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Thank You to Book Fair Participants

Jim Adams

Many St. Louis Audubon and WGNSS members enjoyed the Green Center's hospitality at the holiday party on Sunday, Dec. 7. It was gratifying to see so many WGNSS authors participating in the book fair, at the holiday party at the Green Center. A large side room provided an excellent venue where attendees could browse and get acquainted with WGNSS members who have contributed to the literature of regional natural history. These book fairs serve as a splendid showcase for WGNSS as a learned society. I identified three new books for the list of books by WGNSS authors that I am maintaining and will reissue periodically. This list now includes 43 titles, an impressive number for a regional natural history study society. My thanks to all of you.

And incidentally I would appreciate additional information about any books by WGNSS authors not on the most recent list, published in the Dec., 2003 issue of Nature Notes. I'm certain that the current list is incomplete especially for the earlier years of the society's existence, although Marshall Magner has been a big help in retrieving past history. Please call me at 314-961-2494. 🐦

Pere Marquette Christmas Bird Count on December 20

The Pere Marquette State Park Xmas Count will be Saturday, Dec. 20. Some areas will be preassigned, other will meet at the park lodge at 7:30 AM. Contact Irene Mondhink, 618-885-5233, or Helen Wuestenfeld, 618-498-5335, for more info.

Orchard Farm Bird Count Jan. 1

Randy Korotev

We will do the Orchard Farm, St. Charles Co., Christmas Bird Count on Thursday, January 1, 8 AM. Please contact me at <rlkorote@artsci.wustl.edu> if you would like to participate. Alternatively, you will soon be able to register for any and all CBCs and prepay (!) the \$5 fee at the Audubon CBC web site:

<http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>

Busch Wildlife Count Jan. 3

The Busch Wildlife Area Xmas Count will be Saturday, Jan. 3. Bring lunch and meet at the headquarters building at 8:00 AM. Contact Tom Parmeter, 314-921-6017.

Mingo Bird Count Dec. 27










Paul Bauer

For questions, contact Paul Bauer at 314-921-3972. Details in Dec. *Nature Notes*.

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Dates for '03-'04 Meetings

-  No meeting in January because of likely bad weather.
-  Feb. 13—joint meeting with St. L. Audubon at Creve Coeur Govt. Center 7:30 PM
Topic: Prairie Chickens, presented by Mo. Dept. of Conservation. Note different time and place of this meeting.
-  Inclement weather? Call St. Louis County Library Headquarters 314-994-3300 to ask if the meeting has been cancelled. For board meetings, call Powder Valley, 314-301-1500.
-  All the rest of these dates are 1st Thursday:
 -  March 4 St. L. Co. Library -HQ 7:00 PM
 -  April 1 - East Room St. L. Co. L-HQ 7:00 PM
 -  Sept. 2 St. L. Co. Library -HQ 7:00 PM
 -  Oct. 7 St. L. Co. Library -HQ 7:00 PM
 -  Nov. 4 St. L. Co. Library -HQ 7:00 PM

Marilyn Higgins, 1926-2003

Kevin Renick

The world—and WGNSS—lost one of its great smilers last fall when Marilyn Higgins passed away on Sept. 24 from complications of a stroke. Marilyn was truly one of the friendliest, most radiant individuals one could ever hope to meet, the type of person of whom you could truly say, “She had a smile for everyone.” In a world of sadness and frequent bad news, somehow Marilyn managed to reflect only the good on her face, something her many friends—and her husband Bob—cherished about her.

Marilyn was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1926. Her father, Gerald Scott, a salesman, moved his family to St. Louis for his job, when Marilyn was a young girl. Marilyn graduated from Kirkwood High School in 1944; she would then continue her education with two years at the University of Chicago and two years at the University of Mo. in Columbia, where she was a top student, graduating Kappa Alpha Theta. Marilyn took a job at Boatman’s Bank in downtown St. Louis as a receptionist, and this is where she met an equally amiable fellow named Robert Higgins. “Our first date was at a dance in north St. Louis,” said Bob. “We only went together for 3 months before we married. I lived in Normandy, and she lived in Kirkwood, so we figured we could cut down on the drive if we got

together!” The couple married in October 1949, and soon gave birth to two children—Marilyn Gray Higgins, and Scott Higgins. Marilyn Gray now resides in Edinburgh, Scotland; and Scott is a resident of Portland, Oregon.

Bob and Marilyn joined the Webster Groves Nature Study Society in the early ‘50s. “We knew all the old-time members,” said Bob. The couple went on many group outings, as well as walks and birding trips on their own. Anytime Marilyn was along on an outing, you were guaranteed to enjoy yourself, whether there were birds or not. Just talking to Marilyn was an uplifting experience. She seemed to be perpetually charmed by just about everything in life, and she passed this feeling onto those who were with her. My first specific memory of Marilyn was when we were both participants in the Pitzman summer nature program at the Shaw Arboretum in 1971. City kids would come in to experience the unfamiliar wonders of the wild firsthand, and Marilyn was one of the group leaders. I was a budding bird enthusiast recruited to help point out anything we might find of avian interest (despite it being the dead of summer). I had a great time on those outings, and Marilyn’s bubbly energy and enthusiasm was a hallmark of the experience. Any awkwardness I felt about the wandering attention of certain kids was dispelled by this easygoing lady, who never seemed to get rattled by anything.

I ran into Marilyn on occasional birding trips, but it was an early spring day in 1973 that stands in my memory more than anything. I wasn’t yet driving, and I wanted to take my high school girlfriend, Karen, on her first outing to the arboretum. My parents provided us a ride to Gray Summit; and Karen’s parents were slated to pick us up at the end of the day. I wanted Karen to experience nature, and maybe a few birds, as I had been doing. Remarkably, Karen and I saw hardly anyone at the arboretum that day; it was like we had the place to ourselves. But down in the river valley, with the first warblers of spring beginning to make their presence known, we did run into another couple—Bob and Marilyn Higgins. We spent a delightful half hour or so chatting, talking about the beauty of the surroundings, and listening to the birds. It was hard to say which was sunnier—the light coming through the late April woods, or Marilyn’s disposition.



But it was a wonderful memory, one of those perfectly random, friendly encounters that you sometimes have in life with nice folks. And Marilyn was always curious to know what you were doing and how you were; she had a way of making you feel that everything you had to say was worthwhile.

Not too many years later, I enrolled at Webster University, and was delighted to find that Marilyn was working in the mailroom there. "She worked there for 10 years, from 1974-1985," said Bob. "She spent many days walking around the campus with the mail. I often helped her with the papers (the campus newspaper, *The Journal*). We got 'em ready to go." Marilyn made friends with students and faculty equally. I often stepped down to the mailroom to say hello, always knowing I'd get a warm greeting. Sometimes we'd talk about birds, sometimes not, it didn't matter. In my senior year at Webster, I did an independent study on Interpersonal Communications, which was a thoroughly enjoyable project to examine human patterns of speech and expression, and what helps or hinders our ability to make ourselves heard. I recruited half a dozen carefully chosen participants for the study, one of whom was Marilyn. To say that she was a dynamic part of the group would be an understatement. Marilyn single-handedly inspired a few of the shyer participants by simple being enthusiastic, eloquent, and making conversation into the art it was always intended to be. My project was a wonderful success.

After graduating, I'd occasionally see Marilyn on a nature outing or a WGNSS banquet, but it was far too infrequent for me. How could you ever get enough of a perfect smile, or a merry laugh? Marilyn was a busy lady; after her kids were grown, one of her chief pastimes was participating in an apparently secret educational organization called PEO. "That was the big thing," said Bob. "Nobody knows exactly what they do. But they have chapters all over. Marilyn was president twice (of the PEO branch centered at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri). PEO was the main sponsor of the college." Bob added, "There are a lot of ladies still doing the same thing today." It's worth mentioning that when Marilyn passed away, it was stipulated that contributions could be

made to Cottey College; Bob related that many contributions were indeed received.

Among Marilyn's other interests were painting "little clay figurines," attending productions by Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and participating in the Webster Groves Great Books group, which she'd been the leader of for many years. These latter two pastimes were shared by Marilyn's close friend Vivian Liddell. "We did so much together," said Vivian. "We'd go to the rep, we went to lectures, and concerts. She liked to do a lot of things. I really do miss her." Perhaps above all, though, Marilyn was a devoted wife, mother, friend...and optimist. "She always had a smile, and she always saw the good in other people," said Bob. "She never complained." Few people are capable of being as upbeat, as consistently cheerful, as Marilyn Higgins was. It's regrettable that researchers didn't have the opportunity to interview her, and find out just how she did it. Clearly Marilyn knew something about the secret of life, and the beauty of making other people feel good. Her spirit—and her infectious laughter—will certainly live on in the memory of those who knew her. Thanks for all the bright moments, Marilyn; we'll miss you...✿

November 2003 Bird Report

Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer

BCA = Busch Wildlife Area

CC = Clarence Cannon

CL = Carlyle Lake

FP = Forest Park

HL = Horseshoe Lake

LCCL = Little Creve Coeur Lake

LVT = Lost Valley Trail

MTC = Marais Temps Clair

REDA = Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area

SNR = Shaw Nature Reserve (Arboretum)

TGP = Tower Grove Park

Introduction: Helen Hays, ornithologist and conservationist, has done studies at Great Gull Island, Conn., for nearly 40 years. Seventeen thousand Common Terns and 1800 Roseate Terns, a federally endangered species, nest there. She is one of the first to document the effects on these birds of PCBs and other toxins, which cause eggshell thinning and deformed chicks. Both species tend to be monogamous,

one pairing having lasted 12 years. (*Natural History*, Oct. 2002).

Sightings: A Common Loon was sighted at REDA on 11/1 (DB & Sat. Group), 14 were at HL on 11/6 (FH), 7 were at REDA on 11/7 (RAB), and a high count of 60+ were found at Creve Coeur Lake on 11/6 (CM, CA). Two Horned Grebes were present near HL on 11/2 (FH, JZ) and 10 were seen at REDA on 11/12 (CA). Dan Kassebaum found 2 Eared Grebes at the Rieder Sewage Lagoon and a Red-throated Loon and 9 Black Scoters at CL on 11/9. Another Eared Grebe was located at BCA on 11/22 (MT). Sherrie McCowan found 4 Pied-billed Grebes at Jefferson Lake in FP on 11/24. On 11/15, 100 Pelicans were still present at REDA (DB & Sat. Group). Twelve Black-crowned Night Herons were seen at Hwy. 203 and Bend Road on 11/16 (FH, JZ). Great Egrets were reported throughout the month from all over the area (DB, RAB, FH, MT). Between 20 and 34 Trumpeter Swans were observed near REDA throughout November (DB, MT). A WGNSS group led by Mike Thelen encountered 150 Snow Geese at SNR on 11/2. On 11/18, 2000+ Gadwalls were reported along Layton Road, HL (DB) and as many as 5000 had been present after 11/14. Forty Wigeons were observed at Eagle Park on 11/4 (T Be). An extremely large flock of 110 Wood Ducks was present at HL on 11/2 (FH). White-winged Scoters were reported at REDA on 11/2 (DB), 2 at the Reiter Sewage Lagoon on 11/2 (CA) and 2 at CL on 11/2 (CA). On 11/2, 2 Black Scoters were found at REDA (J&CM) and on 11/11, 5 were seen there (FH). An Oldsquaw was reported at the Rieder Sewage Lagoon on 11/12 (DK) and 2 were seen there on 11/15 (BR). On 11/15 at REDA, Kraig Paradise and Jeannie Moe counted 30 Hooded Mergansers. The only shorebird reports for November were from REDA on 11/4, including 2 Dunlin and a Greater Yellowlegs (RAB). On 11/2 & 11/3, Connie Alwood and others witnessed a flock of 100+ Franklin's Gulls landing at dusk at REDA. David Becher found a Little Gull at REDA on 11/2. Bonaparte's Gulls included 125 at HL on 11/9 (FH) and 150 at HL on 11/25 (FH). Josh Uffman and Joe Eades found a California Gull at REDA on 11/28 but it was not refund. Currently, several thousand gulls are feeding at the Milam Landfill near HL and roosting on a parking lot at Hwy. 203 and I-70.

It's really encouraging to see the large flocks of crows that have returned to the St. Louis area this winter. A Caspian Tern was found at REDA on 11/2 (DB) and on 11/4 at REDA (FH).

Adult Golden Eagle sightings included 1 at BCA on 11/2 (JZ), one at BCA on 11/18 (CM) and 1 at BCA on 11/27 (DB). Somewhat late Ospreys were reported at REDA on 11/8 (MT) and at HL on 11/9 (FH, JZ). On 11/8, the WGNSS Group encountered an apparent Goshawk at Chain of Rocks (DB & Sat. Group) and on 11/29 one was seen in West Alton (DB & Sat. Group). By 11/27 a dark morph Western Red-tailed Hawk had returned to its winter territory along the Levee Road (JZ). A Rough-legged Hawk was seen on 11/12 (T Be) and on 11/16 (JS) at Creve Coeur Lake. Tom Bormann was the only one who saw a Prairie Falcon at LCCL on 11/8. Merlins were reported at REDA on 11/8 (CA, T Bo) and on 11/28 in Granite City (FH). Jerzy Majek is again seeing a Merlin at Lakewood Park Cemetery, where it wintered last year. Short-eared Owls were first reported at REDA on 11/8 (DK) and they continued to be seen there through the end of the month. On 11/29, Josh Uffman found 2 Short-eared Owls at CC. Rufous Hummingbirds were first seen on 11/13 at Mike Grant's home (MG, Lanny Chambers; a female). Another was banded in Shrewsbury on 11/14 by Lanny Chambers. Dennis Bozzay reported a sight-identified immature male at his home on 11/18 (confirmed by Lanny Chambers). This bird was seen again on Thanksgiving Day. It was nectaring on fall-blooming plants in Dennis's garden such as Mexican and Pineapple Sage. An apparent Ruby-throated Hummingbird was seen in South County on 11/8 (LC). As many as 20 Red-headed Woodpeckers were found at SNR on 11/2 (MT). Frank Holmes and Jim Ziebol were very surprised when they flushed a Woodcock at close range at HL on 11/9. Both Red-breasted Nuthatch and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker were found at BCA on 11/30 (D Ro). One hundred Bluebirds were counted at SNR on 11/2 (MT). An Orange-crowned Warbler was observed at FP on 11/2 (RK) and one was found at HL on 11/10 (JZ). On 11/9, a Common Yellowthroat was seen at HL (FH). Six to 8 LeConte's Sparrows were still present near HL, along with a Henslow's Sparrow, on 11/16 (FH, JZ). Sherry McCowan found 3



Chipping Sparrows at TGP on 11/7 and one was seen at HL on 11/9 (FH). The Barkers reported Vesper Sparrow at REDA on 11/2. On 11/16 at Hazlet S.P., Bill Rowe and his class found 250 Lapland Longspurs. Brewer's Blackbirds were seen on Bischoff Road on 11/10 (JZ) and 15 were reported at CL on 11/15 (BR). Scott Schuette observed 2 Common Redpolls at CC on 11/15.

A typical day in the CL area on 11/15 included 15 Common Loons, 100 Pelicans, hundreds of Ruddy Ducks, 2 Greater Scaup, 6 Red-breasted Mergansers, 17 Hooded Mergansers, Snow Geese, a Redhead, hundreds of Bonaparte's Gulls, 20 Herring Gulls, a White-winged Scoter, 50 Lesser Scaup, 120 Shovelers, 20 Buffleheads, a Goldeneye, and 2 Canvasbacks (BR). A typical day at BCA on 11/21 included 4 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, 3 Downy, 1 Hairy, 2 Sapsuckers, 3 Flickers, 8 Bluejays, 10 Crows, 8 Chickadees, 5 White-breasted Nuthatches, 25 Goldfinch, 3 Carolina Wrens, 12 Cedar Waxwings, 12 Yellow-rumped Warblers, 9 White-throated Sparrows, 7 Song Sparrows, 4 Swamp Sparrows, a Horned Grebe, and more (T Be).

Comments: On 11/2, a Red-tailed Hawk with a white head and white tail was seen near CL; this was either a partial albino or possibly an immature Krider's (FH). From 11/6 to 11/12, Margy Terpstra observed an apparently ill Barred Owl near her home that had mucous coming out of its mouth; the owl was harassed by an adult Cooper's Hawk. She also observed a flock of over 200 Cedar Waxwings near the middle of the month. Randy Korotev sighted a Golden Eagle at his home on 11/16. On 11/24, Jeannie Moe and Kathy Thiele observed a N. Harrier and a Red-tailed Hawk fighting in mid-air at REDA. On 11/28, Dick Coles observed a male Purple Finch at his feeder.

Contributors: Connie Alwood, George & Terry Barker, David Becher, Torrey Berger, Rose Ann Bodman, Dennis Bozzay, Lanny Chambers, Mike Grant, Frank Holmes, Dan Kassebaum, Sherry McCowan, Jim & Charlene Malone, Jeannie Moe, Kraig Paradise, David Rogles, Bill Rowe, John & Nancy Solodar, Josh Uffman, Jim Ziebol. An asterisk means "documented." Please submit sightings by the last day of the month to Jim Ziebol 314-781-7372 or Yvonne <homeyer@earthlink.net> *

Next Deadline: January 9

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Call 314-935-8432 for a summary of the latest bird sightings in the St. Louis area and dates & times of WGNSS events. Please report any unusual birds to Sherry McCowan, 314-664-2381 and press "3" or wait for the prompt. You can also leave a message at the end of the Nature

Line recording *

Nature Notes Deadlines & Mailings

We meet at the Oak Bend Library, 842 S. Holmes, Kirkwood to attach mailing labels. We could use your help! Call Margie Richardson 314-965-8974.

mailing party Oak Bend Library **NN deadline**

Tues. 1/20/04, 10-1 Fri. 1/10

Tues. 2/17/04, 10-1 Fri. 2/7

Mon. 3/15, 10-1 Fri. 3/5

Mon. 4/19, 10-1 tentative Fri. 4/9

Mon. 5/17, 10-1 elsewhere Fri. 5/7

No mailings in June or July.

Lectures at St. Louis Zoo

"Making Science Accessible to All People" Free, co-sponsored by the Saint Louis Zoo and the Academy of Science of St. Louis. All seminars will be held in The Living World, north side of Zoo, free parking in north lot, Wednesday evenings (unless noted), 7:30-9:00 PM. Free, unless noted.

January 7, "Saving the Tibetan Antelope," Dr. William Bleisch, \$5 fee, \$3 student. Register at 314-768-5450.

January 21 "Greens to Genes: DNA Evidence and Plant Evolution," presented by Elizabeth A. Kellogg, Ph.D., Professor of Botanical Studies and Molecular Systematics, Department of Biology, UM-St. Louis.

February 4, "CSI: St. Louis Zoo," Dr. Mary Duncan discusses post-mortem investigations, \$5 fee, \$3 student. Register at 314-768-5450.

February 18 "Plate Tectonics on the Early Earth: How a Record Got Preserved in Northern China," Timothy M. Kusky, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, St. Louis University.

Tuesday, March 23, "More than Fun and Games," Ingrid Porton, curator of Mammals-Primates discusses activities that keep zoo animals interested, \$5 fee, \$3 student. Register at 314-768-5450.

March 24 "Evolution of Modern Humans: What Genes Really Tell Us," Alan Templeton, Ph.D., Prof. of Biology, Washington U. *

Key to WGNSS Calendar

birding field trip

each Thurs. 8 AM (8:30 starting Oct.) — call

Jackie Chain 314-664-5998

most Sat. 8 AM: call David Becher 314-576-1146

most Sundays: call Kent Lannert 618-624-4464

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board meeting

1st Wed. 7 PM Sept.–May at Powder Valley:

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entomology meeting

last Sun: call Marshall Magner 314-961-4588

general meeting

7:00 PM Mike Flieg 314-645-3356

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Spring Banquet

May 13, 2004

membership expires/renewal due

Aug. 31

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Open to all with an interest in nature *

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Need directions?

Clarence Cannon NWR

- Annada, Mo., in Pike Co.
- From I-270, take I-70 west to MO-79, then go north 35 miles to Annada, MO.
- Just past the city limit sign, there will be the sign for the refuge. Turn right and follow the road all the way to the refuge parking lot, the usual meeting spot.

Des Peres Park

- on Ballas Road, one block north of Manchester Rd. in Des Peres.
- Turn right (east) at the Des Peres Park sign-park in the first lot on the right.

Lake Carlyle

- 50 miles east from downtown St. Louis, approx. an hour drive
- Cross the River on I-55/I-64/I-70.
- After a mile, the interstates split; take I-64 east. Past O'Fallon IL, take exit #19 & exit north on US-50/ IL 158.
- Within 1/2 mile turn right on US-50 and continue through Lebanon for 24 miles to the

stoplight at the junction of Hwy. US 50 and IL-127. Turn left

- Usual meeting spot is McDonald's restaurant

Riverlands Environmental Dem. Area

- From I-270 in north St. Louis County, take Hwy. 367 north to Alton.
- Turn right into Riverlands at the Fisca service station, just before the approach to the Clark Bridge over the Mississippi River.
- Teal Pond is first right.

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- The membership meets on a variety of days, Sept-April, at 7:00 PM
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 - 1640 South Lindbergh in Frontenac.
 - All are welcome. Bring a friend!
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Tower Grove Park

- Take 44 to Kingshighway south, east (left) on Magnolia, 1st right into park.

I saw Jove's bird, the Roman eagle. . .

Cymbeline

. . .an eagle, madam,

Hath not so green, so quick, so fair an eye

As Paris hath.

Romeo and Juliet

Yet look he like a king. Behold, eye,

As bright as is the eagle's, lightens forth

Controlling majesty.

Richard II

Will Shakespeare

eagleswatcher



WEBSTER GROVES NATURE STUDY SOCIETY

CALL 314-935-8432 FOR THE LATEST BIRD SIGHTINGS IN ST. LOUIS.

Meetings

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Entomology

Sunday December 28

7 PM at Magners', 516 Bacon Ave., Webster, 314-961-4588. Note date. Marshall will discuss Phil Rao's *Jungle Bees and Wasps*.

Sunday January 25

7 PM at Magners', above. Topic to be announced.

Birding

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Saturday January 24

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Sunday January 25

9 AM Clarence Cannon Wildlife Refuge. Meet at HQ, with Torrey Berger.

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Sunday February 8

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