated to the increase in artificial nest sites (e.g. dams, bridges, etc.

Black-capped Chickadees enjoyed as very successful season in the NW corner, as good numbers were seen throughout July.

Three Bewick's Wrens were noted July 8 at Watkins Mill State Park, Clay Co. (Harry Gregory). None were recorded in the St. Louis area, where they formerly were an uncommon breeder. Carolina Wrens are beginning to reappear slowly in some areas. Three were seen at Duck Creek W.A. and four at Mingo N.W.R. this summer (BE). Two or three were recorded in the St. Louis area (PS).

Mockingbirds failed to be recorded on the Madison BBC, Monroe Co., and were considered low in numbers in the St. Joseph and Columbia areas (BG, FL).

Wood thrush were well below the expected numbers in the NW corner (MR, TB). Observers in the eastern half of the state as well as the St. Joseph area noted a sharp decrease in Eastern Bluebirds. The species probably now is feeling the effects of the past two winters. Thirty-four were noted in Cass. Co. on the S.B.C. June 10 (JG et al).

Cedar Waxwings were located in several areas during June and July, however positive breeding evidence was not obtained.

Loggerhead Shrikes had a good season, as several family groups were seen in the Northwest corner during July (MR, FL).

Bell's Vireos appeared to have a success-

did well in the West: 145 were recorded on the Clinton Co. SBC; 35 on the Filley BBS, and 44 on the Rockingham BBS. FourHenslow's Sparrows recorded on the Filley BBS were a first (SP). Bachman's Sparrows have suffered a drastic population reduction in the last two years. In 1976 21 singing males were recorded in the Mark Twain National Forest, Taney and Ozark Co.'s. Several birds also were recorded at Salem, Dent Co. in 1976. This year only 1 or 2 birds were seen in all of Douglas, Taney and Ozark Co.'s! While none were found in the Salem area! No birds were recorded on the Morgan Co. BBS. where one or two individuals have been recorded since 1971 (KE). This species should be carefully watched in the coming breeding seasons. Finally, a singing Dark-eyed Junco was photographed 10 miles east of Salem on June 20 (Don Wallan)!

Observers:

BB	-	Bonnie Brown	CH -	- '	Chris Hobbs
$_{\mathrm{CB}}$		Catherine Bonner	KH -	-	Kelly Hobbs
TB	-	Tim Barksdale			Nanette Johnson
BE	_	Bill Eddleman	${ t FL}$.	_	Floyd Lawhon
DΈ	_	David Easterla			Norman
		Keith Evans	SP -	-	Sebastian Patti
			MR -	-	Mark Robbins
m JG	-	JoAnn Garrett	PS -	-	Phoebe
$\mathbf{L}G$	_	Dr. Leo Galloway			Snetsinger
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CORRIGENDUM - The female Painted Bunting in Atchison Co. in 1966, The Bluebird, Vol. 41, No. 2, Pg. 8, proved to be an immature male Indigo Bunting.

One of the three ibis mentioned on Pg. 24, The Bluebird, Vol. 45, No. 1, was collected and proved to be Plegadis Chihi, the Whitefaced Ibis.



Notes and Feathers

that fall on the editor's desk

Hugh G. Hadley, Editor



It cannot be said that Rebecca Matthews "left some mighty big shoes" to fill, but you get the general idea. She "walked mighty tall" in her five years as editor of your society's Bluebird, and it is with considerable trepidation that your new editor takes up the quill.

But the same faithful assortment of men and women help-rs who lightened her load is still on hand, and I look forward with much anticipation to the task of fledging the "Bluebird" quarterly. We solicit your contributions of whimsy or of news.

As Becky said, it is a challenge different from anything I have done, but it has already rewarded me with new contacts and insights.

Mark Robbins is assembling his notes for the Autumn Birding Survey in our next issue and then he will turn over that major task to Jim Wilson for the winter report. Your contributions of autumn and winter sightings should be sent to the team of Jim Wilson and Jim Rathert at the Fish & Wildlife Research Center, 1110 College Avenue, Columbia, Mo. 65201, by March 7.

A great big salute to Mark Robbins for his accurate, informative reporting on the seasonal bird surveys. Next month he will enter Louisiana State University for graduate study. Missouri Audubon is lucky to have young men and women becoming interested in the study of nature.

DID YOU SEE the Red Phalarope in winter plumage observed by Jim Rathert et al on several days after oct. 20 at the mud flats at the north end of Thomas Hill Reservoir?

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М	Louisiana Garden Club	Louisiana
N	Mosage Audubon Society	
	Sedalia-Marsha	ll-Warrensburg
M	New-Mac Bird Club	Neosho
N	Ozark Gateway Audubon Society	Joplin
M,N	Ozark Rivers Audubon Society	Rolla
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