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March Meeting—3/2/2023
TBD

April Meeting—4/6/2023
TBD

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

Hello All!!

Well, the question of the da/month seems to be: What can we do in the constantly changing weather and WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR? At our very enjoyable Window Watch hosted by Diane on Saturday morning, we had beautiful sunshine and blue skies, but very chilly winds! Thanks to her great sliding-glass doors, we were able to stay very comfortable while seeing quite a good number of bird visitors to her abundant feeders! Lots of good fellowship and food!!

Then, on Monday, February 20, we had a group of 7-8 from Hattiesburg, joined by some from the Coast area, to bird the coastal beaches from Pass Christian eastward toward Ocean Springs. The weather was warm and breezy—really nice for our annual “Gull Run”!! Our first stop, however was not to ID gulls, but to follow a reported sighting of a Great Kiskadee and a Western Kingbird!! The Kingbird was found and seen, but I am not sure that anyone actually saw the visiting Kiskadee. Exciting and fun!

Now, it looks as though we have at least 7-10 days of temps well above the usual for this time of the year, while our northern states are experiencing a snow and ice blizzard from coast to coast! Are our early migrating birds having the same questions?? Are they thinking, “Should we stay or should we go”?? Stay tuned!!

KEEP YOUR FEEDERS FILLED!

Dee

Field Trips & Activities March and April

Monthly Lagoon Surveys:

Mar. 11 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

Apr. 8 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

Field Trips:

Mar. 4 (Sat.)—Field trip for winter sparrows. We will bird at MAFES McNeill Research Unit (operated by MS State University) near McNeill, MS. Meet behind Ed's Burgers at 7am so that we can meet Reggie (our guide) at the station at 8am.

Apr. 22 (Sat.)—Dauphin Island, AL spring migration trip. More information on this event at meetings.

Other Activities:

Mar. 7 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm.

Apr. 11 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm

Keep watching 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 Trips—Larry Morgan

Here's a summary of field trips since our last meeting. You're always welcome to join our activities

February 18 Window Watch

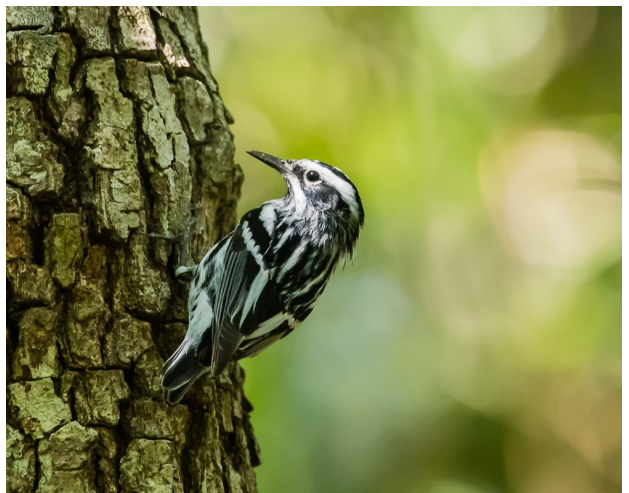
This was held at Diane Lafferty's house and attended by 9 participants. A good event—even had an appearance of the Orange-crowned Warbler!

February 20 Gull Run

Fourteen participants saw lots of birds. But, only three species of gulls were seen. Including a sighting of the Western Kingbird that is spending the winter on the coast. Tried to also see the Great Kiskadee which has been seen on the coast, but no luck that day.

Spring Migration at Dauphin Island, AL

We are planning to travel to Dauphin Island on Saturday, April 22 to see what spring migrants are stopping off on the island on their way north to their breeding grounds. The details for this year's spring migration will be discussed at the next two monthly meetings. There will be options presented that will suit everyone.



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March

- 2 (Thu.)—PWAS Monthly Meeting, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting start at 7:00pm
- 21 (Sat.)—Field Trip to find winter sparrows at McNeill Research Station near McNeill, MS. Details at our March meeting.
- 7 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 11 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey. Meet at lagoon gate for a 7:30am start (duration approx. 4 1/2 hours)



April

- 6 (Thu.)—PWAS Monthly Meeting, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting start at 7:00pm
- 8 (Sat.) - Monthly Lagoon Survey. Meet at lagoon gate for a 7:30am start (duration approx. 4 1/2 hours)
- 11 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 22 (Sat.)—Spring migration at Dauphin Island. Details at April meeting.