

June Breeding Bird Survey - 1971

The sixth June Breeding Bird Survey for Mississippi covered a total of 16 survey routes. Participants were: I. S. Godfrey, M. A. Nichols, W. M. Davis (4), W.L. Whittemore, W. H. Turcotte, B. C. Grimm, B.B. Coffey, J.A. Jackson (2), D. M. Lewis(2), B. B. Aldridge and M.B. Blihovde. A tabulation - numerical ranking - (total birds seen or heard all Mississippi routes run) for the 1971 Survey is shown below for twenty most common species:

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| 1. Redwinged blackbird | 11. Indigo bunting |
| 2. Common grackle | 12. Common crow |
| 3. House sparrow | 13. Dickcissel |
| 4. Bob white | 14. Yellow-billed cuckoo |
| 5. Mourning dove | 15. Yellowthroat |
| 6. E. Meadowlark | 16. Chimney swift |
| 7. Cardinal | 17. Cowbird |
| 8. Mockingbird | 18. Carolina wren |
| 9. Blue jay | 19. Yellow breasted chat |
| 10. Starling | 20. Barn swallow |

The dickcissel, Carolina wren and barn swallow appeared in the twenty most common bird list for the first time in 1971. The Kingbird dropped from the list for the first time since the Survey began. W. H. Turcotte

Jackson Audubon Chapter Meeting

On November 16, 1971 a meeting was held at Belhaven College in Jackson, the purpose being to solicit active members and organize a Jackson Audubon Society local chapter. Initial plans for the meeting were made by Miss Evelyn Tackett supported by Dr. Roy Reid and Mrs. Dudley Peeler, professors in the Belhaven College biology department. Mr. Robert Manns, Audubon's southeastern representative, was scheduled to attend but an ice storm in Atlanta disrupted his travel plans.

Mr. Richard Stokes presented a very excellent slide program and commentary on birds of the Everglades. Mr. Stokes was formerly Park Ranger, Everglades National Park, and is presently assigned to the recently established Gulf Islands National Seashore.

A total of 54 new members (comfortably over the initial 35 member requirement necessary for a new local chapter) joined the Audubon Society and hopefully will become active participants in affairs of the Jackson Chapter which is now being

organized. The Mississippi Ornithological Society welcomes this good showing of participation and interest in wildlife and the changing natural environment as reflected through the National Audubon Society and its philosophy.

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