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November Meeting—11/3/2022 To Be Determined

Final arrangements have not yet been made.

December Meeting—12/1/2022 To Be Determined

Final arrangements have not yet been made.

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.

Pine Woods Audubon Society is a chapter of National Audubon Society, Inc.



President's Corner

HAPPY FALL to Everyone!!

The last few weeks have been a wonderful time to be out in the “great outdoors” here in the south! No matter the activity, I hope that all of you have been enjoying all that nature has to offer us at this time of the year! And, of course, the birding. I always laugh when friends in other areas of our lives ask: What exactly do you do when you go “birding”? But actually, there is more to the answer to that question than just “look for birds”. Over the last few years that Jim and I have been involved with an organized habit of bird-watching, we have certainly experienced much more than just sighting and identifying birds; although, obviously that is the #1 goal! Walking along observing and enjoying so many parts of nature that can only be seen when on a slow walk is such a satisfying balm for the soul! We always return home with more calm and restoration even if the birds are few. Learning more about native plants, butterflies and our fellow birders is an added gift.

As we approach this Thanksgiving, we can include the blessing of being able to experience the gifts of nature that are around us with others. Come join us over the next few weeks at our monthly meetings and field trips if you are interested in participating. We would love to have you join us!

Dee Bishop

Field Trips & Activities September and October

Monthly Lagoon Surveys:

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

Dec. 3 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:30am start) duration about 4 hours.

Field Trips:

Nov. 5 (Sat.)—Field trip to the Lux Road area to look for early arriving winter birds. This will be led by Diane Lafferty.

Dec 20 (Tue.)—South Hancock County Christmas Bird Count. PWAS has participated in this count for a number of years. Here's a chance to do some Gulf coast birding. More information will be available at our coming meetings.

Dec. 31 (Sat.)—Hattiesburg Christmas Bird Count. The more eyes in the field, the better our count. Contact Joshua Hodge to volunteer to help with our CBC. There will be more information at our coming meetings.

Other Activities:

Nov. 8 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm.

Dec. 6 (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

October 8 Field Trip(s)—This was a double event day.

Event 1, The Big Sit was held at the entrance to the Hattiesburg Lagoons. The team that participated in this year's Big Sit was aptly named The Lagooners. Participants during the day-long event were: Larry Morgan, Diane Lafferty, Sharon McGregor, Dee Bishop, Jim Bishop, Linda Basden, and Larry Basden. The species count for birds observed or heard from the circle reached a total of 42. Highlights included Ovenbird, Northern Parula, Palm Warbler, and a huge flock of Fish Crows. It was a good time and my thanks to all who participated.

Event 2, The monthly lagoon survey was also completed on the same day. Participants for this were Lillie Gibb, Logan Firmin, Diane Lafferty, and Larry Basden. The survey finished with 57 species counted. This included 9 warbler species, including one species that triggered a RARE tag—a Cape May Warbler. We had some great pictures of this one and were sure of the ID. We had 3 other species with a RARE tag—Green Heron, tagged as too late in the year to be here, Ring-necked Duck—tagged as too early to be here, and Northern Shoveler—tagged as too high a number for this date (520 individuals). All of these tagged species were also remarked on in the eBird report. It was great to see the warblers and the growing number of duck species beginning to gather for their winter stay.

October 15—A day trip to Dauphin Island for fall migration. Participants were Grayson Rayborn, Jane Rayborn, Teresa O'Neal, Diane Lafferty, and Larry Morgan. At the end of the day, 59 species were recorded. Highlights were Blue-winged Warbler, Blue-headed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Summer Tanager, and Reddish Egret. We had a total of 11 warbler species. It was a rather spectacular day on the island!

October 22—A field trip to the Mississippi Gulf Coast started at the Clower-Thornton Nature Preserve where we saw 22 species. It's not every day that I manage to get a life bird, but this was one of those days—a Scaly-breasted Munia! We then went to Jones Park and added 17 species of shorebirds. Participants were Mike Morgan and Larry Morgan. The near perfect weather made for a great day!



Scaly-breasted Munia

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November

- 3 (Thu.)—PWAS Monthly Meeting, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting start at 7:00pm
- 5 (Sat.)—Field Trip to Lux Road area in Covington County. More information at our meeting.
- 8 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 12 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey. Meet at lagoon gate for a 7:30am start (duration approx. 4 1/2 hours)



December

- 1 (Thu.)—PWAS Monthly Meeting, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting start at 7:00pm
- 3 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey. Meet at lagoon gate for a 7:30am start (duration approx. 4 1/2 hours)
- 6 (Tue)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 20 (Tue.)—South Hancock County Christmas Bird Count. More information at our meetings.
- 31 (Sat.)—Hattiesburg Christmas Bird Count. More information at our meetings. Contact Joshua Hodge to volunteer your participation.