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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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September Meeting—9/1/2022

Becky Stowe—A Conservationist With Roots Along The Pascagoula River

Join us as the Nature Conservancy's Director of Forest Programs takes us on a personal journey of history and conservation along the banks of the Pascagoula River, a national treasure in Mississippi. Becky is not only an 8th generation Mississippian but also from a long line of those with close ties to the forests and rivers. Becky started with the Nature Conservancy as a land steward on the Upper Pascagoula Preserves, helping manage some of the land her ancestors once owned. From there, she began directing restoration activities on all of the Conservancy's preserves in Mississippi. She has a specific understanding of longleaf pine management.



October Meeting—10/6/2022

Frank Moore—Journey of an Ornithologist

Frank's journey as an Ornithologist is really a convoluted lesson in doing science through birds. It is always fun to reminisce about the birds that played a starring role in the science conducted over four decades by Frank, his students and his collaborators. He will share bits and pieces of his travelogue from gull colonies on the Great Lakes to Willow Warblers and Bluethroats in Swedish Lapland and so much else in between. We studied migratory birds in many places here and abroad using a variety of approaches and tools, but arguably his fondest memories are with the migratory songbirds that stop-over on the Ft. Morgan peninsula, the Mississippi barrier islands, and the coastal cheniers of SW Louisiana during their intercontinental journeys between North American breeding sites and Neotropical wintering places.



← Willow Warbler

Bluethroat →



President's Corner

HELLO ALL!

It is with lots of excitement that I look forward to our first regular PWAS fall meeting! Jim and I first became acquainted with PWAS by way of an invitation to the monthly meeting. And from that initial visit, we have been introduced to new birds, new experiences in nature, and new friends!

We have learned so much from the monthly programs that have been presented, as well as lots of information shared by other members. Let me offer a huge invitation to each of you to join us for the informative and entertaining programs that are already scheduled for this fall! And bring a friend!!

A great way to add to your involvement in PWAS is to participate in regularly scheduled field trips offered throughout the year. These trips are very likely to introduce you to parts of Hattiesburg and surrounding areas that you have not seen!! (And hopefully some birds, too!). We also invite you to join us for our once-a-month dinner/social at Keg-n-Barrel. (First Tuesday after the meeting, 5:30 pm). No birds, but lots of good food, fun, and fellowship!

PWAS has lots to offer. Please join us as we start this new season! We hope to see you there!

Dee Bishop

Field Trips & Activities September and October

Monthly Lagoon Surveys:

Sept. 17 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:00am start) duration about 4 hours.

Oct. 8 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey (meet at lagoon gate for 7:00am start) duration about 4 hours.

Field Trips:

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

Sept. 24 (Sat.)—Field trip to the Charles Deaton Nature Conservancy tract along Hwy. 98 near Merrill. We will leave from behind Ed's Burgers at 8am to arrive at our destination before 9am.

Oct 8 (Sat.)—Big Sit for 2022. The event will be held at the entrance to the lagoons from sunrise to sunset. Come join us for whatever time you have available during the day. More information at our meetings.

Oct. 14-16 (Fri.-Sun.)—Fall migration at Dauphin Island, AL. Spend the weekend or make a day trip during the weekend. Always interesting to see what migrants we find on their journey south for the winter.

Oct. 22 (Sat.)—Last chance for fall migrants at Clower-Thornton Preserve. Then off to lunch and, time permitting, do some birding for shorebirds. We will leave from behind Ed's Burgers at 7am.

Other Activities:

Sept. 6 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel get-together starting at 5:30pm.

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

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

Field Trips—Larry Morgan

Welcome back from the summer doldrums, I am looking forward to a great year of birding trips.

September 24 Field Trip—After listening to Becky Stowe's September program, we will take a field trip to the Charles Deaton Nature Conservancy tract along Hwy. 98 near Merrill, MS. This will be an opportunity to bird some areas that are not normally open to the public.

October 8 Field Trip(s)—We are combining two activities on this date. The normal monthly lagoon survey will be held on the same date as the Big Sit. The lagoon survey will begin at 7am and is expected to take about 4 hours. The survey is by car and travels around all of the lagoons. Species seen on the survey will not be added to the list for the Big Sit. The Big Sit is an all-day event from sunrise to sunset. The defined circle for the Big Sit will be located at the lagoon gate area. The objective for this event is to count all the species seen while in the defined circle. For the Big Sit, I will be there for most of the day. As usual, the most bird activity is between 6am and 11am and then later between 4pm until dark. Come out at any time during the day.

October 14-16—This is our designated weekend for fall migration at Dauphin Island, AL. Spend the weekend or drive over for a day trip. If you would really like to spend the weekend on the island, there are a couple of campgrounds, a motel, and a bed-and-breakfast (at least one). You might want to also check for anything available through Air BnB. There are also accommodations in and around Bayou La Batre with just a short drive to get to DI for birding.

October 22—Field trip to Clower-Thornton Preserve for last chance to see fall migrants. Time permitting, after lunch, we will do some birding for shorebirds.

Some Pictures From Previous Fall Migration Trips to Dauphin Island



Wilson's Warbler



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Reddish Egret



Western Tanager



Clapper Rail



Magnolia Warbler

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September

- 1 (Thu.)—PWAS Monthly Meeting, refreshments at 6:30pm, meeting start at 7:00pm
- 6 (Tue.)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 17 (Sat.)—Monthly Lagoon Survey. Meet at lagoon gate for a 7:00am start (duration approx. 4 1/2 hours)
- 24 (Sat/)-Field Trip to Charles Deaton Nature Conservancy Tract near Merrill, MS. Meet behind Ed's Burgers for 8am departure.



October

- 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 7:00am start (duration approx. 4 1/2 hours)
- 8 (Sat.)—Big Sit. Meet at lagoon gate. Event runs from sunrise to sunset. Join us for whatever portion of the day you can help.
- 11 (Tue)—Keg & Barrel, 5:30pm at Keg & Barrel
- 14-16 (Fri.-Sun.)—Fall Migration at Dauphin Island, AL.
- 22 (Sat.)—Fall migrants at Thornton-Clower Preserve followed by lunch and shorebirds. Meet behind Ed's Burgers for 7am departure.