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West African Birding

Charles Geanangel

You probably have never thought much about a tiny West African country named "The Gambia". Truth is you may have never even heard of it at all. It's a bit more than twice the area of Polk County and has a population of about one and a half million people. Situated several hundred miles north of the equator, The Gambia is twenty miles wide and 300 miles long with the Gambia River running through its middle. Think shoestring. And it is hot, very hot, all of the time; no winter, summer, spring, or fall to confuse you. So why did I spend two weeks there just before Thanksgiving? In a word, birds. Over 500 species of birds have been sighted in this postage stamp sized country. So it was off to the capitol Banjul, via London in the UK, and 14 hours later I was checking into the oceanfront Senegambia Hotel. I was with a party of a dozen intrepid birders off to explore a bit of Africa. While it is possible to do such a trip on your own it would not be easy because, except for a small strip of establishments on the Atlantic coast, Gambia is rather primitive. Many of the roads we birded on were suited only for the local cows.



Yellow-crowned Gonolek

But I digress. We were able to see about 320 species of birds in two weeks of which



Gambia river at Janjangbureh

130 were lifers for me. Some were gaudy like the Common Gonolek and the White-crowned Robin-Chat that we found on the grounds of our hotel or drab such as the Mouse Brown Sunbird that lives in the mangroves or the numerous nondescript Old World warblers escaping the harsh Northern European winter. Some were large like the huge Abyssinian Ground Hornbill or tiny like the Pigmy Sunbird. They could have long tails like the Paradise Whydah or no tail at all like the Green Crombec. When you are seeing ten new birds a day, the heat, bugs, dust, and bad roads are quickly forgotten.

After a week of relative luxury on the coast we headed up-river. Malaria is a real problem here, one fifth of the nation's children die from this disease before the age of 5. Unfortunately one of our group also

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West African Birding, continued



Exclamatory Paradise Whydah

Partridges, Four-banded Sandgrouse, the spectacular Abyssinian Roller, and the ever popular Exclamatory Paradise Whydah which sports a tail so long that it defies the law of flight. Any longer and the bird could not get off the ground. We spend one day on the river and are lucky enough to locate the elusive African Finfoot on the river bank and four Hippopotamus, the only large mammal left in the country. The next day driving east from the camp and south of the river the landscape changes quickly into forests of the Sudan Savanna belt. The dominate feature here is red soil, large termite mounds and a much thicker forest of large Ironwood, Red Silk Cotton and Rosewood trees. We finally arrive in Basse, three hundred or more miles from the ocean where we locate two key birds. The Egyptian Plover is probably the most attractive shorebird in the world and is known locally as the Crocodile bird. We find several along the Gambia River now much narrower than before. A Carmine Bee-eater is our last objective and we hit the jackpot with a tree full, at least ten birds, not far from town. The next day we head back toward the coast and our last stop. Tendaba Camp on the south bank of the Gambia River is one of the few spots where you can get a cold beer in this Moslem nation. Birdwise it is located in the Guinea savanna, an open grassland dotted with Gingerpalm, Oil Palm and the ever present Baobab tree. Here we find numerous raptors including Grasshopper Buzzard, Snake Eagles, Dark Chanting Goshawks, a single majestic Martial Eagle and a totally unexpected Ayres Hawk-Eagle. At the river near the Camp we score several mangrove specialties including the rare White-backed Night-Heron. Suddenly the second week is over and it's back to the airport in Banjul and home.



Grasshopper Buzzard

contracted the scourge and is in a hospital in Wisconsin as I write this. We catch the car ferry across the Gambia River to the north shore which is several miles wide at its mouth here and start a long bumpy 400 km. drive up-river to reach the Bao-bolong Camp at Georgetown Island. On the short ferry ride across the river we spot a secretive Dwarf Bittern which is a lifer even for our leader Mike Crews who was leading his 13th trip into this small country. Janjangbure is a historic spot where slaves were kept prior to shipment to the new world during the eighteen and nineteenth century. One of the saddest chapters of African history was played out here.

This, the freshwater section of the Gambia River, has birds of the dryer region of Africa, the Sahel. The arid acacia scrub produced many specialty birds such as the Red-breasted Bee-eater, Stone



Brown Snake Eagle

The Gambia is a small, resource poor country, dependent almost entirely on tourism. Birdwatchers provide a surprisingly large percentage of paying visitors especially up-river. My lasting impression of the country was the hordes of waving, smiling, small children who greeted us everywhere we traveled. They called us "two bob" and eagerly accepted our empty plastic water bottles whose content we consumed every day by the dozen. Why these children who had literally nothing, could appear so happy remains a mystery. Perhaps the problem is mine, not theirs. ***

Birding at Lowe's

Ann Piner

About two weeks ago I was in Lowe's buying birdseed and looking at all the stuff they have for your backyard birds. When I came out of the birdseed area and into the garden section, I heard "Hoo, hoo, hoo. hoo". And a second time: hoo, hoo, hoo, hoo". I started looking around and UP for this owl. And way in the back and up high on the metal structure I saw a bird. I walked back to get a better look and saw a great horned owl. I guess the owl was there after the mice and rats that come in for the birdseed. Maybe.

But what a neat thing, to see a live great horned owl at Lowe's. ***

Volunteers Needed

Hours are 9 am to noon or noon to 3 pm.
Duties are to be present at the Street Audubon Center, open the center and close it.
Call Ann Pinner at 956-2374

Lake Region Audubon Society General Membership Meeting

The 2007 General Membership Meeting will be held at the Street Audubon Center on March 14th at 7:00 PM. Election of officers and other LRAS business will be done.



Brooke Pottery
223 North Kentucky Avenue
Lakeland, Florida 33801
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www.brookepottery.com

Street Audubon Center Work Day

The first Saturday of each month is WorkDay at Street Audubon Center. There is much work to be done to keep the center operational. This work spans the range of very light to very heavy. Trail clearing, tree cutting, trash hauling, dusting, sweeping, window cleaning or providing a cool drink for those doing the heavy work. We need you!

What do you have to do? Just show up at 9:00 am on the first Saturday and plan to stay til noon or one. Bring a lunch if you like and eat under the trees or inside the house. After work is finished enjoy the fruits of your labor by sitting in the house and reading or watching video or just taking a snooze. You may also walk the trails and enjoy the grounds.

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Easy Birding: Fall Migration in the Blue Ridge Mountains

William Haddad

The Blue Ridge Mountains has two autumns. One is well-known for the spectacular leaf display that takes place the last half of October, drawing “leafers” to the area. The second autumn is for birders and takes place during the fall migration, from mid-August through mid-October. It’s a quieter time with fewer tourists.

I can consistently and easily locate good flocks of migrants almost every day, as long as there is not serious inclement weather. In my experience, the peak of the fall migration is about Sept. 7 through 27.

The numbers of individual birds seen on a given morning far surpasses anything I have seen at Florida fall migration hot spots, such as Saddle Creek and Fort DeSoto Park. I typically don’t record the number of species collectively seen on a “red-letter day” in those hot spots, but I am almost always the only birder at my Blue Ridge hot spots.

In the Blue Ridge Mountains, several mornings in a row will yield different species. I may spot only 10 to 15 warbler species in one morning, but the number of those bird species can be overwhelming. For example, I often see 10 to 15 black-throated greens, five to 10 black-throated blues, five or six chestnut-sided. When the Tennessees arrive in the last part of September, I have often seen 10 to 30 of them in a morning.

Of course, some species I see less often and in fewer numbers. I see only a few redstarts and blackburians, for example. Some birds, such as Kentuckys and Nashvilles, I typically see only a few times during the fall migration. Many species other than warblers are seen in great numbers. Several times I have seen more than 50 rose-breasted grosbeaks in one morning and ten or more scarlet tanagers. (Remember, though, that the male tanager is dull compared with his summer plumage.)

I tend to get more close-up looks at warblers and other birds in the Blue Ridge Mountains because of their higher numbers. When they are competing for food in larger numbers, they tend to be less shy, making for more quality birding.

Another draw to birding in the area is the quality of the habitat — beautiful views, wildflowers, waterfalls, and a diversity of trees — for which this area is known. Seeing an indigo bunting at a Blue Ridge overlook with rows of mountains in the background greatly enhances the experience.

My cabin is above and within two miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway (less as the crow flies), and there are many great birding spots north and south on the Parkway. There also is great fall birding at places not far from the parkway, such as Roan Mountain, where a man nets and tags migrating birds each September. Two of the best spots on the parkway are within five miles of my cabin. I have never seen another birder in either place, other than the visitors from Florida whom I have taken there.

These two spots are amazing in their consistency in the morning and are well-positioned, owing to the location of the morning sun and the areas of pokeweed and forest. At one spot, very little walking is necessary. One could literally set up a chair in a few strategic spots and have good birding, with close-up views.

One in our group, Betty Butcher, visits for fall migration. I would enjoy having more, so I close with an invitation for a group from LRAS and the birding club to sample the fall migration. I would be happy to help with the arrangements. The only thing better than enjoying the birding there would be seeing others do so. Besides, more than one pair of eyes would increase my daily species counts! ***

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 16, 2006

Paul Fellers, Compiler

Our count netted a very good 141 species spotted by 15 teams and one feeder watcher comprising a total of 46 individuals. The weather was a relatively mild 60 - 72 degrees F under mostly cloudy skies.

Species of note included 5 Common Loons, 87 Brown Pelicans (previously uncommon, now seen by 9 teams), 513 Anhingas (should be enough to lead all counts), 4 American Bitterns, 2 Roseate Spoonbills (Lake Hunter), 1020 Glossy Ibis (one or two 30 years ago would have been good), 38 Black-bellied Whistling Ducks (all at Circle B Bar Reserve), 19 Gadwalls (2 teams), Canvasback, 2935 Ruddy Ducks (most on Lake Ariana), King Rail, 90 Bald Eagles (49 mature), 8 each Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks, Peregrine Falcon (seen from canoe on Lake Hancock), 167 Purple Gallinules (should easily be the most for any count), 329 Sandhill Cranes (huge increase from years ago), American Woodcock (flushed out of the same sparrow field south of Eagle Lake as 2 years earlier and presumably the same bird), 4 Royal Terns (always uncommon inland), 57 Caspian Terns (9 parties), 74 Monk Parakeets (maintaining presence locally),

6 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (3 at each of 2 Lakeland feeders), 10 Western Kingbirds (3 parties; definitely increasing locally), 2 Scrub Jays (rare in circle), Golden-crowned Kinglet (rare central Florida sighting; second for Panther Point along Saddle Creek for CBCs), 39 Eastern Bluebirds (4 parties, but most at Circle B Bar Reserve; very unusual), a whopping ten Hermit Thrushes, 1236 American Robins (we are enjoying an excellent robin winter), 6 Cedar Waxwings (one party at Tenoroc), Yellow-throated Vireo (at Saddle Creek Park for a rare winter record), 2 each of uncommon Orange-crowned and Parula Warblers, 886 Palm Warblers (should be enough for tops in the nation), Black-throated Green Warbler (another rare for winter Saddle Creek Park record), 5 Ovenbirds, 16 Indigo Buntings (highest number for winter, feeding on new buds of Red Maples at Panther Point), 5 Bronzed Cowbirds (rare in Florida; found at Lakeland's Water Treatment Plant), 14 House Finches (at feeders at Cee Jay's Nursery, Lakeland).



Turkey Vulture from atop the stack at the landfill



Paul Anderson, Bill Karnofsky and
Chuck Geanangel on the CBC

This was a great effort by many dedicated and knowledgeable folks. A spirited roundup was held at the Nature Center with much camaraderie. Many thanks are due Ann Pinner, Betty Butcher, Rose Karnofsky, Betty Bratlie, and Connie Bentley who had supper waiting for us. Good job everyone! ***

Anyone wanting to see the movie, "An Inconvenient Truth" by Al Gore, may visit the Street Audubon Center and view it there. About 70 persons attended the Pizza and a Movie night on Jan 15th to view the movie. Call the SAC first to verify that it is open, 863-324-7304.

PIZZA AND FILM NIGHT

7:00 PM - THRID MONDAY OF THE MONTH at THE NATURE CENTER

Marvel Loftus

We serve delicious Pizza with a Soft Drink , Potato Chips and Cookies all for \$1.00 per slice.

The Films we will be showing are as follows:

Feb. 19, 2007 — Night of the Wolves

Mar. 19, 2007 — Lost in the Grand Canyon

Apr. 23, 2007 — Steller Sea Lions

For more information, contact Marvel Loftus at 863 324 9657

EVENING PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY LAKE REGION AUDUBON

On Monday, Jan. 8, 2007 and Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, Reinier Munguia put on two superb programs. On Jan. 8th he demonstrated the equipment needed to take his wonderful pictures of birds and on Saturday, Jan 20th was geared more for children on bird identification. It was also enjoyed by the adults. I wish to thank him for superb programs. Watch the schedule for his next presentation and make plans to attend.

Our next Evening Program will be Buck and Linda Cooper who are just back from the Antarctica. We will be able to hear all about this great trip on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at the Chain of Lakes Complex (Cypress Gardens Blvd. and Hwy 17, Winter Haven, FL) in Meeting Room 1 at 7:00 PM. Drive around the building and park in the back. The room is located in the basement of the building.

On Monday, March 5, 2007, Mark Deyrup, PhD. will present a program on the "Pollination Stories of Native Plants". He is a super person and this will be a fun program. This program will be held in the Glenmoore Chapel of the Florida Presbyterian Homes located at 6 Hunter Lake Drive, Lakeland, FL. From Florida Ave, turn west onto Cresap St and continue to Lake Hunter. Park on the grass on the lakeside. The Chapel is on the second floor of the building to the south of the small parking lot.

Circle your calender for these important dates. Any questions, call Marvel Loftus at 863 324 9657.

Children's Programs at the Audubon Nature Center

On Feb. 17, 2007 at 10:00 AM we will be showing the movies "Hoot". Joan Waters will have a real owl for the children to observe. Adults may count this as a worthy outing too. For more information contact Marvel Loftus 863 324 9657

On March 17, 2007, at 9:00 AM we will host our Annual Nature Faire for Kids. There will be various nature centered activities with prizes. Anyone may volunteer to assist at these events. For more information contact Paul and Janet Anderson 863 965 8241. ***

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Bird Club

Marvel Loftus

If you enjoy watching birds and being out in nature come and join us on Thursday. We go somewhere different every week. Some are far and some are close. We do a little walking but not much. We bird mostly from our cars. That is why we meet somewhere near to form car pools. Everyone is welcome. The best birds we have seen so far this year is a Sora Rail at Merritt Island Refuge and a Rufous Hummingbird at Steve Backes' yard. Here is the list of trip we have left this year.

Saturday, Feb. 3rd — STA 5 Water Treatment Plant, Hendry County

Friday, Feb. 16 — Emerald Marsh,
Leesburg, FL

Thursday- Feb. 22 — Ponce Inlet, Volusia
County

Thursday - Mar 1 — Kissimmee State
Park

Thursday - Mar 8 - Three Lakes Wildlife
Refuge

Thursday - Mar 15 - Boat Trip, Blue
Spring State Park

Thursday - Mar 22 - Orlando Wetland,
Christmas, FL

Thursday - Mar 29 - Highland Hammock

Thursday - Apr 5 - Fort DeSoto Park, St
Petersberg, FL



The Backes' Back Yard

A complete schedule is on our Website. Always call before meeting me because there might be a change.

Come and join us. Call Me, Marvel Loftus, 863-324-9657 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS — ATTENTION !!!

Lake Region Audubon wishes to thank you for all your time and efforts. It is people like YOU that makes this organization what it is and so wonderful to belong to. We are providing a free volunteer appreciation lunch at the Audubon Nature Center on Saturday, March 24, 2007, at 12:00 Noon. Mark your calender and then give us a call. We have to know how many of you can make it. So please RSVP to Marvel Loftus, 863-324-9657 or Ann Pinner 863-956-2374 by March 19th. ***

“I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.”

Groucho Marx

The Board of Directors wish to thank the following contributors, without whose help we could not provide the programs and services that Audubon has become known for.

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Photo Contest

Lake Region Audubon is sponsoring a photo contest during 2007. Photographs must be taken during the calendar year of 2007 and must have a theme relating to nature. Professional photographers and Audubon members working on the contest committee are not eligible to participate in the contest. Decisions of the judges are final and may not be contested. Start saving your best photos now and check future issues of this newsletter for more details or contact the editor at hmoul@verizon.net (put audubon photo contest in the subject line).

Workshops by Lori Rosen

Art and Nature: Gateway To Insight

Join artist and workshop leader Lori Rosen in exploring art, nature and your relationship to them. Art and nature are both excellent gateways to insight, explains Ms. Rosen. Through a series of 3 workshops using collage, creative writing, assemblage, photography and guided imagery, you will bring your experiences of time spent in nature into art projects you are sure to treasure.

Nature Mandalas, Saturday, March 10th

1PM - 4PM, Street Audubon Center

Fee: \$30

Water: The Mystery, Saturday, April 14th

1PM - 4PM, Street Audubon Center

Fee: \$30

Nature Assemblage, May 19th

1PM - 4PM, Street Audubon Center

Fee: \$30

For additional information contact Lori Rosen at 863-647-5163.

THIRD ANNUAL AUDUBON ACADEMY AT ECKERD COLLEGE

MARCH 23-25, 2007

SAVING FLORIDA BIRDS: THE ROLE OF AUDUBON CHAPTERS

Chapters are the crucial link to communities when it comes to acting to protect Florida's birds and their habitats. Besides becoming familiar with local birds, chapter leaders must be knowledgeable about conservation outcomes that will result in the desired protection. Veterans and newcomers alike have praised the effectiveness of this low-cost weekend conference, designed to develop, strengthen and sharpen each participant's skills. Both current chapter leaders as well as anyone interested in becoming knowledgeable about conserving Florida birds are welcome. All workshops are interactive and led by chapter leaders from around the state.

Conservation-focused workshops include:

- Status of Florida Birds in Each Region
- Conservation Planning
- How to Save Land for Birds
- Uniting Amateurs and Professionals in the Study of Florida Birds
- Teaching Your Community About Birds
- Florida as Migration Highway

Other workshops are Orientation for New Chapter Leaders and learning new ways to raise funds for your chapter.

Keynote speaker will be Charles Lee, Audubon of Florida Director of Advocacy. Other special speakers are David Anderson, Audubon of Florida Executive Director, Eric Draper, AOF Director of Policy, and Scott Hecker, National Audubon Director of Coastal Bird Conservation.

Registration for the Academy is \$25. Motel rooms at \$60/night are available on the Eckerd campus, just steps from the sessions. Call 727-865-7000 (Eckerd College Continuing Education Center/West Lodge) to reserve accommodations.

AN EXCITING ADDITION TO THE ACADEMY!

On Saturday evening, March 24, Florida folk musicians Amy Carol Webb and Jon Semmes and the Florida Friends will perform at the Florida Forever Concert at Eckerd College. Sponsored by The Will McLean Foundation, these dynamic performers will entertain and inspire us to work together to protect Florida's natural lands. Tickets (\$10) can be purchased through the registration process. Registration forms will be available soon on the Audubon of Florida website (www.audubonofflorida.com).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Joyce King, sjking@se.rr.com, or call 352-475-1999; or Jacqui Sulek, Audubon Chapters Coordinator, jsulek@audubon.org, or 850-224-2473, or (cell) 850-251-1297.

Schedule

Feb 10, 2007, Sat, Merritt Island MWP.

Black Point Drive, Oak Hammock, Crossover Canal (Manatees), Bio Lab Road by Indian River Visitor Center, Playalinda Beach (Seabirds). Bring snacks, early dinner at famous Dixie Crossroads Restaurant. Meet at Street Audubon Center at 7 am to carpool.
Paul Fellers, 863-293-0486

Feb 13, 2007, Antarctica, Buck and Linda Cooper

Chain of Lakes Complex, 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd West (540 and Hwy 17), Meeting Room 1 at 7:00 PM. The Cooper's will tell about their trip to Antarctica.
Marvel Loftus, 863-324-9657

Feb 17, 2007, Hoot, the film

At the Street Audubon Center at 10 AM. A film for all. Learn of the plight of Burrowing Owls via this film.
Marvel Loftus 863-324-9657

March 3, 2007, Sat, Circle B Bar Reserve

4 mile hike through various habitats. Meet at 8 am at main gate (closest to Saddle Creek on SR 540, Winter-Lake Road).
Paul Fellers, 863-293-0486

March 5, Monday, Polination Stories of Native Plants

7:00 PM at Florida Presbyterian Homes, Glenmore Chapel, 6 Lake Hunter Dr, Lakeland. Mark Deyrup Phd, a Biologist at the Archibold Biological Research Station in Lake Placid, will present this informative program. Travel Directions on last page.
Marvel Loftus, 863-324-9657

March 17, Sat, Nature Faire for Kids

9:00 AM at Street Audubon Center. Various nature centered

March 24, Sat, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

12 Noon at the Street Audubon Center. Our volunteers will be recognized.
Marvel Loftus, 863-324-9657

March 31, 2007, Sat, Green Swamp 2.5 mile Wildflower and Nature Hike and More

Grass Pink orchids, etc. Meet at Van Fleet Rails to Trails Trailhead in Polk City to carpool. Follow the brown Great Florida Birding highway signs on SR 33 in Polk City to the trailhead for carpooling. Bring lunch and drinks.
Paul Fellers, 863-293-0486

April 21, 2007, Sat, Fort DeSoto Warbler Migration Field Trip

Meet at the Lake Mirror Center parking lot in Lakeland at 7 am to carpool. Bring lunch; dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse in Ybor City. See up to 100 species, many migrants.
Paul Fellers, 863-293-0486

April 28, Native Plant Sale

Anne Yasalonis, program coordinator for Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, will tell us how to successfully plant our new purchases. We will also have planting demonstrations by Sarah Kiefer, manager of The Natives, Inc. nursery. We need home grown plants and lots of volunteers. These two things made the spring sale the best ever. We will have Florimulch for sale. Using this mulch is very good for the environment. Come out and find your favorite native plant. Many to choose from for all soil conditions from dry to wet and sun to shade. If you can help set it up call Carrie Clair at 863-683-8094

June 2, 2007, Sat, Avon Park Air Force Range

Meet at 8 am at Street Audubon Center for carpooling. Bring lunch. Perhaps, I.D. 75 wild flower species, including at least 5 orchid species, plus possibly some very good birds. Minimum hiking.
Paul Fellers, 863-293-0486

Photography Class

March 3, 10, 24 and 31 at Street Audubon Center, 9 AM to Noon. \$50 with \$25 due at registration. Photography classes presented by a professional photographer. Details to be announced.
Tony Catalano 863-294-3556, pegtony515@msn.com

President's Message

Many of our members have wondered why the newsletter has not had a president's message for the past year or so. The answer is simple, we don't have a president. LRAS operates with a steering committee of five individuals that rotate the responsibilities of performing the duties of the society. Bill, Paul, Marvel, Gary, and I jointly make the day to day decisions that keep the Audubon society moving forward. This arrangement has met the approval of Audubon of Florida and it seems to work for us. If the time comes when some energetic individual wants to be president I can assure you that we all would gladly step aside and welcome them with open arms. One helpful event that has come to past in the past few days is that I have been elected to the Board of Audubon of Florida. My main goal for the next three years will to bring the two

organizations closer together. The Street Center is under utilized now and I would like to see more use by Audubon of Fl. On January 13 we are holding a meeting of the Audubon Central Florida Conservation committee at the SAC and I hope to hold a full A of FL Board meeting later on next year. If you feel that the time for you to become a bit more active in Audubon has arrived, please give me a call at 326-5748 or attend one of our regular board meetings at the Street Center on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. We are a volunteer organization and we never have enough folks to do all we would like to accomplish. We could use your help.

Chuck Geanangel, Winter Haven

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BrdBrain

BrdBrain is a listserv hosted by the University of South Florida. It provides the birding community with a method of communication. When the Northern Wheatear and the Masked Duck were found, it was posted on BrdBrain and the entire birding community became aware of the location of these birds. Much information is posted for the benefit of all.

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