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.

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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 (AD, 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 America 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 Uniotown. 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.
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 repellant, 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
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 Elbera 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 Elbera 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 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.
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**Calendar of Events 2008-2009**

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~ For more information call the Birmingham Audubon Society at 879-7709 or visit [www.birminghamaudubon.org](http://www.birminghamaudubon.org)
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.

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