



## May Meeting 5/5/2022

Our May meeting will **NOT** be a meeting. It will be a get-together to celebrate the incoming officers for our 2022-2023 meeting year. This will take place at Chesterfield's on Hwy. 98. The incoming officers are noted in the column to the left. Join us at the get-together to congratulate them, thank them for volunteering, and to wish them well. We will meet at the restaurant for a 6pm Dutch treat meal (note the change in time for this event). See you there.

### 2022-2023 Officers

President  
Dee Bishop

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Joshua Hodge

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Teresa O'Neal

Treasurer  
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### Committees

Newsletter  
Larry Basden

Field Trips  
Larry Morgan  
Diane Lafferty

Education

Conservation  
Joshua Hodge

Hospitality  
Will be determined when  
we again have  
refreshments

Membership  
Kelly O'Neal

Historian  
Linda Basden



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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Not an accurate depiction of Chesterfield's. Also, perhaps not an outside meal. Hope to see a better set-up for conversation.



## Editor's Corner

A big **THANK YOU** to our nominating committee: Diane Lafferty, Larry Morgan, and Grayson Rayborn for getting volunteers to fill officer roles for the coming meeting year. Our new officers are: President—Dee Bishop, Vice-President—Joshua Hodge, Secretary—Teresa O'Neal, and Treasurer—Kelly O'Neal. Congratulations to all the officers for next year and you can count on whatever help you need from the membership.

Field trips will be coordinated by Larry Morgan and Diane Lafferty. If you have any ideas for meeting topics or field trips, contact Joshua Hodge, Larry Morgan or Diane Lafferty. Both of these areas are member-driven so they will welcome your ideas/suggestions for the new meeting year beginning in September.

Larry Basden

## Field Trips & Activities May & Summer

### *Monthly Lagoon Surveys:*

**May 7** (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 6:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

**June 18** (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 6:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

**July 16** (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 6:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

**August 13** (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 6:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

**Sept. 17** (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 6:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

### *Field Trips:*

**May 14** (Sat.)—Painted Buntings at the Lagoons. Meet at the lagoon gate for a

**May 15** (Sun.)—Butterflies at Honey Island Swamp. Contact Diane Lafferty for more information.

**May 21** (Sat.)—Painted Buntings at the Lagoons. Meet at lagoon gate at 8am to look for Painted Buntings. If time permits, we may also spend some time birding at Duncan Lake

**June 11** (Sat.)—Butterflies at Honey Island Swamp. Contact Diane Lafferty for more information.

**July 23** (Sat.)—Butterflies in Mississippi Delta. Contact Diane Lafferty for more information.

**Sept. 10** (Sat.)—Butterflies at Honey Island Swamp. Contact Diane Lafferty for more information.

### *Other Activities:*

**May 10** (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm.

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

**July 12** (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm

**August 9** (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm

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

## Field Trip Reports—Larry Morgan

March 26

Four members went on the Dr. Wagner's Honey Island Swamp Tour on March 26. The excessive rainfall along the Pearl River drainage system caused the water level in the swamp to be about 3 feet higher than normal. We were treated to a fast boat ride out on the river where we saw alligators, racoons and lots of waterfowl including Black-bellied Whistling Ducks. The Louisiana Irises and other early blooming plants, like the native Azaleas, were all showing off their beauty. Attendees for this field trip were Larry Morgan, Mike Morgan, Kathy Edwards and Rina Edwards.

### Spring Migration at Dauphin Island

This field trip took place on April 7-10 on Dauphin Island. Thursday and Friday were both windy days so we did not see a lot of birds. We did have a couple of Hooded Warblers following us around Shell Mound. Saturday was a much better day starting at the DI Airport where Reddish Egret, Clapper Rail, Little Blue Heron and other waders put on a show for us. Later, at the lake in the Audubon Sanctuary we had a small fallout of Eastern Kingbirds. When we had our Saturday compilation party at Cadillac Square Park and totaled 76 species and another 9 species were added to the total. Attendees for this field trip were Larry and Anita Morgan, Jim and Dee Bishop, Diane Lafferty, and Grayson and Jane Rayborn. The Rayborn's contributed the lion's share of the bird species with their Saturday and Sunday day trips.

## May Field Trip—Larry Morgan

Let's see if we can find Painted Buntings at the lagoons for 2022 on May 14. We have been able to find them for the past several years. The numbers don't seem to be high but they have usually been present. As a backup, we might also take a look at Duncan Lake and see what we can find there. Meeting time details will be sent out on the listserv.



Pictures from Hattiesburg Sewage Lagoon Painted Bunting hunts of the past. Mid-May 2016, mid-May 2018 and late April 2020.

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### May

- 5 (Thu.)— PWAS Get-together, 6pm at Chesterfield's restaurant
- 7 (Sat.)— Monthly Lagoon Survey, 6:30am start at Lagoon Gate
- 10 (Tue.)— Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 14 (Sat.)—Painted Buntings at the lagoons. Meeting time to be sent out on the listserv.



### Summer

There are many activities for the upcoming summer that can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter. This small area could not contain them all.