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March Meeting 3/3/2022–Larry Morgan

Butterflies and Hummingbirds of Arizona

Get ready to see some great pictures. Larry spent time living in Arizona and enough time outdoors to take pictures of many species of both. So, be ready to see some of the variety he found while living there.

April Meeting 4/7/2022–

Details for this meeting are not available.



Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month (September through May) in the Education Building at the Hattiesburg Zoo. Refreshments at 6:30 pm. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are open to the public.

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President's Corner

Spring is on the way! If only we could settle on a single season for a whole week! I'm confident that it won't be long before our weather conversation will be like: "I wish I had some of that cooler weather that we complained about earlier this year." I know that some of you won't say that, but others will. Some people like the cooler temperatures because they can always add another layer. Some people cope with the hotter weather by taking off layers. I've already passed the time in my life where taking off layers is a stretch.

My definition of spring is not when the azaleas bloom (and they are beginning right now) but it is when Rose-breasted Grosbeaks visit my backyard feeders. Oh, I know that there are a lot of migrants out there. But seeing the males in their tuxedos and the females with their tan breast is something I definitely look forward to. They are colorful (not the splashy kind of colorful of the Painted Buntings) but they don't seem to tarry long at my feeders like most migrants in the spring. They are driven to get to their breeding grounds right now. Other migrants also arrive at about the same time—Prairie Warblers, Mississippi Kites, and Indigo Buntings to name just a few. Many of these species settle down in this area so we have a long time to find and observe them. But the Grosbeaks mostly leave and aren't seen again until the fall migration (if we're lucky enough to see them going through).

I hope all of us have good birding during spring migration and have lots to report at meetings.

Don't forget that elections are on the way. The nominating committee (Diane Lafferty and Larry Morgan) are now looking for officer volunteers for our next meeting year. Changing officers adds new perspectives to what our Chapter activities and improves the overall satisfaction of all of us.

Larry Basden

Field Trips & Activities March/April

Monthly Lagoon Surveys:

March 12 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

April 9 or 16 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:30am start) duration about 4 hours. Date to be finalized after determination of Dauphin Island spring migration trip.

Field Trips:

March 26 (Sat.)—Honey Island Swamp Tour. Discussion at our March meeting will be needed to finalize this trip. There is a short article elsewhere in this newsletter with some of the details.

Other Activities:

April ??—Dauphin Island trip for spring migration. There will be discussion of the timing for this event at the March meeting.

Keep looking at the website, the Facebook page, and the Pine Woods Audubon listserv.

These, as well as other events, can also be seen (and downloaded) at the PWAS [website](#).

Field Trip Reports—Larry Morgan

February 5

On a cold and blustery day, 5 brave PWAS members went to the Turcotte blind on the Ross Barnett Reservoir. William Turcotte, in my opinion, could be called the modern day father of Mississippi birding. He realized the importance of songbirds, not just game birds. Why is this important? He had a position with the Game Commission (now called the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks or MDWFP). One of his most important works was the recording of all the bird calls of nesting birds in Mississippi. On this trip we spotted 32 species for the day (in spite of the cold wind). Highlights were American White Pelican, White Ibis, Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Green-wing Teal and other varieties of waterfowl. Field trip participants were Larry M., Larry B., Linda B., Diane, and Andrew.

February 26

For this field trip to the Slidell area, we again had 5 adventurous PWAS members making their way south on a cool overcast day (but not blustery this time). Our first stops were along Irish Bayou, considered part of New Orleans East. Our next stop was both rewarding and disappointing—Bayou Sauvage NWR. We did find several nice species but we also found that one of the elevated walkways had been partially destroyed by arson. Our last birding spot was the White Kitchen Nature Conservancy spot. At White Kitchen the birds were sparse since the time of our visit was getting toward midday. In spite of that we saw 3 Bald Eagles but, unfortunately, missed seeing the Limpkin that had been reported earlier. It was time for lunch so we went to the Lost Cajun and had a great one. We had to make one more stop on the way back home—Paul's Pastry in Picayune for king cake. For the day we found 34 bird species with the highlights being the Bald Eagles, White Ibis, Common Gallinule, many Anhingas, and Pelicans—both Brown and American White. Field trip participants were Larry M., Diane, Jeri, Roger, and Mike.

March Field Trip—Larry Morgan

For March we are scheduling a Honey Island Swamp Tour on Saturday, March 26. At the March meeting we will discuss the time for the tour—it can be either 9:00am or 11:30am. The cost for this tour is \$25 per person. Note that payment for the tour can only be in cash. If we reserve for more than 15 people, there will be a discount per person. We have to confirm our reservation by March 15. To sign up for this tour, do not call the tour company directly. Instead, text me with the number of people going at 601-270-4267.

April Field Trip to Dauphin Island—Larry Morgan

At the March meeting we also need to discuss which weekend we take our DI field trip. Our usual trip to DI is for a weekend (Friday night thru Sunday). There are several places to reserve a room for the weekend on the island. The arrangements are up to you. There is a motel (not fancy but OK for the weekend), at least 1 bed & breakfast, and a quick look at AirBnB shows some apartments/condos and houses available for rent (depending on which weekend we choose to go). The Dauphin Island Campground is also available (again depending on which weekend we go).

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March

- 3 (Thu.)— PWAS Meeting, 7pm at Zoo
- 8 (Tue.)— Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 12 (Sat.)— Monthly Lagoon Survey, 7:30am start at Lagoon Gate



April

- 7 (Thu.)— PWAS Meeting, 7pm at Zoo
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- ??— Dauphin Island for spring migration